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GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT KUBATZKE

By the time this publication arrives in mailboxes we will be welcoming new and returning students back to our campuses. Many are emerging from a challenging year of remote learning, and our staff and faculty are ecstatic to be greeting students in-person once again. Other students are happily opting to remain online and off-campus. Either way, we're confident in our ability to provide a great education by any delivery method and we're grateful for the opportunity to offer a variety of choices to fit each student's needs.



This year is especially remarkable because students are receiving their education for FREE! Thanks to new state and federal funding sources and the generosity of our donors, we were able to waive tuition and fees for all students enrolled in the Fall and Spring semesters. We are inspired by the hundreds of families who are taking advantage of this incredible opportunity to achieve their dreams and we look forward to watching these students flourish in their education, and eventually their careers. My wife, Kim, and I can barely leave the house without meeting an LMC alum who is working in our community. It always fills my heart with pride.

The year marks the College's 75th anniversary, and while there is so much to look forward to in our future, it is useful to take a moment to ponder our past. During the following months we'll be celebrating the people, moments and milestones that make up LMC's history. It's astounding to see how far we've come thanks to a community that supports us and our mission. We appreciate you and look forward to continuing our growth together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Trevor A. Kubatzke,
Lake Michigan College President

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MISSION STATEMENT

Together we empower people and communities to thrive through education, innovation and experiences.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES



ACCOUNTABILITY

We hold ourselves accountable to our students, communities, professional standards, and each other.



CULTURE

We ensure our actions support the whole person through compassion and kindness.



DIVERSITY

We promote an inclusive environment by thoughtfully and intentionally engaging diversity in all its forms.



INTEGRITY

We conduct ourselves with integrity in all matters.



QUALITY

We provide the highest quality education and experiences possible.



SERVICE

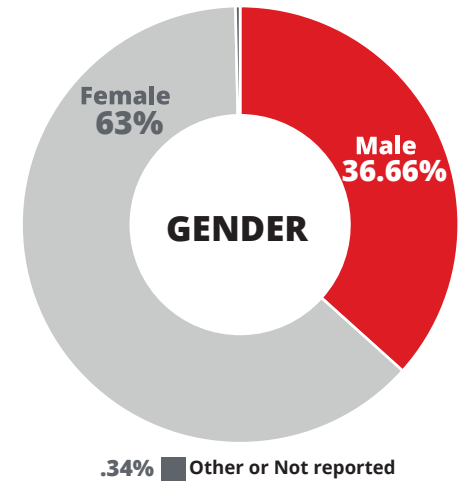
We strive to meet the needs of our students, employees, and communities.

By the Numbers

2020-2021 ENROLLMENT FACTS

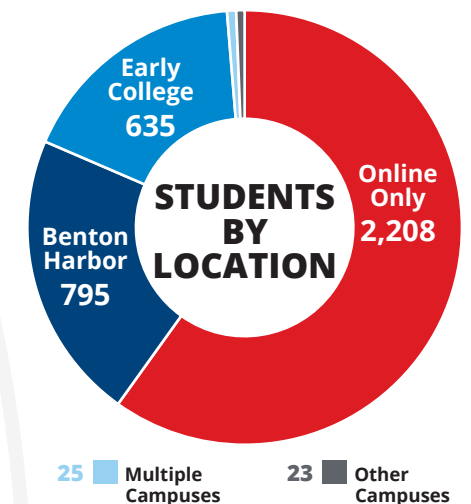
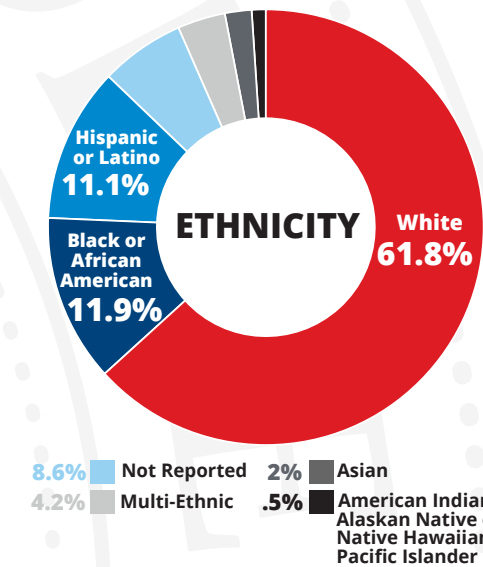
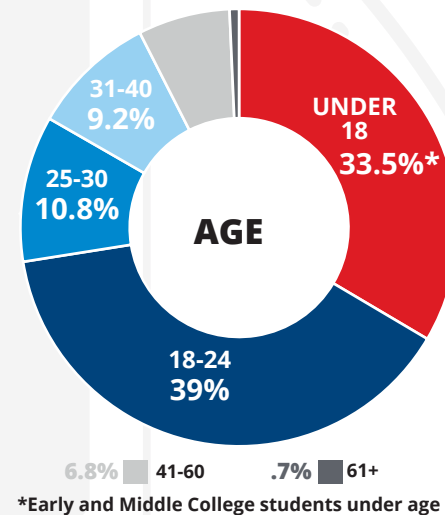
3,686
TOTAL STUDENTS

