Message from President of Muskegon Community College

Hello students, faculty, and staff. First, as President, I will include this message in Campus Connections from this month forward. I appreciate the hard work in developing Campus Connections and hope that my message is an additional asset. Last month, in my President’s Message I noted that the MCC community would receive information on how we all may work to assure that MCC remains a vibrant and innovative institution. This month’s President’s message provides you with a key opportunity to be involved. Specifically, I will discuss the upcoming Muskegon Community College Strategic Planning Process.

The Strategic Planning Process will be led by a Committee to be organized along four discrete and related dimensions of MCC. These include subcommittees on Academic Programs and Policies (what happens in the classroom), Non Academic Programs and Policies (what happens outside of the classroom), Community Relations, and Infrastructure/Master Planning. The Committee will include faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni, and community members.

Here are ground rules of the strategic planning process:

♦ Your involvement will be meaningful. If you are interested in serving on the Strategic Planning Committee, please send a note to strategy@muskegoncc.edu

♦ Your time will not be wasted. Specifically, the process will not recreate the wheel. The College has already conducted much of the data needed to form the process during the past year and you will not be asked for those data again

♦ I expect that we will ask ourselves tough but fair questions

♦ Change will not occur for changes’ sake, however I expect that change will occur where necessary

♦ The process will be open and clear

♦ As President, I have several priorities and I expect that you do as well. Those priorities will be vetted via the strategic planning and/or traditional governance.

♦ The College will be better for having gone through the process

The process begins with the release of this President’s Message. The timing of the process is as follows:

♦ October 1, 2009 – Strategic Planning Committee Organization

♦ November 1, 2009 – Master Planning Process Begins

♦ January 1, 2010 and Forward – Implementation of Recommendations as Approved

♦ March 31, 2010 – Completion of Master Planning Committee Process

♦ April 30, 2010 – Completion of Strategic Planning Committee Process

More details on the committee’s subcommittee structure and potential points of discussion were included in an all campus email distributed recently. Please email strategy@muskegoncc.edu if you need a copy.

As you can see, this is an ambitious timetable; however I am positive that we are capable. If you are interested in serving on the committee, let me know. Executive Vice President Diana Osborn will chair the committee along with a member of the faculty. I thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to a productive process.

Best regards,

Dale Nesbary
President
Message from Executive VP of Administrative Services

Recently, I read an excellent article on the subject of respect in the work place and would like to cite a couple of excerpts from the article:

The Way of Respect in the Work Place (Bonnie Wesorick)

Respect is a word rooted in our internal beliefs about the value of another human being. It is a word used to describe the fundamental nature of a relationship with another human. The American Heritage College Dictionary defines respect as follows: “to feel or show esteem for; to honor, to show consideration for, avoid violation of; treat with deference.” In the dictionary’s definition of respect, there is no statement that delineates the criteria that must be met before the honor is to be bestowed. The word “respect” holds a unique power because it does not speak to proof but to the intentional act of acknowledging another.

All of us share the human state regardless of our color, age, financial status, position, role, or where we work. We are created to connect – and that can be done through mutual respect.

When people see the respect and dignity we have for one another, they will know this is a good place.

Speaking of a good place, check out the garden roof on the top of the Umbreit Administration Center. It brings a statement by Henry David Thoreau to mind:

“It is something to paint a picture or carve a statue and so to make a few objects beautiful. But it is far more glorious to carve and paint the atmosphere in which we work to affect the quality of the day. This is the highest of the arts.” Combine respect and beauty and we’ve got it made.

Happy Fall –
Diana R. Osborn

Board Trustees Resolution - Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Michigan is fortunate to count among its population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American descent, those who have been a part of our state for generations and those who are new to our Great Lakes State; and,

WHEREAS, The cultural fabric of Michigan is made richer by invaluable contributions of wisdom, tradition and history, and by each citizen enriching the lives of their family and fellow citizens throughout our state; and,

WHEREAS, During September, 2009, Michigan’s Hispanic-American community will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through a series of special programs featuring Hispanic history, food, dance and art; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the MCC Board of Trustees join Michigan in celebrating “Hispanic Heritage Month” from September 15, 2009 to October 15, 2009 by honoring the contributions made by Hispanics to the enrichment of the pluralistic cultural strength of the U.S.

