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Spring 2026 New Student Kick-off

Student Affairs hosted its annual New Student Kick-off celebration for the spring semester on January 7, 2026, from 4-6 p.m. The event had an excellent turnout, with 106 new students attending, along with their family members and guests, creating an incredible evening in the Commons Area of the Gannon Building.

The event provides new students with the opportunity to become familiar with all the resources LCC offers.

Students had the opportunity to meet with partners such as Envision Green from Michigan State University, as well as visit resource stations that included Case Credit Union, the Transfer Center, the Office of Empowerment, and more.

The event wrapped up with the presentation of three lucky scholarship winners, presented by Provost Sally Welch, Dean Ronda Miller from Student Affairs, and the Admissions Department. What an inspiring way to kick off the semester!

We look forward to building student success and can't wait for the next New Student Kick-off this fall.

The Muppet Movie Uplifts Historians at the Movies

LCC-Historians at the Movies launched the spring season on Jan. 21 with "The Muppet Movie", a hero's journey for Kermit the Frog who faces obstacles and makes friends on his path to Hollywood.

Each month, the LCC History Program presents films exploring significant eras and events during Historians at the Movies (HATM), attended by students, faculty, and staff on WebEx. Attendees watch the film with host Wade Merrill (History) and a faculty member from another discipline, then engage in lively discussions of the film's themes and plot.

The Muppet Movie was co-hosted by LCC's Costume Designer and Theatre faculty member Chelle Peterson, who brought design expertise and personal insights to the discussion. The Feb. 18 feature will be the 1986 film Little Shop of Horrors, followed by Triangle Fire (2011) on March 25. The final spring semester film will be a special in-person event at Dart Auditorium on April 23, in collaboration with Lansing Pride (film to be announced). LCC-HATM is part of the History Program's History Matters: Learning Outside the Classroom programming, which includes Reading with the Historians and the Take A Stand! Sit In! forum.

CMA Students Perform at the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

Communication, Media and the Arts students were featured performers at the Office of Empowerment's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration on Jan. 20 in the Michigan Room. Three students in Communication Prof. Catye Palomino's COMM 130 Public Speaking class each presented an excerpt from one of Dr. King's speeches: Ahmad Ismaeel (I've Been to the Mountaintop), Mirielle Tshunza (Our God is Marching On), and Bryce Engle (I Have a Dream). The celebration concluded with a performance by the LCC Jazz Combo, directed by Music Prof. Jon Gewirtz and featuring the powerhouse vocals of AnnaMarie Horn. They performed "Feeling Good" by Anthony Newley and Leslie Briccuse, "What's Going On" (Marvin Gaye), "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" (Thomas Dorsey), and "Lean On Me" by Bill Withers.



Above photo: Mirielle Tshunza, Catye Palomino, Bryce Engle and Ahmad Ismaeel

Student Achievement Highlight: Michigan Student Broadcast Awards

Students from Lansing Community College have been named finalists in the 2026 Michigan Student Broadcast Awards, presented by the Michigan Association of Broadcasters. This

statewide recognition places LCC students among Michigan's top emerging broadcast and media professionals.

The following LCC students were recognized:

- + **Tessa Merritt – National Park Protocols During a Federal Government Shutdown** (Current Events)
- + **Nathan Schweri – The Michigan Sexual Abuse Prevention Program** (Current Events)
- + **Ashton Perdue – Human Trafficking** (Public Service Announcement, sponsored by the Michigan Human Trafficking Commission)

These projects were completed in DMAC 120, taught by Jeff Hamlin, and reflect the program's emphasis on effective storytelling as both an artistic discipline and a professional skill. Students are trained to research, frame, and present complex issues clearly, accurately, and purposefully—an essential competency across media, communications, and civic life.

The students used Perkins-funded equipment to produce their work, demonstrating the direct impact of workforce investment on hands-on learning, creative problem-solving, and professional readiness.

This recognition affirms the strength of Lansing Community College's career-focused programs, the expertise of its faculty, and the college's commitment to preparing students to communicate meaningfully, ethically, and effectively in the communities they serve.

Students Connect with Non-Profit and Government Employers

LCC Career and Employment Services and Student Life co-hosted the spring 2026 Non-Profit and Government Agency Fair to promote job, internship, and volunteer opportunities at local agencies. The event offered students a chance to connect with organizations and government offices that provided resources and information to support their search for employment or volunteer positions. Thank you so much to the agencies and students who participated!



Science and Math Hold Advising Meet and Greet for Transfer Studies Students

The Science and Math Department kicked off a meet and greet series with a Jan. 20 event focused on students majoring in Transfer Studies. Students were able to meet and connect with Math and Science Program advisors as well as LCC's Academic Advisors. Students asked questions and the advisors shared information about course choices, further academic options, career paths and LCC's many resources.

Science Snack-tivities Create Delicious Learning Opportunities

Playing with your food is so much fun!

Science and Math faculty hosted an afternoon of learning with free snacks in December. Activities included decorating and eating Michigan geology sugar cookies, 3D visualization using Swiss cake rolls, dancing raisins in carbonated drinks, tessellations using Goldfish crackers, and modeling physiology using gummy candy.

Students were able to connect with instructors and enjoy conversations that extended learning beyond the classroom.



Student Success Story: Veteran Student Navigates VA Claims and is On Track to Graduate, with LCC's Help

Student Veteran Academic Advisor Dustin Abrego and VA Coordinator Rebecca Allen worked with a veteran student over a period of months, helping him to build his confidence, navigate the Veteran Affairs claims process and get on track to graduation.

"A veteran student here at LCC initially struggled with the transition to

civilian life, feeling that college wasn't the right fit for them," they wrote. "Like many veterans, they were also unaware that they qualified for service-connected disability compensation.

