



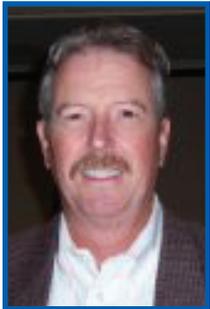
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# REFLECTIONS

News from Muskegon Community College

## Focus On MCC Alumni Association

Board Member: Roy Cowdery



### "Greek Life" Large Part of 70s Campus Activities

Fresh out of the military in 1969 and anxious to re-establish his life back in hometown Muskegon, Roy Cowdery recognized right away that joining one of Muskegon Community College's thriving fraternities would be a good way to make new friends while having a great time. It did not take long for freshman Cowdery to learn that his initial instincts were right on target.

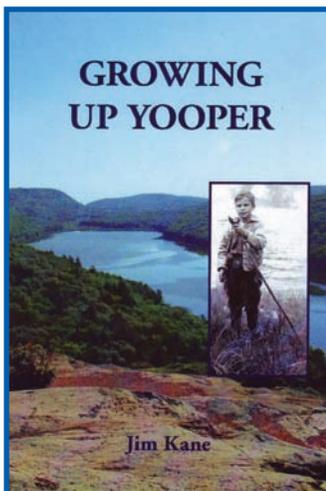
"I joined the Sigs (Sigma Iota Gamma) soon after I enrolled at 'Community' and then the fun began," Cowdery recalls. The fraternities were the center of campus social life back then, and "almost every major party" was organized by one of two groups---the Sigs or the "Lambs" (Lambda Alpha). He recalls fondly the camaraderie and events like the "Cotillion," a formal social event organized by the fraternities.

This past summer, a reunion of fraternity members from the 70's was organized and held in downtown Muskegon at the Muskegon Athletic Club restaurant. The word on the street indicates that nearly 40 years later the former frat buddies have not lost a beat when it comes to having fun.

Following his two years at Muskegon Community College, Roy Cowdery went on to earn his B.A. degree in finance from Michigan State University in 1973, and later, an M.B.A. degree from Western Michigan University in 1977.

Currently serving as Sales Manager for Quality Tool & Stamping in Muskegon, Cowdery spent 25 years living and working on the West Coast as vice president and general manager for the San Jose operations of Holland Hitch. His two adult sons, both electricians, still live in the San Jose area, providing Roy with excellent opportunities to enjoy the California weather on occasion.

Cowdery owned and operated a sign company in Grand Haven for nearly four years prior to joining Quality Tool. He admits to a major fondness for West Michigan as the key reason for drawing him back to hometown Muskegon. Roy is an active member of the Muskegon Rotary Club and currently resides in North Muskegon.



## Retired MCC Instructor Publishes New Book

Jim Kane, retired Muskegon Community College biology professor, has published a new book entitled "Growing Up Yooper." The book has received many glowing reviews, including those by MCC English professor Mary Luther, and past MCC President Frank Marczak, who also grew up in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The book is available in local bookstores, and online at Xlibris, Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Borders.



## Message from President Dale K. Nesbary

The Mission of Muskegon Community College states that the College helps students meet their educational goals by offering programs “that respond to individual, community and global needs.” As the new President of MCC, it has become clear to me that these words are truer now than at any time in our history. As you know, our state and national economy, while showing signs of improvement, remains uncertain. Because of the programs and services offered by community colleges, we are in the best position of all levels of education to assist in moving our nation forward. This belief is endorsed by the President of the United States and Congress as they are in the process of making available the largest infusion of resources into the community college movement since just after WWII.

My recent Investiture Address was entitled “Capture the Moment.” How can you capture the moment? Get involved in our Strategic Planning Process. The process is led by two capable leaders, Executive Vice President Diana Osborn and Geology Department Chair Dr. John Bartley. We will examine everything from what goes on inside of the classroom to our buildings, our environment and the athletic fields and our relationship with the community. It will provide a plan for the College until the year 2020. More information on how to get involved is located on our website at <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/2584.asp>.

