



Academic Affairs Update February 15, 2026

College of Arts and Sciences

Student Accomplishments and Activities

- Tessa Myrick (Creative Writing) earned an internationally recognized Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) certification in Barcelona, Spain. The Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL) course is considered the most complete course for new English teachers and is recognized around the globe.



Tessa Myrick participating in her TEFL course in Barcelona, Spain

Grants

- Dr. Nalaka Ranasinghe is part of a successful \$320,000 research proposal titled "Tracing the footprints of deglacial and early Holocene meltwater pulses in the European Arctic from Barents Sea sediments," which includes an international team of scientists and is funded by the National Science Center in Poland.

Publications and Creative Works

- On January 6, Professor Adam St. John reprised the role of "Scratch" (on stage at LSSU in November 2025) at the Region 3 American College Theatre Festival in the Faculty Staged Reading of "Witch" by Jen Silverman.
- Faculty, staff, and students in the School of Chemistry, Environmental and Geosciences recently published two articles, "Unseasonal GI Norovirus Trends in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan: Insights from Wastewater Surveillance" in *Trends in Public Health* and "Determination of Electrolytes in Sports Drinks by Microwave Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (MP-AES)" in *Spectroscopy*.

Jarvie, M. M., Perilloux, E., Nguyen, T. N., Southwell, B., Wright, D., & Furlich, D. (2025). Unseasonal GI Norovirus Trends in the Eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan: Insights from Wastewater Surveillance. *Trends in Public Health*.

Wright, D. D., Southwell, B., Zabik, E., Coykendall, S., & Tourangeau, N. (2025) Determination of Electrolytes in Sports Drinks by Microwave Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy (MP-AES). *Spectroscopy*.

Honors and Awards

- At the Region 3 American College Theatre Festival, Professor Adam St. John was awarded the Faculty Service Award for the State of Michigan, honoring his dedication to collegiate theatre throughout the State.
- Assistant Professors Noah Lucé and Adam St. John celebrated their first on-campus collaboration this past fall with the production of *Witch* by Jen Silverman, which was recognized by the College American Theatre Festival with two Certificates of Merit. The production received a Certificate for Excellence in Ensemble Performance, honoring Eliza Brown (Nursing), Allie Cook (Business Alumna), Pat Hildebrand (Geology, Theatre Minor), Ryan Maurer (Community Member), Joelene Melgar (Teacher Education, Theatre Minor), Heath Muller (General Studies), Tessa Myrick (Creative Writing, Theatre Minor), Brooklyn Patchin (Creative Writing Alumna), Nathan Prehoda (Electrical Engineering), Adam St. John, and Jack Tanner (Small Business Administration) for their collective artistry and collaboration. In addition, Noah Lucé was awarded a Certificate of Merit for Excellence in Choreography and Direction, acknowledging his leadership and creative vision in bringing this production to life.



Professor Adam St. John with Nathan Prehoda (Electrical Engineering), Mason Roznowski (Mathematics), and Aimee Spring (Creative Writing)



Take a bow! Bravo to this remarkable cast and crew for bringing Jen Silverman's world to life and leaving us changed when the lights went down.

- Dr. Li's article "The linkage between innate and adaptive immunity: Recent advances in antigen recognition, processing, and presentation in fish" received a certification of achievement for outstanding contributions to the quality of the journal *Aquaculture and Fisheries*.

Recruitment and Outreach

- The Aquaculture Challenge celebrates its 10th anniversary. The Aquaculture Challenge is a high school competition initially proposed by students in the LSSU Aquaculture Club (also known as Superior AquaSystems). Initial funding for the competition was awarded to Dr. Christopher Smith and Dr. Barbara Evans by the Michigan STEM Partnership, followed up with successful USDA-NIFA grants. In subsequent years, Michigan Sea Grant became a strong supporter of the competition with Elliot Nelson taking on leadership of the competition.



The first Aquaculture Challenge was won by a team from Sault Area High School in 2016

The program challenges high school student teams to design and build an aquaponics system. They are required to monitor the system's physical parameters and water chemistry, ideally using sensors and microcontrollers. Other components of the challenge include aquaculture outreach, writing business plans to market their fish and plants, as well as a seafood cooking component to promote increased seafood consumption.

