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### Genocide Awareness Panel Provides New Insights

The Anthropology and Sociology Club hosted a Genocide Awareness Panel Discussion on April 22, bringing to light new perspectives, insights and experiences for more than 50 attendees. Moderated by club president Melly Kellogg, the panelists were:

- + Siham Najwa, co-founder of the Najwa Foundation that provides basic needs to women and children caught in the current Sudan conflict
- + Chelsea Vann, LCC Academic Success Coach and Khmer Rouge survivor
- + Helen Cirrito, granddaughter of Armenian immigrants who escaped from the Armenian genocide and who continues to provide support for Armenian refugees.

A Q&A session followed the panel discussion.

The club created the event following the fall 2025 StarScapes exhibit that featured art reflecting experiences of genocide. Held in the Office of Empowerment, it was presented in collaboration with the Martin Luther King Jr. Equity Center, guided by club advisors Aliza Robison and Rob Roznowski, faculty in Anthropology and Sociology.



Above photo: Cirrito, Chelsea Vann, Siham Najwa and moderator Melly Kellogg

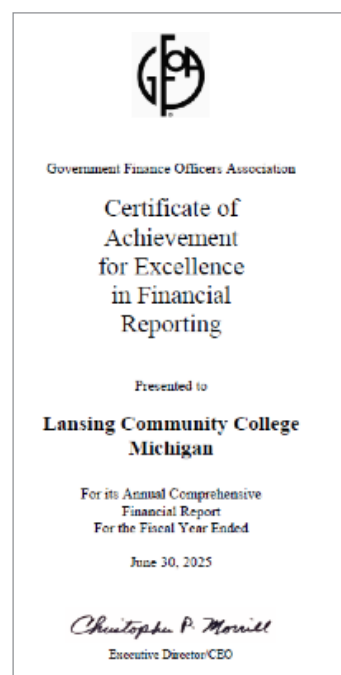
### LCC Receives 17th Consecutive Award for Financial Reporting

LCC recently received our 17th consecutive honor in financial reporting for our Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2025.

LCC qualified for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). According to the GFOA, the certificate is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment.

Our report has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which include demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate a financial story and motivate potential users to read the report.

Our award-winning ACFR can be viewed [here](#).



### LCC Employee Headlines Fostering Futures Gala

Financial Aid’s Mike Fenning served as the keynote speaker at the Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Gala on April 10.

Fenning works as a grants and document processing coordinator at LCC, and brings a powerful blend of lived experience, professional expertise and student-centered service to his work. As someone who grew up in foster care, his keynote offered a unique perspective on the challenges and opportunities faced by students from similar backgrounds, drawing on resilience, advocacy and firsthand insight.

The Fostering Futures Scholarship Trust Fund Gala is hosted by the Michigan Education Trust and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and it brings together scholarship recipients and those who share the desire to make higher education a reality for hundreds of Michigan youth who have experienced foster care. All proceeds from the gala are awarded as scholarships to former foster youth enrolled at Michigan colleges and universities.

Twenty-seven LCC students currently receive Fostering Futures Scholarships from the State of Michigan.



### LCC Community Celebrates Joy as Resistance

LCC’s annual Take A Stand! Sit In! forum was held April 14 and 16, with more than 200 people attending. This year’s theme of “Joy as Resistance” brought people together to sing, create, dance, improvise, watch and discuss films, and build a joyful community.



For the third year in a row, Take A Stand partnered with the Capital City Film Festival (CCFF) for a film screening and filmmaker panel discussion, starting off with a community sing led by Sally Potter and featuring Emma’s Revolution. Five short films were presented, followed by a panel led by Melissa Kaplan with the filmmakers, an environmental activist and a lead cast member Zooming in from Brazil.

April 16’s day of joy on campus featured a welcoming session presented by Annesia Dillard, a community mural led by Art and Design Faculty Laura Bishop and Susan Hardie, a hip hop dance workshop with LCC instructor Lauren Mudry and guest artist/ LCC alum Jared Autrey, an improv workshop led by Sociology Professor April Dreeke, and a room filled with creative activities led by faculty and staff, including Shelah Amburgey, Annesia Dillard, Jessica Hester, Anne Heutsche, Brad Hicks, Angela Resseguie and Lydia Warnke.

Take A Stand! Sit In! is organized and led by founders Anne Heutsche (History) and Brad Hicks (Interdisciplinary Humanities and Religion), as well as Melissa Kaplan (Arts Outreach) and Annescia Dillard (Center for Teaching Excellence).

### '1984' Production a Great Success

The 2025-2026 theatre season closed with a flourish as audiences praised the April performances of '1984' in Dart Auditorium.

In addition to students and alumni performing, the design staff also included students and alumni. Most notably, current music student Myka Spoelma composed original music for the production. As a student of Music Faculty Jonathon Gewirtz, Spoelma began working on the project during a fall semester music composition course.

Some responses on Facebook:

- + "Well done! Props to the Inspector and the main characters especially."
- + "I saw it on Saturday. Amazing acting by a great cast. Thank you!"
- + "It was SO GOOD! I might go again. Bravo!"
- + "This is so well done! Across the board well-acted and it left us all unsettled, as it should."



Above photo: Jason Durr as Winston



### Music Program Welcomes New Faculty

The Music Program is proud to welcome a new adjunct faculty member, Morgan Page, a flutist and orchestral musician based in Lansing.

Page is from Flint, where she studied orchestral and chamber music through the Flint School of Performing Arts. Page received a Bachelor of Music in flute performance from the University of Michigan-Flint, where she studied under Dr. Jessica Cech. She has performed orchestral, wind band and chamber music throughout the U.S., Canada and France.

Currently, Page studies at Michigan State University under Richard Sherman, and is in the process of completing a Doctorate of Musical Arts. She also holds a Master of Music in flute performance from Michigan State and serves as the teaching assistant for the flute studio. She is an active member of the MSU Symphony Orchestra, has performed with the MSU Wind Symphony and regularly plays with chamber ensembles throughout the university. She also serves as the flute coach for the Spartan Youth Wind Symphony and works with private students.

### Historians at the Movies Partners with Lansing Pride

"But I'm A Cheerleader" was the featured film at LCC-Historians at the Movies' annual in-person event on April 22 in Dart Auditorium. Shown in partnership with Lansing Pride, more than 50 people attended the screening of the 1999 satire that has become a cult classic. The event was hosted by LCC History Instructor Wade Merrill with Lansing Pride Vice President Brian Hercliff-Proffer. Following the film, they facilitated a lively Q&A with the audience.

LCC-Historians at the Movies is a monthly series on Webex during fall and spring semesters, with an in-person event every spring. Attendees watch a film on Webex, using the chat throughout to comment on issues of content, history, film design and production.



### Student Achievement Highlight: Capital City Film Festival

LCC's Film Club was recognized at the 2026 Capital City Film Festival, an annual celebration of independent film and creative storytelling. As part of the festival's Fortnight Film Contest, student filmmakers were challenged to conceptualize, produce and complete a short film within a defined two-week timeframe. The competition emphasizes creativity, collaboration and technical skill under real-world production conditions.

The LCC Film Club's submission was selected for screening during the festival and went on to earn the Audience Award, an honor determined by festival attendees. This recognition highlights the group's ability to connect with viewers through compelling storytelling and effective execution.

This achievement also reflects the strength of LCC's Digital Media and Film programs, where students develop both the artistic and technical skills necessary for success in the media industry. Experiences such as the Capital City Film Festival provide students with valuable opportunities to engage with professional audiences, receive feedback and build confidence in their creative work.

### LCC Holds 2026 Student Recognition Awards Celebration

The 2026 Student Recognition Awards event was held Friday, April 24, in the Gannon Building Michigan Room. This commemoration is held each year to honor and recognize the achievements of our amazing LCC students in the areas of academics, community service engagement and participation in registered student organizations.

A light brunch buffet was served, followed by the awards, with academic programs and registered student organizations acknowledging outstanding students. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success, and congratulations to all our students for their accomplishments.



### DMAC Pilot Production Success

LCC's Digital Media, Audio and Cinema (DMAC) Program recently achieved an exciting milestone with the successful recording of three high school quiz bowl pilot episodes in the college's TV studio.

The games featured student teams from Grand Ledge, Holt and DeWitt, bringing together local schools for an engaging and academically focused competition. This initiative highlights LCC's

growing role as a community partner while providing a dynamic, real-world learning environment for students.