"Slowly, after frequenting the Center for Veteran and Family Support (CVFS) office and lounge, this changed. After attending an event hosted by CVFS, the student was able to get connected and navigate the VA claims process. They were self-selecting themselves out, thinking they did not deserve benefits and instead should just deal with injuries from their time in the service. After many reassuring talks and meetings with the CVFS staff, the student is now receiving full disability compensation. This newfound financial stability allowed them to focus entirely on their studies. This student will be graduating this May on the Dean's List."

The financial impact for this student, who received a 100% disability rating through the VA, is life-changing. The confidence boost, too, is allowing him to pursue dreams he did not think he could.

"The student indicated that these new benefits pushed them to positively reevaluate and pursue changes in their personal life, including exploring career passions that had previously been out of reach," Abrego and Allen wrote. "This student often focuses on helping others, sometimes at the expense of themselves. They expressed that the process helped them acknowledge and focus on their own neglected needs as a disabled veteran, and that they would be using their knowledge of the process to encourage fellow veterans to also pursue VA disability ratings and the care that they need."

The Center for Veteran and Family Support aims to ensure student success,

a goal that extends beyond VA benefit counseling and academic advising. Employees try to ensure veterans have access to the resources they need, both at LCC and in their personal life, so they are able to focus on school and not worry about some of life stressors. Their work has a tremendous impact in the lives of our students!

LCC Men's Basketball Coach Reaches 700 Career Victories

LCC men's basketball coach Mike Ingram reached a historic milestone on Feb. 2, 2026, securing his 700th career victory in a 100-76 win over Southwestern Michigan on the team's home court.

This achievement places Ingram among an elite group of men's basketball coaches to reach 700 wins, a testament to his longevity, consistency, and impact on the game. As head coach at LCC since 1990, Ingram has built a reputation for competitive excellence, player development, and sustained success.

Congratulations, Coach Ingram!



LCC Board of Trustees approves \$500,000 to expand Food Pantry

The Laptop Lending Program will also benefit.

The Lansing Community College Board of Trustees recently voted to allocate an additional \$500,000 to the student food pantry and \$200,000 to expand the laptop lending program.

The food pantry currently provides ready-to-eat options, including microwavable meals, granola bars, fruit cups, and other snacks, to any student in need. It serves the Downtown, West, and East Campus locations, as well as Mason Aviation. The additional \$500,000 from the Board of Trustees will allow the college to add more hours of availability as well as explore expanding food options.

The Library’s laptop lending program offers 1,000 laptops at the Downtown Campus and 100 at West Campus. Current students may check out an HP ProBook for a full semester on a first-come, first-served basis. The \$200,000 allocated by the Board of Trustees will enable the college to purchase an additional 100 laptops for student borrowing at West Campus and to provide 25 laptops to support the new TRIO Student Support Services.

Thank you to our Trustees for your steadfast support of our students. Your leadership and commitment make a meaningful difference in their opportunities, growth, and success.



Pop-Up Food Pantry

LCC’s Pop-Up Food Pantry was established in February 2023 to address the immediate needs of food-insecure students as part of LCC’s commitment to student success. The pantry aims to provide students with free, shelf-stable, nutritious food to ensure that hunger does not become a barrier to their education while on campus. To preserve dignity, students are not asked to prove hardship and are not asked to provide their names. Food is available at all campus locations.

Dates of service - January 2026
Students served - 334

Mobile Health Clinic

In conjunction with UM Health-Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic, LCC is addressing the healthcare needs of students and employees through quality, compassionate, free healthcare.

The UM-Health-Sparrow Mobile Health Clinic is staffed with medical providers and clinical support positions who offer a variety of services to visitors, including:

- + Wellness exams
- + Blood pressure checks
- + Sports physicals
- + Influenza vaccinations, subject to availability
- + Patient Education
- + Medical and financial resources

Date of Service - January 2026
Patients served - 5

LCC Participates in Annual Liberal Arts Network for Development (LAND) Creative Writing Contest

LCC proudly participates in the LAND Creative Writing Contest every year. This competition provides students at community colleges across Michigan with an opportunity to develop and showcase their creative talents and rewards creative writing excellence in the categories of Fiction, Poetry, and Creative Non-Fiction. LCC hosts a local contest, and winners advance to the statewide LAND contest where they compete for further recognition. Winners gain opportunities to have their work featured in LAND publications or presented at the annual conference.

This year, the Fiction category winners included Halle Service’s “A Drop Away” at 1st place, Thomas Lamphere’s “Gehinom Mar” was awarded 2nd place, and Ailee Hill’s “The Psychopomp” earned 3rd place. In the Poetry category, Christopher Couthen’s “The Editor on my Shoulder” earned 1st place, Onelicia Gelista’s “A Necklace too Tight” secured 2nd place, while Hope Tury’s “Crimson Greetings” received 3rd place. In the Creative Non-Fiction category, Katherine Morgan’s “Waiting Rooms” earned 1st place, Monika Bilic’s “Letter to Jean-Michel” was awarded 2nd place, and Maria Vallier’s “DeLeonce” received 3rd place.

Technical Careers Hosts Hiring Fair

The hiring fair on January 27 was highly successful, attracting 23 attendees and generating strong interest in current employment opportunities at LCC. Participants had the opportunity to engage directly with hiring representatives, learn about available

positions and gain insight into career pathways, workplace culture and growth opportunities within the organization. Human Resources staff were available throughout the event to answer questions regarding the hiring process, application requirements, timelines and next steps, which helped clarify expectations and improve the overall candidate experience.

Meaningful conversations allowed attendees to share their experience and better understand how their skills align with organizational needs. The event generated a strong pool of qualified candidates and increased applications for open positions, underscoring the hiring fair's effectiveness as a recruitment and outreach initiative.

