# 2016

# Monroe County Community College









A Message from the President >

# Building the Future

**Building the Future.** These three words so perfectly capture the story of 2016-17 at Monroe County Community College. Last year, MCCC began to build not just its own future, but also the future of the community it serves.

The voters of our county approved a 5-year, .85-mill property tax levy for the college in November 2016 for maintenance and improvement needs, and MCCC immediately began work on five years of major renovations to ensure the quality of campus-wide facilities for decades to come.

In response to a need expressed by those in the community's farming industry, MCCC partnered with Michigan State University's Institute of Agricultural Technology to begin an agriculture program at the college in August. MCCC also responded to local industry needs by officially starting a new automotive service program that same month.

MCCC continued to improve local access to higher education by freezing tuition rates for county residents. The college also partnered with Spring Arbor University to improve access to higher education in the southern part of Monroe County; SAU began offering bachelor's and master's degree coursework at MCCC's Whitman Center in Temperance in fall 2016.

Also in 2016-17, MCCC made the transition from an outdated, conventional heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to a much more energy-efficient and earth-friendly geothermal-based system with a 50-year lifespan on its well field.

These are just a few examples of how MCCC – through the unwavering support of our community and dedication of our faculty and staff – is truly building the future here in Monroe County.

I invite you to turn the page to learn more about MCCC's accomplishments in 2016-17.

Kojo A. Quartey, Ph.D.

President

# Building the Future rom beginning five years of major campus maintenance and improvement projects to starting new academic programs needed in Monroe County to forging partnerships to improve local access to higher education, MCCC is building the future for both the college and the community.

# 5-Year Maintenance and Improvement Millage Passes; Several Major Projects Begin

In November 2016, Monroe County voters approved an additional .85 mill property tax levy for maintenance and improvement projects at Monroe County Community College for a period of five years. Included are projects to enhance and improve safety and security, bring facilities up to standards for people with disabilities, update technology network infrastructure, renovate specific areas to maintain and improve the academic environment, and ensure and maintain the overall quality of campus-wide facilities.

Work began in the spring on major exterior structural repairs to the Life Sciences Building to prevent the eventual collapse of connecting masonry ribs. Fifty masonry panels were removed, each weighing

approximately 8,000 pounds. The panels were designed to provide shade from the sun; they are being replaced with a modern exterior facade system that will more effectively serve this purpose.

Many campus buildings lack adequate, modern space outside the classroom for students to work both collaboratively and independently, and this issue will be addressed across campus through a number of millage projects. The first of these is an addition to the west side of the Life Sciences Building, which will include permanent seating areas and team workrooms where students can gather. I also will feature flexible furniture. ample technology, acoustics and lighting designed with collaboration in mind, a vending area and more. Construction began this summer.

Beginning in August, architects held open meetings with college employees and representative task forces to redesign and repurpose the outdated East and West Technology buildings, which will be combined to include a host of student services and instructional activities, as well as academic collaboration spaces and more.





# 5-Year Maintenance and Improvement Projects

Renovation to the culinary

program classrooms, kitchen

and student-run restaurant

Renovations to conference

Replacement of exterior seal-

Retrofitting of door hardware

to meet Americans with

Disabilities Act standards

Installation of a fire sprinkler

Coating of interior of existing

Installation of an emergency

Replacement of/upgrades

to network electronics

Replacement of/upgrades

to classroom technology

Improvement of accessibility

Renovation of the Little Theater

Adding of student study rooms

floor to improve the learning

Renovation of the basement

Waterproofing the basement

Replacement of exterior seal-

ants (joints and penetrations)

from first-floor elevator

Renovation of the second

cold water piping

lighting generator

**Campbell Learning** 

**Resources Center** 

to other floors

environment

galvanized domestic hot and

system

ants (joints and penetrations)

rooms to improve the

learning environment

#### **Campus Wide**

- Installation of a keycard door security system in all buildings
- Replacement of entire phone system
- Overhaul of security camera system
- Repairing of sidewalks
- Replacement of/upgrades to campus sound systems
- Repairing of parking lots
- Cell phone repeater system
- Performance of fiber optic loop redundancy work