Under the direction of Professors Barry Elmore and Jeff Hamlin, LCC students played an integral role in the production. Students from the cinematography class, along with members of the Film Club, contributed across all aspects of the shoot. Their work demonstrated both technical skill and professionalism, while offering a meaningful hands-on learning experience aligned with industry practices.

The pilot recordings represent a strong example of student engagement, faculty leadership and community connection. Once post-production is complete, the episodes will be shared with college leadership for viewing.

This successful production reflects the continued growth and strength of the DMAC program and showcases the college's commitment to innovative, experiential learning opportunities.

### Science and Mathematics Engage in Professional Development

On March 27, during the Science and Mathematics Department's annual spring review, Ross Markle from DIA Higher Education Collaborators led a workshop focused on assessment relevant to the classroom environment and real-time student learning evaluations. The day consisted of a group presentation to the entire department followed by smaller sessions to provide opportunities for deeper, discipline-specific discussions. During the afternoon breakout sessions, faculty joined in one-to-one discussions with Markle to address course- or section-specific questions and concerns.

Additionally, a six-member team from Science and Mathematics took part in an April site visit to La Guardia Community College in Queens, New York. The visit, supported through the 60X30 Project Readiness grant, was part of the department's work to improve student success in college-level math courses. The focus of the visit covered co-support models used in math courses, making assessment meaningful in classroom settings, and training faculty as assessment fellows.



### LCC Teaches Physics at MSU Science Festival

LCC brought "Homemade Physics," a hands-on booth exploring 10 different science activities, to the MSU Science Festival on April 11-12. The booth was run by Science Faculty Bryan Stanley and Coretta Fernandes, along with her 10th grade sons Sebastian and Dominic from East Lansing High School, and LCC students Alexis Hailey-Williamson, Ronnie Maxedon, Tristin Peck-Smith and Lyric Stock.



### LCC's Partnership with Eaton County Parks Creates Student Opportunities

In mid-April, Geology Faculty Kirsten Wright and Jen Lathom met with the naturalist from Eaton County Parks to build collaborations between the parks and a variety of LCC's science programs. From these discussions, the Physical Geology class visited Lincoln Brick Park, where students studied rocks, earth processes and native ecosystems. Many students commented on the benefits of exploring the fields, forest and rock exposures. One student even found a crinoid fossil!



In addition, the members and faculty advisors of the student group Outdoor Connections Club braved the wet and chilly weather on April 18 to help the Eaton County Parks naturalist plant nearly 200 trees at Lincoln Brick Park! This club is focused on conserving Earth resources and sustaining opportunities for people to enjoy the outdoors. The club is led by the students and facilitated by faculty co-advisors Kirsten Wright, Tammy Wilkinson, Gwen Telgenhoff and Suzanne Bernsten. Conservation activities have included a plant swap, making "bricks" out of used plastics and making reusable tote bags out of unwanted materials. Club members also shared opportunities for

park clean-ups, and several individuals attended activities hosted by the Michigan Waterways Stewards.



### Science and Mathematics Events Aim to Create Friendly, Successful Classrooms

On April 21, Science and Mathematics (SAM) held a People-Friendly Classroom Meet-and-Greet, the continuation of a series designed to gather students and employees together and open communication among people with shared interests. The final event of spring 2026 united those passionate about improving the learning environment at LCC.

We started with a discussion panel made up of students, Math and Science faculty, and Student Services staff. Thought-provoking questions encouraged students to share examples and scenarios that help learning (or hinder it) in the classroom. Two important takeaways are:

- + We can support students and entire classes better by plainly asking "How can I support you?"
- + "Accommodations for one are helpful for all." A change made to help one student often helps a surprising number of additional people.

To conclude the meet-and-greet and help preserve attendees' thoughts, participants

joined an activity called "Two Stars and a Wish." People were asked to note two things that have helped learning and one thing that would help if we were able to do it. People wrote their thoughts on sticky notes, which were gathered onto a wall-sized word cloud. We are very excited to have opened the communication between students, faculty and administrators!

Science faculty and staff also launched a series of "Science Teaching Conversations" this semester. The forum, which crosses disciplines and departments, is modeled after the successful Mathematics and Computer Science (MCS) "MCS Conversations," with the intent to better serve the student population by enhanced and continual improvement of teaching.

- + For the first meeting, on Feb. 27, participants were entertained and enlightened by two dynamic LCC faculty speakers: Communications Lead Faculty Catye Palomino and Human Physiology Course Coordinator Sunil Nityanand. Catye's talk, "Student Engagement Techniques in an Online Environment," highlighted ways to improve, humanize and engage when teaching online. Sunil's talk, "Diagnostic Analysis of Student Readiness and Performance in BIOL 202," detailed how faculty were able to use data from common assessments to improve course content and improve student learning.
- + April 24 marked the second "Science Teaching Conversation," kicked off by Physics Faculty Bryan Stanley with a lively talk entitled "Please eLABorate: Evolving the role of labs in Physics 120." Bryan highlighted how faculty can diagnose where and how labs can be improved to achieve greater student comprehension. Participants were then delighted with an additional presentation and facilitated discussion

by Arts and Design Faculty Laurie Bishop. Laurie's focus was "Strategies for Building Relationships in the Science Classroom with Perspectives for Art and Design," which emphasized cross-discipline cooperation and activities that would be beneficial to students in science courses. Discussions and fellowship continued with lunch after the formal event.

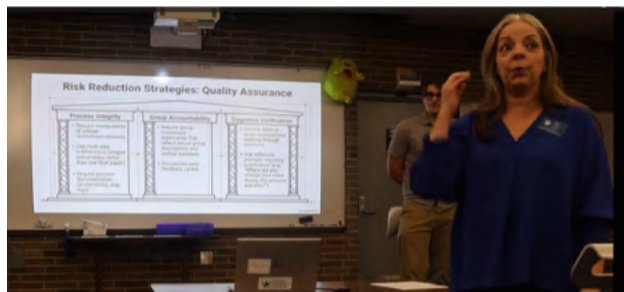
Those successful "MCS Conversations" continued this semester as well!

- + The first spring session was held Feb. 27, with MCS students and faculty in attendance. A student panel was put together to give insights on "Students' Experiences with Math," which enabled students to be active partners in their learning journey. Students shared their experiences with math, class engagement and what motivates them in their courses. It was an informal conversation with lots of questions and answers. The panel was organized and moderated by Math Faculty Eliza Lee, and panelists included Evangelina O'Brien, Damian Starks, Kam Weese, Jalen Bigg, Kelsey Jin, Justin Farr and Mike Livingston.



- + The second spring session of "MCS Conversations" was held April 24, to help faculty "reimagine what assessment can look like in your math courses." Center for Data Science Director of Assessment Karen Hicks and Assessment Data Analyst Wyatt Schwanbeck facilitated the session on

“Alternative Assessment,” exploring different assessment strategies that can help capture meaningful, authentic evidence of student learning without adding unnecessary complexity to faculty workload. The focus was on practical, classroom-ready approaches that balance feasibility, alignment and relevance, while still providing rich insight into how students think, reason and apply quantitative ideas. The session examined how assessment methods can provide actionable patterns in student performance, helping faculty to pinpoint learning gaps, strengthen instruction and support deeper student understanding.



### Science and Mathematics Enjoy Field Trips

At LCC, we are fortunate to have some amazing resources and opportunities just outside our doors. Several science courses regularly bring groups of students to the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing, as part of an immersive field trip experience. Discussion among instructors led to sharing different details from the museum and showed the excitement that faculty have for helping students learn.

We decided to take a trip to the museum together on April 24, with an open invitation to all Science and Math people, to share information and enhance our field trips. One example of information shared was the backstory of a little-

noticed type of flooring in the World War II exhibit. The wood tile is actually made from the cut ends of scrap lumber, which made the floor easy and inexpensive to repair in industrial facilities.

This was a fantastic activity for team building and sharing knowledge.

During the final week of April, Environmental Biology students went on a field trip to assess the health of the Looking Glass River via macroinvertebrate sampling. Due to high, swift waters, students were not able to fully wade into the river (safety first!), but they were able to gain experience at the river’s edge and in the “vernal” pools that had formed in the wooded areas along the river. Students were surprised and excited to identify a variety of burgeoning river life.