We are also in the process of reviewing ways that we may serve our alums and community more effectively. To this end, we have hired Ms. Tina Dee as our new Director of Community Relations. Welcome aboard Tina! Please keep your eyes on the website and mail for more.

Two other staff changes have recently taken place. Ms. Teresa Sturris is now MCC’s Vice President for Academic Affairs, promoted from her previous position as Associate Vice President. She replaces Bob Ferrentino, now President of Montcalm Community College. Mr. Mike Alstrom is now MCC’s Chief Information Officer. Mike was promoted from his position as Technical Director, and replaces Jim Pianki. Congratulations to all!

You might have noticed changes to our website, our campus, and our communication capacity. We are hopeful that you find the website much simpler to navigate and we encourage you to visit the bookstore at <http://muskegoncc.bncollege.com>. There is a much wider variety of items for you to browse. Facebook and Twitter also are now available, allowing us to communicate with you in a more effective manner. On campus, the final stages of our One Stop project are complete, including one of the largest Live Roof installations in the country.

Finally, as a Muskegon County native, I am excited about returning to Muskegon area and serving the College. You can learn more about me, my family and my thoughts on the college by visiting the MCC website at <http://www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/332.asp>. There you will find my monthly presidential message, my biographical information and my welcome to the community. Please let me know how I may be of service to you by contacting my office at 231-777-0303 or via email at [dale.nesbary@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:dale.nesbary@muskegoncc.edu).

Sincerely,

Dr. Dale K. Nesbary  
President  
Muskegon Community College



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## What About YOU?

Your friends and classmates from MCC would like to hear from you. Please fill out and return the following survey:

1. What years did you attend MCC?
2. What was your major area of study?
3. Did you graduate from MCC? If yes, what year?
4. Did you enroll in a 4-year institution following your time at MCC?  
If yes, where? What was your major field of study?  
When did you graduate?
5. Did you pursue a Masters or Doctorate? If yes, what, when, and where?
6. What fond memories (events or people!) do you have of MCC?
7. What impact has MCC had on your life and/or career?
8. If you could improve anything about MCC, what would it be?

Other comments:

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## Memorial Gifts

Recent donors have recognized a relative, or colleague through a memorial gift to the Foundation for MCC allowing them to acknowledge someone close to them and creating a lasting tribute to the person memorialized.

*Gifts in 2008-09 have honored the memories of:*

**James Corradin**

**Laurence J. Jensen D.D. S.**

**Ron Hauxwell**

**Roger E. May**

**John McKinley**

**Lorena Zoss**

*Thank you to them and their families  
for thinking of MCC.*

Memorial gifts can be set up in two ways. Either an individual designates the Foundation for MCC in their funeral plans prior to their death or their family and the professional handling their arrangements are aware of their wishes. Or if you choose to honor someone you know who has passed away simply forward a check to the Foundation for MCC, with the name of the person the memorial is to honor on the memo line. Include the name of the family member to notify along with their complete address if you believe the Foundation for MCC does not have it.

Immediate relatives will be notified that a memorial gift has been made provided the foundation is given the name and address of the family member to notify. As with all gifts to the Foundation for MCC these special gifts make it possible for students to pursue their academic dreams, while providing a warm way to remember those special to us. Gifts are tax deductible.

Designating memorial gifts in your memory to the Foundation for MCC in lieu of flowers is a no cost way to benefit the college that was important to your education, career, or to a family member or friend. It is also a fitting tribute to a life well lived. Contact the Foundation for MCC to honor someone who has passed away, to designate the Foundation for MCC as the beneficiary for your own memorial, or designate the Foundation in your estate plans.



