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Chris Choudeir – Science and Bio-Medical Sciences Instructor  
Dan Van Eperen – Humanities Instructor

Jon Larson – Engineering and Manufacturing Instructor  
Kevin Pratt – School to Career Liaison and Counselor  
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## Student Spotlight: Claire Vandenheuvel



Claire is a current senior in the Health Sciences pathway. She has been involved in a plethora of activities during her tenure in the L.C.C.P.A. Her involvement includes: Key Club (president), National Honor Society (president), Student Council, Mustang Mentoring, basketball, track, cross country, and academic bowl. Claire is also heavily interested in her church-St. John's parish. Recently, a conversation with Claire revealed the following:

### **What surprised you most about being a student in the LCCPA?**

I was amazed at how much the career component exposed me to the unbelievable number of career opportunities in the healthcare field.

### **What was your initial draw to the LCCPA?**

The individualized learning opportunities and the extensive career exploration opportunities.

### **What experiences stand out during your time in the LCCPA?**

Project lead the way, partner breakfast, the overall learning approach which enabled me to explore my interests (particularly in the science area with Mr. Choudeir).

### **What do you miss out on by not being in Little Chute High School?**

Pretty much nothing.

### **What misconceptions about the LCCPA have you needed to clarify to friends, family etc.?**

- The belief that charter school students hang out a lot, but we are held to the highest academic standards.
- The belief that charter school students have easier grading which isn't true because we have to continue working on the curriculum until we master it.
- The charter school is just for students who struggle academically. Quite honestly, we have a broad range of student abilities and as a student who places her academics at the top of her priority list, I have found the charter school curriculum both engaging and challenging.

### **What regrets do you have about your experience in the LCCPA?**

I don't really have any. I have been extremely lucky to be part of the LCCPA.

### **What words of wisdom do you have for future LCCPA students?**

Take advantage of everything that the LCCPA has to offer and immerse yourself in the opportunities offered through L.C.H.S. Have fun and take the time to enjoy your four years.

### **What does the future hold for you?**

I will attend a four year university majoring in biology, molecular biology or some science related program. I want to attend medical school and pursue a career as an ophthalmologist. I also want to become a global volunteer. My school choices are narrowed down to: Madison, Marquette, Notre Dame, Washington University and Vanderbilt.

Claire is the daughter of Lynn and Dave VandenHeuvel and she has three siblings (Mitch, Will and Charlie)

## New Staff: Jon Larson

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This past summer, Mr. Jon Larson became the newest addition to the LCCPA family when he was hired as the Academy Technology and Engineering instructor. Mr. Larson has been teaching Technology and Engineering since 2006, and is a 2000 graduate of Little Chute High School. Mr. Larson earned his BS of Technology Education from UW-Stout and, after student teaching, moved to Rawlins, WY to start his career. Mr. Larson is certified to teach the PLTW courses offered at LCCPA, and has also founded a new chapter of SkillsUSA at the school.

“Technology and Engineering education is important to all students. My teaching style is to get students involved in what we are doing, hands on and experience the process or skill we are learning. It allows them to see how things around them have been made and how those things impact their lives and society. I am excited at the opportunity to share my enthusiasm and knowledge with the students of the LCCPA.”

We are excited to have such a skilled and experienced addition to our staff!

## Partner Spotlight: Plexus

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On November 11<sup>th</sup>, the LCCPA first year Engineering and Manufacturing students made their annual trek to Plexus in Neenah. Blair Plamann and Matt Fredrich did a phenomenal job of describing the background of Plexus and all of the career opportunities available in the company. After receiving a company overview, factory manager Tim Brown gave the students an extensive tour of manufacturing floor. Students were able to see manufacturing in a completely different environment than they had on previous tours.

As Mack Hooyman stated, “It was cool to see the working environment for the employees. The shop is always kept at 72 degrees and 38% humidity so the products stay working. Seeing such a large organization that has such a large impact on a lot of the technology we use today was incredible.”

Cokle Hawkins summarized why the Plexus tour really stuck out to the students. “I think that the Tour guides did a great job with the tour and they also related things to our personal lives which made it more interesting. We got to try out one of the products which was the Coca Cola Free Style machine. They also told us about some explosives and the super computer that they worked on.” The opportunity for students to make this kind of connection to a real world environment is an invaluable part of their education.

As always, we are extremely grateful to the individuals who took time out of their busy day to make this experience possible!

## Important Upcoming Dates

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Monday, January 12 <sup>th</sup>	LCCPA 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Preview Day	ALL DAY
Sunday, January 18 <sup>th</sup>	LCCPA Family Preview Night	[6:00 – 7:30 PM, LCHS Auditorium]
Tuesday Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	LCCPA Advisory Board Meeting	[3:30-4:30 PM]
Thursday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	LCCPA Partner Breakfast	[7:30 - 9:30 AM]
Wednesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	LCCPA Advisory Board Meeting	[3:30-4:30 PM]