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An audit shows that in the 2012-13 fiscal year Lake Michigan College gained \$43.3 million in revenue and had operating expenses of \$40 million.

LMC reports good numbers

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College finished its 2012-13 fiscal year in A-1 shape, resulting in a clean opinion from its auditors.

The opinion from Rehmann Robson Certified Public Accountants is the highest recommendation an auditor can give and shows that the college is on the right track financially, President Bob Harrison said.

LMC finished 2012-13 with \$43.3 million in total operating and nonoperat-

ing revenue, the college said in its news release.

Operating revenue is made up of tuition and fees (54 percent), grants (35 percent) and auxiliary activities (11 percent), while the biggest contributors to nonoperating revenue are property taxes (49 percent), federal Pell grants (26 percent) and state appropriations (17 percent). Those three categories total 92 percent. Property taxes and Pell Grants declined during the year.

Operating expenses totaled \$40 million, and decreased by 9.9 percent,

“primarily as a result of wage and benefit savings from reduction-in-force efforts made at the end of the prior year,” the release said.

Wages and benefits make up the largest operating expense category, about 62 percent of the total.

Together, LMC and the Lake Michigan College Foundation finished 2012-13 with a \$3 million surplus.

The figure includes more than \$1.3 million in investment income, “as well as a near record-breaking year in non-credit tuition and

fees from short-term training and related offerings at the college’s Workforce Training and Development Center,” the release said.

The figure also reflects \$342,000 in gifts and contributions, as well as a \$200,000 appropriation to offset rising retirement rate fund contribution costs.

The fiscal rating agency of Standard & Poor’s recently gave LMC an AAA+ ranking, which leaves the institution Michigan’s highest-ranking community college, the release said.