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## ***LCC & UCCS FORM 2+2 PARTNERSHIP***

(Lamar, Colorado; October 29, 2010) Lamar Community College and the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs announced the beginning of a significant partnership between the two colleges during halftime of a scrimmage between the LCC and UCCS basketball teams Wednesday night.

In the announcement, UCCS Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Brian Burnett and LCC President John Marrin revealed plans to create “2+2” degree options through the two institutions that will be available on the LCC campus.

The program will allow students to complete four-year bachelor’s degrees without leaving Lamar.

The program will begin immediately with a registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Science in Health Care Science allied health completion. The bachelor’s degrees will coordinate with LCC’s Associate Degree in Nursing and Associate of Science Course of Study in Sports & Fitness Management.

“Our partnership with UCCS will enhance our continued vision of offering the highest quality education in an environment of service excellence,” explained LCC President John Marrin. “Students will be able to complete their bachelors’ degrees without leaving our campus and while still having complete academic and student support services available to them.”

Different from other articulation or transfer agreements, UCCS will have a visible presence on the LCC campus with shared academic support services including tutoring, labs, and clinicals. Other shared student support services are possible as is the opportunity to share faculty to enhance student learning.

"We are excited to partner with Lamar Community College to make high-quality, affordable bachelor's degrees available," Burnett said. "The citizens of southeastern Colorado benefit when our two schools join together in pursuit of our common goal of increasing participation in higher education."

Plans call for the schools to collaborate on the development of additional four-year programs in key areas such as business, criminal justice, education, and historic preservation. The two schools hope to have some of these additional programs available by the fall 2011 term. The partnership opens the door for area students to earn selected advanced degrees as well.

The colleges have collaborated on a variety of projects in recent years, beginning with a close association between LCC's Nursing Department and UCCS's Beth El College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Students who are interested in learning more about the program are encouraged to contact LCC at 719.336.1580 or [information@lamarcc.edu](mailto:information@lamarcc.edu).

UCCS, located on Austin Bluffs Parkway in Colorado Springs, is one of the fastest growing universities in the nation. The university offers 36 bachelor's degrees, 19 master's and five doctoral degrees. The campus enrolls about 9,000 students.

Established in 1937, LCC is a comprehensive community college that serves both Southeast Colorado and students from Colorado and the world with its combination of transfer, career and technical education, competitive teams, and destination programs. It offers 24 associate degrees and 34 certificates of study to a student body of approximately 1,100 students.

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