



To provide an educational experience where students
graduate with academic, technical and life skills
- High School Programs Purpose Statement

High School Programs Newsletter October 2021

Welcome Back Message from Our Dean

We are excited to welcome everyone back to campus for our first fully in-person classes in over a year. We look forward to meeting our students in-person again and see them working with real, hands-on learning in our classrooms and labs. As we prepare for students to return to our open campus, we will still follow all state guidelines ensuring our student's safety and educational experience. Over the last year, we have learned new ways of operating and hope that this return to in-person learning will provide all the flexibility, quality, equity, and safety that all our students come to our campus for.

During the summer, we also had the opportunity to move our office to a more centralized, accessible location on campus and look forward to using this new space with you over the coming academic year. We ask that students and families be mindful of safety signage and protocols in our new location. Please be patient as these protocols may change with the ongoing the impact of the COVID-19 virus.

Everyone is excited; the staff, the faculty, the students, the families...to be able to come back and participate again, together. Everyone is excited to come back and learn again for what will be another unforgettable, much better year.

Welcome Back!

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In-person Protocol

Office Location: East 214

Business hours: 8am – 4pm, Monday – Thursday

Office Visits

Our front desk is currently open and you are welcome to stop in as needed.

You can come to our office in order to:

- Schedule appointments
- Meet for a scheduled appointment
- Pick up books
- Schedule tool pickup
- Pick Up/Drop Off Forms

Advising Appointments

- In-person advising is currently by appointment only.
- Appointments can be made at the front desk, by phone, email, or via each advisor's self-scheduling calendar link. See the LEGEND LINK section below.

Vaccinations

A vaccination protocol has been sent to all student emails. Please refer to your student emails and/or at the link below for the latest information regarding vaccinations. All updates will be posted to the website linked below and sent directly to student email

[Vaccination Updates](#)

Students who are enrolled in online classes only and will not be visiting the campus **DO NOT** need to report vaccination status.

All students who will be attending in-person classes are required to report vaccination status or exemption attestation.

Only **Religious and Medical Exemptions** will be allowed.

Medical exemption - a college employee will contact you to collect additional information to verify the validity of the exemption and determine if there is an appropriate accommodation that will still allow you to participate in classes.

Religious Exemption - a college employee will only contact you to collect additional information if there is any indication that the information you provided is untrue.

Regardless of vaccination/exemption status, all students, employees, and guests are required to wear masks while indoors.

Daily attestation and/or submission of initial vaccination/exemption status can be accessed at the link below.

[COVID19 Attestation Link](#)

It is expected that any student coming to campus at least begin their vaccination sequence.

If a student has taken their first vaccination shot, they may complete the form providing this initial information and update this information at a later date.

Book and Tool Pickup

- Textbook Pick up: September 23 - 24, 9am-3pm and September 27 – Oct 1, 9am-3pm
- Tool Check out: September 22, by appointment only (email: highschoolprograms@lwtech.edu)
- Textbook Return: Due on or before December 10, between 8-4p to E214

Additional Textbook Information

- Be ready to show picture ID when picking up your books.
- Delays in picking up books can lead to poor academic performance.
- If you are unable to pick up your books at these times, call 425-739-8107 to arrange a time.
- LWTA students pay for required materials that our office cannot provide, such as online textbooks, workbooks, scantrons, online licenses or logins required for purchase, one-time use books, lab coats, or goggles. **When possible, please plan for these expenses.**
- **Fines equal to the full cost of new books will be charged for unreturned books.** We will not accept late books. Books needed for more than one quarter (like CSNT), must be returned and checked out again.
- If you need to keep a book past the due date, you **MUST** contact the high school programs office (425-739-8107) to request an extension.
- **We will not accept books returned to anyone other than a High School Programs staff, located in E214**

Scholarships and Transportation

Every quarter High School Programs offers a reimbursement scholarship to help assist with program costs (online access codes, supplies, etc.). Email your completed application to highschoolprograms@lwtech.edu by October 4 by 4pm. Students will be notified of approval or denial through text. If approved, the student will be notified again when the checks are ready for pick-up. Be sure to note that it can take up to two weeks for the checks to be ready.

Scholarships are not awarded for books that we provide.

