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LCC Participates in Lansing LIT Fest

“Washington Square Review – Live!” was LCC’s contribution on Sept. 18 to the third annual Lansing LIT Festival, celebrating Lansing’s literary scene. The LCC event in Dart Auditorium featured readings by students whose work had been published in the 2025 or 2026 Star editions of Washington Square Review, LCC’s literary journal. Also reading were several of the Review’s faculty editors. Following the readings, Creative Writing Professor Melissa Lucken moderated an audience Q&A with four of the student readers. Readers included Joseph Esper, Elizabeth Benson, Sydney Curtis, Daphne Henry, Jael Ives, Sydnee King, Melissa Ford Lucken, Chris Manning, AM, Jackson Myers, Claude Rose, and Hope Tury. Founded in 2024, the Lansing LIT Fest features author talks, a merchant market, and other book-related events at the area’s independent bookstores, libraries, and other venues.



LCC Celebrates International Day of Sign Languages

LCC’s Sign Language Interpreter Program celebrated the International Day of Sign Languages on Sept. 23 in partnership with the Office of Empowerment. Attendees could visit different stations to learn some basics of American Sign Language (ASL) from Sign Language Program faculty: the ASL alphabet, how to count from 1-50 in ASL, and basic phrases in ASL. There was also a relaxation station with ASL-themed coloring pages, and a "human book" station where people could learn about the lives/journeys of some of our faculty and students. Sign faculty participating were Monique Balcarcel, Megan Frei, Remy Johnson and Tyler Mazone. The student interpreters were Chance Adkins, Violet Renna, Katie Sawinski, Tashmica Torok, Cory Stierley, and Auggie Jareau. The International Day of Sign Languages was proclaimed by the United Nations in 2017, initiated by a proposal from the World Federation of the Deaf. The 2026 theme is “Declaring Deaf People’s Human Rights,” and the Day was designated to highlight the importance of recognizing, protecting and promoting these rights, including full access through national sign languages.

LCC Attends MCCA Student Success Summit in Muskegon

Dr. Matt Fall and Dr. Wyl McCulley presented a session at the MCCA Student Success Summit in Muskegon, highlighting Lansing Community College’s use of Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) wage data to better understand student outcomes after graduation. The session emphasized that true student success extends beyond the classroom and into students’ lives after they complete their education. While resources such as LightCast and the Bureau of Labor Statistics provide valuable information about broader labor market trends, UIA wage data offers an opportunity to examine how effectively community college programs translate into meaningful employment and living wages for graduates in the local labor market.

The presentation shared LCC’s experience working with MCCA and the State of Michigan to access and analyze UIA wage data. The resulting analyses have revealed important insights into graduates’ post-completion experiences and have influenced program design, student advising, post-completion tracking and how LCC interprets traditional labor market data. These findings have also contributed to greater consideration of non-credit training pathways and richer conversations about assessing program health and effectiveness.

The session also provided an overview of the process for gaining access to UIA data and explored the broader implications of wage-outcome data for community colleges. Including how these data can help institutions more directly connect educational programs to student economic outcomes while preparing for an increasingly accountability-focused regulatory environment in which institutions may face greater scrutiny of post-completion wage outcomes. The session concluded with a call to the other schools in our state to request these data and work together for more meaningful analysis.

Science and Mathematics (SAM) is in full fall swing

Biology Program Instructors Dr. Adalee Lube and Dr. Sunil Nityanand participated in the 13th Annual Michigan Physiological Society (MPS) Conference, the Michigan Chapter of the American Physiological Society, held at Grand Valley State University in June 2026. The conference featured a diverse range of talks, oral and poster presentations highlighting current research across multiple areas of physiology, as well as dedicated sessions focused on innovative teaching practices and pedagogy. Participation in the conference provided valuable opportunities to engage with and network among physiology educators and researchers from institutions across Michigan and beyond. In addition to attending scientific and educational sessions, both faculty members served as judges for undergraduate and graduate research poster presentations. They also participated in the conference's physiology trivia competition.

Physics Faculty Bryan Stanley is participating in the Letters to a Pre-Scientist program. This program pairs middle schoolers with scientists and engineers through snail-mail. These connections aim to inspire STEM career pathways and humanize STEM professionals.

The Science and Math Department kicked off its Meet & Greet Series on September 8th with an exciting event focused on geoscience academic pathways and career opportunities. Students had the opportunity to connect with LCC's geoscientists, an MSU geologist and advisors from both LCC and MSU. Twelve students took part in one-on-one conversations covering

everything from course selection and degree options to what it's really like to work as a professional scientist. Students came ready with questions, and the conversations sparked valuable discussions, helpful advice and plenty of ideas for their next steps. We also highlighted resources and opportunities available to students as they explore their academic and career goals in geoscience. It was a great start to the series and an exciting opportunity to connect students with the people, pathways and resources.

SAM the Duck appeared twice on the Gannon Highway in September. Students stopped by to spin the prize wheel, test their luck at "Prize Pong," and receive snacks. Nobody left empty-handed: every student walked away with a prize and a treat. Science and Math Program Advisors teamed up with tutors from the Learning Commons and staff from the Career Center to create a warm greeting for students to stop, play and chat. LCC professionals connected with more than 80 students through casual conversations while they competed for prizes.



On Saturday, September 19th, Geologist Kirsten Wright, Geographer Jen Lathom and Academic Coordinator Page Smith headed to Lapeer, Michigan, for the annual MESTA (Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association) Rock Party. They arrived to discover piles and piles of fascinating rock and mineral samples just waiting to be explored. After scoping out the massive collection, they jumped into a series of geoscience-themed games that mixed learning, problem-solving and plenty of friendly competition. These activities not only taught Earth science concepts but also challenged us to put our knowledge into action.

Then came the moment everyone was waiting for: the "Run for the Rocks!" With an enormous selection of samples from across North America, including Canada and Mexico, there was something for everyone. By the end of the event, attendees walked away with a dozen or more rocks.

Last year, ten Math and Computer Science program faculty met monthly throughout the year for our MCS Equity Book Club. Our selected book, based on a student's recommendation, was "A Mind for Numbers: How to Excel at Math and Science (even if you flunked algebra)" by Barbara Oakley. These deep dives into learning theory and subsequent reflections led to interesting conversations and actionable items for LCC classrooms and pedagogy. In conjunction with the college's recent commitment to supporting our neurodiverse students (and faculty/staff), faculty and staff have chosen "College Success for Students on the Autism Spectrum: A Neurodiversity Perspective" by Kuder, Accardo, and Woodruff as the annual MCS Equity Book Club choice. Twelve faculty in MCS are engaging in productive

conversations at monthly meetings about ways we can better understand and support neurodiverse learners.

