



**Lansing Community College Foundation/Alumni Association  
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**LCC STARS HELPING STARS STUDENT FOOD PANTRY**



Laurie Bates with Student Employee Frederico Licini

The LCC Foundation is helping to support Student Support Specialist Laurie Bates and a team of employees in Support Services who have established a food pantry for students who need help in challenging times. In addition to a \$500 donation from the LCC Foundation to provide seed money for the Pantry, LCC employees and other donors have been supporting the Pantry with non-perishable food items and monetary donations.

If you would like to support the **LCC Stars Helping Stars Food Pantry** or make a monetary donation please visit: [lcc.edu/givetopantry](http://lcc.edu/givetopantry).

**LCC PERFORMING ARTS**



Cast of "Never Swim Alone"

The LCC Foundation recently awarded a grant to LCC's prestigious Theater Program. The production "Never Swim Alone" was selected as one of the five in this region to compete in the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival (KCACTF) in Milwaukee January 6-7.

Congratulations to LCC and these fine student performers who are making a first ever appearance in this festival.

For more information about the **Performing Arts Programs at LCC**, please visit:

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT  
RACHELLE HOUGH**

*Courtesy of the Lansing Community College Lookout*



Rachelle Hough

William Shakespeare famously wrote the words: "All the world is a stage and the men and women are merely players." For LCC alumnae Rachelle Hough, her passion of the stage began at LCC.

Hough, 25, attended LCC from 2007 to 2010, where she studied technical theater. She worked with the theater program on several of its productions.

[lcc.edu/cma/theater/](http://lcc.edu/cma/theater/). If you would like to make a donation please visit: [lcc.edu/givetoprograms](http://lcc.edu/givetoprograms).

## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT THANKS DONOR



The LCC Foundation asks scholarship recipients to send a personal note to the donor recognizing their generous support and how much it means to them. Here is a recent thank you from the James L. Reutter Business & Technology Careers Scholarship recipient:

*"I am sincerely honored to have been selected as recipient of the James L. Reutter Business & Technology Careers Scholarship! Thank you for your generous financial support toward my college degree.*

*I am a student who returned to college after 30 years - motivated to be an example for my college-aged children. I am a working mom of three children, a wife of 25 years, and a dedicated employee/bookkeeper of almost 15 years at a commercial architectural firm. Since returning to college, I am focused, and have earned a 4.0 in every class taken. I plan to graduate from LCC with an associate degree in business and accounting in the spring of 2016 - the first of any of my siblings, at age 49, to have a college degree at all.*

*By awarding me with the James L. Reutter Business & Technology Careers Scholarship, your generosity has allowed my husband and I to direct more of our family income toward our daughter's college education. She is also a student at LCC and is pursuing to become a physical therapist. I am truly grateful for this gift and would love to bless other students in the future as you have blessed me!*

*Warmest thanks, Annette"*

If you are wondering what you can do right now to help students who are trying to go to school but do not have the funds to do so, please make an investment in success. To give online please visit [lcc.edu/givetoscholarships](http://lcc.edu/givetoscholarships).

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## IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER PERMANENTLY EXTENDED



Legislation to permanently extend the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2015 and beyond, was recently signed into law. The bill allows individuals 70 1/2 or older to transfer up to \$100,000 from an IRA to a qualified public charity free of federal income tax. The amount transferred can also be used to satisfy a donor's required minimum distribution.

The Lansing Community College Foundation can help turn your individual retirement accounts (IRAs) into tax-saving charitable gifts. Extended tax benefits allow more people to experience the joy of giving during their lifetimes.

For more information please visit: [lcc.edu/plannedgiving/](http://lcc.edu/plannedgiving/)

## DID YOU KNOW?

Lansing Community College is approaching its 60th year, having opened its doors in 1957. 2016, however marks the 60th year that Dr. Philip Gannon, in 1956, who was then an MSU graduate student was approached to do a feasibility study on the possibility of incorporating what was referred to as a "community technical college" into the Lansing School System.

By April 1957, Gannon had completed his study and it was submitted to the Lansing Board of Education who adopted a resolution to establish a community college and technical institute in the City of Lansing. Shortly after, Gannon was asked to serve as acting dean of the new college. The rest is history...



Dr. Philip Gannon, circa 1983

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