

Community College Local Strategic Value Resolution



Local Strategic Value Report

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Community College’s Local Strategic Value

Institution: Lake Michigan College

Section 230 of PA 103 of 2023, the Fiscal Year 2024 community colleges appropriations bill contains the qualifications that must be met to receive the portion of each college’s performance funding appropriation earmarked for local strategic value. The statute lists 15 separate best practices for community colleges to achieve. Institutions must satisfy 4 of 5 best practices in each of 3 different categories.

To demonstrate eligibility for this funding, Section 230 requires that each community college certifies compliance to the State Budget Office by means of a board of trustees resolution certifying that the college has met 4 of 5 best practices in each category. Further, each board resolution “shall provide specifics as to how the community college meets each best practice measure within each category.” **This resolution must be properly passed by the board and submitted to this office on or before October 15, 2023.** However, if a resolution from a prior year is still in effect and factually correct, you may resubmit this resolution. Please send a copy with an indication of the date of its passage.

Please use this table as a method to **briefly** detail what your community college is doing to meet the best practices in each category. Each category is worth one-third of the total amount available for your institution. Your institution must meet 4 out of 5 best practices in a category to receive funding associated with that category.

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Category A: Economic Development and Business or Industry Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)	
(i) The community college has active partnerships with local employers including hospitals and health care providers.	<p>The College's active partnerships with hospitals and health care organizations are inclusive of health care program apprenticeships and strategies to increase the diversity within the health care field.</p> <p>All Career & Workforce Education (CWE) and Health Sciences programs at the College have an advisory committee that includes representation from business and industry. Every CWE and Health Sciences program is required to have two advisory committee meetings per year. Through advisory committees for CWE courses, the College interacts and solicits advice from regional employers on course offerings and program development.</p> <p>Many students in our health care programs are hired either during their education or after graduation because of their clinical experience or internship. Once a year LMC offers a Kettering Seminar that further educates up to five of our Radiologic Technology alum (that have graduated and registered) from our clinical facilities.</p>

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	<p>Human Resources representatives from area medical centers, including Corewell Health, Bronson, and surrounding healthcare facilities, participate in short-term training programs offered by the College to speak with students about multiple career opportunities.</p> <p>Corewell Health Lakeland offers flu vaccines for health science students on campus or while attending their clinical education during the fall semester as a service for all students.</p> <p>Berrien County Health Department provided free TB skin tests for health science students.</p> <p>Lake Michigan College and Kinexus meet monthly for the purpose of partnership development and information sharing. Topics of discussion include updates regarding shared business outreach, student training and employment opportunities, educational programming, resource opportunities (grants, federal programs), and shared referrals.</p> <p>The College's CWE Division collaborates with area employers to build co-op, internship, job shadowing, and other work-based learning opportunities for students while serving the workforce needs of employers.</p> <p>The College has apprenticeship agreements with more than 40 companies and works closely with local manufacturers to ensure programs meet industry standards. Currently, the Hanson Technology Center registers more than 135 apprenticeship participants.</p> <p>The College works with and has onsite training for Whirlpool Corporation, various law enforcement agencies, Corewell Health, AEP (Indiana Michigan Power), DC Cook Nuclear Power Plant, Eagle Technologies, Hanson International, and others.</p> <p>The College has an established on-site partnership on its Benton Harbor and South Haven campuses with a local childcare provider, Kidzone, who provides clinical rotations for students.</p> <p>The Lake Michigan College Criminal Justice program has active internship partnerships with the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, Van Buren County Sheriff's Office, City of St. Joseph Department of Public Safety, City of Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety, Lincoln Township Police Department, Chikaming Township Police Department, Berrien County</p>