#### **Audrey M. Warrick Student Services/ Administration Building**

- Installation of elevator that is accessible to students with physical disabilities
- Replacement of exterior ramps and steps at all entrances
- Installation of restrooms accessible to those with disabilities
- Replacement of flooring
- Painting
- Replacement of the roof
- Renovation of Bookstore and Administrative Suite for safety and security reasons
- Renovation of Admissions. Copy Center and Business Office areas for improved accessibility

- to meet ADA standards Installation of a
- fire sprinkler system
- Coating of interior of existing galvanized domestic hot and cold water piping

Retrofitting of door hardware

- Installation of an emergency lighting generator Replacement of/upgrades
- to network electronics Replacement of/upgrades
- to classroom technology Replacement of/upgrades to wireless network

# **East and West Technology**

- Combining of twin buildings into one to accommodate a wide range of student services, instructional activities, student collaboration spaces and more
- Renovation of classrooms previously used for skilled trades programs for general use
- Installation of restrooms accessible to those with disabilities
- Replacement of the roof on the East Technology Building
- Replacement of exterior sealants (joints and penetrations)
- Retrofitting of door hardware to meet ADA standards
- Installation of a fire sprinkler system
- Coating of interior of existing galvanized domestic hot and cold water piping
- Installation of an emergency lighting generator
- Replacement of/upgrades to network electronics

- Replacement of/upgrades to classroom technology
- Installation of permanent student lounge seating area

#### Health Education Building

- Replacement of exterior metal cladding system
- Replacement of exterior door/window framing system
- Addition of space and renovation of current space for possible program expansion
- Renovation of atrium for improved student interaction and learning
- Renovation of office suite for improved safety
- Installation of an emergency lighting generator

to classroom technology

 Replacement of/upgrades to network electronics Replacement of/upgrades

#### **Life Sciences Building**

- Performance of major exterior structural repairs to prevent eventual collapse of connecting masonry ribs
- Installation of restrooms accessible to those with
- Renovation of first and second floors to improve accessibility
- Addition of space to improve the learning environment
- Addition of student collaboration areas
- Retrofitting of door hardware to meet ADA standards
- Installation of a fire sprinkler system

- Coating of interior of existing galvanized domestic cold water piping
- Installation of an emergency lighting generator
- Replacement of/upgrades to network electronics
- Replacement of/upgrades to classroom technology

#### **Physical Plant**

 Renovation of storage facilities for grounds/ maintenance purposes

#### **La-Z-Boy Center**

- · Cleaning and sealing of exterior masonry
- Replacement of exterior sealants (joints and penetrations)

#### **Whitman Center** (Temperance)

- Performance of structural remediation work due to sinking support columns
- Renovation of current spaces to improve the learning environment, as well as safety and security
- Addition of a science laboratory
- Replacement of flooring
- Painting of entrance canopy
- Installation of an emergency lighting generator
- Installation of a keycard door security system (part of campus-wide project)
- Repairing of parking lot (part of campus-wide repairs)
- Cleaning and sealing of exterior masonry
- Replacement of exterior sealants (joints and penetrations)
- Replacement of window sills and sealants



Whitman Center 7777 LEWIS AVENUE



#### **CAMPUS FACILITIES NOW HEATED** AND COOLED BY ENERGY-EFFICIENT. **EARTH-FRIENDLY GEOTHERMAL** SYSTEM

MCCC officials formally recognized the college's switchover from an outdated, conventional heating, ventilation and air conditioning system to a much more energy-efficient and earth-friendly geothermal-based system during a ribbon-cutting ceremony in August. The ribbon cutting was the culmination of a 2-year, \$16.1 million project financed by the college over 20 years that has completely transformed the way it heats and cools most of its buildings on its Main Campus, while providing major cost and environmental benefits. The geothermalbased system will result in significant energy cost savings for MCCC, has a 50-year lifespan on its well field that is double that of a conventional system and will greatly reduce the college's carbon footprint. Ameresco, Inc., a leading energy efficiency and renewable energy services provider, was the engineer and general contractor for the project.