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## Five New Instructors Join MCC Faculty

### David Wiggins - Physics



Mr. Wiggins was born in Muskegon but spent his childhood in Oklahoma. He moved back to Michigan and completed high school at Reeths-Puffer High School, and went on to earn his B.S. in Physics from Michigan Tech and a M.S. in Physics from Michigan State University. After a brief time working in sales, he spent two years teaching courses in Physics, Math, and Earth Science at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa. He continued his teaching career for the next three years at Oklahoma City Community College teaching Physics, Earth Science, and Physical Science. He is married, and lives with his wife, Andrea, and a pet dog. Mr. Wiggins notes that he enjoys watching movies and playing chess, video games, and (trying to play) golf.

### Conor Roddy - Philosophy



Mr. Roddy received his bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of Dublin, Trinity College in 1994. For several years he traveled and taught in Europe and Asia, before returning to school in 2000 to study comparative philosophy at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. After graduating with an M.A. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, he received a School of Law scholarship to enroll in the doctoral program at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is currently completing work on a study of Nietzsche and Buddhism for his doctoral dissertation. During the 2008 – 2009 academic year, he was a faculty fellow in the Department of Philosophy at Colby College in Maine. He has taught courses in logic, ethics, and various topics of both Eastern and Western philosophy. He began teaching philosophy in the Department of Creative and Performing Arts at Muskegon Community College in the Fall Semester of 2009.

### James Landes – CIS (Gaming)



Mr. Landes has joined the MCC Computer Information Systems Department to teach interactive media (Computer Gaming). He earned his Bachelor Degrees in Computer Science and Psychology from the Southern Oregon University. He has held a number of Executive Leadership positions in the High Tech Industry where he has focused on product development, operations and employee development. He has career experience as a Game Designer, Producer, Programmer, Developer, Solutions Architect, as well as in Sales and Marketing management. Mr. Landes has designed and produced award-winning game software including “Legends,” which was awarded a Players Choice Award in 2005. Most recently he is leading a not-for-profit international development team to push the boundaries of gaming with a gaming entre entitled “Prophesy of Pendor” for the game “Mount&Blade.” This offering combines literature, performance art and a game into one media art form.

### Bonnie Lipan - Business



Bonnie Lipan is a Reeths-Puffer High School graduate. She received both her BBA and MBA degrees from Grand Valley State University. Her undergraduate degree majors were in Business and Spanish; her MBA emphasis was in marketing. Prior to coming to Muskegon Community College, Ms. Lipan held various Product Management, Marketing and Communications positions with Knoll Group, Structural Concepts and Reid Tool Supply Company. She is also owner of Canine Country Club LLC Pet Sitting services.

### Angela Spaniolo-DePouw - Psychology



Ms. Spaniolo-DePouw is a newly appointed full-time psychology instructor within the Social Science Department. Prior to joining MCC she served as school psychologist for Spring Lake Public Schools for the last 9 years where she completed special education evaluations and program planning for special needs students in the K-12 setting. She has completed evaluations on students with suspected and/or certified disabilities such as learning disabilities, Autism, emotional impairments, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, and many other physical, emotional, and developmental disabilities. She has also worked as an adjunct instructor in psychology for MCC from 1997-2006 before taking time off to complete her doctorate at Eastern Michigan University.

She received her Master of Psychology and Specialist degrees in “psychological services for the schools” from Central Michigan University. She is currently completing her dissertation toward a doctorate in education which focuses on psychologists’ evaluations of gifted students and subsequent programming within gifted education. She currently resides in North Muskegon with her husband, Steve, and two young daughters, Taylor and Hailey.



# REFLECTIONS

## Campus Going Tobacco-Free in January

In the interest of providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and visitors, the MCC Board of Trustees adopted a "Tobacco Free Environment" policy that will take effect 1 January 2010. Considering the long-recognized health hazards resulting from tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke, and the notion that MCC serves as a community center, it is deemed appropriate to strongly discourage the use of any and all tobacco products while on campus. Also considered when crafting the new policy is the influence of tobacco use on underage students, the constant accumulation of unsightly tobacco litter, and interference of assuring clean air for all who come to the College.