Recently the Great Lakes Aquaculture Collaborative (GLAC) asked if they could take on ownership of the competition. In their first year running the Aquaculture Challenge they have attracted 44 teams. <https://seagrant.umn.edu/programs/education-and-workforce-development-program/aqua-challenge>. Although LSSU is no longer directly involved with running the competition, the program showcases the LSSU curricula that includes aquaculture and aquaponics components.

Conference Presentations

- At the Region 3 American College Theatre Festival, Professor Adam St. John led two presentations over the week. The first was a workshop on "Creating Movement with Viewpoints" and the second was a lecture on "10 Things I Wish I Knew About Entering the Professional Acting World".
- Director of the Arts Center & Assistant Professor Noah Lucé attended the 13th Annual International Conference on Humanities & Arts in a Global World in Athens, Greece this January, where he was invited to present his scholarly and creative research on the directing process. Presenting alongside an international cohort of artists and scholars, his presentation, "*Re-Singing the Song: Reimagining an Iliad Across Space, Gender, and Time*," examined contemporary approaches to directing classical material and was met with strong interest and positive reception from conference participants. In addition to his invited presentation, Professor Lucé served as a panel moderator, further contributing to the conference's global scholarly dialogue and reinforcing the university's presence within the international humanities and arts community.



Director of the Arts Center & Assistant Professor Noah Lucé at the 13th Annual International Conference on Humanities & Arts in a Global World in Athens, Greece.

- Shane Coykendall (Environmental Science), Kyle Eichhorn (Geology), Logan McQueen (Geology), and Lilyann Secord-Rider (Biology) presented their work at the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2025 held in New Orleans, LA, from 14-19 of December. The American Geophysical Union meeting is the world's largest gathering of Earth and space scientists with over 20,000 in attendance from 120 countries.

S. Coykendall, M. R. Zierden, L. Secord-Rider, N. Gordon, B. Southwell, & Derek Wright. Lead Bioaccumulation and Biogeochemistry at the Gaines Highway Informal Shooting Range near Kinross, Michigan. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2025.

L. Secord-Rider, N. Gordon, S. Coykendall, M. R. Zierden, B. Southwell, & Derek Wright. Evaluation of Lead and Potential Toxic Element Leaching and Subsequent Ground Water Contamination in High Permeability Soils From Recreational Firearm Usage. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2025.

S. Coykendall, L. McQueen, N. Gordon, S. Kolomyjec, K. Eichorn, & Derek Wright. Application of Benchtop Micro X-Ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy to Chemical Imaging of Plant and Animal Fossils. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2025.

L. Secord-Rider, M. R. Zierden, S. Coykendall, & Derek Wright. Bioaccumulation of Lead in Earth Worms from Soil Contaminated by Recreational Firearm Use. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2025.

L. McQueen, N. Ranasinghage, P. Kelso, H. Kandel. Lava Flow Composition Discriminant Analysis using Training Data Sets on Earth and its Potential for Classification of Lava Flows on Planetary Bodies. American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2025



LSSU students and faculty at the Fall American Geophysical Union (AGU) meeting in New Orleans in December 2025. Pictured from left to right: Dr. Nalaka Ranasinghe, LSSU students Shane Coykendall, Lilyann Secord-Rider, Logan Roberts, and Dr. Hari Kandel.

- Dr. Ranasinghe and Dr. Kandel attended the American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2025 held in New Orleans, LA, from 14th-19th of December. Dr. Kandel presented his poster [titled](#) "Modeling Rainfall-Induced Landslide Hazard on Failure-Prone Slopes in the Mid-Hill Region of Nepal Himalaya". Dr. Ranasinghe co-authored a research talk titled "Mid-to-Late Holocene Indian Winter and Summer Monsoon Dynamics: Insights from Marine Sediments in Northeast and Southwest Sri Lanka" presented by his postgraduate student.

In Memorium

- Mackenzie (Kalchik) Paul passed away after a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML).

Mackenzie played four seasons on the Women's Basketball Team and graduated from LSSU in 2022 with a degree in Biology. She was accepted into Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and diagnosed with AML during her second year.

Mackenzie impacted many by chronicling her battle with AML on social media and will be missed by all at LSSU.