Geothermal-based HVAC brings MCCC's buildings into harmony with the earth beneath by taking advantage of subterranean temperatures to provide heating in colderweather months and cooling in warmer-weather months.

The college is guaranteed to reduce its previous yearly energy consumption by about 160,000 kilowatt hours annually and save about \$5.55 million in electricity, gas and water costs over the next 20 years. However, the system will likely save far more. According to Ameresco, MCCC will reduce its carbon emissions by 1,068 metric

tons per year. Based on the Environmental Protection Agency's Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator, the annual green benefit from this reduction each year is equal to 2.6 million road miles driven by an average passenger vehicle, 120,176 gallons of gasoline consumed or 1.14 million pounds of coal burned.

#### NEW AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE PROGRAM INTRODUCED

In April, MCCC officially introduced a new automotive service program and began recruiting students for Fall Semester. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the automotive service technology employment outlook in Michigan will grow by about 11 percent by the early 2020s. MCCC expects to enroll between 20-35 students in the program annually.

The automotive service program is housed in the Career Technology Center, a \$17 million, 60,000-square-foot facility that opened in 2013 to deliver instruction and skills necessary to secure high-growth, high-demand and high-paying jobs. An automotive lab was built as part of the CTC to accommodate the planned new program, and nearly \$200,000 worth of equipment, such as tire service equipment, an alignment machine and hoists, was installed.

#### MCCC. MSU PARTNER TO MAKE AGRICULTURE PROGRAM AVAILABLE IN MONROE

In the spring, MCCC partnered with Michigan State University to launch an agriculture program that provides students with a solid background in plant and soil science, precision agriculture, agriculture management,

entomology, plant pathology and additional fundamentals of agriculture. Students can earn a certificate in agricultural operations and/or an associate of applied science in agriculture/ag operations.

The certificate, awarded by MSU, includes 34 credits of agriculture-oriented courses through the Institute of Agricultural Technology, combined with a minimum of 21 additional credits from MCCC to total 55 credits. The associate of applied science, awarded by MCCC, includes 34 credits offered by the MSU Institute of Agricultural Technology plus 19-20 general education credits and up to seven elective credits from MCCC to equal 60 total credits.

Graduates typically will find employment opportunities in:

- Equipment retail sales and service
- Farm operations
- Crop production management
- Production and agriculture service companies
- Crop and farm product processing facilities
- Agribusiness opportunities such as farm insurance, commodity marketing and farm supply businesses

#### MCCC. SPRING ARBOR WORK SIDE BY SIDE TO BETTER SERVE BEDFORD

Spring Arbor University relocated its Metro-Toledo site to Monroe County Community College's Whitman Center in Temperance and began offering classes there in the fall of 2016. The move provides the Bedford community with convenient and affordable access to associate, bachelor's and master's degree programs — all in one location.

# Affordable, Personalized Instruction and Practical Application

#### **At Monroe County Community College**

the focus is on affordable, personalized instruction and practical application.

MCCC students finish their studies at the college with little to no debt and are fully prepared to excel in the workforce and in further higher educational endeavors.



# TUITION RATE FROZEN FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

In 2017, MCCC froze the Fall Semester tuition rate at \$107 per billable contact hour for students who are Monroe County residents. "The Monroe County Community College Board of Trustees is committed to affordable, quality higher education in Monroe County, and attracting and retaining students is a top priority," said Board Chair Lynette Dowler. "With that, we unanimously voted for a 'zero increase' in resident tuition for Fall Semester 2017. We want MCCC to be the college of choice for county residents."

#### NEW AUTOMATIC SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON COUNTY RESIDENCY AND ACT/SAT SCORES

MCCC introduced the Trustee Merit Scholarship Program in February 2016, and the first students to receive these automatic scholarships enrolled for Fall Semester 2017. The program provides automatic scholarships based on ACT or SAT scores for students who are enrolling full-time at MCCC for the first time or are recent high school graduates who have dual enrolled at MCCC. Students must be Monroe County, Michigan residents, and their

ACT or SAT scores can be no more than five years old. The scholarships are renewable for a second year based on satisfactory academic progress. Trustee Merit Scholarship award winners received awards that equaled between approximately one-third and one-half of tuition.