\$7,913,565
ALL AID & SCHOLARSHIP DOLLARS AWARDED TO LMC STUDENTS



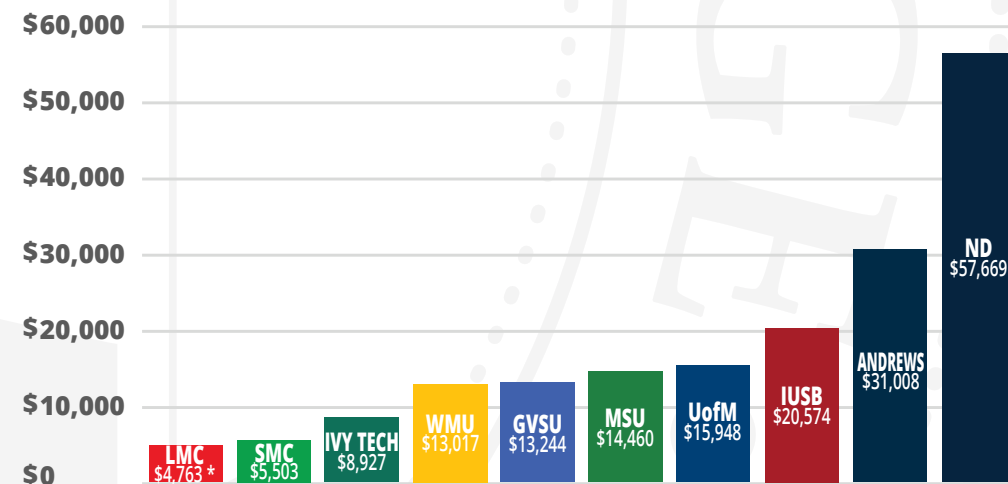
64.6%
STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED SOME FORM OF AID, SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS

\$350,708
SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED BY THE LMC FOUNDATION

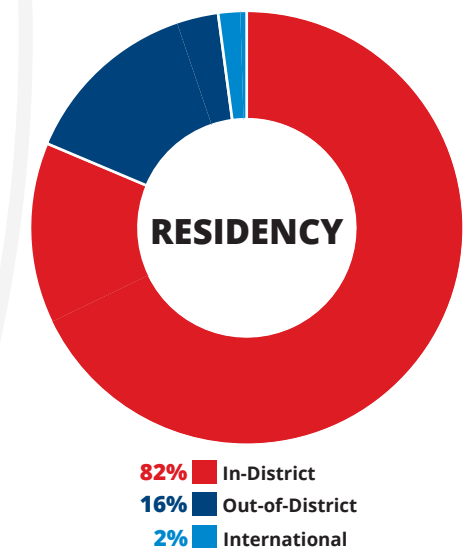


ANNUAL 2020-2021 TUITION AND FEES FOR MICHIGAN RESIDENTS

SOURCE: nces.ed.gov



*FREE FOR MOST STUDENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR



FREE TUITION PROGRAM AIDS NEW, RETURNING STUDENTS

Nathan Quao heard about Lake Michigan College's free tuition program sooner than most of his peers. That's because the Berrien Springs High School graduate is a work-study student in LMC's Financial Aid office.

"When they started talking about it in the office, I got excited," said Quao, who plans to graduate from LMC in Spring 2022.

"Instead of taking out a loan or spending money on tuition this year, I can now save that money for when I transfer to a four-year college."

Quao is among more than 2,000 students who have applied for free tuition under a new LMC program, which covers full tuition and course fees up to 30 credit hours during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters.

The opportunity, made possible by a combination of state and federal funds and scholarships through the LMC Foundation, is open to new and returning students seeking a degree, a certificate, or a short-term training program. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent.

"We started talking about how we can help our students get back to campus and some normalcy," LMC Vice President of Student Affairs Nygil Likely said. "We knew many students lost jobs during



LMC student Nathan Quao is one of more than 2,000 current and new students who have applied for the free tuition program for the Fall semester. The new program covers full tuition and course fees up to 30 credit hours during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 semesters.

the pandemic or had situations that made it too difficult to attend classes. We looked at the resources we had available to us through the Foundation and scholarships and also state and federal dollars allocated due to the pandemic and decided this was something we could offer at this time."

Both new and returning students must submit a FAFSA and complete the free tuition application to enroll in the program. New students must also complete the general admissions application. Students age 25 and older must complete an application for Michigan Reconnect, a state program that offers free community college tuition for students in that age group.

"We have certainly seen an increase in the number of general applications coming through," Interim Director of Admissions & Recruitment Sara Skinner said.

"The number of inquiries about this program and students contacting us from all around the country also has increased. We certainly see the buzz."

Likely said the state's Frontliners and Reconnect programs sparked the idea for free tuition. Those resources, as well as funding from private LMC scholarships and federal monies, made the free tuition program possible.

While programs such as Frontliners and Reconnect require students to be Michigan residents, other funding sources do not. That is why Likely encourages all students, both in-district and out, to fill out the free tuition application.

"There are some specific requirements, but we want to encourage everybody looking at this opportunity to apply," he said. "There are many avenues we can

STEPS TO APPLY

VISIT
lakemichigancollege.edu/free

- 1** If you're a new student, complete the admissions application
- 2** Submit a FAFSA
- 3** If you are 25 or older and a Michigan Resident complete a Michigan Reconnect application
- 4** Complete Lake Michigan College's free tuition program application

work with to help students during this time."

Quao, enrolled in chemistry and biology classes this Fall, has been spreading the word about the program to anyone who will listen.

"Education is everything," he said. "Most of the folks I talk to know this is a good opportunity for them, and they've been signing up because if it wasn't for free tuition, they might not be attending college at this point."

Students not enrolled at LMC this Fall can still apply for free tuition for the Spring semester.

"We want to meet the needs of our students within our community," Likely said. "This college is truly committed to this community and committed to the success of all of its residents. This is just another way we're demonstrating that commitment."

FREE TUITION FAQ

Who is eligible?

Michigan residents with a high school diploma/ high school equivalency who are enrolled in the Fall, 2021 or Spring, 2022 semesters as a degree-seeking student or in a short-term trainings program such as Truck Driving or CNA. Out of state students may be eligible for other funding.

Who is not eligible?

Guest students, Personal Interest, dual-enrolled or Early/Middle College students.

How is this funded?

LMC utilizes federal and state dollars and programs first. For example, the Pell Grant, TIP, LMC scholarships, Frontliner and/or Michigan Reconnect would be utilized before using HEERF funds

What is funded?

