



MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

UPCOMING DAYS OF INTEREST:

- **Welcome Week**
August 23—27
- **Faculty Seminar Days**
August 25 & 26
- **First day of Classes**
August 28
- **Labor Day (College Closed)**
September 6

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Message from the President of Muskegon Community College

Hello colleagues, students, and community. I am very much looking forward to the launch of another successful academic year. In that vein, I will again share information on a number of policy issues that may be of interest to you.

Administrative Reorganization

As reported in a previous message, a draft administrative reorganization was shared with the Board of Trustees at its June and July meetings. The Trustees endorsed the plan, which was shared with staff in mid July. I noted that additional input from the college community will be taken over the year, particularly given the numerous retirements and the changing state and local fiscal environment. A part of the input process will be an all campus forum to be held, with a tentative date of August 12. Please look for more information via email. Thank you in advance for your forbearance as we move through these times of change.

Master Planning Process

The master planning subcommittee of the strategic planning committee completed its work during the late spring. Since that time, architect Tower-Pinkster has been putting the final touches on a 2010-2015 Muskegon Community College master planning document. Thank you to those of you on the subcommittee as well as all who contributed to the process. A draft will be presented

to the MCC Board of Trustees at its August meeting. At that time, the Board will be asked to review the draft and prioritize projects and priorities included.

The Upcoming Fall Semester

As mentioned in earlier messages, our enrollments continue to trend upward and look to eclipse last fall's records. I will ask for your help to ensure that we move into the semester smoothly. Many of our classes are already filled to capacity, leaving few options for students needing critical course options. Although we continue to add sections and planned for growing enrollments, the recent state of Michigan retirement incentive has left many colleges without key faculty and placed us in competition for the limited number of qualified instructors available. Department chairs and academic affairs staff may be in contact with you to ask for your help in identifying potential additional instructors for fall and winter courses. Please offer your suggestions of qualified adjuncts and other academic instructors to your department chair or Vice President of Academic Affairs, Teresa Sturuss (teresa.sturuss@muskegonccc.edu) at Muskegon Community College.

Achieving the Dream Continued

Second, the College will begin working toward integrating our activities toward priorities articulated in the upcoming Achieving the Dream (ATD) initiative. The ATD process allows for the college to benefit from the expertise

of faculty and staff from other institutions skilled in the art of student success and persistence. Based upon our own data, ATD will allow for us to develop and enhance our student success and completion practices, whether they ensure that students complete an associates degree or certificate, or complete a single course designed to train students for specific skills or jobs. ATD Team Leaders Kelley Conrad and Jenny Klingenberg will be in communication with campus faculty and staff to help us move through the beginning phases of the process.

Reach for the Stars Campaign Launch

This month we launch our fundraising campaign to support upgrades to the Carr-Fles Planetarium. Our goal is to replace the 38-year-old equipment and create a state-of-the-art education and entertainment destination for everyone to enjoy. Look for more information in your mailbox or visit www.muskegoncc.edu/reachforthestars.

Please enjoy the remainder of the summer and remember to mark your calendars for MCC's fall 2010 Welcome Week, August 23-27. Events include a Scholarship Giveaway, Student Employment Opportunities, MCC Idol contest, and lunch with the president. More information will be available at www.muskegoncc.edu/welcome on August 9.

Best regards,

Dale Nesbary, Ph.D.



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Message from the CIO

We have some new faces in the Office of Information Technology. Please join me in welcoming our new Instructional Design Specialist, Maryly Skallos. Maryly has an extensive background in instructional technology. Prior to starting at MCC, she spent the past 16 years as the Technology Coordinator at St. Thomas the Apostle School/Parish, Grand Rapids, MI. Her duties at St. Thomas included support for all computers, video and phone technology on the entire campus, identifying and implementing new technology to be used on the campus, and assisting in creating opportunities for teachers/staff/administrators to use the technology in their jobs. Maryly currently teaches computer classes as an adjunct faculty member of Davenport University Online. She is also an adjunct faculty member at ITT Technology, Inc. teaching computer security and computer forensic courses. Maryly obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Pennsylvania State University. Following that, she received a Masters of Information Technology from American Intercontinental University. Presently, Maryly is pursuing her Doctorate in Information Technology with an emphasis in higher education from Capella University. Maryly resides in the Rockford/Cedar Springs area. She has been married for 28 years and has two children. She en-

joys hiking, biking, reading mystery novels, kayaking, and walking her dog.

