



## Office of the President Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.

Dear Faculty,

Lakeland Community College is participating in the Trellis Student Financial Wellness Survey this fall. We last participated in this survey during the fall of 2021. This free survey is conducted by the nonprofit Trellis Strategies to help institutions understand the financial wellness issues their students face.

This survey asks our students questions about their experiences and opinions concerning how they pay for college as well as other financial matters. The data and aggregate reporting Lakeland will receive from Trellis informs our understanding of our students' financial wellbeing, which in turn may inform programming and conversations regarding fundraising and community engagement when advocating for resources.

Students will receive an announcement tomorrow from the Office of Institutional Research. They will receive their invitation to participate from Trellis on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The survey will close on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Students who complete the survey will be entered into a national drawing to win a \$50 Amazon gift card (Trellis is giving away 50 total gift cards).

Faculty support can dramatically impact student participation. A brief announcement from you to students regarding the survey will go a long way in encouraging students to participate. My thanks to you for your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, please visit <https://www.trellisstrategies.org/sfws/> or email Survey Coordinator, Angel James at [ajames14@lakelandcc.edu](mailto:ajames14@lakelandcc.edu).

Warm regards,

**Sunil Ahuja, Ph.D.**  
President