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	<p>Juvenile Center, Berrien County Prosecutor's Office Victim Advocates, and Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program (KPEP).</p> <p>The Criminal Justice program has hosted multiple onsite trainings for Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety. It has also hosted several trainings for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES), the Berrien County Sheriff's Office, and Baroda-Lake Township Police Department.</p> <p>The College has received state approval for a new Police Academy, with its first scheduled cohort in the Summer of 2024.</p> <p>LMC frequently holds job fairs and opportunities for students to engage with local businesses.</p> <p>The Welch Center for Wine and Viticulture opened on August 27, 2019, on LMC's Benton Harbor Campus. This \$7 million, 14,000-square-foot teaching winery is designed to provide students with a state-of-the-art environment to gain hands-on education in art, science, and the business of winemaking. The program has an annual enrollment of more than 20 students. Twenty area vineyards and wineries collaborated on building the program, aimed at educating and training the next generation of wine professionals to support the expanding wine industry in Southwest Michigan. The addition of winemaking was transformative as our students are viewing agriculture in our area differently, with a mind's eye towards small vineyards or breweries.</p> <p>LMC has curriculum that works to equip IT professionals in the local health care market and other markets to ensure that stable IT systems exist, thus advancing their missions. Numerous LMC degree or certificate seeking students currently work in IT at financial institutions, manufacturing facilities, and in local health care facilities.</p> <p>The College's Mendel Center regularly hosts business meetings and events for the local business community, typically renting our facility to more than thirty local businesses and organizations each year.</p> <p>The Mendel Center is used for annual Horticulture Days events, Whirlpool corporate meetings, police training opportunities, etc.</p>

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	<p>The Visual and Performing Arts Department has an internship program with TPC Technologies to offer apprenticeships for technical entertainment careers at the Mendel Center.</p> <p>The Mendel Center hosted an extensive teacher appreciation event for Berrien RESA as well as Safe Schools professional development day for area educators.</p> <p>Beckwith Hall, the College’s student residence hall, has collaborated with Harbor Shores, the Senior PGA, Kinexus, Berrien County Prosecutors office, Skidmore, and Whirlpool Corporation to host interns for the summer and hosted the Benton Harbor First Tee.</p> <p>Student Support Services partners with PNC Bank to offer financial literacy workshops to enrich student understanding of financial basics.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college provides customized on-site training for area companies, employees, or both.</p>	<p>This past year LMC has provided customized training for area employers, such as Marson International (welding), Donald C. Cook Nuclear Plant (machine tool technology), Berrien County Road Commission (welding), and Corewell Health (culinary).</p> <p>LMC provides onsite training for companies and organizations in apprenticeships and short-term training activities.</p>
<p>(iii) The community college supports entrepreneurship through a small business assistance center or other training or consulting activities targeted toward small businesses.</p>	<p>The Fab Lab at Lake Michigan College is open to entrepreneurs and other makers for prototyping activities. The Fab Lab is an open access digital studio that provides access to information, tools, software, and space for anyone who has an interest in learning and creating. The Fab Lab provides design software, laser cutters, 3D printers, vinyl cutters, woodshop, CNC (computer numerically controlled) router, CNC (computer numerically controlled) sewing machines and hand tools.</p> <p>Small business assistance in MLK Underrepresented Business Directory and MLK Expo, sponsorship through the Mendel Center, 100 Women Strong, Leadership Accelerator Program, 40 Under 40, and more.</p> <p>The South Haven campus works with the Chamber of Commerce to host regional economic development summits. Well-known speakers and statewide business groups come together for the day to discuss the economy and to hear perspectives on the business climate and development.</p>

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	<p>The South Haven Chamber of Commerce holds Entrepreneur Club meetings on the South Haven campus for local businesses.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college supports technological advancement through industry partnerships, incubation activities, or operation of a Michigan technical education center or other advanced technology center.</p>	<p>At the Hanson Technology Center, CWE provides credit and extended education to both businesses and regional groups such as the National Tooling & Machining Association and the American Welding Society. Extended Education works in partnership with academic divisions to create customized business solutions for clients. Extended Education also acts as a connector between regional businesses and organizations and the College.</p> <p>Tech advancement in current and emergent programs like Manufacturing Trades, Robotics, eSports, Virtual Reality (VR) Labs, Marine Maintenance, Agricultural testing, and more.</p> <p>The College has a myriad of advanced technology and works with local companies to provide curriculum to educate local industry building from LMC’s multiple health care programs, maintenance and electrical technology, marine maintenance technology, etc.</p> <p>The College’s Health Sciences Division delivers Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Phlebotomy, Pharmacy Technician, and Medical Assistant programs in collaboration with area healthcare employers, including Corewell Health Lakeland, InterCare Community Health, and other medical facilities with developed programs and curriculum that meet the needs of area employers and provides expanded opportunities for students.</p> <p>The Hanson Technology Center has a SIM classroom with a large touch screen available for simulation training use.</p> <p>Visual & Performing Arts offers a program of study in Music Technology as a part of the Associate of Arts degree. Students work in the new state-of-the-art recording studio as well as in the Hanson Theatre/Mainstage.</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with local or regional workforce and economic development agencies.</p>	<p>The College has representatives on boards and committees of many local organizations, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allegan County College Access Network • Benton Harbor Promise Board • Berrien-Cass-Van Buren Educational Advisory Group • Berrien College Access Network • Berrien County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority • Berrien County Human Services Collaborative • Buchanan Area Chamber of Commerce

