LCCC: Closeness, Convenience & Cost Drives Choice for Early College High School Grad
Switches Path to Lorain County Community College's University Partnership When COVID-19 Strikes

Recent high school graduate Sydney Contreras thought she was going to a four-year college and even had money down to hold her spot, but when the COVID-19 pandemic struck the nation, the closeness, convenience and cost of Lorain County Community College (LCCC) and its University Partnership proved to be a better fit for her.

"COVID was the tipping point in my decision at stay at LCCC," Contreras said. Before that, "there wasn't even a thought in my mind that I would be staying at LCCC."

Barely 18, the Elyria resident and first-generation college graduate recently earned her associate of arts degree in May through Lorain County Early College High School (ECHS), a program where a student can earn an associate degree and a high school diploma at the same time on LCCC's campus.

Contreras plans to complete LCCC’s nursing associate degree program and then earn a bachelor of science in nursing through LCCC's University Partnership with Ohio University and become a midwife, she said.

Originally, Contreras planned to continue her education at another local university. "I was very sure that I would be attending," she said. "I confirmed my application, paid my enrollment fees and even put in my housing application."

The graduate qualified for both the Trustee Scholarship and the Diversity Scholarship at LCCC "so that also played a large part in staying at LCCC," she said. The other college "wasn't offering me much, whereas almost all of my schooling is getting paid for here," she added.

"As a parent, the benefits of Sydney staying at LCCC have brought me relief financially the most," said Sydney's mother, Jennifer McCartney. "I believe our family will be benefiting mentally also by reducing the financial stress..." a

"I am extremely thankful that within walking distance Sydney will get to continue and accomplish her dreams closer to home," McCartney said. "I am so proud of her accomplishments and the college experience she received by getting a head start through ECHS."

"COVID came along and I knew it would have a very large impact on that college experience that I was hoping to get," Contreras said. "I ended up looking into LCCC's University Partnerships" and found a new plan, she said.

Earning her bachelor’s at LCCC allows Contreras to stay on track and save money.

"Many Early College graduating seniors who had planned to go away to college in the fall, with consideration of universities delivering courses online-only, decided it would be in their best interest academically and financially to stay here at LCCC, their home," said Shane Newark, Early College High School principal. "Several students even lost deposit checks to hold their seats, but LCCC is where they feel safe and comfortable receiving their college courses from faculty they know and feel safe with."

Contreras originally chose ECHS because she wanted to go into a four-year university with part of her degree already completed and not having to pay for an associate degree was a major plus, she said. "I also was able to develop great friendships and got a feel for how college works and how to speak to professors," she said. "A lot of my ECHS teachers helped me a lot, especially Mr. Dan Vasi and Ms. Kaylee Scarpitti. They never stopped pushing us to be the best."

Ranger Restart Student Groupings and School Hours

A letter from North Ridgeville was released on Monday, August 3 regarding finalized students groupings and school hours for the 2020-2021 schools year.

We first want to thank you for your patience as the district continues to finalize the Ranger Restart plan. Below you will find information on student groupings for those who will be attending school in person. Start and end times to the student day have also been established for the 2020-2021 school year, which are also listed in this communication. For families who have selected the online-only option, an email was sent earlier today confirming enrollment.

Similar to previous years, the district will be offering before and after care for families. This will only be available on days that the student is attending school in person.

STUDENT GROUPINGS

As communicated during the Ranger Restart presentation on July 21, the district has worked to create two student groups for those who will be attending the hybrid learning option. There were several considerations that went into the creation of these groups, including the ability to safely follow the return to school guidance provided by the State of Ohio, equality of group sizes, and the district’s transportation schedule.

As a reminder, Group A students will be attending school in person on Monday and Tuesday, and will be online Wednesday.

Ranger Trap Team Takes League and State Titles

Congratulations to the North Ridgeville Trap Team on winning their conference & state title! Dan Konesky took second place in season average for the males. On the Girls side Vanessa Donato took first, Lillian West took second and Rhiannon Vance took third.
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Thursday, and Friday, Group B students will be online Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and will be attending school in person on Thursday and Friday. Ranger High-Tech Academy students in grades 2-8 will be included in Group A. Ranger High-Tech Academy high school students will follow the high school schedule.