15 credit hours (and the contact hours associated with those credit hours) for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 for a total of 30 credit hours. The college will also cover course fees.

How do students qualify?

Students who meet eligibility criteria will need to file their 2021-2022 FAFSA and work through documents required for that and complete the application for free tuition.

What if I am in loan default?

Loan status will not prevent you from being funded. You do still need to go through the process of filing a 2021-2022 FAFSA and completing the free tuition application.

What if my aid has been taken away due to my GPA or completion rate; or officially not meeting the Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress policy?

You still qualify for free tuition. You will still need to file your 2021-2022 FAFSA, submit any needed documents and appeal for financial aid as well as complete the free tuition application.

What if I have past balance?

The college can assist students with paying past balances using federal dollars. Please indicate in the comment section on the free tuition application that you need assistance to cover a prior balance on your student account.

I have a prior degree-do I qualify for free tuition?

Yes. You need to be in a degree program or a short-term training program. You will need to complete your 2021-2022 FAFSA and any needed financial aid documents as well as the free tuition application.

Is out-of-district tuition covered?

Yes, all tuition rates are funded as long as students meet the eligibility criteria.

Who do I contact with further questions?

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Alumni from different decades reflect on Lake Michigan College's 75th anniversary and the impact the institution has had on their lives

Dr. Gladys Peeples Burks graduated from Benton Harbor High School in the Spring of 1946. That Fall, when Benton Harbor Junior College opened its doors for the first time, she saw the chance to fulfill her dream of going to college.

"I wanted to go to college, but I didn't quite have the money to go to Western, and Western was still quite segregated at that time," Peeples Burks said. "When the college opened in Benton Harbor, I thought this was a way for me to go to college, stay home and save money."

Armed with a \$50 scholarship, Peeples Burks, who is now 92 years old, took

evening classes held at the high school. In 1947, classes were extended to an old Quonset hut provided by The War Assets Administration, and a year later to the 1860s Central School on Pipestone Avenue. Peeples Burks took her final classes there in 1948 to earn an associate degree in arts and sciences as part of Benton Harbor Junior College's first graduating class.

That institution, now known as Lake Michigan College, has undergone many changes since that first Fall. Now, as LMC marks its 75th anniversary, Peeples Burks, along with a panel of fellow alumni, including sister Barbara Peeples '61, James Ellis '72, Gloria Ender '90, and Kevin Miller '01, reflect on their time at the college

through the decades and the common threads that bind them all.

What drove your initial decision to attend LMC?

Barbara Peeples: I was not a serious student in high school. I knew if I went away to school, I wouldn't study the way I was supposed to. Being home gave me a good foundation. I had freedom, but I also had my mom looking over my shoulder, which I needed. Many of my friends needed that, too, because they went away to school, and they all came back and took classes with me at Benton Harbor Junior College.

Kevin Miller: LMC has been part of my family for my entire life. In fact, my parents met at LMC and both graduated from LMC. Many of my friends and family attended LMC and had a great experience with promising careers. I had proof that LMC would provide a solid foundation for my college experience, and future career, so the idea of staying local and saving a lot of money was a perfect fit for me.

Gloria Ender: We lived in Saugatuck. There were seven kids in my family. My sister and I were dating brothers at the time, so we moved to be closer to them. I always wanted to be a teacher, but I was shy, and I lacked confidence. I thought I would try it out. LMC was a place I could start my education and still work.

James Ellis: I wasn't ready for a big college experience. I wanted to go to a

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OUR ALUMNI PANEL

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Dr. Gladys Peeples Burks '48, left, is a member of LMC's first graduating class. She received both bachelor's and master's degrees from Western Michigan University and her doctorate from Michigan State University. She was the first African American to be hired and trained as an operator at Michigan Bell, where she worked for more than 20 years. She also worked in Benton Harbor Area Schools as a teacher, principal, administrator overseeing compensatory and state and federal programs, and a school board member. She has been a member of the board of directors or advisory committess of two dozen community programs, including Calling All Colors, Race Relations Council, and LMC's Alumni Association Board. Among those endeavors Peeples-Burks is most appreciative of her role as the first African-American to serve on the Board of Directors of Chemical Shoreline Bank and her current role as a member of the Board of Directors of the Region 4 Area Agency on Aging.

After graduating from Lake Michigan College, **Barbara Peeples '61**, right, earned both bachelor's and master's degrees at Western Michigan University. She taught in Benton Harbor Area Schools for 40 years and was an instrumental part of the gifted and talented education programs, retiring in 2003. Like her older sister, she has been a member of numerous community organizations, including Calling All Colors, Race Relations Council, and LMC's Alumni Association Board.



James Ellis '72 earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Grand Valley State, and juris doctor at Notre Dame Law School. As a lawyer, he worked for Exxon, ARCO, and Qatar Petroleum before returning to LMC. He was an academic advisor and retired in 2013 as Director of Student Services at LMC's Niles campus. He continues to teach political science classes at LMC as part-time faculty.



Gloria Ender '90 earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education at Indiana University South Bend. She worked as a bilingual teacher at Sylvester Elementary, and is the owner and CEO of Freedom Finishing. She's a board member for the Southwest Michigan Tri-County Manufacturing Coalition, Cornerstone Alliance Women's Business Center, Berrien Community Foundation, and is current board chair for the LMC Foundation.



Kevin Miller '01 earned a bachelor's degree in finance and accounting at Western Michigan. He is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in the state of Michigan, a Certified Financial Planner and a Certified Private Wealth Advisor. He is a partner and financial advisor at TruNorth Capital Management, LLC in Kalamazoo, and is the current chair of LMC's Alumni Association Board of Directors.



