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Chapman, 2017 Alumnus of the Year, Served as Susanville's Youngest Mayor



Jim Chapman, shown here at the 2017 LCC commencement ceremony, was selected as the 2017 Alumnus of the Year by LCC President and Superintendent, Dr. Marlon Hall.

Last year, Jim Chapman wrapped up a 40-year career in politics, a career that originated on the campus of Lassen Community College in 1974. Though his career in politics started in the early 1970s, his love of government and civil service spawned at a much earlier age.

For many Americans growing in the turbulent middle 20th century, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was a life changer. Chapman recognizes that moment in history as the impetus for his interest in politics.

"If there was one thing that happened to trigger my interest in politics, it was the assassination of JFK," said Chapman. "At that time, a lot of people were affected. I was in the fourth grade, and I remember not understanding what was happening but knowing my life and others had been

changed forever."

The following year, when he was in the fifth grade, a teacher quickly recognized Chapman's love of U.S. History and Government and nurtured his fascination. It was from that point forward Chapman knew he wanted something to do with politics and public service.

Chapman graduated from Lassen High School in 1972. At the time the school had roughly 1,000 students. His class was comprised of 186 graduates, down from 220 when he was a freshman in 1968 and was the first class to go all four years at the new high school.

Chapman had every the only intention of beginning his college career at Lassen College. Many people, especially

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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.

*First Name
*Last Name
Program
Year Attended

You are part of a group of more than 100,000 who attended Lassen Community College. 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 our website at: www.lassencollege.edu. Go to the "Support LCC" tab to sign up with our alumni directory.

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 4 - Labor Day
- Sept. 9 - LCC Charity Golf Challenge
- Oct. 7-8 - Annual LCC Rodeo

SPRING ATHLETICS ROUNDUP

Softball

The Lady Cougars finished in fourth place in the GVC, with a 10-10 record. They finished 19-18 overall. The team suffered a tough end to the 2017 season, losing the doubleheader in “walk-off” hits, to Feather River College. Mia Torres, a 2016 graduate of Lassen Union High School, was named GVC Player of the Year and received All State honors.

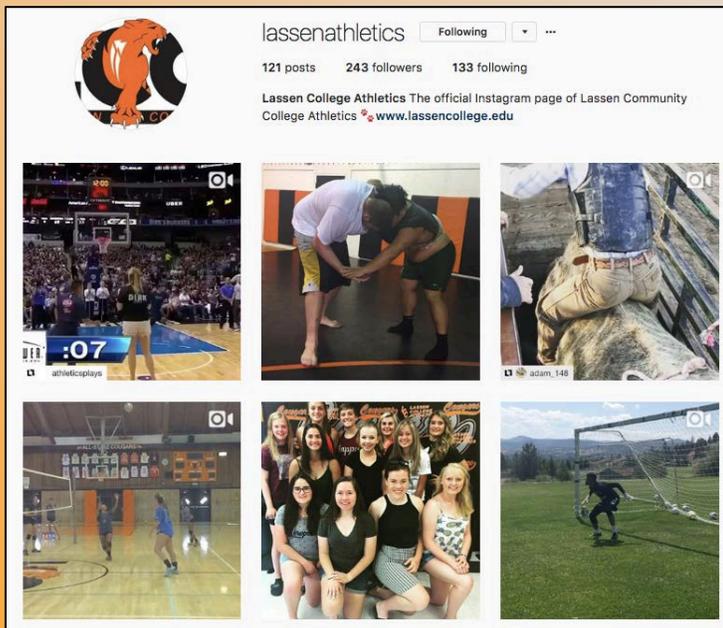
Jo Koons was named head coach in June after Glen Yonan assumed full-time athletic director duties.

Baseball

Cougar baseball finished in second place in the GVC with a 17-8 record (22-16 overall). The team carried on the 100 percent placement rate of players with 11 student athletes moving on with scholarships opportunities to the four-year level for the seventh year in a row.

Head Coach Frank Avilla was voted 2017 Golden Valley Conference Coach of the Year and led his team to the first playoff appearance in nine years.

Cougar Social Scene



Last year, the Lassen Community College Athletic Department joined Instagram, the social networking site made for sharing photos and videos. Since then, @lassenathletics has grown its account to more than 240 followers and includes coverage of all Cougar athletic teams. The site will give you a peek into the lives of our student-athletes, from on the field to off the field, on the Lassen campus and within the community of Susanville.

In 2016-2017, nearly 50 LCC student-athletes signed letters-of-intent to continue their academic and athletic careers at four-year colleges. Congrats and Go Cougars!

