

THE FOUNDATION

at MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Enhancement Grants Program 2017 Awards Ceremony April 26, 2017

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The Foundation Board of Directors allocated \$15,000 for the 2017 Enhancement Grants Program. Grant applications were requested for amounts ranging from \$300 and up to the maximum \$3,000.

This year, The Foundation at MCCC's Enhancement Grants Program Committee received and reviewed 13 grant applications requesting a total of \$26,350.

The Foundation Enhancement Grants Program Committee

The committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing applications and the exceedingly difficult task of rendering funding determinations. They have our sincere gratitude for undertaking this difficult task. The committee's members are:

Dr. Randell Daniels, Vice President of Student and Information Services
Jean Guyor, Foundation Director
Linda Hawley, Accountant
John Joy, Retiree
Aaron Mason, MCCC Trustee
Susan R. S. Miller, Foundation Director

The Awards

The Foundation is proud to support the varied needs of the MCCC campus community through the Enhancement Grants Program. The Board of Directors of The Foundation is pleased to announce that twelve of the thirteen applications received are being funded. The recipients are:

MCCC Prelude Children’s Choir

Applicant: Catherine Brodie

Award: \$1,600

Prelude was started to provide young singers who excel in music with a chance to learn a varied repertoire vocal exercises, rudiments of good breathing, posture, tone quality, diction, balance, and blend as well as being introduced to part singing, harmony, ear training, and shared vision of solid performance. Prelude has grown nearly every year since it started in 2011. The objectives of Prelude are to learn about world cultures and traditions, American folk songs, music reading, elements of vocal tone, breathing, music notation, rhythmic notation, and harmony. These funds will be used to acquire music literature and offer support to students in the form of need-based scholarships.

Michigan Nurses March

Application: Denise Robinson

Award: \$600

This grant will help to achieve the goal of sending all MCCC senior nursing students to Lansing for the Michigan Nurses March in 2018. The Michigan Nurses March is an annual event hosted by the Michigan Nurses Association. The event conveys the power and need for political advocacy in order to benefit communities and the health care system. Registered Nurses and nursing students from across Michigan gather at the Lansing Center for an educational conference followed by the entire group marching to the State Capitol for a press conference. Guest speakers include nurse researchers and state legislatures. Nursing students learn current legislative acts and efforts, skills needed to be an effective legislative advocate, and the power of collective advocacy to benefit public safety and the health care system.

The Agora, College Media Association National Convention

Applicant: Dan Shaw

Award: \$1,500

This funding will allow the members of *The Agora* staff to attend the 2017 National College Media Association National Convention in New York City. Featuring nationally recognized speakers and more than 250 workshops, the convention will expose members of The Agora staff to some of the best minds in journalism, introduce them to the media capital of the world, and give them training in both fundamental journalism skills and emerging new media. Journalism is changing so fast, with so many new ways to tell stories, it can be a confusing landscape. The National College Media Association prepares journalism students for a future that is already here. Students can slip in and out of hundreds of sessions, with topics ranging from mining social media to video editing – along with the basics of reporting and writing for print, broadcast, the web and mobile.

One Book One Community – Guest Speaker and Author

Applicant: Cheryl Johnston

Award: \$1,500

Each year, the One Book, One Community (OBOC) of Monroe County selection committee chooses a readily available and discussable book written by a major author, and invites Monroe County residents to read the same book at the same time, and discuss it through a series of free programs running approximately one month. Each year's events feature book discussions and free county-wide community activities related to the themes raised by provocative and inspiring stories. One Book, One Community of Monroe County aims to enrich the experience of reading for everyone, regardless of race, gender, age, income or the neighborhood they call home. Each year the OBOC committee has successfully grown the program. This grant funding will be used to enhance the programming being offered as part of the One Book, One Community reading initiative in 2018, which will commemorate the 12th year of bringing our community together through a common read.

Heart and Lung Dissection Presentations to Monroe County Elementary and Middle School Children

Applicant: Bonnie Boggs

Award: \$2,200

Funding from this award supports the Respiratory Therapy Program service learning project where faculty and students take heart/lung specimens, supplies and teaching models to over 1,700 Monroe County public, private and parochial school students in 5th through 8th grades. Included in the lesson are the anatomy and physiology of the heart and lungs, the effects of tobacco and other substances on these systems, health career information on respiratory therapy and encouragement to take math and sciences in high school.

VEX Robotics Event

Applicant: Michael Mohn

Award: \$2,250

The MCCC Robotics Team (VEX Team Virus) will again host a VEX Robotics Event at the Monroe County Fair and the VEX IQ program in Monroe County in support of the STEM initiative embraced by MCCC. The VEX program has nearly tripled in sized during the last season, supporting teams at every level of the VEX platform from third grade through the collegiate level. This past year alone over 5,000 student hours were utilized. The VEX Robotics Design System offers students an exciting platform for learning about areas rich with career opportunities spanning science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Beyond science and engineering principles, a VEX Robotics project encourages

teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups. It also allows educators to easily customize projects to meet the level of students' abilities. VEX IQ is a robotics platform designed to transform STEM learning for young students. Students can jump right in and snap robots together using this intuitive toolless system. This past year MCCC VEX saw much success with eight teams participating in the Michigan State Championships and three teams qualifying for the World Championship.