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 - Sept. 2026
Students served 714

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 - Summer 2026
Patients served: 7

HHS Participates in Children’s Career Event at Impression 5

On Sept. 19, HHS Recruitment and Outreach Coordinator Bridget Ward participated in the “When I Grow Up” series at Impression 5, an event designed to introduce young children to a variety of career fields through hands-on activities. Health care activities centered on learning about the human body and how health care professionals help keep people healthy. At the HHS table, children built a magnetic body and explored basic anatomy. Outreach events like this are important because they spark curiosity and help young children envision future careers possibilities.

East Campus Kicks Off the Semester

LCC East enjoyed a busy September with fall classes in full swing, including eight 12-week late start sections. Enrollment is healthy, reaching 83% seat capacity. To accommodate these late-start students, East held its Welcome Week celebrations during the week of Sept. 21, providing students with rock painting fun, house plants, snacks and swag.

East also hosted an Envision Green transfer success session on Sept. 9. This created a nice opportunity for LCC East students to connect directly with our neighbors at MSU. Additionally, the LCC East testing center continues to see an increase in proctored exams from online students electing to test at East.

BCI Trains Dean Transportation in First Aid, CPR, AED and School Bus Health Care

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



BCI Provides Open Enrollment Court Electronic Operator Exam Preparation Course

The Court Electronic Operator exam preparation course helped interested participants gain the knowledge, skills and abilities to become a Court Electronic Operator for Michigan courts. Successful completion of the course allowed participants to sit for the certification examination, which was offered at West Campus. The CEO Exam Preparation Course was also offered online.

BCI Provides Medication Aide Certifications Training to Trilogy Health Services

BCI delivered this comprehensive training program so that Trilogy Health Services professionals can test and become medication aides in Michigan. This course combines mandated didactic training with supervised clinical hours, as per requirements of the State of Michigan, to train healthcare professionals to deliver and administer medication to patients in a clinical setting.



BCI Provides Trainings to Gestamp

Gestamp selected BCI to provide two trainings, on Digital Transformation Strategy and Financial Storytelling.

Digital transformation is often approached as a technology initiative when, in reality, it is a business transformation that requires alignment between strategy, operations, data and people. This course equips leaders with a structured approach to prioritize and implement digital initiatives that improve performance.

The Financial Storytelling training teaches leaders to translate financial information into clear, compelling business narratives that drive understanding and action.



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

Consulted with 415 business clients to start or grow their businesses. Other impact metrics:

- + Delivered a total of 2,304 consulting hours
- + Helped those clients secure \$4,895,266 of new capital to launch or grow
- + Helped create 28 new businesses
- + Helped create 57 new jobs
- + Non-distinct headcount: 1,511

SBDC Celebrates an Evening of Excellence at Downtown Lansing, Inc.

On Sept. 3, SBDC Senior Business Consultant Darryl Horton attended Downtown Lansing, Inc.’s Evening of Excellence, an event celebrating the past year’s accomplishments and recognizing volunteers. The evening was an excellent opportunity for SBDC to reconnect with many of its economic development partners, collaborators and downtown merchants who gathered at Jackson Field.

SBDC is a frequent collaborative partner with DLI, delivering workshops and providing confidential business consulting to downtown Lansing merchants



SBDC Business Consultant Facilitates “The Draft Room”

On Sept. 18, SBDC Business Consultant Kelly West facilitated The Draft Room, an invitation-only peer group for small business CEOs who value community, networking and the opportunity to grow alongside others who understand the challenges of running a business. The session was created in response to feedback from small business owners who expressed a need for more opportunities to connect and discuss the realities of business ownership with their peers. Participants engaged in thoughtful discussion and idea sharing, with facilitation that kept the conversation focused and productive.



Perkins Special Populations Program Launches Monthly Mixer Series

On Sept. 29-30, the Center for Student Support’s Perkins Special Populations program kicked off its 2026-2027 monthly student mixer series at Downtown and West campuses. This year, the mixers feature an exciting new format that combines fun, interactive activities with opportunities to connect with campus and community resources. Designed as a welcoming, low-commitment, drop-in experience, students can stop by between classes, participate in

activities, connect with others, and stay for as long as they choose.

The September theme, **Healthy Relationships**, featured Lansing Area AIDS Network, EVE and LCC’s Student Compliance Team. More than **56 students** participated across both locations, creating a strong start to the new mixer series. With eight mixers planned throughout the fall semester, students who attend any one of the mixers will also have the opportunity to enter a Foundation-sponsored scholarship drawing at the end of the series.



Leslie High School Recognizes LCC Financial Aid Staff

Oct. 21 is National Financial Aid Day, a time to recognize the important role financial aid plays in making higher education accessible and achievable – and, most importantly, to celebrate the dedicated professionals who make that work possible. Every day, LCC’s Financial Aid team helps students navigate what can feel like an overwhelming process by answering questions, explaining financial aid options, navigating complex regulations, removing barriers and helping students stay focused on achieving their educational goals.

Their expertise and genuine commitment to student success extend beyond our

campus as well. Recently, Leslie High School shared its appreciation for LCC Financial Aid for helping its senior students and families during a Financial Aid Night. A special kudos to Financial Aid Advisors DeMarquis Battle, Jen Hatt and Kaz Meza for representing LCC Financial Aid at the event!

Thank you, LCC Financial Aid, for your hard work, dedication and continued commitment to our students, our college and the communities we serve.

Students Join in Community Resource Information Session

The Adult Resource Center hosted representatives from Capital Area Michigan Works! and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for a community resource information session on Sept. 22.

The session provided students with information about a variety of community resources that can support their success while attending school. Resources discussed included Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), assistance with repairing or purchasing a vehicle, and other programs available through MI Bridges.

Capital Area Michigan Works! shared information about job preparation workshops, career resources and tools available to students as they begin searching for employment.



LCC Apprenticeship Specialists Tour Local Facilities

During the summer, Apprenticeship Specialists Kelsey Lorichon and Scott Nigoff attended several tours through the Capital Area Manufacturing Council (CAMC). All the visits provided valuable opportunities to connect with local industrial and manufacturing employers, build relationships, and develop new partnerships.

On July 28, they visited Friedland Industries Inc. in downtown Lansing, which provides industrial scrap processing, container services, shredding and recycling. During the tour, Lorichon and Nigoff learned about the company’s operations and saw firsthand how materials are processed and recycled. They also enjoyed viewing unique metal sculptures created from scrap materials during previous ScrapFest events.

For some added fun, the tour group stepped onto the facility’s truck scale. Collectively, they weighed in at 7,580 pounds!



On Aug. 12, the duo attended a tour and presentation at Symplixity Terex in Durand. The facility specializes in the design and production of screening machines used in mining, aggregates, demolition and recycling, and industrial material applications. The

company develops highly customizable equipment to meet the specific needs of customers around the world.



On Aug. 18, Lorichon and Nigoff toured Delta Energy Park, the Lansing Board of Water & Light’s natural gas power plant. Construction began in 2022 at the former Erickson Power Station site. During the tour, Lorichon and Nigoff learned about the facility, its operations and its infrastructure, and networked with local manufacturing employers.



