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LCC SCIENCE TEACHER EARNS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Alex Azima honored by peers at statewide conference

LANSING – The Michigan Science Teachers Association (MSTA) today awarded LCC science professor Alex Azima their Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to science education through MSTA. The award is the highest that MSTA can bestow for contributions to science through the organization. The award was presented at the MSTA Annual Conference being held in Detroit.

Robby Cramer, MSTA Executive Director, called Azima “a worthy individual for this honor” and cited his “extraordinary contributions to the advancement of science education.”

Dr. Azima has served the cause of physics and science education in Michigan for more than three decades. He joined the Science Department at Lansing Community College in 1976 and served as MSTA President from 1994 to 1996. He also serves on the National Science Teachers Association Board of Directors.

Dr. Azima is the founder of LCC’s popular Café Scientifique, a monthly community gathering featuring relevant scientific topics. He is also an active participant in developing curriculum for LCC’s recently awarded nanotechnology grant.

In 2004, he received a Distinguished Service Award from the Michigan Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers for whom he served as MIAAPT President during the 2001-02 school year.

Dr Azima received his undergraduate degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Physics Education.

About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 32,000 students attending each year. The College has more than 240 degree and certificate programs. 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 www.lcc.edu.