Women's Soccer

Callie Drescher – Bethel College
Emerald Castelli De La Torre – Antelope Valley College
Victoria Garza – St. Gregory University
Jessica Austin – Mid-America Christian University
Kiera Morgan – Mid-America Christian University
Sydney Morales – Antelope Valley
Millie Landry – Penn College of Technology

Men's Soccer

Louis Callaghan – Lubbock Christian College
Rai Ramus – Mid-America Christian University
Jamal Yates – Lubbock Christian
Ron Makaramba – Texas A&M Texarcana
Oliver May – Mid-America Christian University
Roger Peron – Mid-America Christian University
Bruno Bandiera – Mid-America Christian University
Brad Teale – Antelope Valley
Steve Weladji – University of Houston Victoria
Jack Moreland – Glasgow University
Max Kinihan – Southern Oregon

Women's Rodeo

Chelsey Bushnell – CSU - Chico
Madison Valerga – CSU - Chico

Men's Rodeo

Will MacDonald – CSU - Chico
John Fruiht – CSU - Chico
Tyler Gibbs – CSU - Chico

Women's Basketball

Hailee Simpson – Mansfield University

Men's Basketball

Danny Spinuzza – Texas A&M International University
Kenny Macklin – San Francisco State University
Colby Johnson – Grace University
Jason Moore – Grace University
Bruno Castillo – Presentation University
Damien Trujillo – Union College
Cameron Brown – Deans College
Duranay Atikullah – Manhannat Christian College

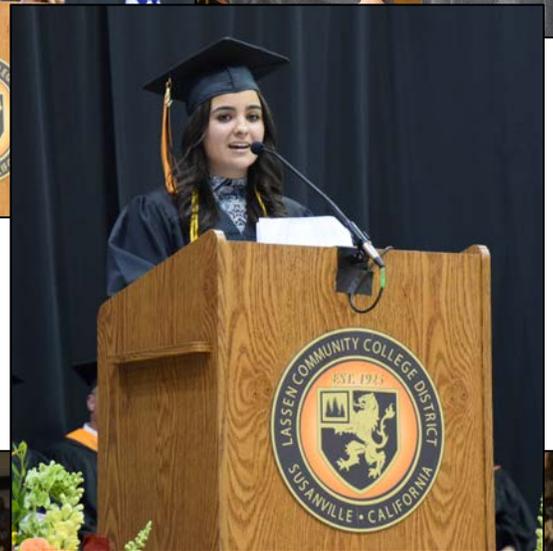
Softball

Julisa Rodriguez – Sterling College
Shandell Gemmel – Sterling College

Baseball

Daniel Perry – UNR
McClain O'Connor – UC Santa Barbara
Adam Frandsen – Rogers State University
Gehrig Parks – Colorado State University at Pueblo
Jacob Conklin – Northern State University
Raymond Kerr – Cumberland University
Zachary Schmidt – University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma
Nathan Hedberg – Dakota State University
Kevin Montgomery – Oregon Tech University
Quinton Smith – Kansas Wesleyan

Congratulations to the Class of 2017



Fernandez Credits LCC for Helping Her Find Passion for the Arts

When Elizabeth Fernandez decided to attend Lassen Community College following her high school graduation, she was undecided about what she wanted to study and also a bit hesitant to leave home. The 2011 Lassen Union High School graduate was hoping her time at LCC would expose her to new ideas and create new experiences that would inspire her toward a certain career path.

Fernandez was raised by her single mother and was determined to earn her degree by paying for her education on her own. She received several scholarships that helped her pay for her education at Lassen. Although she changed her major three times in two years, it allowed her the time to find her passion for Art History, in which she earned an associate's degree. She also earned two more associate's degrees in General Studies and University Studies.

During her time at LCC, she participated in student government, both locally and at the state level, by serving as a student senator for the Student Senate of California Community Colleges (SSCCC). She was a student senator for two years



Fernandez, pictured with her mom, graduated last spring from UC Davis.

before transferring to the University of California at Davis in the fall of 2014.

“Being involved in student government at the college level is an experience that still helps me today,” said Fernandez. “Without meeting the various students and learning their stories, I don’t think I would be as passionate in helping others realize their goals as I am now.”

Fernandez also participated in the Extended Opportunity Employment & Services (EOP&S) program at Lassen College that offered academic and support counseling, financial aid and

other support services.

At UC Davis, she studied Art History and graduated in the spring of this year with a Bachelor of Arts in Art History and Italian, with a minor in Native American Studies.