LCC Employees Attend Home Builders Association Meeting

On Sept. 2, Apprenticeship Specialists Kelsey Lorichon and Scott Nigoff and Quality Apprenticeship Manager Erin McKenzie attended an all-member meeting for the Home Builders Association (HBA) at Waggoner Financial. The meeting provided a valuable opportunity to connect with HBA members, including several new construction employers who recently joined the organization. Engaging with these employers allowed the team to learn more about their businesses, build relationships and introduce opportunities for collaboration within the skilled trades.

The event also served to strengthen existing connections with members of the local construction community and develop new partnerships that can support apprenticeship opportunities and workforce development across the construction trades. The evening offered a welcoming environment for networking and meaningful conversations over pizza and refreshments.



Employees Help Create New Electrical Apprenticeship

On Sept. 30, four LCC employees visited American Rheinmetall in downtown Lansing to begin developing a new electrical apprenticeship program.

Located on Larch Street, at the former Loc Performance facility, American Rheinmetall specializes in the design and production of advanced tracked and wheeled vehicle components that meet the needs of the U.S. military. In 2025, the company partnered with LCC and the U.S. Department of Labor to establish apprenticeships in welding and welding fabrication. We are excited to continue building on that partnership by supporting the development of a new apprenticeship occupation of an industrial electrician. Representing LCC in the partnership are Apprenticeship Specialists Kelsey Lorichon and Scott Nigoff, Apprenticeship Quality Manager Erin McKenzie, and Electrical Lead Faculty Advisor Sherrie Vossler.

American Rheinmetall already posted the industrial electrical apprenticeship position externally and shared the opportunity with our Technical Career students. We look forward to supporting American Rheinmetall as they expand their apprenticeship opportunities and develop the skilled workforce needed to grow their operations.



Secretary of State’s Mobile Office

The Secretary of State’s Mobile Office stopped at LCC! Representatives from the State of Michigan were on site to assist with:

- + Getting a driver’s license or Michigan ID
- + Transfer the title on a vehicle
- + Registering to vote
- + Applications for or renewal of a disability placard

Services were rendered to 25 participants, and 16 questions were answered.



Marketing Department

Selected highlights from September.

Adult Enrichment 2026

Adult Enrichment Class

Gardening Lecture Series

- Creating a Nature-Friendly Outdoor Home Garden
- Creating a Year-round Indoor Home Garden
- Gardening as a Better Way of Life

\$35 each or bundle all three for \$79 (\$26 savings!)

Register at lcc.edu/keeplearning



Adult Enrichment Class

Smartphone Photography Lecture Series

- Nature
- Portrait
- Flower and Garden

\$35 each or bundle all three for \$79 (\$26 savings!)

Register at lcc.edu/keeplearning



Adult Enrichment Class

Smartphone Photography Lecture Series

Take your phone pics to the next level by choosing one or more of the following courses in the Smartphone Photography Lecture Series. These virtual lectures, led by LCC instructors, help you learn the best settings and features on your phone's camera for a variety of shots.

Cost: \$35 per individual class, \$79 for all three-class bundle (save \$26). Bundle after: Receive the discounted price of \$79 when you register for all three classes in a single transaction. The bundle discount cannot be applied to classes purchased separately or added to an existing registration.

Register at lcc.edu/keeplearning

Adult Enrichment Program
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Corrections Academy Graduation Invite

Lansing Community College
Invites you to attend the
Graduation ceremony of the
20th Corrections Academy



3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 30, 2026
Lansing Community College
West Campus, The Showroom
Reception immediately following the ceremony.
Parking is available at
5708 Cornerstone Drive, Lansing, MI 48917
Please use the main (south) entrance.

Historians at the Movies

LCC Historians at the Movies presents:

Godzilla (1954)

6:10 p.m. • Oct. 21 • WebEx

Join online at lcc.edu/historymatters.



LCC Historians at the Movies presents:

Round and Round (2023)

6:10 p.m. • Nov. 18 • WebEx

Join online at lcc.edu/historymatters.



Science and Math Department



SUCCESS TIPS

Reach out to your Academic Success Coach for support and mentoring.
lcc.edu/success-coaches



SUCCESS TIPS

Stay on track to stay in class. Complete your class assignments.



SUCCESS TIPS

Check out LCC's student clubs and activities.
lcc.edu/campuslife/clubs



SUCCESS TIPS

Get ready for exams! Join a prep party or study group, or see a tutor.
lcc.edu/tutoring



SUCCESS TIPS

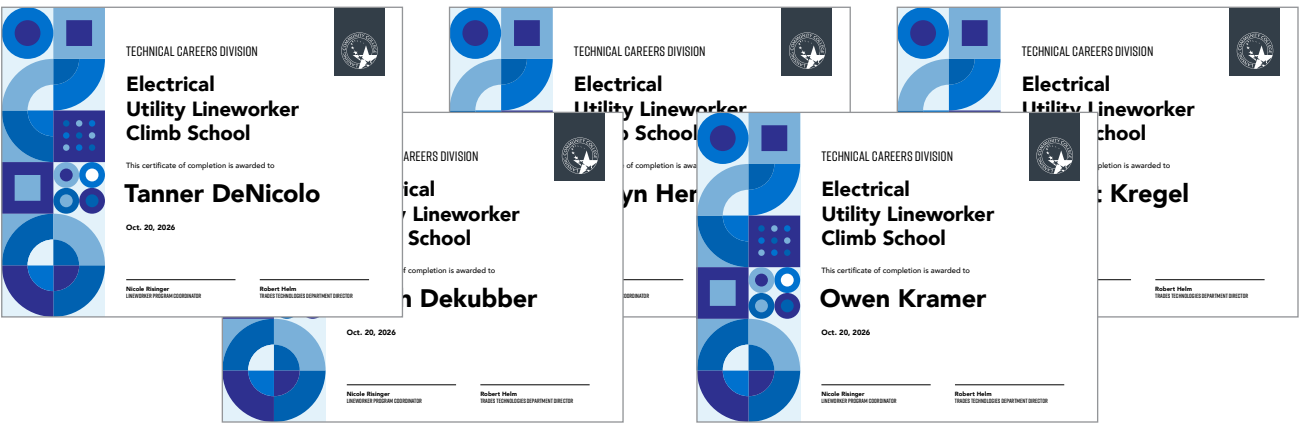
Need help in your class? Contact your instructor or one of LCC's free tutors.
lcc.edu/tutoring



