

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
March 2, 2009

Contact: Bill Turowski  
517/483-1622  
[turowsb@lcc.edu](mailto:turowsb@lcc.edu)

## **LCC MEN'S HOCKEY EARNS INVITE TO NATIONAL ACHA TOURNEY**

***One of only two 2-year institutions to qualify***

LANSING – The Lansing Community College Men's Ice Hockey team has received an invitation to compete in a national American Club Hockey Association (ACHA) 16-team tournament on March 10-13 at Florida Gulf Coast University. LCC is one of only two 2-year institutions to qualify for this year's ACHA championship tournament. All games will be videocast LIVE via the web at: [www.FastHockey.com](http://www.FastHockey.com). LCC's first game is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 at 1:45 PM versus the Cal-Pennsylvania Vulcans.

The LCC team played over 20 games this season finishing the season with a 16-8-0 win/loss record with two OT losses. The LCC Stars are coached by Head Coach Tony Zerkle and Assistant Coaches George Hunt and Trevor Downing. Team Manager is Bill Westen.

The ACHA is an association of some 200 club hockey teams from two and four year colleges across the nation. While club hockey is not a varsity sport or affiliated with the NCAA, NAIA or the NJCAA, many of their regulations are similar.

LCC joined the ACHA conference in 2002 as it offered a much more competitive environment for the team than other associations available at the club level. All regular season games are played within the State of Michigan. Team members are required to take and pass 9 credits per semester and maintain at least a 2.5 G.P.A.

The team is essentially self-funded and they are currently fundraising to finance the trip. Other tournament participants include: Hope College, Saginaw Valley, Davenport University, College of the Canyons, University of Colorado, Dordt College, Central Florida University, Florida Gulf Coast University, University of Arkansas, California State University at Northridge, Robert Morris University, Fredonia State University ( part of the SUNY system), Farmingdale State University (also part of the SUNY system), Cal-Pennsylvania and the University of Florida.

This is the first time that the LCC hockey team has qualified for the national tournament.

###

### ***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](http://www.lcc.edu).*