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Annual Women’s Conference - Taking Time to Exhale

Muskegon Community College Continuing Education Programs presents the Annual Women’s Conference on October 23rd and 24th, 2009. The Conference will take place on the 2nd floor of the Stevenson Center in the 1200 complex and additional rooms.

This year’s conference is titled, “Taking Time to Exhale” Keynote Speaker, Trynette Lottie-Harps, MA Director of Outreach Programs, MCC

Hear dynamic presentations from wonderful women of Muskegon and surrounding areas including: Dr. Beverly Hair, Sociology Professor at MCC, Teresa A Sturrus, MLS Vice President for Academic Affairs at MCC, Karen Cheer, County of Muskegon, Director of SIA (Stewards in Action), Dr. Patti Groessl, Licensed Psychologist, Certified Sex Therapist, Dr. Maggie Lowe, Licensed Psychologist, Certified Sex Therapist, Michelle Martin, MA, LLP, MS. Eileen Allen, BS Residential SVC Case Manage-Every Woman’s Place/Webster House Inc., Teresa Taylor-Williams, BS and Writer-Muskegon Chronicle, J’Nai Wallace, Career Manager, MI Works-Holland MI, Amy Forea, Master Trainer at PATH, Sr Resources, Nancy Schwald, Health counselor and Whole Foods Cook from Traverse City MI, Bette Rodewald, RN, Bobbe Taber, MA LLPC owner of Life Write Services, Kalama-zoo Michigan, and Catrina L Rule, owner & founder of IT is Representing You, Executive Director of Pathfinders.

Save The Dates:
October 23 5:30pm - 9:00pm
October 24 8:30am - 2:00pm

Costs for Conference
Attend Friday Only -$30.00 includes Dinner
Attend Saturday Only -$30 includes Lunch
Attend both Friday and Saturday -$55.00 includes Dinner and Lunch

For more information or to register early please call Mary Williams at 231.777.0348 or email at mary.williams@muskegoncc.edu

Our MCC Accreditation Self-Study from a Different Angle

As the term self-study indicates, something is being studied (every aspect of the College), and we ourselves (representatives from every area of the College) are doing the studying. One voice we are taking into consideration is that of our students. We mainly know what students think about MCC by their answers to survey questions; in this issue we will highlight some student responses to the latest annual “General Education Questionnaire.”

This survey is given to students who are receiving the Associate in Science and Arts degree at the end of the winter term (our traditional graduation date), and it focuses on our general education requirements for that degree. About half of our winter 2009 ASA graduates participated. Here are some observations from their responses:

♦ The graduates are more likely to be women (63%), 18-21 years old (58%), and single (88%).

♦ Students felt they had made significant progress in developing their skills, for example, their ability to write research papers. When entering the College 15% thought they had excellent research writing skills; now when they are graduating, 61% said their skills were excellent, and the remaining 39% claimed their skills were good.

♦ When asked if they were well-prepared to go on to a four year school, 49% agreed and 46% strongly agreed. Looking further ahead, 98% agreed or strongly agreed they had acquired a broad base of knowledge that will help them later in life.

♦ Interestingly for instructors, only 15% of the students strongly agreed that our general education courses were challenging; 12% strongly agreed that the writing assignments in these classes were challenging, and only 7% strongly agreed the reading requirements were demanding.

♦ Our six general abilities of an educated person are the main goals of our general education require-

ments. A strong majority of students said they know either a lot or quite a bit about each of the abilities: to acquire knowledge 84%; to solve problems 73%; to connect ideas 83%; to understand ethics 76%; to read critically 76%, and to reason logically 81%.

Next month in Campus Connections: Many students go to MCC and then transfer. What do they have to say about their experiences both here and at their four-year school?

Submitted by Anne Meilof and Richard Doctor
Sarah Jones LIVE, A One-Woman Global Village

The Muskegon Writers’ Center brings you…
Sarah Jones LIVE,
A One-Woman
Global Village!