# STUDENTS ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY SHOW

In fall 2016, MCCC students in the Applied Science and Engineering Technology Division attended the International Manufacturing Technology Show at McCormick Place in Chicago. The trip was made possible with funding from The Foundation at MCCC's Enhancement Grant Program, and allowed the students to learn first-hand from machine tool, welding, robotic, automation and instrumentation suppliers from around the world.

#### STUDENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS STUDY IN ITALY AND GREECE

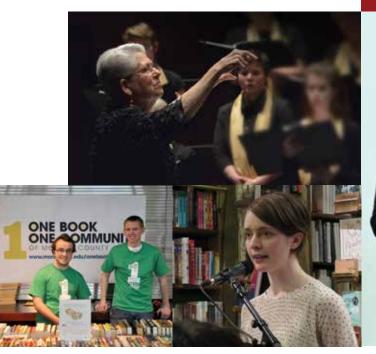
In the spring, students and community members, led by MCCC faculty members, studied abroad in Italy and Greece, making stops in Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rome and Sorrento, Italy; the ancient Roman town-city of Pompeii; Patras and Athens, Greece, and the ancient Greek sanctuary of Delphi. The trip ended with a Greek islands cruise. In conjunction with the trip, the following classes were offered: Global Business Marketplace in Mediterranean Europe, Poetry and Drama, and Comparative Politics. This was MCCC's sixth Study Abroad trip. Previous trips took students to Spain, Western Europe, Southeast Asia, Central Europe, Austria, Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

# GAINING EXPERIENCE WHILE TREATING THE COMMUNITY TO FINE DINING

The second-year culinary skills and management program students treated hundreds of community members to fine dining at MCCC's Cuisine 1300 restaurant in the fall and during a host of gourmet buffets in the spring under the direction of Chef Kevin Thomas and Chef Vicki LaValle.

Cuisine 1300, located in the Audrey M. Warrick Administration Building, is a fine dining experience open to the public by reservation only and includes fine cuisine at affordable prices. The buffets are ticketed events. Among the buffets offered in the spring were "Latin and South American," "Tropical Paradise" and "Foods of the Great Lakes State." Students design and prepare the menus for both the restaurant and the buffets.





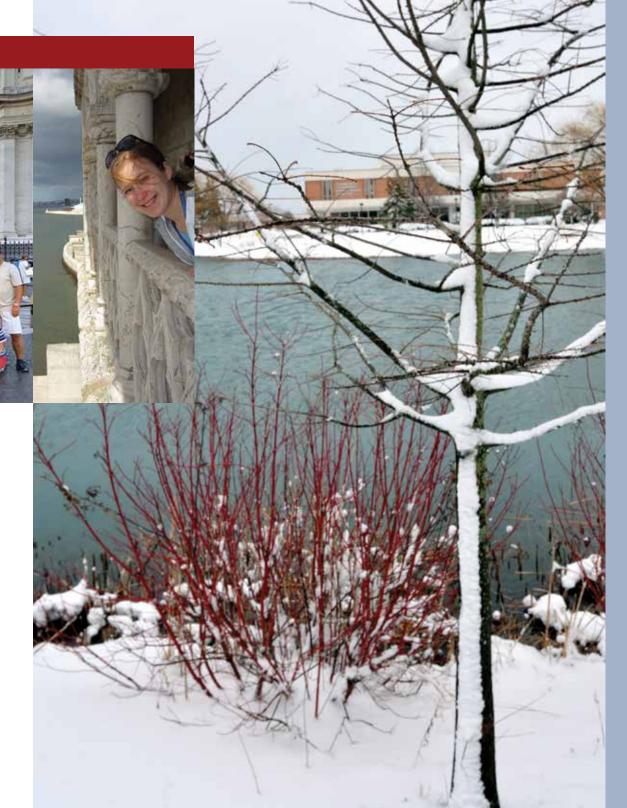


# INNOVATIVE PROJECTS THAT ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

In April, The Foundation at Monroe County Community College announced the recipients of the 2017 Enhancement Grants Program awards. These awards assist faculty, staff and students by providing funding for the development and implementation of innovative projects that support the MCCC mission and enrich or improve the quality of education for students. A total of \$26,350 was awarded to 12 projects.