Skyward Family Access

Our high school uses Skyward, a system that parents and guardians have access allowing them to view their student's information and important dates during our academic year. Through Skyward, we also communicate important messages regarding school closures, events and reminders. Once you've received access and logged in, parent and/or guardians are **required** to review and update student information at the beginning of each school year. This also allows families to update student demographics if needed. We appreciate your participation as this opportunity is only open until October 30th, 2018. Failure to update your record will disqualify you from being served by this school district.

[Skyward Family Access](#), also located on the High School Programs webpage under Quick Links. If you do not recall your login or password information you may request to reset your password.

If you are having issues receiving notification emails, please add highschoolprograms@lwtech.edu to your email contacts or address book, sometimes emails can get sent to junk or spam mail.

If you need assistance in logging into Skyward, please look at the attached instructions at the end of this newsletter.

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Lake Washington Technical Academy will administer the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA), by November 10, to any students who need them to complete their High School Graduation Pathway. Please note that the SBA is normally given in spring. The spring 2021 tests were postponed until fall of 2021. LWTA students will take the grade 10 exams in ELA and Math. Students looking for more information about the content of the tests should read this: [Fall 2021 Test Design \(www.k12.wa.us\)](http://www.k12.wa.us). There will be a second testing opportunity in Spring 2022.

LWTA Advisors will work with students to determine which students need to take the SBA, and LWTA staff will ensure a testing environment that meets LWTech's COVID-19 guidelines for in-person activities. See continually updated information about those guidelines here: [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information and Resources | Lake Washington Institute of Technology \(lwtech.edu\)](#)

New Staff

What's good LWTech High School Programs community! I am honored and delighted to serve as your new counselor. Your goals are my goals. As a counselor, my role is to help students develop the mindsets and behaviors that contribute to success (we are all developing in one area or another!). I will also meet with you as you develop your education plan and select your classes. I am one member of a team of go-to-people here for you as you navigate your academic, career, and social/emotional growth.



I come to LWTech from my hometown of Riverside, CA. For the past twelve years I worked at Riverside City College in a variety of roles, including high school Site Director (aka Principal), high school Dean of Students, and Counselor. I have a master's degree in Educational Counseling from California State University, San Bernardino, and a bachelor's degree in Psychology from California Polytechnic University, Pomona.

I have also spent a lot of time traveling and love to chat about places and cultures and music. I have been to 30 states and 19 countries and still have so much to learn and see and do. I am here with humility ready to share, learn, and grow with you all!

Advising Load

- Academy / Direct Entry
 - A-C: Jessica Kruse
 - D-K: Brenda Forsse
 - L-Z: Reinhart Earhart
- Open Doors
 - A-E: Jessica Kruse
- F-K: Brenda Forsse
- L-Z: Reinhart Earhart
- Running Start
 - A-N: An Chu
 - O-Z: Dana Nasby
- Underage Enrollment: Tuan Dang

Legend Links

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| • An Chu | an.chu@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |
| • Reinhart Earhart | reinhart.earhart@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |
| • Brenda Forsse | brenda.forsse@lwtech.edu | |
| • Jessica Kruse | jessica.kruse@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |
| • Dana Nasby | dana.nasby@lwtech.edu | Schedule an appointment |

Emergency Alerts

The college's [Omnilert system](#) is capable of sending emergency notifications instantly and simultaneously to all registered mobile phones, wireless PDAs, pagers, smartphones, satellite phones, and email addresses. Please visit [Omnilert](#) to register for the flash alert system.

Note: The Lake Washington Technical Academy is not part of the Lake Washington School District and does not follow their closure system. Please refer to LWTech's website to find out if the campus is closed for any reason.

Important Dates

- September 23 and 27 – October 1, 9:00 am – 3 pm – Book Pick-up
- September 27 – first day of Fall quarter
- October 4 - Quarterly Scholarship due
- October 5, 6 pm – HOP session register [here](#)
- October 18, no school – Faculty Professional Development
- November 2, no school – Advising Day for Winter **and** Spring quarter
- November 11, no school – Veterans' Day
- November 25 & 26, no school – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 10 – Last day of Fall quarter
- January 3 – First day of Winter quarter

Do You Have Questions? Contact Us.

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