West Campus Sensory Lab Open House

On January 9, West Campus welcomed 10 attendees to the Sensory Open House, which offered a calm, welcoming environment for participants to explore the lab space. Attendees experienced the lab’s sensory aspects at their own pace, asked questions, and became more comfortable with the equipment, sounds, and lighting. The smaller group size allowed for individualized attention and meaningful conversations, supporting the overall goal of reducing anxiety and increasing familiarity with the lab setting. Overall, the event met its objective of providing an accessible and informative experience for those interested in the Sensory Lab.

BCI Trains Dean Transportation in First Aid, CPR, AED, and School Bus Health Care I, II, and III – Various Locations, MI

BCI provided CPR and SBHC training to several hundred Dean Transportation School Bus Drivers throughout Michigan this summer. The training included Heartsaver® First Aid, CPR, and AED. Dean employees also received customized School Bus Health Care training to equip them with as many necessary skills as possible to prevent and/or respond to situations they may encounter with their riders.

BCI Attends Dean Transportation Regional Trainers Meeting

The Director, Business Development Manager, and Administrative Sales Account Manager discussed scheduling training and providing updates on verifying completion of training.



The BCI Provides Basic Electrical Training – Mason, MI

This training covered the basics of AC (Alternating Current) and DC (Direct Current) theory and fundamentals. The participants first gained an understanding of the concepts of electrical schematics, components, voltage, current and resistance. These fundamentals were then applied through Ohms Law to basic circuit design and analysis. Power, magnetism and AC/DC generation was also introduced to complete the theories of voltage applications. Labs introduced the participants to series, parallel and series parallel circuits.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC) activity and impact metrics for January 1 – 30:

Consulted with 80 business clients to start or grow their businesses. Other impact metrics:

- + Delivered a total of 183 consulting hours
- + Helped those clients secure \$200 of new capital to launch or grow
- + Helped create two new businesses
- + Helped create two new jobs
- + Non-distinct headcount: 199

Notable Activities:

SBDC Discusses Business Resources at The Plug-in Entrepreneur Event

SBDC’s Regional Director Laurie Lonsdorf and Business Consultant Kelly West represented one of the twenty local business support organizations represented at The Plug-in, held on January 29. The event was sponsored by Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP). More than 150 aspiring and existing entrepreneurs were in attendance. This was a great opportunity to share the services that SBDC provides to potential new clients, as well as connect with current and past clients – of which there were many! It was a strong confirmation that the SBDC is reaching the people who need our services the most.

Among the attending organizations was Lake Trust, represented by LCC Trustee Chatum Taylor, who serves as the Credit Union’s Member Experience Manager.



Above photo: Trustee Chatum Taylor, Laurie Lonsdorf and Kelly West

For the past 10 years, the Center for Veteran and Family Support has led the college-wide Toys for Tots drive, coordinated by the United States Marine Corps. Each year, we gather toys from staff across campus and provide them to kids and families who may be struggling during the holiday season. Our goal is to help create magical Christmas memories for those families and give back to our community.

This year, we donated over 150 items to the Toys for Tots drive. We look forward to coordinating this event next year and will be aiming for over 200 items!



SBDC Regional Director Laurie Lonsdorf Attended the Clinton County Incubator Challenge on January 22

In December, Laurie Lonsdorf had the opportunity to coach the finalists in the 2nd Annual Clinton County Incubator Challenge, hosted by the St. John’s Area Chamber of Commerce. In January, she watched them take the stage live and vie for a \$2500 cash prize. Each presenter had five minutes to pitch their compelling story and demonstrate why they should walk home with the prize. There were two winners: Copper Learning Academy in the startup category and My Handyma’am in the existing business category. All the presenters did a great job of pitching, and they showed a real diversity of business ideas!



Above photo: Audrey Tipper, Copper Learning Academy

Public Relations Department

Media Report:
Jan. 1 - 31

Earned media viewership:
260,393

Earned media value:
\$15,303

Total media press clips:
45

Selected media highlights:

LCC on Morning Blend

WSYM FOX 47 Morning Blend

Amy Phillips and Alicia Dashevskiy highlight Adult Enrichment classes at East Campus.

LCC program recognized

Michigan.gov

LCC HHS's partnership with the East Lansing Fire Department was recognized with an award.

LCC faculty member highlighted

American Association of Physics Teachers

LCC faculty member Bryan Stanley is highlighted in the January Member Spotlight by the American Association of Physics Teachers.

Former LCC student making an impact

Stockbridge Community News

Debby Lopez is shaping culture at Stockbridge High.

LCC to honor King's legacy

Lansing State Journal

LCC will honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 20.

LCC grad promoted at LAFUCU

Patch.com

Kellie Swiger has been promoted to head of creative at LAFUCU.

LCC receives grant

WILX NBC News 10 (web)

LCC is among 22 colleges and universities receiving a College Success Grant from MiLEAP to enhance credential attainment and improve student persistence.

LCC Men's basketball photos

Lansing State Journal

Men's basketball photos.

Nominations open for Distinguished Alumni

517 Magazine; NewsBreak

LCC Foundation is accepting nominations for the 2026 Distinguished Alumni through Feb. 9.

Medical assistant apprenticeship program returns

WILX NBC News 10 – clip aired twice

UM Health Sparrow and LCC partner for medical assistant apprenticeship program.

LCC Provost on Central Bound partnership

Central Michigan Life; NewsBreak

Dr. Sally Welch discusses the benefits of LCC's partnership with Central Michigan University.

LCC President named to LEAP executive committee

Michigan Business Network

Dr. Steve Robinson has been named to the 2026 LEAP Executive Committee.

