Message from the President of Muskegon Community College

Hello students, faculty, and staff: I am hopeful that your holiday season was restful, enjoyable and renewing. During my December 2009 message, I shared with you some information on issues facing new students, along with a discussion of our ability to assist these students and support our workforce. In this month’s message, I will outline additional challenges, suggest mechanisms to meet these challenges, continue my request for you all to contribute and, indeed, take the lead in these initiatives.

As you may be aware, the State of Michigan Community College budget is the only state agency not receiving a reduction in general fund appropriations. Given the current economy, this is very good news. On the other hand, all indications from Lansing are that community colleges will not be so fortunate next year. Between record enrollments and federal workforce resources, community colleges should be able to absorb some of the likely reductions in state funding.

All of this means that we will need to take a hard look at next year’s budget. We will also need to continue to distinguish ourselves as a leading higher education institution in the state.

What can we do now to minimize the impact of possible budget reductions while at the same time maintaining our standards of excellence? Several opportunities come to mind:

To the faculty: Continue your strong work in the classroom. I have had the opportunity to observe, both directly and indirectly, what you do. This includes biology capstone presentations, theatrical performances, choral performances, collaborative efforts by the business faculty, and many more. Your work is the primary vehicle for student retention and successful transfer.

To the staff: Your ability to advise, counsel, manage, lead, coach, and mentor is excellent. I have observed you at orientation sessions, collaborating with businesses, quietly advising students, helping students with registration and financial aid, supporting students in need of assistance, coaching student athletes, and many other activities. This makes me proud to associate with the name Muskegon Community College.

To our students: Continue to represent the college with distinction. I have seen you in the classroom, in multiple performance venues, on courts, fields, courses, and mats. You have done well at internship sites, in the workplace, and on the parade route. Your ability to do this while raising families, working full time, making the transition from high school, or making the transition from one employer to another is commendable. You are the reason that we strive to achieve our best as professionals.

What this means is that all of us need to continue to do the things that make us successful members of the community: we strive for excellence, we work hard, and we challenge ourselves...
President’s Message Continued

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I will continue to support programs that will further our success. In January, the Strategic Planning Committee (strategy@muskegoncc.edu) will begin its community based meetings, including locations in Muskegon, Ottawa, and Newaygo counties. As mentioned before, this process will allow the committee to receive direct input from community members, and allow the community to observe first hand our interest in them.

As usual, you may contact my office at 231-777-0303 or via email at dale.nesbary@muskegoncc.edu.

I wish the best to you and your families as we enter this, the second decade of the 21st century.

Best regards,

Dale Nesbary, Ph.D.
President

Are Cookies Spyware?

SUMMARY: How problematic are cookies, really? Do they spread viruses? Do cookies crash your machine?

Cookies alone do not create pop-up windows, nor do they infect your machine with viruses. The only risk of certain types of cookies such as tracking cookies is privacy. These types of cookies can monitor your behavior over certain websites. They may be used, for example, by advertisement networks to better target what ads you should see based on your browsing behavior.

Some cookies may actually be beneficial. Various websites keep track of login information via cookies, meaning that you may not have to re-enter login credentials when visiting a particular site. Plus, some cookies may store personalization information. As long as nobody else has access to your machine and data, these types of cookies should be ok.

I'm not suggesting you not remove tracking cookies; in fact, you can tell web browsers to reject all cookies or only allow certain cookies to be set on your machine. Just don’t get too worried if you run an adware/spyware scan and all it finds on your machine are cookies.

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Submitted by Mindy Stevens
Overbrook Art Gallery

“ECOS CULTURALES/ CULTURAL ECHOES II AND EL ARTE POPULAR MEXICANO: FOLK ART OF MEXICO”

Work by Mexican-American Chicago based artist/printmaker Rene Arceo and an exhibition on loan from the Kalamazoo Institute of Art featuring traditional Mexican Folk Art. This exhibit is linked to MCC’s annual Global Awareness Festival.

