



**Event:** End of Year Celebration/Networking Event  
**Speaker(s):** Brian Jacobs  
**Date:** December 3, 2010  
**Location:** Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI



The Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC), along with the Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute and Michigan State University, recently hosted a lean leadership event at James B. Henry Center for Executive Development at Michigan State University on Dec. 3, 2010. Brian Jacobs, Assistant Professor of Supply Chain Management, was the speaker for this event.

"The MLC end of year event held at Michigan State was outstanding. It was a great opportunity to hear about the integration of Lean into MSU's Supply Chain Management curriculum through the Broad College of Business. The event also gave us an awesome opportunity to recognize the outgoing MLC Board, welcome the new MLC Board and get the membership's input into the priorities for next year. The host facility was extremely nice and convenient, which helped facilitate a great turn out. I am very excited about the direction that the MLC is going and look forward to an outstanding 2011," said Ken Lepage, 2010 MLC Member Liaison.

The mission of the MLC is to offer a diverse network of knowledgeable lean professionals who come together to share innovative practices. The organization aims to create a lean culture in Michigan to ensure sustainable competitive advantage, which could translate into healthier businesses that offer more job opportunities leading to economic growth in the state.

The charter members of the MLC include: Amway, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, DTE Energy, Johnson & Johnson, The Lean Learning Center, Northwestern Michigan College, the Oakland University Pawley Lean Institute and the Michigan Shingo Prize



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