

# 50th anniversary celebrations set for Sept. 22

**By Josh McLees**  
*Feature Editor*

September 22 is the day to remember. That is the day that the public can come enjoy a free lunch, live bands, and many more to celebrate the 50th year of LCCC. Lisa Murphy, Director of Alumni Affairs and Event Planning, and Troy Rumpf, Manager of Strategic Communications and Marketing give deeper insight on the project.

"The date will be September 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.," Murphy said. "We will have lunch for the community and Sodexo will be working with us on that, and we'll have a couple of live bands on the McIlvaine Plaza. There will be some fun activities for kids."

The bands and lunch will not be the only thing that will be offered during the celebration.

"The Public Relations Department is developing a 50th anniversary logo," Murphy said. "The

bookstore is going to be developing some materials to sell in the bookstore for our students and some families."

"We don't want to be just a generic open house," Rumpf said. "We want the people to come and celebrate with us all they helped to create in the past 50 years."

The most important thing is that they said they want to invite the community to see the new buildings that have been built over the past couple of years. They need 50 people, who have graduated and have had success from their degree here at LCCC, helped build the school, or have been impacted somehow by the school, to see how much the school has changed since they were at the college.

"We want to find 50 people," Rumpf said. "Not top 50, but we want to reach out to the community or wider to find 50 people who represent the success, diversity, and a strong representation of what LCCC was

for the last 50 years. It could be people who helped lift the school off the ground, graduated here, we just want to showcase that there is so much more to the college that not a lot know about."

They have aimed to keep the budget to the community more than anything else.

"We have been allocated a certain budget between \$30,000-40,000," Murphy said. "We're not sure how much we're going to be spending, but we have been allocated enough to serve lunch and invite the community out, and that will cover the lunch, the bands, and some fun activities for kids."

Even though the celebration is September 22, most of the celebration will be offered during the fall semester, like departments hosting different activities around the campus.

"August through the end of the year I think is where we're going to be doing as much as we can to celebrate," Rumpf said.

# Graduate takes on roll of commencement speaker



**Aidan McCown:** LCCC chose McCown as its first student commencement speaker.

**By Jenna Piper**  
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Members of the graduating class of 2018 will see their last day as Golden Eagles on May 12, but they will notice that for the first time at LCCC their commencement speaker will be a fellow student.

President Dr. Joe Schaffer and Student Government Association President Constance Woolhether will be speaking at graduation. This year's commencement speaker, however, will be student Aidan McCown.

McCown is an education major and

said one day he would like to do something related to speech.

"I knew that I've been wanting to teach for a while," McCown said. "I'm actually coming back as an older student, so I knew exactly what I wanted."

Being a non-traditional student, McCown said he once attempted college at Sonoma State University in California right out of high school, but he failed out.

"I couldn't lock in a way that was very productive," McCown said. "Locked into all the wrong things, if you will."

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