Message from the Interim President

As we move through the next several months, we need to familiarize ourselves with the College’s Mission Statement. As a part of the Higher Learning Commission activities, the MCC Board of Trustees reviewed and updated the College’s Mission statement as follows:

MISSION STATEMENT

Muskegon Community College, an associate degree-granting institution of higher education, is a center for lifelong learning which provides persons the opportunity to attain their educational goals by offering programs that respond to individual, community, and global needs. To fulfill its mission, MCC is committed to:

- Prepare students for successful transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and enable students to pursue higher – level degree opportunities through our local partnerships with university programs.
- Prepare students in critical thinking, communication and long term learning skills for the changing challenges of the future.
- Develop technical and vocational skills necessary to enter and/or advance in the technologically sophisticated workplace of the 21st century.
- Provide for the assessment and/or improvement of learning skills and attitudes necessary for a successful educational experience.
- Meet the unique educational, cultural, and societal needs in the community through special courses, seminars and exhibits.
- Respond in a rapid fashion to the ever-changing educational and training needs of local and regional business and industry.
- Stimulate intellectual curiosity, promote humanitarian values and enhance the general educational experiences necessary for persons to function as effective citizens.
- Create an atmosphere where diversity is acknowledged and encouraged.

Provide comprehensive student services that are conducive to student learning and satisfaction in all facets of the college experience and appropriate to an open door community college.

VISION STATEMENT

Building our community’s gateway to opportunities… creating the first and best choice for success.

February is full of days to celebrate – so I say to you Happy Ground Hog Day, Happy Valentine’s Day, (In the words of William Shakespeare: “Love comforteth like sunshine after rain.”) Happy President’s Day and Happy Mardi Gras to you. THINK SPRING!

Diana R. Osborn
In the spring, the CTL is planning a four day faculty seminar called May-Days. It will be held May 4-7 from 10am to 3pm each day. You can register to attend full days, all four days, or specific sessions within a day. Registration preference will be given to participants who sign up for full days. The full agenda can be viewed on the Faculty Blackboard site. The sessions cover Blackboard, pedagogy, interactivity, and design.

Article of Interest
Seven principles that guide educators are listed below from a source in the American Association for Higher Education. The principles apply to both online education and classroom-based education while the methods for applying the principles may differ. This list of principles offers a guide for evaluating course delivery.

The principles are:
1. encourages contact between students and faculty,
2. develops reciprocity and cooperation among students,
3. encourages active learning,
4. gives prompt feedback,
5. emphasizes time on task,
6. communicates high expectations, and respects diverse talents and ways of learning.


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I’m available for faculty assistance by appointment or drop-in. Tuesday/Wed till 6pm, other days until 5pm.
Global Awareness Festival

Monday, February 9

MCC Choir – African folk songs Collegiate Hall 11:30 – 12:00
HIV/AIDS – Evolution of an Epidemic “The Outbreak” Film and discussion Room 236 2:00 – 4:00
Overbrook Gallery Exhibit – “Out of Africa and Discovering Ancient Egypt” Opening talk and reception
Greg Waskowsky of The Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Overbrook Gallery 6:30 – 8:00
Free Film Festival begins.

Tuesday, February 10

Political Discussion – Panel discussion “African Decolonization and the US Civil Rights Movement” Blue and Gold 2:00 – 4:00
Folktales and Fun – African folktales for children Collegiate Hall 1:30 – 4:30
HIV/AIDS – Evolution of an Epidemic “The HIV Life Cycle” Film and discussion Room 236 2:00 – 4:00
Science and Technology Seminar – Great Lakes on Two Continents - Join the exploration of two Great Lakes systems; in Africa and North America. The investigations will include applications of modern mapping technologies while comparing water volumes, formation of the lake regions, populations, and transportation networks. Room L261 6:00 – 9:00

Wednesday, February 11

Introduction to Africa – Laurie Gasahl Room 1100 from 9:00 – 10:00
Global Topic Investigations will explore the ancient libraries of Timbuktu, US and Africa in the new Obama Era, Peace Corps experiences in Africa and much more. Blue and Gold Room 9:15 – 3:00.
Information Fair will feature booths highlighting international opportunities for students to study and work abroad as well as cultural differences around the world. Collegiate Hall 9:00 – 1:00.
Wild & Wacky Wednesday – Bichini Bia Congo Dance Theater Student Union 11:30 – 1:00
HIV/AIDS – Evolution of an Epidemic “Drugs and HIV” Film and discussion Room 236 2:00 – 4:00
Keynote Speaker – Papa N’jai, native of Sierra Leone, “The Journey – from West Africa to West Michigan” Room 1100 at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, February 12

