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# SJ resident Cindy Lupiya LMC's student commencement speaker

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BENTON TOWNSHIP - Cindy Lupiya of St. Joseph will be the student speaker for Lake Michigan College's commencement Sunday.

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The native of Lusaka, Zambia, moved to the United States with her mother and sister in 2000 after the loss of three family members. She was inspired to pursue her education by her mother, who enrolled at LMC and went on to Western Michigan University and the University of Michigan to study nursing.

Lupiya first enrolled at LMC through the Early College program while attending St. Joseph High School. She was named to the LMC dean's list five times and will graduate with honors with an associate in science degree. This fall she will pursue pre-med studies at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University or Western Michigan University.

She was a leader in the Mu Nu chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. She was co-captain of the cheer team, a member of Voices LMC and Concert Choir and a participant in the International Club. This spring Lupiya took part in the Performing Arts Department's musical "Ain't Misbehaving."

She was selected as a Martin Luther King Jr. Student Speaker competition winner. Her volunteer activities have included campus recycling events, blood drives, Habitat for Humanity and the United Way Day of Service.

## SJ resident Cindy Lupiya LMC's student commencement speaker

Photo provided Cindy Lupiya of St. Joseph has the honor of being the student speaker for Lake Michigan College's commencement Sunday. She came to the United States from Zambia in 2000 with her mother and sister after the loss of three family members.

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