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GRADUATES READY FOR THE FUTURE

(Lamar, Colorado, May 1, 2010) Lamar Community College will host its seventy-first annual Commencement on Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the LCC Wellness Center. 153 students will graduate with degrees and/or certificates, while 41 students will graduate with GED's. The numbers include LCC's fall 2009 graduates as well. The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. No tickets will be required for admittance to commencement.

Student Government has selected "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail" by Ralph Waldo Emerson as this graduation year's quote.

The College has invited former Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives Andrew Romanoff as its keynote speaker. Elected to four terms in the Colorado State Legislature, Andrew Romanoff became the speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives in 2005. Romanoff's colleagues twice elected him to the speakership, a post he held until he was term-limited out of the House in 2009. During his terms, he received numerous awards including "2008 Public Official" from *Governing* magazine and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Economic Development Council of Colorado. In 2006, he was honored as one of the most outstanding lawmakers in America. The Council of State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, and the State Legislative Leaders Foundation presented him with the William Bulger Award, honoring a "legislative leader whose career embodies the highest principles of leadership – integrity, compassion, vision and courage." He is the award's youngest recipient. Romanoff was first elected to the State House in 2000 and reelected in 2002, 2004 and 2006.

As customary, students will have a significant role in Commencement activities. Phi Theta Kappa All-Colorado Team member and Presidential Scholarship recipient Janae England of Lamar will give the invocation. Fellow Presidential Scholarship recipient and LCC Rodeo standout Chelsie Willhoite of McClave will be the student speaker.

The Lamar High School Concert Band will perform at the event.

To reduce congestion, family members are encouraged to take photos from their seats. Additionally, graduates' families may choose to take photos with their graduates before entering the building or after the ceremonies have concluded.

Family members may choose to view Commencement via live web streaming. A link will be available from the LCC homepage at www.lamarcc.edu.

Additionally, the College will also host its annual Nursing Pinning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 at the LCC Wellness Center. 31 graduates from the Level I (Practical Nursing) and Level II (Associate Degree in Nursing/Registered Nurse) programs will be recognized.

Receptions for graduates and families will follow both events.

Parking will be available in the Wellness Center parking lot. Overflow parking is available in the large student parking lots north of Todd-Burch Residence Hall and the Betz Technology Center, and staff parking lot. No parking will be allowed in the borrow ditches west of the Wellness Center.

For more information about Commencement, contact Lamar Community College at 336.1590 or information@lamarcc.edu. More details regarding the Nursing Pinning can be obtained at 336.1594 or nursing@lamarcc.edu.

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