- MCCC Prelude Children's Choir, applicant
   Catherine Brodie, Agora Chorale and Prelude Children's
   Choir director
- Michigan Nurses March, applicant Denise Robinson, assistant professor of nursing
- The Agora, College Media Association National Convention, applicant Dan Shaw, assistant professor of journalism
- One Book, One Community Guest Speaker and Author, applicant Cheryl Johnston, coordinator, One Book, One Community of Monroe County
- Heart and Lung Dissection Presentations to Monroe County Elementary and Middle School Children, applicant Bonnie Boggs, retired director of respiratory therapy
- VEX Robotics Event, applicant Michael Mohn, adjunct instructor and club advisor

- Pride Prom, applicants MCCC Gay/Straight Alliance and Dr. Melissa Grey, professor of psychology and club advisor
- Constitution Day Show, applicant Deminique Heiks, instructor of criminal justice
- Global Studies Outreach, applicant Dr. Joanna Sabo, professor of political science
- FABTECH 2017, applicant Stephen Hasselbach, instructor of welding
- MiAEYC Early Childhood Conference, applicant Felice Moorman, assistant professor of early childhood education
- National Student Day, applicant Amy Salliotte, administrative assistant to the director of purchasing and auxiliary services



# POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENTS ORGANIZE POLITICAL INFORMATION FORUM

Political science students at MCCC organized a political information forum for the 2016 election that provided an opportunity for students and community members to become familiar with candidates and issues on the ballot in Monroe County. A voter registration table was also available and staffed by student volunteers.

# RESPIRATORY THERAPY CLUB ORGANIZES COMMUNITY FLU SHOT CLINIC AT MCCC

The 2nd-Year Respiratory Therapy Club organized and sponsored a community flu shot clinic in fall 2016 at MCCC. The clinic took place in the Gerald Welch Health Education Building, and anyone age 8 and older wishing to get a flu shot received one, including those without insurance. The flu shots were administered by a certified CVS pharmacist.

### MCCC NOW A FANUC-AMERICA CERTIFIED CNC EDUCATION TRAINING FACILITY

Last year, MCCC became a FANUC-America Certified Education CNC (computer numerical control) training facility offering students industry-recognized credentials. Upon graduation, students are qualified to work in manufacturing with FANUC CNC equipment. FANUC America, headquartered in Rochester Hills, is a subsidiary of FANUC Corporation in Japan and provides industry-leading robotics, CNC systems and factory automation.

"FANUC America's Certified Education CNC Training program addresses the industry need for skilled workers," said Dean Steadman, education program manager at FANUC America. "Schools that offer a FANUC Certified Education CNC program provide qualified students the best possible training for high-tech careers as operators and programmers."

#### MCCC ACCOUNTING PROGRAM PARTNERS WITH IRS TO PROVIDE FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

In March and early April, Monroe County Community College's accounting program partnered with the Internal Revenue Service to provide Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) for low- to moderate-income taxpayers who needed assistance preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provided free, basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals. The program was coordinated by faculty member Parnella Baul and MCCC accounting students. It was available one day a week in the Career Technology Center on MCCC's Main Campus.



# Cultural Enrichment, Current Affairs and Diversity



Through course offerings, campus and community events, student and group activities and other initiatives, MCCC is committed to being a community hub for cultural enrichment, current affairs and diversity.









#### CULTURE AND CURRENT AFFAIRS SPEAKERS SERIES ADDRESSES VARIETY OF KEY TOPICS

MCCC'S Culture and Current Affairs Speakers Series, which features MCCC faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members with expertise on a variety of cultural, political or social topics of importance and interest, covered a wide variety of prevalent news items in 2016-17. Among the events were:

