

18 STORIES OF
Enriching Lives

**Monroe County
Community College**

2017-18 Annual Report
to the Community

MISSION:

Monroe County Community College enriches lives in our community by providing opportunity through student-focused, affordable, quality higher education and other learning experiences.

CORE VALUES:

Student-focus: Execute student-centered decision making

Excellence: Offer high-quality educational opportunities, programs and services

Accessibility: Offer ease of access to educational opportunities, programs and services

Affordability: Provide affordable educational opportunities, programs and services

Diversity and Inclusion: Celebrate the individuality and diversity of our students, community, nation and world

Respect: Practice equity and mutual respect

Stewardship: Manage our resources with efficiency and integrity to ensure the long-term health of the college and infuse responsible, sustainable and transparent practices throughout all operations and programs

Outreach and Engagement: Advance a culture of engagement and collaboration

Relevance: Offer relevant educational programs through innovation and responsiveness

VISION:

Monroe County Community College will be recognized for our student-focused service, academic excellence, affordability, innovation, community responsiveness and student success.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As our mission states, Monroe County Community College enriches our community by providing opportunity. We do this by being a student-centered institution that offers quality programs and services at an affordable price.

These programs and services include pathways for students who plan to pursue further education; occupational tracks for students preparing for immediate employment; curricula that prepare students to effectively communicate, think critically, and be socially and culturally aware; comprehensive student support services; opportunities for intellectual, cultural, personal and career enhancement; training and retraining to meet the needs of an evolving economy, and partnerships to enhance educational services and opportunities.

For our annual report, we thought it would be fitting to select 18 stories of opportunity that exemplify how the college enriched lives in our community during the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2018.

We have been working for quite a while on this list because, in full disclosure, it could have been hundreds of stories thanks to our faculty and staff, who enrich so many lives every single day.

But, we had to narrow it down because, well, we had to stop somewhere. And, 18 stories for 2018 sounded like a good number – until we actually had to buckle down and start refining our list. That was no easy task.

I invite you to turn the page and learn about MCCC's "18 Stories of Enriching Lives" last year. And, if you would like to hear more, just contact us. We love to talk about all the lives we enrich and all the opportunities we provide for those we serve.

Kojo A. Quartey, Ph.D.
President



18 Stories of Enriching Lives



1. STUDENT-FOCUSED FACILITIES

In winter 2018, a 2,500-square-foot addition to the Life Sciences Building designed to foster student collaboration was completed. Major exterior structural repairs were also made to the building as part of a \$1.25 million renovation that included the installation of a modern exterior facade system. Throughout 2017-18, the design and development phase of an upcoming renovation to the East and West Technology buildings took place. The twin buildings will be combined into one to house numerous services geared toward student success, state-of-the-art classrooms and computer labs, an abundance of adaptable student lounge areas and work spaces, and several college departments.

2. HELPING MORE AT-RISK STUDENTS

In October 2017, MCCC was awarded nearly \$4 million in grants from the federal government to help more area high school students transition into college students. The U.S. Department of Education renewed funding for existing MCCC Upward Bound programs at Airport High School and Monroe High School and added additional funding to establish a program at Jefferson High School. Upward Bound is one of seven Federal TRIO Programs, which are outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.



3. VISITS BY NATIONALLY KNOWN ARTISTS

Last year, MCCC hosted month-long public displays by two nationally known visiting artists: Pastel Society of America Master Pastelist Jill Stefani Wagner, whose watercolor and pastel paintings are included in numerous corporate and private collections, and sculptor Melanie Hunter, who has developed specific techniques particular to glass casting and fabrication.



4. STATE LEADER IN ENERGY EFFICIENCY

MCCC was recognized in November 2017 as one of six public entities in Michigan designated as a Leader in Energy Efficiency by the Energy Services Coalition. The college earned the award for its switchover a few months earlier from an outdated, conventional heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to a much more energy-efficient and earth-friendly geothermal-based system. The switchover was the culmination of a two-year, \$16.1 million project financed by the college over 20 years, and has completely transformed the way it heats and cools most buildings on Main Campus. It also has provided major cost and environmental benefits. The system is expected to result in an annual savings of \$275,000, and its geothermal wells are expected to last 50 years – twice the life of a conventional system.



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5. WELDING PROGRAM OUTFITTED WITH NEW EQUIPMENT

Welding technology students are benefiting from equipment purchased with a \$50,000 donation from Nexus Gas Transmission last year. The donation paid for the purchase of equipment for the college's welding lab that has resulted in more efficient use of class time by easing limitations on equipment access and improving the overall quality of instruction. The equipment includes an augmented arc welding simulation system, pipe bevellers, a saddle-miter pipe cutter and modular stand kits, and various pieces to enable the holding and positioning of work pieces in the welding booths.



6. CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

In February, MCCC hosted numerous events in honor of Black History Month, including a “Demystifying Africa” presentation by MCCC President Dr. Kojo Quartey, several panel discussions, Monroe County’s 31st Annual Black History Month Blues Concert and a film titled “Get in the Way: The Journey of John Lewis.” The college hosted an events series in March in honor of Women’s History Month, including presentations offering insights into the #MeToo movement, the status of women in the Middle East and the lineage of women leaders, as well as a documentary film titled “Women’s March.” Also in March, MCCC hosted a who’s who of Michigan immigrants affected by changes in U.S. immigration policy.



7. ACCOUNTING STUDENTS HELP WITH TAX PREP

In the spring, the accounting program partnered with the Internal Revenue Service to provide income tax assistance for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. IRS-certified student volunteers set up an office on campus and provided free, basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

8. SKILLED TRADES READINESS

MCCC launched a pre-apprenticeship and skilled-trades readiness program in June that was free to those who qualified. The program was made possible through the Advance Michigan Catalyst, a grant provided by the U.S. Department of Labor to train Michigan workers in robotics and automation. Two tracks are offered: the pre-apprenticeship manufacturing trades track (noncredit) and the welder training certification track (credit).



9. BEST-SELLING AUTHOR COMES TO MCCC

In March, Jamie Ford, author of “Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet,” which spent two years on the New York Times bestseller list, visited MCCC as part of One Book, One Community of Monroe County, a six-week community read initiative modeled after a program developed by the American Library Association.



10. STUDENT NEWSPAPER STAFF BEST IN STATE

Eleven members of the staff of the Agora, MCCC’s student newspaper, combined to win a total of 24 awards at the Michigan Community College Press Association annual conference in April at Central Michigan University. Among the eight first-place awards were General Excellence, awarded to the newspaper staff, and Student Journalist of the Year, won by Agora Editor Vanessa Ray, who took home a total of seven awards.



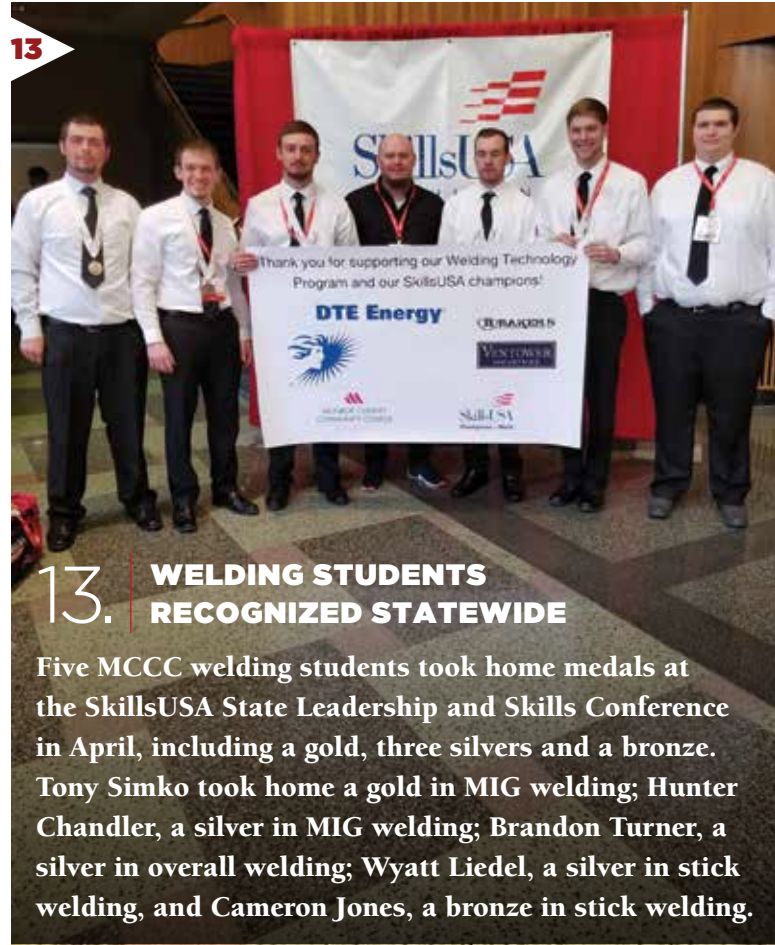
11. TOP MARKS ON NURSING LICENSURE EXAMS

As of the last reporting, MCCC’s practical nursing class of 2016 (testing in 2017) earned a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the National Council Licensure Exam for Practical Nurses. First-time NCLEX pass rates for registered nursing program students were also well above the national average. The most recent annual pass rate (2016) was 97 percent, while the national average was 81 percent.