Sarah Jones is a Tony Award winning playwright and performer. Her multi-character solo show Bridge & Tunnel was originally produced Off-Broadway by Oscar-winner Meryl Streep and went on to become a critically acclaimed, long-running hit on Broadway.

Educated at Bryn Mawr College and the United Nations International School, Sarah recently returned to her UN School roots by becoming a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador with the title of first ever Official Spokesperson on Violence Against Children, traveling and performing for audiences from Indonesia to Ethiopia, the Middle East to Japan.

Most recently, Sarah was invited by First Lady Michelle Obama to perform at The White House in celebration of Women’s History Month. She is currently at work on a commission for Lincoln Center Theater and is developing a television project based on her characters.

Winner of the 2007 Brendan Gill Prize, Sarah has also received grants and commissions from The Ford Foundation, NYSCA, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, and others, and theater honors including an Obie Award, a Helen Hayes Award, two Drama Desk nominations, and HBO’s US Comedy Arts Festival’s Best One-Person Show Award, as well as an NYCLU Calloway Award in recognition of Sarah as the first artist in history to sue the Federal Communications Commission for censorship. The lawsuit resulted in reversal of the censorship ruling, which had targeted her hip-hop poem recording, “Your Revolution.”

A regular uncensored guest on public radio programs such as Fresh Air and Studio 360 with Kurt Andersen, Sarah has also made numerous TV appearances on programs including Charlie Rose, The Today Show, CBS Sunday Morning, Live with Regis and Kelly, Now on PBS, and on Sesame Street as Ms. Noodle on Elmo’s World.

Saturday,
October 24, 2009
7:00pm
Frauenthal Center,
Downtown Muskegon

$18 Premier Reserved Seating (limited)
$10 General Reserved Seating

Tickets On Sale: Beginning September 8, 2009
Frauenthal Center Box Office or 1-800-585-3737

For additional information: Mary Tyler, Chair Muskegon Writers’ Center 231-777-0327
mary.tyler@muskegoncc.edu

www.sarahjonesonline.com
or catch her on YouTube!
NEW “Reflections” Showcase presented by Beta Xi Xi

**COMING IN NOVEMBER**

**“The Art of Scott Rosema”**
Nationally known comic book artist exhibits finished illustrations and working drawings in connection to MCC’s new video game design certificate program.

Nov. 9 - Dec. 16
Gallery Hours M-F 9-4pm

**OVERBROOK ART GALLERY**

**“You and Me”**
Prints by Dellas Henke
Sept. 28 - Oct. 30
Gallery Hours M-F 9-4pm with special weekend hours during performance of “Into The Woods” Oct. 21-25
 Held in conjunction with AH Fest - The Muskegon Area Arts and Humanities Festival
Free public reception and gallery talk: Wednesday, Oct. 14, 6pm - 7:30pm

**OVERBROOK THEATER**

“Into The Woods”
Wednesday - Friday
October 21-23, 2009
7:30pm
&
October 24-25, 2009
3:00pm
Tickets are $6 or $12
Call: 231 777-0324 for additional information or tickets.
(ONE WEEKEND ONLY)

**WEST MICHIGAN YOUTH SYMPHONY**

Fall Concert
Sunday, November 15, 2009
3:00pm - Dogwood Center
Fremont, Michigan
http://www.westshore.edu/webs/music/

**WEST MICHIGAN CONCERT WINDS**

The Many Faces of Jazz
Saturday, October 24, 7pm - Lake Orion High School
Visit www.WMCW.org for more information

**AH FEST**

October 2009
Visit www.ahfest.org for complete calendar information

**CONCERT EVENT**

West Michigan Concert Winds
Fall Concert with the North Oakland Concert Band
Saturday, October 24, 7pm - Lake Orion High School
Visit www.WMCW.org for more information

**LECTURE SERIES**

“Afghanistan Since the Withdrawal of the Soviet Union’s Army”
Dr. Alam Paying, Director of the Middle East Studies Center, Ohio State University
Thursday, November 12, 2009, 7:00pm - 8:00pm - Overbrook Theater - FREE and open to the public

**MCC COLLEGE SINGERS**

Fall Festival Concert
Sunday, November 1, 2009
7pm - Overbrook Theater

**REFLECTIONS**

On The Paradox of Affluence

**NEW “Reflections” Showcase presented by Beta Xi Xi**

Good news for artists! The deadline for submitting your visual, literary, or performance art to MCC’s College Arts Showcase -- “Reflections on the Paradox of Affluence” -- has been extended to October 12. Student, staff, administration, and faculty submissions welcome. Search “Reflections” on MCC’s website for more information!

