

# LMC students selected for Academic Team

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**BENTON HARBOR** — Four Lake Michigan College students were selected to represent the college in the All-USA Academic Team competition. By virtue of their nominations to compete for the All-USA Academic Team, the students have been named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Michigan Academic Team. The students and nominees from other community colleges across the state were honored at a ceremony March 25 in Lansing and hosted by the Michigan Community College Association.

Students representing LMC were:

■ Lynne Christiano of St. Joseph will complete her associate's degree this spring and plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in business administration or organizational leadership. Christiano has had leadership positions with a number of organizations, including the YWCA, Women's Service League, 100 Women Strong, The Readiness Center and United Way of Southwest Michigan. She owns and operates Purely Michigan,



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**Lake Michigan College students, from left, Joseph Franc, Syed Husain and Kurt Wendland during the Phi Theta Kappa All-Michigan Academic Team ceremony in Lansing. Not pictured is Lynne Christiano.**

a retail shop in St. Joseph.

■ Joseph Franc, a senior at Niles High School, is in the Early College Academy at Lake Michigan College. He is working toward his Associate of Arts degree and plans to transfer to a four-year university in the fall with a long-term goal of earning a master's degree in computer engineering. He has been involved with Business Professionals of America and the robotics team, and has been selected as a 2014 Coca-Cola

Community College Academic Team Bronze Scholar.

■ Syed Husain of Niles is a full-time student at Lake Michigan College. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and has been on the college's President's List for the last three semesters. He plans to transfer to Ferris State University in the fall to complete his bachelor's degree in accounting and eventually becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

■ Kurt Wendland of Stevensville is the president of Phi Theta Kappa, vice president of Student Senate and president of the LMC Science club. He volunteers weekly in the ER at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, as well as at Habitat for Humanity, Make a Difference Day and at local libraries to promote reading awareness. He plans to major in biochemistry at Western Michigan University and then attend medical school to become a hand surgeon.

Students are selected to compete in the All-USA Academic team based on academic achievement, community service involvement and leadership accomplishment.

To be considered for nomination, students must have a 3.5 or better cumulative grade point average and be on track to obtain an associate's or bachelor's degree.

The All-USA Academic Team competition is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, Coca-Cola Foundation, New Century Scholars and USA Today. It recognizes outstanding students enrolled in community and technical colleges.