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buchanan Promise • Cornerstone Alliance • Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce • Greater Niles Area Chamber of Commerce • Greater Niles Chamber Economic Club • Greater Niles Area Strategic Planning Steering Committee • Kinexus Group • Michigan Works! • St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Foundation • South Haven Brownfield Authority • South Haven Chamber of Commerce • South Haven Local Development Fund Authority • Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission • Strategic Leadership Council • SWM SHRM • United Way of Southwest Michigan • Southwestern Michigan Tourist Council • Michigan Presenters Network <p>CWE staff works closely with Allegan Michigan Works! Kinexus and WorkOne in South Bend, Indiana.</p> <p>Together, with Michigan Works and Regional Chambers, the College hosts career fairs, including a manufacturing career fair twice a year. Industry partners discuss career opportunities and recruit their future workforce at Lake Michigan College.</p> <p>Additional partnerships include Michigan State University (Welch Center), Berrien RESA, Berrien County Sheriff's office.</p> <p>Career Services staff and the CWE Dean serve as the College representatives on the Career Education Advisory Committee for Michigan Works, sharing information about labor market and employment trends.</p> <p>In 2022, the College assumed the responsibility of the Leadership Accelerator Program that was previously overseen by the Kinexus Group. The Leadership Accelerator was formed in 2015 by leaders from dozens of local, private, public, and nonprofit organizations at Michigan's Great Southwest Strategic Leadership Council. The purpose of the program is to develop leaders who will effectively grow, sustain, and lead local organizations and our community into the future through a holistic</p>

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	<p>approach. Twenty-four local leaders successfully completed the 12-session program in 2022, with 23 graduating in 2023.</p>
<p>Category B: Educational Partnerships (must meet 4 of 5)</p>	
<p>(i) The community college has active partnerships with regional high schools, intermediate school districts, and career-tech centers to provide instruction through dual enrollment, concurrent enrollment, direct credit, middle college, or academy programs.</p>	<p>LMC has an active Early College/Middle College program with dual credit, dual enrollment, and academy classes for over 1,000 high school students per year. In addition, the College operates an Early College Academy with the Niles, Brandywine, Buchanan, Covert and South Haven school districts, and a Middle College with the Berrien RESA (Regional Education Services Agency), Van Buren Intermediate School District, and the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency.</p> <p>The College supports the Professional Health Careers Academy (PHCA) operated by local school districts and Corewell Health, which provides students with exposure to several professional health care fields. PHCA students take college level classes for academic credit. Staff serve on selection panels and provide support services throughout the school year.</p> <p>LMC partners with Van Buren Tech Center through our Cisco Networking Academy, so students have a path to earn a 2-year degree, then transfer to our 4-year partner, Davenport University for a career path in either Network Security or Cyber Defense.</p> <p>Berrien Regional Educational Services Administration (RESA) holds Career Pathways (Exploration) Day each year at the College for all Berrien County 9th grade students.</p> <p>College staff serve on the Berrien County School Superintendents’ Advisory Committee, and attend Counselor, Principal, and Career Technical Education Director meetings.</p> <p>The College is a key partner with Berrien RESA in the Berrien Talent Collaborative, a new initiative to drive pre-apprentice and apprenticeship training in Southwest Michigan. Other key partners are the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce and the Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber of Commerce.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college hosts, sponsors, or participates in enrichment programs for area K-12 students, such as college days, summer or after-</p>	<p>The Fab Lab is available for activities for those in local Home-Schooling programs. Summer camps are also available for anyone 8 years old and up. Summer camps vary each year, but they include Fab Lab Bootcamp, Ukulele Building, Arcade Machine Building, Build Your Own 3D Printer, as well as various coding and video game camps. For the second year, the Fab</p>