~Jenny Klingenberg
**New Series of Courses for Faculty**

Don Bogema will offer a session on October 19, “Creating Audio Files”. This session covers using free software called Audacity from SoundForge and creating MP3 files to deliver audio content.

Maria Andersen will offer a session on October 15, “Jing and Other Easy-to-use Multimedia”. Jing is another free program that you can use to create multimedia. The session will cover using Jing to post quick and easy videos or screen captures to help your students. Your students can use Jing to help each other, make presentations in an online class or ask questions that are difficult to pose in worlds. If you haven’t tried it yet, you will be surprised how easy it is. We’ll also look at simple ways to get more multimedia into your course shells with a minimum of fuss.

Deb Howell and Kathy Pollock will offer a session on October 26, “Tests and Quizzes in Blackboard”.

In this session, participants will:
- Become familiar with the options for tests and quizzes using Blackboard
- Test question types

- Creation settings
- Tests from Pools
- Random Blocks
- Test Options settings

This course is designed for those wanting to use Blackboard tests.

We also offer repeat sessions on “Camtasia for Creating Audio/Video” on October 7, Zotero: Free Bibliographic Database in Firefox” on October 21, and “Anti-Plagiarism and Integrated Chat Tools” on October 12.

Check Faculty Spot in Blackboard for full course descriptions and to register click on Seminars2Learn.

**Faculty Feats**

A new teaching and learning roundtable’s inaugural session will be held on October 22 at 2:30pm. Greg Marczak will present his use of digital pens, Kathy Pollock will demonstrate the use of clickers, and Jenny Klingenberg will offer insights on using graded discussion boards.

Join us in room 1204 for this session. Please register on Blackboard in the Faculty Spot course site by clicking on Seminars2Learn.

If you have an idea to present, please contact Sarah Swart so that you can present at a future Faculty Feats session!

**BrownBagIt Session**

The CTL has launched a monthly session on teaching related topics. In September, Dr. Nesbary joined us to share some of his insights with regard to teaching and his hopes for the future of MCC. In October, Diane Krasnewich will join us for a session on “Syllabus as Communication Tool”. This session was well received at MayDays last spring. If you were not able to join us then, here is another opportunity.

The BrownBagIt sessions will be offered every month on the 2nd Tuesday.

**Book Discussion**

The CTL is launching a book discussion. We hope to cover one book per term. The current book is *The Tyranny of Dead Ideas: Letting Go of the Old Ways of Thinking to Unleash a New Prosperity* by Matt Miller.

On October 1 we will cover the introduction and chapters 1-3; and on October 29 chapter 4-6 will be covered. Each session will begin at 3:30pm in the CTL.

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Instructional Design Roadmap Continued

If you purchase your book at the MCC Bookstore, you will receive a $5 discount. Ask for your book at the counter in the bookstore!

Instructional Design Reading Topics
JOLT is an online journal produced by MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resources for Learning and Online Teaching). The deadline for papers for the Spring issue is November 15.

The objectives of MERLOT JOLT are to:
A. Enable faculty to use technology effectively in teaching and learning by learning from a community of researchers and scholars;
B. Enable academic programs to design and deploy academic technology to optimize teaching and learning;
C. Build a community around the research and scholarly use of multimedia educational resources.

JOLT welcomes papers on all aspects of the use of online multimedia educational resources for learning and teaching. Topics may include, but are not limited to: learning theory and the use of multimedia to improve student learning; instructional design theory and application; online learning and teaching initiatives; use of technology in online education; innovative online learning and teaching practices.

The manuscript rubric can be found at http://jolt.merlot.org/callforpapers.html

Following are the abstracts and links to two articles from the current issue. You may subscribe to JOLT at http://jolt.merlot.org and see the full issue and past archives.

