

LMC to honor dentist and philanthropist as distinguished alumni

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College will honor two alumni with awards during the 69th annual commencement exercise Sunday at LMC's Mendel Center, the college announced.

The Alumni Service Award will be presented to Edward Todd of Muskegon. The award is given to alumni who have made important contributions, personally or professionally, to the community or Lake Michigan College.

The Clarence Beckwith Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented to Dr. Marilyn Stolberg of Big Rapids. Named in honor of the first president of Lake Michigan College, the award is given to alumni who have accomplished significant personal and professional success.

Todd was a member of the 1953 St. Joseph High School state champion basketball team and he graduated in 1954. He attended Benton Harbor Community College (later LMC) for two years, where he played basketball. He completed his final two years at Western Michigan University, graduating with a degree in business administration.

After graduation, Todd worked at his stepfather Paul Suchovsky's distribution business, West Michigan Wholesale and, later, at Paul's nursery, the Hilltop Garden Center. When Suchovsky died 2010, Todd became the trustee of the Paul and Rose Suchovsky Charitable Trust.

Todd decided to give back to LMC. The Edward J. Todd Business Education and Resource Center will allow students, faculty, and aspiring entrepreneurs to study, interact and work to enhance their learning experience and maximize student exposure to leadership principles and practices.

Todd has been award-



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TODD

ed the St. Joseph Public School Foundation's first Distinguished Philanthropist Award for his generous support of scholarships and technology for the high school.

Stolberg received her dental degree from Northwestern University Dental School and has devoted her career to dental education and public health service. She retired in 2013 as chief dental officer at Family Health Care in Baldwin.

While at Family Health Care, she developed and managed mobile dental services in Lake and Newaygo counties' elementary schools and Head Start/Early Head Start centers.

Prior to her time at Family Health Care, she taught and served as dental director and program director for two allied dental professions at Ferris State University.

Stolberg began her education at Lake Michigan College, where biology professor Ralph Gies kindled her love for "the beauty and wonder of biology. I was intellectually challenged in both lectures and labs," she stated in an LMC news release.

She earned an Associate of Applied Science from LMC and earned a Bachelor of Science from Olivet College and a Master of Arts from Western Michigan University.

Though retired, she continues advocating for the dentally underserved through dental consulting and part-time clinical practice at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. She has two grown children, Andrew and Kajsa.