### Middle School Chooses LCC for Science Field Trip

Rounding out a very busy and rewarding semester in Science and Mathematics, Lansing’s Sheridan Road STEM Magnet School brought about 30 seventh-grade students for a science field trip on April

27. The field trip request stemmed from the Big STEAM event held in February. The students experienced:

- + A virtual cadaver with an Anatomage Table demonstration, presented by Biology Faculty Sunil Nityanand
- + A planetarium show, hosted by Physical Science Faculty Richard Cyburt
- + A Walkabout Scavenger Hunt, led by Math Faculty Dawn Hardin.

### Marketing Department Highlights

**College Connect:** This free program to help high school graduates become college-ready over the summer is being promoted via the lcc.edu website, postcards, flyers, social media, print ads and emails.

**Take Your Child To Work Day:** Future Stars made their way to campus on April 23! Marketing helped welcome employees’ children with a Future Stars design campaign, including flyers, giveaway items, table tents, signage and more.

**Nursing Program Advising Guides** and program costs have been rebuilt as a webpage (from PDF). This is the first one finished for HHS, many more to come this spring and summer, including two-year and second-degree tracks, Dental, MRI and Radiologic Tech.

**Web Governance** page goes live.

**Updated homepage slider** to new accessible version.

Updates to **College Connect** for summer 2026

MI-ACE **Conference Breakout Sessions** and **Plenary Sessions** pages go live.

All **Program in a Minute Videos** migrated from YouTube to Mediaspace, each with accessible Closed Captions and Audio Description.

Extensive work updating the website achieved 97% automated testing for accessible content on lcc.edu. Manual Section 508 ACR testing will start in May.

The Department of Justice Title II accessibility deadline has been changed to April 26, 2027.

Employee in-person accessibility training, in collaboration with the LCC Office of Compliance, has been completed for Student Services, the Center for Student Access and Purchasing.

Americans with Disabilities Act compliance for LCC Connect was completed with all podcast episodes, including corresponding transcript.

LCC Connect welcomed “Exit Stage Left: LCC Performing Arts” on April 7. The new podcast spotlights upcoming productions and award-winning shows, and features conversations with faculty, students, guest artists and community members who make the performing arts unforgettable.

LCC Connect welcomed “Silver and Blue: Tracing the History of Policing and Corrections” on April 21. This new podcast takes listeners through centuries and across continents to explore how our systems of law enforcement and punishment have shaped societies for centuries.

The LCC Connect podcast network continues to see strong growth in listenership, with 3,642 U.S. downloads contributing to a total of 5,788 downloads.

**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 - April 2026**  
**Students served - 619**

**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 - April 2026**  
**Patients served - NA**

**EducationUSA Advisors Visit**

On March 18, LCC hosted two EducationUSA representatives: Regional Educational Advising Manager (REAC) for East and Southern Africa, Lisa Maroni; and EducationUSA Advisor for

San Jose and Costa Rica, Ana Solis. The representatives were attending the Michigan Association of International Educators (MAIE) annual conference held March 18-20 in East Lansing.

**EducationUSA is a U.S. Department of State network** of more than 400 international student advising centers in more than 175 countries and territories. Advisors can highlight LCC on their local social media, host webinars and share recruitment-ready insights with students abroad. Hosting these advisors helps boost LCC’s institutional profile internationally. The network promotes U.S. higher education to students around the world by offering accurate, comprehensive and current information about opportunities to study at accredited postsecondary institutions in the United States.

Vanessa Bell, director of Global Student Services, facilitated a presentation of what students can expect from LCC. The advisors were very receptive to what LCC offers and were interested in Performing Arts and programs that can be completed online due to travel restrictions for some countries. The Advising Manager said she would use the information shared with them with the advisors she works with to share LCC's offerings in the hope that families will see the benefit of being able to keep their student in their home country and still complete a degree/certificate in the US. They were given a tour of the Downtown and West Campuses. Being able to see the state-of-the-art equipment that students will actually be using to learn skills with was impressive for them.

They were also impressed by all of the resources that LCC offers students to maximize their success such as Success Coaches, Academic Advisors, Career

Advisors, Emotional Counselors, the Transfer Center, Learning Commons, Tutors, the Library, the StarZone and Foundation scholarships.

**Job Training Center (JTC) Medical Front Office Specialist (MFOS) Program Celebrates Completers and Expands Access**

LCC JTC recently celebrated the first completers of its MFOS program, a 240-hour, self-paced online training designed to prepare students for administrative roles in healthcare settings. The program builds skills in medical terminology, patient scheduling, electronic health records and front desk operations.

The first completers – Alaa Ali, Quinisha Artis, Abigail Shelton, Kirstia Taylor, and Chasity Weston – finished the program in early 2026 and are actively pursuing employment in the healthcare field.

On March 2, JTC launched an additional MFOS cohort in partnership with the Lansing School District. This cohort is tailored for adult ESOL learners, many of whom bring prior professional experience, and supports their transition into healthcare careers in the United States. The cohort is midway through the program, with one student already completing the training ahead of schedule. This partnership highlights JTC’s role in connecting community members to in-demand career pathways through short-term training.

**JTC Electrical Control Technician Cohort Completes Training and Earns Record Credentials**

JTC recently celebrated the completion of its fourth Electrical Control Technician (ECT) cohort, which concluded at the end

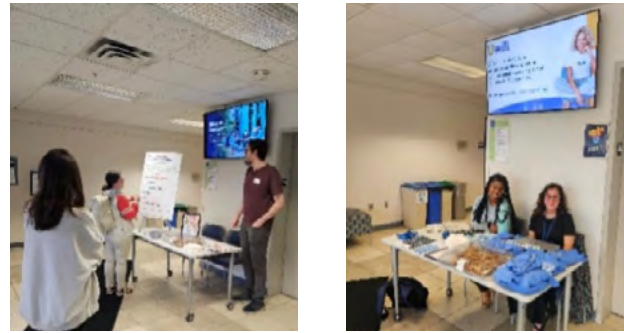
of March 2026. This intensive, short-term training program prepares participants for careers in advanced manufacturing and industrial maintenance. Thirteen students successfully completed the program and collectively earned 84 Smart Automation Certification Alliance (SACA) credentials – the highest total achieved by any ECT cohort to date. Graduates are now pursuing employment opportunities with regional employers in advanced manufacturing.

### LCC East

In addition to its regular Academic Courses and Student Services, East Campus had a busy April with events and tabling. The Power Hour with the Provost on April 14 allowed for East Campus faculty, staff and administrators to connect with Provost Sally Welch. The open conversation and opportunity for updates were enjoyed and appreciated. East Campus hosted the April Envision Green transfer success session on April 22. The event was well attended and a nice opportunity for East Campus students to connect directly with MSU and Envision Green. LCC East hosted the Trio Program on April 27. This was an excellent opportunity for students to learn about Trio Student Support Services, including eligibility and resources. Additionally, East Campus conducted the Dot Survey on behalf of Student Affairs on April 27 and 28 to gather input regarding student concerns.

### Lifelong Learning Youth Program

The third and final afterschool series at Mason Public Schools kicked off on April 13, 2026, with 18 excited second and third graders. Through the Nature Explorers



Above photos: Dot Survey and Trio



Above photo: Envision Green

class, students identify plants and birds, and also interact with live frogs, turtles, snakes and salamanders. This final session of the year continues to deliver strong participation and meaningful educational impact among young participants.

On April 23, 2026, the Youth Program proudly participated in LCC's "Bring Your Child to Work Day," engaging students and families at both the Downtown and West Campus locations. Staff shared information about summer camps and available scholarships while offering hands on robotics activities that excited young learners. Staff were able to engage with more than 200 participants at this delightful event.

### The Business And Community Institute (BCI) Trains Dean Transportation in First Aid, CPR, AED, and School Bus Health Care I, II, & III – Various Locations, MI

BCI continues to provide CPR and School Bus Health Care (SBHC) training to Dean Transportation School Bus Drivers. This month, training included Heartsaver® First Aid, CPR, and AED. Dean employees also received customized SBHC training to prepare them with as many necessary skills as possible to prevent and/or respond to situations they may encounter with their riders.

