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**LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S ENROLLMENT
IN ONLINE COURSES SKYROCKETS**

As gasoline prices rise, nation sees more students decide to take classes at home.

LANSING, MICH. (Sept. 3, 2008) – Enrollment in online classes available through Lansing Community College has risen 14.9 percent for the fall semester compared to last year.

“This rise in online enrollment mirrors a national movement,” said Dr. Stephanie Shanblatt, senior vice president of strategic planning and partnerships. “With the rising cost of fuel, more students are choosing to forgo the trip to campus. Instead, they are choosing to take classes online.”

According to a recent *New York Times* article (High Cost of Driving Ignites Online Classes Boom, July 11, 2008) “...fuel for commuting to campus now costs some students half of what they pay for tuition, in some cases more.”

“In many cases, costs are rising at such a dramatic rate, that students have to make tough choices,” Shanblatt said. “Fortunately for area students, we’ve been able to keep costs low by not raising tuition this past year and offering alternative means of study such as online courses to ensure that our citizens have access to quality education options.”

LCC offers more than 200 courses online and has 15 associate's degrees and certificates that can be earned by students totally through online study, including:

- Business administration
- Computer database specialist
- Computer programmer/analyst
- E-business
- Criminal justice and law enforcement
- International business

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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.

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