

***Letter from President Dr. Jill A. Murray***

To the Lackawanna College and Peirce College Communities,

I'm pleased to share that as of today, July 1, 2025, Lackawanna College and Peirce College have legally merged and completed the first of two required steps of the Department of Education

integration. It's hard to believe a year has passed since we announced plans to join our historic institutions. Over the last year, leadership from both institutions have been hard at work preparing for a seamless integration that meets the needs of our students, faculty and staff.

Together, the new Falcon family shares an impressive designation: we are now the largest private, open-enrollment institution in the state of Pennsylvania. That's certainly something to celebrate!

When we first explored this merger, we quickly discovered that Lackawanna and Peirce share the same core belief in the transformative value of education. What we've learned over the last year has only reaffirmed our decision to join forces. It takes innovative thinking to meet the needs of today's students. We must be willing to disrupt traditional approaches to flourish. As one institution, we will be stronger, deeper, and better poised for future growth.

The Lackawanna team remains committed to providing all the necessary support, resources, and assistance for Peirce students, staff, and faculty during this transition and beyond. Students from both institutions can rest assured that there will be no interruption to your education or experience. Instead, you will now have even more opportunities at your fingertips – from a diverse portfolio of programs to new degree pathways.

The Lackawanna College community knows how I sign off my emails, and I'm thrilled to invite the Peirce community in to share our common language — We've got this!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jill A. Murray

President, Lackawanna College