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<p>school programming, or science Olympiad.</p>	<p>Lab has hosted a day for 4th and 5th graders to complete a Fab Lab experience. Participants wood turn a pen, complete a laser project as well as a sewing project, to introduce them to digital fabrication.</p> <p>Every fall, the College hosts the Berrien RESA Pathways Day event. Ninth graders from all high schools in the county (and surrounding areas) embark on the Mendel Center to get a hands-on experience within various industries, such as agriculture, health sciences, and manufacturing.</p> <p>The College eSports program has hosted several eSports events and competitions which have involved participation from surrounding high schools and colleges.</p> <p>Other activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual & Performing Arts Enrichment camps • Children’s Music Workshop programs • Regional Cloverland Spelling Bee • Visual Performing Arts combined performances with area schools • MSBOA annual band competition for schools in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren counties • MSVMA • Fall play/spring musical • Community choir and jazz band • The Citadel Dance and Music Center, • Dance Fusion • The Southshore Concert Band • WAVE Awards for Excellence in Musical Theatre • Education/Early Childhood field experiences • eSports tournaments • Sponsorship of sports and music programs • Mendel Center workshops • Homeschool cooperative experiences • Professors as guests in K-12 classrooms <p>LMC admissions specialists regularly participate in college days as well as several career readiness days with local high schools and middle schools.</p> <p>LMC hosts several enrichment programs including Science Olympiad.</p> <p>English as a Second Language is offered in a variety of formats.</p>

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	<p>The WAVE Awards event celebrates K-12 performing arts programs. The Visual and Performing Arts department also hosts the Piano Guild of SW Michigan Competition.</p> <p>The College has worked closely with the Benton Harbor Boys & Girls Club to support academic interventions including offering AccuPlacer tests for juniors and seniors.</p> <p>The College sponsors several robotics teams for local school districts and serves as the venue for the First Robotics kickoff each year. The teams representing counties across southwest Michigan: Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, Ottawa, Indiana, and Grand Rapids gather in the Grand Upton Hall of the Mendel Center.</p> <p>The Mendel Center is also the exclusive regional presenter of the National Geographic Live series which brings notable photographers, writers and adventurers to the Mainstage and a pre-event Q&A session for area students and instructors.</p> <p>There is a mainstage volunteer program with Benton Harbor Area Middle School students and opportunities for student groups to volunteer for funding by providing Mendel Center event support.</p> <p>Nursing students operate a health fair for pre-school children; topics include heart health, hospital care, asthma, and germs.</p>
<p>(iii) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for traditional age students, including grant programs such as talent search, upward bound, or other activities to promote college readiness in area high schools and community centers.</p>	<p>The College:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosts an Upward Bound program on campus, serving first-generation and economically disadvantaged students in grades 9-12 at Benton Harbor High School. The program provides college prep services designed to prepare students for post-secondary education and increase the rate in which participants enroll in and graduate from institutions of post-secondary education. • Actively works with the home school population in the area, offering recruitment and transition services as well as special events. • Hosts the College Fair, which links over 60 colleges and universities with high school students and parents to provide information on financial aid, transfers, and college applications. • Sponsors financial aid workshops, Admissions Decision Week, and other Local College Access Network activities. <p>Staff serve as permanent members of the Local (Berrien) College Access Network activities, Michigan’s Great Southwest Strategic Leadership</p>