### The BCI Provides Leadership Training to the Health Care Association of Michigan (HCAM) – Lansing, MI



The Health Care Association of Michigan selected BCI to provide a series of Leadership training to multiple cohorts customized to the unique needs of the Health Care Association of Michigan and its members. This Effective Leadership program provides essential communication and emotional intelligence guidance to experienced and emerging leaders with the end goal of building and sustaining trust in mind. Topics covered include the importance of team support and providing an appreciative and team-oriented, supportive and trusting work environment.

### The BCI Provides Medication Aide Certifications Training to Lapeer County Medical Care Facility – Lansing, MI



BCI delivered this comprehensive training program so that healthcare professionals can test and become Medication Aides in the State of 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.

### The BCI Provides Project Management – PMP Exam Preparation Training to Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and



### Sexual Violence – Lansing, MI

BCI provided this training at the LCC West Campus. This intensive exam preparation course provided participants with the knowledge they need to pass the Project Management Institute (PMI) Project Management Professional (PMP) examination. The course is kept up to date with the framework of knowledge outlined by PMI's PMBOK Guide. The instructor shares test-taking tips, study strategies and review of critical materials that will directly assist you in passing the PMP exam. The course includes hands-on learning activities, the exam "textbook" and a sample examination. This course meets the pre-exam training requirement to sit the PMI exam to become a certified project manager, and is taught by a member of PMI and a certified Project Management Professional (PMP).

### BCI Provides Electrical Fundamentals Training to MWC/ Glanbia – St Johns, MI

BCI delivered this training in two cohorts for MWC/Glanbia personnel covering two shifts. This course covers the fundamentals of AC (Alternating Current) and DC (Direct Current) theory for individuals with little or no electrical experience. Participants learn electrical schematics, components, voltage, current, resistance and Ohm's Law, along with basic circuit design and analysis. The course also explores power, magnetism, DC generation, AC/DC power supplies, digital meters and electrical symbols. Hands-on labs reinforce learning through series, parallel and series-parallel circuits while comparing calculated and measured values.

**Small Business Development Center (SBDC) activity and impact metrics for Jan. 1 – April 27:**



Consulted with 249 business clients to start or grow their businesses. Other impact metrics:

- + Delivered a total of 938 consulting hours
- + Helped those clients secure \$726,325 of new capital to launch or grow
- + Helped create 11 new businesses
- + Helped create 23 new jobs
- + Non-distinct headcount: 740

**SBDC Staff Attend 517 Entrepreneurship and Innovation (517 E&I) Week, April 6-10, 2026**

SBDC Regional Director Laurie Lonsdorf, Business Consultant Kelly West and Senior Business Consultant Darryl Horton all attended networking and learning opportunities throughout the week's event. 517 E&I week was inspiring to those looking to start a business or to follow in the footsteps of the speakers to grow. Former client Nikki Thompson Fraizer gave an inspiring keynote address to Pitch Lab: "Mastering Your Business Pitch," and client Dr. Darla Bishop presented "When the Hustle Isn't Adding Up," because so many entrepreneurs are working hard but struggling to reach the financial stability they desire. Michigan SBDC was a sponsor of the event, as Laurie Lonsdorf served on the Steering Committee.

**SBDC Recognizes Michigan Celebrates Small Business (MCSB) Awardees**



Above photo: Nikki Thompson Fraizer

On April 22, nearly a thousand people gathered at the Breslin Center to see the best of the best small businesses across the state take the stage and accept their recognition for growing and continued success. Senior Business Consultant Darryl Horton and Intake Consultant Seth Murphy were on hand to help the businesses celebrate. Four local SBDC clients were awarded the following:

- + SBDC Best Small Business of the Capital Region: WalkWorthy Menswear, Aondray Worthy, owner

- + Women-Owned Small Business Award: Little Blessings Childcares, LLC, Dianne Hartwell, owner
- + Minority-Owned Small Business Award: Aux Petits Soins, Gaëlle Cassin-Ross, owner
- + Michigan 50 to Watch: Groovy Donuts LLC, Andrew and Monica Gauthier, owners

Give these businesses a round of applause!

**SBDC Business Consultant Kelly West Delivers Boots to Business Sessions**



On April 2, SBDC collaborated with the Veterans Business Outreach Center, located at Mott Community College, to present Boots to Business. Boots to Business is a national, all-day seminar provided free of charge to veterans and their spouses to determine if business ownership is right for them. Kelly West delivered two of the modules, one on determining the right idea using the Business Model Canvas, and one on business planning. This event, held at West Campus, was a great success, drawing participants from Indiana, Central

Michigan and the Upper Peninsula as well as the Greater Lansing area.

**Music Faculty Hosts Concert**

The LCC music faculty hosted a recital



Above photo: Dr. Reginald Smith, Kelly West and Mark Clement

for the community in order to help raise funds for the program's Endowed Music Scholarship Fund. Approximately 100 people attended the intimate recital held in The Michigan Room on March 6. Lead Music Faculty, Jonathon Gewirtz, and Production Coordinator, Paige Dunkel organized the event. Gewirtz was joined in performance by music faculty Bill Bastian, Mike Daniels, Ed Fedewa, Adam Graham, Tom Jones, Morgan Page, Chris Rollins, Steve Simonson and Iskander Zakirov.

For more background on music faculty, please visit their new faculty contact [page](#).

**LCC CIT Program Hosts FAA Community Drone Safety Day**



On Saturday, April 25, LCC's CIT Drone Program hosted its annual FAA Community Drone Safety Day, educating the Greater Lansing area on safe drone flight and operation. Attendees learned about how to safely and legally operate drones from expert faculty from the Drone Program, as well as the opportunity to fly several drones through an obstacle course and learn more from industry experts across construction, law enforcement, surveying and more. More than 80 attendees came out to participate, with several lucky winners going home with their own brand-new drones, courtesy of the LCC drone club.

**LCC attends apprenticeship and job fair during National Apprenticeship Week**



Above photo: Drone Program attendees using virtual reality headsets

The Wilson Talent Center hosted an Apprenticeship and Job Fair in celebration of National Apprenticeship Week on April 17. This brought together students and regional employers to explore post-secondary pathways. The event was held in partnership with Capital Area Michigan Works! and the Lansing Board of Water & Light. The apprenticeship fair provided students with direct access to information on registered apprenticeships, employment opportunities, higher education and career training programs.

Serving more than 900 juniors and

seniors from across the Ingham ISD service area, the event highlighted strong regional collaboration in support of career exploration. LCC was one of 62 participating organizations that came out to support students. LCC was represented by Kelsey Lorichon, apprenticeship specialist from Technical Careers, along with Dr. Will Emerson, director of external partnerships from Health and Human Services.

**Tech Forward: Men of Color**

The Technical Careers Division once



Above photo: Kelsey Lorichon and Dr. Will Emerson

again showcased its dynamic programs at Tech Forward: Men of Color, held Friday, April 10, at West Campus. TJ Duckett, former NFL player and Michigan State University alumnus, delivered an inspiring keynote centered on hope, resilience and perseverance to an engaged audience of prospective students, community members and LCC faculty and staff.

Following the keynote, students transitioned into interactive, hands-on sessions with faculty across a wide range of Technical Careers programs, including Public Service Careers, Mechatronics, Drones/GSCI, Electrical, Building Construction, Transportation Maintenance, Welding and Machining. These experiences provided valuable insight into both academic pathways

and career opportunities.

The event concluded with a lunch and a vibrant campus and community resource fair, offering students additional opportunities to connect and explore support services. Ten students were selected to receive drone door prizes and one future LCC student was awarded a \$500 scholarship to help launch his educational journey this fall.

**The Global Institute of Learning Visits West Campus**



Above photo: Tech Forward keynote speaker Todd "T.J." Duckett

On Thursday, April 2, Technical Careers welcomed a group of adult immigrants and refugees from The Global Institute of Learning. They enjoyed building model houses with the Building Construction program and flying drones with the Drone Pilot program.

**Michigan Youth Opportunities Visits West Campus**

A group of foster youth from Michigan Youth Opportunities visited Technical Careers on Wednesday, April 1. They were welcomed by a campus resource panel including admissions, Fostering Stars and the Center for Student Access. They spent time in the lab with the Welding Program and flew new

drones with our Drone Pilot Program.