CELEBRATING 75 YEARS AT LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE

1940s

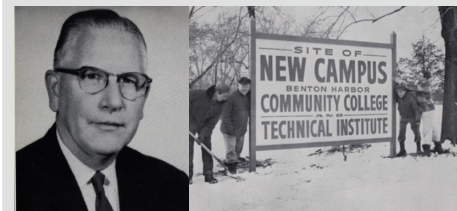


Following World War II, Sidney Mitchell, superintendent of Benton Harbor public schools, recognizes the need to provide a college education to returning veterans. In an election held on June 10, 1946, Benton Harbor voters approve a plan to begin their own junior college.

On Sept. 9, 1946, the Junior College of Benton Harbor opens its doors. Classes are held in the evening at Benton Harbor High School.

In 1948, the college relocates to the 1860s Central School on Pipestone Avenue in Benton Harbor. The first graduating class's Commencement exercises are held on Sunday, May 30 at the Benton Harbor High School auditorium.

1950s



In 1954, Dr. Clarence Beckwith becomes the college's first President.

On May 4, 1954, Benton Harbor Junior College is renamed Benton Harbor Community College and Technical Institute (CCTI) by the Benton Harbor Board of Education.

The 1953-54 men's basketball team places first in the Michigan Conference of Junior Colleges and fourth in the National Conference.

In 1959, the new campus located at 715 East Britain Avenue opens at a cost of \$260,000.

1960s



In 1962, Dr. Robert E. Lahti, is named the second president of Benton Harbor Community College and Technical Institute.

On July 1, 1964, CCTI becomes an independent institution and is renamed Lake Michigan College (LMC), expanding to serve the county-wide district.

In 1966, Dr. Robert H. Plummer becomes LMC's third president. In 1967, Dr. James L. Lehman becomes the fourth president.

In 1967, Chicago architectural firm Harry Weese & Associates is hired to plan a new \$8 million campus on Napier Avenue in Benton Harbor. By October 1968, Phase I of the new campus is completed. The central structure contained classrooms, faculty offices, the library, a bookstore, and the student union.

1970s



By April 1971, Phase II of construction is completed including two large lecture halls, a planetarium, gymnasium, a health education center, and additional faculty and administrative offices. The third and final construction phase is completed in 1974.

In 1975, WLMC, a student-run radio station, begins broadcasting on campus.

In 1976, LMC receives \$218,366 from the federally funded Basic Education Opportunity Grant program. It's the largest grant in history up to that point.

In 1978, Dr. Walter Browe becomes the fifth president.

1980s



In 1981, Muhammad Ali hosts the LMC Scholarship Presentation.

In 1982, Siena Heights establishes a presence on the Benton Harbor campus, offering bachelor's degree opportunities.

In 1985, Dr. Anne Mulder is named LMC's sixth president.

To assure student success, in 1987 LMC begins administering ASSET assessment testing to evaluate all incoming students in reading, writing and mathematics.

In October 1988, the college achieves the maximum 10-year accreditation from North Central Association.

small college. Honestly, it was a toss-up between SMC and LMC. It came down to the application fee. The fee for LMC at that time was \$5. The application fee for SMC was \$10, so I picked LMC.

What was the culture like when you attended LMC?

Gladys Peeples Burks: Classes were not segregated, and the college, in my experience, was always a welcoming place. Most male students were there on the GI Bill, and I was vice president of the women's class. I've had a lot of time to reflect on race relations. The experiences at Benton Harbor Junior College helped me understand that my existence was just as useful as anybody else's.

Barbara Peeples: I was there in the late '50s and early '60s when the Civil Rights Movement happened. I think people at the college, both students and staff, were really trying to improve things. That's why we felt safe during that time. We were trying to find our place, and I felt hopeful.

Gloria Ender: It seemed to me at the time that most of the teachers were still working in their profession. That meant a lot to me. It wasn't a large college, which is what I needed.

How did your time here set you up for success?

James Ellis: In high school, I could sit in class, listen and still get As and Bs. I didn't do that well with that approach at

LMC, so I thought, maybe I should read the book, and if there's something I don't understand, I should ask the professor about it. That's how I learned to study.

Kevin Miller: It felt like an extension of high school with smaller class sizes. I got to know the instructors and advisors well. They were these friendly faces that made me feel very welcome.

Barbara Peeples: The teachers seemed to care if you made it or not, and I needed that. I've tried to persuade all my nieces and nephews to go to community college. You can stay home. You can work. You can get that foundation that you need. LMC certainly afforded me that.

How have you seen LMC grow in our community since you were a student?

Gloria Ender: Well, just physically, it has changed so much. It's such a beautiful school. There's housing at Beckwith Hall, and there is the Hanson Technology Center and the Welch Center, which support programs that we did not have.

Gladys Peeples Burks: To see that magnificent (Benton Harbor) campus is something I am quite proud of. There are many ways I know this college is an integral part of this community. To build a thriving community, you have to build a sustainable workforce. The presence of the Hanson Technology Center is evidence of growth by LMC as well as the establishment of the Welch Center,

which is recognition of the natural resources this area has to offer and the community's needs.

Kevin Miller: The community involvement has never been greater. Seeing all the wonderful things the school is doing, whether it's through the Foundation or outreach programs, Wine Center, Beckwith Hall, etc., there has been such a focus on getting out in the community and building relationships. Education is vital to the growth of a community and LMC is doing a great job of building that relationship.

What is it about the LMC experience that makes so many alumni want to give back somehow?

James Ellis: Most people recognize that they did get a good education. They were taught how to be a good student. It's like eating comfort food. They had a good time here, and they learned here. They want to come back and be a part of that again.

Gladys Peeples Burks: We watched our mom volunteer. I remember her collecting money for the Red Cross. She set an example for us. We saw our parents giving back. Whenever I saw an opportunity to give back to this community through Lake Michigan College, I did so.

