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Eco-Scholars Raise 'Green' Awareness

Lansing, MI - Interested in how we can lessen our carbon footprint by taking advantage of green, alternative energy sources? What are the latest innovations in smaller solar homes? What's changing in the physics of NASCAR (National Association of Stock Car Auto Racing)?

Lansing Community College students will be exploring those and other questions at the second annual Eco-Scholars Day to be held from noon to 4 p.m. on Friday, April 29 at LCC's West Campus.

Students are invited to show off the outstanding work they do individually, as part of a class or on their own under the broad themes of sustainability and the environment. Students and others are welcome to view the student-made posters and listen to the workshops at no charge. It's not a competition. No one goes home a loser. But everyone stands to gain something.

"April gives our students the opportunity to learn more about current things happening in efforts to sustain energy and provide clean alternatives," said Kathy Shell, Director of Instruction at LCC's Technical Careers Division. "There are current technologies emerging right now that some of the students might not even be aware of it. Eco-Scholars Day gives students a forum to come together and share research and ideas."

Since some of those taking part do their class work at the downtown campus, a shuttle bus will convey them to and from the West Campus event.

Last year 22 students took part in workshops or designed posters. Organizers hope for at least that many this year. Other topics are likely to include the physics of ultra sound, European green buildings, the physics of wind turbines and sustainable engineering.

Dr. Dana Kirk, manager of the Anaerobic Digester Research and Education Center at Michigan State University will be the featured speaker. He oversees a collaborative effort between MSU and a private

foundation to provide research, professional development and outreach support for waste-to-energy systems.

About Lansing Community College

Lansing Community College is Michigan's third largest community college with more than 30,000 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.