Jayhawk Baseball

“DO ALL THE RIGHT THINGS”

2008-2009

Muskegon Community College
Muskegon Community College, designed by Alden B. Dow, features an enclosed courtyard through which Four-Mile Creek flows under the wings of the main building. The 111-acre campus is made up of the Academic Complex, the Technology Building, the Hendrik Meijer Information Technology Center, Bartels-Rode Gymnasium, the Stevenson Center for Higher Education, and the Frauenthal Foundation Fine Arts Center.

Opening in January of 1995, the Stevenson Center for Higher Education houses upper-level courses and programs offered by Ferris State, Grand Valley State, and Western Michigan universities. These institutions, in partnership with Muskegon Community College, form an educational consortium to coordinate offering to best meet the needs of West Michigan shoreline residents.

The campus is bounded on the west by U.S. 31; on the north by Stebbins Road; on the east by Quarterline Road; and on the south by Marquette Avenue. In addition to the academic facilities, the campus also contains a planetarium, art building, nature trail, theater, and art gallery, and outdoor athletic facilities. Parking is available for 2,000+ vehicles in the north and south lots.

Bartels-Rode Gymnasium is located just south of the main academic complex. The multi-purpose facility houses a physical fitness center, a free weight room, training room, classrooms, a computer lab, and a television control room. The baseball diamond, softball field, and six tennis courts are located adjacent to the gymnasium.

### MCC FACTS AT A GLANCE:

- **Location**: Muskegon, Michigan 49442
- **Founded**: June 1926, as a feeder school to the Univ. of Michigan
- **Enrollment**: 4,326 (Fall Semester 2007)
- **President**: Dr. David L. Rule
- **Mascot**: Jayhawk
- **Colors**: Royal Blue & Gold
- **Gymnasium**: Bartels-Rode
- **Affiliation**: NJCAA Region XII and MCCAA Western Conference
- **Trustee Chairperson**: Roy Portenga
- **V.P. of Student Services**: Janie P. Brooks
- **Athletic Director**: Marty McDermott
- **Asst. Athletic Director**: Jon Romkema
- **Athletic Secretary**: Ann Helminski
- **Athletic Dept. Phone**: 231.777.0381
- **Athletic Dept. FAX**: 231.777.0437

- **Head Men’s Basketball Coach**: Lee Gilbert
- **Assistant Coaches**: Anthony Parker
- **Head Athletic Trainer**: Jon P. Romkema, ATC
- **TV Announcers**: John Arter & Gene Young
- **Jayhawk Talkshow Host**: John Arter
- **Television Producer**: Rod VanNortwick
- **Photographer**: Doug Sims
## 2008-2009 Baseball Schedule

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**CONFERENCE IN CAPS**

**Head Coach:** Cap Pohlman  
**Assistant Coach:** Greg Guzman

**Assistant Coach:** Steve Luchies  
**Assistant Coach:** Brandon Becklin
Jayhawk Coaching Staff

Head Coach
Cap Pohlman

Coach Pohlman enters his 11th year as head coach of the “Jayhawks” with a record of 294-192 last years team was 33-13 and shared Muskegon’s 1st conference championship. The 2004-05 Muskegon Community College record of 38 wins. Born and raised in Saginaw, Michigan, Coach Pohlman threw 7 no hitters at Saginaw Douglas MacArthur High School. He then moved on to Central Michigan University, where he defeated South Carolina on a no-hitter and in the Regional Big Ten Champ Iowa on a 3-hitter. He was drafted in the 9th round by the Milwaukee Brewers spending 2 years in the minors before ending his career with an arm injury. Coach Pohlman spent 1 season as a volunteer Coach at Central Michigan before becoming the Head Coach at Chesaning High School, with 7 of those teams winning the conference championship. His best team was 32 & 7 and set many state records. He then left Chesaning to become the Assistant Baseball Coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. His primary responsibility was working with the pitchers. Starting with an 8 man pitching staff Coach Pohlman built a pitching staff of 24 pitchers after 4 years with a pitching staff of 24. Four of his pitchers were drafted, including Scott Sauerbeck and Dave Swartzbaugh.

