

## **Calvin Jones Named 2011 Lansing Community College Distinguished Alumnus**

A native to Lansing, Michigan, Jones attended Eastern High School and continued his education at Lansing Community College, earning an Associate Degree. Jones served in the US Marine Corps working in Administration/ Communication and was honorably discharged in 1976. Continuing to educate himself, Jones graduated from the Community Leadership and Development Academy at LCC in 1990, the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University in 1996, the Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership and Management Program at MSU in 1999 and the Leadership Michigan/Michigan Chamber of Commerce in 2005.

His career of 34 years at the Lansing Board of Water & Light, began in 1977, where he has invested talent, time, and experience, moving quickly from General Maintenance Laborer to Advanced Laborer, Construction Mechanic, Office Supervisor, General Supervisor, and Manager-Government Relations in 2007. This position has afforded him the opportunity to positively change the direction of his community through involvement in civic programs, policy regulation in nonprofit organizations, and serving as a liaison for the Lansing Board of Water & Light in partnerships and sponsorships with the City of Lansing and local corporations. He is also a member of the Lansing Economic Development Board, Tax Increment Authority and the Brownsfield Redevelopment Authority.

Jones is currently a member of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education, a Board member of the Ingham Regional Foundation, a member of the Capital Area United Way Board of Directors, founder of the Kim Jones Make It Happen Foundation, a board member for the Impression-5 Museum, former Board member of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (standing member), a member of the Board of Directors- Junior Achievement, former Board member of the Lansing Boys and Girls Club. Additionally he has served on the Delta Township, Parks, Recreation, and Cemeteries Commission.

In 2007, Jones was recipient of the Frederick Douglass Award, presented by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, receiving an involvement in the Greater Lansing Area. In 2008, he was featured in the New Citizens Press newspaper in the "Most Interesting and Influential Update" column. In 2009, the Lansing Board of Water & Light Commissioners presented Jones a resolution honoring his outstanding success in the coordination of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off community event; which entertained over 14,000 attendees and raised \$25,000 in combined charitable contributions to the Hope Scholars, Impression-5 Science Center, and the Sparrow Foundation.