

# Coordinated Care Newsletter

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## Admissions Open House

LCC's Open House provides guidance to prospective students relating to the admissions process, financial aid, scholarships, and career pathways.

These events will occur **February 5th from 5:30pm-7:00pm** (virtual) and **March 8th from 11:00am-1:00pm** in the Student Center.



## Winter Transfer Fair

The Winter Transfer Fair will be held in the Student Center on **February 19th, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.**

Students are invited to speak with representatives from various universities and colleges to explore their transfer options.

## Advising Hub

Looking for the math flowchart?  
The program change form?  
NSA benchmarks?

Find it all and more at the [Advising Hub!](#)



## Important Winter Dates

**1/20** Shopping Cart Opens

**2/10** Priority Reg (Veteran)

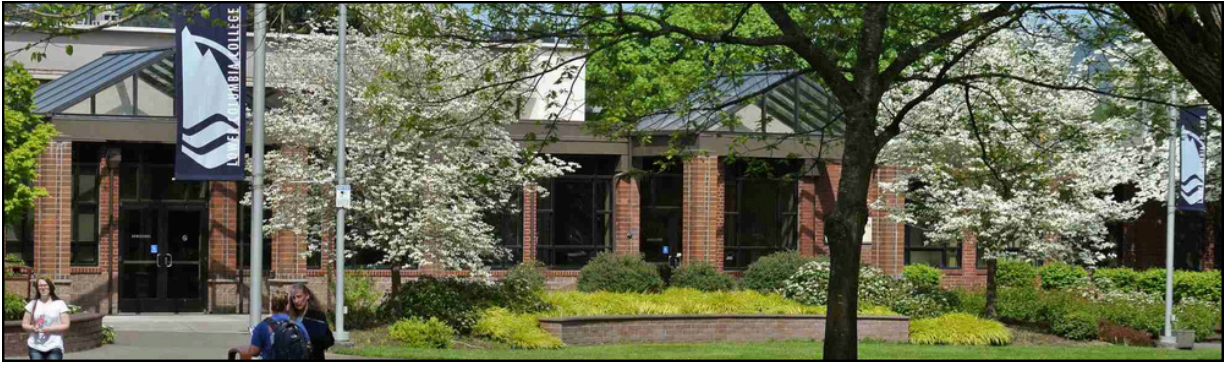
**2/17** Priority Reg

**2/19** 60% Point of Quarter

**2/24** Open Reg

**2/28** Last Day to Withdraw

**4/7** Spring Quarter Begins



## Updates from the Advising Team:

Welcome back to our Coordinated Care newsletter! Here are some exciting updates from the Advising Team:

In our One-Stop Center, we are celebrating our new One-Stop Specialists: **Sadahji Williams** and **Aracely Marin Silvia**.

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming these talented team members into their exciting new roles!

**Devin Hendricks**, STEM advisor and Navigate 360 Specialist, has returned from maternity leave. Welcome back!

Additionally, we are in the process of hiring an Assistant Director of Advising and One-Stop. There will be more news to come regarding this addition to our team.

As always, thank you all for supporting our students through Coordinated Care.



### Part-Time Excellence Recognition

Fall quarter, Advising began the Part-Time Excellence Recognition, an exciting initiative to recognize our part-time students who are often balancing many responsibilities in addition to school.

Part-time students who achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher were notified and congratulated for their impressive achievement.



### Red Devil Welcome Day

The Friday before the start of winter quarter, LCC hosted another successful Red Devil Welcome Day!

This quarterly event is designed to help students with any last-minute tasks, such as getting textbooks or checking on financial aid. A special thanks to President Seimears, Outreach, and eLearning for supporting our event.

Our Spring Red Devil Welcome Day is planned for April 4th, 2025





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## Faculty Advisor Spotlight: Anita Quirk

**Anita Quirk's** educational background is a BA in Spanish from Walla Walla University (then Walla Walla College), during which time she also took German throughout her undergraduate years. She spent an academic year in Europe, studying in Spain and traveling in other European countries.



Anita went on to study law at Lewis and Clark Law school, after which she was a private practice attorney for 21 years in Washington State courts and federal courts in the Western District of Washington. She first came to LCC in 1993 and taught a quarter of GED Math.



