

New hires join Lake Michigan College

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BENTON TOWNSHIP — Lake Michigan College students returning to fall classes Tuesday will be joined by five new faculty members, as well as two new directors.

The new hires include LMC's first culinary instructor, Luis Amado, as well as Hanson Technology Center Director Chad Dee, and Kimberly Nelson, nursing instructor and coordinator of the new center's simulation/skills lab.

President Emeritus/Acting CEO Bob Harrison introduced them, along with four other new instructors, at last week's LMC board meeting.

Sherman "has been an integral part of the college's nursing program since 2009," Harrison noted in his report to the board. She recently finished a master's of science degree in nursing at Bethel College.

Sherman is looking forward to her expanded role at LMC, including her oversight of the center's new lab, which will improve students' skills through on-line simulations.

"I'm so excited to be here in a full-time role," Sherman said. "I love LMC, and I obviously feel that it's a great place (to work)."

Dee returned to LMC



LANGSTON



SHERMAN



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DEE



AMADO



DOUDNA

Aug. 1, after serving a previous six-year stint at the college, and as director of Ivy Tech's Express Enrollment Center. He has an MBA from the Indiana Institute of Technology.

Dee will run the technology center, which opened Aug. 23 at LMC's main campus on Napier Avenue, and now houses all of the college's manufacturing technology programs.

Most of them were previously housed at the M-TEC Center, which the college closed in December 2014.

Melissa Emery joined LMC on July 1 as its accreditation director.

She'll be overseeing "matters relating to Higher Learning Commission guidelines, policies and practices," an LMC news release stated.

Emery previously worked for LMC as an independent contractor, serving as a project manager for accreditation in its enology and viticulture, and baccalaureate energy programs, the release said.

She holds a master of arts in liberal studies from the University of Toledo.

Amado joined LMC last month, after serving for 18 years as Baker College's program director of baking and pastry arts.

He holds a bachelor's degree in general education from Baker, and is also a certified executive pastry chef by the American Culinary Federation.

Amado exemplifies the kind of instructor that LMC expects to lead its Wine & Culinary Center, Harrison said. "Louis Amado is a good guy, and it's (his hiring) going to work out really well," he said.

The culinary program is operating out of a temporary site on the Mendel Center's northeast side, but will eventually move into a permanent location that LMC is constructing at the corner of Yore and Empire avenues.

The board has approved \$1.2 million for infrastructure work – including water, sewer and electric – that should be completed this

year, Harrison said.

The other new faculty members are in the biology, business, and political science programs. All were hired last month, as well.

Biology lecturer John Doudna has been an adjunct professor in that subject at LMC since January, and has also taught at Southwestern Michigan College. He holds a Ph.D. with a focus on agroecology from Iowa State University.

Business/accounting instructor Danny Langston had served since February 2014 as an accountant in LMC's finance department. He holds an MBA, with a focus in accounting, from Davenport University, in Saginaw.

Political science instructor Tiffany Bohm taught at Governors State University, Purdue University and Prairie State College before joining LMC. She holds a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University, with a specialization in American government and international relations.