



Lincoln Postal Customer Council NEWSLETTER

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The Lincoln Postal Customer Council, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, would like to invite you and members of your company to attend our upcoming event:

2020 Vision

Thursday, November 14, 2019



The Postal Service has proposed a price increase for January 26, 2020 and Jon Zvolanek will provide details on the impact to each mail class and shipping class. Postmaster Kerry Kowalski will also provide current information on the State of the United States Postal Service and an update on local changes you can expect in 2020 and how they may affect you and your business.



**Please plan to attend this informative
Lincoln Postal Customer Council Luncheon!
Register today, space may be limited!
No membership required, all are welcome.**

Luncheon location: Valentino's Grand Buffet (70th and Van Dorn, Lincoln)

Registration: 11:00 - 11:30 am ♦ Lunch Buffet: 11:30 am ♦ Program: Noon

Program and All You Can Eat Buffet (over 150 items to choose from): \$16.00

Advanced registration is required by Thursday, November 7th, 2019.

**Questions? Please call Lorre Wobig at 402-473-1602.
You may register online at www.lincolnpcc.com**

Postmaster's Update: Postmaster General Retiring



Postmaster General Megan J. Brennan announced she will be retiring the U.S. Postal Service, effective Jan. 31, 2020. The following is a statement from her:

When I was appointed Postmaster General, I made a commitment to the Board of Governors that I would serve for five years and it has been

my absolute honor to do so. I feel a deep responsibility to this organization and to its future. The advance notice of my retirement will allow the board adequate time to conduct an executive search, select the next Postmaster General and ensure a seamless transition.

I have confidence in the future of the Postal Service. We play a vital and indispensable role in the United States economy and to every American home, business and community. Our governors are committed to strengthening the organization and their judgment and stewardship will help the Postal Service find a financially sustainable path.

We can take pride in our collective achievements: investing in the future and positioning the organization for success, speeding the

pace of innovation, better engaging and empowering our workforce, and driving efficiency throughout our enterprise. Despite the constraints on our business, we have shaped a brighter future for the Postal Service, while remaining a responsible employer, and always putting the customer at the center of our strategies.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service with whom I have had the privilege to work over the course of my 33-year career. You embody the spirit of public service, you earn the trust of the American people every day, and you continually reinforce my reverence for this institution and my abiding belief in our mission.

You have my commitment that during the remaining months of my tenure, I will remain focused on those strategies that we can effect to better serve our customers and to make the Postal Service financially stable. Know that I will play through the whistle.

Thank you for keeping your focus on serving our customers, the American public, both now and into the future.

KERRY KOWALSKI- LINCOLN POSTMASTER

LPCC Company Profile: Central Community College

Central Community College, established in 1966, is a multi-campus community college serving a 25-county area in central Nebraska. CCC offers 36 career and technical education programs with a focus on degree, diploma and certificate programs requiring two years or less to complete. Central is the best choice for students to achieve their educational goals, for developing a skilled workforce and for advancing communities.



The enrollment for the fall 2019 semester is 6,212, which comprises of students taking courses at the campuses and centers and through distance learning. 92 percent of CCC graduates are employed full-time within our 25-county service area, and approximately \$2.8 million have been awarded in scholarships.

2019 Mailers Workshop

The Lincoln Postal Customer Council held the 2019 Mailers Workshop on September 24, 2019. There were 65 attendees at the half-day event that was held at Southeast Community College Education center. Sharon Owens, acting vice president of Sales was our featured speaker to kick off the event.



There were eight different breakout sessions including Non-Profit mailings, Non-Profit marketing, mailing packages, Informed Delivery for marketers, creating and measuring success of Informed Delivery campaigns. There were also 2 sessions on stress and keeping a work life balance.

The Lincoln Postal Customer Council also won a 2019 Premier PCC Platinum recognition award for being such a great PCC. Congratulations to the Lincoln Post Office, Lincoln PCC and all of the PCC members!

Mail Collection Policy

Due to federal security regulations and U.S. export laws, DO NOT DEPOSIT the following items in the collection boxes:

- Any mailpiece over one-half inch thick that uses postage stamps
- Any mailpiece that weighs more than 10 oz and uses postage stamps
- Any mailpiece with a customs declaration form that was not completed and submitted online
- Any mailpiece that requires a customs declaration form and uses postage stamps

You must present these items for shipment to a USPS employee at a retail service counter at a Post Office location. Failure to comply may result in the return of your mailpiece.

Keep the mail Safe! Do not mail prohibited dangerous goods or hazardous materials.



2019 Holiday Shipping Deadlines

The U.S. Postal Service announced the 2019 holiday mailing and shipping deadlines for domestic and international destinations as customers begin to prepare for the busy shopping and shipping season. Customers are encouraged to ship early.

To ensure timely delivery of cards, letters and packages within the United States by Dec. 25, the Postal Service recommends that customers ship their items by the following dates:

Dec. 14 - USPS Retail Ground

Ground service for less-than-urgent deliveries and oversized packages.

Dec. 20 - First Class Mail

Service for standard-sized, single-piece

envelopes and small packages weighing up to 13 ounces with delivery in 3 business days or less.

Dec. 21 - Priority Mail

Domestic service in 1, 2, or 3 business days based on where the package starts and where it's being sent. Includes variety of Flat Rate options.

Dec. 23 - Priority Mail Express

Fastest domestic service, with guaranteed overnight scheduled delivery to most locations. Some restrictions and exceptions apply. Please note, Priority Mail Express postage refund eligibility is adjusted for shipments mailed Dec. 22 through Dec. 25.

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LPCC Member Profile: Aaron Frederick Lead Coordinator – Mail for Ameritas



Aaron Frederick, lucky winner of the 2020 National Postal Forum Registration drawing at the LPCC Workshop, is the Lead Coordinator – Mail for Ameritas. Aaron started with Ameritas as a messenger 21 years ago and has worked every job in the mail processing system for the company. Courier, Shipping/Receiving, Agency Mail Coordinator, Inserter Operator, etc. have all led to his current role where he is in charge of day to day operations and responsible for all mail/shipments in and out of the building.

Aaron is a lifelong Lincoln native and he and his wife Angie have three children. Twin boys, Braxton and Reid and daughter Piper, are all members of Lincoln Select Swimming, keeping the entire family busy going to swim practices and meets on weekend. Taking their two rescue dogs on walks and time spent exercising, reading and listening to music fills up the rest of Aaron's busy schedule.

Aaron joined the LPCC to help with personal and professional growth. Being proactive in keeping up with changes in the industry and networking with peers doing similar work is part of the value he receives from the LPCC. Meeting USPS representatives is another important aspect of the LPCC. He feels that meeting face to face and building a working relationship with USPS is valuable to him and his company.

Innovating the Journey 2020 National Postal Forum

The National Postal Forum (NPF) is the premier mailing and shipping conference that works directly with the United States Postal Service (USPS) to provide the most comprehensive educational and networking platform available. Offering 100+ educational workshops, USPS Officer-led sessions and the largest industry trade show, the NPF offers the ideal opportunity for industry professionals to learn, collaborate and grow their business.

Join us **April 26-29, 2020** at the beautiful Orlando World Center Marriott in Orlando, Florida. Mark your calendar and be part of the mailing and shipping's largest industry event. Registration details can be found at www.NPF.org.



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Nebraska Outdoor Education Center

05/14/20
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Union Bank and Trust

10/20
National PCC Week
Southeast Community College Continuing Education Center

11/12/20
LPCC Quarterly Luncheon
Valentino's Grand Buffet

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03/2020
Quarterly meeting
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