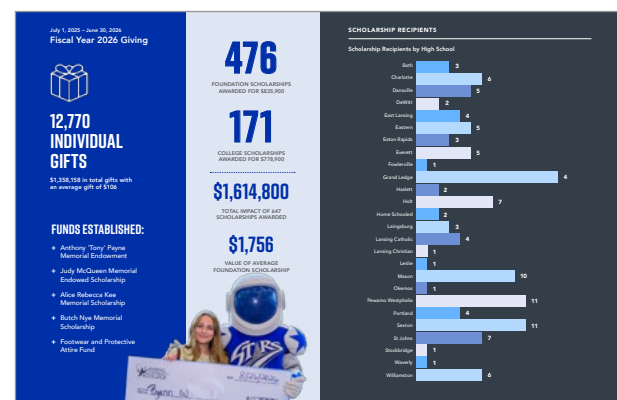
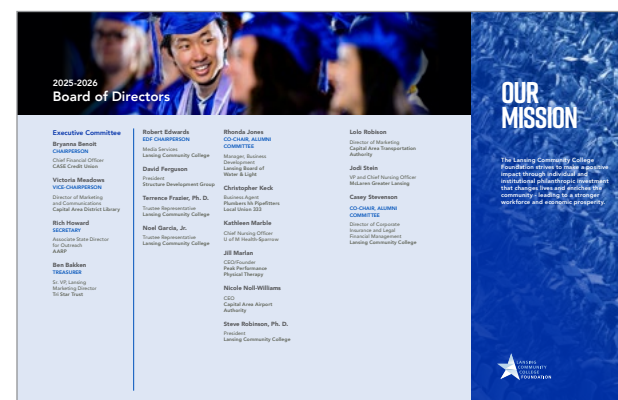
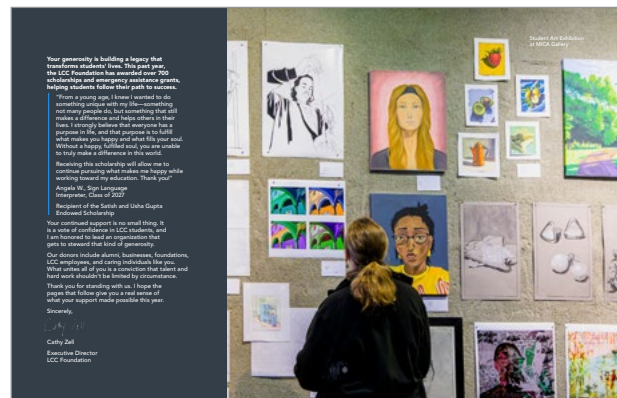
SUCCESS TIPS

Get a jump on planning next semester! Schedule an appointment with an Academic Advisor.
lcc.edu/advising

Climb School Certificates



Foundation Stakeholder's Report



Lineworker Barn Poster



Constitution Day



**LCC Foundation
Scholarship Breakfast**



LCC Foundation Appeals



Web Team

Successfully migrated to Bootstrap 5

Welcome Week page

Party with the Prez page

Removal of C3R and relaunch of Neurodivergent Friendly Campus

Launched new Advising Appointments tool, now merged with the Program Advisors, includes an admin gap-checking audit tool.

Public Relations Department

Media Report:
Septmeber 1 - 30

Earned media viewership:
268,159

Earned media value:
\$19,796

Total media press clips:
28

Radio audience reach
2,124,400

Selected media highlights:

LCC holding Nonprofit & Government Agency Fair

WLAJ ABC 6 News
LCC is holding a Nonprofit & Government Agency Fair on the Downtown Campus.

LCC on FOX News

WSYM FOX 10 – clip aired three times

Welcome Week activities continue with Party with the Prez.

LCC on News 10

WILX NBC News 10 – clip aired twice
Dr. Toni Glasscoe details the importance of the Nonprofit & Government Agency Fair.

Welcome Week continues with Party with the Prez

WILX NBC News 10
Dr. Robinson hosts Party with the Prez and encourages students to have fun before the “real work begins!”

LCC set to launch its Neurodivergent Friendly Campus Initiative

WILX NBC News 10
LCC will launch its NDFCI at this evening’s C3R Summit.

LCC to commemorate 9/11

WLAJ ABC 6 News; WLNS CBS 6 News – clip aired twice on each network
LCC pauses at West Campus to honor those lost on Sept. 11, 2021.

LCC honors 9/11 victims and families

WILX NBC News 10
LCC’s Tamara McDiarmid delivered remarks at a solemn ceremony honoring those lost on September 11 and their families.

LCC on News 10

WILX NBC News 10; WSYM FOX 10 – clip aired twice on each network
Dr. Toni Glasscoe on support services available to neurodivergent students.

LCC story promo

News 10; FOX 47 – The 517 Report
LCC story promo.

LCC on The 517 Report

News 10; FOX 47 – The 517 Report - web
Dr. Toni Glasscoe details LCC’s Neurodivergent Friendly Campus Initiative.

LCC partnering with City Clerk to register voters

WILX NBC News 10 – web
LCC is partnering with the Lansing City Clerk to make it easier to register and obtain absentee ballots.

LCC in 517 Business

517 Business
Dean Lee Gardner comments on soft skills.

LCC story promo

FOX News 10
LCC Shigematsu Memorial Garden story promo.

LCC on News 10

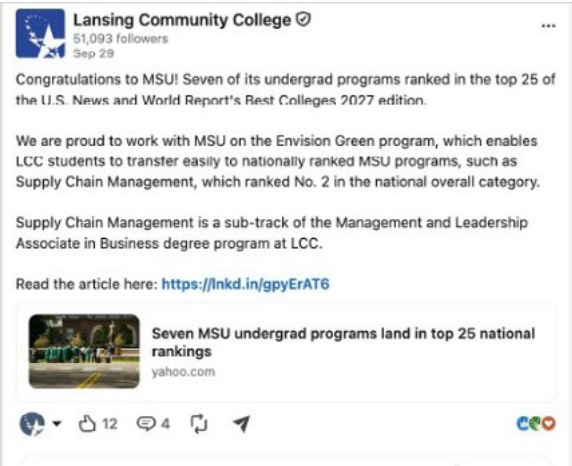
Fox News/WILX News 10
President Steve Robinson comments on the 20th-anniversary commemoration of the Shigematsu Memorial Garden.

LCC President comments on anniversary celebration

WILX NBC News 10
Dr. Steve Robinson on the significance of the Shigematsu Memorial Garden.

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

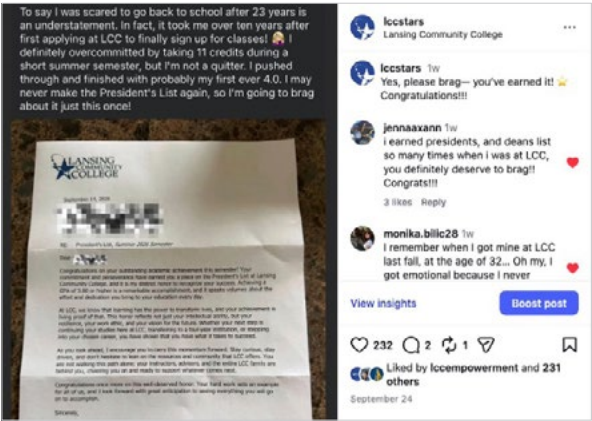
 **LinkedIn**
1,838 Reach · 53 Engagements



 **Facebook**
19,525 Reach · 369 Engagements



 **Instagram**
2,719 Reach · 244 Engagements



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.

