

A Message from the President

Welcome to Lakeland Community College!

You now join the ranks of thousands of people who have come here to get a great start on a college education or a good career. Since 1967, Lakeland has awarded more than 31,000 degrees along with thousands of certificates.

Many of you are here to earn an associate degree so you can transfer to a four-year college or university. By starting college at Lakeland first, you will save thousands of dollars on your college education. We pride ourselves in providing a quality education at an affordable price.

We know you might have barriers such as cost, time or personal obligations. That's why we work hard to keep tuition low, offer more online classes, and provide weekend and evening options for working adults.

Some of you may choose to pursue career-training programs to gain immediate employment in high-demand fields, or you may enroll in classes to learn new skills to obtain a better job and advance your career.

Another thing we take pride in is our accessibility. For those who live in eastern Lake County, Lakeland East in Madison now offers students the ability to earn full Associate of Arts and/or Associate of Science degrees

When you are done with your studies at Lakeland, staying close to home to earn a bachelor's degree may be important to you. If that is the case, Lakeland's Holden University Center makes bachelor's degree programs accessible from a variety of leading colleges and universities. You can stay near, but still go far in your education.

Regardless of the reason why you chose to come to Lakeland, you'll find that we have a "students first" culture here. Our goal is to see you reach your educational goals.

Once you get underway in your classes, you might find that you need a little extra help to understand the coursework. I encourage you to take advantage of the learning center on campus where you can get free tutoring in a variety of subjects. We truly want you to succeed and we've put many resources in place to assist you along the way. Please don't hesitate to reach out – whether it's the library, men's or women's center, financial aid – our friendly staff is ready to help you stay focused, learn new things, and make the most of your Lakeland experience.

We are grateful and honored that you've allowed Lakeland to play a key role in your lives.

On behalf of Lakeland's board of trustees, faculty and staff, we wish you all the best on your college journey.

Morris W. Beverage Jr., EDM
President