LCC on the benefits of Michigan Reconnect

WSYM FOX 47 News – clip aired six times

LCC's Sarah Garcia-Linz and Shannon Dunivon detail the benefits of Michigan Reconnect.

LCC Women's Basketball Coach on Lansing 730

Staudt on Sports Lansing 730 – Interview runs from 00:58:25 – 01:10:52

LCC's Megan Hudson talks with Tim Staudt.

LCC on the benefits of the Michigan Reconnect program

WSYM FOX 47 Saturday Morning News at 6 & 7; Sunday Morning News at 7 & 8

LCC's Sarah Garcia-Linz and Shannon Dunivon detail the benefits of Michigan Reconnect.

LCC celebrates King Day

WILX NBC News 10

A live look at the King Day Celebration at LCC.

LCC celebrates King Day

WILX NBC News 10

LCC's Tanya McClain on celebrating Dr. King's legacy.

LCC is operating remotely due to the severe cold

WLNS CBS 6 News; WLAJ ABC 6 News

LCC is operating remotely due to dangerously cold temperatures.

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LCC on Morning Blend

WSYM FOX 47 Morning Blend

LCC's Danielle LaFleur discusses the upcoming West Campus hiring event and how to apply for college positions.

LCC is holding a hiring event

WILX NBC News 10

LCC's West Campus is holding a Tech Careers Hiring Event.

LCC on 517 In Your Business

517 In Your Business Podcast

LCC's Scott Skowronek details a recent gift to the Foundation and its impact on scholarships.

LCC on WILS

The WILS Morning Wake-Up WILS 1320

LCC's Cathy Zell discusses the Foundation's largest gift to date.

Social Media Analytics Key

Total Posts

How many times a video, image, tweet, article, etc., was sent out on a given social media platform that month.

Follower +/-

How many users that decided to follow or unfollow a social media page in a given month for each platform.

Reach

A metric that refers to the number of users who have encountered a particular content on a social media platform.

Total Monthly Reach

This metric is estimated by each platform. It is a give-or-take of how many users in total viewed any content from a social media page that month. It shows roughly how big of a net is being cast.

Average Reach per Post

This is not an estimate like the "Total Monthly Reach" stat. This is calculated by taking the reach for each post that month and then dividing it by the total number of posts that month. It gives an idea of how many users, on average, came across a post from a given platform that month.

Engagements

Engagements are generally defined as when someone interacts with a post. What constitutes an engagement varies by platform. Examples of engagements include liking a post, commenting, sharing, saving, clicking on a link, clicking on an image, or re-sharing a post.

Total Engagements

The total sum of engagements for each post from each platform in a given month.

Average Engagements

'Total Engagements' divided by 'Total Posts' for each platform. Gives an idea of how many interactions from users/followers one could expect for an average post during the month for the specified platform.

Engagement Rate

Also referred to as Engagement Rate by Reach (ERR). This divides the 'Average Engagements' metric by the 'Average Reach per Post' metric. Essentially, this measures the percentage of users who chose to interact with a post after seeing it on the specified platform.

The following are the top posts for LCC Social Media during January.

