Beverley B. Shoemaker, a Frederick County native, attended LFCC from 1973-75, only three years after it opened its doors. Shoemaker went on to attend Madison College (now called James Madison University) and complete her bachelor's degree in home economics education.

During her career, Shoemaker has served in various roles. The roles range from manager of numerous partnerships (including a general partnership that owns the Travelodge in Winchester and the Ramada Inn in Harrisonburg) to president of several residential development companies. Shoemaker and her daughter, also an LFCC alumna, serve as co-trustees for the James L. and Mary Jane Bowman Charitable Trust, which was established on April 17, 1997, by Shoemaker's father. Shoemaker feels that one of her greatest personal achievements has been carrying on her father's business interests after he passed away, including assisting the community through the donation of funds generated by the Trust.

In support of basic human needs and personal growth and advancement, the Trust regularly donates funds to the Blue Ridge Hospice, James L. and Mary Jane Bowman Library, LFCC, local fire and rescue companies, the Methodist Church, the Salvation Army and the Shelter for Abused Women. The Trust prefers to support organizations located in the Winchester/Frederick County area.

Q: In your estimation, what makes LFCC unique?
A: LFCC is unique in that it is a conveniently accessible institution of higher learning. Its presence in the community advances the concept of learning and personal growth. In addition, Dr. Ski [LFCC President John J. “Ski” Sygielski] makes a very positive impact for the College. He is energetic and truly believes in LFCC’s mission of "your future, our focus". Dr. Ski brings a fresh approach to administration that entices one to want to study at LFCC.

Q: What most energizes you and why?
A: It is personally rewarding to plan a residential development and see the end product, knowing that you have worked hard to make it the very best it can be. I’ve always liked “doing” something, keeping busy.

Q: As you look to the future, what matters most to you?
A: Like most folks, I wish for a future of peace and prosperity for our community and country. On a more personal note, I especially look forward to becoming a grandmother.
Teaching and Learning

LFCC is committed to (1) meeting the needs of students by increasing academic offerings, convenient class locations and partnerships with business, industry and senior educational institutions and (2) providing professional development for all employees.


LFCC’s Kitchen and Bath Design Program is one of 31 programs in the country that are endorsed by the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). Each year, as part of the requirement to be endorsed, two student designs must be submitted and reviewed by the NKBA. Based on LFCC’s student submissions in 2006, the College was honored as one of the top five schools in the nation.

Nine LFCC dental hygiene students and four faculty members participated in the Roanoke Mission of Mercy (MOM) Project on May 4 and 5, 2007. Organized by the Virginia Dental Health Foundation, the MOM Project provides dental services to individuals in areas where access to care is lacking. It is estimated that over 1,200 people were served in the Roanoke area. One student said of her experience, “I have always wanted to be part of a large volunteer project, and now I will always try to help those less fortunate.” Donors to the LFCC Educational Foundation provided the funding for this initiative.

Each year, the Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) presents an Executive of the Year Award to an individual nominated by their administrative assistant(s). This spring, the IAAP Executive of the Year Award was presented to Kathleen Worting, dean of science and health professions at LFCC.

This spring, John J. “Ski” Sygielski, president of LFCC, won a national election to become one of six new members to serve on the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) Board. Sygielski’s three-year term on the AACC Board began on July 1, 2007.

Do you have a passion for your field of expertise? Do you desire to share your knowledge and skills with others? If so, please consider becoming a full- or part-time instructor at LFCC. To learn more about available positions and to apply, visit the LFCC Web site at http://www.lfcc.edu/employment/employment.shrm.

For information about the Office of Learning, please contact Margaret Barlow atmbarlow@lfcc.edu or (540) 868-7135.

Student Success

LFCC is committed to increasing student retention, graduation and transfer rates by providing students with a variety of academic, cultural and wellness activities and services to enhance their educational experience at the College.

LFCC’s Financial Aid Office awarded 167 scholarships through the LFCC Educational Foundation Scholarship Program for the 2007-08 academic year. These scholarship awards totaled more than $193,500, an increase of more than $64,000 and 26 recipients compared to 2006-07.

Over the past year, the Career Services Office at LFCC has worked with 193 employers to post 370 jobs to the College Central Web site. Over 270 students and alumni have registered and posted their résumés to the site, where employers in the region viewed those résumés over 1,000 times. For more information about the free service, visit http://www.collegecentral.com/lfcc.

Renovations to the student lounge on the Middletown Campus began this summer. In an effort to make it a more comfortable gathering place, new furniture is being purchased, carpeting is being installed and dividers are being constructed to better define the space.

For information about the Office of Student Success, please contact Cindy Bambas at cbambas@lfcc.edu or (540) 868-7113.

Partnerships and Outreach

LFCC is committed to meeting the training and educational needs of businesses and individuals in the area, in addition to addressing the needs of an expanding minority and retiree community.

According to spring 2007 statistics released by the Virginia Community College System, LFCC’s Office of Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education served 36 percent of businesses in the area, a higher percentage of businesses served than any of the other 22 community colleges in the state.

In response to requests for self-defense training, LFCC’s Office of Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education developed the following new self-defense courses for fall 2007: a family self-defense seminar; TEEN-SAFE®, a personal self-defense class for young adults; TRAINING for LIFE®, a personal self-defense class for adults; and CDT® Compliance, Direction and Takedown, security professional non-lethal self-defense tactics.

For information about the Office of Workforce Solutions and Continuing Education, please contact Jeanan Clark at jclark@lfcc.edu or (540) 868-7122.

Resource Development and Public Relations

LFCC is committed to (1) keeping the public informed about the programs and services available at the College and (2) coordinating fund-raising for scholarships, facilities upgrades, faculty and program development.

The Foundation is raising money for the following funding-rais ing projects this year. To contribute, please contact Linnie Carter at lcarter@lfcc.edu or (540) 868-4077 or visit the Foundation Web site at http://www.lfcc.edu/foundation/to print a contribution form or make a donation online.

$50,000 for a Cultural Events Fund to provide funds for on-campus plays, musical performances, lectures, presentations, art shows and visits to museums, theaters and other venues.

$20,000 for a Day Care Scholarship Fund. $20,000 for a General Scholarship Fund and $20,000 for a Discretionary Scholarship Fund to provide scholarships to students for day care, emergency and educational expenses.

$50,000 for a Student Life Fund to expand the number of extracurricular activities, including conferences and service projects, in which LFCC students may participate.

$20,000 for the LFCC General Support Fund to provide the College with funds to apply to the areas of greatest need.

Since January 2007, 16 new scholarship funds have been established. The Foundation is grateful to supporters like Mark and Connie Pangle of Shenandoah County for their support. The Pangles recently raised $20,400—12 scholarships at $1,700 each—for LFCC students. Scholarships of $1,700 will fund tuition, fees and books for a full-time student for one semester.

The number of stock contributions received by the Foundation is steadily increasing. In 2005, $29,623.50 was contributed via stock. In 2006, $51,286.07 was contributed via stock. To date in 2007, $84,186 has been contributed via stock. To contribute through stock, please download a form and instructions from the LFCC Web site: http://www.lfcc.edu/Foundation/forms.html.

For information about the LFCC Educational Foundation and Office of College Advancement, please contact Linnie Carter at lcarter@lfcc.edu or (540) 868-4077.