Also new in OIT is Rick Albertie, our new Datatel and applications programmer. Rick attended Muskegon Community College over 30 years ago and participated in a college internship for data processing at Cooper Industries. Rick has since worked at a local furniture company for 20 years supporting their applications and other technology, and eventually became their information systems manager. The recession caused Rick's company to downsize and he became a misplaced worker. Their loss is our gain: Rick joined the TRA/TAA program and once again started classes at MCC. He took another MCC internship, but this time it was working along with Patricia Werly and Lori Potts learning the ins and outs of the administrative applications. Rick's extensive experience in information technology allowed him to adapt quickly to Datatel Colleague and WebAdvisor. He was hired by SunGard on June 1 of this year. Rick has been a lifelong resident of the Muskegon Area. He is married with two sons, one who graduated from MCC and one who is still attending. One of Rick's interests outside of work is soccer. He has helped his wife Janet run the Just-for-Kicks soccer

store for the past ten years.

Along with new changes to our staff, our office is undergoing some changes also through remodeling. The reason for the change is to bring the evening OIT helpdesk to our main office in room 136, create some offices for our programmers, and create some additional workspace for PC technicians. We are intending the change to make operations more streamlined. With the after-hours helpdesk located in the same place as the daytime helpdesk, we are also anticipating it will be easier for us to provide service. While the project is underway, you can find Lori, Rick, Tom, and Jim in room 1212 of the Stevenson Center for Higher Education. John, Mindy, Steve, Jason, Pat and I are still in our offices in room 136. You can still reach the helpdesk at extension 351, or helpdesk@muskegoncc.edu.

We appreciate everyone's patience while we go through these much-needed changes.

Mike Alstrom



Upward Bound



The TRiO Upward Bound program will wrap up our third program year on August 31, 2010. This has been an exciting year for us and we have taken several strides forward in getting the parents and guardians of the participating students more involved in activities. The academic year went well with many opportunities for students to be involved in after school sessions and to participate in community service. In October, we visited Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University to provide the opportunity for students to look at some of the options available in the nearby area so they can begin to narrow the choices of colleges and universities that they will be applying to in the next year or two. Many students took advantage of the after school sessions to get work completed and to connect with the staff. This year we added a monthly meeting for parents/guardians and participating students that gave our staff the opportunity to get to know everyone better and to get the parents/guardians more involved in the program. The Upward Bound program once again participated in Mayfest and sponsored a table of activities. In addition, a number of our students participated with the United Way on the Mayfest Apprentice program and put in many hours to help with the planning and running of the ac-

tivities. We applaud the efforts and dedication of those who were so diligent in fulfilling their assignments and making the day a success for all who attended. The summer program kicked off on June 14th with an orientation session and classes began on June 15th. This summer's curriculum included instruction in Geometry, Algebra 2, and Pre-Calculus; Biology, Chemistry, and Physics; Literature and Composition, and Latin. After five weeks of hard work and study, we celebrated the success and dedication of the students at our annual Award Program on Friday, July 16th at 6:30pm in Collegiate Hall. In addition to the class awards we had some presentations from the Friday Group instructors. The Friday Groups allow the students to explore areas of interest and to get involved in fun and educational projects during the summer. The Upward Bound staff selected two students to receive the Director's Award as our outstanding students throughout the program year. We are proud to recognize and congratulate Ja'Leesha Crews for her commitment to the program, leadership skills, and positive attitude and Nathania Kirby-Owens for her dedication, positive attitude, and participation in program activities. Our staff left Muskegon on Monday, July 19th with a group of nine students who had earned their way onto the annual summer trip. This year we traveled to St. Louis, Missouri for four days of educational, cultural, and fun activities. These nine young women worked hard to be able to travel and to have this experience. We visited the Gateway Arch,

