

Major League Dreams, Royal Payoff



Ryan Stoneberg (Class of 1995) stretches Salvador Perez, catcher for the KC Royals.

Most athletes dream of making it to the pros, but quickly realize it is often just that – a dream. The percentage of athletes that continue their careers past college is less than one percent. For Ryan Stoneberg, an alumnus of Lassen Community College and former Cougar baseball player, he realized there is more than one way to get to the big leagues.

Stoneberg was an All Conference pitcher at LCC from 1993-96. He moved to Susanville following his senior year of high school in Olympia, Washington. In his freshman year as a redshirt, the Cougars defeated Sacramento City College to advance to the Final Four.

Stoneberg recalls the special moment; “I was sitting in the dugout, with two outs, down one run with a runner on base. We hit a routine ground ball to third and the ball was

thrown slightly up the line allowing a run to score, which sent the game to extra innings. We exploded for a ton of runs to win. To be so close to losing and then achieve a program goal was surreal.”

He shared another memory, this one from 1995 when the team hosted Mission College in the first round of the playoffs.

“We won the first game of the best of three series. We needed one more to advance to the next round,” said Stoneberg.

That night, the area received six inches of snow.

“The team spent the entire day laboring to clear the field and we won the game the next day. It was one of the better games I pitched at Lassen, five innings 10 strikeouts



Lassen Community College provides outstanding programs for all pursuing higher education goals. The core programs offer a wide range of educational opportunities including transfer degrees and certificates, economic and workforce development, and basic skills instruction. The college serves students, both on campus and in outreach areas in its effort to build intellectual growth, human perspective and economic potential.

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Alumni Directory Registration Form

By submitting your information, you consent to receive information from the Lassen Community College to the Lassen College Foundation Scholarship fund for each registered alumni.

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 *Last Name
 Program
 Year Attended

You are one of more than 100,000 who attended LCC. In an effort to provide better opportunities, resources and services to more of our alumni and friends, we are creating exciting and meaningful changes to how alumni can get involved and support LCC students.

Help us build our alumni network by emailing us at lccfoundation@lassencollege.edu or by visiting www.lassencollege.edu and go to the “Support LCC” tab to sign up with our alumni directory.

Upcoming Events

- May 26 – Graduation
- June 12 – Summer Semester Begins
- July 18-23 – Lassen County Fair
- August 21 – Fall Semester Begins

WINTER ATHLETICS ROUNDUP

Women's Basketball

Three season ending knee injuries and academic ineligibility plagued the Lady Cougars, forcing them to recruit mid-season from other Lassen teams, including volleyball and soccer. The team finished 4-21 overall. Hailee Simpson and Carissa Shaffer were named to the All Conference Team.

Men's Basketball

The Cougars improved tremendously from the previous year, finishing with an overall record of 15-13 (5-5 in GVC) and winning nine more games than in the 2016-17 season. The team made the playoffs but lost in the first round to Sierra College, 56-52. They were also the Mendocino College Tournament Champions.

JOIN THE 100 CLUB

Last year, the Lassen College Foundation Board created the 100 Club, a way to donate to the Lassen College Foundation Scholarship Fund while also bringing awareness to the Foundation and its annual scholarship program for local high school graduating seniors.

Those who join the 100 Club are part of a group of community leaders who want to make a difference in the Susanville community. The first 100 people to donate \$100.00 or more to the Lassen College Foundation Scholarship Fund receive an exclusive pin (pictured). Each pin represents a donation equivalent to two units for a student toward the 60 required for an Associate's Degree. It pays for seven percent of their annual tuition



costs. Every 15 members cover that cost for one year.

"The 100 Club members see the value of higher education," said LCC President and Superintendent, Dr. Marlon Hall. "They know that educational attainment not only affects the student's life, but also affects the growth and prosperity of our community."

To purchase your pin and support the Foundation, contact David Teeter at 530.310.8279 or margiesbooknook@citlink.net.

LCF Scholarship Spotlight: Spencer Cole

Spencer Cole describes himself as a nerd. Actually, the sophomore math major calls himself a "full-on nerd." However ask any of his professors and classmates, and most likely they'll use words like inquisitive, adventurous, motivated, and really smart.

Cole is a 2017 graduate of Mt. Lassen Charter School as well as a 2017 Lassen College Foundation scholarship recipient. He will be graduating from LCC this May (2017) with his Associates of Science at the ripe old age of 17 years old and plans to attend the University of Nevada at Reno to study Mechanical Engineering in the fall.



Cole (left) has been a reliable fixture in the Math Lab during his time at Lassen.

Benefit Concert & Dance Breaks Fundraising Records

The Fifth Annual Louis Price Benefit Concert & Dance took place on February 24 at the Lassen College Sports Complex. The event has grown to become an annual celebration of Black History Month and raise money for the Lassen College Foundation's Scholarship Fund to benefit local graduating seniors in the Lassen College District planning to attend Lassen College.

The event began with a free "soul food" inspired lunch and was open to the public. Later that evening, the three-hour event featured Louis Price, formerly of The Temptations and The Drifters, saxophonist, Kenny Poulson, and local singers and musicians.

Nearly 350 danced to Motown favorites, while raising nearly \$12,000 for the scholarship fund.



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and no walks. Knowing the work we put in to play that game made the win extremely gratifying.”

Stoneberg transferred to the University of Arizona, played two more years of baseball and graduated with a degree in Exercise Physiology. Following graduation,

he got his first job and big break, being hired by the Arizona Diamondbacks minor-league program in 1999 as a strength and conditioning coach.

In 2002, he joined the Kansas City Royals as the Latin American Strength and Conditioning Coordinator,

despite not being fluent in Spanish. He continued his career with the Royals but in 2007 was named their Minor League Strength and Conditioning Coach. He made the jump to the Majors in 2012, as the Royals Strength and Conditioning Coach, where he remains to this day. Last year, he traveled with the Royals to the White House where the team was honored by President Barack Obama for their 2015 World Series Title.

“This is definitely a dream job based upon my love of baseball and fitness,” said Stoneberg.



In July of 2016, Stoneberg joined his team for a visit to the White House for a special presentation by President Obama to commemorate their 2015 World Series Title.

“For most of my time in high school, I was taking classes at Lassen College,” said Cole. “I graduated early from high school and now I will do the same at LCC.”

Cole enrolled in his first class at LCC when he was 14 and has taken every math class offered at Lassen, except for statistics. He has worked in the math lab since enrolling at Lassen three years ago, and figures he has tutored nearly 20 students.

Cole attributes his love of engineering, math and physics to his childhood and growing up with a dad that loves to tinker with engines. His dad never hired mechanics, though in Cole’s opinion, there were times he probably should have. That interest in machines has spawned into a love of motorcycles, a hobby that his entire family enjoys together.

“I love the people at Lassen,” said Cole. “The teachers have been great and I’ve made a lot of friends. It’s definitely the people that make this college as good as it is.”



For the third consecutive year, the College hosted a National Women’s History Month event. The theme for this year was “Women in Business and Labor”.

The free event occurred on March 8 and included lunch, a presentation by Lassen County Superior Court Judge Michele Verderosa, who encouraged guests to find their strength to try for things they think are out of reach, and a performance by singer/songwriter Becky Beistline-Poulsen.



Becky Beistline-Poulsen, daughter-in-law of LCC Faculty member, Toni Poulsen, provided entertainment for the guests. Beistline-Poulsen recently released her third album, *Alaska, Forget-Me-Not*, an Alaskan tribute to Earl Beistline.