

## **General Information**

### **History of the College**

LFCC is located in an historic cultural area of Virginia. The College was named for Thomas 6th Lord Fairfax who in 1747 established his residence, Greenway Court, at nearby White Post. For 34 years, Lord Fairfax managed his vast property of more than five million acres that extended from Virginia's Northern Neck to Fort Duquesne, now Pittsburgh.

Born at Leeds Castle in 1693, Lord Fairfax graduated from Oxford College and first came to America in 1735 to inspect his inheritance from his grandfather, Lord Culpeper. The Fairfax landholdings included thousands of acres in the Shenandoah Valley encompassing the present counties of Clarke, Frederick, Page, Shenandoah and Warren, as well as a substantial portion of West Virginia.

Lord Fairfax was a respected force in the formation of the new America. He befriended many, including George Washington, his surveyor. He supported General Braddock and was known and respected by "King" Carter, William Byrd and Governors Gooch, Dinwiddie and Dunmore. Lord Fairfax died at age 88 in 1781 at Greenway Court and was buried at Christ Church in Winchester. Lord Fairfax Community College pays homage to his respected name and legacy.

LFCC opened its doors in September 1970 to 577 students. Two years later in June 1972, the College held its first Commencement ceremony at which 92 students received degrees. The College received accreditation from the Southern Association of Community and Junior Colleges on Dec. 18, 1972.

The first College president, William H. McCoy, facilitated the opening of the College and remained in this position until 1987. Marilyn C. Beck became the second president of LFCC in 1988 and served until 2003. John J. "Ski" Sygielski became the College's third president in August 2003 and served LFCC until June 2008. Cheryl Thompson-Stacy became the College's fourth president in January 2009. She oversees the administration of the educational needs of more than 7,600 unduplicated credit students and more than 10,450 individuals in professional development and business and industry courses annually.

### **Background**

Founded in 1970, Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) is a comprehensive, multi-campus public institution of higher education. Through its three locations — the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses and the Luray-Page County Center — the College serves eight localities in the Shenandoah Valley and Piedmont regions. The localities are the counties of Clarke, Fauquier, Frederick, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah and Warren and the city of Winchester.

LFCC offers more than 65 associate degree and certificate programs in a wide variety of disciplines, in addition to providing access to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs offered on site by a four-year institution. LFCC also serves the business community by offering workforce preparation programs for employees and employers. LFCC serves more than 7,600 unduplicated credit students and more than 10,450 individuals in professional development and business and industry courses annually.

LFCC promotes equal opportunity in educational programs and activities, admission and employment without regard to race, color, sex or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification), religion, handicap, national origin or other non-merit factors.

Lord Fairfax Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Lord Fairfax Community College.

LFCC is a proud member of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC).

The College is governed by policies set by the State Board for Community Colleges with support and guidance from the LFCC Board. Financed primarily with state funds, the College supplements funding with contributions from the participating localities and tuition fees. As the vision statement, mission and goals reflect, LFCC is committed to excellence in all its programs and services while maintaining flexibility, accessibility and responsiveness. Helping each student achieve his or her future goals is the focus of the College.

### **Mission**

Lord Fairfax Community College (LFCC) is a comprehensive, open-access institution and one of 23 community colleges that make up the Virginia Community College System. Serving a growing and diverse eight-locality region in northwestern Virginia, we promote excellence in teaching and learning as the means to advance the development of students. The College is dedicated to creating a positive, supportive, learning-centered environment for all students, employees and community members. We are committed as well to strengthening the educational, economic and cultural life of our diverse community. Through our commitment, we provide accessible, flexible, high-quality and cost-effective educational and workforce training programs that prepare students for further education, job advancement, meaningful careers, life-long learning and personal fulfillment.

### **Vision**

LFCC enriches communities as we provide exemplary educational opportunities based on our core values.

### **Values**

LFCC embraces the following core values:

#### **Learning**

We foster an environment that ignites and sustains a passion for lifelong learning.

#### **High Performance**

We are focused, responsive, collaborative and accountable.

#### **Integrity**

We exemplify honesty, character and respect for our communities.

