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MCC HONORS EXCELLENCE FOR 2006-2007

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College has honored one faculty member and many students for their achievements during the 2006-2007 academic year.

Below is a complete list of the honorees:

Outstanding Faculty Award

Lori Bean, associate professor of biology and chemistry, is the recipient of this year’s Outstanding Faculty Award.

“The student support for Lori Bean was overwhelming,” said Mark Bergmooser, chair of the Outstanding Faculty Award Committee for 2006-2007. “So many credited her as a mentor, teacher and inspiration” Bean has taught at MCC since 1996. She co-founded the college’s Math and Science Society in 1999 and still serves as a co-advisor. Prior to joining the faculty at the college, she served as an adjunct faculty member at Owens Community College, where she taught chemistry and biology from 1993-1995. She began her career as a research assistant in pharmacology at the Medical College of Ohio in 1986.

Bean serves on several committees at MCC, including the Curriculum Committee, Instructional Technology Committee and the Instructional Staff Development Committee. She holds a master’s degree in human resource management from the University of Toledo, a master’s degree in biochemistry from the University of Connecticut and bachelor’s degree in biology from St. Lawrence University.

Other nominees for this award included: Khadija Ahmed, assistant professor of mathematics; Mark Bergmooser, assistant professor of speech, journalism and tae kwon do; Lori Jo Couch, assistant professor of English; Timothy Dillon, associate professor of English and coordinator of the Writing Across the Curriculum Program; Angie Evangelinos, professor of business; Bonnie Giles, assistant professor of business; Sharon Gray, associate professor of practical nursing; Mark Hall, director of admissions and guidance services; Thomas Harrill, assistant professor of electronics and computer technology; Dr. Joyce Haver, professor of counseling; Dr. John Holladay, professor of
English and philosophy; Donald Hyatt, associate professor of business and management; Cheryl Johnston, assistant professor of reading and English; Dean Kerste, assistant professor of mechanical design technology; Tracy Kling, assistant professor of biology; JoEllen Locher, assistant professor of English; Dr. William McCloskey, professor of English; Dr. Mark Naber, professor of mathematics; Ann Orwin, assistant professor of English, education and journalism; Andrew Parsons, associate professor of chemistry and biology; Dr. Cynthia Riedel, coordinator of the Learning Assistance Lab; Dr. Joanna Sabo, professor of political science; Lisa Scarpelli, instructor of geoscience; Lana Shryock, professor of computer information systems; Kevin Thomas, instructor of culinary skills; James Vallade, assistant professor of mathematics; Gary Wilson, associate professor of art; and Patrick Wise, assistant professor of psychology.

**Faculty Association Outstanding Student Award**

Lisa Ghigliazza is the Faculty Association Outstanding Student Award winner. Ghigliazza—who has a 4.0 GPA — will earn an associate of science degree from MCCC this spring and will continue her education at Eastern Michigan University, where she plans to major in education, journalism and social work.

Ghigliazza is the head copy editor for MCCC’s student newspaper, *The Agora*, for which she also serves as a reporter. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, a Writing Fellow and co-editor of the college’s 2006 *Images* publication, which contains writings and artwork by members of the MCCC community.

She was nominated for the All-USA Academic Team, named to the Michigan All-Academic Team and received the George Rhodes Scholarship. In addition, Ghigliazza presented two papers – “Honor Killings” and “Homeless Children and the Future of Society” – at the Liberal Arts Network for Development Student Scholars Conference and took first place with each. Both papers were published in the *Journal of Student Scholars*.

Ghigliazza is employed at Meadow Montessori School in Monroe. She has served as a mentor for Gwin’s Garden Gate, a home for abused girls and as a youth leader at her church.

Other nominees included: Kristin Booth, Ashley Braden, Angel Ellison, Kendra Hatcher, Ashley Phillips and Megan Walker.

**Outstanding Student Program of the Year Award**

The Math and Science Society is the Outstanding Student Program of the Year Award winner.

**Industrial Technology Awards**

The Industrial Technology Award recipients are Jody Heusman and Andrew Jones.

**Business Student of the Year Award**

Craig Ringbloom is the recipient of the Business Student of the Year Award.

**Michigan Scholars**

The Michigan Scholars include: Ayla Eichenhofer, Lisa Ghigliazza, Lisa Hammar, Victoria Hoy, Rebecca Kennedy, Katherine Kirkland, Jacob Mann and Stacey Stone.

**BJ Harmon Mathematics Award**

Kurt Bezeau is the recipient of this award. Other nominees included: Jacob Curley, Richard Cutlip, Tyler Hoppert, Joshua Howell and Andrew Kennedy.
Freshman Chemistry Award
Vincent Basile is this year's recipient of the Freshman Chemistry Award.

Organic Chemistry Award
Vincent Basile is the recipient of the Organic Chemistry Award.

MASS Mathematics Competition Award
The MASS (Math and Science Society) Mathematics Competition Award recipients are Charlotte Ghigliazza, Cara Hosler, Angela Pernak, Craig Ringbloom and Joshua Young.