Coach Pohlman spent 12 years at Fruitport High School before retiring. He spent 4 years as Varsity Baseball Coach. 3 out of 4 of his teams were conference champs. His high school record over 18 years was 351 wins and 145 losses. In 2002 Coach Pohlman was elected to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. His resume also includes coaching football, basketball and he was also a former athletic director. He has spoken at many clinics and camps. He is supported by his wife of 34 years, Deb, a middle school math teacher, his daughter, Karli, and son-in-law Jason Baldus both teachers in Muskegon and his son Carey, a teacher in Gastonia, North Carolina and a granddaughter, Karina.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
This years team must accept the challenge of facing every teams best after last seasons Conference Championship. The team has good depth in the pitching and overall good team speed. We must become more consistent defensively and cut down on strikeouts offensively for us to compete. We have some experience in the Infield and in the middle of our line-up. Our catching depth is very good. For us to repeat and improve upon last years accomplishments our Freshman as always must adapt quickly and our Sophomores need outstanding years. We are excited and apprehensive about this group, but we have faith that we should have a chance to make the Regionals!
Assistant Coach

Greg Guzman

Coach Guzman is entering his 6th season as an assistant coach with the Muskegon Community College Baseball Team. Greg was born and raised in Muskegon and he graduated from Oakridge High School in 1990. Coach Guzman then attended Jordan College for 2 years before returning to Muskegon Community College for two years majoring in business.

His previous coaching experiences includes 1 year as a volunteer assistant with the Oakridge High School Baseball team. He also was a volunteer assistant for 2 years with the Muskegon Community College Women's Basketball team and has previously coached high school girls’ basketball for 5 years. Coach Guzman is employed by Eby-Brown as a business growth and development coordinator for the Western Michigan area.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:

Greg Guzman- “Coach Guzman has been with me the longest on the staff. He brings a lot of enthusiasm and desire to improving this program. His major responsibilities include Fundraising and working with our Infielders. He is a true “Jayhawk”.

Assistant Coach

Brandon Becklin

Coach Becklin is entering his 1st year as Assistant Coach at Muskegon Community College. Brandon graduated from Fruitport High School in 2000, and from Western Michigan University in 2006.

Coach Becklin began his baseball coaching in 2006 at Caledonia High School in Grand Rapids, MI, working under former Major Leaguer Chad Curtis. He then coached baseball and taught Social Studies at Northwest Guilford High School in Greensboro, NC for two years. Brandon has worked numerous baseball camps including the Elon University Summer Camp and was a volunteer coach for Colt Summer Baseball in North Carolina.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:

Brandon Becklin- “Coach Becklin comes to us from a Coaching Stint in Greensboro North Carolina. He will be working with our Catchers and the Bunting Game and is a big asset to our program”

Assistant Coach

Steve Luchies

Coach Luchies is entering his 1st year as Assistant Coach at Muskegon Community College. Coach Luchies is a 2000 graduated from Fremont High School and was enrolled at Muskegon Community College for 2 years. While at Muskegon Community College, Coach Luchies was a member of the Jayhawks Baseball Team. As a catcher, Coach Luchies earned Mr. Defense Award, Team MVP, and 2nd team All-State.

Coach Luchies began his baseball coaching in 2007 at Fremont High School. In his two years at Fremont, Coach Luchies led Fremont to their first winning season in over 20 years. He was also named the 2008 Lakes 8 Activities Conference Coach of the Year.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:

Steve Luchies- “Coach Luchies is the new Assistant Coach at Muskegon Community College. His previous stop was as the Varsity Coach at Fremont where he turned that program around. He will be working with our hitters and is our Recruiting Coordinator, Academic Coordinator and works with our 1st Baseman. We are fortunate to have him in our program”
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Travis Laver

Travis Laver is the son of Kevin and Melissa Laver. Travis and his family moved to Holland from Virginia just before his junior year. At Holland, Travis was a three sport athlete lettering in football, cross country, and baseball. His senior year he was named All-Conference and All-Area. Laver plans to continue his education and play baseball as long as he can.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Travis Laver- “Travis has improved greatly since last year, we hope he can fill the void of Kevin Dore in both lead-off and 2nd Base. We expect him to have a great year”

Brandon Macheta

Brandon is the son of Ed and Melissa Macheta. Brandon finished his high school career at Orchard View High School in 2006. His baseball accomplishments include: two-time All-Conference, two-time All-Area, and two-time All-District. Brandon plans on obtaining his Associates Degree in Biology and continue his education at Grand Valley State University. His goal is to continue playing baseball while pursuing a degree in Biology and Sports Management. In his spare time Brandon enjoys hunting and fishing as much as he can.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Brandon Macheta- “Brandon is one of our Tri-Captains this year. His major role is to lead the pitching staff and he does that well. He is also one of our most clutch hitters. He plays a major role on this team!”

