

## Press Release

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### **GRADUATES READY FOR THE FUTURE**

(Lamar, Colorado, April 22, 2009) Lamar Community College will host its seventieth annual commencement on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the LCC Wellness Center. LCC Student Government selected a quote by an unknown author as this graduation year's quote. It is 'I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known.' The ceremony will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. Again this year, no tickets will be required for admittance to commencement.

195 students will graduate with certificates and/or degrees while 40 students will graduate with GED's. This year, the College will also honor Fifth Year students who have met the requirements of the program. These students will officially receive their high school diplomas at the ceremony. The numbers include LCC's fall 2008 and summer 2009 graduates as well.

The College has invited Congresswoman Betsy Markey to be its keynote speaker this year. Markey was elected to Congress on November 4th, 2008, and has represented the people of the Fourth Congressional District since January 6th, 2009. She is focused on rebuilding America's economy, creating and restoring jobs in Colorado, strengthening Colorado's transportation systems and infrastructure, creating a lasting energy plan for our country, and keeping Colorado's farming and ranching heritage strong. Betsy is co-founder of Syscom Services, Inc., an Internet consulting and web site development firm. Before turning to public service, Betsy helped lead the firm to a #99 ranking in the Inc. 500 list of America's fastest-growing private companies. Syscom currently employs a workforce of over 40 people.

Lamar resident Brian England will give the invocation and be LCC's student speaker. He is LCC's current Phi Theta Kappa Chapter president, a leader of the college's Fellowship of Christian Students, and an active member of LCC's Ag Club. This spring he represented the college as a PTK All-Colorado Academic Team member and received both New Century and Coca Cola Gold Scholarships for his academic success and student leadership.

Fellow student Kathryn Clouser will give the benediction. From Fountain, Colorado, she played for LCC's Women's Basketball Team for two years and also has been active in LCC's Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The Seventeenth Avenue All-Stars, an a cappella group from Denver, will return to perform at Commencement and at LCC's student awards celebration, Antelope Night, on Friday evening.

To reduce congestion, there will be designated areas for family members to take photos on the floor. Additionally, graduates' families may choose to take photos from their seats or with their graduates before entering the building or after the ceremonies have concluded.

Additionally, the College will also host its annual Nursing Pinning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 9 at the LCC Wellness Center. 33 graduates of both the Level I (Practical Nursing) and Level II (Associate Degree in Nursing/Registered Nurse) programs will be recognized.

Receptions will follow both events.

Parking will be available in the Wellness Center parking lot. Overflow parking will be 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](mailto:information@lamarcc.edu). More details regarding the Nursing Pinning can be obtained at 336.1594 or [nursing@lamarcc.edu](mailto:nursing@lamarcc.edu).

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