College of Business, Engineering, Computer Science, and Mathematics

Student Accomplishments and Activities

- The Engineering Society of Detroit sponsored eight engineering students to attend Industry Preview Day at the Detroit Auto Show on January 15.



Publications and Creative Works

- Dr. Ralf Wilhelms wrote a white paper entitled *From Specialization to Foundation: Integrating AI Literacy across the Business Curriculum at Lake Superior State University*.

Recruitment and Outreach

- The School of Engineering and Technology hosted a FIRST Robotics Kick-Off Event on January 10. Seven teams came to campus to watch the reveal of the new season's challenge and collect their Kit of Parts, which contains the components of the robots they will build.
- On January 23, the School of Engineering and Technology and the School of Computer Science and Mathematics promoted their programs at a tabling event held before the GFL Superior Ice Showdown hockey game. Students from SET completing their senior project as part of Team SLAP brought their table top hockey system, which many youth stopped by to enjoy.
- The School of Engineering and Technology hosted nine prospective students and their families during an academic showcase on January 24.

- The School of Engineering and Technology participated in the academic showcase during LSSU women's and men's basketball games on January 31. Fitz, the School's robot dog, drew significant attention and was a highlight of the half-time performances.

College of Great Lakes Ecology and Education

Student Accomplishments and Activities

- Dr. Doubek and 15 students attended the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference at the end of January in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The students interacted with professionals across the disciplines in natural resources and 7 students gave poster presentations on their senior research.
- The LSSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club was awarded the Most Active Student Subunit Award for the American Fisheries Society Northcentral Division! This is an honor awarded to one university annually across 16 states and provinces. The Club will now go on to compete for the National award. Way to go Lakers!
- CFRE hosted the MDNR Fisheries Division annual meeting again this year and as part of their meeting CFRE provided pizza and an open time for students to come and learn about career opportunities with the MDNR. In addition, the fisheries staff attended a Meet and Greet at Laker Hall organized by the Fisheries and Wildlife Club.
- In December, trail cameras were placed (with permission) behind Big Bear Arena for a Career Tech Ed (CTE) student's research project. The cameras recorded images of white-tailed deer, coyote, and most excitingly, an American marten. The student gained experience reviewing the footage, identifying species, and creating spreadsheets and charts to analyze trends. CTE students also snowshoed transects behind Big Bear Arena and collected data on wildlife tracks using ArcGIS Field Maps (photo at right).
- Dr. Jill Witt, CFRE hatchery technician Riley Waterman and MSU extension educator Elliot Nelson ran mock interviews with the Natural Resources CTE students, giving them crucial practice with real-world interview settings and questions. For some it was the first time being exposed to the process. All took away valuable insights on areas for personal improvement and this was a great way to expose the high school students to LSSU expertise.
- Dean Moerke and Dr. Mackey have been leading an effort to revive the Regional Outdoor Center (ROC), which provides outdoor rental gear to students for no cost and creates programming around Outdoor Recreation. They have been working closely with Justin Fountain (Norris Center) and Brigitte Ledford (Student Life) as well as a group of students including leaders from the Fisheries and Wildlife Club, Conservation Biology Club, and Rec Club. A proposal was submitted to Student Government for review this next month in hopes of a late February start. The ROC would begin with rentals for snowshoeing, cross country skiing, ice fishing, and rock climbing, but later expand to backpacking and kayaking. In addition, there is a proposal to support an extension of the ROC, Laker Town, which would be 4-6 ice fishing shanties (decorated in LSSU colors) available for use on Ashmun Bay. The goal would be to open ROC rentals to the community as well. The group is also pursuing sponsorships and community support for this initiative.



- Dr. Kapuscinski hosted his annual lure making event at CFRE, where students powder-painted jigs and dressed up their own creation. Hunter Eurich, Fisheries Management Major, used his lure to land some Lake Trout through the ice (photos below).



- The School of Natural Resources had 12 students present their senior research at the end of the fall semester. Anthony Savoie was awarded the best student poster (mentored by Dr. Moerke) and Alaina Kecskes was awarded the runner-up best poster (mentored by Dr. Brewer; photos below).