Matt Hoffman

Matt Hoffman is the proud son of Dan and Marcia Hoffman and has a younger sister Sarah that is 16. Matt was born and raised in Saginaw where he attended Heritage High School. He was named to the Saginaw News Dream Team his senior year along with 1st team all-district, 1st team all region, 1st team Saginaw Valley League, and MVP of his team. This is Matt’s second year at MCC and hopes to continue playing baseball at a 4 year school. He plans to major in Education where he can become an English teacher and hopefully a varsity baseball coach. Matt would like to thank his friends and family for all their support.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Matt Hoffman- “Matt has the most experience of all our pitchers returning. We expect him to be our #1 starter and anchor of our pitching staff. He will be pitching huge games everytime out so he is another key to our season”

Kyle Mattson

My name is Kyle Mattson. I have been playing baseball since I can remember and probably the most memorable baseball moment of my childhood was when our 2001 little league team won the state championship. I attended Mona Shores High School and played basketball for 2 years and baseball and football all 4 years. In my free time I enjoy fishing, golfing, and working out. I plan to play baseball at MCC for two years and move on to a four-year school.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Kyle Mattson- “Kyle should be one of our starters by the time Conference games come around he has a lot of ability, but must improve his consistency”
Ben Wilsey

Ben is the son of Bob and Sue Wilsey. He has one brother, Jon. Ben graduated from Holland High School in 2007 where he earned a GPA of 3.49. He played four years of baseball for the Holland Dutch, two on varsity where he earned the Coach’s Award and the Most Improved Player Award. This is his second year as a Jayhawk. Ben is majoring in Communications. After completing his time at MCC, Ben would like to continue his education at a four-year college. He would like to thank his whole family for their support and encouragement.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Ben Wilsey: “We are counting on Ben to be a force out of the Bullpen especially against Lefties”

Matt Grzybowski

Matt is the son of Gordon and Nancy Grzybowski. He has three sisters and one brother. Matt graduated from Sparta High School. He is going into chemical engineering. He received all conference his Jr. and Sr. year and received honorable mention on his sophomore year. He also received all region my Jr. and Sr. year.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Matt Grzybowski: “Matt should be an anchor at the end of the bullpen. He could close or be used to set-up. He adds depth to our Bullpen”

Drew Beck

Drew is the son of Chris and Lisa Beck. He has a brother named Brandon who is 26 years old. Drew is in his second season at Muskegon Community College. He is a Political Science Major and hopes to pursue a career in the Law field. He is a 2007 graduate of Fruitport High School where he played football and baseball. He lettered on the bowling team as well. He was awarded a Congressional Nomination to attend West Point Military Academy out of high school by Peter Hoekstra. He was a letterman seven times throughout high school. He has four in baseball, two in football, and one in bowling. After this spring season Drew will be transferring to Central Michigan University to enter the Pre-Law program. He will be majoring in Political Science and will minor in English.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Drew Beck: “Drew has a chance to be a starter or we will use him out of the pen as we did this year. His ability to change speeds and throw strikes will dictate how much mound time he sees”

Scott Close

Scott is the son of Greg and Terri Close. He has a younger brother named Brett. Scott played three years of varsity baseball at Garber High School as a pitcher and third baseman. He received 1st team All-Conference and MVP honors. Scott has been greatly supported by his parents and Grandpa Close. Scott appreciates his father for the opportunity for all the additional help throughout the off seasons.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Scott Close: “Scott is a good athlete that must harness his emotions. If he can throw strikes he could be a starter for us. You may also see him as a Pinch Hitter”
Tylor Meppelink

Tylor is the son of Mike Meppelink and Christine Hubbart. He attended Lowell High School where he played football, basketball, and baseball. His sophomore year he was State Champion in football and also received All-Conference as an outfielder/utility player, All-District, and All-League. He was also awarded team captain. After his years at MCC, Tylor hopes to continue his athletic career as well as his education.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Tylor Meppelink- “Tylor will be used as a pinch-hitter and is capable of playing some third. He plays a major role of Bullpen Catcher and is unsung in his contributions to the team”