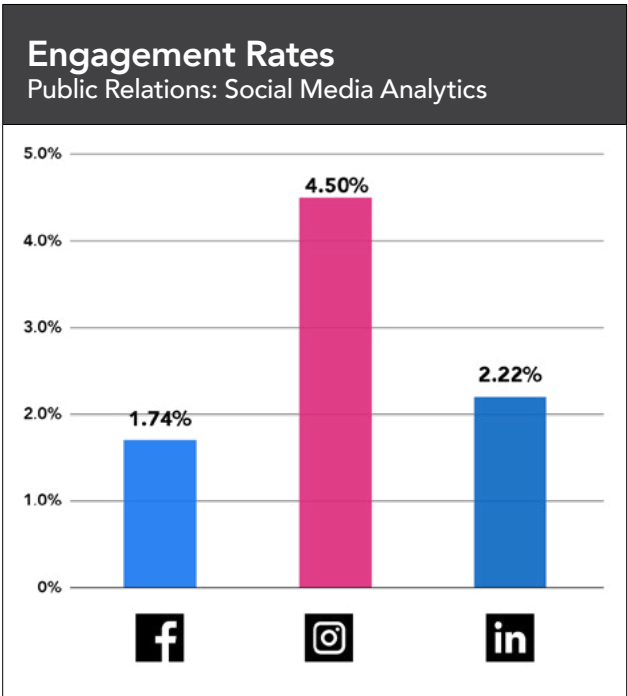
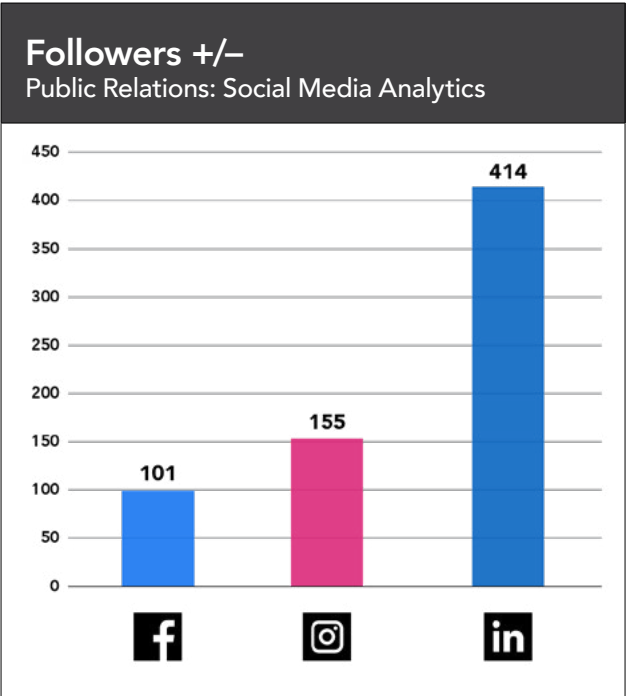
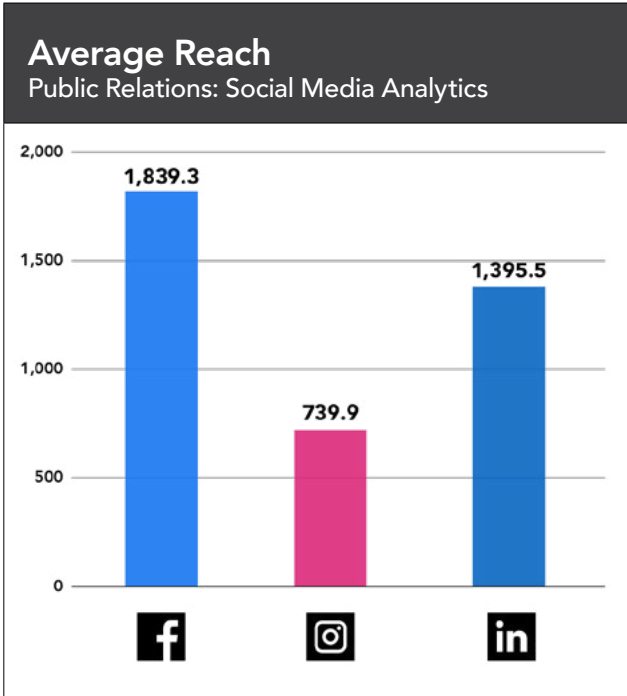
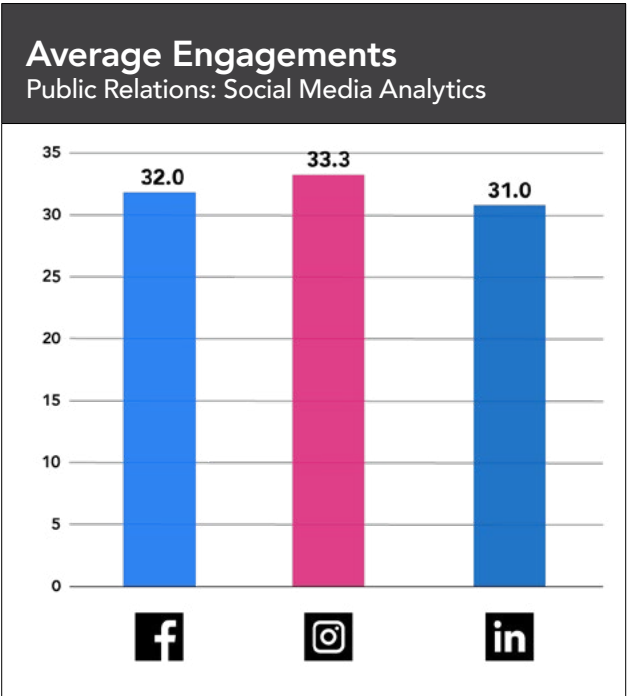
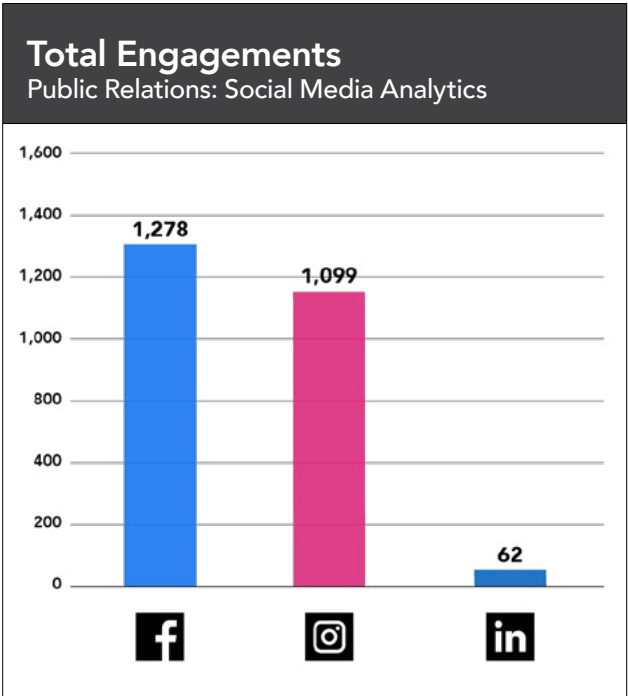
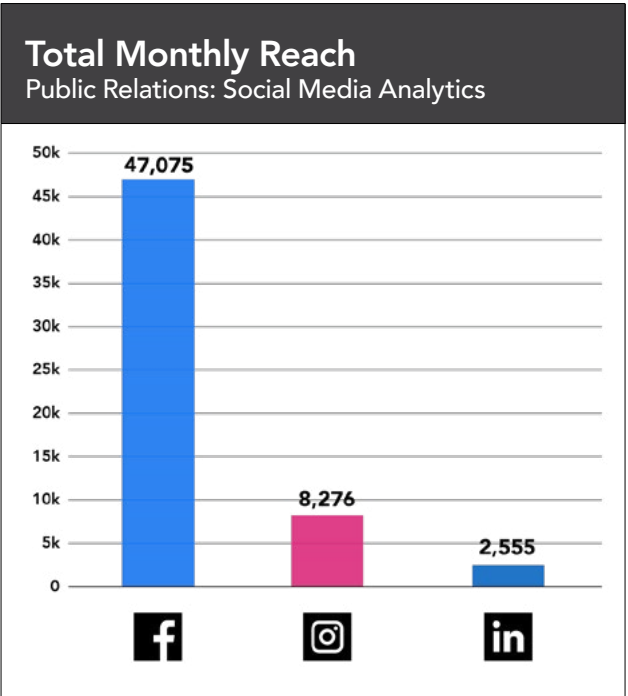
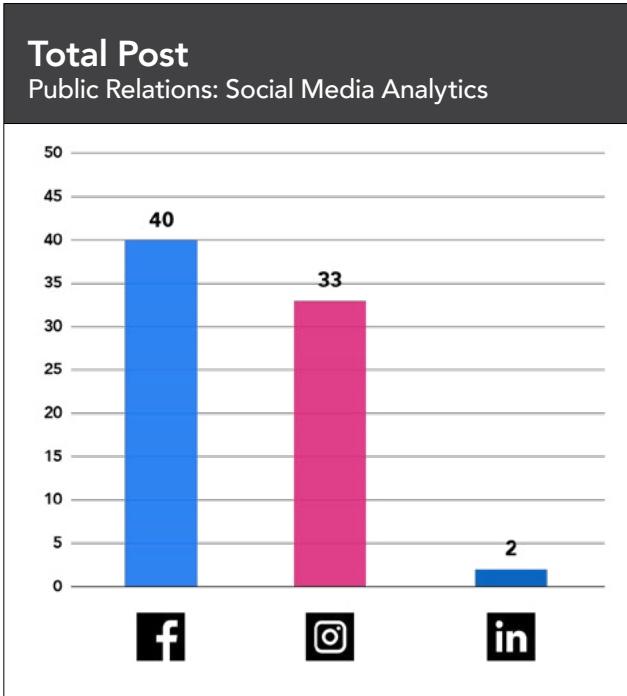
Average Engagements