Replacing Professor Monologues with Online Dialogues: A Constructivist Approach to Online Course Template Design

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Abstract
Online course delivery requires a divergence from conventional teaching methods. Many online educators have instituted a constructivist approach to course delivery, but have created superficial connections between the technology used and the approach itself. The following article addresses the value of theory-driven online course development and provides a model for launching a constructivist “best practices” course template http://jolt.merlot.org/vol5no3/stewart0909.pdf

The Online Educator: Instructional Strategies for Effective Practice

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Abstract
Although many online instructors have varying degrees of classroom experience, limited experience with the online environment makes them novices in this teaching and learning context. This paper, which is aimed at the novice online educator, articulates a unified online learning framework that: describes the higher education online instructional environment in terms of student inputs, institutional influences, and student outcomes; describes the relationship between student inputs, instructional strategies, and instructional outputs; and provides instructional prescriptions to guide the practice of the online educator. Prescriptions are based on an authentic example of a research methods course taught at multiple virtual universities over a five year period. Future research includes broader application of this framework and gathering feedback on its efficacy from instructors with different experience levels. http://jolt.merlot.org/vol5no3/haughton0909.pdf

Contact Information
Sarah Lelgarde Swart, MM, MLIS Center for Teaching and Learning Room 1109 Stevenson Center sarah.swart@muskegoncc.edu I’m available for faculty assistance by appointment or drop-in until 5pm Monday-Friday. Weekday evenings are available by appointment.

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## October 2009 Event Calendar

[sessions are 60 minutes unless noted otherwise; held in the CTL unless noted otherwise]

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**Register on Blackboard – Click on FACULTY SPOT then SEMINARS2LEARN**

Don Bogema, Coordinator 231-777-0264
Sarah Swart, Instructional Design Specialist II 231-777-0214 www.muskegoncc.edu ctl/
Campus Flu Shot Clinic

DON'T FORGET YOUR FLU SHOT!!!

Visiting Nurse Services will conduct a FLU SHOT CLINIC HERE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16
11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
Room 1204 in the Stevenson Center
No appointment necessary.

Available to anyone age 9 or older. Medicare Part B members, no charge with card. (All others $30). Pneumonia shots also available, $40 (first-time or with doctor’s orders only).

FOR ADDITIONAL FLU SHOT CLINIC DATES AND TIMES, GO TO:
www.vns-muskegon.org
1-800-499-5025 / (231) 726-5025

Dont forget your flu shot!!!

“Swine Flu” Frequently Asked Questions???

What is novel H1N1 (swine flu)? Novel H1N1 is a new influenza virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in people in the U.S. in April 2009. This virus is spreading from person-to-person worldwide, probably in much the same way that regular seasonal influenza viruses spread.

Are there human infections with novel H1N1 virus in the U.S.? Yes. Human infections with the new H1N1 virus are ongoing in the U.S. Most people who have become ill with this new virus have recovered without requiring medical treatment. CDC routinely works with state to collect, compile and analyze information about influenza, and has done the same for the new H1N1 virus since the beginning of the outbreak.

How does novel H1N1 virus spread? Spread of novel H1N1 virus is thought to occur in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing by people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something - such as a surface or object - with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

What are the signs or symptoms of this virus in people? The symptoms of novel H1N1 flu virus in people include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuff nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Severe illnesses and death has occurred as a result of illness associated with this virus.

How severe is illness associated with novel H1N1 flu virus? Illness with the new H1N1 virus has ranged from mild to severe. While most people who have been sick have recovered without needing medical treatment, hospitalizations and deaths from infection with this virus have occurred.

How long can an infected person spread this virus to others? People infected with seasonal and novel H1N1 flu shed virus and may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to 5 to 7 days after. This can be longer in some people, especially children and people with weakened immune systems and in people infected with the new H1N1 virus.

Referenced from Wellness Weekly
Vision of the NEW Gaming Curriculum at MCC

I was asked to share my vision of the gaming curriculum at MCC and introduce myself in the process.

