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**AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS RECOGNIZES
LCC UNIVERSITY CENTER AS SUCCESSFUL EXAMPLE OF
'TRANSFORMATION THROUGH DESIGN'**

*Jury cites building's "complementary relationship between
historic and new."*

LANSING – The Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects has recognized Lansing Community College's University Center in their prestigious Honor Awards for 2008. The award was presented at the AIA 2880 Honor Awards and Recognition Program held November 21, 2008 at the Detroit Institute of Arts. This year's theme was "Transformation through Design."

Dr. Stanley Chase, LCC Sr. Vice President of Advancement & External Affairs and Chris Strugar-Fritsch, LCC Executive Director of Administrative Services Division accepted the award on behalf of the college.

Each year, AIA Detroit presents Honor Awards for design excellence to companies that demonstrate exemplary skill and sensitivity in their formal, functional and technical designs, along with their understanding of design by using new approaches. The University Center award was based on the expansion of the historic library to the new University Center.

"This is a tremendous honor for Lansing Community College," Dr. Chase said. "The AIA theme of 'Transformation through Design' is especially meaningful since the University Center not only provided a bridge from the historic surrounding community to the present day, but it also serves as a launching pad for students to the future as they move from Lansing Community College to 4-year institutions."

According to the jury, the solution increased the library's usefulness and flexibility and creates a complementary relationship between old and new. Without mimicking the original building, the addition unifies the complex through well-detailed spaces."

The architect of the project was SHW Group and the contractor was Granger Construction.

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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.