 **LinkedIn**
3,343 Reach · 174 Engagements



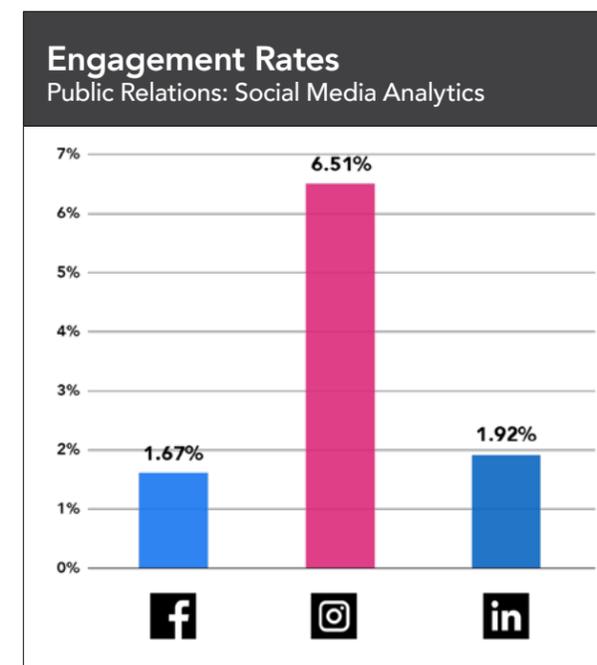
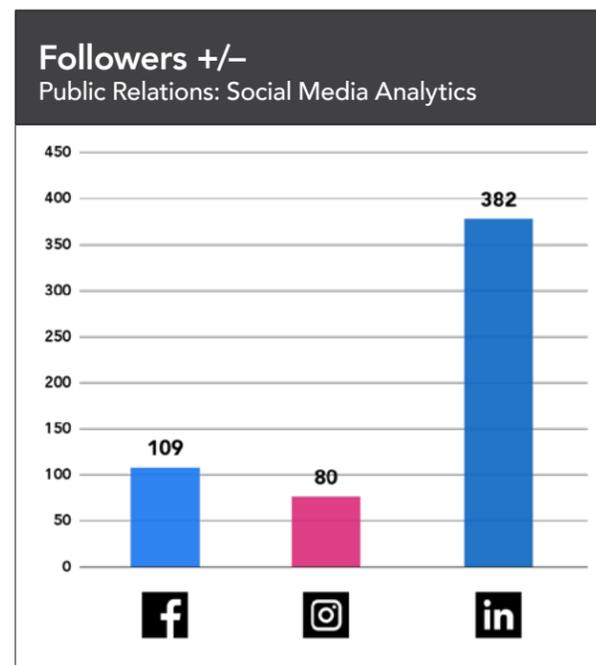
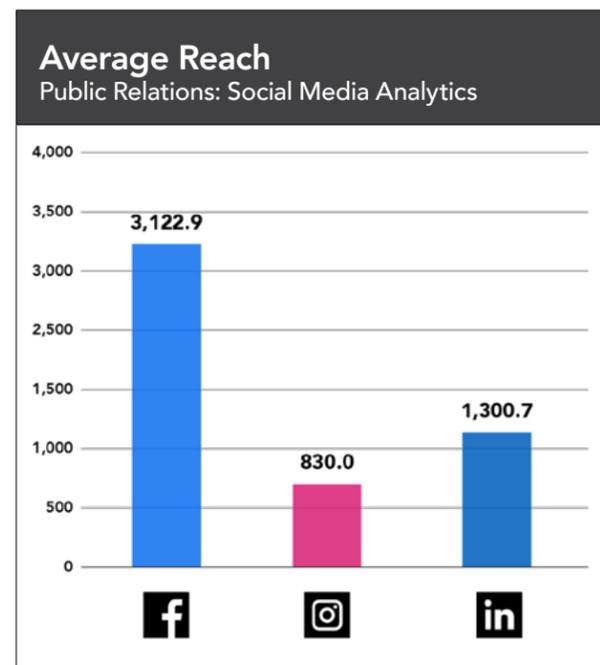
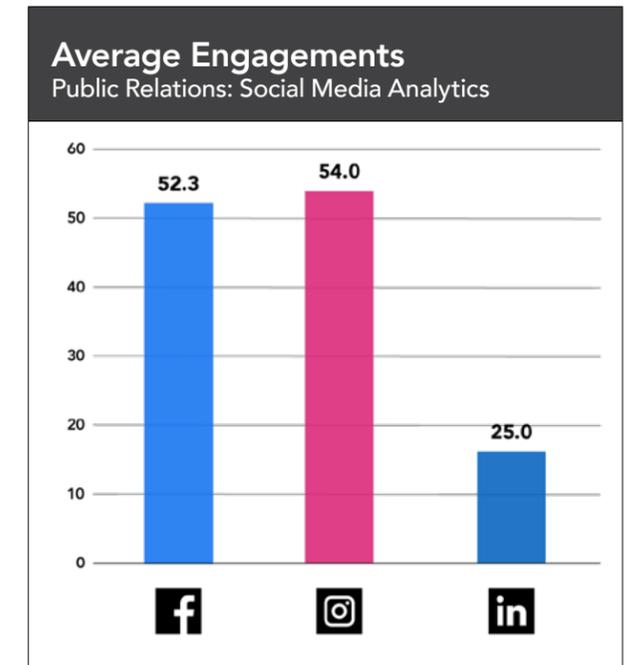
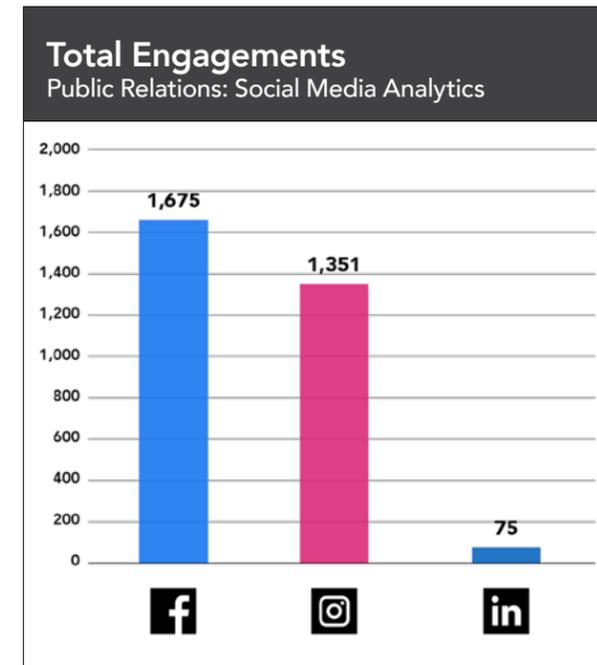
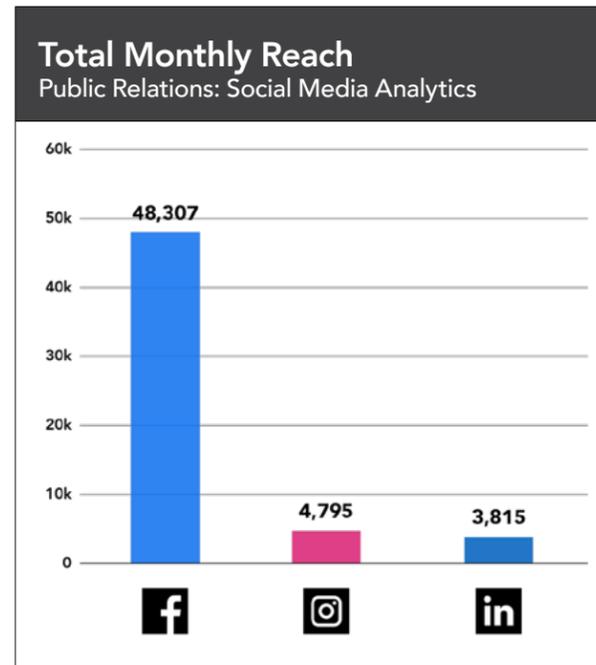
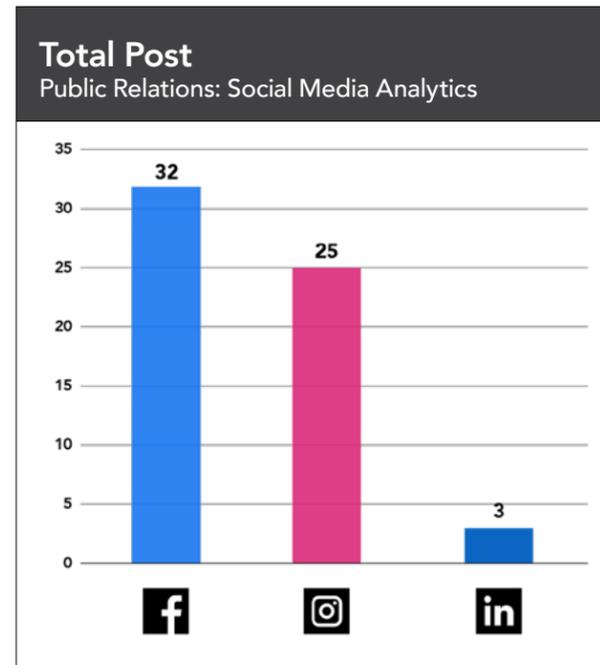
 **Facebook**
57,881 Reach · 944 Engagements



