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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Class of 2025,

Let me be among the first to congratulate you on achieving this major milestone. As LTCC celebrates its 50th graduating class, you can be proud to stand alongside the many Coyotes who came before you. From LTCC's humble beginnings in a Highway 50 motel to today's vibrant campus, we wouldn't be "Coyote Country" without students like you.

Education has never been more important. Whether you're transferring to a four-year college or using your credential to advance your career, the knowledge you've gained will serve you for life. Whatever the future holds, today marks the beginning of your next chapter toward building a better tomorrow.

LTCC's leadership, faculty, and staff hope your time here has been meaningful. May you leave with a deep appreciation for how education can change lives. As LTCC looks to the next 50 graduating classes, know that the Class of 2025 has left its mark and raised the bar for those to come.

You will always have a home at LTCC. We'll be here to support your future ambitions and hope to hear about the lives you change and the spirits you uplift. As a proud Coyote alum, I invite you to join us at Alumni Weekend this August 8–10, where we can celebrate again.

LTCC graduates, we wish you the very best in your next steps. LTCC has prepared you to succeed, and I hope it inspires you to make the world better. We believe in you. The future is already brighter because of what you've achieved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff DeFranco".

Jeff DeFranco
Superintendent/President



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Joe Irvin

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ABOUT THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

JOE IRVIN

Joe Irvin, LTCC alumnus, is the City Manager for the City of South Lake Tahoe and has been since May 2020. Before that, he was the Assistant City Manager for the Cities of Healdsburg, California, and Sequim, Washington. Joe truly loves working for local government, especially in one of his favorite places on earth – South Lake Tahoe, and values having the opportunity to build teams that improve the quality of life for the communities he serves.



Early in his career as a city planner, he learned how to work with elected and appointed bodies to gain common ground and understanding while solving problems and leading with passion. Throughout his career, he has presented nationally on the topic of organizational leadership.

Joe is the first to be featured in Lake Tahoe Community College's 50 Awesome Alumni recognition. He graduated in 2003 after three years of study at LTCC, then transferred to California State University, Channel Islands, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He went on to receive a Master of Public Administration from Evergreen State College in Washington State. He later completed an executive management program at the University of Virginia's Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

LTCC holds a special place in Joe's heart, and he is grateful to have the opportunity to present the commencement speech to his alma mater. He believes that graduating from LTCC means "you can go anywhere," as the Coyotes are Small but Mighty!

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























































































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















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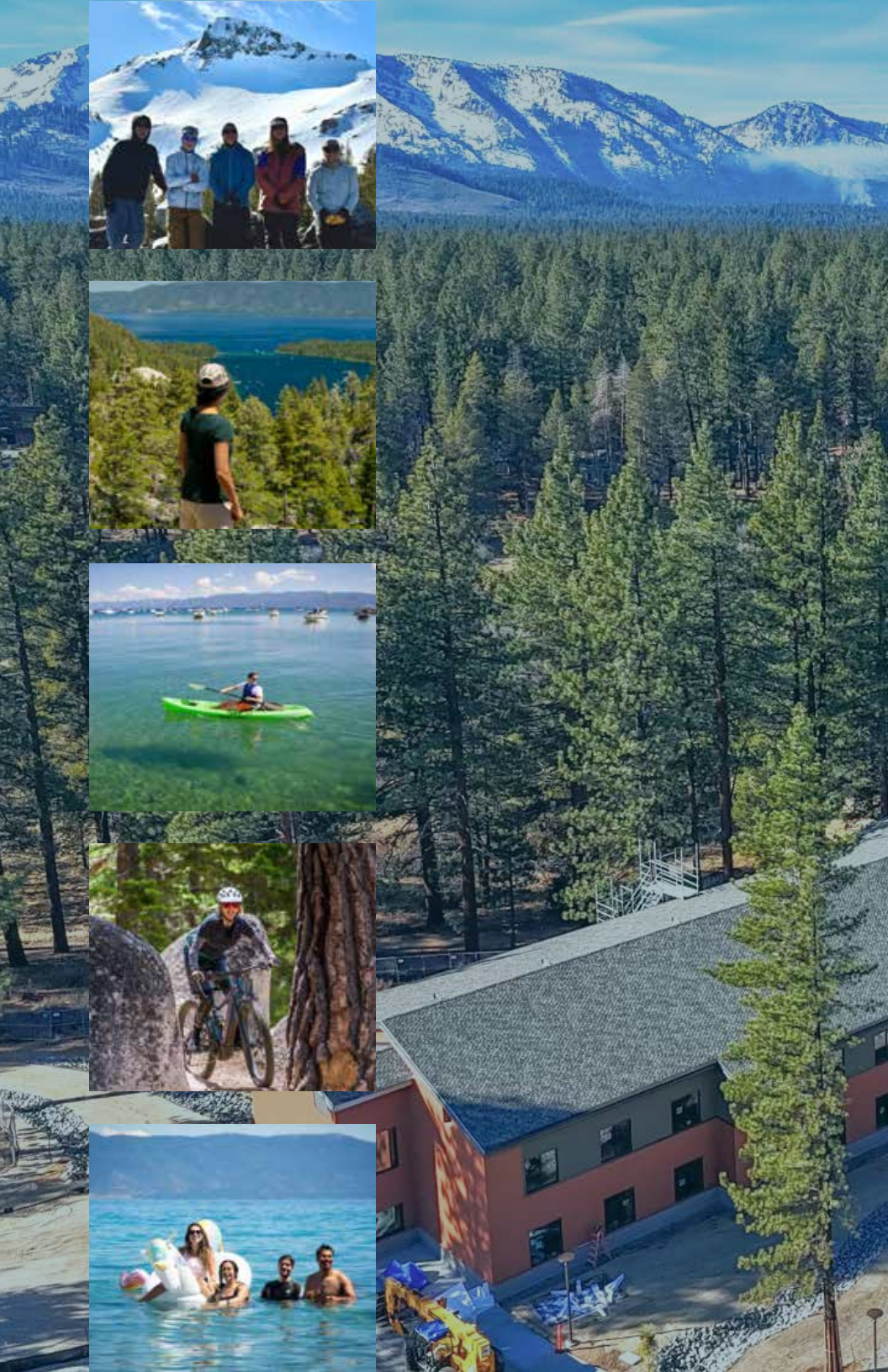


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