

LCCPA NEWS

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#1 in Appleton, WI Metro Area

#34 in WI High Schools

#204 in Charter High Schools

#1,222 in Nation Rankings



LCCPA is ranked #1,222 in the National Rankings. Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college.

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20-21 NEWSLETTER FOCUS

Shawn Volk



Anyone who has been around as long as I have knows that the older you get, the faster time seems to fly by. So, I guess I shouldn't be surprised that we are celebrating the tenth year anniversary of Little Chute Career Pathways Academy. In honor of this special anniversary, we would like to use our newsletter to look back on our journey through the development of a new school, continue to celebrate the success of our current students that are a direct result of the work of our amazing community partners in education, and look forward to what the next ten years might bring.

As part of our "look back" over the last ten years, we are going to feature the perspectives of three different groups of people. We are going to ask our staff members to share how their involvement in LCCPA has impacted them and to talk about what makes them most proud of being part of the school. We are going to feature the perspective of parents who have given us the honor of being able to teach their students. Finally, in our "Where Are They Now" section, we are going to feature some of the original students who helped make LCCPA what it is today and who are now blazing their own trails in the "real world."

While we want to spend time during our anniversary to reflect and look back, we don't want to lose focus on the great things being accomplished by our current crop of LCCPA students. Each newsletter, we will feature multiple students who have had the opportunity to make deep and meaningful connections in the community because of the participation of our community educational partners. We hope that the stories that these students tell will continue to remind our students, their parents, and our community partners how impactful career-based learning can be.

Finally, many things have changed over the course of ten years, and our school needs to evolve and change to reflect the current needs of our students, our school district as a whole, and the community that we serve. At the same time, the State of Wisconsin requires us to renew our charter every five years, which makes this a year of renewal for LCCPA. When we put it all together, it becomes clear that our ten-year anniversary also marks a necessary and opportune time to look forward to what the future of our school will be as we enter our second decade of existence.

I want to conclude by thanking everyone [students, parents, staff, and community partners] who have made the past ten years a true success. In that time you have been part of a school that has grown from an idea on paper to the #34 ranked high school in all of Wisconsin and #3 ranked charter school. May the next ten years bring more of the same.





YOUTH APPRENTICE EXPERIENCES

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

- Describe yourself
- Describe your career development path
- Describe your current career experience and what you learned from it
- Share advice with younger students on how LCCPA prepares you for life beyond high school
- Other interesting facts about yourself

My name is Leah Pauls. I am a senior in the Career Pathways Academy. I really enjoy running and am a runner for the Little Chute Cross Country team. I am also part of various clubs including Student Council, HOSA, and National Honors Society.

Since freshman year, I have been in the health pathway. Starting out I wasn't exactly sure where I wanted to go after high school, however, I did know that I wanted to help others. Nursing intrigued me because there are so many different areas that you can go into with a nursing degree, and even opportunities to expand on your knowledge if you decide to do so. My interest in nursing led me to become a CNA during my sophomore year.

Being a CNA has taught me many things. It's taught me superficial things (how to take vitals) but it has truly taught me so much more. I have learned time-management, organizational, and people skills that I wouldn't have learned otherwise. I have learned how to care for people and show compassion when they have no one else there for them. It has taught me to be a stronger person, as unfortunately residents I have loved and cared for have passed away. I am very thankful for the opportunities that being a CNA has given me.

I have always liked to work ahead in school. LCCPA's self-paced coursework allowed me to finish my courses ahead of schedule. In turn, this freed up some of my school day which allowed me to take the CNA course, go on career experiences, and even work for part of the school day. With seminars and the career exploration classes that LCCPA offers, I was able to piece together what I want to do after high school. The PLTW courses that are offered are phenomenal. There are so many cool experiments that not many high school students get to be a part of.

Never in a million years did I think I would be working through a pandemic. Not only am I still working, but I have had the opportunity to care directly for residents that are COVID-19 positive. Without the experiences that LCCPA has given me, I would not be on the front lines and directly helping out during these unprecedented times.



My name is Carter Kruckeberg, and I am a junior attending the Little Chute Career Pathways Academy. I have been in football and wrestling for 3 years in highschool. My favorite classes are my shop and math classes. I am in a student-run organization called SkillsUSA. In my free time I enjoy listening to music and spending time with friends and family.

The pathway that I am pursuing right now is engineering. I enjoy math and problem solving, so engineering sparked my interest.

I am currently employed at IVI, a sheet metal fabrication firm that specializes in ventilation systems. At my job, I cooperate with engineers and project managers on designs and outlines for systems, by doing the estimations for pricing using computer software. It's amazing being able to work with experienced engineers in the workplace, and it's a great opportunity for preparing for a career in engineering.

My advice to incoming freshmen in the LCCPA is to explore all your options, and utilize your strengths and interests when making a choice in your career. This way you can find something that you will actually enjoy doing later down the road.

One interesting thing about me is that I have been wrestling since I was four years old. My neighbor was the wrestling coach at the time, and that's how I got into it. I've been in wrestling for 12 years and counting, and wrestling season is still my favorite part of the year.



HOSA HAPPENINGS



WELCOME TO HOSA! CHRISTOPHER CHOUDOIR



HOSA is a student-led organization focusing on developing academic, professional, and career-related skills for students with health care careers in mind, while also building strong connections with health care professionals in our area. This is the inaugural year for the HOSA chapter of Little Chute High School, and we are working hard to get our club up and running. We have a strong executive board consisting of Leah Pauls, Callah Dornfeld, Taylor Steinbach, and Kyra Lefeber. Furthermore, through their efforts, we already have over 20 members. In addition, we are looking to add members through our relationships with Little Chute Hands-only CPR (LC-CPR) and the Community Blood Center blood drive organizers. Community service and education are a cornerstone of the HOSA organization. As such, small groups of students are working to develop Programs of Work (POW). The POW can be short-term (e.g. holiday fundraiser) or year-long (e.g. developing educational programs). Students have generated several outstanding ideas, but we can always use a helping hand from people and organizations in the community. If you have any ideas for a POW, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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