

## HR Report: February 14, 2012

### New Hire

#### **Alfred Willis – Custodian, Mendel Center**

As part-time custodian at the Mendel Center, Alfred is responsible for the general upkeep of buildings and grounds and also assisting with set up for special College events. Alfred joined the LMC team on November 17, 2011, after working with Western Michigan Janitorial and Supply Co. for over two years. He is a graduate of Benton Harbor High School.



### New Hire

#### **Kim Bogema –Case Manager, JET, Michigan Works! (Kalamazoo County)**

Kim joined the Michigan Works! team on November 21, 2011 in the role of Case Manager, JET. As a Case Manager, Kim is responsible for assisting participants with employment skills training and coordination of services with other Michigan Works! partners and agencies in an effort to increase employability skills and reduce barriers to employment. Kim was formerly the Office Manager at Premier Home & Landscape in Paw Paw and holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Western Michigan University.



### New Hire

#### **Yolanda Gill-Coordinator, “Catch the Dream”**

Yolanda rejoined the “Catch the Dream” Program as part-time Coordinator on November 28, 2011. In this capacity, Yolanda assists with the coordination and development of programs and services for students ranging from academic and life skills workshops to summer and cultural activities, and community service projects. The LMC team welcomes Yolanda back!



### New Hire

#### **William Brewer-Utility/Grounds Napier Campus**

William began employment with Lake Michigan College on November 30, 2011. As a part-time Utility department member, William assists with the electrical, plumbing, carpentry and HVAC systems within the buildings and also maintenance and upkeep of the campus grounds. William is a graduate of New Buffalo High School and was employed with Blue Chip Casino as a Security Officer for 3 years.



**New Hire****Hillary List-Case Manager, JET Michigan Works! (Kalamazoo County)**

Hillary joined the Michigan Works! team on December 5, 2011 in the role of Case Manager, JET. As a Case Manager, Hillary is responsible for assisting participants with employment skills training and coordination of services with other Michigan Works! partners and agencies in an effort to increase employability skills and reduce barriers to employment. Hillary is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and previously was a Case Aid Worker with the Allegan County Department of Human Services.

**New Hire****Wengora Thompson-Educational Coordinator, Educational Opportunity Center**

L MC welcomed Wengora as an Educational Coordinator on December 1, 2011. Wengora works with individuals pursuing their high school completion and entry into postsecondary education, providing information about available financial and academic resources. A graduate of Jackson State University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, Wengora has worked with the Upward Bound program and tutored at LMC and Jackson State University.

**New Hire****Stacy Laymon-Resource Specialist, Prisoner Re-entry Program (PRE) Michigan Works! (Kalamazoo County)**

Hillary joined the Michigan Works! team on December 5, 2011 in the role of Case Manager, JET. As a Case Manager, Hillary is responsible for assisting participants with employment skills training and coordination of services with other Michigan Works! partners and agencies in an effort to increase employability skills and reduce barriers to employment. Hillary is a graduate of Western Michigan University with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and previously was a Case Aid Worker with the Allegan County Department of Human Services.



**New Hire****Whitney Martin-Case Manager, Prisoner Re-entry Program (PRE)  
Michigan Works! (Kalamazoo County)**

As a Case Manager, PRE in Kalamazoo County, Whitney works with Work First participants in developing their employment skills and assists them in their job search. She also provides counseling services and teaches classroom activities. Whitney joined the Michigan Works! team on December 19, 2011. She was awarded a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Saginaw Valley State University and has worked with the Family and Children's Center in Mishawaka and Prevention and Youth Services in Saginaw.

**New Hire****Kristine Watson-Assessment and Learning Assistance Coordinator,  
Bertrand Crossing Campus**

Kristine joined the Bertrand Crossing campus on December 21, 2011 as Coordinator, Assessment and Learning Assistance. In this capacity, Kristine is responsible for hiring, training, scheduling and evaluating assessment and tutoring personnel. Kristine has worked in the past tutoring students at LMC and she holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from St. Louis Christian College.

**New Hire****Brandy Thompson-Academic Transfer Advisor, Student Support Services**

As the Academic Transfer Advisor, Brandy is responsible for providing academic, career and transfer advising services to students and assisting them in their personal, educational and occupational development. With a focus on student advocacy, Brandy has worked at Jackson Community College, Kalamazoo Valley Community College and Davenport University in the past. Brandy was awarded her Master of Arts in College Counseling from Western Michigan University. Lake Michigan College welcomed Brandy on January 3, 2012.



**New Hire****Cindy Jones-Adjunct Faculty Support Coordinator**

As the Adjunct Faculty Support Coordinator, Cindy oversees the coordination, development and communications program for the adjunct faculty team. With a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership she is currently pursuing her doctoral degree. Prior to joining LMC on January 23, 2012, Cindy worked at Siena Heights University since 2005.

**New Hire****Kevin Ridders-Work Experience/Training Specialist, JET (Kalamazoo & St. Joseph Counties)**

Kevin joined the Michigan Works! team on January 30, 2012. As the Work Experience/Training Specialist, Kevin provides participants in the JET program training opportunities that lead to employment and community service placements that build employability skills. Kevin works one-on-one with job seekers, developing their skills and guiding them through the job search process. A graduate of Grand Valley State University with a Bachelor of Science in Communications, Kevin has worked with Davenport University as an Admissions Representative since 2009.

**New Hire****Patsy Vanlandingham-Business Manager, Mendel Center**

LMC welcomed Patsy on January 30, 2012 as the Business Manager for Mendel Center operations. In addition to overseeing the Mendel Center's recordkeeping and financial activity, Patsy will supervise the Mendel Center Front Desk and work study students. Patsy has earned her MBA in Accounting from Indiana Institute of Technology and has 11 years in the accounting field.



**New Hire****Julie Steinbacher-Coordinator, MBAI**

Julie joined LMC on February 8, 2012 as the Coordinator, Michigan Benefits Access Initiative. In this capacity, Julie helps eligible students access available public benefits through outreach and the Department of Human Services MiBridges program. With a Master of Arts in Sociology and a minor in Psychology, Julie has a diverse professional history in the academic and social services fields.

**Promotion****Hannah Aubin**

Promoted from Generalist, Student Services, to Admissions Specialist, Student Services.

**Retirement****Gary Grannell**

After 26 years of service to Lake Michigan College and the community, Gary Grannell, Computer Information Services instructor, retired on December 16, 2011. We wish Gary a long retirement filled with adventure and fun!

**Departure****Jessie Borgman, Educational Skills Specialist, Student Support Services**

Resigned 2/10/12