#### **Positive Spirit**

We value creativity, enthusiasm and a “can-do” attitude.

#### **Diversity**

We honor the uniqueness of individuals and communities.

## **Goals**

The College's strategic plan may be found under the planning heading on the planning and institutional effectiveness Web site: <http://www.lfcc.edu/pie/>.

## **Approval and Accreditation**

LFCC operates as part of the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and is governed by the State Board for Community Colleges. The State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) approves the associate degree curricula of the College for Virginia. Lord Fairfax Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30003-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Lord Fairfax Community College. An institutional member of the American Association of Community Colleges, LFCC is approved by the U.S. Department of Education for various federal funding programs.

Nursing programs are approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing.

## **Locations and Facilities**

LFCC's three locations—the Fauquier and Middletown Campuses and the Luray-Page County Center—offer a full range of associate degree and certificate programs, as well as continuing education, workforce training, dual enrollment and community services. The College is committed to serving the lifelong learning needs of the community through both credit and noncredit educational opportunities.

### **Fauquier Campus**

In December 1988, Fauquier County Executive Bob G. Sowder donated 2.5 acres of property to establish a community college campus. The renovated barn on this property became the Fauquier Campus of LFCC, which was later expanded when the General Assembly appropriated \$7.2 million in 1996 to construct the current 60,000 square foot classroom and administrative building.

On Oct. 22, 1999, the College community celebrated the dedication of the new campus building, located on U.S. Route 29, just south of Warrenton. The Wolk Hall classroom and administrative building is named for Paul and Sheila Wolk, whose generosity to LFCC has made quality educational opportunities available to many students on both campuses.

In addition to the classroom and laboratory spaces on the Fauquier Campus, the Loeb Center is a dramatic space where students share activities, meals and study time. Students also utilize the resources available in the Bob G. Sowder Library and through the Office of Student Success, where they can receive academic and career counseling, financial aid assistance and other services to assist them in achieving their educational goals.

### **Driving Directions**

From the north: I-66 East, to Exit 28, U.S. Route 17 to Warrenton. Travel 9 miles to U.S. Route 15 South/Route 17/29 South Bypass. Follow U.S. Route 17 South approximately 4 miles to traffic signal, Lord Fairfax Drive. Turn left, travel 0.2 mile to College Street. Turn left into the campus.

From the south: U.S. Route 17/29 North to Lord Fairfax Drive. Turn right at traffic signal. Travel 0.2 mile to College Street. Turn left into the campus.

From the west: U.S. Route 211 East to Warrenton. Turn right at Business U.S. Route 17/29 and travel 2.6 miles to Lord Fairfax Drive (traffic signal at Route 17/29). Cross U.S. Route 17/29 and continue for 0.2 mile to College Street. Turn left into the campus.

From the east: U.S. Route 29 South to U.S. Route 17/29 South. Travel 2.6 miles to Lord Fairfax Drive. At traffic signal, turn left. Travel 0.2 mile to College Street. Turn left into campus.

### **Middletown Campus**

LFCC's Middletown Campus is on a 120-acre tract in the northern Shenandoah Valley approximately 10 miles south of Winchester, Va. Nestled among the Blue Ridge, Massanutten and Allegheny Mountains, with Interstate highways 66 and 81 and U.S. Route 11 adjacent, the campus is easily accessible. The original College building includes classrooms, laboratories, administrative and faculty offices, a business office, the William Moore Dietel Bookstore and the Fredy and Klara Kummli Student Center.

In 1985, LFCC built a technology center on the Middletown Campus, adding a Special Events Center, computer labs, classrooms and faculty offices. During the 1993 Commencement ceremony, the building was officially named the Alson H. Smith Jr. Technology Center. In 1994, the Learning Resources Center construction was completed and the facility was dedicated in April 1995 in honor of benefactor Paul Wolk of Fauquier County. Outside facilities include a regulation 400-meter Olympic-size track, fitness trail and soccer field.

### **Driving Directions**

From the north: I-81 South to Exit 302 (Reliance Road), turn right at stop sign, travel 0.3 mile to Route 11. Turn right at stop sign. LFCC is 0.1 mile on right.