Maisie Buhro	Abiotic & Biotic influences on turtle presence in Chippewa County, Michigan
Cavan McIntyre	Activity Patterns of White-tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>) and Wild Turkey (<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>) in Suburban Southeastern Michigan
Alaina Kecskes	Bird Communities in Old Growth Forests and Earlier Successional Stages in Northern Michigan
Rowan Faust	Density and community composition of aquatic invertebrates in interdunal wetland ponds at Ludington State Park, MI, USA
Audrey George	Effect of Handicap on Common Raven (<i>Corvus corax</i>) Hierarchy
Tony Savoie	Effects of Synthetic Materials on Larval Caddisfly Case Construction and Predation Risk
Gerald Trinklein	Ecological Constraints on Zebra Mussels (<i>Dreissena polymorpha</i>) in the St. Marys River
Patrick Bickings	High And Low Energy activity's effect on Mental Well Being
Alisha Denué	How Does Body Morphology of Prey Fish Affect Growth, Condition, and Feeding Efficiency of Walleye?
Sarah Gremmer	Evaluating use of restored habitat by age-1 Atlantic Salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>) at Little Rapids, St. Marys River
Kylah Buikema	Habitat Use of Snowshoe Hare (<i>Lepus americanus</i>) and Eastern Cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>) in Michigan

Elizabeth McLean Water Parameters vs Species Richness of Sponges in the Black River Watershed



Grants

- Beth Christiansen and Ashley Moerke were awarded a \$175,000 grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency through a state initiative. The grant will provide training to pre-service and in-service teachers on how to incorporate invasive species education into their curriculum. The grant will engage about 12 LSSU Teacher Education students and provide annual stipends to support work in local classrooms.

Fundraising/Gifts

- CFRE ended the year with multiple gifts of more than \$5,000 and one significant gift from Richard and Theresa Barch of \$2.1 million towards a \$3 million pledge. The Barch's gift will name the Executive Director position the Richard and Theresa Barch Endowed Director and will support the CFRE Excellence Fund that will be used to grow new initiatives, including graduate student research, at CFRE.
- CFRE also received a second gift from the Christiansen Family Fund to support an Environmental Education intern at CFRE next summer. Those funds are intended to help CFRE provide additional experiences to Teacher Education students and K-12 schools.

Publications

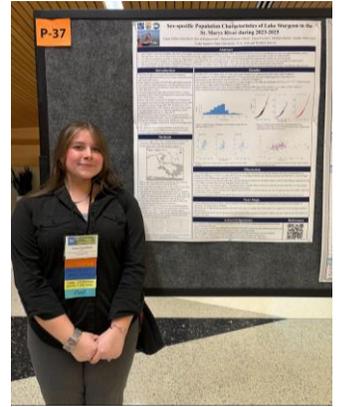
- A study co-authored by Dr. Moerke, Dr. Kapuscinski and others was featured in the December 15, 2025 issue of the FishBio blog. "Gut Check: How Vaccines Shape the Microbiome of Hatchery Atlantic Salmon." <https://fishbio.com/vaccines-and-microbiomes>

Honors and Awards

- Professor Becky Davis, in the School of Education, was awarded the Advisor of the Year award. At the onset of CoGLEE, Becky was one of the only faculty that was trained in advising and she took on a very heavy load, often advising over 75 students each semester. Despite the high numbers, she provided personal attention to all of them and helped them find their successful path in teaching.
- Lauren Schagel (Senior, F&W) was selected as a Fenske Memorial finalist in Wildlife at the annual Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference.

Conference Presentations

- Seven students presented at the 2026 Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference in Fort Wayne, IN:
 - Alana Schofield delivered a poster presentation titled *Sex-specific Population Characteristics of Lake Sturgeon in the St. Marys River during 2023-2025* at the 2026 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. Alana's work is in collaboration with personnel from the US Fish & Wildlife Service and Dr. Britton Ranson Olson from LSSU's School of Biological Sciences. Alana will be continuing this work as a Master's candidate under the supervision of Dr. Kapuscinski.
 - Anthony Savoie presented a poster *Effects of synthetic materials on larval caddisfly case construction and predation risk*.
 - Aiden Cardwell presented a poster on *Impacts of environmental factors on zooplankton communities across sinkhole lakes in Michigan's Lower Peninsula*.
 - Eli Herriman presented a poster on *Effects of water color on zooplankton communities and larval coregonine length and abundance*.
 - Brendan Conger presented a poster titled *Feeding selectivity of larval coregonines in comparison to zooplankton density in northern Lake Huron*.
 - Lauren Schagel presented a poster on *Investigating patterns of petal color change in Great White Trilliums (*Trillium grandiflorum*) in Vanderbilt, MI*.
 - Carli Huhn presented a poster on *Black bear (*Ursus americanus*) movement in relation to all-terrain and off-road vehicle use on Drummond Island, Michigan*.
- Dr. Yong Zeng gave a presentation at the 75th Annual Conference of the Literacy Research Association on integrating game learning environments in EFL vocabulary learning.