A Tobacco Free implementation committee has been formed that includes students, staff and faculty. This committee is helping determine solutions to the issues of notification, signage, enforcement and promoting programs and services that will aid students and staff to decrease or stop tobacco use.

### The specific language of the new policy:

5.11.00 Tobacco Free Environment -- adopted 8/19/2009

*The use, distribution or sale of tobacco is prohibited in college buildings, on college premises and in vehicles owned, rented or leased by the college.*

*The College President or designee will develop and periodically review administrative regulations and procedures necessary to maintain this policy, including provisions for notification, signage, disciplinary consequences, complaint procedures, enforcement and guidelines for temporary policy waivers.*

*Muskegon Community College will offer and promote programs and services that include practical evidence-based approaches to decrease or stop tobacco use for students and employees.*

*All college employees are to assist in monitoring and enforcing the above policy.*



## Chronicle News Headlines Now Broadcast on MCC TV-98

In a unique partnership to better serve local residents, Muskegon Community College television now offers local news headlines and local news stories from The Muskegon Chronicle. Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., MCC television, seen on Comcast channel 98, digital 902, and digital 21.5, offers Muskegon Chronicle headlines along with world news, national headlines, entertainment headlines, sports, and local weather. Additionally, local news stories are presented during station breaks throughout the afternoon direct from the Chronicle Newsroom. MCC television program director Harry Brown said "The primary purpose of any media outlet is to inform the public and we are extremely pleased to offer this service from such a well-respected, professional organization."

## Ryan Portenga Hired as Mona Shores Athletic Director



Ryan Portenga, who attended MCC in 2003, has been recently hired as Athletic Director at Mona Shores Schools in Muskegon. Portenga, 26, graduated from Albion College in 2005, returned to Muskegon to coach football and basketball at Muskegon High School, and then accepted the position of athletic director and assistant principal for grades 7-12 in the Bellevue school system. After three years

at Bellevue, Portenga is now back in his hometown, and happy to be heading up the Sailor's athletic programs.

Portenga attended Western Michigan Christian High School, where he played basketball and baseball, and graduated from WMC in 2001.



## 3-D Printing Technology

The new 3-D Printing technology now available at Muskegon Community College provides an added dimension of technological innovation to the College's CAD/CAM and Materials Science classes. This machine allows for rapid prototyping of equipment and machinery parts by transforming computerized solid models into full-sized plastic parts, dramatically cutting the time needed to complete fit and function testing. This process essentially bypasses the machine shop process of crafting a prototype from the CAD drawing.

MCC's 3-D printer essentially feeds liquid plastic material, such as photopolymer, through an inkjet-type printhead to form each layer of the model. An ultraviolet (UV) flood lamp is mounted in the print head to cure each layer as it is deposited.

Previous means of producing a prototype typically took man-hours, many tools, and skilled labor. In addition to the time savings, the 3-D printer process is relatively inexpensive. There is tremendous potential for production applications, and MCC intends to offer this technology to small and medium-sized machine shops to complement their production capabilities.

However, the primary value of acquiring the Dimension 3D Printer, according to MCC CAD/CAM Instructor Tom Martin, lies in providing our students with hands-on experiences. "We now have the capability of enabling our students to build functional models direct from their designs and see how their ideas function firsthand," Martin said. "Our next step is to add a webcam into the mix, so people can watch their projects being built on the 3-D printer."

## MCC's New Outdoor Learning Center



### Outdoor Learning Center

As a part of the Student One-Stop Project – monies from State Capital Outlay were designated to create an outdoor learning center on the roof of the Umbreit Administrative Center. A new railing, lights and new pavers along with green plantings not only improve the aesthetics of the space, but becomes a part of the College's green initiative. The Outdoor Learning Center can serve a number of functions – classes, receptions or just relaxing. The adjacent courtyard will be landscaped with native plants and grasses. The whole area lends itself to an aesthetic treat with the ability to move through the Herb Garden across the green roof of the outdoor learning center to the Kasey Hartz Natural area. When on campus, be sure to check it out.