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	<p>Council, and the post-secondary advisory council for the Michigan College Access Network.</p> <p>The Career and Workforce Education and Health Sciences Education Divisions, in collaboration with Berrien RESA, hosts high school counselor breakfast meetings several times per year. College faculty and staff provide counselors with up-to-date information on programs and services available to students.</p> <p>The College also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has co-sponsored a Career and Technical Education (CTE) banquet for high school students and awards scholarships to high performing CTE students. • Arranges meetings with college academic leadership and each superintendent, high school principal, and counselors for the 16 high schools in the district where data is provided on academic progress of the graduates from each high school and comparative data on the county. • Has a summer for-credit college level course for all Benton Harbor Promise Zone students to increase college readiness through college success programming. Students are provided content related to college expectations and are given opportunities to practice skills necessary to be a successful student. • Partners with the Benton Harbor Boys & Girls Club to co-teach a Degrees to Diploma college readiness curriculum at the Teen Center, which includes financial aid literacy, career exploration and planning, and college placement testing. • Operates a Start to Finish Program providing concentrated support for students challenged by college academic programming; there are currently over 200 students enrolled. <p>The College’s Student Wellbeing and Accessibility team presents to area High Schools, Counselors, and Special Education professionals on going to college with an IEP (Individualized Education Program) or 504 plan.</p> <p>Career personnel serve on the Berrien College Access Network and attend regular meetings hosted by the Michigan College Access Network.</p> <p>College personnel serve on the Buchanan Promise Board. Other career services trainings include Michigan Career Technical Education workshops.</p> <p>Current programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Hawks Rise summer bridge program • Upward Bound

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start To Finish • Student Support Services • College Life Skills courses • English as a Second Language and English for Academic Purposes offerings • Imbedded tutoring • General tutoring • Study tables • NetTutor • Testing services • International Student Services • DEI Celebrations • Campus Life/Residence Life programming • Early College interviews • Mandatory orientations
<p>(iv) The community college provides, supports, or participates in programming to promote successful transitions to college for new or reentering adult students, such as adult basic education, GED preparation and testing, or recruiting, advising, or orientation activities specific to adults.</p>	<p>Educational Opportunities Center, Student Support Services, Reconnect Grant, Testing Services (including Accuplacer, external and internal testing), tutoring services, NetTutor, dedicated orientation, Veteran Services, and more.</p> <p>The College hosts a federal TRiO Educational Opportunity Center program designed to create Individualized Educational Development Plans for returning students; offers Pre-GED or college admissions/placement test tutoring; provides career information, assessment, and advising; and assistance with the admissions process for post-secondary enrollment. The TRiO EOC program also targets displaced homemakers for academic support services.</p> <p>The College has an office with staff dedicated to serving returning veterans, including appropriating funds from the College’s Foundation for emergent needs of veterans. In addition, the College has created a dedicated Veterans Center on the Benton Harbor campus where a lounge area with computers and other career-oriented information exists to assist veterans. The College receives yearly recognition by the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency for being a veteran-friendly school.</p> <p>The College’s Assessment Center offers GED testing 2-3 times per month, as well as KeyTrain up-skilling, WorkKeys assessments, National Career Readiness Certification, Bennett Mechanical Comprehension Test,</p>

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	<p>Certiport and many PearsonVue IT (Information Technology) certification exams.</p> <p>Career and Workforce Education (CWE) faculty and dedicated CWE Advisors regularly provide program-level advising to adult students.</p> <p>Orientation prepares incoming students for success in college. It is offered in person and online to best accommodate students' schedules.</p> <p>Lake Michigan College works with the State of Michigan to facilitate the Michigan Reconnect program, a state program that pays for students 25 and over to earn their associate degree. Lake Michigan College has applied for and received additional funding to assist these students with educational expenses such as books, housing, childcare, etc.</p>
<p>(v) The community college has active partnerships with regional 4-year colleges and universities to promote successful transfer, such as articulation, 2+2, or reverse transfer agreements or operation of a university center.</p>	<p>The College has active partnerships with several regional 4-year colleges and universities, in various capacities including reverse transfer agreements, articulation agreements, consortium agreements, and on-campus extensions, which allow for collaborative, smooth pathways for students to transfer from LMC to a baccalaureate program. Current agreements include Arizona State University, Davenport University (for both Cyber Security and Cisco Network Academy students), Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Indian Institute of Technology, Siena Heights University, Western Michigan University, and University of Michigan – Flint.</p> <p>LMC currently has multiple reverse transfer agreements such as those with Western Michigan University, University of Michigan, Oakland University, and Michigan State University.</p> <p>In addition to the above, the College is a participating member of the Michigan Transfer Agreement, which is a statewide transfer agreement.</p> <p>Wine and Viticulture has an articulation agreement with Ferris State University's Hospitality Management program, and an articulation agreement for a bachelor's in applied science at Siena Heights University.</p> <p>The Associate in Business Administration (ABA) Advisory Committee is made up of the major 4-year Universities that business students choose for transfer. During the 2022-2023 year, LMC was able to initiate and sign an articulation agreement with Indiana Tech for the ABA program.</p> <p>Housed in the colleges University Center, Siena Heights University (SHU) offers bachelors and masters programs on the Benton Harbor campus; SHU</p>