**Program Director launches podcast on the history of policing and corrections**

Tami McDiarmid, program director of Public Service Careers, has launched a new podcast series: **Silver and Blue: Tracing the History of Policing and Corrections**. Each episode travels centuries and continents to explore how justice was enforced, how punishment evolved, and what these legacies mean today. Whether you're a history buff, a justice advocate or simply curious, Silver and Blue invites listeners to rethink what justice really means — and who it serves.

McDiarmid brings exceptional depth to this subject, drawing on 25 years of service with the Kent County Sheriff's Office, where she retired in 2015 as a corrections sergeant. She holds a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement from Ferris State University and a Master's in Criminal Justice from Grand Valley State University. Since joining LCC, she has led the Local Corrections Academy to state accreditation, and in July 2023, she was appointed Program Director of Public Service Careers.

**New episodes of Silver and Blue** are available now. We encourage faculty, staff, students and community members to tune in as McDiarmid guides us through one of the most important — and often misunderstood — stories in human history.

Public Relations Department

Media Report:  
April 1 - 30

Earned media viewership:  
250,089, down 193,750  
views since March

Earned media value:  
\$19,949, down \$14,464 since March

Total media press clips:  
23, down 5 press clips since March

Selected media highlights:

**LCC Performing Arts presents "1984"**

City Pulse

Dart Auditorium will welcome "1984" on April 10-12 and April 17-18.

**LCC connections to revived REO Town festival**

Lansing State Journal

Former LCC student helps lead revival of Renegade Fringe festival; LCC's Melissa Kaplan comments.

**LCC President speaks at Reynolds CC**

Reynolds.edu/news

Dr. Robinson closed out the Voices of Impact Speakers Series at Reynolds Community College.

**LCC on Morning Blend**

FOX 47 Morning Blend

LCC's Robert Helm details the upcoming Tech Forward: Men of Color event.

**LCC is today's Michigan Minute**

WKAR 90.5 FM Michigan Minute

LCC was established on this date in 1957.

**LCC on Words of the Wise Podcast**

Words of the Wise Podcast - YouTube

LCC Chief of Police Daryl Gaines shares his insights on lessons learned as a new officer and candidly discusses topics like leadership, identity, stress, and wellness.

**LCC hosts Tech Forward: Men of Color**

WILX NBC News 10

LCC held its annual Tech Forward event at West Campus.

**LCC hosts Tech Forward: Men of Color**

WLNS CBS 6 News; WLAJ ABC 6 News

LCC held its annual Tech Forward event at West Campus.

**Shigematsu Memorial Garden highlighted**

Unearth the Voyage

LCC's Shigematsu Garden is profiled. Unearth the Voyage shared this article on their Facebook page, and as of this morning, it has more than 1,900 likes, 160 comments, and 526 shares.

**Article on LCC archives wins award**

The Lookout

An article featuring LCC's Bob Garret wins first place at the Michigan Community College Press Association in the Photo Essay or Digital Slide Show category. Congrats to Bob and student Nicole Wadkins.

**LCC holding Alcohol Awareness event**

WILX NBC News 10 – clip aired twice

LCC is holding its annual Alcohol Awareness event.

**LCC holds annual Alcohol Awareness event**

WILX NBC News 10

LCC's Jim Owens details the importance of the event.

**LCC in City Pulse**

City Pulse

Provost Sally Welch, along with an LCC faculty member and an LCC and CMU student, shares their perspectives on the use of AI in the classroom.

**LCC story promo**

WILX NBC News 10

Take Your Child to Work Day promo.

**LCC hosts Take Your Child to Work Day**

WILX NBC News 10

LCC's Crystal Perry highlights the importance of Take Your Child to Work Day; Lance makes an appearance.

**LCC musical groups set to perform**

Lansing State Journal

LCC's Concert Choir, Rock Band, and Multi-Instrumental Ensemble will present semester-ending performances in May.

**LCC holds Drone Day**

WILX NBC News 10 (web)

LCC's Shelley Jeltema details the benefits of drone knowledge.

**LCC holds Drone Safety Day**

MSN.com

LCC's Shelley Jeltema details the benefits of drone knowledge.

**LCC hosts Skywarn training**

WSYM FOX 47 News

LCC hosted the National Weather Service and Ingham County for Skywarn weather training.

## 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

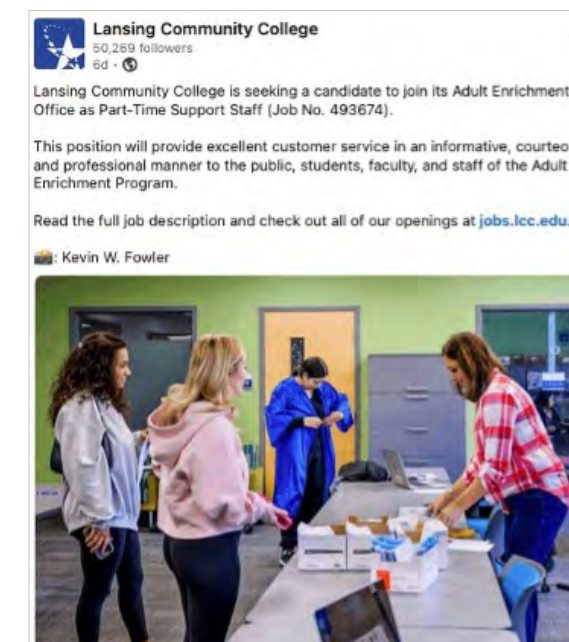
'Total Engagements' divided by 'Total Posts' for each platform. Gives an idea of how many interactions from users/followers one could expect for an average post during the month for the specified platform.