 **Instagram**
3,455 Reach · 126 Engagements



The following is a breakdown of how LCC performed on our social media channels in January.



Conference Services report of January events

Downtown Campus

Jan. 3

Cleary University Basketball Game

GB Gym, GB 3229, GB 3230, GB 3259 and GB 3267 · 1000 people

Jan. 6

New Student Registration Session

GB 2214, GB 2302, GB Highway · 50 people

Jan. 7

PA Days

Michigan Room, Grand River Room, Dart, A&S 0311, 0330, 0335, 1120, 1122, 1124, 1304, 2118, 2122, 2126, 2312 and 2316 · 200 people

New Student Kick Off

Commons · 140 people

Jan. 8

HHS Spring Kick Off

HHS 006-007 and HHS 025 · 60 people

New Student Registration Session

GB 2214, GB 2302, GB Highway · 50 people

Jan. 9

Rotary

Michigan Room · 85 people

Jan. 12-15

Welcome Back Week:

- + Transfer Center Donut Days
- + Free Snacks, T-shirts and School Supplies
- + Coffee and Coaches
- + Outside Success Coach Lounge
- + Be the Key: Create Your Own Success
- + Outside Success Couch Lounge

Jan. 12

ELT Meeting

Administration Boardroom · 18 people

Jan. 13

Nursing Orientation

Michigan Room · 65 people

Jan. 14

Non-Profit and Government Agency Fair

GB Highway, Stationary Tables 1-3 · 50 people

Cleary University Basketball Game

GB Gym, GB 3229, GB 3230, GB 3259, GB 3267 · 1000 people

Jan. 16

Rotary

Michigan Room · 85 people

Jan. 20

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration

Michigan Room and Grand River Room · 100 people

Jan. 22

C3R Summit

Michigan Room · 60 people

Jan. 23

Ingham ISD Counselor Meeting

Grand River Room · 25 people

Rotary

Michigan Room · 85 people

Jan. 27

Cleary University Basketball Game

GB Gym, GB 3229, GB 3230, GB 3259 and GB 3267 · 1000 people

West Campus

Jan. 7

ERESA 10th Grade Visit

M119-122, Auditorium, Atrium, W165, W169, E137, E140, W157, Apparatus Bay, W161, E138, U233, U234, U235, M124, M124A, W166 and 11 Classrooms · 200 People

Jan. 8

Tech Careers Spring Kickoff

M119-122 · 100 People

Jan. 12-16

Welcome Back Week

Free Goldfish Crackers, Fruit and School Supplies

Jan. 13

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council

M119-121 · 40 people

Jan. 14

Department of Natural Resources NRC Meeting

M119-122 · 80 people

Jan. 15

Greater Lansing Society for Human Resources Management

M121-122 · 60 people

Jan. 20

Integrity Financial

W157 · 30 people

Jan. 22

Integrity Financial

W157 · 30 people

Jan. 28

ERESA Mock Interviews

M124A, M124B, W164 and U238 · 40 People

Burns and McDonnell

Showroom and M124 · 180 People

Jan. 29

Environment, Great Lakes and Energy

M119-121 · 100 People

Number of Site Tours

+ Downtown Campus: 4

+ West Campus: 1

Number of Booked External Event Contracts

+ Downtown Campus: 46

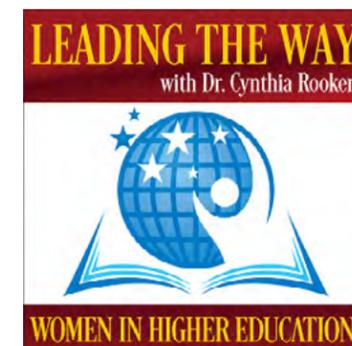
+ West Campus:



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan

Members of LCC’s Board of Trustees and college leadership attended the Day of Celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King on Jan. 19, 2026, at the Lansing Center.

The annual Day of Celebration is the flagship event of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan. This nonprofit, elected volunteer body is committed to honoring Dr. King's legacy and teachings by supporting community organizations and inspiring youth to achieve their educational aspirations.



LCC Connect Launches New Podcast

LCC Connect launched a new podcast in January, “Leading the Way: Women in Higher Education,” hosted by Dr. Cynthia Rooker, who works as LCC’s Director of Auxiliary Services as well as a faculty member in the School of Business. The podcast highlights

the voices and leadership journeys of women across higher education, featuring candid conversations with presidents, provosts, faculty and staff. Episodes explore leadership, equity, mentorship, and the challenges and successes shaping academic life today.