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	<p>accepts up to 90 credit hours from LMC towards a bachelor’s degree, which offers an immense value to students. Andrews University and Ferris State University also frequent the center to help students interested in transferring.</p> <p>The College participates in MiTransfer Pathways, which are statewide articulation agreements that allow for seamless transfer from a 2-year program to the same 4-year program. Agreements include Art, Biology, Business, Communication, Criminal Justice, Exercise Science, Mechanical Engineering, Psychology, Public Health, and Social Work.</p> <p>The College has a Financial Aid Consortium Agreement with GVSU (Grand Valley State University) whereby students can take classes at the same time at either institution and receive financial aid.</p> <p>LMC participates with the Michigan Transfer Network (MTN), which provides students with transfer and course equivalency information for schools across the state.</p> <p>The Jack and Barbara Nicklaus KitchenAid Sr. PGA Champions for Change Scholarship (Nicklaus Scholarship) is a \$25,000 scholarship that is awarded to a Start to Finish student who graduates from LMC. The Nicklaus scholarship was created in 2018 to assist Start to Finish students with completing their bachelor’s degree. The students complete an application and participate in an interview with a community panel including representatives from Whirlpool Corporation, the Sr. PGA, the Berrien Community Foundation, the Benton Harbor Promise, and Start to Finish. The panel votes on the winner/recipient of the scholarship. The student works with the Benton Harbor Promise and the Berrien Community Foundation for disbursement of the funds. They are intentional in making sure that the student has enough funds to assist with each remaining semester at their 4-year school.</p>
<p>Category C: Community Services (must meet 4 of 5)</p>	
<p>(i) The community college provides continuing education programming for leisure, wellness, personal enrichment, or professional development.</p>	<p>Fab Lab at Lake Michigan College is available to hobbyists and crafters to promote advanced manufacturing concepts and ideas. Maker Mondays started in 2021 as a time for community members to visit the lab and ask questions, tour the lab, and work on individual projects.</p> <p>Natural Sciences, Exercise Science and Wellness offer yoga in the fall as community education. This department also hosts a fall and spring science seminar for students and community members.</p> <p>Lake Michigan College is home to the Welch Center for Wine and Viticulture. Consumer-focused courses as well as those for professional</p>

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	<p>development and continuing education in Enology and Viticulture are hosted at this facility.</p> <p>Extended Education (Non-Credit) Programs: American Heart Association CPR Training (BLS Provider and Heartsaver); Certified Nurse Aide (CNA); English as a Second Language; Marine Maintenance Technician; and Truck Driver Training.</p> <p>Other programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual & Performing Arts Camps • Music lessons (for the community) • Community choir • Community jazz band • Southshore Concert Band • Fall play/spring musical • Teenstock musical • Wines of the World classes • Ceramics classes • Athletic camps <p>The South Haven campus partners with Michigan State University to host an Introduction to Farm Management taught in Spanish.</p>
<p>(ii) The community college operates or sponsors opportunities for community members to engage in activities that promote leisure, wellness, cultural or personal enrichment such as community sports teams, theater or musical ensembles, or artist guilds.</p>	<p>The Culinary, Hospitality, and Wine and Viticulture Technology Programs offer various culinary, wine, and food related Extended Education classes designed to promote personal enrichment.</p> <p>The Lake Michigan College Science Department hosts speakers to learn about different topics in their fields.</p> <p>External sponsorship of Children's Music Workshop programs; Citadel Dance & Music Center showcases; Fusion Dance showcases; Blossomtime activities; eSports tournaments; Robotics competition; Spelling Bee; Science Olympiad; Culinary Medicine, and more.</p> <p>The College's Mendel Center provides sponsorship support of up to 100% of the total cost of an event to more than 100 events and organizations each year, including; Mendel Center Mainstage Season, Speaker Series and Discovery Series; Welch Center Tasting Room; Fab Lab workshops and Camps; Visual & Performing Arts Camps; Community Ed music lessons; community choir, community jazz band, Southshore Concert Band;</p>