*New "Outdoor Learning Center" on roof of former library*

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## JAYHAWK CLUB Supports MCC ATHLETICS

The first year of the Jayhawk Club was a tremendous success. Seventy people donated over \$5,500 in support of Jayhawk student athletes. Now it is our job to keep the momentum going! Our goal of 100 members and over \$9,000 raised can be reached with your help and generosity.

The sole purpose of the Jayhawk Club is to raise monies for athletic scholarships and equipment enhancements. These funds give our student athletes the best chance to be successful in the classroom and in their chosen sports.

Muskegon Community College has been a valuable asset to the Muskegon area through out its history. It has provided affordable post secondary education and an opportunity for many local athletes to continue their careers with a vision toward the future.

My vision for Jayhawk athletics includes:

- Increased scholarship support
- Enhanced facilities
- Enhanced staff
- Improvement of equipment
- Consistently competing for state, regional, and national championships



You are invited to join many of MCC's faithful alums, faculty, staff, students and friends in pledging support to Muskegon Community College Athletics. We ask you to consider making a tax deductible contribution of what ever amount is comfortable for you. Please complete the enclosed Jayhawk Club application which details the giving levels and benefits and know that you are making a worthwhile investment in the lives of our student athletes.

Jayhawk Pride,

Marty McDermott  
Athletic Director

I/We wish to make a Jayhawk Club gift of: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed:  (please make payable to MCC Jayhawk Club)

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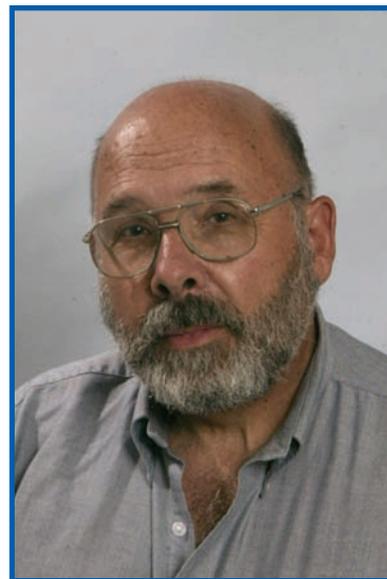
**Faculty/Staff Retirees  
Represent Many Years of Service to MCC**



Dr. Sue Meeuwenberg  
Office Systems Education Instructor  
August 1981 – July 2009



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Humanities Theater Instructor  
May 1965 – December 2009



Blair Morrissey  
Philosophy Instructor  
September 1975 – July 2009



Patricia Huff  
Office Systems Education Instructor  
August 2000 – July 2009



Bill Loxterman  
Director of Public Information  
September 1985 – December 2009

## ALUMNI NEWS

Our alumni always impress us with their letters and warm memories—please keep them coming!  
Send in the “What About YOU?” form to keep in touch with your college friends.

### 1930s

**Richard Harrison (1938)** – Majored in economics at MCC, then went on after a stint in the Navy to the University of Chicago and earned a Bachelors degree and an MBA. Richard notes that the academic rigors of MCC afforded him a scholarship to the University of Chicago. Richard is currently the historian for Rotary/One in Evanston, IL.

### 1940s

**David Fiet (1949)** – Took pre-engineering curriculum at MCC, and then transferred to Michigan State University to achieve a Bachelors in Civil Engineering degree in 1951. David remembers playing basketball for Coach Rudy Bartels, and Dr. McKinley’s history class. He credits MCC for giving him the foundation he needed for furthering his education, and a very successful 36-year career with DuPont.