From the south: I-81 North to Exit 302 (Reliance Road), turn left at stop sign, travel 0.5 mile to Route 11. Turn right at stop sign. LFCC is 0.1 mile on right.

From the east: I-66 West to I-81 North to Exit 302 (Reliance Road), turn left at stop sign, travel 0.5 mile to Route 11. Turn right at stop sign. LFCC is 0.1 mile on right.

From the west: I-81 North and follow the directions coming from the south.

### **Luray-Page County Center**

The Luray-Page County Center is the newest LFCC location. On Jan. 9, 2006, the Center opened with two lecture classrooms, a distance learning classroom, a computer lab and administrative offices. The building supplies and labor necessary for the construction of the Luray-Page County Center, along with the Center's first year operation expenses, were generously provided by Page County and the Town of Luray, making this truly a facility built by the community. The Luray-Page County Center's excellent core faculty group teaches a variety of both day and evening credit classes needed for both associate degree and certificate programs, while state-of-the-art equipment allows students to take advantage of resources available at all LFCC locations. The College provides noncredit training opportunities to enhance job skills and works with local businesses, placing student interns as part of the Scholars at

Work Program. LFCC provides courses and programs at the Luray-Page County Center to bring together quality career opportunities to its students and graduates.

Located in Luray just minutes from U.S. Route 340, U.S. Route 211 and the Hawksbill Greenway, the Luray-Page County Center serves Page County, eastern Rappahannock County, southern Shenandoah County and southern Warren County.

### **Driving Directions**

From the north: U.S. Route 340 South to U.S. Route 211 West. Travel 0.4 mile to N. Hawksbill Street then turn left. Travel 0.1 mile to LFCC Luray-Page County Center on left.

From the south: U.S. Route 340 North through the Town of Luray, turn left on Mechanic Street and travel two blocks to N. Hawksbill Street. Turn right and travel ½ block to LFCC Luray-Page County Center on right.

From the east: U.S. Route 211 West to Luray. Cross U.S. Route 340 and travel 0.4 mile to N. Hawksbill Street on left. Turn left and travel 0.1 mile to LFCC Luray-Page County Center on left.

From the west: U. S. Route 211 East to Luray. Turn right on N. Hawksbill Street, travel 0.1 mile to LFCC Luray-Page County Center on left.

### **Libraries and Learning Resources**

The libraries of LFCC are open to the public without charge. The collection of approximately 62,000 cataloged items supports the College's academic programs and student interests. The collection consists of books, journals, video recordings, DVDs, compact discs, computer programs, newspapers, electronic books and a host of other print-based materials. The library catalog is accessible through the College's Web site at <http://www.lfcc.edu>. In addition, materials move between the College's two campuses daily by courier.

Materials not available in the libraries can be obtained through Interlibrary Loan from other libraries worldwide. The libraries participate in a statewide academic consortium called VIVA, providing access to electronic databases of all kinds, including over 8,000 full-text journals. Off-campus access to all of these resources is available to students, faculty and staff. The libraries also provide high-speed Internet access.

The highly skilled library staff is dedicated to providing the highest quality service possible. They assist students in the use of the Internet and library research databases.

On the Fauquier Campus, the **Bob G. Sowder Library** is home to a growing collection of resources that support the College's programs and personal interests. Special facilities include 11 study rooms, nine for one or two persons and three large group study/library instruction rooms.

On the Middletown Campus, the **Paul Wolk Library** contains most of LFCC's collection of materials. The library houses the William B. Remington Archives Room.

## **Programs**

LFCC is a comprehensive institution of higher education offering programs of instruction generally extending not more than two years beyond high school level.

