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### **Lansing Community College Commencement Set for Friday, May 20**

#### ***U.S. Senator Carl Levin to be Commencement Speaker***

**LANSING** --Thousands of students and proud family members will gather for the 53<sup>rd</sup> Commencement of Lansing Community College at 7 p.m. Friday, May 20 at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center, Michigan State University.

Some 1,724 students will be recognized for their academic achievement (960 two-year associate degrees; 536 certificates of completion; and 228 certificates of achievement.)

After a musical prelude including the playing of Pomp & Circumstance as the students file into the Breslin Center, LCC President Brent Knight will greet the assemblage and deliver opening remarks.

"It's an event we at LCC always look forward to, not only to recognize the students for a job well done but also to give a nod to our faculty and staff for their critical role in shaping today's students into tomorrow's leaders," Dr. Knight said. "We've no doubt that as these students leave here their future pursuits will bring pride to themselves, their families, their community and LCC.

Edward Woods III, vice chairperson of the LCC Board of Trustees, will present the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Award.

LCC Board Chairperson Deborah Canja will introduce this year's commencement speaker – the Honorable U.S. Sen. Carl Levin who was first elected to the Senate in 1978 and has served there longer than anyone in Michigan history. Levin is a native Detroit, Harvard Law School graduate and influential chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services. He has won the respect of senators on both sides of the aisle for his intelligence, hard work and integrity.

LCC chief academic officer, Provost Stephanie Shanblatt will present the candidates for degrees and certificates, and the members of the LCC Board of Trustees, along with President Brent Knight, will have the honor of handing the students their well-earned degrees and certificates.

### ***About Lansing Community College***

*Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 20,000 students attending each year. 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 [lcc.edu](http://lcc.edu).*