Computer gaming is in its infancy. It has evolved from the dexterity and puzzle games we embraced in our youth into an interactive social media experience that uses technology to combine art, music, theater, and storytelling into a convergent art form. We are just starting to grasp what is possible in this exciting “Interactive Media” field as it is quickly becoming a recognized and an accepted form of expression by artists, actors and authors from around the world.

In the not so distant future the distinction between art, literature, theatre, movies, television, and games will blend together to be nearly unrecognizable. Rarely will we watch an entertainment experience in a passive role, but rather be somehow engaged as interactive participants.

The vision of the MCC Gaming Curriculum is to prepare students to embrace this new world of interactive entertainment by providing a solid and comprehensive foundation of skills, concepts and critical thinking skills. Our initial thrust is aimed at the “Game Designer”, the visionary who creates and leads the game design team and has hands on experience not only creating great games, but is keenly aware of the “why” they are great.

We are adding two additional tracks in the future: The first is Media Arts/Game design for the talented artist who is more hands on and interested in interactive artwork, creating amazing avatars, and is fluent in creating the hundreds of interactive nuances that combine to create dynamic visual game environments. The second is Programming/Game Design for those who are more oriented towards computer science that focuses on the underlying mathematical models, simulation and programming techniques that power the interactive game experiences and bring them to life.

All tracks require a broad and strong foundation of education in many supporting disciplines such as economics, history, psychology, and business to name a few. The goal of all tracks is to not only prepare our students for transfer to four year colleges, but to empower them to excel once they arrive.

I am Jim Landes, a game designer, entrepreneur, and sometimes media visionary. I have over 20 years of software development experience inclusive of multiple start-ups in leadership positions. My passion is forging new lines of thought and expression regarding technology and interactive media. My door is open, and I invite you to come share your views and ideas with me over a cup of coffee. My office is currently at 1212, and I can be reached either by phone at extension 551 or by email james.landes@muskegoncc.edu

Kindest regards,
Jim
MCC Staff Development Opportunities

Staff Development is back and we need your input on what training you would like to have available. As more training topics are requested or developed, we will update staff members so people can pre-register for the classes. Keep watching issues of Campus Connections for newly developed course announcements.

There are a couple of ways Staff Development courses will be offered. First, there will be courses offered in a traditional classroom setting. As of right now, we are in the process of planning CISCO Phone Training, Basic Office 2007, Basic Outlook 2007 and Advanced Outlook 2007 training. Each of these courses will be offered on campus – please see the schedule below. At the end of the training, you will receive a certificate of completion by the facilitator of the course.

Second, we will offer courses, both professional and personal development, online through our Continuing Education partners, Education To Go(ed2go). These courses are offered more thoroughly as they run six weeks with 12 lessons, quizzes and a final exam. There are already hundreds of classes available and we encourage everyone to check them out. In order to register for these courses, a 13-digit department budget code will need to be emailed to Stacey.DeBrot@muskegon.cc.edu and then a passcode will be emailed back to you with a courtesy copy to your supervisor. Once you receive the passcode, you can register for your course online (all registration must be done online) and input the pass-code in the payment section. Each course costs $60, which is given to the College at a discounted rate. At the end of the course a certificate of completion will be available online through ed2go (if the final exam is passed with a 70% or higher). These online courses are available 24/7 and never get cancelled! Are you ready to explore the catalog? Click the following link to learn more: www.ed2go.com/muskegon-pro.

To register for these great digital courses call Mary Williams at ext. 348 or log onto www.muskegoncc.edu/ce to find out more information. Classes start on Monday, Oct 5! For the payment section, choose to pay off-line.

Tobacco Cessation Courses –Facilitated by Ed Parsekian, Muskegon Health Department
Learn ways to help quit tobacco use and “Kick the Habit.” Tobacco Free Cessation Seminars in combination with the Tobacco Free Environment at Muskegon Community College and the Muskegon County Clean Indoor Air Regulation. MCC is not the only place here in Muskegon that has developed a “No Smoking Policy”, there are many other places in Muskegon and around us that are installing new policies regarding smoking in and around public buildings. Registration is limited to 15 people per session!

