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Student Support Services, of Labette Community College, announces the May Student of the Month, Alicia Spradling, of Oswego, KS. Spradling is a Nursing major who will earn her associate degree from LCC this May. In her time at LCC, Spradling has been selected as a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of the two-year college and serves as a student representative of the Kansas Association of Nursing Students. Spradling said of her plans upon graduation from LCC, “I intend to continue my education at Pittsburg State University to earn my Bachelor’s degree in Nursing, while working as a Registered Nurse.”

Alicia says her family inspires her to excel and succeed. In 1995, Spradling left college to raise her family. “Now that my children have grown, I have resumed my dream of becoming a Registered Nurse. My family has been so supportive and encouraging during this process,” Spradling said.

Spradling also spoke fondly of the faculty and staff of the LCC Nursing Program, “Amanda Addis, Kim Beachner, Delynna Bohnenblust, and Sherry Simpson have been essential to my success.” She continued, “[Returning to] LCC was a turning point in my life. I was apprehensive going back to college since I was a non-traditional student, but LCC welcomed me with open arms. I couldn’t ask for anything better!”

Alicia counts the SSS staff among her greatest support during her time at LCC, saying, “They’ve been an essential attribute to my success here at LCC. They have laughed with me, cried with me, and just been the best friend on campus that knew I could always turn to for whatever I needed.” She continued, “I also want to thank Cathy Hyten, Sam Jack, Kelly Kirkpatrick, and Rebecca Roach for always being so supportive of me.”

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.