'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 is a breakdown of how LCC performed on our social media channels in September.



Conference Services report of Septmeber events	Sept. 2
Downtown Campus	ERESA CRTEC Meeting Auditorium · 80 people
Sept .1	Sept. 10
Non-Profit Government Agency Fair GB Highway and Stationary Tables 1-3 · 100 people	Community Love Tables A&S Lobby
Sept. 1-7	C3R Summit Michigan Room · 100 people
Welcome Week +OE Campus Candy Wagon Walk +Transfer Center Tuesday Q&A Session +Big Cheezy Grill +Transfer Center Promotional T-shirt Day +OE Fresh Fruit +Craft Corner with Success Coaches +Cole’s Ice Cream Truck +First Thursday Transfer Trivia Day! +OE Empowered Voices Karaoke	Sept. 11
	Musician Enlistment Option Program Auditions GB 3235 and GB 3242 · 50 people
	Rotary Michigan Room · 85 people
Sept. 2	Sept. 11-12
ERESA Principal GB 2214 · 35 people	Lansing Oktoberfest GB Parking Ramp: Level 1 · 500 people
Campus Resource and Registered Student Organization Fair Mall · 100 people	Sept. 14
ERESA Principal Presentation M120-122 · 160 people	ELT Meeting Admin Boardroom · 18 people
	Sept. 15
	Lead Forward: Supervisor Bootcamp Training WCP 110 · 40 people

Sept. 15	Sept. 21
Constitution Day Michigan Room, Grand River Room · 50 people	Board of Trustees Meeting Admin Boardroom · 50 people
Sept. 16	Sept. 22
Michigan Department of Education Michigan Room · 50 people	INHALE Collaborative Quality Initiative Michigan Room and Grand River Room · 70 people
Lead Forward: Supervisor Bootcamp Training WCP 110 · 40 people	Sept. 26-27
Sept. 17	Lansing Pow Wow GB Parking Ramp: Level 1 · 400 people
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Michigan Room, Grand River Room · 150 people	Sept. 29
Sept. 18	Shigematsu Memorial Garden 20th Anniversary Celebration Pond and Hill · 100 people
Lead Forward: Supervisor Bootcamp Training WCP 110 · 40 people	Sept. 30
Rotary Michigan Room · 85 people	Office of the Auditor General Michigan Room · 75 people
Washington Square Review – LIVE! Dart Auditorium · 100 people	LCC West
Sept. 20	Sept 1-7
Capital City River Run GB Parking Ramp: Level 1 · 1000 people	Welcome Week +Chips, Cookies and free school supplies +Soft Serve Ice Cream

Sept. 9

Department of Natural Resources NRC Meeting

M119-122 · 80 people

Community Love Tables

Lobby

Foguth Financial

M124A · 30 People

Sept. 15

MI Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Showroom · 220 People

Sept. 16

Foguth Financial

M124A · 30 People

NAPA Auto Parts

M119-120 · 40 People

Sept. 17

Greater Lansing Society for Human Resources Management

M121-122 · 60 people

Foguth Financial

M124A · 30 People

Sept. 21-23

GVSU START

M119-121 · 60 People

Sept. 22-25

Michigan State Police

Auditorium and Atrium · 100 People

Sept. 24

Foguth Financial

M124A · 30 People

Sept. 24-25

Crime Victims Legal Assistance Program

M119-122 · 40 People

Sept. 28-29

Lead Forward: Supervisor Bootcamp Training

WCP 110 · 40 people

Sept. 29

Michigan State Police

M119-122

Sept. 30

Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators

M120-121 · 50 People

West Campus Empowerment Committee

Auditorium · 50 people

Number of Site Tours

+ Downtown Campus: 2

+ West Campus: 2

Number of Booked External Event Contracts

+ Downtown Campus: 8

+ West Campus: 6

Shigematsu Memorial Garden’s 20th anniversary

LCC celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Shigematsu Memorial Garden and honored Dr. Tai Sung Kim's legacy with a special tree dedication.

