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STATE REPRESENTATIVE RICK JONES RECEIVES LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

LANSING - The Lansing Community College Alumni Association's 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award will be awarded to State Representative Rick Jones (R-Grand Ledge). The award will be presented at the 2009 LCC Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony on Monday, April 27, from 4:30 pm-5:30 pm at LCC's Paula D. Cunningham Administration Building Boardroom on Main Campus in downtown Lansing. The Alumni Association chooses its Award recipient from a group of nominees based on distinction in the nominee's field and service to the community.

Rep. Jones received his Police Certification from the LCC Police Academy and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts degree from Michigan State University in Criminal Justice. He was re-elected to his third term in the Michigan House of Representatives in November 2009 representing residents of Eaton County's 71st District.

Rep. Jones was first elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2004. He previously worked 33 years in law enforcement, serving more than 30 years with the Eaton County Sheriff Department. Jones started as a deputy and worked his way up through the ranks as sergeant, lieutenant, and captain before being elected sheriff in 2000.

Rep. Jones volunteers with Eaton Community Hospice, Meals-On-Wheels, Area 8 Special Olympics, and Woldumar Nature Center and is a 17-gallon donor with the Red Cross. He is a member of the Grand Ledge Rotary, American Legion S.A.L Post 42 and the Eaton County Farm Bureau, as well as an active participant in several charity events, including the Crop Walk, Relay for Life and Walk for Warmth.

Past LCC Distinguished Award winners include Vicki L.H Myers, Mesa Police Department; Kyle Caldwell, President and CEO of Michigan Nonprofit Association; District Court Judge Charles F. Filice; Ingham County Sheriff Gene L. Wriggelsworth; Tom Eifert of T. H. Eifert, Inc.; and former State Representative Dianne Byrum.

For information on this event or to inquire about press attendance at ceremony, call Andrew J. Lathrop at 517-483-1988.

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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