



Lansing Community College Foundation/Alumni Association

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DR. PHILIP J. GANNON RETURNS TO LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR RECEPTION AND 2016 LCC COMMENCEMENT

Dr. Gannon returned to Lansing to deliver the address at the 58th Commencement of Lansing Community College on May 15th, at the Breslin Center on the Campus of Michigan State University. Over 560 students and their families gathered for this momentous event. At age 93, Dr. Gannon was energetic, witty, and didn't disappoint.

Sixty years ago, Dr. Philip J. Gannon, President Emeritus of Lansing Community College, made the study for the establishment of the College and served as its first CEO and President from 1957-1989.

The Foundation hosted a reception on May 11th in the Gannon Building Commons. The event was attended by more than 250 LCC retirees, employees, alumni, and community leaders.

Dr. Gannon was presented with a key to the City of Lansing by Mayor Virg Bernero. A prestigious honor that few have received.

Dr. Gannon graduated from Detroit Northern High School, and earned a B.A. degree from Albion College and a M.S. and Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Albion College in 1971 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from Michigan State University in 1990.

His involvement in the Lansing community included: Economic Development Board, Human Relations Committee, Chairman United Way/General Campaign, Vice President Chamber of Commerce of Greater Lansing, Lansing General Hospital-President of Board of Directors, Greater Lansing Urban League, Commissioner Higher Education Facilities/Authority.

Dr. Gannon was a Commissioner and Examiner for the North Central Commission on Colleges and Universities, 1965-1987, and was appointed by the White House to the National Advisory Board of International Education and the National Advisory Committee on Accreditation and Institutional Eligibility.

He served as a technical educational consultant to Belize, China, Hungary, Japan, Korea, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia,



58th Commencement of LCC Address



Mayor Bernero, Dr. Gannon, Dr. Knight and key to the City

Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam.

Dr. Gannon was a U.S. Navy pilot during World War II and served in the Ready Reserves, retiring as Captain, U.S.N.R. He was Commanding Officer of Anti-Submarine Helicopter Squadron HS731.

Dr. Gannon and his wife, Lois, have been married 65 years. They have three children, all honor graduates of Lansing Community College.

If you would like to donate to the Philip & Lois Gannon "Second Chance" Scholarship please visit:
lcc.edu/gannonscholarship

FUNDING THE FUTURE

This year over 1,000 students applied for scholarship assistance through the LCC Foundation. That's a record number for us. Thanks to the generosity of our donors we will be able to help some of them.

Unfortunately, our limited funding means that we will have to say *no* to half of the applicants.

While our scholarship applicants are diverse in their age, background and personal situations, their stories are similar. Here is what one of our recent recipients said in a thank you letter to a donor:

"There are few things in the world nobler than empowering a person to grow, better, and educate themselves. In the past, I have felt helpless, frustrated, and alone on my untraditional journey to finish school...There isn't enough ink or paper to express how humbling it feels to have someone really believe in me and my dream. There is nothing I can do to give you back what you have given me, but I will strive for excellence and in that way show you your gift was not in vain."

We are Funding the Future.

For nearly 60 years, LCC has educated tomorrow's employee, business owner, first responder and productive citizen with the belief that an educated community leads to a more highly skilled workforce and greater economic success for the Mid-Michigan region.

On their behalf, we ask you to make a gift that will help provide scholarships for students. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference.

To make a donation online:
lcc.edu/fundthefuture

or mail a check to:
Lansing Community College Foundation
309 N. Washington Square, Suite 201
Lansing, MI 48933

JAMES J. KOST NAMED 2016 LCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS



James J. Kost

Kost is Associate Broker and Office Manager at Coldwell Banker Hubbell BriarWood, Lansing (CBHB). He is one of the top-producing agents in the Greater Lansing area and has earned multiple local and national franchise awards. For the past three years, CBHB has ranked him in the top 1 percent of all 82,000 CBHB agents in North America.

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Kost has displayed exceptional service and leadership at local, state and national levels. He has been a volunteer with Meals on Wheels since 2000, a lunch server at the City Rescue Mission of Lansing since 2012, and on the Salvation Army Advisory Board since 1999, serving as board chair for the past five years.

Kost received his Associate degree in Social Science from Lansing Community College in 1974 and Bachelor of Arts in Social Science from Michigan State University in 1976.

12th ANNUAL LCC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DAY AT THE ZOO

27th ANNUAL LCC FOUNDATION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTING

The proceeds from this year's event will fund student scholarships. It will be an exciting and fun-filled day with 18 holes of golf, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, prizes and a putting contest.

The golf outing is one of the major community service fundraisers for LCC, making it possible for deserving students to continue their education. It's not too early to participate in this worthwhile event.

Register online at: lcc.edu/golfouting



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

DAY AT THE ZOO Lansing Community College
Alumni Association

When: Sunday, June 13, 2016
Where: Pontiac Zoo
Time: 10am - 5pm

FREE Admission for LCC alumni, students, employees, retirees, donors and their families. Sponsored by LAFCU and the LCC Alumni Association.

RSVP at lcc.edu/zoo

Parking: \$3 Ingham County Residents, \$5 outside of Ingham County
15% off in the Zoo Gift Shop
Lansing Fire Department Fire Engine
FREE face painting, caricatures and family photo booth.

Thank you to our sponsor:



DID YOU KNOW?

LCC's 2015-16 Academic year had over 3,233 students that received Associate degrees, Certificates of Completion and Certificates of Achievement. That is one of LCC's largest classes! Associate degrees totaled 976 alone.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



a college degree at all.

By awarding me with the James L. Reutter 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 visit: lcc.edu/givetoscholarships.

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