Academic Program Successes

- The School of Natural Resources welcomed its first cohort of five graduate students into the accelerated 4+1 Master's program in Fisheries and Wildlife Management. Sam Rimatzski (advisor: Dr. Brewer), Lauren Schagel (advisor: Dr. Witt), Alana Schofield (advisor: Dr. Kapuscinski), Aiden Cardwell (advisor: Dr. Doubek), and Kennedy Johnson (advisor: Dr. Moerke). All five students have financial support through the summers to conduct research on varying topics from invasive species management, to lake sturgeon movement and habitat use, to the effects of oil on aquatic food webs. This was a quick start for the program after receiving approval late fall, and special kudos to the SNR faculty for making it happen!

Recruitment and Outreach

- The School of Education signed a 3+1 articulation agreement with Bay Mills Indian Community to support seamless transfer from BMCC into the Teacher Education BK (early childhood) program. This partnership will allow BMCC students to complete their B.S. degrees and earn licensure. Dr. Travis, Dr. Muller, Dr. Moerke, Dr. Fager, and Professor Davis all participated in a visit and signing at BMCC.

- The CFRE Education team members Beth Christiansen and Michelle Visser visited the careers class at JKL Bahweting on January 15, introducing students to macroinvertebrate ID and watershed engineering. The following day, students visited CFRE's Discovery Center to observe and assess the watershed they designed and test their macroinvertebrate identification skills to determine water quality. They also explored humanity's relationship with, and impact on, lake sturgeon.
- CFRE Education & Outreach student assistants Asia Kachuk (senior Environmental Science) and Blake Patterson (senior F&W) with Beth Christiansen visited Rudyard's 8th grade science class and facilitated a fish dissection for two classes using 20 Atlantic salmon smolts from the CFRE hatchery.
- In January, the School of Education participated in the academic showcase at the Laker Hockey Superior Showdown and talked with over a dozen people about the opportunities at LSSU.
- CFRE hosted the EUP Principal's meeting in January and Michelle Visser spoke about opportunities in the CTE program and Beth Christiansen provided tours of the Barch building and fish hatchery to elementary and high school principals from across the EUP.

Community Engagement

- On January 3, 11 children and 11 adults visited the GLDC for the story & craft: Secrets of Winter, and made paper snowflakes.
- On January 17, 10 adults and 10 children participated in the GLDC activities: Hush a Bye Lake Superior. Guests made Michigan animal sock puppets and helped act out the story. In December, the GLDC had 16 guests for their story and craft event.
- As part of an ongoing MiSTEM grant project, CFRE research technician Drew Heckman led a data science & programming workshop for 11 local science and math teachers at CFRE. The event was also used to recruit teachers to the grant project for continued collaboration.

Operations and Infrastructure Projects

- CFRE held a 2-day workshop to review and update its strategic plan. The new plan, which continues to emphasize financial sustainability and innovation, is under final review and will be released on our website by next month.
- After a pump failure last year, a new water pump supporting the mesocosm and lake sturgeon tank was installed successfully. The pump is running smoothly and operations are back to normal. The repair was greater than \$40,000 and paid using donor and grant funds to CFRE.
- The CFRE Shuttle is in operation for Spring and is continuing to support natural resource classes held at CFRE, but also Education apprenticeships at regional schools.
- A new river front sign is in the design process and should be ready to install for Spring.
- CFRE had an issue with frozen water pipes into and out of the building this winter. Kudos to the LSSU Physical Plant team who responded quickly and worked to thaw the pipes and get the water moving again.

- CFRE continues to partner with Headwaters North on developing a Freshwater Innovation Hub. Torin Miller, CFRE innovation fellow met with Dr. Moerke, Headwaters North, and other innovation partners. They are making progress on a strategic plan to support commercialization of projects around water technology.