### 1950s

**Doug Bond (1954)** – Attended MCC on a Rotary Scholarship, and then enrolled at General Motors Institute in the fall of 1954, and majored in Foundry Engineering and Metallurgy. In 1970, General Motors sent him to the Advanced Management Program (AMP program) which is a Master of Business Administration program sponsored by Michigan State University for executives in industries located in the Michigan area. He graduated with honors in the Beta Gamma Sigma honors fraternity in 1972.

#### *Doug’s memories:*

I have many fond memories of MCC and the old building where it was located.

- Playing golf on the golf team and lettering for two years. The trips with Dr. and the team were great fun. Also lettered in basketball which was an accomplishment and fun since I never played in high school.
- Some of best teachers I have ever had. Dr. Telles was my favorite teacher of all time. He is the only person I ever knew who was enthusiastic about the properties of Hyperbolas. He could and did make Calculus fun. FANTASTIC TEACHER. Fred Rodi and Hawley were also great teachers. I will remember them always.
- Playing more cards in the Student Union than I should have. Gordy Bonifield and I were unbeatable playing Hearts, or at least we thought so. Great fun.

MCC had major impact. There was no way that we could afford to go to a large out-of-town school when I graduated from North Muskegon at 16 years old. I knew that I had to get into a coop program or take about 10 years to get through college. MCC allowed me to get started in college without getting scholastically rusty. I was too young to enlist for the Armed Services so this was not an option. The successful two years I spent at MCC allowed me to enroll at General Motors Institute Coop Program and get my Engineering degree. I know that many of the teachers at MCC were of equal or better quality than those I had in later schooling. I hated Algebra but I loved Calculus, Differential Equations etc. because Dr. Telles taught them and he was

fantastic. I was able to help fellow students who were having difficulty at GMI with these courses because you didn’t graduate from Dr. Telles’ courses without understanding the subject, but more importantly, why the subject was important.

I am retired now and enjoyed a rather successful career in the management of various plants around the country. We live off one of the golf holes on a 36-hole golf course complex in the upstate area of Greenville, South Carolina. Greenville is a great area and we are certainly enjoying retirement. I believe that my life would have been much more difficult and much less enjoyable had I not spent two years at MCC graduation with an Associates Degree in Engineering.

**Hugh Farber (1954)** – Majored in science and chemistry at MCC, and then achieved a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from MSU, and also a Ph.D. in chemistry from Northwestern University. Hugh fondly recalls ping-pong games, good friends, and good teachers from his MCC days, and credits MCC with helping him to learn to study and do well in college.

**David Sturgis (1959)** – Studied engineering at MCC, and then went on to receive his bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, and Ph.D. in ceramic engineering from the University of Illinois. He remembers many good times and good friends, and credits MCC as a great way to start a college degree program at an affordable price.

### 1960s

**Don Barnes (1969)** – Studied music and was a member of the MCC choir under Bill Monroe, where he sang in a small group that performed around town at special events. Don also performed in the operetta “Carmen” during that time. He continued his love of music with a Bachelor of Music degree from Western Michigan University, and earned a Master of Arts from Eastern Michigan University in 1996. He spent 32 years in education, retiring from Hartland schools in 2004. He was a teacher, coach, sports official, teacher union representative (including stints as president and vice-president), Don retired to The Villages in Florida, and was reintroduced to music by fellow retiree and former MCC Dean of Community Services, Dennis Wilson.

“My start in music...continued at MCC and provided the stepping stone for a lifetime of musical enjoyment,” said Barnes, “not only as a profession, but also as an avocation.”

Don currently plays percussion in the Villages Concert Band and Sun Shine Strollers band, and has joined the Heart of Florida barbershop chorus, and is part of a barbershop quartet, “The 4 Sharps.” He also plays softball four days a week, and “trys to work in some golf,” as well.

**Phyllis East (1965)** – Majored in business and accounting at MCC, and is currently retired from a career at Muskegon Piston Ring. She fondly recalls traveling from one campus location to another to attend classes, and credits MCC for helping to prepare her for life’s experiences. She currently belongs to two car clubs, Port City Puddle Jumpers and Muskegon Antique, and show their 1969 Pontiac LeMans at events around town.