The Shigematsu Memorial Garden serves as a meaningful link among LCC, Japan, and the many students who participated in the Japan Adventure Program. The celebration marked the garden's 20-year anniversary while honoring Dr. Kim's tremendous contributions to the program and the LCC community.

The tree dedication and the unveiling of the commemorative plaque in honor of Dr. Kim were heartwarming moments.

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Resource and Registered Student Organization Fair

Estefania Reyes-Reynoso and Devin Flournoy of the Office of Empowerment (OE) attended the Resource and Registered Student Organization Fair. It was an outstanding day for STARS on campus. The student resource fair offered the campus community an excellent opportunity to learn about offices, programs, and events for the semester. Devin Flournoy and Estefania Reyes-Reynoso, OE training staff, connected with new and returning students and engaged them in a spin-the-wheel activity to learn interesting facts about diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. We were thrilled to welcome students to the OE office and to share more about how we are fostering campus culture.



Above photo: Estefania Reyes-Reynoso and Devin Flournoy at the Resource and Student Organization Fair

Empowered Voices Karaoke

The OE hosted Empowered Voices Karaoke, an engaging community event that brought students, staff, and faculty together through music and self-expression. The event welcomed 32 attendees, who had the opportunity to sing karaoke, connect with others, and enjoy a fun, supportive atmosphere.



Above photo: Empowered Voices Karaoke

Men About Progress (MAP)

The OE hosted an introductory event for MAP. The event, featuring guest speaker and mentor Brian Thompson, focused on personal development, mentorship, and progress. Brian shared his experiences, including tragedies and obstacles, and how he overcame them. His message was to look beyond the trees (the present situation) to see the forest (the big picture and what is possible). He encouraged participants to recognize that a desire to live, rather than just survive, can help them progress.



Women Inspiring Scholarship through Empowerment (WISE),

The OE hosted an introduction to WISE, featuring guest speaker and mentor Trina Rios. WISE is a series of empowering programs that inspire, connect, and support women on their personal, academic, and professional journeys. During the session, Trina Rios shared her background as a Nationally Certified Counselor, U.S. Army veteran, ordained minister, and advocate who helps others recognize and reach their potential. She discussed perseverance, purpose, and the importance of continuing to pursue goals even when life presents challenges. Participants were also encouraged to reflect on their “why” and set SMART goals to support their growth and success.

City of Lansing Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off Celebration

Tanya McClain, representing the OE, attended the City of Lansing’s Hispanic Heritage Celebration. The event featured an official proclamation from Mayor Andy Schor, performances by the Greater Lansing Area Ballet Folkloric, speeches, music, dancing, and food.



Above photo: City of Lansing Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off Celebration

Let's Talk-Voices Unveiled

The OE hosted a Let's Talk-Voices Unveiled session. Centered on belonging, the program created space for open dialogue, reflection, and community-centered conversation. Participants explored what belonging means at LCC, how OE's space can support advocacy, connection, multicultural engagement, training, and growth, and how a welcoming environment helps students feel seen, heard, and supported. The session also included pre- and post-survey questions to better understand attendees' experiences with belonging and inclusion at LCC.



Above photo: Let's Talk-Voices Unveiled

Michigan Alliance of Latinos Moving Toward Advancement

Tanya McClain attended the "Michigan Alliance of Latinos Moving Toward Advancement" event hosted by the Michigan Alliance of Latinos Moving Toward Advancement. The event highlighted MI-ALMA's mission to improve the welfare and well-being of Latinos in Michigan by bridging the gap between community needs and resources through collaboration, advocacy, and informational support. It also addressed critical issues such as education, immigration rights, health and healthcare, civic engagement, economic

opportunity, civil rights, and other community priorities. Tanya attended with members of the Office of Empowerment's Senior Advisory Team, including Justin Sheehan and Dr. Saturnino Rodriguez.



Above photo: Michigan Alliance of Latinos Moving Toward Advancement.

Latino Business Conexión of Michigan - Seminar and Mixer

Tanya McClain represented the OE at the Latino Business Conexión of Michigan Seminar and Mixer at Lansing City Hall in downtown Lansing. Held from 5:30 to 8 p.m. as part of the 517 Hispanic Heritage Weekend, the event brought together entrepreneurs, professionals, and community leaders for an evening focused on the link between personal wellness and business success. The seminar featured a panel with Mando Gutierrez, Luis Martinez, and Justin Hidalgo, moderated by Arianna Ridderbusch of MSU Federal Credit Union, and included Gift of Life Michigan. The evening concluded with a networking mixer that gave attendees an opportunity to connect, share resources, and build relationships.



Office of Empowerment Celebrates at the 517 Hispanic Heritage Weekend

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The OE connected with community members throughout the weekend at the 517 Hispanic Heritage Weekend, held at the Lansing Shuffle in downtown Lansing. The OE team shared LCC swag and information about the OE, including the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Hispanic Heritage Awareness Committee (HHAC), and the LUCERO program, which supports and celebrates our Latinx student community. They enjoyed meeting attendees, sharing resources, and discussing how LCC works to create a welcoming and supportive campus community. The 517 Hispanic Heritage Weekend brings together Hispanic-led organizations, businesses, initiatives, artists, and community members to celebrate the diverse cultures, histories, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities throughout the 517 and beyond. The OE was excited to be part of this celebration and to highlight the Latinx community at LCC.



Above photo: KyLee Carter and Lorenzo Lopez.

Pages and People: One Book, One LCC Mixer

The OE hosted two events titled "Pages and People: One Book, One LCC Mixer" with members of the One Book, One LCC Committee. Hosting on two different days allowed flexibility and interchangeability, giving participants the chance to talk with different members of the group and gain new perspectives on the book of choice for the year, "The Anthropocene Reviewed" by John Green.



Above photo: Pages and People: One Book, One LCC Mixer.

Taste of Culture: Cuba

The OE hosted a "Taste of Culture: Cuba" event for Hispanic Heritage Month. Yasmin Lopez, owner of La Mulata, a restaurant in South Lansing, and her daughter, Gabriella, provided the food for the event. Yasmin also spoke about Cuba and answered attendees' questions, giving participants an opportunity to learn more through both discussion and food.



Latinos Unidos con Energía,
Respeto y Orgullo (LUCERO)

The OE hosted an introductory event for LUCERO. Inspired by the meaning of Lucero, which refers to a morning star, evening star, bright star, and brilliance, the program highlighted the importance of Hispanic identity, pride, and cultural affirmation. Lorenzo Lopez served as the guest mentor and shared reflections on Hispanic culture, the contrast between everyday invisibility and the increased visibility that often comes during Hispanic Heritage Month.