Barbara Peeples: Whenever we can give to LMC, we do it through volunteering

or through our organizations, which have provided some scholarships, because we believe in the college. That's why I have stayed connected.

Gloria Ender: I want to give back to the college because of what the college gave to me. It made me the person I am today. I never spoke in front of a class before LMC. I was just too shy. The first time I spoke in front of a class the teacher told me I was a good speaker. Just that alone gave me the confidence I never knew I had. All these classes, all these teachers just built me up. He built me up so much that I spoke in front of 500 people in Florida, and then again to 300 local high school students at LMC. By the time I graduated, I realized that if I could earn my college degree, I could do anything, and I did. That's why I want to give back as much as possible.

Kevin Miller: LMC was critical in preparing me for Western Michigan University as well as being a professional. If I am going to contribute energy, time, money, and resources to an organization, I want it to be at a place that gave me so much. When I look back, LMC was one of the highest impact experiences I've had.

You have all been vocal champions of LMC through the years. What advice do you give students who are looking to attend college now?

James Ellis: Go to class, be attentive, and participate. Not only are you going to learn, but you are also going to have fun.

Gladys Peeples Burks: If you are a student, they will tell you this is what you need to know, we will help you learn it, and we know you can do it. That keeps being reinforced. The students have more support and nurturing at LMC than anywhere else.

Gloria Ender: I tell students to start somewhere strong, that will make you stronger, that will help make you the person you want to be. It is not just an educational experience; it is a life experience. It is a cornerstone on which to build on. That's LMC. You can go to any school, but to me, LMC is everything I needed, and I'm never going to forget it.

CLARENCE BECKWITH DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

The Clarence Beckwith Distinguished Alumni Award is presented to alumni who accomplish significant success in their personal or professional endeavors.



KATHY EFFA

Since reading "Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross," Kathy Effa has only wanted to be a nurse. This year she celebrates her 36th year in the profession, including the past 16 managing the emergency department at Spectrum Health Lakeland Medical Center.

A Coloma native, Kathy earned her associate degree in nursing in 1985 from Lake Michigan College, where she also met her husband of 33 years, Joe Effa. She has since added a bachelor's degree from Bethel College and a master's degree from Chamberlain University.

Kathy began her nursing career in the pediatric department at Mercy Hospital before finding her home in the emergency room following the merger with Lakeland. Kathy, a member of the Southwest Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force, developed a human trafficking assessment tool and response plan in use at the hospital.

At the beginning of the pandemic, Kathy chaired the emergency department's COVID-19 response committee. She was instrumental in developing the surge response plan for the emergency department and participated in the 5th District Medical Response Coalition.

"We always prepare for disasters, but when COVID hit, you had to change speeds," she said. "A lot of minds came together to develop an emergency response plan, which impacted the way we looked at the infection control processes."

Kathy boosted the morale of her nursing staff during the outbreak with daily morning huddles, reading cards from well-wishers, and keeping an ample supply of chocolate available.

An advocate for community health, she has participated in more than 20 medical missionary trips to communities along the Amazon River in Brazil and the African countries of Kenya and Tanzania.

Kathy remains a strong advocate for LMC's nursing program, where she hopes to one day return to teach.

1990s



In 1991, the state of Michigan awards LMC a \$4.9 million grant toward the completion of an LMC Community Center. The Community Center opens in 1992. In recognition of a \$1 million gift from Herbert and Audre Mendel, the structure is named the Mendel Center for Arts and Technology in memory of Mr. Mendel's late brother Edwin.

In 1993, LMC's women's softball team wins the NJCAA National Championship.

In 1995, LMC names Dr. Richard J. Pappas its seventh president.

In 1998, the Bertrand Crossing Campus in Niles opens, funded in part by state grant and private contributions.

2000s



In 2000, the M-TEC campus opens to meet the training needs of the area's manufacturing industry.

In 2001, the college library is rededicated as the William Hessel Library, named for the library dean who served from 1957-1985.

In 2002, South Haven residents vote to join the Lake Michigan College district, and in 2003, the South Haven Campus is completed.

Dr. Randall R. Miller is hired as the eighth president in 2006, and in 2009, Dr. Robert Harrison becomes the college's ninth president.

2010s



In 2012, the Red Hawks athletics mascot is introduced, replacing the former Indians mascot.

In 2014, Beckwith Hall opens.

In 2015, Lake Michigan Vintners is established as the Midwest's first commercial teaching winery for Wine & Viticulture Technology program students. On Aug. 27, 2019, The Welch Center is dedicated.

In 2016, the Hanson Technology Center opens on the Benton Harbor campus, made possible by a gift from area manufacturing leader, Merlin Hanson.

A 10-year, 0.48 mill capital millage request is passed by voters in LMC's district.

In April 2017, Dr. Trevor A. Kubatzke begins his term as the college's 10th president.

2020s



On March 13, 2020, all LMC campuses close in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

On March 23, 2020, classes convert to distance learning.

On July 13, 2020, LMC opens all campuses for student services, faculty and staff with safety protocols in place.

In August 2020, LMC completes its Campus Transformation project on the Benton Harbor campus. The project centers on a \$33 million renovation of the Main Building, upgrading spaces for learning, academic support, collaboration and improving access to student services.

In June 2021, LMC announces free tuition for students enrolled in Fall 2021 and Spring 2022.

For more milestones visit the full LMC timeline at lakemichigancollege.edu/75

ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD

The Alumni Service Award is presented to alumni who offer significant personal or professional contributions to Lake Michigan College and beyond.



CANDI GABRIELSE

Candi Gabrielse's first day as the Clinical and Community Health Nurse Manager at Berrien County Health Department was March 30, 2020. The position which oversees sexual health clinics and immunizations for Berrien County quickly adapted to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Candi and her staff did everything from testing and guiding schools to case investigation and contact tracing in the pandemic's early days. When vaccines became available, that work shifted to immunization clinics, working 6 or 7 days a week at its peak and vaccinating between 1,200-2000 people a day.

