



Lansing Community College Foundation

May/June 2015

JAPAN ADVENTURE PROGRAM

Mr. Kawato, President of the Biwako Kisen Company paid a formal visit to Dr. Knight in April and met with some of the students who will be a part of the Japan Adventure Program.

The Foundation is proud to support this program which began over 30 years ago. The Japan Adventure is a work-study program that allows LCC students a front-row seat to observe Japanese heritage and culture. During their stay, students will work aboard the boat "Michigan", a tourist vessel on Lake Biwa, Japan's largest lake, where they will greet tourists who ride the boat to experience American culture. Students study and live in Otsu, which is Lansing's sister city in Japan.



Mr. Kawato, President Biwako Kisen Co. & Dr. Brent Knight

2015 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD ANNOUNCED

This is the 25th

FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS THANKED FOR SERVICE



James Housler, Lynn Colby and Steve Winner

Lansing Community College Foundation Board and staff are grateful for the service of the Directors who have completed their terms. **James Housler**, who joined the board in 2012; **Lynn Colby**, who



Dr. Annette Parker, 2015 Distinguished Alumni

anniversary of the Distinguished Alumni Award which was established to honor outstanding alumni who achieve a high level of professional accomplishments and made significant personal contributions through their involvement in community service.

The Lansing Community College Alumni Association has selected **Dr. Annette Parker** as the recipient of the **Distinguished Alumni Award for 2015**. Dr. Parker is President of South Central College; a Minnesota State Community & Technical College in North Mankato & Faribault, Minnesota.

Dr. Parker received her A.A.S. in Industrial Drafting from LCC in 1990, B.S. in Technical Education from Ferris State University in 1999, M.S. in Career and Technical Education from Ferris State University in 2001 and Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Western Kentucky University in 2012. In addition Dr. Parker worked in the Technical Careers Division at LCC as a faculty member from 1990-2002 and Department Chair from 2002-2007.

To read more about Dr. Annette Parker and the Distinguished Alumni Award, please visit the Alumni Association website www.lcc.edu/foundation/alumni/.

2015 ZIMMERMAN STUDENT ART AWARD WINNERS

served for the past 9 years and will continue to serve on the Finance Committee; and, **Steve Winninger**, who also served the past 9 years and was most recently board chair. These individuals have made a meaningful difference in the success of the Foundation. Many thanks to James, Lynn and Steve for their committed service to the Foundation and the students of LCC.

We also welcome new Directors recently elected: **Matthew Brege, Kelli Ellsworth Etchison, Bob Hoffman** and **B.J. Puchala**. We look forward to working with them!

For a list of our current board members please visit lcc.edu/foundation/about_us/board/

LCC AWARDED \$4.8 MILLION EQUIPMENT GRANT FROM STATE



Lansing Community College will use the \$4.8 million grant to rework and expand square footage at West Campus into a **Center for Manufacturing Excellence** that will accommodate additional students and provide space for new, high-tech equipment. To support a longer usable life for this high-tech equipment and ensure continued applicability, LCC will create areas that mirror flexible, advanced manufacturing working environments. This new equipment and expansion is critical to advancing LCC's role in supporting the high-skilled hiring needs of regional manufacturers.

This project will significantly increase LCC's capacity for enrollment at West Campus and, in turn, the number of available high-skilled graduates capable of filling current and projected high-wage job openings. In this way, LCC will strengthen the ability of area manufacturers to grow operations, while helping to reduce the skills gap of the current workforce. A highly skilled workforce is critical for area manufacturers to maintain their competitive position in a global marketplace and support growth within the region.

JOIN US FOR THE 11th ANNUAL DAY AT THE ZOO!

Lansing Community College Alumni Association Day at the Zoo is Sunday, June 28th. Click on the link below to RSVP. We look forward to seeing you there!



LCC faculty members Brian Bishop & Roxanne Frith with Dan & Sally Zimmerman

The Foundation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Eric Zimmerman Visual Arts Fund Award. Established in 2001, the purpose of the fund is to inspire student artists. Winning art is purchased by the Foundation and given to the College. Zimmerman art can be seen in the lower level of the Gannon Building, where a fabulous new display has been created where it is visible to other student artists. Winners each received a \$400 award for their work.

This year's winners are: **John Lucas** for "Freed Spirit" oil painting on canvas; **Katherine Maki** for "Junky the Clown" scrap metal sculpture; **Samantha Pease** for "Journey" water color, and **Rachael Wicker** for "Magpies" mixed media collage. Congratulations!

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 Next Generation Endowed Scholarship recipient:

"Dear Board Members, I was moved to tears to learn that I had been awarded the Next Generation Endowed Scholarship. I am writing to thank you and inform you of how grateful I am to have been selected for this generous gift.

I am in my 2nd semester, pursuing an Associate's in Business degree as a Computer Programmer/Analyst by way of the ePathways program (an H1B grant through Michigan Works!). I entered this program as the grant was nearing its



THE GREAT STATE OF MICHIGAN; a collection of photographs of Michigan

Lansing Community College recently opened the Great State of Michigan permanent photographic exhibit in the Gannon building. A collection of over 300 photographs illustrating the unique character and beauty of Michigan.

Get your copy of this exclusive exhibit book by making a donation to the LCC Foundation in support of the Eric Zimmerman Visual Arts Fund; which supports art on campus. Visit [Great State of Michigan](#)



DID YOU KNOW?

The LCC Foundation was incorporated June 1, 1981, by February 1982 the bank balance was nearly \$4,000, now 34 years later, with a long list of generous donors the Foundation is now over \$10 million in total assets.

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close, and it was recently brought to my attention that the grant may not be extended. Receiving this scholarship is a game-changer; it ensures that I can continue and complete this phase of my educational journey at very little cost to me.

After LCC, I plan to continue education; Michigan State University first to obtain a Bachelor's in Computer Science, then Davenport Univeristy for the 2 year Masters in Tech Careers program they now offer. I would like to eventually end up as an IT PMP (Information Technology Project Management Professional) and though there is a quicker way to get there, I want the experience as the journey will prove most beneficial. Thank you again, Nyanontee

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 [here](#).

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