Hunter Hull

Son of Randy and Cathy Hull. I graduated from white cloud high school. I played 4 years of varsity baseball, made all-state 2 times. I also played varsity Basketball, Football, and Golf. I am currently going to school to become a police officer. A little about me is I once killed a fish with a sling shot, and I hate spiders and snakes, my favorite food is pasta, and my favorite movie is wedding crashers. In my free time I like to hunt, fish, woodwork, and play my guitar.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Hunter Hull- “Hunter must adapt to the speed and intensity of the game to help us this year. You could see Hunter in the Outfield, Secondbase, or as a Courtesy Runner!”

Marcus Garner

Marcus is the son of Dick and Angie Garner. He graduated from Montabella High School in 2007. This is his second year playing at Muskegon Community College. In his spare time he enjoys bear, bobcat, and coon hunting.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Marcus Garner- “One of our Tri-Captains, Marcus will start at Thirdbase and we need him to have a major impact in the middle of our order”

William Hansen

William is the son of Bill and Mary Lou Hansen. He has a younger brother Carl, and younger sister, Annie. He graduated from Petoskey High School in 2008. While in Petoskey, William played 4 years of Varsity Baseball earning all-area, all-district, and all-conference honors. In his free time he enjoys hunting and boating.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Billy Hansen- “Like all Freshman, how quickly Billy adjusts to the speed of the game will dictate playing time. We hope he can add depth to our catching corps.”
Erik is the son of Brian and Alicia Eldred. He has two older brothers Kyle and Brett. Erik is from Blanchard. He graduated high school in 2008 from Chippewa Hills High School where he played two sports baseball and football. He was a three year started on the varsity baseball team where he earned all-conference, all-district, 2nd team all-region, and was on the areas dream team. He plans on attending Muskegon Community College for the next two years. He enjoys being in the outdoors hunting and fishing.

**Coach Pohlman’s Comments:**

**Erik Eldred** - “Erik has tremendous speed but must improve his quickness. He is a good outfielder but must improve offensively. You could see him as a Courtesy Runner or any of the outfield positions”

Kevin is a graduate of Oakridge High School. He is pursuing a degree in Business. This is Kevin’s second season as a Jayhawk. He has worked extremely hard during the off-season with high hopes for this season. Kevin is the son of Denise and Paul Szczesny, and has two brothers, Jamin and Robin.

**Coach Pohlman’s Comments:**

**Kevin Szczesny** - “Kevin had a great fall and we hope it will carry over to the spring. We expect him to be in our starting four and his main strength is his ability to make the opposition put the ball in play and throwing quality strikes”

Patrick is the son of Tom and Karen Arntson. He attended Fruitport High School where he lettered 3 times in both Football and Baseball. He was selected All-Conference his junior and senior seasons. After MCC he plans on transferring and going into Banking and Financing, or Accounting. He would also like to continue playing baseball after MCC. In his free time he enjoys fishing and spending time with friends and family.

**Coach Pohlman’s Comments:**

**Patrick Arntson** - “Pat was a walk-on who is new to Firstbase. He will eventually be a very good hitter. We hope it will be this year”
Andy Fleming

Andy is the son of Richard and Jean Fleming. He graduated from Shelby High School in 2008. He played two years of varsity baseball and earned all-conference, all-area, and all-region his senior season. Andy also played two years of varsity basketball where he was team captain and received all conference and MVP his senior year. He would like to thank his whole family for their support.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Andy Fleming: “Andy has a lot of raw ability. If he can improve his mechanics he could be a major contributor this year”

Drew Kennedy

Drew is the second son of Jeff and Chris Kennedy. Drew went to Alma High School where he participated on the varsity swim and baseball team for four years. Drew was all-state in swim for three years and all-state in baseball for one. He is undecided about his major and where he plans to attend after MCC.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Drew Kennedy: “Drew is one of our most dynamic Freshman. You could see him at 3 positions on the infield and at this point we feel he can close for us! We expect him to also be one of our top RBI people”