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	<p>Community Ed fall play/spring musical; Teenstock musical; English as a Second Language Community Ed programs; Wines of the World classes; Ceramics classes; Athletic camps; LMC Art Initiative, and more.</p> <p>The Mendel Center also regularly hosts not-for-profit organization fundraising events/ceremonies for some of the organizations listed above, as well as Bids for Barks, Forgotten Man Ministries, and several others.</p> <p>Arts Factor subsidizes up to 100% of ticket cost for hundreds of tickets annually to Mainstage series through partnerships with local service organizations such as MI DHHS, Benton Harbor Area Schools, OutCenter, Lory’s Place, All God’s Children Community Choir, The Whitcomb, etc.</p> <p>The Performing Arts Department conducts 10-15 public performances each year in the form of plays, musicals, choral and instrumental concerts, and recitals. Community members can attend these performances at little or no cost. Although live performances were halted during the pandemic, students performed virtually and are beginning to meet again in person.</p> <p>The Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum of South Haven holds their annual retreat with the community to discuss innovative ideas dealing with horticulture at the South Haven Campus.</p> <p>The College has nine intercollegiate athletic sports. Community members are welcome to attend events and tournaments at little or no cost.</p> <p>Athletics offers different camps and clinics to youth to learn more about their sports, preparation, and drill work.</p> <p>Volleyball hosts high school, middle school, and Little Red Hawks yearly events for area students to learn and improve their volleyball skills.</p>
<p>(iii) The community college operates public facilities to promote cultural, educational, or personal enrichment for community members, such as libraries, computer labs, performing arts centers, museums, art galleries, or television or radio stations.</p>	<p>Available to community members are the College’s Fab Lab, Welch Center Tasting Room; Grand Upton Hall; Mendel Center Mainstage and Hanson Theatre; South Haven Campus Community Room; LMC Testing Services; Teaching Kitchen; All Star Driving School; RESA bus pickup/drop-off.</p> <p>The William Hessel Library and Learning Resource Center at LMC is open to the community along with free access to its computer lab. The College has a large art collection displayed among its campuses for public viewing and study.</p> <p>Childcare is available to the community at the South Haven and Benton Harbor campuses.</p>

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	<p>The Hawk’s Nest is used to provide space for different presentations to support learning such as the LMC Votes group.</p> <p>The College’s Mendel Center Mainstage performing arts center presents more than 15 national touring productions each year and 20-30 academic and community events each year. Professional productions include Broadway shows, well-known musical groups, children’s and family programming, dance programs, and more, diverse in subject matter and artistry. Free workshops and masterclasses are often available for students and the public. Many of these productions moved online this past season. In total, The Mendel Center plays host to over 200 events annually, which serve over 50,000 guests.</p> <p>The Mendel Center Mainstage donates thousands of dollars in tickets each year in support of more than 30 not-for-profit community organizations for fundraising events, drawings, auctions, and giveaways. The Mendel Center also provides free access to well-known speakers and performances for college students and area youth that might not otherwise have access to such opportunities. The Music and Theatre Programs present student shows and recitals at the Mendel Center that are open to the public.</p> <p>Senior citizens may take college courses without paying tuition. In addition, employee professional development offerings are available free of charge to the community.</p>
<p>(iv) The community college operates public facilities to promote leisure or wellness activities for community members, including gymnasiums, athletic fields, tennis courts, fitness centers, hiking or biking trails, or natural areas.</p>	<p>A community garden was implemented thanks to a Breaking Barriers Grant, to combat student hunger, provide a place for students and staff to learn gardening tips, and assist in group projects for the culinary and plant biology classes.</p> <p>LMC has a disc golf course, track for walking, paved areas/parking lots for biking, walking, and rollerblading.</p> <p>The Welch Center is also home to Lake Michigan Vintners, a commercial winery affiliated with the Wine and Viticulture program. The winery tasting room is open to the public most Fridays and Saturdays during the year.</p> <p>The Natural Area on the Benton Harbor campus is a 50-acre area that contains more than a mile of trails that wind through five different habitats. These trails are maintained for educational use and the enjoyment of students, staff, and the community. Visitors can follow a boardwalk trail across deciduous woods, pond and marsh, white pine forest, and old-field environments, and a prairie and grassland have been restored with native tall grasses. Together, they provide a home for</p>