the Historic Courthouse, the Holocaust Museum, the Griot Museum of Black History and Culture, Cahokia Mounds pre-historic village, and the St. Louis Zoo. We also found time to take in a couple of college visits with admissions tours and presentations at Washington University in St. Louis and the University of Illinois in Urbana/Champaign, Illinois. It was a very full four days of travel. During this very busy time we also found time to participate in several local parades where the Upward Bound students walked alongside the MCC van and helped to distribute Frisbees to the crowds. As we prepare to start the next academic year we are always looking for ways to connect with the campus community and to serve the greater Muskegon area through volunteering and community service. The TRiO Upward Bound participants are very eager young people and have a lot of energy to put into projects and activities. If there are opportunities for our program to support an activity on campus or in the area, please call our office at 777-0425 to speak with our staff. We are also looking for fundraising opportunities for the students so they can raise the funds needed to participate in the summer trip in 2011. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call the Upward Bound office and pass along the information. We are looking forward to great things for the 2010-2011 program year.

**Submitted by:
Robert Ross**



Music at MCC has a 'NEW' Look



As part of the Muskegon Community College very successful Creative and

Performing Arts Department the Music Department has a New Look. The music department has been revitalized with the support of MCC President Dr. Dale Nesbary and the Board of Trustees. Through their commitment, music is expanding to include new performance based ensembles as well as additional music curricula which will be added in the near future. The "NEW" look will include three instrumental music ensembles at MCC. All of the ensembles are credited courses. The first group is the 'Jayhawk Sound,' which is effectively the athletic or activities band of the campus and will perform at home sports events and as well as other community events. The *Jazz Ensemble* is a select

big band *Jazz Ensemble* directed by Muskegon native and MCC Alumnus Tim Froncek. The *Jazz Ensemble* is by director approval and will give students the opportunity to continue jazz study and performance at the college level. The opportunity for jazz performance has not existed at MCC for many years. There will also be special consideration given to the rehearsal and performance of student compositions and arrangements. The *Jazz Ensemble* will perform publicly and may include regional tours. The *Wind Ensemble* (WE) is a select ensemble dedicated to preparing and performing the finest traditional, contemporary and transcribed literature for *Wind Ensemble*. The *Wind Ensemble* also performs publicly and may include regional tours. Newly hired music instructor Daniel M. Meyers will be directing and con-

ducting the *Jayhawk Sound* and *Wind Ensemble*. "I could not be more excited to be part of Muskegon Community College and the re-birth of music at MCC. The musical future here is so exciting because of the outstanding music students coming from the area schools, the support of area musicians, area school directors, MCC donors, Dr. Nesbary and the MCC Board of Trustees. "The sum efforts of these individuals are a WIN for MCC" says Meyers. These new ensembles compliment the long standing performance groups offered through MCC that includes the MCC *College Singers* directed by Cathy Gilson, the award winning *West Michigan Concert Winds* under the direction of Gail Brechting and the *West Michigan Youth Symphony* under the direction of Daniel M. Meyers.

Submitted by:
Daniel Meyers

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Creative & Performing Arts Department

46th ANNUAL MCC STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

Top work in varied media from art and graphic design classes with cash place awards and the President's Purchase Prizes for the MCC art collection.

Exhibit Dates: May 15 – September 15

Overbrook Art Gallery Open: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



THE CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
"Celebrating the human spirit through creative expression."

