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Lakeshore Youth Leadership Connections Program Receives Sponsorship from Muskegon Community College

The Chamber of Commerce Grand Haven, Spring Lake, Ferrysburg is pleased to announce that the Lakeshore Youth Leadership Connections program has received a sponsorship of \$6,000 from Muskegon Community College, which provides funding for the 2017 - 2018 program year.

The purpose of the Lakeshore Youth Leadership Connections program is to cultivate leadership qualities in students from the communities of Grand Haven and Muskegon. The students gain enhanced personal skills and the capacity to create change as leaders. In addition, they obtain a better understanding of each community as well as learning to respect the similarities and differences of each area. Each year a total of twenty students from eighth and tenth grades are selected from Grand Haven Area Public Schools and Muskegon Public Schools to participate in the program.

“I am excited that Muskegon Community College has been added to this exciting and new collaborative educational program with an innovative approach to assisting youth to develop their communication skills. In addition, the connections and bridges the students are building will strengthen the relationship between Northwest Ottawa County and Muskegon County,” said Nancy Manglos, Program Director

“We at Muskegon Community College are honored to support the Lakeshore Youth Leadership Program. Each year, participating students prove that no barrier is insurmountable and no challenge too great. The opportunity to continue this collaboration is one that could not be lost,” said Dr. Dale Nesbary, President of Muskegon Community College.

In addition, we'd like to thank those who have supported the Lakeshore Youth Leadership Connections program from the pilot stages to now. For more information on the program and its supporters, please visit www.grandhavenchamber.org/lakeshore-youth-leadership/

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