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### LCC Student of the Month for February 2014

*Parsons, KS-* Student Support Services of Lafayette Community College, announces the February 2014 Student of the Month, Marleah Phillips, of Parsons. Phillips is a Nursing major who anticipates graduating in May of 2016.



“After graduating from LCC,” Phillips said, “I plan to continue my education and earn my Bachelor of Science in Nursing.”

Marleah credits her family’s support of her educational goals, saying, “My entire family is very supportive of me getting my education. My 5 year old daughter Aubree inspires me to want to better our lives by getting a degree.” Phillips also spoke highly of Kelly Kirkpatrick, Student Support Services Director, and Sam Jack, Student Support Services Academic Advisor and Math Coordinator, “I would say Kelly and Sam have played very important roles in my success as a student. I have come to them with all of my questions and they are very helpful in helping me find my answers.” Phillips added, “It is obvious that both of them have my best interest in mind and are always willing to lend

a helping hand.”

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 204 students each year with an annual budget of \$285,178.