"It's humbling to be recognized for our work," Candi said. "Nurses don't do this for recognition. We do it because we know we're making a difference in the lives we touch every day."

Originally from Howell, Candi began working as a registration clerk at Watervliet Hospital before graduating from Lake Michigan College in 2000 with an associate degree in nursing. She also received her bachelor's degree and master's in nursing administration from Western Governor's University.

Candi began her career in the surgery department at Watervliet and then climbed the ranks from charge nurse to unit coordinator to manager at Bronson LakeView Hospital in Paw Paw. She spent two years as director of surgery at Allegan General Hospital before joining the Berrien County Health Department.

In addition to her day-to-day role, Candi worked with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Spectrum Health Lakeland to coordinate vaccinations to those residents living in Berrien County that were homebound and unable to travel to receive their COVID-19 vaccination. She is passionate about equitable health care in the community and hopes to teach nursing at LMC one day.

Candi, who lives in Coloma, has four adult children.

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DOROTHY MOON

Dorothy Moon originally planned to become a teacher, but that changed in high school after a bout with pneumonia led to a hospital stay.

"Those nurses were so kind," she said. "I couldn't believe anyone would be so kind to someone they didn't know. After that, I had such a love of nurses I decided that's what I was going to do."

Born in Eau Claire and raised in Benton Harbor, Dorothy did just that. She received both her LPN certificate and an associate degree in nursing from Lake Michigan College, then went on to earn a bachelor's in nursing from Nazareth College and her master's from Grand Valley State University.

A nurse for 45 years, Dorothy began her career in the emergency department at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, first as an LPN and then as a charge nurse. Following Mercy's merger with Memorial Hospital, Dorothy became an administrative supervisor at Lakeland Medical Center and was a relief administrator for Main Street Community Health.

She initially retired from the hospital in 1991 to teach nursing at Lake Michigan College. She also developed nurse training for adult vocational students seeking to become medical or nurses' assistants at Benton Harbor High School. In 1999, she returned to Spectrum Health Lakeland to become the hospital's first medical-surgical resource nurse before retiring in 2012.

A breast cancer survivor, Dorothy, along with Bertha Carson-King, co-founded Strong Women of Faith Breast Cancer Support Group, where she still serves as vice president and a member of the board of directors. She previously served on the board of directors and is still associated with Hospice at Home. She is also a long-standing member of the NAACP.

Dorothy still resides in Benton Harbor with her husband of more than 50 years, George Moon.

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Alumni Achievement Award is presented to alumni who demonstrate significant achievement and distinguish themselves in their career, education, or community.



MEGAN HENDRIX

When Megan Hendrix took a job as a teller for Honor Credit Union, she wasn't sure what she wanted to do for a living. After becoming executive assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, however, she discovered her natural ability to organize and plan large projects.

Taking advantage of Honor's tuition reimbursement program, Megan enrolled at Lake Michigan College, earning an associate degree in business administration in 2013. That year she also received a Certified Associate in Project Management from the Project Management Institute. Megan has gone on to earn a bachelor's degree in business with a focus on project management from Capella University, while continuing to work for Honor Credit Union.

Originally from Decatur, Megan's skills have not gone unnoticed. She has been recognized by Credit Union National Association as an industry "Rock Star." Since 2015, she has received four promotions, moving from Director of Corporate Planning to Vice President of Administration to Vice President of Operations. In February, she was named Honor Credit Union's Chief Operations Officer, overseeing strategic direction of market placement, payments, operations and innovative technology.

During her tenure, Megan has overseen the construction of several member centers and the new Berrien Springs operations center. She's worked on crucial mergers and acquisitions, integrated new software, and been a past chairwoman of the Honor Credit Union Foundation. Megan also chairs the Greater Southwest Chapter of Credit Unions and is actively involved in political action to support credit unions and their members.

In her current role, Megan hopes to lead and inspire the company's culture as a people and community-focused organization.

She lives in Baroda with her husband Paul, and their son, Logan.

BERNARD C. RADDE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Bernard C. Radde Distinguished Service Award is named in honor of the late Dr. Bernard C. Radde, who served as a member of the Lake Michigan College Board of Trustees for 25 years. It is presented annually to an individual or individuals who have advanced the cause of Lake Michigan College and higher education.



PAUL BERGAN

Paul Bergan helped steer Lake Michigan College through some monumental changes in a quarter-century of service on the Board of Trustees – from new campuses in Niles and South Haven to the hiring of college presidents to a significant transformation on the Benton Harbor campus.

Paul served as Berrien Regional Education Services Agency (RESA) Regional Director of Career & Technical Education from 1992-2011. He was an early champion of implementing direct credit classes for high school students at LMC, including the Berrien County Early/Middle College program.

"We started with just a few CTE students, and now high school students taking college courses make up nearly 25 percent of enrollment at LMC," he said.

Originally from South Bend, Paul earned bachelor's degrees in science and English at Lewis University and a master's in educational leadership at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. He worked for Texas Instruments before focusing on education as a teacher, administrator, and coach. Paul was President of the Michigan Council of Vocational Administrations and a member of the Association for Career and Technical Education and Michigan Career Leadership Network.

A long-time football coach, Paul led the programs at Eau Claire and Benton Harbor high schools. He retired in 1989 with a 123-79 record, and in 1991, he was inducted into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. As a competitive powerlifter, Paul won the WNPF National Masters Powerlifting Championship in 2003 and still holds two world records.

Paul, who lives in Eau Claire, was married to his late wife Linda for 57 years. He has four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



South Haven, Niles campuses make upgrades

Lake Michigan College continues to upgrade its regional campuses in Niles and South Haven.