### 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 April.

 **LinkedIn**  
2,753 Reach · 114 Engagements



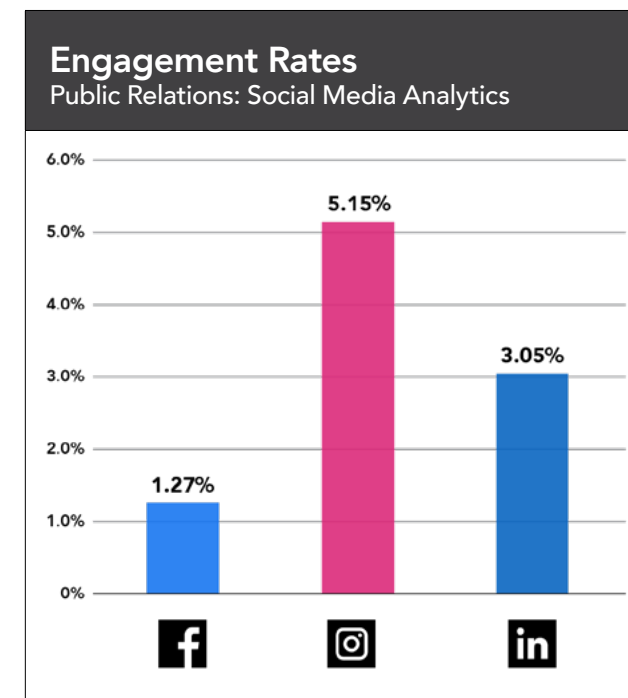
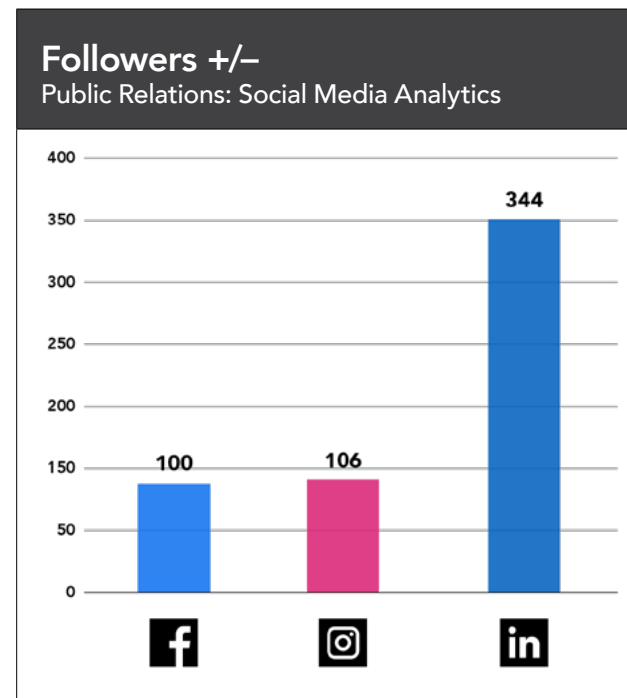
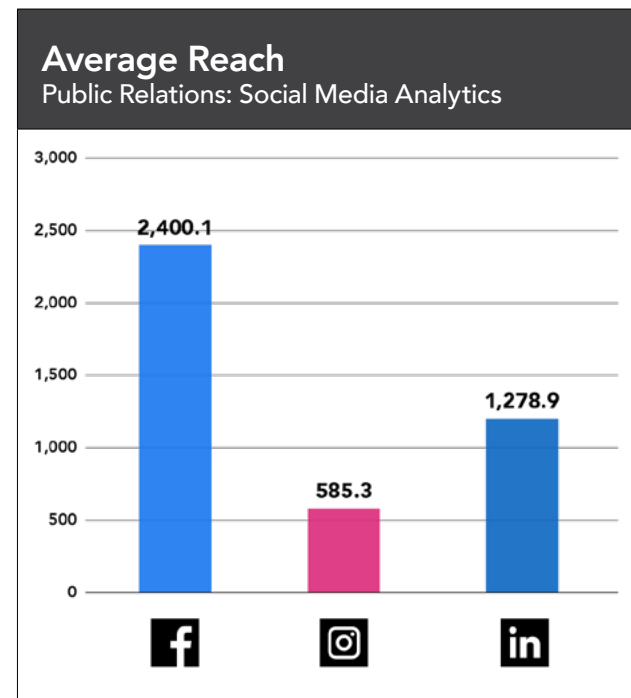
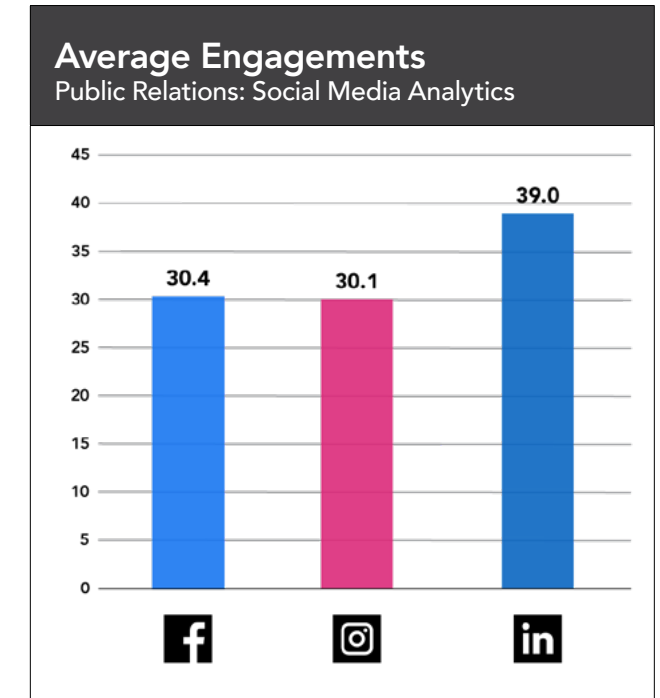
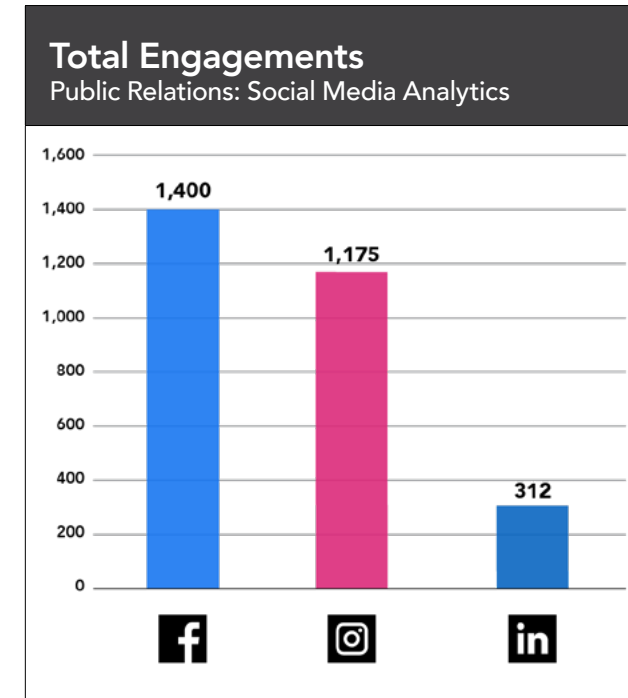
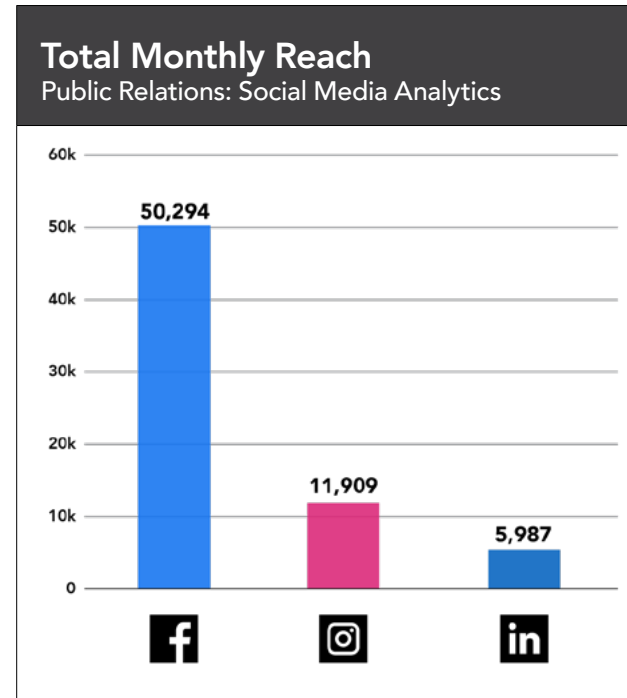
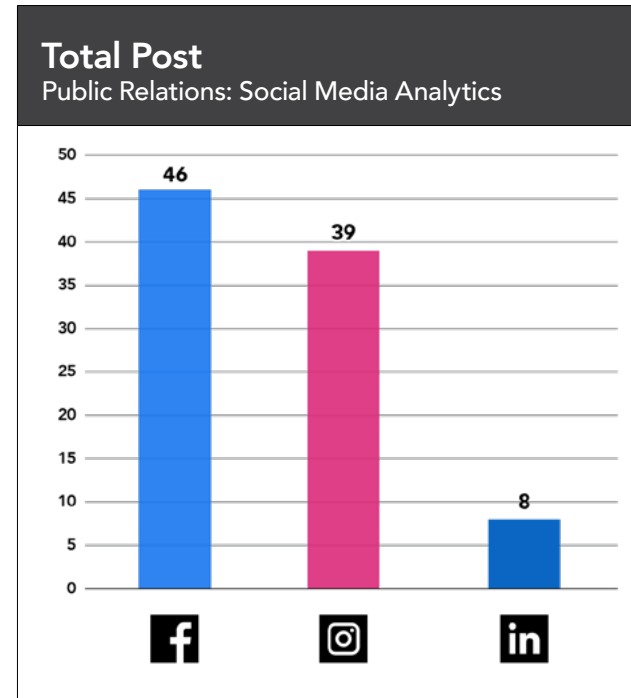
 **Facebook**  
15,917 Reach · 280 Engagements



 **Instagram**  
1,277 Reach · 221 Engagements



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



#CCMonth Instagram Contest – April 2026

With April being Community College Month, a social media giveaway contest was held for students.

The contest was hosted on our Instagram page. Each day during the first week of April, we posted a photo and asked students to reply with their answers using the hashtag #CCMonth.

For context, an average Instagram post from our account (@lccstars) in April reached 585 accounts and generated 30 engagements, resulting in a 5.1% engagement rate.

In total, six posts were shared on our Instagram for the #CCMonth giveaway campaign. These posts averaged 832 accounts reached and 45 engagements, for an engagement rate of 5.4%. During this period, our Instagram also gained 103 new followers.



**Monday's Winner:**  
Scola Niyongabire

**Question:**  
How has LCC helped you on your academic journey?

**Answer:**  
"From CNA basics to physiology, LCC has given me the tools I need to succeed in the nursing field. Grateful for a school that cares about the future of healthcare!"