Pride Prom

Applicant: MCCC Gay/Straight Alliance – Melissa Grey, advisor

Award: \$300

This grant will fund a community-wide diversity-friendly dance hosted by the Monroe County Community College Gay-Straight Alliance. The dance will provide individuals the opportunity to express themselves in a fun social setting, and will be offered to area high school students and college students. The Pride Prom offers the only openly affirming dance in Monroe for college students, youth, and other community members of all sexual orientations, gender expressions, and relationship types. This dance, hosted for the fourth time, fosters a unique LGBTQ-friendly environment where all are welcome and not judged. Many of those in the surrounding area in non-traditional relationships feel judged and put on display in dances that are noticeably heteronormative, but the Pride Prom offers a space to feel part of a special event and, at the same time, to feel quite ordinary to just be themselves.

Constitution Day Show

Applicant: Demi Heiks

Award: \$400

According to a poll by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, only 44 percent of college graduates identified Elena Kagan as a Supreme Court Justice, while 10 percent believe television star Judge Judy is on the Supreme Court. The importance of The Constitution to each and every citizen is the reason the federal government requires educational institutions that receive federal funds to hold an educational program about the U.S. Constitution for its students. The Humanities and Social Sciences Department has led Constitution Day efforts on the campus for the past few years, and with this funding the division hopes to build upon last year's Constitution Day exhibition. The program, hosted by a panel of speakers, will connect student groups from around campus to demonstrate the Constitution in action through a series of vignettes. During these performances, students and staff will demonstrate the power of the Constitution. After each performance, the audience will have a chance to ask questions to the panel. Student participants and everyone in the audience will also receive a copy of the Constitution.

Global Studies Outreach

Applicant: Dr. Joanna Sabo

Award: \$700

Funding will be used to pay for a bus to take students to an international lecture at a nearby 4-year institution, exposing them to world-renowned experts. One of the requirements of the Global Studies designation is for students to begin a portfolio of international experiences. This grant will be used to help students build this portfolio by attending and participating in an engaging internationally-themed event.

FABTECH 2017

Applicant: Stephen Hasselbach

Award: \$2,000

FABTECH is North America's largest metal forming and fabricating event debuted in Cleveland, Ohio in 1981. Since its beginning, FABTECH has grown from a regional trade show serving a few hundred attending companies, to North America's most authoritative event for metal forming, fabricating, welding and finishing. The students in the Applied Science and Engineering Technology Division (ASET) will be supported by the grant dollars to attend FABTECH 2017 in Chicago (IMTS), Illinois and explore 1,300 exhibiting companies, 500+ new products, 100+ educational programs and more. Students will get to broaden their perspective and experience the future of manufacturing through hands-on live demonstrations, top-notch education programs and networking opportunities. There, students were able to try out new technologies. Students in the career & technical education programs will be exposed to advanced automated systems and combined process technologies for the next generation of welding and machining. Both welding and machining are very lucrative careers in advanced manufacturing.

MiAEYC Early Childhood Conference

Applicant: Felice Moorman

Award: \$1,500

This award will support the travel of second-year MCCC Early Childhood Education Students to the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children (MiAEYC) Annual Early Childhood Conference in Grand Rapids. The conference provides multiple sessions in which various early childhood experts and practitioners discuss and engage participants in various topics of importance in early childhood education. The topics address care and competency areas including child development and learning, family and community collaboration, child communication and guidance, health and safety, and professionalism. The conference will enhance students' knowledge obtained traditionally through didactic instruction and field experiences. The benefits include the opportunity to expand students' knowledge of early childhood education acquired through

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classroom instruction and field experiences, through participation in an interactive forum with early childhood practitioners and experts.

National Student Day

Applicant: Amy Salliotte

Award: \$450

This funding will offset the costs of hosting National Student Day events on the MCCC campus. National Student Day was started by the National Association of College Stores (NACS) in 2011, and is designed to promote student volunteerism and social responsibility through a variety of exciting store events. This day gives the MCCC bookstore a chance to foster a more positive relationship with students by reinforcing the bookstore's activities as a socially responsible business, building a sense of community on campus, and helping students explore ways in which they can volunteer their time to important causes. The grant will help bring back additional activities for the students to participate in that were previously eliminated due to budget constraints. Activities for the day will include games to promote participation in the event, special pricing on clothing items in the bookstore during the event, entertainment and food.

Congratulations to this year's recipients!

The Foundation at MCCC's Board of Directors would like to thank our many donors who make this grants program possible.