Anita returned to LCC in the Winter of 2011 as her law practice was winding down, first to teach Spanish for a couple of years along with College Success. She then moved into Business Law and the Criminal Justice program, where she still teaches and advises Criminal Justice and Pre-Law students. She is also again teaching Spanish for the remainder of the 2024 – 2025 school year.



Anita's interests are many, including the joy of seeing students succeed in her classes and work toward their choice of careers. She also enjoys her large garden and orchard, her many varied pets, art projects, snorkeling in Hawaii when she gets a chance and spending time with her husband and family, to name a few.

Working at LCC with so many accomplished faculty, staff and administrators has been a highlight of her working career(s) and the best one yet!



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## Resource Spotlight: LCC Food for Thought Food Pantry

The LCC Food for Thought Food Pantry is an important resource for students, providing weekly groceries, daily grab-n-go snacks, personal care items, clothing, and free lunch on Tuesdays.



The pantry is located in the Student Center (Room 213A), and is open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm.

Donations are appreciated! Drop your donation off at Food for Thought during open hours. Donations bins are also located in the following locations on campus:

- Admissions Building (between the OneStop and the Career Center front desk)
- Library (front entrance)
- Fitness Center
- Student Center (one on each floor)



## Welcome to the Student Services Team!



### Yolanda Misclevitz

#### Veterans Resource Center Navigator

Yolanda is thrilled to have joined LCC as the new Veterans Resource Center Navigator, located in the Student Center in room 115.

As a Cowlitz county native, she has come back to the area to be near family after serving almost 21 years in the Air Force. She joined the Air Force six months after her high school graduation and retired as a Master Sergeant almost 21 years later. While in the military she gained a medical administration, program management and recruiting background, and has extensive leadership training. Drawing from that experience, she is excited to be a part of the LCC community and to be able to help veterans and the dependents of veterans meet their goals in their educational journey.

She is looking forward to helping create a space where LCC veterans and dependents can come to study, hang out, and feel like they still have the comradery and community that is sometimes lost once you exit the military.

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# Coordinated Care Spotlight

Due to a temporary staffing shortage on the Advising team this fall, Open Doors advisors Adriana Baltazar and Paul Cristofaro completed advising training and stepped in to provide support to our General Transfer students. We are very appreciative of Adriana and Paul for their flexibility and willingness to support our team during a busy quarter!

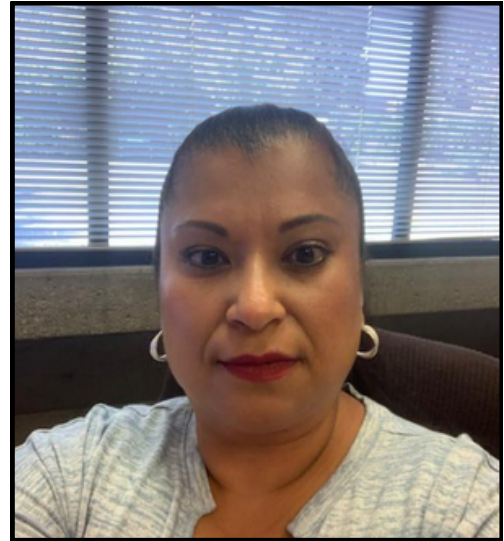
## Adriana Baltazar

### Education Planner

My name is Adriana Baltazar, this is my second year as a Bilingual Education Planner with Open Doors Program. What I enjoy the most about my job, is supporting students to identify and break barriers, so they can become successful students.

Family is very important to me, and for this reason we often visit family in California or Puerto Vallarta. My favorite place to be is the beach with my two boys and my husband, enjoying fresh seafood and a nice drink.

My goals for this new year, are to start reading more, and journaling. I don't consider myself very adventurous, but I am pushing myself to try new things such as; going out to have a coffee or enjoy a nice lunch by myself, take a paint or cooking class, and experience going on a cruise pretty soon.



## Paul Cristofaro

### Education Planner

Paul is a Bilingual (English/Spanish) Education Planner with Youth Reengagement (Open Doors) and assists the Coordinated Care Team with General Transfer Advising.

Paul is passionate about helping students reach their academic goals and potential. The greatest reward for him in this position is seeing students gain confidence in their academic ability. He hopes to inspire students to utilize their talents and skills to improve themselves both personally and academically while at LCC.

Paul is a voracious reader and enjoys novels and biographies about historical figures. Paul is hoping to take a beginning painting class at LCC in the future.

*Thank you for reading!*

