

Music students earn award from LMC

BENTON HARBOR — The Lake Michigan College Music Department announced Monika Ansinn of Bridgman and Brandon Yenchus of Coloma as winners of the 2015 Outstanding Musicians of the Year award at its Spring Instrumental Concert on April 24.

The award, which has been granted annually since 1974, is presented to a qualified graduating music student who best exemplifies leadership in the performing ensembles, and who has demonstrated significant musical and academic growth during their LMC career. Traditionally, only one student receives the award each year, but according to Music Director John Owens, “it was very difficult to select just one person for this award because we have an extremely talented group of graduating students this year.”

Ansinn plays trombone in both the LMC Chamber Ensemble and the Jazz Band. This spring she played in the pit orchestra for the LMC production “They’re Playing Our Song.” She has been the recipient of LMC’s Board of Trustees Music Scholarship for each semester she has attended LMC. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and serves as a work study in the music



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Monika Ansinn, left, and Brandon Yenchus, right, were named the 2015 Outstanding Musicians of the Year by the Lake Michigan College Music Department. Pictured with the winners is LMC Music Director John Owens.

department. Ansinn is also a member of the Southshore Concert Band, the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra and the Andrews University Wind Symphony.

Ansinn is a 2013 graduate of Bridgman High School and has been accepted into the music education program at Andrews University for the fall of 2015.

Yenchus plays trombone, upright and electric bass in both the LMC Chamber Ensemble and the Jazz Band. He and two fellow LMC music students formed the dynamic jazz trio The Tritones, which has played for many LMC functions. Yenchus has also played with the Southshore Concert Band, the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra, and the pit orches-

tra for LMC productions of “Ain’t Misbehavin’” and “They’re Playing Our Song.” He has been the recipient of the LMC Board of Trustees Music Scholarship and the Sunrise Rotary Music Scholarship.

Yenchus is a 2012 graduate of Coloma and has been accepted into the music education program at Andrews University for the fall of 2015.