- "Protecting our Communities," a forum featuring Dave Uhl, a veteran law enforcement officer and Dundee village manager, and First Lt. Tony Cuevas of the Michigan State Police, Monroe Branch.
- "Protests During the National Anthem, Right or Wrong," a panel discussion that included Cathy Brodie, MCCC adjunct instructor and Agora Chorale director; Tinola Mayfield-Guerrero, adjunct instructor of sociology at MCCC and women and gender studies at the University of Toledo; Catina Polk, adjunct instructor of social sciences at MCCC; Dave Uhl, veteran law enforcement officer and Dundee village manager; former State Representative Bill LaVoy, and Robin West Smith, adjunct instructor of sociology at MCCC.
- A panel discussion on post-election healing in America that featured Pastor Heather Boone of Oaks of Righteousness Christian Ministries; Dr. James DeVries, MCCC board member and retired sociology and history professor at MCCC; Joel Fiedler, adjunct instructor of sociology at MCCC; Javed Peracha,

MCCC Student Government officer, and Robin West Smith, adjunct instructor of sociology at MCCC.

#### MCCC HOSTS MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF CANDIDATE FORUM

In November 2016, MCCC hosted a Monroe County Sheriff Candidate Forum featuring the two candidates for sheriff, Republican David W. Uhl and Democrat Dale Malone. It was moderated by Michelle Paled of Monroe County Radio.

#### **CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

In honor of February as Black History Month, MCCC sponsored numerous free events. They included:

- "Women in Jazz and Notes at Noon," a presentation and musical performance by Galen Abdur Razzaq of Flute Juice Productions.
- African American Poetry Night, sponsored by the MCCC Writing Center.
- Notes at Noon Bubba Wilson & Band.
- "The Role of the NAACP in Civil Rights," a presentation by NAACP representatives.
- "Black Progress in America," a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Kojo A. Quartey, MCCC president.
- "Demystifying Africa," a presentation by Quartey.

#### HONORING DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Monroe County Community College celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his contributions to racial justice and equality with a number of Diversity Week events in January. These included a presentation by MCCC President Dr. Kojo Quartey titled "Immigration Pros/Cons – A Discussion," a "We Shall Overcome" March Simulation, an "Increasing Diversity in Law Enforcement" presentation, a "Challenges of Poverty in the Black Community" presentation by retired MCCC faculty member Bob Leski, and a Diversity and Service Fair. As part of the Diversity and Service Fair, international dishes prepared by MCCC employees were available in the Admissions and Guidance Office corridor of the









Audrey M. Warrick Student Services/Administration Building. In addition, the Grade A Café, located in the same building, offered an "International Trio of Entrées."

# STUDENTS BRING AWARENESS TO THE TENETS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS

In recognition of the International Day for Tolerance in November 2016, the students in MCCC's International Studies Club hosted a panel discussion on religion. Dr. Joanna Sabo, professor of political science, served as the moderator and opened the program with a discussion of the First Amendment. The goal of the panel discussion was to bring awareness about the tenets of different faiths. Panel participants represented faiths such as Catholic, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Greek

Orthodox, Islam, Hindu and Siddah Yoga. The MCCC International Studies Club promotes the study and awareness of other countries and cultural issues. Members participate in fundraisers, social events, campus awareness activities and field trips.

#### MUSIC, COMEDY AND MORE

In 2016-17, MCCC hosted a diverse group of comedic, musical and special event performances, as well as other cultural and community events. Among them were acts such as Shenandoah, Bee Gees Gold, comedian Brad Wenzel, Classic Albums Live/The Beatles' "Abbey Road," the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, "Say Goodnight Gracie," and children's shows "Junie B. Jones" and "Miss Nelson is Missing."

#### VISITING ARTISTS SPEAK, DISPLAY WORK

MCCC hosted lectures and public displays by two visiting artists in spring 2017: Beatrix Reinhardt, a photographer whose work can be found in a number of corporate, museum, private and university collections across the U.S. and abroad, and Sharon Bladholm, who synthesizes art, science, nature and conservation in her work and has expertise in a variety of disciplines, including cast glass, bronze and ceramic in the sculptural realm, as well as stained glass, printmaking and works on paper.



#### As a community-focused institution,

MCCC strives to make life and work more meaningful and rewarding for everyone we serve. However, this effort is never the product of a singular act; rather, it's the result of many people working together to support the events and partnerships that extend our "campus" far beyond our walls.