**Tuesday's Winner:**  
Mikayla Lee (not pictured)

**Question:**  
What is your favorite place on any of LCC's campuses?

**Answer:**  
"The West Campus Welding Lab."



**Wednesday's Winner:**  
Collin Roelofs

**Question:**  
Who is your favorite person at LCC? This can be a fellow student, instructor, or staff.

**Answer:**  
"My favorite person is Josh Gardner. He never fails to brightens everyone's day and is a great teammate."



**Friday's Winner:**  
Claudia Paksi

**Question:**  
Why is LCC important to you?

**Answer:**  
"LCC is important to me because it has provided me with the opportunity to pursue my career in a financially stable manner, while also connecting me with so many friends and memories that I will carry for a lifetime."



**Thursday's Winner:**  
Keira Doner

**Question:**  
What is a lesson you have learned while studying at LCC?

**Answer:**  
"A lesson I have learned at LCC is to not be afraid to ask for help!"

Conference Services  
report of April events

Downtown Campus

April 7

Community Love Table

WCP 101

April 10

Rotary

Michigan Room · 85 people

April 13

PrepNet Virtual Academy

GB 1434 · 10 people

ELT Meeting

Admin Boardroom · 18 people

Community Love Table

HHS Lobby

April 14

PrepNet Virtual Academy

GB 1434 · 10 people

Dental Hygiene Advisory Board Meeting

HHS 104 · 15 people

April 15

PrepNet Virtual Academy

GB 1434 · 10 people

April 15

Experience Starpower Awards Showcase

Michigan Room · 150 people

April 16

PrepNet Virtual Academy

GB 1434 · 10 people

Take a Stand! Sit In! Symposium

GB Highway, Stationary Tables  
1-3, GB 2214, GB 3119, Black  
Box Theater · 50 people

Community Love Table

A&S Lobby

CEMS Job Fair

Commons · 200 people

April 17

PrepNet Virtual Academy

GB 1434 · 10 people

Senior Star Day

Commons, President's Dining Room,  
GB 1275, GB 2214 · 150 people

Rotary

Michigan Room · 85 people

April 20

DAAPP

Administration Building  
Boardroom · 50 people

April 20

Board of Trustees Meeting

Admin Boardroom · 50 people

April 22

MDHHS DEI Event

The Changemakers Center · 30 people

April 23

Take Your Child to Work Day

Grand River Room, LAFCU  
Room, SCF Room

Stars to Spartans Celebration

Michigan Room · 100 people

April 24

Student Recognition Celebration

Michigan Room · 80 people

April 25

Skywarn Weather Spotter Training

GB 2156 · 50 people

April 28

Michigan Library Advocacy Day

Lot 22 · 20 people

Sexual Assault Awareness

Highway · 10 people

April 29

StarScapes

Commons, Highway, GB 2214,  
Stationary Tables 1-3 · 100 people

April 30

Administrative Support Celebration

LAFCU Room, Stable Communities  
Foundation Room

30 people

StarScapes

Commons, Highway, GB 2214,  
Stationary Tables 1-3 · 100 people

LCC West

April 1

MI Recycles

M119-121 · 45 people

Community Love Table

Lobby under stairs · 4 people

April 7

MI Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

Auditorium and Atrium · 65 people

MI Department of Labor and  
Economic Opportunity

M120-122 · 110 people

April 8

Department of Natural Resources NRC Meeting  
M119-122, Atrium · 80 people

April 10

Tech Forward  
M119-122, Lobby · 100 people  
  
CIT Advisory  
W157 · 40 people

April 11

A Rally of Writers  
M119-122, Auditorium, Atrium, Main Hallway · 150 people

April 14

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council  
M119-121 · 40 people

April 15

Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council  
M119-121 · 40 people

April 16

Michigan Department of Education Spring Forum  
M119-121 · 130 people

April 17

GVSU Start  
M119-121 · 50 people  
  
Academic Senate Meeting  
Auditorium · 50 people

April 22

Crime Stoppers  
M119-122 · 80 people

April 23

Greater Lansing Society for Human Resources Management  
M121-122  
  
Take Your Child to Work Day  
Auditorium and Atrium

April 24

CME Advisory Board Meeting  
W157 · 40 people

April 25

Drone Day  
M119-122, M124B · 150 people

April 27-28

Starscapes  
Auditorium, Atrium, Main Hallway

April 29

EGLE Dam Safety Workshop  
M119-121 · 100 people

Community Love Table  
Lobby under stairs

Building Construction Advisory Board Meeting  
M124 · 20 people

April 30

ERESA Law Enforcement Competition  
Auditorium, Atrium, W157, M124, M124A, U233, Fitness center · 80 people

Apprenticeship Recognition Event  
Showroom · 50 people

Mason Avaition

April 28

Community Love Table  
Aviation Lobby

Number of Site Tours

- + Downtown Campus: 3
- + West Campus: 4

Number of Booked External Event Contracts

- + Downtown Campus: 14
- + West Campus: 10

### Administrative Professionals' Day at LCC

LCC celebrated Administrative Professionals' Day on April 30.

The day featured professional development, engaging activities, and friendly competition, but most importantly, it honored the meaningful contributions that LCC's administrative professionals make to our college community.

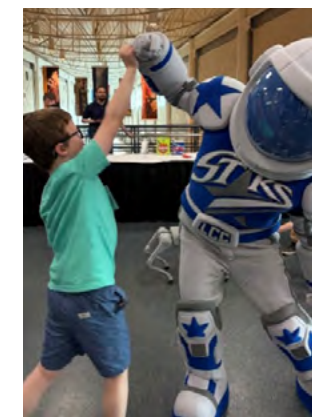


Above photo: Executive Assistant and Liaison to the Board of Trustees, Benita Duncan, presents to attendees.

### LCC participates in Take Your Child to Work Day

LCC joined the national celebration of Take Your Child to Work Day with a full agenda of educational activities for school-aged children, held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 23, at the Downtown and West Campus locations.

LCC's Human Resources and Labor and Employee Relations Team hosted the event, continuing the college's long tradition of mentoring young people. The event connected attendees with real-world skills and promoted future career goals as they explored LCC campuses and gained insight into career opportunities.



### Denim Day

On April 29, the HHS team participated in Denim Day, a global campaign in which millions wear jeans to speak out against sexual violence, victim-blaming, and misconceptions about sexual assault.



### Fashion and Confidence Talk

On Thursday, April 2nd, the Office of Empowerment (OE) hosted a Fashion and Confidence Talk featuring guest mentor Sonia Noel. An accomplished designer, entrepreneur, and speaker, Sonia shared insights on how personal style and fashion can build confidence and express identity. Students engaged in meaningful conversations about embracing individuality, showing up boldly, and using fashion to feel empowered in both personal and professional spaces.

Sonia encouraged attendees to view confidence not just as appearance but as how they carry themselves and own their unique presence.



Above photo: Sonia Noel speaking with student attendees empowering them through fashion.

### Taste of Culture: Arab American

On Wednesday, April 8th, OE hosted its fourth Taste of Culture event to celebrate Arab American Heritage Month. Students were invited to sample traditional foods, including falafel, hummus, and pita bread, selected in collaboration with Arab American students and Sultan's Express. Each table featured coffee candy to represent a cultural practice. Visitors were welcomed with a coffee drink and presented with facts and cultural information highlighting a different Arab country, while music and visual presentations created an inviting atmosphere. The event introduced

students to Arab American culture, fostered cross-cultural connections, and supported LCC's mission to produce global-minded citizens. Science and Math Departments' Meet-and-Greet Series



### Mercy Education Project

On April 8th, Estefania Reyes-Reynoso, Maya Angelou Training Center (MATC) training coordinator and program alumna, was invited to join a speed networking session for the Mercy Education Project's College and Career Readiness program in Detroit. She shared insights into her role at MATC, the importance of her work in higher education and community engagement, and her journey as a first-generation graduate student and social justice advocate. Students also received MATC swag to help them stay connected with Estefania and the MATC.



### Tech Forward: Men of Color

On Friday, April 10th, the OE team, including members from the MATC and Martin Luther King Jr. Equity Center (MLKEC), attended the Tech Forward: Men of Color event at West Campus. The team hosted a resource table, engaging students and community members in conversations about OE programs and services. The event featured hands-on program tours, skill-building activities, and networking with local employers, all aimed at supporting men of color in technical career pathways. Participants heard from keynote speaker TJ Duckett, explored academic programs, and connected with campus resources. Both MATC's Lead Diversity Coordinator, Estefania Reyes-Reynoso, and Tanya McClain joined student groups and participated in the hands-on welding activity, further connecting with attendees.



