

A Message from the President

Welcome to Lakeland Community College!

It's always an exciting time at Lakeland, a vibrant campus dedicated to impacting lives through learning. Our mission is "to provide quality learning opportunities to meet the social and economic needs of the community."

Lakeland offers a quality education at an affordable price. You can earn an associate's degree and then transfer to a four-year college or university, which will save you thousands of dollars on your college education. You can enroll in our career training programs to gain immediate employment in high-demand fields. You can take classes to learn new skills that you need to obtain a better job or to advance in your current career. You can take noncredit classes for professional development and personal enrichment. Whatever your interests, we offer opportunities to start your academic or professional lives at Lakeland, with many possibilities after your time here.

We take pride in focusing on access, affordability, and success. As a community college, we are an open access institution, and offer opportunities for everyone. Our cost per credit hour is comparable to other community colleges in the region and the state, and certainly lower than four-year universities. Our success rates in retention, persistence, and completion are comparable to, or higher than, other community colleges.

As a community college, we are, by definition, community-centric. We value College Credit Plus, an important avenue for high school students to obtain college credits, contributing to access and affordability. We offer great amenities and services to the community, including up-to-date athletic facilities, a dental hygiene clinic, and a first-class child care center. For those interested in the performing arts, we have a remarkable community-focused Civic Music Program. These are among the opportunities and programs that make us the community's college.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in your lives and improve the quality of life in our community. Thank you for considering Lakeland for your educational, career development, or personal fulfillment journey.

With best regards,

Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.
President