# LEADING THE STATE IN COMMUNITY COLLEGE MARKETING AWARDS

MCCC won 10 District 3 Medallion Awards for community college communications at the District 3 Conference of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations in Ann Arbor in the fall of 2016 – more than any other community college in Michigan and the third-most among colleges in the five states and one province that

comprise the district. NCMPR is the only organization of its kind that connects marketing and public relations professionals at community and technical colleges, and its Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communication, honoring excellence exclusively at two-year colleges. District 3 includes Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and the Canadian province of Ontario. Below is the list of the awards won by MCCC.

- Gold: Lifelong Learning Schedule
- Gold: Current Affairs and Diversity Flier Series
- Silver: TV Ad: "I AM MCCC Chef Ad"
- Silver: Annual Report to the Community
- Silver: "Education Matters" with Dr. Kojo Quartey (TV Program)
- Silver: "WE ARE MCCC" Online Advertising
- Silver: Antiques in April Poster
- Bronze: "Quick Guide for Adult College Students"

  Brochure
- Bronze: Campus/Community Events Season

Poster Series

Bronze: TV Ad Series: "General Ad," "Nurse,"
 "Financial Planner"

# TWO NEW MCCC TRUSTEES SWORN IN: BOARD OFFICERS ELECTED

In January, William T. Bruck and Steven Hill were sworn in as MCCC trustees by Judge Michael Weipert of Monroe County's 38th Circuit Court. Each is serving for a six-year term. The Board of Trustees also elected new officers. Lynette Dowler was elected chair, Mary Kay Thayer was elected vice chair and Aaron Mason was elected secretary. Each officer is serving for a two-year term.

#### PROMOTING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

MCCC hosted a Business and Industry Safety Expo and Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration Update in March. The event included vendor booths showcasing the latest in industrial safety equipment and services, as well as a keynote by Nella Davis-Ray, program director for the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Consultation Education and Training Division.

#### A COMMUNITY "READ"

One Book, One Community of Monroe County 2017 featured more than a month of events in the spring that were planned around themes in "Station Eleven," a novel by Emily St. John Mandel. Set in a post-apocalyptic North America, "Station Eleven" was published in 2014 and is the story of the Traveling Symphony, a troupe of Shakespearean actors and musicians who follow the shoreline of the Great Lakes. Readers are transported into a world dramatically altered by a flu pandemic that destroys 99 percent of the population.

One Book, One Community of Monroe County, modeled after a program developed by the American Library Association, promotes the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links community members in a common conversation through readings, group discussions, programs and other events. Founding partners are Monroe County Community College, The Foundation at MCCC, Monroe County Library System and Monroe News.

# STUDENTS ORGANIZE NIGHT OF FUN FOR FAMILIES

MCCC Student Government members organized and hosted Family Fun Night in April in the Gerald Welch Health Education Building, drawing more than 700 children and adults. This event, designed to be an inexpensive night out for families, featured various carnival-type games, prizes, refreshments, face painting, family photos, magicians, giant inflatables, fire trucks and more. MCCC and Siena Heights University were contributing sponsors.

# MCCC CELEBRATES 50TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Monroe County Community College celebrated its 50th Annual Commencement Ceremony in late April in the Gerald Welch Health Education Building. Student addresses were made by graduates Clayton W. Blackwell and Jennifer E. Cline. Cheryl A. Johnston was awarded the position of honorary grand marshal for the ceremony. In May, Johnston retired from her position of assistant professor of reading and English after 34 years. Also at the ceremony, the 2017 Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to local business owner and 1971 graduate William J. Bacarella, who served as an elected trustee of

MCCC – including multiple terms as chair – from 1978-2015, making him the longest-serving trustee in the history of the college.

# BUILIDING WORKFORCES WITH REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS

In April, MCCC held a free session in the La-Z-Boy Center for employers, educators, workforce development officials, elected officials and veterans agency representatives about the U.S. Department of Labor's Registered Apprenticeship System. The session, titled "Build Your Workforce with Registered Apprenticeships," outlined the steps involved in developing and taking advantage of apprenticeships, which can be accomplished at the local level in partnership with MCCC.