Auditions

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern
Are Dead
September 1 & 2 – 6:00 p.m.
Overbrook Theater



Stuff the Bus

Stuff the Bus is a community-wide collection of school supplies for students in the Grand Rapids Public Schools sponsored by the Heart of West Michigan United Way and community partners. Contributions ensure that the children tutored through the Schools of Hope program have the school supplies they need to be successful.

Grand Valley State University is a partner in this campaign and we invite you to take advantage of these special collection opportunities that are set up across campus. Collection sites will be

available August 23, 2010 - September 10, 2010.

Allendale - Kirkhof Center Lobby
 Pew - DeVos: Student Project Area, Eberhardt Center: 1st Floor Lobby, Muskegon - (to benefit Muskegon Public Schools?), Muskegon Community College, Holland - (to benefit Holland Public Schools), TBD

Click [here](http://www.hwmuw.org/Schools_of_Hope.php) (http://www.hwmuw.org/Schools_of_Hope.php) for a list of the NEW items that are most needed.



If you have any questions about *Stuff the Bus*, please contact Bunmi Fadase at fadaseol@gvsu.edu.

Reach for the Stars

Help make the dream of a state-of-the-art planetarium for the community come true

Muskegon Community College's Carr-Fles Planetarium has been promoting the study of science and providing free shows since 1972—it's the only free planetarium in West Michigan! This community treasure has been enjoyed by over 4,300 visitors each year, over half of which are elementary students getting their first experience of the wonder of our solar system and beyond. In addition to being enjoyed by young students and community members of all ages, the planetarium is an important learning tool for MCC students.

Even though the planetarium is widely enjoyed, the technology of the 38-year-old equipment is aging and some information in the shows is out of date. Muskegon Community College is committed to making sure this important resource remains available to the community and it's the goal to create a state-of-the-art education and entertainment destination for everyone to enjoy—free of admission fees! A total investment of \$395,000 is needed to upgrade the planetarium with a digital projector, the latest shows, new sky dome, and theater environment. If we all reach for the stars together, we can make this happen!

Your support will help inspire a new generation of space explorers, dreamers, and students of all ages. Donations of any amount will make a positive impact. To make a donation please visit www.muskegoncc.edu/support.

When's the next free show?
 Call (231) 777-0289
www.muskegoncc.edu/planetarium

Have questions about the campaign?
 Call Tina Dee at (231) 777-0660
www.muskegoncc.edu/reachforthestars





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MCC Birthdays

August

Gary Nonnemacher
Teresa Sturuss
Roy Graves
Willie German
Toby Moleski
Jean Roberts
Renica Minott
Papa N'jai
Sandy Osborne
Jeff Stipes
Shirley Anderson
Carol Briggs-Erickson
Shawn Macauley
Jodie Matuz
Ed Simmons
Amy James
Al Thomas
Keith Tanis
Bruce Wierda

September

Tonette Brown-Garner
Darren Mattone
Vicki Kraus
Calvin Totten
Dee Crews
Mary Ottman
Aaron Hilliard
John Skidmore
Julie Bamfield
Michael Johnson
Marty McDermott
Todd Radel
Mike Wahr
Heather DeNio
Dennis Helmus
Tom Martin
Clinton Crawford
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MCC's Bulletin Board



EcoTrek Fitness

Wednesdays August 4 & 18
5:30 pm—6:45 pm

MCC Nature Trail
\$12/per session—\$2 coupon available in Room
1106

If you would like to attend the August 18th session
as a Staff Development, please email
events@muskegoncc.edu

To learn more about EcoTrek visit
www.ecotrekfitness.com



Healthy on the Lakeshore

MCC is collaborating with several area companies in a "healthy" competition. The challenge will start on September 13 and run for 10 wks (ending November 21). During this challenge the more steps you take, fruits/veggies you eat, and water you drink, the more points you earn for your team (no more than 4 people to a team). In order to get started, we will need to know who is interested in this challenge so we can order enough pedometers for everyone. More details will follow in the next couple of weeks.