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NEW LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESIDENT SIGNS THREE-YEAR CONTRACT

LANSING, MICH. (April 3, 2008) – The Lansing Community College’s Board of Trustees and presidential candidate Brent Knight, Ed.D., today signed a three-year contract appointing Dr. Knight as the college’s sixth president, effective July 1, 2008.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Knight as LCC’s president,” said Trustee Robin M. Smith, chairperson of the board of trustees. “Brent is a leader with a unique mix of higher education and private sector experience that will help us meet the educational needs of our community.”

The contract will pay Dr. Knight a salary of \$200,000 per year.

Knight was selected as the final candidate following an extensive process that began with a presidential search committee of community leaders narrowing the candidate pool of more than 30 to four finalists. Each finalist visited LCC and took part in open community forums with various internal and external audiences as well as public interviews with the board of trustees. A five-person team of trustees, LCC faculty, staff and students also visited the campuses where each candidate currently or recently served as president.

Prior to being selected as LCC’s president, Knight was president of Morton College in Cicero, Ill. At Morton, he developed and employed a new strategic plan to align the college with the community that it serves. Under Knight’s leadership, the percentage of Latino staff rose significantly to more than 50 percent, reflecting Morton’s student body of more than 70 percent Latino students. He also developed strong relationships with the board, faculty and other key stakeholders at Morton College.

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“We want to thank the community, our faculty and staff for their participation in this process,” Smith said. “Their input was instrumental in conducting such a successful search.”

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About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan’s third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. LCC offers courses in *general education* for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, *career and workforce development*, *developmental education* and *personal enrichment*. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor’s and master’s degrees from six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.