Marketing Department Helps Promote Major Events and Job Training Center Enrollment

Maya Moments

The Maya Angelou Training Center kicked off the spring semester with Maya Moments events. This open space invited students to come into the Office of Empowerment to learn more about the Maya Angelou Training Center services. The events were advertised via the LCC website, campus TVs, social media and flyers.

Electrical Control Technician Boot Camp

The Marketing Department supported the Job Training Center’s Electrical Control Technician Boot Camp enrollment goals by implementing a comprehensive marketing campaign that included program-specific sub-campaigns and year-round general marketing.

The February 2026 Electrical Control Technician cohort enrollment campaign secured 69 applicants for a cohort that can enroll only 15 students, underscoring demand for another cohort this spring semester.

The Michigan Economic Development Corporation sponsored students in this program who graduated from high school or earned their GED within the past five years, allowing them to attend tuition-free.

Medical Front Office Specialist Program

The Marketing Department supported the Job Training Center’s new, 100% online Medical Front Office Specialist Program enrollment goals by implementing a comprehensive marketing campaign that includes program-specific sub-campaigns and year-round general marketing.

Since the first cohort in October 2025, the program’s enrollment campaign has secured 62 applications. This program is offered at a low cost to students, and CAMW! offers limited funding for students who need more financial support.

Fraud Protection Added to Admissions Application

Colleges across the country are experiencing a huge rise in fraudulent applications, submitted by identity thieves hoping to access federal and state financial aid without actually attending classes. LCC got ahead of the problem by implementing Lexis Nexis’ fraud detection software in January.

This software allows the college to verify the personal information students supply when applying – like name, date of birth, address and Social Security Number, if they have one – against a secure database of public records, to ensure the information is consistent.

Students whose information matches will be automatically routed to continue the admissions application. Students whose information does not match will still be able to apply after talking with an employee and presenting a valid ID.

This solution protects taxpayer dollars and protects our community from

identity theft, yet remains easy for our prospective students to complete.

Annual Website Cleanup Completed

The college’s yearly website cleanup started right after break and was finished in mid-January; web developers removed lots of outdated pages from the LCC press release blog, student news blog, student newspaper, employer spotlight, The Star employee blog and more.

Youth Program’s Summer and Online Camps Updated for 2026

LCC’s Youth Summer Camps are a great way for Lansing-area kids to learn science, math, engineering, biology, animation, fine arts, theatre and teamwork through fun, interactive, hands-on learning experiences. Offerings for 2026 were updated in January, and registration opens March 1.

Website

Office of Empowerment Hosts Scholarship Workshop

On Jan. 13, the Office of Empowerment hosted a scholarship workshop with Scott Skowronek from the LCC Foundation. He guided students through the process of applying for LCC scholarships, highlighted the wide range of available opportunities, and emphasized that many scholarships go unclaimed each year.



Office of Empowerment Advisory Team Offers to Mentor Students

On Jan. 16, the Office of Empowerment’s Senior Advisory Team, Lansing, agreed to volunteer as mentors within the office to share their wisdom and advice with LCC students. We’re excited for students to benefit from their knowledge!



Office of Empowerment Hosts Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

On Jan. 20, the Martin Luther King Jr. Equity Center (MLKEC) hosted the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration in the Michigan and Grand River rooms. The event featured:

- + Keynote speaker Elaine Hardy, Chairperson of the MLK Jr. Commission of Mid-Michigan
- + Guest speaker Andy Schor, Mayor of Lansing
- + A panel discussion with LCC faculty and community leaders.

Attendees enjoyed music by the LCC Jazz Band, a Memorabilia Museum Gallery, a pop-up library, student presentations and food.

The event was especially meaningful for the Office of Empowerment’s Dawn Hardin, as AnnaMarie Horn, a former student of hers, gave a memorable

performance, adding a personal connection to the evening’s celebration.

The evening provided inspiration, reflection and community, reaffirming LCC’s commitment to equity and honoring Dr. King’s legacy. A special thanks to MLKEC Equity Coordinator Kylee Carter for her work with the run of show and coordination for this successful event.



Mentorship Programs Start Semester

Three student mentorship programs within the Office of Empowerment began the semester with interesting discussions meant to foster belonging.

WISE Mentorship Program

On Jan. 21, the Cesar Chavez Multicultural Center (CCMC) hosted a WISE event featuring guest presenter Jazmin Anderson from the Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP). Anderson shared her journey from a young mother to a community leader, emphasizing resilience and continuous learning. Attendees engaged in discussions about personal growth, leadership and community involvement as well as reflective activities, such as writing letters to one’s younger and future selves.



Above photo: WISE Mentorship Program featuring Jazmin Anderson

Men About Progress (MAP)

On Jan. 22, the CCMC hosted a MAP event, featuring Wesley Canady and student employees Cy Demeire and Damien Starks. The gathering aimed to foster community engagement and support for male students. Participants enjoyed pizza and beverages while engaging in icebreaker activities and discussions on various topics, including music preferences and sports debates.



Above photo: MAP Program featuring Damien Starks

LUCERO

On Jan. 27, the CCMC hosted a Latinos Unidos con Energia Respeto y Orgullo (LUCERO) event featuring guest presenter Lorenzo Lopez, a board member from the Labor Council for Latino American Advancement (LCLAA) and a member of the Office of Empowerment's Senior Advisory Team, Lansing. Lopez shared his extensive experience in Latino cultural arts and community leadership as well as his role in advancing Latino representation in the Lansing area. The event included discussions on cultural identity, the importance of representation and overcoming challenges in education.