12. CONNECTING STUDENTS WITH EMPLOYERS

MCCC hosted a Career and Opportunity Expo in April that brought together students, colleges, employers, veterans and community members. More than 70 employers were represented at the event. The college put on the event in conjunction with Siena Heights University and the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (a Michigan Works! agency).



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13. WELDING STUDENTS RECOGNIZED STATEWIDE

Five MCCC welding students took home medals at the SkillsUSA State Leadership and Skills Conference in April, including a gold, three silvers and a bronze. Tony Simko took home a gold in MIG welding; Hunter Chandler, a silver in MIG welding; Brandon Turner, a silver in overall welding; Wyatt Liedel, a silver in stick welding, and Cameron Jones, a bronze in stick welding.

14. NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT

In May, MCCC received a \$224,906 grant from the National Science Foundation for a project titled “Advanced Welder Education,” with the goal of increasing the region’s supply of qualified welders with advanced levels of education who can further research, development and innovation in the field. The three-year project started June 1 and ends May 31, 2021. MCCC is using the NSF grant to transition the offering of entry-level welding instruction, known as AWS-QC-10, to area high schools. While the college will still offer some entry-level welding classes, its focus will be on teaching advanced-level welding standards (AWS-QC-11) and incorporating the latest additions to these standards recently set forth by the American Welding Society.



15. AN INVOLVED STUDENT BODY

Student Government members presented or participated in more than 50 events last year, such as promotional events, social gatherings, fundraisers, college strategy sessions and more. Some examples included the Welcome Back BBQ for students and employees, Furry Finals (therapy dogs during final exam breaks), decorating Downtown Monroe for fall, the college Diversity Fair, participation in college mission and vision planning, the Sweetheart Ball and accompanying MCCC President Dr. Kojo Quartey to Legislation Day at the state capital. SG also has representation on MCCC’s Presidential Advisory Group and in other aspects of college decision making. Its mission is to provide an opportunity for students to have their voices heard around the campus. By supporting student organizations and planning exciting campus activities, SG works to create a fun atmosphere that fosters a community feeling among students.



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16. A FOCUS ON AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND INNOVATION

MCCC introduced a new agriculture program last year in conjunction with Michigan State University. A total of 12 students enrolled, and expectations are the program will grow to 20 or more per year. Students were busy in 2017-18 with classes covering topics such as entomology, farm management, crop science and water resource management. A new collegiate Agriculture Club was formed at MCCC, and agriculture students were part of a community farm opportunity through an Urban Farm Grant awarded to MCCC and the planting and cultivation of agricultural test plots.

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17. SERVING MORE NONCREDIT STUDENTS

In 2018, the Office of Lifelong Learning reinstated an all-county mailing of the Lifelong Learning schedules twice per year. The schedule highlights noncredit offerings at the college for both work and leisure. MCCC experienced an increase in noncredit enrollment of 6 percent as a result of this expanded outreach, and continued growth in the coming semesters is expected.

18. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAM ACHIEVES GOLD STANDARD

In May, MCCC announced that its associate of applied science in early childhood education program earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which is considered the gold standard for early childhood programs across the country. NAEYC is the foremost professional association for the early childhood field, and families of young children who attend NAEYC-accredited programs can be confident they deliver the highest quality early care and education.



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In Memoriam: Dr. James E. DeVries

Dr. James E. DeVries, who served on the MCCC Board of Trustees since 2012, died on September 13.

DeVries was a longtime educator, author and historian for Monroe County Community College, and a father and grandparent.

He was 76.

DeVries, a retired MCCC professor, was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia more than 15 years ago and was later diagnosed with cholangiocarcinoma, a

bile duct cancer.

He taught history and sociology at the college from 1970-2010 and was considered an "extraordinary professor" by his colleagues and students, as indicated by numerous nominations for the "Outstanding Faculty Award." He received the award in 1984.

He was the author of several books, including "Opportunity: The First Twenty Years, Monroe County Community College 1964-1984," and a sought after presenter, panelist and expert in numerous areas, including

history, social science, race relations, current affairs and other subjects.

DeVries was a member of the Retired Senior Volunteers Program (RSVP), where he read to and mentored students at the Juvenile Center and Manor Elementary School.