LMC is converting classroom space to offer Medical Assisting courses at the Niles campus. Medical Assisting classes are currently only offered at the Benton Harbor location. The renovation will allow Medical Assisting courses to be provided in Niles as early as Spring 2022.

"We continue to expand program offerings to students in Niles and South Haven and are always looking for ways we can improve our campuses for students and the community as a whole," LMC Director of Regional Campuses Jeremy Burleson said.

In South Haven, the community room has expanded from two to three classrooms. Improvements include new flooring, carpeting, and technology for community presentations and class events.

"We have had many groups use our community room in the past, but some organizations simply outgrew the space," Burleson said. *"With this expansion, we've already seen many of these groups request to use the new space this Fall."*

The Niles and South Haven campuses added new equipment in the Science and Allied Health classrooms, including smart projectors and smartboards. Other campus improvements include furniture upgrades and the re-paving of both parking lots.



NEW SPACE OFFERS WORLD OF CULINARY POSSIBILITIES AT LMC

Chef Luis Amado has worked in his share of kitchens throughout his career, but nothing can compare to the newly renovated teaching and demonstration kitchens at Lake Michigan College.

Moving from The Mendel Center to the third floor of the L Wing in the Main Building on the Benton Harbor campus, the new space adds ovens, appliances, and added space for the Culinary Management program to grow.

The upgrades include a convection oven, smart oven, induction burner stove, a chocolate tempering machine, and a demonstration/ teaching kitchen.

Chef Amado spoke about what he believes these changes will do for the program, the college, and the community.

Can you describe some of the critical changes in the new culinary space?

It is a much more spacious kitchen with new specialized equipment, allowing us to teach more techniques and better prepare future students to meet the industry's unique demands.

Of all the changes made, what is the one thing you are most excited about?

It would have to be the addition of a humidity and temperature control room for chocolate and confections. There are very few programs in the nation that specialize or even offer a one-year certificate program in chocolate and confections. We have plans to start offering this program in the Spring. I have had many requests from the community to begin offering this program in addition to our current culinary management program.

What do you think your students will be most excited about?

I would say working in small groups and having access to each of our five cooking suites. Each cooking suite is a station with different cooking equipment to learn basic techniques such as grilling, baking, steaming, and sautéing. Each cooking suite has a flat screen attached where students can watch specific videos of every cooking demonstration and follow along as they practice those techniques live during class.

How will these changes affect your students' experience, and how can it help make the culinary program better overall?

The space itself is designed to help students learn. The smaller teacher-to-student ratio is a plus. We plan to have a limit of 10 students per lab. The demonstration kitchen also provides a space to bring in multiple guest speakers and international chefs to offer demos and classes to students. Students need to learn not only my approach and methodology but that of other chefs and restaurant people working in the industry.

The COVID-19 pandemic hurt the restaurant industry. What are you telling students who might be hesitant to go into the field right now?

This challenging time for the industry is not here to stay. The industry will get back to some normalcy, and the demand for jobs will increase. More opportunities and better pay rates will be available to those who have experience in the field and a college degree or certificate.

What role do you think LMC's culinary program can play to help the industry rebound?

We have a vital role that starts with our local community. We want to maintain a local connection to meet employment needs. We want to provide better-prepared students who, from the very beginning, are aware of expectations and all the possible opportunities available to them.

If you enjoy cooking, working with people, and learning about other cultures, then our program may be right for you. Anyone interested can meet with me, tour the facilities, and talk with our students. They can even put on an apron, spend a day in the kitchen with us and see what it is all about.

RED HAWKS RACK UP ATHLETIC ACCOLADES

Student-athletes at Lake Michigan College excelled on the field, court and classroom during the 2020-2021 academic year.



RED HAWKS SOCCER STANDOUT ALISON BISHOP

LMC's Volleyball, Baseball, Softball, and Women's Soccer programs all reach regionals. Baseball standout Roman Kuntz was named Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Western Conference Player of the Year and MCCAA Western Conference Freshman of the Year. He also was named to the National Junior College Athletic Association All-Region XII Team, All-MCCAA Team, MCCAA All-Western Conference First Team, and MCCAA

Western Conference All-Freshman Team. In Women's Soccer, Alison Bishop was named to NJCAA All-Region XII First Team, All-MCCAA First Team and MCCAA All-Freshman Team.

Red Hawks Volleyball and Baseball programs were named 2020-2021 NJCAA All-Academic Teams and MCCAA All-Academic Teams. Teams must have a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale to receive this distinction. LMC Baseball combined for a 3.21 GPA while Volleyball had a 3.18 GPA.

Several Red Hawks were named NJCAA Academic All-Americans as well as Academic All-MCCAA. The NJCAA All-Academic First Team (4.00 GPA) includes Megan Anderson (Volleyball), Emily Kotesky (Volleyball), Bishop (Women's Soccer), Sydney Payne (Softball), Lily Timmerman (Softball), Michael Sibbersen (Baseball) and Jacob Mahoney (Baseball). Alexa Kesterke (Volleyball), Kiarra Herson (Softball), Kuntz (Baseball), and Lance MacDonald (Baseball) were named to the NJCAA All-Academic Second Team (3.80-3.99 GPA). Abbie Bever (Volleyball), Maggie Berridge (Women's Soccer), Alyssa Krenek (Women's Soccer), Emma Vandermolen (Women's Soccer), Madison Vollman (Softball), and Jayden Smith (Baseball), were named to the NJCAA All-American Third Team (3.60-3.79 GPA). All received MCCAA All-Academic honors.

Others named to the MCCAA All-Academic Team were Angela Schmidt (Softball), Ashley Jankowski (Softball), Kyle Ratliff (Baseball), Andy Klavins (Baseball), Cameron Dalrymple (Baseball), Dawson Shearer (Baseball), Matthew Engler (Baseball), Payton Carney (Baseball), Jack Westerhoff (Baseball), Michael Garritano (Baseball), and Hunter Bedell (Baseball).