Above photo: LUCERO featuring Lorenzo Lopez

Students and Employees Enjoy 'A Taste of Culture: Afghan'

On Jan. 26, the Office of Empowerment hosted "A Taste of Culture: Afghan," an event organized to celebrate and share global traditions. This edition highlighted Afghan culture by offering samples of traditional dishes, allowing attendees to experience the rich flavors and heritage of Afghanistan. Organizers also showcased a video of the sport buzkashi, a traditional sport in which riders on horseback race to carry a goat carcass to their goal. LCC student Sania enhanced the experience by teaching participants the correct pronunciation

of Afghan dishes such as qabli plow (a rice dish) and mantu (dumplings). The event welcomed all LCC students, faculty and staff, fostering cultural appreciation and global connection on campus.



Maya Moments Kicks Off Spring Event

On Jan. 26, the MATC kicked off their Maya Moments tabling series in preparation for the upcoming Performing Arts Night at West Campus in honor of Maya Angelou's birthday.



Students Participate in Empowered to RISE at LCC Training

On Jan. 28, the MATC hosted "RISE II: Empowered to RISE at LCC." The session focused on building a culture of empowerment at LCC through an understanding of diversity. Participants engaged in a puzzle activity where they shared a fact about themselves or their personal culture, then reflected on how these shared experiences can foster understanding and connection among the LCC community. The event highlighted how the Office of Empowerment supports students' growth and encourages inclusivity on campus and beyond.



A Star is Hired!

Check out this monthly section highlighting our newest employees, who were hired in January.

Welcome to LCC Stars, you belong here.

Kelsey Boisclair
Logistical Services Admin

Dan Motte
Police Academy

Joseph Cherrone
Electrical Technology

Matt Read
Marketing

Carmellia Davis-King
Advising

Justin Skipper
Electrical Technology

Andrew Gamet
Infrastructure
Support Services

Billy Tervo
Police Academy

Candy Hicks
Community Health Services

Nick Howing
Welding Technology

Jerred Johnson
Marketing

Irene Mantakounis
Marketing



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National Park Protocols During a Federal Government Shutdown https://soundcloud.com/tessa-merritt-512969149/national-park-protocols-during-government-shutdown?si=6875e36371f947899f713c1741d6cb50&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing%22

The Michigan Sexual Abuse Prevention Program https://soundcloud.com/nathan-schweri-669832399/current-events-project-msapp?si=c734326321574b2082eefc2cf7599640&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing%22

Human Trafficking https://soundcloud.com/perdue-ashton/perdue_somewhere-else?si=edcfa06bd98f4283b3facc6eca37170c&utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing

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LCC grad promoted at LAFCU <https://patch.com/michigan/across-mi/lafcu-expands-marketing-creative-community-engagement-team-promotions-new-hire>

Medical assistant apprenticeship program returns <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=2f0b3198-fbb8-436d-87fd-34dea0a9bd1f>

Nominations open for Distinguished Alumni <https://517mag.com/nominations-open-for-lcc-distinguished-alumni/>

LCC Men's basketball photos <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/picture-gallery/sports/college/2026/01/07/photos-lansing-community-college-mott-mens-basketball/88074802007/>

LCC receives grant <https://www.wilx.com/2026/01/05/minimum-wage-increases-um-sparrow-honored-other-business-headlines-across-lansing/>

LCC Provost on Central Bound partnership https://www.cm-life.com/article/2026/01/d_lccpartnership_news_182026

LCC to honor King's legacy <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/local/2026/01/07/martin-luther-king-jr-day-lansing-michigan-state-university/88045056007/>

Former LCC student making an impact <https://stockbridgecommunitynews.com/staff-spotlight-media-center-specialist-debby-lopezs-creativity-commitment-shape-culture-of-student-success-center/>

LCC faculty member highlighted https://www.aapt.org/Membership/spotlight_January2026.cfm

LCC program recognized https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/wd/success-stories/2025/12/18/east-lansing-fire-department-creates-innovative-registered-apprenticeship-program?utm_campaign=sae-newsletter&utm_medium=email-December-2025&utm_source=govdelivery

LCC on Morning Blend <https://www.fox47news.com/entertainment/shows/the-morning-blend/lansing-community-college-east-campus-12-29-25>

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LCC President named to LEAP executive committee <https://michiganbusinessnetwork.com/leap-announces-2026-executive-committee-leadership/>

LCC Women's Basketball Coach on Lansing 730 <https://lansing730.com/podcast/popup/?id=5f5110d408232b4f5471fff5&item=4&theme=light&playertype=player>

LCC on the benefits of the Michigan Reconnect program <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=3302bf55-971c-4c1a-8bf7-ed601e97958e>

LCC celebrates King Day <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=edda092a-ee4c-47dd-bf32-9af59adcfa6>

LCC celebrates King Day 1 <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=c2450ded-af46-410f-a293-83e8b94e2038>

LCC is operating remotely due to the severe cold <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=eb50a633-80a7-4a98-8a2d-88f33844a9d0>

LCC on Morning Blend 1 <https://www.fox47news.com/entertainment/shows/the-morning-blend/lansing-community-college-west-campus-01-23-26>

LCC is holding a hiring event <http://mms.tveyes.com/PlaybackPortal.aspx?SavedEditID=2a1718d3-9a76-482a-a0bf-447e0d902399>

LCC on WILS https://1320wils.com/assets/podcaster/916/2026_01_29_916_183095_.mp3

LCC on 517 In Your Business <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqhMO1f5OQI>

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Website <https://www.lcc.edu/community/youth-programs/summer-camp.html>



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The following individuals have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Equal Opportunity Officer, Employee Title IX Coordinator, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1730; HR Director of Total Compensation and Employment, 504/ADA, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1875; Associate Dean, Center for Student Support, 504/ADA, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave. Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1885; Director of Student Compliance, Student Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-9632, Director of Athletics, Deputy Title IX Coordinator, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1622, U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

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