Fernandez is currently working as an Administrative Support Assistant for California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc., or CIMC, Inc., a non-profit organization that helps Native Americans, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians find employment, and provide other support assistance.

She plans on adding a few years of job experience to her resume and then attending graduate school, where she wants to pursue her other passion, Native art and artifacts with a focus on the effect museum exhibitions have on the art and artifacts.

Fernandez credits the support of her family and friends, specifically that of her mom, stating, “It has been me and my mom forever, and she has always supported me and where I wanted to go. She is such a strong, independent woman that I have looked up to all my life, and I know without her unconditional support and love I wouldn’t be the person that I am today, or at the place I am.”

CTE Programs Receive Major Digital Marketing Boost

Marketing for the Career Technical Education (CTE) programs at LCC has received a promotional face-lift.

“Nine out of the 11 CTE programs have a designated, professionally shot video explaining in detail the programs,” said LCC counselor and CTE Transitions Grant Coordinator, Adam Runyan. “We also have a comprehensive 30-second video of all CTE programs currently showing in three movie theaters in Lassen and Modoc counties.”

The videos were scripted by Runyan and were shot and produced by Bourns Production Inc., a full concept to completion video production company located in Reno, Nevada. The videos can be found on the Lassen College YouTube channel. Visit YouTube and search Lassen College to view the CTE program videos.



Lassenfest Helps Students Ease into College Life

The inaugural Lassenfest Resource Fair and pool party kicked off the start of the 2017-18 school year with a splash on August 20. Approximately 150 students attended the resource fair to learn about the services available to assist every student to succeed at Lassen. Students visited booths to win prizes and gain valuable information including, campus tours to help find their classes for the first day of school, financial aid, student ID cards, Academic Resource Center, and Associated Student Body and a rock climbing wall to name only a few.

In addition to Lassenfest, students were invited to the new Honey Lake Valley Community Pool for a BBQ and fun time hanging out with other students, faculty and staff from the college. Students played corn hole, Frisbee and cooled off in the beautiful pool while listening to music and getting ready for classes to begin the next day. One student commented, "this has been the best day of my life," and felt excited to start their college career at Lassen Community College.



One of the many offerings at the inaugural Lassenfest Resource Fair was the option for new students and their family and friends to receive campus tours by current students.

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his high school career counselors, expected him to head off to a four-year university but Chapman had other plans. His plans consisted of serving on the debate team under the direction of longtime family friend, Lassen College professor and future LCC President, Bob Shepherd.

"Bob was like family, and recruited me to be on his debate team when I was in the second grade," said Chapman. "He could tell I enjoyed speaking and engagement and I wanted to go to Lassen College because I wanted to debate for him."

And he did. He was also the ASB President, ASB Treasurer, wrote for the school newspaper and was inducted into the honor society. He attended LCC with the first group of students who went four semesters at the new campus.

Before graduating from LCC, Chapman, at the age of 19, was elected to the Susanville City Council. He transferred to Chico State after graduating from Lassen College in May of 1974 and continued to serve on the Council. He left Chico in May of 1976 with a BA in Public Administration, three months after becoming the Mayor of Susanville. After serving as the youngest mayor in Susanville and California history, he eyed a seat with the Lassen College Board of Supervisors, a position he held for nine

terms representing the Second District.

He also served on College's Foundation Board, as an adjunct professor and as a member of the College's governing board. He's active in LHS alumni association, a member of the Susanville Rotary, Lassen County Chamber of Commerce, Lassen-Janesville Lodge of the Masons, Lassen County Historical Society, Susanville Elks Lodge, and the Junior Fishing Derby Committee. Not fully retired, Chapman runs a direct mail and copy/printing service, Lassen Addressing, which he founded in 1981.

On Sept. 14, Chapman will celebrate 37 years of marriage to his college sweetheart Marilyn Sue, an elementary school teacher, who retired in 2012. The two met on the campus of Lassen College during Chapman's freshman year and her sophomore. Their eight-year romance weathered through college, moves, graduate school and the early stages of adulthood, to bring them back together in Susanville in 1980. Four months later they married and eleven months after that they moved into their first house, where they have lived ever since.

For Chapman, there is one commonality in his life's equation, "Pretty much with all the opportunities in my life, there's one common denominator, and it was because of Lassen College."

