Celebrating 50 Years of Service to Our Community

Fifty years ago, Lakeland Community College became the first college in Ohio created by a vote of the people. While Lakeland has grown and changed dramatically since 1967, our mission has remained the same - to provide quality learning opportunities to meet the social and economic needs of our community. Lakeland’s high quality and low tuition allow area residents to get started on a great career or the first two years of a bachelor’s degree.

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Lakeland by the Numbers

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Lakeland is committed to helping veterans, active duty service members, and their families make a smooth transition to college. The Lakeland Foundation's Futures Rising campaign has raised over $6 million from corporations, foundations and individuals in support of Lakeland's master plan for student success. Learn more at lakelandcc.edu/futuresrising

A new Honors Program began fall 2018 for students who have at least a 3.5 GPA and an ACT score of 25 and want to take advantage of the savings of starting at Lakeland before transferring to a four-year college or university.

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Lakeland Gives Back: 50 Acts of Service

Lakeland employees and students gave back to the community by volunteering in 50 community service projects - one for every year of the college’s existence. More than 300 volunteers have given nearly 1,700 hours of their time to assist with 66 community service projects. Some of the projects included:

- Cleaned up Mentor Headlands Beach to protect the environment and delicate ecosystem
- Planted trees at Lake Metroparks’ Lake Erie Bluffs to increase foliage which helps bird migration
- Provided dental exams and services valued at $18,906 and collected school supplies for students participating in the The Salvation Army’s Back to School Bash
- Raised $7,000 for the Big Brothers Big Sisters’ Festival of Trees fundraiser
- Designed and fabricated several metal projects for Lake Farmparks’ Country Lights
- Provided free geospatial technology workshops to area nonprofit professionals
- Collected food for “68 Hours of Hunger” to assist students in Lake County schools who do not have enough to eat
- Made more than 200 blankets for children in hospitals through Project Linus
- Donated and assembled elevated dog and cat beds for the Lake Humane Society
- Provided a face lift to the Lake Metropolitan Housing Authority offices

Visit lakelandcc.edu/50th for more information.

Holden University Center Continues to Grow

Since Lakeland’s Holden University Center opened in 2011 to provide affordable access to bachelor’s and graduate degrees in Lake County, nearly 700 students have graduated with advanced degrees.

The Holden University Center has brought 22 bachelor’s degree programs, 15 graduate degree programs, and one doctoral program from 11 university partners close to home for area residents.

Current university partners are: Bowling Green State University, Cleveland State University, Franklin University, Hiram College, John Carroll University, Kent State University, Lake Erie College, Notre Dame College, The University of Akron, Ursuline College, and Youngstown State University.

Classes are taught by Holden University Center partners, and the degree is the same as having completed a program on the four-year campus.

For students wanting to transfer to a college away from home, Lakeland’s Transfer Center offers a variety of resources to explore options for completing a four-year degree. Lakeland has transfer guides and articulation agreements with more than 50 colleges and universities that will meet degree requirements for each school’s bachelor’s degree program. Students who transfer from Lakeland to four-year schools have one of the highest graduation rates in Ohio.
Building Jobs for Our Future

Lakeland opened its expanded health technologies building, keeping its promise to prepare more nurses and health care professionals for the jobs of the future.

Health care is the fastest growing industry in Northeast Ohio, and local employers rely on Lakeland for qualified workers. The state-of-the-art facility has updated equipment and simulation labs for health programs that give students the hands-on training needed to get good jobs, right here.

In 2015, Lake County residents supported Lakeland with a 0.4 mill bond issue to expand and renovate the health building, add new health programs, and graduate more health professionals to meet the needs of area employers. The college launched new health certificate programs in administrative medical assisting, patient navigation / health coach, clinical documentation, and bioinformatics. New for 2018, Lakeland added an associate degree in occupational therapy assistant and certificate programs in polysomnography (the study of sleep disorders) and State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA).

High School Students Get a Jump on College

Lakeland’s College Credit Plus program (CCP) is allowing high school students to get a head start on college, while saving families thousands of dollars in college tuition.

CCP is a state initiative that allows students who have demonstrated the ability to handle college-level coursework to earn college credits while enrolled in high school. The goal is for students to earn a degree more affordably.

Interested students, who demonstrate that they are ready for the rigors of college curriculum by passing a placement test, can enroll in Lakeland courses that will count for transferable credit free of charge, including books. Classes are held on Lakeland’s campus, at partner high schools, and online.

Nearly 1,500 high school students were enrolled at Lakeland for fall semester 2018. In May, 2018, 73 high school students representing 18 high schools earned their Associate of Arts or Science degree before they earned their high school diploma!

To learn more visit, lakelandcc.edu/ccp.

Making a College Education Accessible

Driving Student Success
Creative Learning Environments

Lakeland is adding creative learning environments designed to engage students and support innovative instruction.

HIVE at Lakeland is more than a typical maker-space or fab lab. Sure, it has 3D printers, laser cutters and all the tools needed to prototype a new product. But it’s also a place for hands-on learning, collaborative problem solving, and creative experimentation to prepare students for success in college, career and life.

Located on the ground floor of Lakeland’s new health building, HIVE features modern collaboration spaces, an open amphitheater, technology lab, wood and metal shop, and tool library. HIVE is open to the community and makers of all ages.

To learn more visit, lakelandcc.edu/hive.
The Alumni & Friends Network brings together Lakeland graduates, former Lakeland students, and community friends to enhance the academic success of our students and the economic success of our community.

To learn more, become involved or receive updates from Lakeland, visit lakelandcc.edu/alumni

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Inspiring Lifelong Learning

Lakeland seeks to ignite a spark of learning for people of all ages.

Professional Development:

Classes in business, computers and technology, health care, human services, and manufacturing help local adults learn new skills, advance their careers, or maintain licensure.

Senior Audit:

Adults 60 years of age or older may take any of Lakeland’s credit courses on an audit (no grade or credit awarded) basis and have tuition waived. Other learning opportunities include Free Center for International Education activities, Knowledge Exchange presentations, Dworken and Bernstein Management Lecture Series, and library book discussions.

College for Kids:

College for Kids offers children an exciting, fun-filled and educational summer with hands-on learning and exploration activities in the areas of music, art, math, science, creative writing, physical education, computer technology and sign language.

Arts at Lakeland:

The Arts at Lakeland hosts the annual Lakeland Jazz Festival, theatrical productions, concerts, and art exhibits. Visit lakelandcc.edu/arts for a schedule of performances and exhibits.

Nonprofit & Public Service Center:

The Nonprofit and Public Service Center offers professional development workshops and customized consulting services for many nonprofit and public sector organizations. In partnership with Lake Erie College, Lakeland is facilitating the Anchor Institutions Task Force to identify how area organizations can collaborate to better serve Lake and Geauga counties.

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