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LCC Student of the Month for Oct. 2014

Parsons, KS- Student Support Services, of Labette Community College, announces the October Student of the Month, Marilyn Taylor, of Frontenac, KS. Taylor is a Secondary Education major who anticipates completing her degree at LCC in May of 2015. In addition to being an active member of SSS, Taylor has completed all the requirements to earn an associate degree in Elementary Education at LCC as well.



"I plan to continue with my current job working as a para-educator in the special education field at USD 249 Frontenac Jr. High," Taylor said. "I then plan to continue my education at either Pittsburg State University or Fort Hays State University to earn my Bachelor's degree in Education." In her spare time, Taylor is involved with the Frontenac Education Foundation's Festa Italiana, an annual event that raises funds to provide scholarships for every Frontenac High School graduate who attends post-secondary school.

Marilyn credits the support received from her family and friends as her greatest educational inspiration. She had high praise for Tiffany

Phillips, Education program advisor, and Rikke Mitchell, SSS academic advisor, saying that each had been essential to her success as a student at LCC. SSS has played a key role in Marilyn's education as well, she noted, "SSS has always been there when I needed anything. From book loans, to equipment loans, all I need to do is call and if they can do it, it is done."

Student Support Services is a TRIO Program funded by the United States Department of Education to improve the persistence, transfer, and graduation rates of first-generation and income-eligible college students at LCC. Student Support Services serves 215 students each year with an annual budget of \$300,916.