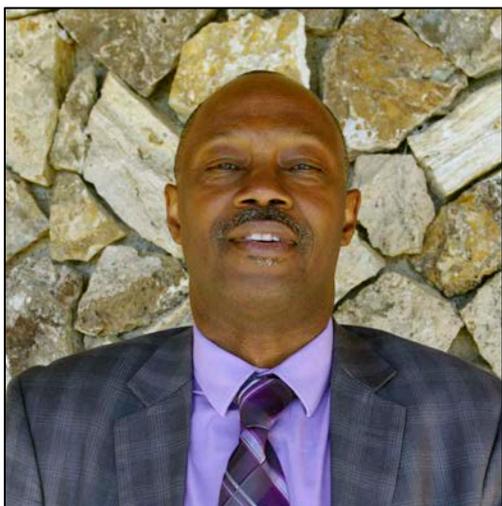
LCC Hosts Free College Success Boot Camp

All new and returning students were invited to a free daily College Success Boot Camp from (CSB) Aug 7-18. The inaugural Boot Camp, which consisted of 10 sessions for an hour a day, is designed to help students stay on-track and succeed. Through engaged learning and interactive experiences, a team of faculty from various departments assisted in helping the students discover and fine-tune the tools and skills they need to academically succeed.

Students enjoyed a free daily lunch before the start of each session that allowed them the opportunity to meet and network with other students. The CSB drew a large daily audience and concluded with a drawing for a laptop.

REFLECTIONS... from the Office of the President, Dr. Marlon Hall

This contains an abbreviated version of the original document.



The College has made considerable progress and improvements since our last retreat on April 26, 2016. Our direction will be hard work, innovation, creativity, thinking regionally, and flexibility. Our success lies in the willingness of everyone involved to do things differently not the same old way. Our greatness will be in how we honor each other for our differences but confront the faults we have. We will continue to move in the direction of developing new traditions but keeping ties to the history of Lassen Community College.

The main thing is that we will grow as professionals, and as professionals we know the value of learning and student success. One day our colleagues will identify us at Lassen Community College as leaders in our profession because we value the success and retention of our students, educational excellence, doing what is best for students, trust, collaboration, and sustainability.

We will measure the success at Lassen Community College by the learning experiences of our students. Their quality of life and the lives of the individuals they care for will be better because of our work at Lassen Community College.

We are in the business of being a catalyst influencing the region's positive image, economy, and human capital by fostering a "we can" culture of collective impact.

Academics: Our Nursing (LVN) program will graduate its first class this December and the second class will begin in August. The medical assisting and the Phlebotomy courses are progressing and we are looking into adding a Dental Assisting program.

Fire Science: has returned to campus and this program still looks promising for the future.

Inmate Education Program: High Desert and CCC has expanded to three full-time Business instructors.

Adult Education Consortium: Continues to provide funding for CTE and high school completion programs in our outlying areas such as: Westwood, Herlong, Alturas, Big Valley, Litchfield, & Surprise Valley.

Student Services: Moved our team approach to incorporate financial aid, admissions/records, counseling, and categorical programs.

Administrative Services:

- Pilot meal plan launched Aug. 21;
- Modern dormitory kitchen construction is complete;
- Library construction is complete
- New categorical offices are completed and functioning;
- The dorm's activity room will be ready by December 2017;
- Water system maintenance was transferred from the City to LCC;
- Upgrade of electrical system;
- Sod reduction projects to lower water usage.

Athletics: We have a full-time athletic administrator, a full-time trainer, and coaches for all of our existing sports.

IT Department: Continues to provide support and technical assistance for accurate and timely data to support decisions, more Datatel implementation, trainings for staff, and the resources for strategic enrollment planning.

Lassen College Foundation: is increasing its donor base with the increase in endowments, 100 Club, more revenue from the Eagle Lake Marina, and revenue from the Louis Price Black History Month Concert.

The support of the Board of Trustees, staff, faculty, students, and our community has been a huge plus in our accomplishments. To continue to move LCC forward, we are committed to:

- Continuing to hire academic personnel in Child Development, Human Services and mathematics while planning for future retirements in other areas
- Beginning work on our accreditation self-study for the 2020 visit. Our midterm report was accepted and we continue to be accredited
- Installing A/C in our buildings
- Upgrading lighting in classrooms
- Implementing strategic enrollment planning by 2020.
- Completing payments to the state by 2018 and by 2020 for the dormitory building mortgage.
- Apply for USDA grants/loans for upgrades/construction of facilities;
- Foundation needs to seek more endowments for our existing CTE programs and extend scholarship program into a college promise program. A full-time Foundation Director is needed.
- Sod reduction on campus will continue to decrease water usage.
- Our athletic fields with the extended use by the college and the community are in need of upgrades.

In closing, I would like to show appreciation to our faculty for their hard work and dedication. The staff is to be commended for their work across campus ...

Lassen Community College is still a great place to be.