### Humphrey Fellows Showcase

The MATC team attended the Humphrey Fellows Showcase, a dynamic Ignite Talk event in which each speaker had five minutes and 20 auto-advancing slides to present on their home country, identify a key issue, and propose solutions based on insights from the Humphrey Fellows program.

### Let's Talk – Voices Unveiled: Reflecting on the School Experience and Education

On Monday, April 13th, the OE hosted LCC's Sociology Club for a meeting titled "Reflecting on the School Experience." In collaboration with the MLKEC and Sociology Professor Rob Roznowski, the event featured an open conversation about diverse educational experiences and how society shapes student success. Students shared personal perspectives, discussed the broader impact of schooling on opportunity and identity, and reflected on how their unique stories contribute to their learning journeys. The session encouraged critical thinking and underscored the importance of student voices in conversations about education.



Above photo: A group of students discussing their different schooling experiences

### Women Inspiring Scholarship through Empowerment (WISE)

On Tuesday, April 14th, the Cesar Chavez Multicultural Center (CCMC) hosted a WISE event featuring guest mentor LaShunda Thomas, Secretary and member of the LCC Board of Trustees. After an icebreaker exploring the meaning of womanhood, LaShunda shared her journey as a community leader and social worker. Participants then took part in a "Paint Your

Culture" activity, decorating bags with quotes, colors, and symbols that represent their identities and experiences as women, and had the opportunity to share their creations and reflections with one another.



Above photo: WISE with guest mentor LaShunda Thomas

### Latinos Unidos con Energia Respeto y Orgullo (LUCERO)

On Thursday, April 16th, the CCMC hosted a LUCERO event featuring guest mentor Lorenzo Lopez. Lopez, a leader in Latino cultural arts and community advocacy, shared his experiences, and students participated in activities and discussions about Latino history, voices, and heritage. Students expressed a desire to form a student affinity group with the same name to help ensure their voices are heard at cultural events.



Above photo: LUCERO with guest mentor Lorenzo Lopez

### Men About Progress (MAP)

On Tuesday, April 21st, the CCMC hosted a MAP event featuring guest mentor Rod Holmes. Rod spoke about his experiences in schools with varying levels of diversity, from an all-Black elementary school to a majority-Black middle school to a more diverse high school, and how these experiences shaped his perspective. He also addressed the importance of mental health, offering strategies and advice, based on his lived experiences, for managing and supporting individuals' mental well-being.



Above photo: MAP with Rod Holmes

### Let's Talk – Voices Unveiled: Genocide Awareness Discussion Panel

On April 22nd, the MLKEC, in partnership with the Anthropology and Sociology Club, hosted a Genocide Awareness Discussion Panel to recognize April as Genocide Awareness Month. The event featured panelists with personal ties to the realities of genocide, including Helen Knar Cirrito (from Armenia), Siham Hassan (co-founder of the Naiwa Foundation from Sudan), Chelsea Vann (LCC Academic Coach from Cambodia), and Mellie Kellogg (LCC student). Through powerful personal stories, the panel explored the lasting impacts of genocide and drew connections across cultures and histories. The discussion promoted

education, empathy, and a deeper commitment to justice and awareness.



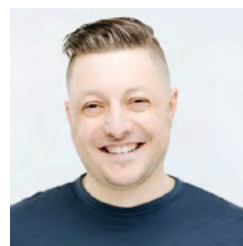
Above photo: Aliza Robison, Tanya McClain, Siham Hassan, Helen Knar Cirrito, Chelsea Vann, Mellie Kellogg and Kylee Carter

### Senior Advisory Team, Lansing

On Friday, April 24th, the OE Senior Advisory Team in Lansing met to discuss increasing its involvement within the Office of Empowerment. Team advisors agreed to volunteer as mentors, offering their wisdom and support to LCC students, and some signed up for time slots immediately. The meeting also covered upcoming events, strategies for handling changes such as street name updates, and technology improvements to better support remote participation. Additionally, the team was encouraged to consider supporting the LCC Foundation through potential donations.



Above photo: Lucianna Solis, Chair of Senior Advisory Team, Lansing



Above photo: Justin Sheehan, Co-Chair of Senior Advisory Team, Lansing

### Poker Night

On Monday, April 27th, the Office of Empowerment hosted a non-monetary poker tournament from 4–6 p.m. in the Arts and Sciences Building, Room 1313, to accommodate evening students. The event, requested by students during spring break, featured Texas Hold 'em, Five-Card Draw, Seven-Card Stud, and Omaha and welcomed players of all skill levels. Designed to foster connection and community, the tournament gave students the chance to meet new people, enjoy a fun, inclusive atmosphere, and share food, all while building a greater sense of belonging within the LCC community.



### Let's Talk – Voices Unveiled: Refugees, Immigrants and International Student Barriers

On April 28th, MLKEC hosted a Let's Talk discussion featuring Shirin Kambin, Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Resource Collaborative and a member of the OE Senior Advisory Team. The event provided international students with a safe space to share their experiences and discuss barriers, including job pressures, housing concerns, transcript and credentialing issues, visa challenges, and family expectations. Through open conversation and support, students left

feeling seen and empowered, and MLKEC reaffirmed its commitment to advocating for equitable opportunities for all learners.



### Every Piece Matters Puzzle Competition

On April 29, the OE hosted the Every Piece Matters Puzzle Competition, bringing students together for a high-energy challenge centered on teamwork, connection, and belonging. Teams of up to three raced to complete identical 500-piece puzzles within two hours, with the winning team, Shay, Zach, and James, finishing in just 1 hour and 37 minutes. The event fostered an engaging environment where students strategized, communicated, and built community, emphasizing that success comes from collaboration and that every piece and every person truly matters.



### Sheridan Road Field Trip

Sheridan Road 7th graders visited LCC's main campus for a half-day field trip, during which the MATC team led them through an interactive scavenger hunt. The activity helped students become familiar with the Arts & Sciences building, the Office of Empowerment, and the main campus. The MATC team enjoyed guiding the students as they solved clues, explored the OE tanks, and admired the Koi pond, making the visit both educational and memorable.

### Applause Award!

The MATC was recognized in the April edition of "A Round of Applause!" for their outstanding work on the Maya Through The Ages Birthday Event. The award highlights the dedication and effort of the MATC staff, led by Dawn Hardin, in organizing a memorable celebration that brought together the Lansing community and educated attendees about Maya Angelou's legacy.



### Community Love Tables

Every other Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., the MLKEC hosts Community Love Tables. These gatherings provide a welcoming space for individuals to pause, connect, and feel valued. Each table serves as a reminder that everyone belongs and matters.



Above photo: KyLee Carter and Cy Demeire at Mason Aviation

### A Star is Hired!

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

Welcome to LCC Stars, you belong here.

**John Adams**  
Job Training Center

**Kaz Meza**  
Financial Aid

**Andrew Beem**  
Manufacturing  
Engineering Tech

**Jeremy Neefus**  
Community Education and  
Workforce Development

**Ella Brown**  
Police Academy

**James Rogers**  
Non-Traditional /  
Special Populations

**Emily Endres-Bercher**  
Human Services

**Hunter Royal**  
Surgical Technology

**Kelly Ennis**  
Surgical Technology

**Anna Trout**  
Student Finance

**Mary Faber**  
Learning Commons

**Elijah Hamilton-Wray**  
Art and Design

**Bradley Hudson**  
Extension Center: LCC East

**Christopher Kuhlman**  
Police Academy

**Kaylee Larson**  
Human Services

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New episodes of Silver and Blue <https://www.lcc.edu/connect/shows/silver-and-blue.html>

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LCC connections to revived REO Town festival <https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/life/2026/04/01/renegeade-fringe-revives-festival-spirit-in-reo-town-with-august-return/89394841007/>

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Article on LCC archives wins award <https://lookout.lcc.edu/posts/2026-behind-the-scenes-at-the-lcc-archives.html/>

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LCC holding Alcohol Awareness event <https://insight.tveyes.com/public/share/b38b0001-9823-4869-8df1-91f3c000a5f8/50f849e4-14cb-4202-85e1-f9e58ca14b20>

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