

# Lake Michigan College students earn scholarships

BENTON HARBOR — Lake Michigan College students Carolina Brito of Dowagiac and Elena Fantroy of Berrien Springs have been awarded \$500 Michigan College Access Programs and Personnel (MICAPP) Academic Achievement scholarships.

Brito also was awarded the \$1,000 Silas Purnell Scholarship at the MICAPP Student Leadership Summit Banquet in Traverse City, the first time an LMC student has received the award.

“The MICAPP Scholarship recognizes the ability of students to overcome the unique challenges faced by first-generation college students,” said Nancy Johnson, Student Support Services project director at LMC. “It acknowledges the perseverance, excellent academic work and community involvement of these young women, and brings each of them one step closer to their shared goal of working to positively assist children and families.”

Brito will receive her associate of arts degree with high honors in May and will

attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to pursue a bachelor of social work degree. Her application score also qualified her to receive the \$1,000 Silas Purnell Scholarship from by the Mid-

America Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel.

Fantroy will graduate from LMC in August with an associate of general studies degree with honors. While attending LMC she has been recognized as the 2015 LMC Student Support Services Student of the Year. In the fall she will

attend Andrews University, where she will pursue an elementary education degree.

Brito and Fantroy are members of Phi Theta Kappa national honor society for community college students. Brito serves as the public relations and outreach officer for the society and is co-president of the LMC Student Senate. She also volunteers with her church youth group. Fantroy serves as the youth and women’s ministry leader at her church and tutors at-risk elementary students



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