Appointments to Boards and Professional Organizations

- Dr. Yong Zeng was appointed to serve on the Oscar Causey Award Committee for the Literacy Research Association. The award this committee selects is the highest honor of the LRA, recognizing one outstanding scholar in literacy research.
- Beth Christiansen was appointed to the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) Environmental Educator Certification (EEC) Committee. She is working with a subcommittee to begin the process of developing a pilot for an undergraduate EEC program.
- Dr. Yong Zeng was invited to serve on the Editorial Board of English Leadership Quarterly (starting August 2026), a journal under the National Council of Teachers of English.
- Drs. Moerke and Kapuscinski participated in NOAA’s All Partner’s Meeting of the Cooperative Institute of Great Lakes Research (CIGLR). Dr. Moerke also participated in the CIGLR Fellows meeting, which includes leadership from the consortium’s partners.

College of Health and Emergency Responders

Student Accomplishments and Activities

- From January 28–30, 2026, Lake Superior State University Kinesiology students Trista Bupp, Tessa Deal, Emily Fleming, Sophie Gibbs, Caleb Henderson, Martina Oviedo, Josie Vance, and Izzy Yeoman volunteered to provide medical coverage for the Special Olympics State Winter Games in Traverse City, Michigan. Athletes from across the state gathered to compete, connect, and shine. Favorable weather conditions, including ample snow and moderate temperatures, contributed to a successful event. Student volunteers supported athletes across a variety of venues, including broomball, snowshoeing, downhill skiing, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing, as well as recreational activities that included sledding, hayrides, and indoor special events. This experience provided students with valuable hands-on learning while working with special populations. Students also enjoyed the opportunity to work alongside other medical professionals, who are excited to have them as part of the crew. Volunteers had the opportunity to celebrate alongside the athletes at the victory dance following Thursday evening’s closing ceremonies. LSSU Kinesiology (and formerly Athletic Training) has proudly volunteered at the Special Olympics State Winter Games since 2009.



Grants

- Professor Charlotte Kostelyk received the NURSES Grant – a collaboration between the Michigan Primary Care Association and nine state universities (including LSSU), twenty-four senior-level BSN students were each awarded a \$1600 stipend to assist with mileage, and other expenses for their clinicals at the Sault Tribal Health Clinic. This grant supports clinical learning opportunities in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) like the Tribal Health Center to help address the rural nursing shortage.

Gifts

- An LTV 1200 Transport Ventilator was donated by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to the Paramedic program at LSSU for student learning. This is the second ventilator given to our students and program.
- Delta Township Fire department donated 9 functioning KingVision Portable Video Laryngoscopes to the Paramedic program. This donation was facilitated by Spring 2025 Paramedic graduate Kyren Kain.

Publications and Creative Works

- Searight, H. R. (2025). Social justice and health care: Viewing the documentary film The Waiting Room in an undergraduate psychology course to highlight disparities. In B. Qiao, D. S. Rudmann, H. Scherschel, A. Beyer, & L. Rosen (Eds.), Teaching tips: A compendium of conference presentations on teaching, 2024–25. Society for the Teaching of Psychology. <http://teachpsych.org/ebooks/teachingtips10>
- Akande, A., Kellner, D., Searight, H. R., Ogunbode, O. (2026). Politically charged: From ballot boxes to boardrooms and break rooms—Leadership at the intersection of democracy and business. In A. Akande (Ed.), Culture, leadership, and organizations: Embracing the complexity of leadership. Elsevier.

Honors and Awards

- Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Sergeant Bradley Clegg was awarded a significant honor by the Chippewa County Sheriff's office at their annual awards banquet. He was honored as the Chippewa County Officer of the Year award for 2025. Professor/Sergeant Clegg is the Night Supervisor for the County and is in charge of Firearms training, Field Training Officer (FTO), and is a critical link to the future of Law Enforcement officers in our community with his work here at LSSU in the Criminal Justice Program and MCOLES academy.



Academic Program Successes

- The 2024-2025 Paramedic graduates have achieved a 100% pass rate on the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification exam. All candidates from 2024-25 are working for an EMS agency here in Michigan, with 2 graduates working as new hires for Sault Fire Department.