A native of Indiana, he earned a bachelor's degree from Hope College in 1964 and then served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966 in Korea. After his military service, he received a master's degree in history and a doctorate from Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

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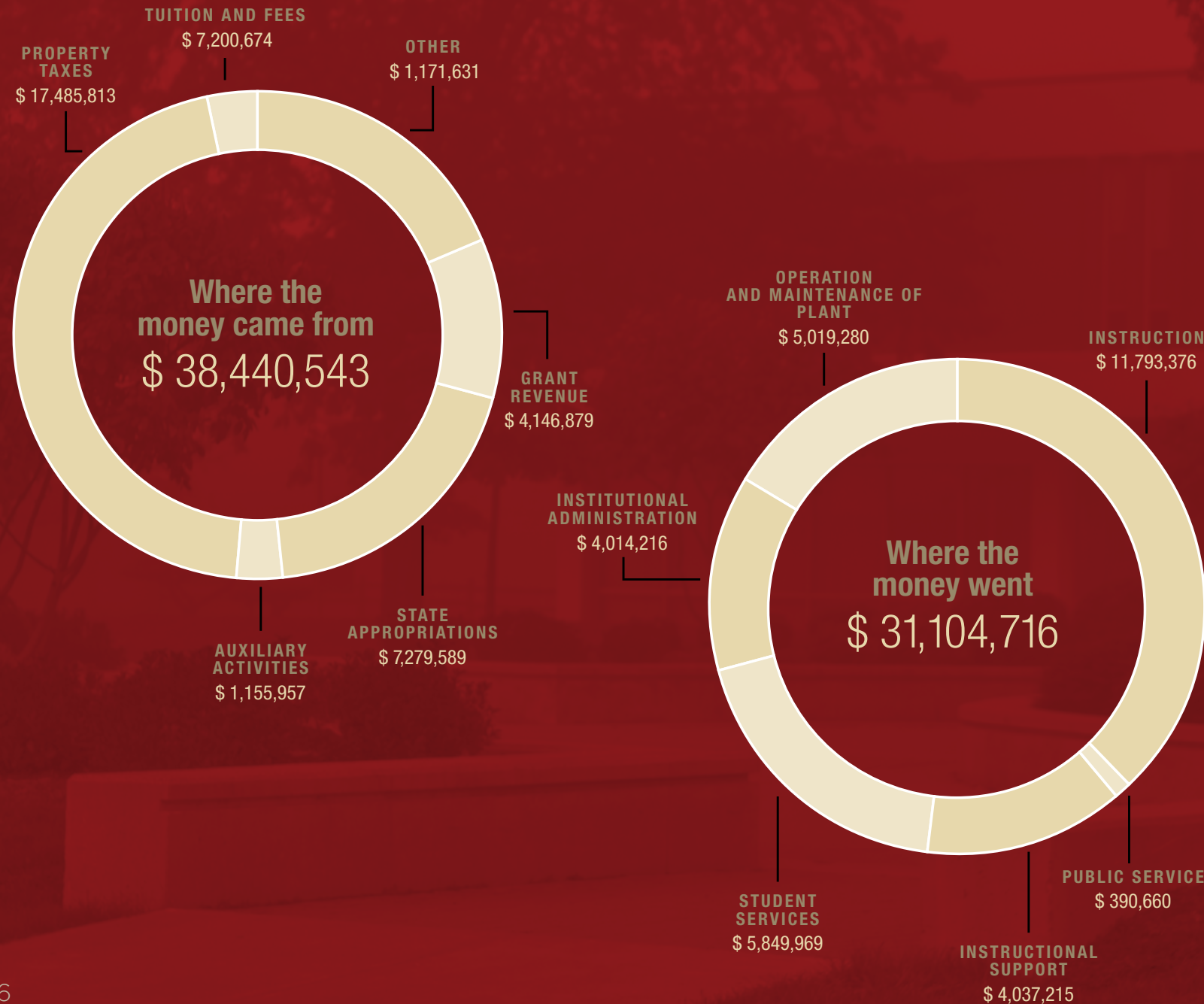
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MCCC Revenues and Expenditures

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The Foundation at MCCC

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

We received contributions totaling	\$1,094,204
Investment gains of	\$349,832
Special event revenues of	\$33,375
We received in-kind contributions for administrative services from MCCC and other in-kind support of	\$237,252
Federal funds	\$0

Which resulted in total revenues of \$1,714,663

We distributed to MCCC for scholarships and program funds	(\$786,562)
And had administrative and fund raising expenses of	(\$237,252)
And had other expenses of	(\$7,486)
Which resulted in total expenditures of	(\$1,031,300)
Resulting in a total net asset increase of	\$683,363
When combined with our net assets at June 30, 2017 of	\$6,077,026

Resulted in new net assets at June 30, 2018 \$6,760,389

The June 30, 2018 net assets are represented by	
Cash of	\$751,598
Investments of	\$5,190,599
Accounts and pledges receivable of	\$850,853
Our total assets as of June 30, 2018 were	\$6,793,050
Our total liabilities as of June 30, 2018 were	\$32,661

Our net assets, therefore, as of June 30, 2018 were \$6,760,389

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