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Students with Disabilities to visit Lansing Community College to explore career tech programs

Lansing, Mich. — Postsecondary education should be part of the conversation between all students and their parents. Navigating the process with disabilities has more steps, but is completely within reach. Students with learning and physical disabilities have dreams beyond high school. The Ingham Intermediate School District (ISD) Special Education Parent Advisory Council, Capital Area College Access Network (CapCAN), and Lansing Community College (LCC) are co-hosting the 3rd annual **College and Career Expo** on Friday, March 1st from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at LCC West Campus. High school students and young adults from local Ingham high schools will be attending.

Participants will gain skills and knowledge about career and technical college programs offered at LCC and the transition from school to career. The event features hands-on experiences in welding, automotive, machining, robotics, and police and fire.

“All students need to realize the pathways that will lead to their future success, and programs like this provide students and parents a path to follow as they determine the next step in their education,” says Michele Strasz, executive director of the Capital Area College Access Network.

“Exploring postsecondary and work options for students with disabilities is a critical step to their readiness as full and contributing members in the workforce and our community,” remarked Andrew Rable, Ingham ISD executive director of Student Support Services. “We hope this experience will help students feel empowered that college is within their reach.”

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About the Special Education Parent Advisory CommitteeThe purpose of the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee is to represent the views of parents who have children with disabilities in special education. The committee provides input to Ingham ISD which is focused on the Ingham ISD Plan for Delivery of Special Education and improvement of special education programs and services. An essential function of this group is to create events and opportunities for students and families to transition at key points in their educational career.

<http://www.inghamisd.org/ourpartners/parentadvisorycommittee/>

About the Capital Area College Access Network

The Capital Area College Access Network (CapCAN) is a collaborative community network dedicated to increasing the college attainment rate of the Capital Area. Our mission is to increase college and post secondary readiness, participation, and completion. CapCAN targets its support and services to low-income, communities of color, and first-generation college students. www.capitalareacan.org

About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College, founded in 1957, is the fifth-largest community college in Michigan, serving more than 25,000 students across a six-county area each year. LCC offers courses in general education for those interested in transferring to a four-year institution, career and workforce development, developmental education and personal enrichment. To meet the professional development and training needs of regional employees, the college offers customized programs for credit, non-credit and continuing education. The University Center at LCC offers students the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from five partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit www.lcc.edu.