### **Student Success**

The College is committed to enhancing the educational experience of each student through a variety of services and activities. The Office of Student Success facilitates personal growth and development and educational success through services such as:

- Academic advising
- Career services
- Disability services
- Financial aid (federal and state)
- Scholarships
- Student activities
- Student club sports
- Student Learning Services
- Student organizations
- Tutoring
- Transfer planning
- Veterans' educational benefits

### **Occupational-Technical Education**

LFCC offers multiple degrees and certificates in a variety of subject areas that prepare students to meet the increasing demand for technicians, semiprofessional workers, skilled craftsmen and artisans, supervisors and managers for employment in business, industry and government. Students who complete one of the programs are prepared to enter the workplace or pursue additional education. The subject areas for the programs are:

- Administrative support technology
- Business
- Engineering, construction and industry
- Fine arts
- Health professions
- Information systems technology

### **College Transfer-University Parallel Education**

The college transfer-university parallel program focuses on college freshmen and sophomore courses in arts and sciences and preprofessional programs. After completing the first two years at LFCC, students are able to transfer to a four-year college or university and enter a bachelor's degree program. To ease the transfer process, students are urged to work with an LFCC advisor and maintain contact with four-year college representatives before selecting courses. Admission and graduation requirements vary widely and sometimes change over time.

LFCC offers the following five degrees and three specializations that lead to an associate of arts and sciences degree.

- Business administration
- Education

- General studies
- Liberal arts
  - Communication specialization
  - Fine arts specialization
  - Philosophy and religion specialization
- Science

### **Workforce Solutions**

LFCC's Office of Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education works with over 1000 businesses to provide professional development and workforce training. The professional development programs within the Office of Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education that help individuals and businesses to continue general education interests and/or update their knowledge and skills include:

#### Business

- Customer Service
- Human Resources
- Leadership
- Quality
- Technology
- Small Business Development Center

#### Career

- Healthcare
- Teaching
- Occupations

#### Skills

- Construction and Industrial Trades
  - Continuing Education and Licensure
- Driving/Motorcycle
- Work Keys profiles and assessment

#### Enrichment

- Arts / Culture
- Computer
- Family / Home
- Summer youth programs

All training programs can be delivered on-site to organizations.

### **Special Training Programs**

LFCC, in cooperation with the Special Training Division of the Virginia Department of Economic Development, provides instruction for new and expanding industries.

This program incorporates job analysis, instructor recruiting and/or training and financial support for employee instruction. New industries planning to move into the area or industries planning to expand may be interested in special training programs. If so, these industries should contact the Office of Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education on LFCC's Fauquier or Middletown Campuses or the Department of Business Assistance in Richmond, Va.

### **Developmental Studies**

Developmental courses help prepare individuals for admission to the occupational-technical program and to the college transfer-university parallel program at the College.

### **Specialized Regional and Community Services**

The facilities and personnel of the College are available to provide specialized services for meeting the needs of the region. These services include cultural events, workshops, meetings, lectures, conferences and seminars. Special community programs at LFCC provide cultural and educational opportunities for area residents.

### **LFCC Educational Foundation Inc.**

The Lord Fairfax Community College Educational Foundation Inc. is an independent, not-for-profit entity dedicated to assisting the College in meeting its current and future needs. Its purpose is to generate support and resources for the College beyond those provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Incorporated in 1978, the Foundation is committed to raising funds for academic programs, facility upgrades, equipment, student scholarships and professional development for employees. Private contributions ensure that the College is able to keep its promise and pledge of providing increasing academic excellence and expanding business and industry services.

The Foundation is a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organization. All gifts are tax deductible as allowed by law. For income tax purposes, the federal identification number for the Foundation is 51-0247624. Its fiscal year is January 1 through December 1.

### **Mission of the Foundation**

The mission of the Lord Fairfax Community College Educational Foundation Inc. is to generate and manage private support for unfunded projects that support the College's mission.

### **Goals of the Foundation**

The LFCC Educational Foundation Inc. is an independent, not-for-profit entity dedicated to assisting the College in meeting its current and future needs by:

- securing private and public funds for student scholarships, employee professional development, program development and capital projects
- enhancing community awareness of the College and Foundation
- strengthening partnerships between the College and state and local communities and businesses
- providing prudent fiscal management of funds and equipment contributed to the Foundation

### **Vision of the Foundation**

By 2010, the Lord Fairfax Community College Educational Foundation Inc. will increase its revenue by 5 percent and increase Board involvement.