January 11 - February 26
Monday - Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Opening Reception:
Monday, February 8th
6:30-8:00 pm
Lecture at 7:00 pm by Rene H. Arceo

Coming in February

West Michigan Concert Winds
Winners and WINDS – Sunday, February 28, 2010
4:00 p.m.
Reeths-Puffer High School Rocket Centre for the Fine Arts

WMCW.org

Overbrook Theater

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde
Directed by Tom Harryman
Featuring Stephen Schmidt as Lady Bracknell
This masterpiece is probably the most famous of all comedies. It revolves wittily around the most ingenious case of “manufactured” mistaken identity ever put into a play.

February 17 – 20, 2010 and
7:30 p.m., February 21 – 3:00 p.m.

CALL 231-777-0324 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

German Exchange

The deadline to submit an application for the German Exchange Program to Stuttgart, Germany in May 2010 has been extended to January 22. If you are interested in this opportunity to participate in a bi-lateral exchange program with our sister college in Stuttgart, Germany contact Kathy Tosa at 231-777-0376 or katherine.tosa@muskegoncc.edu

Global Awareness

Coming up in February!
Global Awareness Week-February 8-12, 2010 – The Americas

The Global Awareness Festival at Muskegon Community College is a week-long event bringing the world a little closer to Muskegon. It includes lectures, discussions, a film festival, ethnic foods, an information fair, global entertainment, artifact displays, 200 flags, and much more! Come enjoy, learn, and experience another neighborhood of our global village. For more information, contact Kathy Tosa at 231-777-0376 or katherine.tosa@muskegoncc.edu
MCC Birthdays

**January**
- Lori Haggerty 1/1
- Beda Dubois 1/1
- William Miller 1/4
- Diane Krasnewich 1/6
- Dan Rypma 1/7
- Amelinda Trujillo 1/9
- Mary Williams 1/10
- James Landes 1/13
- Regina Sjoberg 1/14
- Tim Norris 1/17
- Denise Passage 1/17
- Roger Stoel 1/17
- Harry Brown 1/19
- Ronnie Jewell 1/20
- Duane Schecter 1/20
- Scott Longmire 1/21
- Carolyn Kamerad 1/21
- Cindy Topping 1/22
- Sheila Wahamaki 1/23
- Jennifer Scharphorn 1/24
- Mary Tyler 1/27
- George Maniates 1/29
- Trynette Harps 1/30
- Carol Neal 1/30
- John Morano 1/30

**February**
- Bonnie Lipan 2/1
- Jenny Klingenberg 2/5
- Julie Solowy 2/6
- Pat Devries 2/8
- Sherri Deboef-Chandler 2/9
- Mike Mieczkowski 2/9
- Terri Jourden 2/10
- Mike Vallie 2/12
- Joyce Piggee 2/14
- Larry Swisher 2/15
- Pam Brown 2/17
- Lisa Makin 2/18
- John Leonard 2/19
- Rick Hudson 2/23
- Bill Tokarz 2/24
- Tom Groner 2/25
- Andy Wible 2/25
- Conor Roddy 2/26
- Joe Doyle 2/27

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**MCC’s Bulletin Board**

**Staff Development**

**Smart Carts – What Are They and How Do They Work?**
Facilitator:  Tom Race  
Room 1306  
Available sessions:  Tuesday, January 12 from 2-3 pm OR Wednesday, January 20 from 10-11 am.

Tom Race will be demonstrating how to use the permanent technology in the classrooms – the media equipment on the carts. Tom will answer any questions on how to use this technology in the classroom. Please come and join Tom for a very informative session.

**Basic Excel 2007**
Facilitator:  Char Parker  
Room TBA  
Available sessions:  Thursday, January 21 from 2-3 pm OR Friday, January 29 from 10-11 am.

Email: Events@muskegoncc.edu to register for a session