Outstanding Administrative Professional Award
Jeanne Afonica is the recipient of the Outstanding Administrative Professional Award.

MCCC Study Abroad Travel Scholarship
Sarah Folk is the MCCC Study Abroad Travel Scholarship recipient.

Carol Kish Scholarship Award
Cory Appt is the Carol Kish Scholarship Award recipient.

All-USA Academic Team Nominees
The nominees for the All-USA Academic Team are Lisa Ghigliazza and Tammera Ruettinger.

University of Toledo Community College Scholarship
Candace O’Shea is the recipient of the University of Toledo Community College Scholarship.

Outstanding Nursing Student Award
Sara Young is the Outstanding Nursing Student Award winner.

Spirit of Nursing Award for the U.S. Army/NSNA
Kelly Magrum is the recipient of the Spirit of Nursing Award for the U.S. Army/National Student Nurses Association.

Outstanding Respiratory Therapy Student Award
Laura Moore is the recipient of the Outstanding Respiratory Therapy Student Award.

Excellence in Journalism
Ashley Braden, Lisa Ghigliazza, Tonya Huffman and Gary Knox were honored for Excellence in Journalism.

The George Rhodes Writing Fellow Award
Tennery Hicks is this year’s George Rhodes Writing Fellow Award recipient.

**Terri McConnaughey Scholarship**

Charlene Hunt is the recipient of the Terri McConnaughey Scholarship.

**President’s Academic Achievement Award**

The President’s Academic Achievement Award recipients are: Kristin Booth, Amy Green, Jessica Krueger and Glenn Zorn.

**Dr. Ronald Campbell Student Government Award**

The Dr. Ronald Campbell Student Government Award recipients are Charlotte Ghigliazza and John Miller.
MCCC HONORS EXCELLENCE FOR 2007-2008

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College has honored a full-time faculty member, an adjunct faculty member and many students for their achievements during the 2007-08 academic year.

Below is a list of the honorees:

**Outstanding Faculty Award**

Tracy Kling, assistant professor of biology, is the recipient of this year’s Outstanding Faculty Award. Employed by the college since 1999, Kling holds a master of science degree in zoology from the University of Rhode Island and a bachelor of science degree in marine biology from the University of North Carolina. She teaches a variety of biology classes at MCCC, including general biology, environmental science, botany, zoology and genetics.

Kling, a Monroe resident, is a co-founder and past co-advisor of the Math and Science Society and is still actively involved in organizing club trips and fundraisers. She is also a member of the Michigan Community College Biologists, the Michigan Mosquito Control Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the River Raisin Public Advisory Committee.

Other Outstanding Faculty Award nominees included Khadija Ahmed, Mark Bergmooser, Dr. Karen Brooke, Lori Jo Couch, Dr. James DeVries, Timothy Dillon, Sharon Gray, Mark Hall, Thomas Harrill, Dr. Joyce Haver, Charles Kelly, Dean Kerste, Sandy Kosmyna, JoEllen Locher, Steve Mapes, Dr. William McCloskey, Cheryl McKay, Dr. Ken Mohney, Carrie Nartker, Ann Orwin, Andrew Parsons, Dr. Joanna Sabo, Lisa Scarpelli, Kathleen Shepherd, Lana Shryock, Dr. Roger Spalding, Dr. Terry Telfer, Kevin Thomas, James Vallade, Gary Wilson, Patrick Wise and Tiffany Wright.

**Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award**

MCCC alum and adjunct instructor Cheryl Hoy is the winner of the 2007-08 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award. Hoy, employed by the college since 1996, has been named the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award Nominee for 2007-08. Hoy holds a master of science degree in mathematics from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the University of Michigan. She teaches classes in mathematics and computer science at MCCC.

Hoy, a Monroe resident, is a co-founder and past co-advisor of the Math and Science Society and is still actively involved in organizing club trips and fundraisers. She is also a member of the Michigan Community College Biologists, the Michigan Mosquito Control Association, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the River Raisin Public Advisory Committee.

Other Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award nominees included Steve Avila, Mike Babcock, Cathy Brown, Dan Brink, Mary Cramer, Julie Cutler, Dr. Edward DeSantis, Dr. Anna Deliae, Dr. Antonella Galli, Sarah Goodwin, Dr. Robert Groberman, John Howard, James Houston, David Jureta, Dr. Michelle Koop, Matthew Kelly, Arthur Kohler, Dr. Diane Lucan, Dr. Patricia Mann, Julie Matlock, Ellen Miller, Dr. Andrew Mora, Dawn Nielson, Dr. Michael O’Brien, Dr. Susan Peto, Jason Purcell, David Repka, Dr. Javier Riquelme, Dr. Dana Riccio, Dr. Erin Rock, Dr. Tony Rylko, Dr. Richard Ruis, Dr. Frank Schlegel, Dr. Horace Sims, Dr. Laura Soderberg, Dr. Robert Sundberg, Dr. Mark Thomas, Dawn Unsworth, Dr. David Vales, Dr. Robert Vanucchi, Dr. James Waples, Dr. John Williams, Dr. Todd Wynn and Dr. Linda Young.
Adjunct Faculty Award. Hoy, who has been an instructor with the college since 2006, teaches developmental writing and English Composition I and II. A resident of Ottawa Lake, she holds a master of arts degree in English literature from Bowling Green State University and a bachelor of arts degree in English literature from the University of Toledo.