Honors Seminar - Lifecycles: A Story of AIDS in Malawi: with discussion lead by Phi Theta Kappa – Blue and Gold Room 2:00 – 4:00
HIV/AIDS – Evolution of an Epidemic “Vaccines and HIV” Film and discussion Blue and Gold following the film.
Seminar-Women Researching Women’s Issues – Africa Blue and Gold from 7:00 - 8:00

Friday, February 13

FREE Film Festival concludes - Lifecycles: A Story of AIDS in Malawi with discussion lead by the Sociology Club - Blue and Gold Room 12:30 – 2:00.
HIV/AIDS – Evolution of an Epidemic Film and discussion Blue and Gold Room 2:00 – 4:00

Events spanning the entire week

An International Film Series will be available daily free of charge.
International Cuisine will be featured by the campus food service.
International Artifacts collected from the community will be displayed at the main college entrance along with flags representing approximately 200 nations.

For more information see www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/1485.asp or contact Katherine Tosa 231-777-0376 katherine.tosa@muskegoncc.edu
Phi Theta Kappa Update

Last year 73 students joined MCC’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa and so far this year we have four new members. Invitations will be sent very soon to 362 currently enrolled students who are eligible for the honor society. Every year since 2005, when we chartered our chapter, we have increased membership enough to earn the International Pinnacle Award, which includes a free registration to the Annual International Convention. This year we’ll be traveling with two chapter officers to Grapevine, Texas, to participate in the Honors in Action project and Leading the Way convention.

In conjunction with the Global Awareness Festival, we will be hosting a film and discussion: Lifecycle - A Story of AIDS in Malawi explores the themes of sex, witchcraft, poverty, death and religion in relation to AIDS. With a soulful soundtrack from Bobby McFerrin, the film was shot over eight months and encompasses both the depth and breadth of a culture under siege.

Thursday, February 12
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Blue and Gold Room
Jenny Klingenberg and Kelley Conrad are the advisors for Phi Theta Kappa. Please contact them if you have any questions.

Food Service Department/Bookside Bistro

I would like to take the time to thank everyone that has patronized the Bookside Bistro and has utilized the Creative Catering Services during the fall semester. We really appreciate your business and hope to satisfy your food and beverage needs while being at MCC. For the winter semester we have made some changes in the Bookside Bistro to bring in some more variety. Here is a list of new items added to our menu:

~ Fiesta Bagel – Bagel with Egg, Sausage, Pepper Jack Cheese & Salsa
~ Sunrise Croissant – Croissant with Ham, Egg & Swiss Cheese
~ Sausage & Biscuit Breakfast Sandwich
~ Breakfast Biscuit Sandwich – Biscuit with Egg, Sausage & Cheese
~ Breakfast Burrito
~ Sliders – Mini Hamburgers made to your liking
~ Beef & Swiss Sandwich
~ Chicken Cobb Sandwich
~ BLT Sandwich
~ Grilled Cheese with Meat (Your Choice)
~ “Build Your Own” Sandwich
~ Have it your way
~ Jalapeño Cheese & Pepperoni Cheese Bosco Sticks – Rotated Weekly
~ Apple & Cherry Turnovers
~ Pecan-Maple Danishes
~ Mini Chocolate Chip Cookie Bites (Served warm)
~ Mini Brownie Bites (Served warm)
~ Sweet Breads – Orange, Banana-Nut & Lemon-Poppy Seed (Rotated)

In addition to these additions, we are now providing potato chips and a pickle spear with all sandwiches that are made to order (excludes grab-in-go sandwiches).

To show our appreciation for your continued patronage, during the month of February, we are offering a $0.25 off special for anyone who purchases a Bistro Bargain Meal Deal. You must clip the coupon and present it to the cashier when ordering.

$.25 off
Your next purchase of a Bistro Bargain Meal Deal
Creative & Performing Arts

Overbrook Art Gallery
January 12 – February 27: OUT OF AFRICA and REDISCOVERING ANCIENT EGYPT. Two shows of works loaned from the permanent collection of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts highlighting the regional focus of this year’s MCC campus-wide Global Awareness Festival.

