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LCC Names Dean for Technical Careers Division

LANSING – George H. Berghorn has been appointed Dean of Lansing Community College’s Technical Careers Division, which comprises nearly 30 academic areas of study that are in high demand because they help students secure rewarding careers.

Berghorn, a Ph.D. candidate in Construction Management at Michigan State University, had been chairperson of LCC’s Environmental, Design & Buildings Technologies Department from June of 2009 through April of this year.

Berghorn holds a Master of Environmental Studies degree (1998) in coastal and watershed systems from Yale University and a Bachelor of Science degree (magna cum laude, 1996) from SUNY College at Brockport, New York.

In his new role as Dean, Berghorn will oversee the Technical Careers Division, a broad cross-section of academic programs from manufacturing engineering technology to heating, ventilation and air conditioning technology and from computer information technology programming to automotive technology. Additionally, LCC’s criminal justice and fire science programs, the Mid-Michigan fire and police academies and the paralegal program all fall under the division’s banner.

The division’s alternative energy engineering technology program is one of the first in the nation to offer a two-year degree. Students study energy management and building commissioning along with wind, solar, and geothermal systems to develop a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities posed by a renewable energy economy.

The division prides itself on its flexibility and ability to offer lifelong training and retraining to reflect a constantly changing job market. It is poised to work collaboratively with employers to help their employees obtain the skills needed to qualify for the good-paying jobs of today and tomorrow.

During the past academic year, over 6,500 students earned 69,700 credit hours attending technical careers classes.

Berghorn moved to Michigan in 2003 after working as a project manager in environmental engineering and construction in the eastern United States. He came to LCC as an adjunct professor of biology (2003-05) and then spent four years as Director of Forest Policy for the Michigan Forest Products Council before returning to LCC in 2009. He has served as a reviewer of grant proposals for the National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education Program.

Berghorn is a LEED® Accredited Professional. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accreditation is awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

In his research and teaching he has demonstrated an expertise in energy efficient construction, sustainable building and infrastructure, and brownfield remediation, among other topics. Berghorn volunteers as a member of the Allen Neighborhood Center's Housing Caucus and on the Steering Committee for the Heart of Michigan Branch – U.S. Green Building Council. He also volunteers as the executive officer to the commanding general and director of government affairs of the United States Army Cadet Corps, a national youth development organization headquartered in Millersburg, KY - continuing a chain of service that he began 22 years ago as a Cadet.

Among his numerous awards and distinctions: MSU Future Academic Scholars in Teaching Fellowship (2008); Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society (2007); U.S. Army Cadet Corps Officer of the Year (2005); and MSU University Distinguished Fellowship (2003). A native of the Bronx, NY, Berghorn, 36, and his wife live in Lansing with their infant daughter.

About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 20,000 students attending 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 six partner universities on the downtown LCC campus. For more information, visit lcc.edu.