The Registered Apprenticeship System has been utilized to meet the needs of America's skilled workforce for more than 75 years. It is a unique, flexible training system that combines job-related, technical instruction with structured, on-the-job learning experiences. The system is highly active in traditional manufacturing trades, but it is also instrumental in the training and development of other emerging industries.



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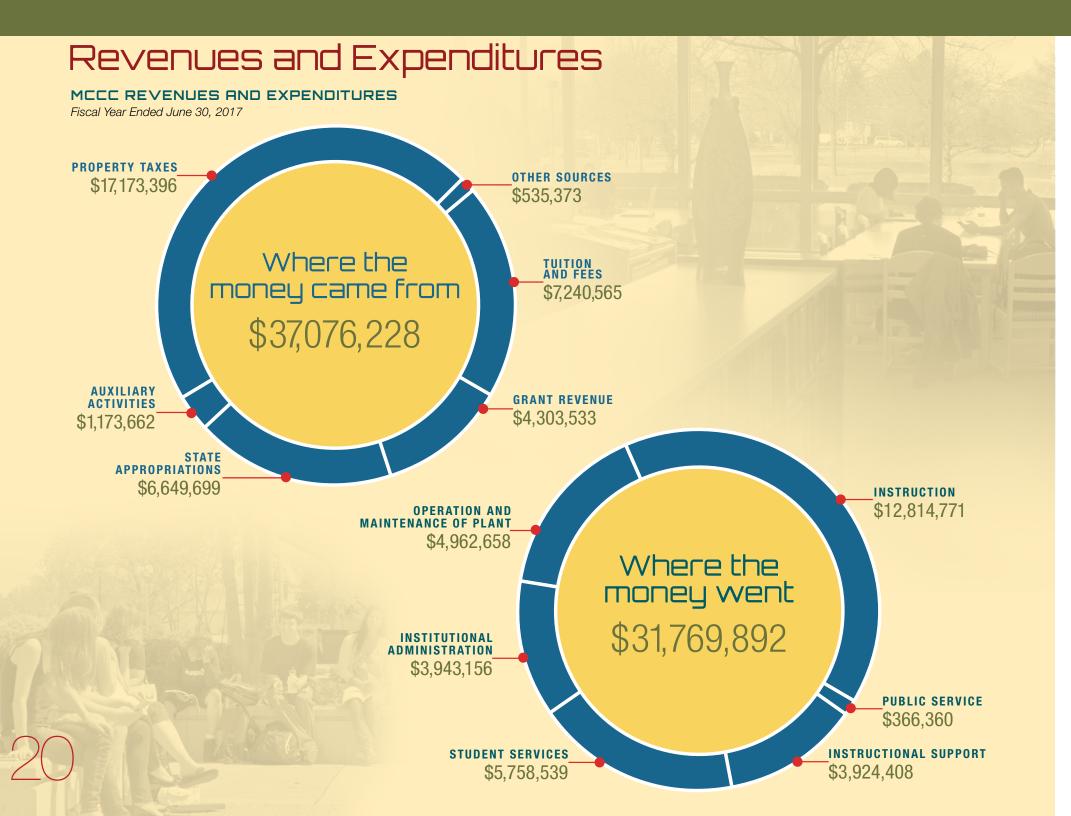
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We received contributions totaling	\$658,476
Investment gains of	\$484,841
Special event revenues of	\$34,255
We received in-kind contributions for administrative services from MCCC and other in-kind support of	\$217,508
Other	\$17,494
Which resulted in total revenues of	\$1,412,574
We distributed to MCCC for scholarships and program funds	(\$393,701)
And had administrative and fund raising expenses of	(\$217,508)
And had other expenses of	(\$7,128)
Which resulted in total expenditures of	(\$618,337)
Resulting in a total net asset increase of	\$794,237
When combined with our net assets at June 30, 2016 of	\$5,282,789
Resulted in new net assets at June 30, 2017	\$6,077,026
The June 30, 2017 net assets are represented by	
Cash of	\$942,368
Investments of	\$4,839,652
	\$315,562
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