International Day of Sign Languages

The OE hosted an International Day of Sign Languages observance centered on the 2026 theme, “Declaring Deaf People’s Human Rights.” The program highlighted the importance of preserving sign languages and protecting the human rights of deaf people. Through this observance, OE encouraged greater awareness of Deaf culture, linguistic identity, and the need for full access and inclusion across all areas of life. Participants were invited to learn to sign their names, numbers, the alphabet, and common phrases for communicating with the Deaf community. The event also emphasized that sign languages are fully developed natural languages used by more than 72 million deaf people worldwide, who collectively use more than 300 sign languages.



Sania Zia Reflects on Family,
Love, Loss, and Time

Student employee Sania Zia of the OE shared a personal reflection on family, love, loss, and time. She wrote about leaving her hometown of Chichawatni for the United States, the final hug she shared with her father before departing, and the memory of their goodbye that has stayed with her. Her story is a reminder to cherish the people we love, hold them close, and never take time together for granted.



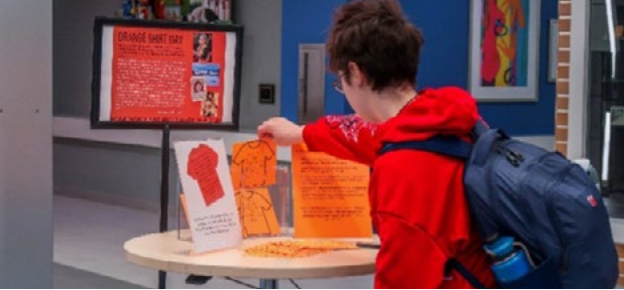
The Link-Up: Mentor
+ Mentee Mixer

The OE hosted its first “Mentor + Mentee Mixer.” The mixer provided a fun, welcoming space for participants to connect, mingle, and explore mentor-mentee relationships.



Orange Shirt Day

The OE created an “Orange Shirt Day” display of remembrance in honor of the many Indigenous children who were separated from their families and forced to attend residential boarding schools in both the United States and Canada. These schools contributed to the near-total destruction of native culture, family, and language. In addition, many Indigenous children lost their lives. Recognizing the long-term impact these institutions have had on Indigenous communities, students, staff, and faculty wrote their thoughts and support on miniature paper orange shirts throughout the day.



Community Love Tables

The OE relaunched the Community Love Tables at West Campus, then held a table at the Downtown Campus. Community Love Tables are held every other Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 PM at various LCC locations. These gatherings provide a welcoming space for people to pause, connect, and feel valued, a reminder that everyone matters and belongs.

A Star is Hired!

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

Welcome to LCC Stars,
you belong here.

Jane Blossey-Forystek
Counseling

Allyson Chirio
Community Health Services

Evan Fedewa
Non-Traditional /
Special Populations

Katie Grace
Medical Assistant

Benjamin Hainstock
HVAC

Jenna Horwath
Testing Services

Isabella Molina
Math/Computer Science

Samuel Owens
Fitness

Salma Torres
Registrar's Office

Melodie Wright
Adult Enrichment



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Launched new Advising Appointments tool, now merged with the Program Advisors, includes an admin gap <https://www.lcc.edu/services/advising/appointment.html>

Successfully migrated to Bootstrap 5 <https://lookout.lcc.edu/>

Welcome Week page <https://www.lcc.edu/campuslife/welcome-week/>

Party with the Prez page <https://www.lcc.edu/lccpresident/party-with-the-prez.html>

Removal of C3R and relaunch of Neurodivergent Friendly Campus <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/b2dfd5da-9b0d-42d2-9788-a5aeb2595085/8b949185-6626-4fc4-b5c5-d00fec7af031>

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Welcome Week continues with Party with the Prez <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/3db4be68-7095-4f31-95c6-6b7f320d26ff/3266ab52-fe37-4e82-a1df-b79e8d18ae86>

LCC on News 10 <https://www.wilx.com/2026/09/02/lansing-community-college-hosts-nonprofit-government-agency-fair/?outputType=amp>

LCC on FOX News <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/17049c3a-fbe3-4bfe-b2ee-98e88ad31454/a17002ca-b670-4808-9c27-1f37a94e3757>

LCC holding Nonprofit & Government Agency Fair <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/9323286d-9e41-45af-8db2-a289d18608f3/f6ebda33-340e-4e2d-be0b-1f59873aef42>

LCC set to launch its Neurodivergent Friendly Campus Initiative <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/51992b32-7594-44ae-9160-97d5d3b6d86d/5dc6551a-2859-460f-955b-671feab960c2>

LCC to commemorate 9/11 <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/faca1069-ee55-4f5d-b996-cd4538077abe/7a764f7e-c12b-4d8e-8e00-40779a7cb305>

LCC honors 9/11 victims and families <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/b229b81f-26bb-470e-a250-8c43bc262eeb/f761d21e-653d-4fcb-b016-32ecf3afa24f>

LCC on News 11 <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/ec84b292-1f10-4766-af96-9196d011f52c/f78094bb-0f35-45e5-9e03-cb3c56efb1a8>

LCC story promo <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/b2dfd5da-9b0d-42d2-9788-a5aeb2595085/8b949185-6626-4fc4-b5c5-d00fec7af031>

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LCC on The 517 Report <https://www.wilx.com/2026/09/16/lansing-community-college-rethinks-campus-through-neurodivergent-lens/>

LCC partnering with City Clerk to register voters <https://www.wilx.com/2026/09/14/lansing-city-clerk-lcc-partner-voter-registration-drive/>

LCC in 517 Business https://517mag.com/tech-opens-the-door-but-soft-skills-close-the-deal/?fbclid=IwY2xjawUeLElwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMWxZNFNncmk1V1c3OW9YZ3NzcnRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEeiZAt6Wf7qxfoLkOVtSWgNz17JUeE5a-gucMns8dulScJXDwH9C65oDDJU_aem_F4epte16iiimytt17L2htQ

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LCC on News 12 <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/e9e34e2a-e4fa-4d6d-be74-d335388c-5cd2/0ffffe97-65a8-48ba-80ca-edea40e97557>

LCC President comments on anniversary celebration <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/e694c80d-92ac-4995-afef-2f93ba74bb20/51c0e8c6-c4bc-44f4-8c19-a13fedf4d0cb>



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For information regarding the nondiscrimination policies, contact: Equal Opportunity Officer, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 150, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1730.

For employees 504/ADA Accommodations contact: HR Director of Total Compensation, Administration Building, 610 N. Capitol Ave., Suite 106, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1875.

For students 504/ADA Accommodations contact: Care Services Manager, Center for Student Access, Gannon Building, 411 N. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1358.

For Employee Title IX reporting or complaints, contact: Associate Director of Risk Management and Legal Affairs, Employee Title IX Coordinator, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 150, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-1759, and/or U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

For Student Title IX reporting or complaints, contact: Director of Student Compliance, Student Title IX Coordinator, Washington Court Place, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 115, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-483-9631.