There are two different sessions you can sign up for:
- Mondays, Nov 9 - 30 from 6-7:30pm in Room 1228
- OR
- Tuesdays, Nov 3 - 24 from 10-11:30am in Room 1228

To register for these courses, email Stacey.DeBrot@muskegoncc.edu or log onto: www.muskegoncc.edu/ce. For payments section, choose to pay off-line.

I am excited to be working on Staff Development opportunities for everyone so please let me know what you would like to see offered, what days and times work best, etc and I will try to schedule something to meet your needs. -Stacey
PlanMember is hosting an educational retirement workshop - "Retirement Lies We Tell Ourselves!" to help MRIC school employees with a reality check on their retirement planning goals.

**Saturday, October 10, 2009**
10:30am - 11:30am
Call toll free to RSVP:
1-877-MY1-403b
(691-4032)
RSVP Registration is required for admission of the day at no charge.
Whether you are at the beginning of your career, somewhere in the middle or nearing retirement, the best time to begin planning for retirement is now!

This educational workshop will discuss:
- "Retirement Lies We Tell Ourselves" - a reality check
- The Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) pension system
- "Down to Earth" retirement planning ideas using the Personal Retirement Calculator
- An overview of PlanMember’s MRIC investment options

Enjoy a Day at Frederik Meijer Gardens compliments of PlanMember

Registration check-in begins at 10:00am on October 10th at the Brewer Room on the lower level of Frederik Meijer Gardens. The educational workshop is for qualified MRIC public school employees and their spouses. Respectfully, they request that children not attend the workshop.

At the completion of the workshop, All Attendees will be able to tour the gardens for the remainder
German Exchange Program 2010

Muskegon Community College students and faculty will travel to Stuttgart, Germany May 2010!

MCC will provide another opportunity for students and staff to participate in a bi-lateral exchange program with its sister college, Kaufmännisches Schule Stuttgart-Nord (KSN) in Stuttgart, Germany. This 2009 group includes Ursula Keith, Marla VerDuin, Christopher VanGeison, Stephan and Linda Fiorenzo, William Loxterman and Kathy Tosa. This MCC/KSN bi-lateral exchange program has been building lasting friendships and offering insight into our perspective cultures and business practices for over 11 years.

For more information contact Kathy Tosa at 231-777-0376.

Submitted by: Tom Schurino and Kathy Tosa

The deadline for application is December 19, 2009

A Travelogue India!

Join Maria and Joel Anderson as they present an exciting travelogue of their adventures in India. Thursday October 15, 2009 6:45 – 8:30PM in the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, Room 1100. A reception with samples of cuisine from India will be available at 6:45pm

Submitted by: Tom Schurino and Kathy Tosa

“Goodbye Lenin!” Film

MCC International will be presenting the film, “Goodbye Lenin!” to faculty, staff, students and the public

Monday, November 9th 6:00pm - 9:00pm Blue & Gold Room

Come and watch this story of German reunification and the liberation of the citizens in East Germany.

Submitted by: Tom Schurino and Kathy Tosa
MCC’s Bulletin Board

OPEN ENROLLMENT IS COMING!!
October 5 – 26, 2009

To All Muskegon Community College Benefit Eligible Employees:

We are going green again this year with our open enrollment process.

On or about October 5, 2009, you will receive an email that will contain a link to all of your open enrollment materials. Please be sure to read the Benefits Guide in its entirety as it contains important information to help you make informed decisions regarding your benefit options for the 2009-2010 plan year.

Stay tuned for detailed information on the plan offerings for 2009-2010.

Mary Smith
Employment Services Director
Human Resources

Fall 2009 Library/Information Commons Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30am - 10:00pm
Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm
Sunday 1:00pm - 6:00pm (starting Sept. 13)
CLOSED Saturdays and Thanksgiving Weekend Nov. 26-29

Fall Bookstore Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 7:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday 8:30am - 12:30pm
Sunday CLOSED

Fitness Center Hours - Fall 2009

Monday & Wednesday 12:30pm - 2:30pm
3:30pm - 7:00pm
Tuesday & Thursday 2:30pm - 5:30pm
You must be a registered student, faculty, or staff of Muskegon Community College to use the Fitness Center. For further information, you may call Jane at 231-777-0385