**Donna Knoth (1967)** – Studied education at MCC, earned her bachelor’s degree from Grand Valley State University in 1968, and a double Master’s degree from Michigan State University. She fondly recalls MCC’s beautiful campus, and credits the college for allowing a young mother to continue her education. Donna retired from teaching in 1995, spends the summers traveling in a motorhome with her husband of 51 years, and until recently, wrote a weekly travel column for The Muskegon Chronicle.

**Irma Macias (1961)** – Graduated from MCC with a liberal arts degree, and got married!

**Marshall Muskovin (1964)** – Majored in business at MCC, and although he attempted to pursue his education at Ferris State University, was drafted into the U.S. Army instead. He credits MCC with helping to open a door or two in his life and career, and fondly recalls the golf team “road trips” with Coach Rudy Bartels.

**Donald Werschem (1962)** – Majored in pre-architecture courses at MCC, and went on to earn his Bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University. He remembers socializing in the student union, and credits MCC for enabling him to get started at college at a reasonable cost.

## 1970s

**Steve Broersma (1972)** – Majored in drafting/technology at MCC, and fondly recalls meeting people from the surrounding areas. Steve is currently pursuing continuing his education in the field of mechanical engineering.

**Mike Grzyb (1976)** – Studied manufacturing technology and criminal justice at MCC, and he credits MCC with helping to give him the verbal and written skills necessary to succeed. Mike has held positions locally as machinist, maintenance supervisor, and firefighter and captain.

**Kirt Vink (1973)** – Majored in Police Science at MCC, and earned his bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University in 1975, as well as graduating from GVSU’s Police Academy the same year. He has recently retired from a 32-year career in police work as a patrolman, detective, lieutenant and police chief. He didn’t slow down after retirement, and earned a Master’s degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati in 2007, and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in Business / Public Administration.

Kirt fondly recalls the helpful staff and instructors at MCC, the reasonable tuition, and beautiful campus. His fondest memories are the lifetime friends he met (both instructors and students) while at MCC, and the tranquility and solace obtained from watching the creek flow while on break from classes.

## 1980s

**Michelle DeWitt (1983)** – Majored in business at MCC, and earned a bachelor’s degree in business/marketing from Western Michigan University in 1985. She credits MCC for a “fabulous” education for the money, along with the smaller class sizes compared to the four-year institutions. She fondly recalls playing a lot of euchre in-between classes with a lot of different students.

**Kimberly Ann Moore (1988)** – Majored in criminal justice at MCC, and earned her Bachelor’s degree in CJ from Grand Valley State University in 1992. Kimberly remembers the well-trained staff at MCC, and the encouragement she received while here. She has been with the Michigan Department of Corrections as a Probation/Parole Agent since 1996.

## 1990s

**W. David Gibson (1992)** – After attending MCC, David earned a Bachelor’s degree in history from Olivet College in 1994, and a Master’s in history from Western Michigan University. Now retired, David works for H & R Block during tax season.

**Tibbe Luell (Cynthia Tibbe) (1991)** – Tibbe’s fondest memories on attending MCC were for the education experience she received here, and credits MCC for the success in her life. She currently owns three dance studios and a historic bed and breakfast in the Minnesota and Wisconsin areas, and is pursuing additional business start ups and purchases. According to Tibbe, “Life is never dull!”

## 2000s

**Tai Blake (2006)** – Graduated from MCC’s Nursing program, and is currently pursuing a BSN in Nursing from Ferris State University. Tai credits MCC’s program for giving her more clinical nursing skills than if she had gone to a four-year institution initially. “I am proud to be a graduate from MCC,” she writes.

