AT A GLANCE



Confidence in Two-Year Colleges

According to a Lumina Foundation-Gallup Confidence in Higher Education survey, June 3-18, 2024, **Americans are more confident in two-year institutions** than four-year institutions across all factors measured. At the top of the list are confidence in:

- Providing an affordable education.
- Providing an education that is worth the cost.
- Teaching relevant skills and knowledge people can use in their jobs/lives.
- Providing an education that will lead to a good job.

(Source: https://news.gallup.com/poll/646841/americans-confident-two-year-schools.aspx)

2024 Highlights

- **Student-focused:** The new Student Services Hub opened Oct. 7, 2024. It is a one-stop-shop for student services on campus, making it easier for students to get the help they need.
- VR tech: Through an Illinois Community College
 Board Career and Technical Education grant, LLCC
 students are using VR technology to visualize complex
 systems and concepts in HVACR, EMS, Industrial
 Maintenance and Automotive Technology.
- Expanding sonography training: LLCC developed a new cardiovascular sonography program that began in fall 2024. Cardiovascular sonography uses ultrasound to assess and diagnose conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure and abnormal heart rhythms.
- National excellence: LLCC Soils Teams placed second and fourth at the 2024 National Professional Agriculture Students Conference. Professor Bill Harmon was recognized as the Outstanding PAS Advisor.
- Supporting the transition to college: LLCC was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Illinois Community College Board and is creating, supporting and expanding bridge programs to workforce and health care training programs and services for adult education students.
- Adult education: LLCC student Maxime Kassa was recognized as Illinois Outstanding Adult Learner of the Year.
- **Bridging the tech divide:** LLCC partnered with AT&T to offer free digital literacy training throughout 2024.

From Our Students & Alumni



"I took a series of seven classes, and it piqued my interest to come back and finish my degree. When I visited campus again, I was glad to find that I could work my classes around my work and family schedule. I can navigate it on my own time."

- AARON PHILLIPS



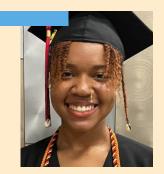
"I have always had a passion for working with my hands and fixing things. I knew I wanted to work in aviation maintenance, and LLCC was the perfect option. I could achieve my goals and finish the program in just 18 months while staying close to home."

- KENDALL DURBIN



"The year-long neurodiagnostic technology program works out great with my plans and schedule, and the hybrid classes provide flexibility. Everyone in the program is super helpful."

- Jon Mastin



"My LLCC education prepared me for an effortless transition to a four-year university by providing the skills I needed to be successful as a student and in my future career."

– Bre'Ona Van