Garret Moyer

Garret is the son of Tammy Moyer and Doug Moyer and stepmother Julie Moyer. He went to Reeths-Puffer High School and played three years of varsity baseball. His senior year he earned 1st team all-conference and 1st team all-area. His favorite baseball player is Ken Griffey Jr.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Garret Moyer: “Garret is an excellent defensive firstbaseman who must improve offensively to be a regular starter. Expect him to platoon at firstbase until we see he can handle all types of pitching’

Mike Acker

Mike Acker went to Coleman High. He was a four year varsity starter in baseball. He made all-state his senior year and made the area dream team his sophomore and junior years. Acker enjoys hunting and spending time with his family and friends.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Mike Acker: “Mike has a strong bat but must improve in all the other areas to help us this year”
Cameron is the son of Wes Wiechmann and Sylvia Ocampo. Cameron played 5 varsity sports in high school including football, baseball, wrestling, power lifting, and track. He received all-conference, all-area, and all-region honors in baseball all 3 years of varsity. In football he was a two time all-conference player, and 2 year all-state power lifter. Cameron is a returning sophomore for our team.

Ethan Hagen is the son of Kent and Annette Hagen. He graduated from Hamilton High School in 2007. He played baseball for 4 years and also swam for 2 years. He is a freshman at MCC and plans on attending for another year after. When he is done at MCC he wants to transfer to Grand Valley and major in communications.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Cam Wiechmann- “Cam is our best athlete and will see time in Rightfield and Catcher. We also need him to drive in runs and fill the void left by Farrell and Bard. His maturity is one of our keys to the season!”

Ethan Hagen- “Ethan will be primarily used out of the bullpen as a long reliever, how quickly he adjusts to the speed of the game will determine how much time he sees. He provides us with needed depth”

Brian Loper was born in Petosky, MI and grew up there while living with his parents, Mike and Patti Loper and sister, Ellen. His parents are both educators. Brian attended the Public Schools of Petoskey for his K-12 education. He was a four year letter winner in baseball, a two year letter winner in golf, and lettered his senior year in hockey. Throughout his high school baseball career he was a pitcher and first baseman. He received all-conference and all-district awards. His senior year he was also an all-region first baseman. His hobbies include outdoor sports including fishing, hunting, golfing, and water sports. He is working towards his undergraduate requirements and will go on to attend a four year university.

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Brian Loper- “Brian provides depth out of the Bullpen and must adjust quickly if he intends to help us this year. He has one of the best curves on the team”

Coach Pohlman’s Comments:
Mitch Thornton- “Mitch is behind due to an injury in the fall and must continue to work hard and improve in order to help us and provide us with the depth we need to compete”
Chase Francis is the son of Maria and Frank Francis, and brother of Michelle and Francine. In high school Chase received numerous awards in baseball and football and in his senior year help led his school basketball team to its first district title in 40 years! After MCC, Chase would like to continue his baseball career at a 4 year school studying business. Chase would like to thanks his family and friends for the tremendous support they have shown throughout the years.

Garrett Bolt is the son of Kyle and Julie Bolt, and brother to Justine Bolt. He is a freshman right-handed pitcher at MCC this year and graduated from Breckenridge High School in 2008. Garrett played football, basketball, and baseball at Breckenridge throughout high school, while receiving all-conference honors in all three sports his senior year. Garrett is currently undecided on his major and is unsure where he will be transferring to after MCC.

Chase Francis- “Chase is one of our most important players, we expect him to play great defense and to hit in the middle of our lineup and provide us with some punch. How well he plays this year will have a major impact on how well we do”

Garrett Bolt- “Garrett has untapped potential, he could be a starter or in the Bullpen. How quickly he adjusts could mean a lot to this team. He eventually will be very good!”

Tyler Jaskiewicz is the son of Paul and Tammy Jaskiewicz, and the brother to Chad and Travis Jaskiewicz. He is a freshman left-handed pitcher at MCC this year and graduated from Bay City Western in 2008. Tyler played basketball and baseball all four years at Western High School. Tyler is currently undecided on his major and is not sure where he will be transferring after MCC.

Tyler Jaskiewicz- “We expect Tyler to be in our starting rotation or one of the first out of the Bullpen. He must continue to break bad habits in order to improve and we feel he will”
We extend a special thanks to all those who support Jayhawk Baseball and help make the season possible. Your generosity and contributions keep the spirit of the MCC Jayhawks fighting strong. Our determination to “Do all the right things” is an indication of a thankful and winning team.

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