Groupings have been listed by the street name of the student’s home address. Visit NRCS.net to view Group A and B. If families would like to request a change of group assignment, please submit a request by filling out the form at NRCS.net/RangerRestart.aspx. We ask families to please understand that submission of a request does not guarantee a change, and requests will be considered on a first come, first served basis. Additionally, due to logistical impracticalities, school transportation services will not be available to families who are granted group changes.

SCHOOL START/END TIMES

August 26: High school students report in-person and full-time online instruction begins; August 27: Monday/Tuesday (Group A) students report in-person; August 28: Thursday/Friday (Group B) students report in-person; August 31: All groups begin regular schedule.

Early Childhood Learning Community
Pre-Kindergarten AM: 9-11:30am; Before care: 8:15-9am • Pre-Kindergarten PM: 12:30-3pm; After care: 3-4pm • All Day Kindergarten: 9am-3pm; Before care: 8:15-9am; After care: 3-4pm • Liberty School: 9am-3pm; Before care: 8:15-9am; After care: 3-4pm • North Ridgeville Academic Center: 8am-2pm; Before care: 7:15-8am; After care: 2-3pm • Ranger High-Tech Academy: 8am-2pm; Before care: 7:15-8am; After care: 2-3pm • North Ridgeville High School: 8am-2:24pm; Doors open: 7:15am; Doors close: 3:30pm

Again, we thank you for your support and understanding as we near the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Our students, staff, and parents continue to show resilience during these challenging times. It is truly what makes us all Ranger STRONG!

Save Money, Stay Safe

LCCC is meeting you where you are with flexible class options for fall:

Online • Online Live conference
In-person • Blended

Credits guaranteed to transfer!

Register Now at lorainccc.edu/fall20
Classes Start August 24
Financial and Technology Assistance Available
UH Remains Committed to Providing You with the Health Care You Need

University Hospitals is committed to helping our patients and the Northeast Ohio community manage their health and well-being. This is even more important during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

UH is taking measures to keep you safe while continuing to provide you with the care you need. In addition to in-person appointments, we also offer telehealth services, featuring online video and phone appointments. Visit UHhospitals.org to learn more.

Information on coronavirus (COVID-19) changes rapidly.

As a community health care leader, UH is your source for the most up-to-date clinical information on COVID-19. To learn more about appointments, visitor policies and the latest clinical trials, visit UHhospitals.org/Coronavirus.
**North Ridgeville Senior Center presents Lawn Chair BINGO!**

Join us for some lawn chair BINGO. Spread the word.

Please bring your own lawn chair. Bingo boards/markers will be provided.

**August 13, 20 and 27 at 10:30 a.m.** Meet us in the grass along Bainbridge Rd near the intersection of Bainbridge and Rt. 83.

Remember to stay home if you are sick. Stay 6 feet apart. Avoid groups of people. Remember to stay home if you are sick.

Schedule:
- August 13, 20 & 27 at 10:30 a.m.
- Reserve produce for Library pick-up at bit.ly/producelibrary.

**Lunch and Learn … Curbside**

August is “Immunization Awareness Month”

Take home information from John Wolf, DO, FACOFP.

- Welcome Back! Patio Dining, Indoor Dining Carry-Out - NOW OPEN!!
- North Ridgeville Heart & Sole Fresh Produce By The Bag
- Lorain Public Library Upcoming Events

**North Ridgeville Heart & Sole Fresh Produce By The Bag**

North Ridgeville Heart & Sole is supporting local farmers by offering fresh produce by the bag starting the week of August 3, on Thursdays at North Ridgeville Branch Library and Saturday at Sandy Ridge Metro Park.

**PICK-UP LOCATIONS**

**North Ridgeville Public Library:** Thursdays 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Reserve produce for Library pick-up at bit.ly/producelibrary.

**Sandy Ridge Metroparks:** Saturdays 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Reserve produce for Sandy Ridge pick-up at bit.ly/producesandy.

**Schedule:**
- Week of Aug. 3 & 24 - Gerhart's
- Week of Aug 10 & 31 - Willie's
- Week of Aug 17 & Sept. 7 - Red Barn
- Willie's and Red Barn are cash only. Gerhart's accepts Pay Pal and cash. Please bring exact change.

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