

## LMC honors Joan Smith with service award

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College will present its annual Bernard C. Radde Distinguished Service Award to Joan Smith of St. Joseph during the college's 69th annual commencement exercise at 2 p.m. Sunday, LMC announced.

Smith was tapped three years ago to serve as chair of LMC's Campaign for Tomorrow, which is projected to exceed its goal of raising \$7.5 million in private support for emerging careers, student success and community engagement.

"The Board is thrilled to honor Joan with this award." Board of Trustees Chairwoman Mary Jo To-



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masini stated in a news release. "She is a phenomenal champion for the college, and has a real passion and vision for

LMC to be the best-in-class community college in our region."

Smith has served on the LMC Foundation board since 2010.

Along with business partner Ann Dahmer, Smith started the market research and consulting firm Smith Dahmer Associates more than 25 years ago.

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Smith is past vice president of the Board of Directors of Cornerstone Alliance, and she serves on the Education Committee of Michigan's Great Southwest Leadership Committee.

The Ohio native graduated from Bowling Green

State University and has a master's in business management from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo. Smith is married to Jim Smith and has three grown step-kids and three grandchildren.

The award is named for the late Bernard Radde, who served 25 years on the LMC board.

Past winners include Jan-

ice Varney, Emily Foster, Bob Schodorf, Marian and Greg O'Neil, Dr. William Emery, Mary Fowler, Carol and Steve Sizer, Mabel Johnson Mayfield, Jeff and Marcia Fettig, Merlin and Carolyn Hanson, James Krzyzewski, Steve Silcox, Stephen F. Upton, Harry Gast; Muhammad and Lonnie Ali and David Whitwam.