In addition to her work at MCCC, Hoy has taught at Bowling Green State University and Owens Community College. She has published and presented several papers and is a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, Michigan College English Association and the Modern Language Association. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Sigma Tau and the Golden Key Society.

Other Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award nominees included Margie Bacarella, Gina Baker, Dr. Patricia Eason, Stuart Fike, Thomas Flowers, Cynthia Franks, Steve Fried, Stephen Gagnon, James Grna, Nicholas Hakeos, Lisa Jackson, Gloria Jukuri, Deniese Key, Thomas Morgan, Valerie Pauli, Dr. John Piippo, Russell Pitler, Joshua Scully, David Stanifer, Daniel Stewart, Nancy Wain, Larry Weaver, April Wendling and Steven Wilcox.

Faculty Association Outstanding Student Award

Thomas Fisher is the recipient of the 2007-08 Faculty Association Outstanding Student Award. A resident of Temperance, Fisher began his studies at MCCC in the fall of 2003 to enhance his job skills. Fisher, who works for Tenneco Automotive in Monroe, is on track to earn associate of science degrees in both mechanical engineering technology and mechanical design technology by fall 2008. After graduating from MCCC, he plans to pursue a bachelor of science degree at the University of Toledo.

Other nominees for the Outstanding Student Award were Danielle Ayers, Mary Beaudry, Daniella Boling, Benjamin Collins, Todd Hollister and Rachel Shannon.

Outstanding Student Program of the Year Award
Student Nurses Association

Business Student of the Year Award
Jesse Beaver

Michigan Scholars
Kat Brodie, Cara Peterman, Benjamin Collins and Pamela Williams

The George Rhodes Writing Fellow Award
Misty Braden

Terri McConnaughey Scholarship
Jenna Sims

Outstanding Mathematics Student Award
Erica Rowley

Freshman Chemistry Award
Christine Bourbina

Organic Chemistry Award
Amy Green

**Outstanding Administrative Professional Award**
Silvana Iafano

**Carol Kish Scholarship Award**
Jason Cantrell, Katelyn Carrabino

**All-USA Academic Team Nominees**
Judith Bert, Charlotte Ghigliazza

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Judith Bert

**Spirit of Nursing Award for the US Army/NSNA**
Cindy Bathgate

**Outstanding Respiratory Therapy Student Award**
Ron Heiserman

**Industrial Technology Awards**
Austin Salgat – Electronics and Computer Technology
Charles Trombly, Robert Drumm – Manufacturing
Justin McManaway, Anthony Cancilliari – Construction Management

**C. Ernest Read Scholarship**
Sarah Pierce

**Excellence in Journalism**
Emily Chandonnet, Jeffery Kodysh

**President’s Academic Achievement Award**
Amanda Barba, Jacob Curley, Seemi Fatima, Jennifer Knisely, Jeffrey Kodysh, Audrey Kutz, Allison Mohler, Jessica Pershing, Lisa Pinkava, Emily Shaw, William Strimpel

**Dr. Ronald Campbell Student Government Award**
Monica Olmsted
At Monroe County Community College, the focus is on practical application, so students are prepared to meet the demands of the work environment of the new economy. The college provides students with hands-on, personal experiences and the mentorship of dedicated faculty members.

New Mannequins for RT, CPR Classes

The respiratory therapy program acquired two Mega Code Kelly mannequins and two Choking Charlie mannequins to be used in respiratory therapy and CPR classes.

Culinary Students Turn Back Clock to Prohibition Era

During Winter Semester, MCCC’s culinary skills and management students transformed the Cuisine 1300 restaurant into the Wise Guy Club, where customers enjoyed the ambience of a Prohibition-era speakeasy, complete with memorabilia and decor from that time. The program was supervised by Chef Kevin Thomas and supported through the fantastic efforts of many others at MCCC.

Working with Adolescent Readers

Students in a section of English 256 (Children’s Literature) participated in a parallel reading project with adolescent readers, entitled “Read with Me.” The students partnered with ninth-graders at St. Mary Catholic Central High School to read and discuss a book together.

Student Develops Organic Pesticide Device

Cara Peterman, a pre-biology major, developed a device that uses carbon dioxide as a natural, organic pesticide, which won first place in the Michigan Liberal Arts Network for the Development of Student Scholars Competition. The device’s popularity also landed Peterman and her instructor, Lori Bean, associate professor of biology and chemistry, on WTOL-TV’s EcoTrak 11, an environmental news series.

Learning from the “Founding Father” of Respiratory Care

The respiratory therapy program graduating class of 2008 took a field trip to The Toledo Hospital in April for a presentation by Dr. Forrest Bird, one of the founding fathers in the field of respiratory care. Bird, who is responsible for numerous inventions and the creator of several popular mechanical ventilators and breathing devices in the 1950s and 1960s, spoke about the history of mechanical ventilation.