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Lansing Community College Celebrates Black History Month

LANSING, MI. – Lansing Community College is celebrating Black History Month with a variety of events that are open to the public. With the exception of the Soul food luncheons, all events are free. A complete list can also be found at http://www.lcc.edu/studentlife/whats_new/.

February 1 – Opening Ceremony - Dart Auditorium 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

A reception honoring notable people in the greater Lansing community and the college, with entertainment and fellowship. Among those honored will be community, political and civic leaders, as well as guest speakers.

Soul Food Luncheons – February 1, 8, 15, 22 Kennedy Cafeteria (Arts and Sciences Building) 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Weekly lunches displaying the culinary talents of soul food chefs.

February 2- Health Fair - Gannon Building Lobby 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

An annual event highlighting disease prevention and health promotion. In addition to providing health education, the Health Fair will offer a variety of health screenings.

Movie Festival – February 3, 9, 14, 28 – Abel Sykes Building (TLC) Room 127

Films will include “500 Years Later” - a film depicting historical and contemporary conditions and triumphs in black communities in Africa and other black communities in the world. The movies are listed below:

February 3	500 YEARS LATER	1:00 – 3:30 PM
February 9	HAITI: A PAYMENT HISTORY	5:00 – 7:00 PM
February 14	THE RABBIT PROOF FENCE/VIDEO FROM INDIA	6:30 - 8:30 PM
February 28	RASTAFARIAN WOMEN	1:00 – 2:30 PM

**February 3 - MI-LSAMP (Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation) Program Dart Auditorium
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

This session will celebrate the achievements and the expansion of the leading statewide effort in developing talent to drive Michigan's economic future. This statewide university/college consortium is successfully preparing Michigan students for careers science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Hip Hop and Poetry – February 4, 11, 18, 25 Herrmann Conference Center 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

A showcase of black writers and Hip Hop artists, focusing on the black experience, with the encouragement of audience participation as part of the black literature and creative presentation genre.

February 10 – Health Careers – Abel Sykes Building (TLC) Room 127 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This session will help attendees explore careers in the health field. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Othelia Pryor, Director of the Michigan Minority Health Coalition. Mr. James Sawyer, representing Lansing Community College's Business and Community Institute, will discuss two training opportunities in the areas of Health Information Technology and M-PATH – short term training in areas of healthcare.

February 17 – Energy and Technology Program – Gannon Building Room 134 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

These presentations will highlight careers in energy and technology. There will be a presentation focused on the production of electricity, water and sanitation in Ghana. A panel discussion will highlight energy and technology careers in the international arena. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Walter Glover, an industrial engineer and President of Energy, Pod, and Electricity Company.

February 23 – Education Program – Dart Auditorium 10:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This session will include a presentation by Mr. Rory McNeal, Education Specialist and Consultant, about minority students in the teaching profession.

February 24 – Grand Finale - Dart Auditorium 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The Grand Finale is a display of talent exemplifying the range of culture and creativity in the black community.

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About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 30,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 280 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 lcc.edu.