For Red Hawks schedules, scores and more visit redhawks.lakemichigancollege.edu

Mendel Center welcomes return of in-person events

DEAR MENDEL CENTER PATRONS

Last season, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we contemplated art and its power to heal, transform, and inspire. While disappointed that we couldn't share events face-to-face with our patrons, we chose to look at the situation as an opportunity to try out new ways to connect with our community - online, outdoors, and indoors. Among the groundbreaking highlights were:

- A virtual, locally focused speaker series explored why the arts matter in times of crisis, mental health issues and disparities in our community, social justice and advocacy work happening at the grassroots level, and the pandemic economy.
- Our first-ever Drive-in Live Series offered a diverse line-up of local and regional musicians.
- Our first-ever virtual Broadway series brought internationally known productions into living rooms, coupled with post-show discussions with some of the creative forces behind those productions.
- We proudly rolled up our sleeves and supported Spectrum Health Lakeland and the Berrien County Health Department as they administered more than 20,000 COVID-19 vaccines in Grand Upton Hall.
- With the help of individual and business contributors, and a generous challenge grant from the Frederick S. Upton Foundation, our Creating Bridges campaign raised more than \$100,000. This allowed us to continue delivering innovative



Grace Kelmer, Director, The Mendel Center
Mike Nadolski, Executive Director, The Mendel Center
Stephanie Steele, Event Services Manager

programs at a time when our community needed it most. To all who participated, THANK YOU!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to The Mendel Center with the 2021-2022 season of in-person events. The lineup is a compilation of performance and speaker commitments from two separate seasons - six events postponed from spring of 2020, and a partially built 2020-2021 in-person season that didn't happen. Stay

tuned as we round out the season with additional exciting and diverse performers and special engagements.

In addition to touring productions, we will continue to serve our purpose as a true community center, hosting hundreds of public and private events for individuals and groups from our Benton Harbor hometown and beyond. And outside our walls, The Mendel Center is putting its resources behind grassroots community initiatives more than ever before.

We welcome your feedback as we travel together on this journey. In the end, our goal is to bring you meaningful Mendel Center experiences that make a positive difference in your life.



Mike Nadolski, Executive Director

Grace Kelmer, Director

THROUGH IT ALL, THE MENDEL CENTER MOTIVATION AND MISSION CONTINUES TO BE BASED ON FIVE PRINCIPLES:

- Inspiration:** Elevating individual and community perspectives during challenging times.
- Connection:** Valuing human interaction and cultivating meaningful relationships.
- Gratitude:** Expressing appreciation for those working to make themselves and our community better.
- Flexibility:** Continually exploring, pivoting, and innovating to create the best experiences possible.
- Inclusiveness:** Listening to diverse voices and acting to better serve and empower ALL individuals in our community.



FOLK LEGACY TRIO
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25

MOTOWN ALL-STAR SPECTACULAR
7:30 p.m. Thursday Oct. 14

AUREUM: AN AERIAL AND ACROBATIC ADVENTURE TALE
8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16

ABBA MANIA
7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE - FILIPE DEANDRADE: UNTAMED
7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE - STEVE WINTER: ON THE TRAIL OF BIG CATS
7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022

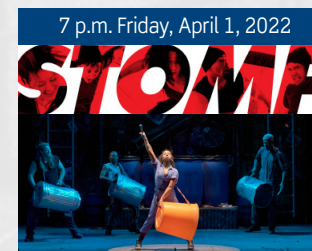


CIRQUE MECHANICS - BIRDHOUSE FACTORY
8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022

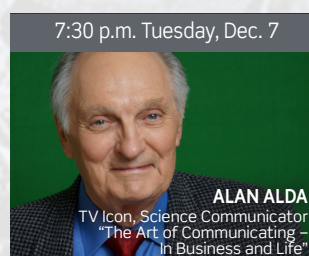
WINTER DELIGHTS FESTIVAL
Noon Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE - KARA COONEY: WHEN WOMEN RULED THE WORLD
7 p.m. Thursday, March 24, 2022

STARS OF THE SIXTIES FEATURING JAY & THE AMERICANS, THE CYRKL, AND CHRIS RUGGIERO
7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022

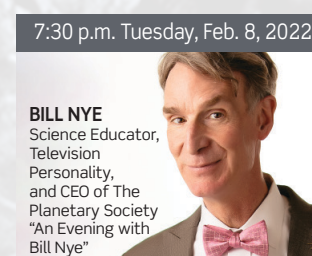


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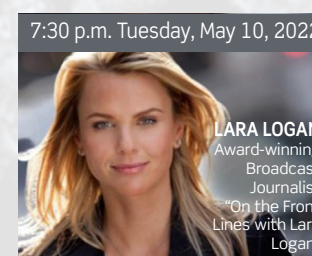
JON MEACHAM
Presidential Historian & Pulitzer Prize-winning Author
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC LIVE: BRIAN SKERRY
Underwater Photographer
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6



MO ROCCA
CBS News Correspondent, Podcaster, & TV Personality
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2022

HENRY WINKLER
Emmy Award-winning Actor, Author, Director, & Producer
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2021 VPA SEASON

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FALL CHOIR CONCERT
7-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22

STUDENT MUSIC RECITALS
Noon Friday, Nov. 12, Dec. 3, Dec. 10

FALL PLAY: A DEVISED THEATRICAL WORK OF "OUR SIDE OF THE RIVER"
7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20, 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT
7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1

HOLIDAY COLLAGE
7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, Grand Upton Hall

DRAMA SHOWCASE
7-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9

WINTER CHOIR CONCERT
7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 13

VPA students also perform in a number of collaborative campus and community events throughout the year. For the most up-to-date schedule and a complete list of performances, visit lakemichigancollege.edu/arts

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