**Andrea Crouner (2003)** – Graduated from MCC’s Nursing program, and is currently working as a Resident Care Coordinator at an assisted-living facility. Administration at the facility has been impressed with Andrea’s professionalism, and she is giving credit to MCC “for providing an excellent academic program.” Andrea fondly recalls the Nature Trail, working in the micro lab, studying in the library, and the people at MCC. “Congratulations on continuing to exceed state and national pass rates,” she writes. “Thank you MCC for what you have done for me.”

**Debra Oliver (2005)** – Majored in criminal justice at MCC, and then earned a bachelor degree in CJ from Grand Valley State University in 2007. Debra fondly recalls Al Barreto, Al Swanson, Marvin Nash, Janie Brooks, Ms. Bell in the library, and counselor Sandy Ring as some of her favorite MCC people. She credits MCC as inspiring her to continue to reach her goal of becoming a lawyer. “Thank you MCC for allowing me to finally achieve my dreams and helping me along the way,” she writes.

**Sarah (Slag) McKay (2001)** – Majored in criminal justice at MCC, and is now in love with her current job as a chiropractic assistant. She recalls instructor Al Barreto (“Mr. B”) as awesome, and loved the “MCC experience.” According to Sarah, she is “always recommending (MCC) to young people!”

**Holly TenBrink (2005)** – Studied psychology at MCC, and earned a bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Grand Valley State University in 2007. She continued her education with a Master’s degree in Counseling to be completed in July 2009 from Ball State University in Indiana, and will then pursue doctoral studies in Counseling Psychology. She credits MCC for allowing her a wonderful education and scholarship opportunities “without a large price.”





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## Dr. Dale K. Nesbary Hundreds on Campus for Presidential Investiture Ceremony



With hundreds of friends, family, dignitaries, community leaders, and MCC faculty and staff on hand Friday 28 August 2009, Twin Lake native and Reeths-Puffer High School graduate Dale K. Nesbary was formally installed as President of Muskegon Community College. The College's first ever Investiture Ceremony was complemented with campus tours of newly renovated areas, entertainment from a variety of musical groups, and food/beverage stations throughout the facilities.

### ALL ABOUT DR. NESBARY:

Dale K. Nesbary is the 10th President of Muskegon Community College. The President is the chief executive officer of the College and serves as primary liaison for MCC with the community.

Most recently, Dr. Nesbary served as Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs at Adrian College, concurrent with an appointment as Professor of Political Science in the Department of Political Science. He also chaired Renaissance II, a comprehensive review of academic affairs, and successfully led the recent North Central-Higher Learning Commission Re-Accreditation process.

Prior to working at Adrian College, Dr. Nesbary served as Assistant and Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Master of Public Administration Program at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. During that time, he was a recipient of a 2003-04 American Council on Education Fellowship, the premier higher education leadership development program in the country.



In addition to his academic appointments, Dr. Nesbary served as Research Director and Technical Services Director with the Boston Police Department, and held the positions of Assistant Budget Director and Director of Contract Management with the City of Boston. Other professional positions include Principal Staff Associate with the National Conference of State Legislatures in Denver, Colorado, and Fiscal Analyst with the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency.

Dr. Nesbary's research interests include internet taxation, state tax expenditure policy, public budgeting systems, police management, and web development. He has published a wide range of papers, books and monographs in these areas. His most recent book, Survey Research and the World-Wide-Web examines the use of the Web as a market and survey research tool. He is published in many journals including The Journal of Public Affairs Education, The Journal of Contemporary Criminology, Social Science Computer Review, The British Journal of Educational Technology, The International Journal of MS Care, and State Legislatures.

Dr. Nesbary completed his Ph.D. in Law, Policy and Society at Northeastern University in Boston. He also holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Western Michigan University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Anthropology from Michigan State University. He is a graduate of Reeths-Puffer High School in Muskegon, Michigan.

Originally from Twin Lake, Michigan, he currently resides in Muskegon, Michigan with his wife of 30 years, Connie. He is the proud father of two adult children, Nicole and Matthew. His avocational interests include baking bread, making jams, and trombone performance.