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	<p>numerous species of birds, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals including deer, rabbits, and squirrels.</p> <p>Both the Benton Harbor and South Haven campuses have a fitness room open to students, staff, and faculty.</p> <p>The College’s beach volleyball court is available for community members to enjoy over the summer.</p>
<p>(v) The community college promotes, sponsors, or hosts community service activities for students, staff, or community members.</p>	<p>The College coordinates an annual Holiday Food Basket program that benefits several families in need.</p> <p>The College hosts a week-long Martin Luther King program with panel discussions and other virtual activities that is attended by 800+ community members. The College also co-sponsors a service project in his honor.</p> <p>The College regularly partners with area public safety providers to operate drills and safety training using one of the College campuses.</p> <p>The Mendel Center has 100+ community volunteers who provide support during events.</p> <p>Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Day is held in cooperation with the Berrien County Parks Department for hazardous waste collection and disposal each year. The event collects more than 2,300 pounds of hazardous waste.</p> <p>The LMC Alumni Association undertakes several service opportunities each year that includes greeting students during the first week back to school, helping with resume writing and interviewing skills.</p> <p>Community garden, giving tree, backpack stuffing, snack shacks, auction, MLK Celebration week and Expo; partner service projects through United Way, Corewell Health, Soup Kitchen volunteers and many more.</p> <p>Volleyball hosts a Dig Pink event that raises funds for local Cancer Treatment Centers.</p> <p>Student Life hosts several events to promote diverse, inclusive, personal learning throughout the year, like Hispanic Heritage Month, Indigenous Peoples’ Week, LGBTQ+ Celebration, and Leadership series.</p> <p>LMC hosted a roundtable discussion with a panel of experts on the topic of affordable and sustainable housing in our community. Students, staff,</p>

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	<p>faculty, and community members attended the event which was well received and featured in the news.</p> <p>Phi Theta Kappa participates in a variety of community service activities with community groups such as Meals on Wheels and SWMCAA.</p> <p>The College is a partner in the Unified Civic Monuments Project, providing both financial and volunteer support.</p> <p>The College is represented on the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph Arts & Culture Social Justice Group chaired by commissioners from both cities, which hosts public volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>The College is an annual pace-setter organization for the area’s United Way and participates in many activities for the organization. A dozen staff members participate in the annual Rake a Difference Day for seniors.</p> <p>The College collaborates with the United Way to provide free tax preparation to students and local community members.</p> <p>Nursing faculty volunteer to provide care to indigent populations at the Herbie Clinic in Benton Harbor. In addition, nursing faculty and students volunteer at the local soup kitchen annually and provide basic health screening. The nursing students sponsor “Penny Wars” to raise money to support local community programs, purchase Christmas gifts for foster children that are distributed by the Berrien County Family Court and donate and assemble personal care kits to Berrien County Women’s Center.</p> <p>The College has representatives on boards and committees of many local service organizations, to which students are often invited to participate, including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 Women Strong • American Cancer Services - Day of Caring • Berrien County Council for Children • Boys and Girls Club • Children’s Music Workshop • Corewell Health and Safety Committee • Lake Michigan Shore Wine Trail • Michiana Public Broadcasting Corporation • Michigan State Vocal Music Association • Readiness Center • Research and Education Committee of the Michigan Wine Collaborative • Rotary Club St. Joseph Benton Harbor

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarett Nature Center • South Haven Kiwanis • South Haven Rotary Club <p>Visual and Performing Arts raised money by requesting donations in lieu of paid admission to public music concerts for area charitable causes (Toys for Tots, OutCenter of SW Michigan, Blue Star Mothers, ASPCA, Food Pantries, Fired Up Program, Boys and Girls Club of BH, etc.).</p> <p>Athletics helped the City of Benton Harbor by handing out water to community members.</p> <p>Athletics donated their time to read to elementary aged students.</p> <p>Softball volunteers at the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to help raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s. They also work with the Boys and Girls Club Haunted House event.</p>