Free public reception: Monday, February 9 – 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. with a lecture at 7:00 p.m. by Greg Waskowsky, Outreach Coordinator at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Choir
Monday, February 9
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

COLLEGE SINGERS perform in Collegiate Hall in connection with the Global Awareness Festival.

Philosophy
February 19 – 7:00 p.m.
EXPLAINING GOD AWAY? THE CHALLENGE OF EVOLUTIONARY PSYCHOLOGY by Kelly Clark, Chair and Professor of Philosophy at Calvin College, Room 1100.

Recycling
MCC Student Government students are excited about recycling. Besides the office paper and cardboard that is currently recycled, the students will be placing containers around campus to recycle plastic bottles. More details on this program will follow.

Lunchbox University

It’s a JUNGLE OUT THERE!---And YOU can help prove the point!
By: Bill Loxterman

Surely the massive piles of snow outside belie the notion that SUMMER is right around the corner---academically speaking for Summer Semester 2009 registration, of course. Let’s have fun as we transform the College hallways into a veritable jungle of promotion for current students and campus visitors to enroll in a summer class or two. It’ll all start right after Spring Break on Monday 9 March 2009 and culminate in the always exciting and informative TASTE OF TOMORROW campus event on Saturday 28 March What YOU can do to help out: A. Volunteer B. Contribute C. Advocate (or any combination thereof) Here are some of the preliminarily-planned opportunities---

DECORATIONS: We need JUNGLE STUFF! Anything we can use temporarily to create a jungle-like atmosphere is fair game. Stuffed animals, cardboard cut-outs, decorative shields (leave the spear at home), etc. Also, wear your tropical shirt to work (remember Sail Into Summer two years ago? Well HEY, tropical is close enough---besides, we’re looking to maximize existing resources!) Plans call to build a Tiki Hut in the Student Assistance Center, and place palm trees around campus entrances. Give Teresa Sturrus a call at X251---she volunteered to head up the decorating committee.

STAFFING: Volunteers will be needed for hour-long stints as greeters, tour guides, phone calling, hand out applications, etc. Contact Mary Ottman and Janice Alexander to help out.

PROMOTIONS: Coordinating internal advertising (posters?) with external (off-campus) promotion is key here. Idea people crucial. Contact Bill Loxterman at X341 to help out.

Hand-outs and a JUNGLE TRIVIA contest are being considered also. One thing is for certain—if WE ALL pull together to create excitement on campus, it will pay dividends in terms of FULL CLASSES come Summer Semester.
MCC Birthdays

February

- 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
- Lynne Wood 2/11
- Ann Morales 2/12
- 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
- Andy Wible 2/25
- Tom Groner 2/25
- Je Doyle 2/27
- Ann Helminski 2/27

March

- Mary Kaufman 3/1
- Jane Atwood 3/3
- Rod VanNortwick 3/8
- Eileen Grunstra 3/9
- Kathy Beachum 3/10
- Clark Bingham 3/10
- Jon Brown 3/10
- Richard Doctor 3/11
- Blair Morrissey 3/11
- Tom O’Brien 3/15
- Kathy Tosa 3/15
- Cheryl Hite 3/16
- Chris Patterson 3/18
- Chris Donley 3/21
- Judy Stonex 3/22
- Georganne Myers 3/24
- Catherine Rusco 3/25
- Robert Ross 3/25
- Larry Visconti 3/25
- Richard Alexander 3/29
- Jan Fields 3/30
- Paula Halloran 3/31
- Terri Hoffman-Forward 3/31
- Dan Knue 3/31
- Glenn Rutgers 3/31

MCC’s Bulletin Board

- The 40th Annual M.A.T.E. (Muskegon Area Teachers of English) Conference will be held on campus on Wednesday, March 11, in Room 1200 from about 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Contact Judy Romans in Room 154 or call 231-777-0371 or email her at Judy.Romans@muskegoncc.edu.

- Tots and the Education Department will be supervising 250 children (1st graders) at the Folktales and Fun Session Tuesday, February 10 from 1:30 pm—4:30 pm in the Student Commons. Come and join us because we will need all the helping hands we can get.

- Please see the link below for public events that will be held for Black History Month: