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Muskegon Community College



This year's Commencement theme was Watch Muskegon Community College Go, which built upon the new community campaign promoting the palatable momentum energizing our region. In the case of MCC, you shouldn't just watch the college go, but jump on board because we're on a roll!

Our progress is more than just bricks and mortar. We are building an institution that produces the best and brightest talent in West Michigan.

MCC puts its students first while the college:

- Earns national recognition as one of only 91 out of 1,655 higher education institutions named an Achieving the Dream Leader College for its student success initiatives.
- Continues as the premier Early College institution in West Michigan, serving Muskegon, Newaygo, and Ottawa counties. We successfully competed with many colleges and universities for the right to provide this service. Over 1,000 students have benefitted from these valuable opportunities.
- Provides seamless four-year education in Respiratory Therapy and Nursing with new concurrent enrollment agreements in the allied health fields with Grand Valley State University and Michigan State University.
- Serves as a model for others with respect to innovation, having been visited during the past year by institutions as close as Delta College in Michigan and as far as Northeast Lakeview College in Universal City, Texas.
- Meanwhile, MCC's infrastructure is improving at a fast pace. We made a promise to our students and community that we would have a state-of-the-art learning environment. Now, with a committed investment of \$45 million, the promise has come to fruition.
- We have completed our impressive Science Center and will soon begin construction on an advanced manufacturing and entrepreneurship center in our Downtown Center. The \$17.8 million project will be the largest single investment in downtown Muskegon, according to Muskegon Area First. The facility is expected to transform downtown's economic landscape.

- On campus, we're planning for the groundbreaking of our expanded Health and Wellness Center later this year. We will continue renovations on the recently acquired Lakeshore Fitness Center along Muskegon Lake, and we are working on the details of our Arts Center move on campus shortly thereafter.

During the last three years, the College has received:

- The largest state capital outlay appropriation in its history at \$4.6 million
- The largest infrastructure grant in its history at \$4.1 million
- A first of its kind \$2.5 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration
- Public approval for the issuance of \$24 million in bonding authority to support these projects
- Generous donations of the former Muskegon Masonic Temple building and \$200,000 to support entrepreneurial studies

Indeed, MCC is on a roll. Many Muskegon Community College alumni had a direct or indirect role in making things happen. Thank you for your invaluable support. MCC alums and retirees, please stop by to share your ideas. Community and business participants, please continue to help us remain a great college. As we propel to even greater heights, you remain the wind beneath our wings. Go Jayhawks!

Dale K. Nesbary, Ph.D.

President
Muskegon Community College

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Sarah N. Pletcher

Named 2016 MCC Distinguished Alumnus



Muskegon native Dr. Sarah N. Pletcher, a surgeon and telemedicine trailblazer, has been named the 2016 Muskegon Community College Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

Pletcher founded and established the Center for Telehealth and Connected Care for the Dartmouth-Hitchcock health system serving 19 million patients in New England.

A faculty member at Dartmouth University's prestigious Geisel School of Medicine, the fourth oldest medical school in the nation, she also established the Center for Rural Emergency Services and Trauma, a network of 20 rural hospitals in New Hampshire and Vermont supporting emergency and trauma care

Pletcher was honored on May 3, 2016 at the Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner on campus, and she also addressed this year's graduates at the 2016 MCC Commencement on May 4 in the L. C. Walker Arena.

Established in 1998, the award is the highest honor that MCC bestows upon outstanding alumni whose professional achievements, community service, and advocacy of higher education exemplify the

foremost ideals of their alma mater. The honorees are selected by the MCC Alumni Relations Committee.

A single mother and 10 years out of high school when she attended MCC, Pletcher credits the College in more ways than one for helping her find her career path.

"(MCC) saved me as a kid by offering me the outlet of the WINGS program," said Pletcher. "And it saved me again as a single mom returning to school to pursue a new career path."

After graduating from MCC in 1997, Pletcher attended Grand Valley State University. From there, she went on to earn her medical degree from Michigan State University, and then accepted a prestigious residency at the Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine in New Hampshire. She never left.

Now an accomplished surgeon, Pletcher has always had an interest in health care for rural communities.

"I want to build a virtual health system (to) use technology to deliver clinical expertise, at increments of scale, to a patient anywhere," Pletcher said of her work at the Center for Telehealth.

Along with her increasingly busy career, Pletcher strives to find balance in her life. She has two children, and it was her son Henry, who at age 14, nominated her for the Distinguished Alumni Award.

"She is always telling me or anyone else who will listen about how the quality of teaching she had at MCC was the best of her life," said Henry.

"MCC offers you a great education with instructors who know how to teach," said Pletcher. "Take advantage of this time to try different courses and hone your skills as a successful and mature learner. From MCC you can go anywhere, do anything. Don't let yourself or anyone else limit your possibilities."

Do you know an outstanding alum? Nominate now for the 2017 award at www.muskegoncc.edu/DAA.

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A COMPOSITION FOR SUCCESS

by Peter D. Koryzno
MCC Communications Manager

Leafing through their programs before the Feb. 24 MCC Collage Concert in Overbrook Theater, some patrons were puzzled. Wedged on the page between the works of legendary musical composers Gustav Holtz and Dimitri Shostakovich was listed an unknown piece, Devon Lamrock's "Multicoloured."

Their bewilderment, though, would soon turn into hearty applause when Lamrock, a Muskegon native and first-year trombonist with the MCC Wind Ensemble, set down his horn midway through the concert and walked to the podium. Director Daniel

M. Meyers stepped aside to let Lamrock conduct the premiere of his original work.

"It's pretty rare," said Meyers about having a student composer. "In my experience, he'll be the fifth one but the first student in my six years here."

Lamrock credits getting the composing bug from Rich Erne, his Reeth-Puffer Middle School Band director, who introduced him to the online music writing software Noteflight. The then 13-year-old Lamrock had just begun playing trombone at school and tinkering with the drum set that was an earlier gift from his Dad.

"I started messing around in Noteflight, but then the messing around got better and better," explained Lamrock. "My goal was always to complete something, no matter how good or bad it was. The things that got completed started getting better and better, just because of practice and figuring out what I liked and didn't like and what worked and what didn't."

Two years ago, Lamrock composed "Freedom," a self-described "nice little ballad" that was a jazz band combo piece featuring a trombone solo. He graduated from Noteflight to using another musical composition program, Finale.

"I will sit at a piano and come up with a melody, or I will come up with some really cool chords that I like and come up with the melody off of that," he explained. "But either way, what I will do, because I am not the greatest piano player, is enter it into Finale and I'll play the other part."

He wrote "Multicolored," a circus march, in three months last fall, naming it for the brightly colored big tops associated with circuses. "It's got a couple of different components to it and doesn't sound circus-y until the end," noted Lamrock.

"It's really interesting because he took the established form and structure of a circus march and massaged that into a contemporary setting," added Meyers. "We normally think of circus marches as more traditional. He uses what we call modern chording, chord progression and theory and uses other instruments they wouldn't have used. There's some comedic stuff to it, like a little cowbell 'ding' which breaks it up and which you would never have heard in the traditional circus march."

During the Wind Ensemble practice sessions at MCC, Meyers maximized Lamrock's learning experience with the art of conducting by encouraging him to listen to or try alternative methods, but always leaving the final decisions to Lamrock.

"The programs they write in, which are all computer generated, are going to be different from what you hear when you get it out there with the real instruments," explained Meyers. "This has been a great learning exercise for him to say, 'I hear something come out of this machine, but now when I put it out there, it's very different.'"

Meyers acknowledged Lamrock's talent by offering him a performance-based scholarship to attend MCC. Besides the Wind Ensemble, Lamrock plays drums with the Jazz Ensemble and the Jayhawk Sound pep band at athletic events. He chose MCC for its proximity and affordability, as well as to study with Jazz Ensemble Director Tim Froncek. He also relishes the small-class size of his music courses with Dr. Solee Lee-Clark.

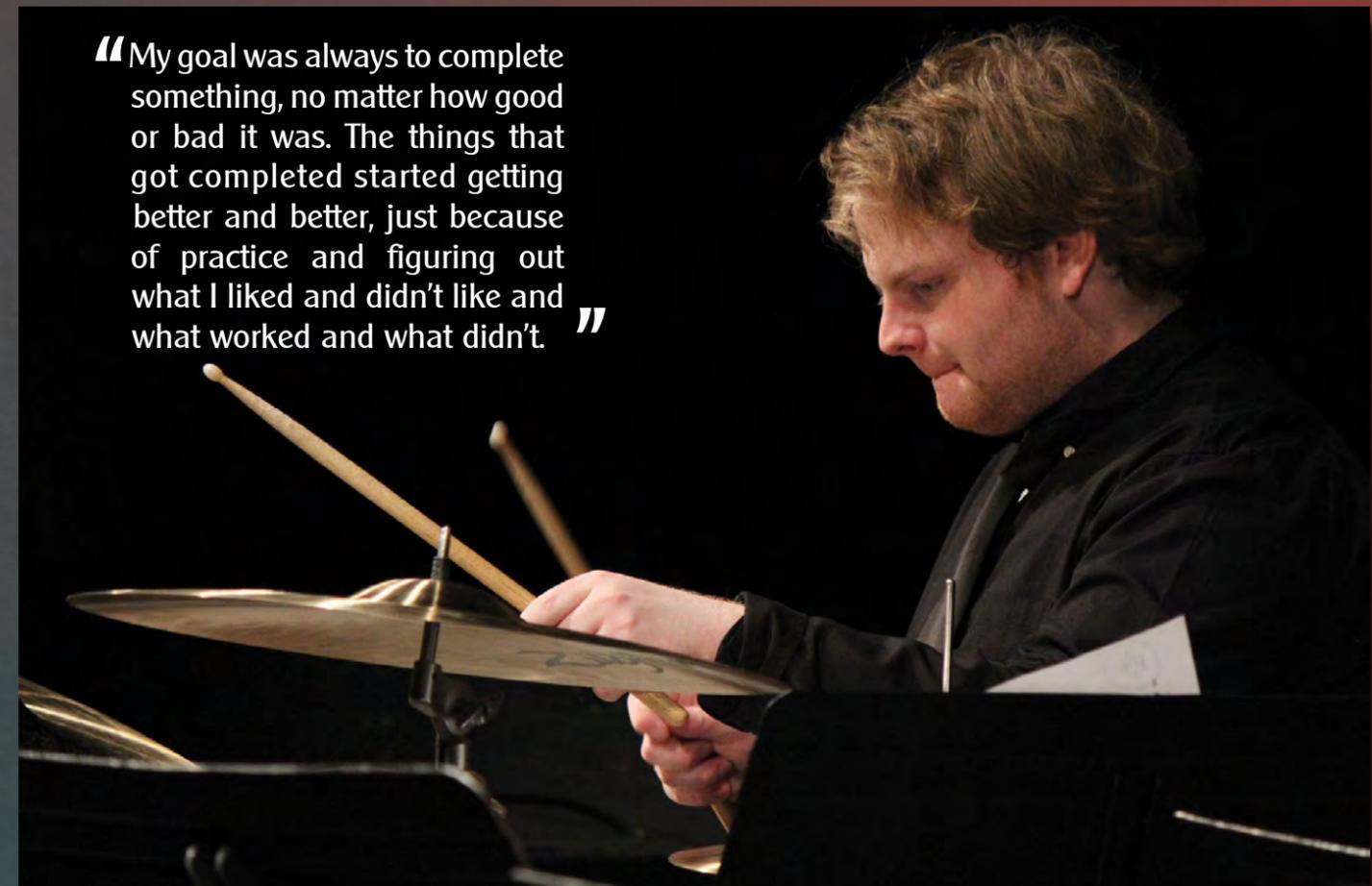
"She is just a great teacher and is helping me learn how to be a better composer and just a better musician in general," said Lamrock, while acknowledging her invaluable help in preparing him for the next level – being accepted into the Music Composition program at Western Michigan University.

"I would like to do commissions, meaning having people pay me to write stuff for them," said Lamrock, who currently teaches drum set lessons and performs with his cousins in a band "Strike the Media."

For now, the young composer is enjoying the start of what he hopes will be his life-long career.

"It's been fun and very interesting and it's really helped me a lot," he concluded about his MCC experience. "One, with conducting and, two, with just being in front of a group of people, especially taking criticism. You know, I always try to take criticism well, I'm just not the best at it. But it's been a very humbling experience because I have people everywhere just trying to help me."

"My goal was always to complete something, no matter how good or bad it was. The things that got completed started getting better and better, just because of practice and figuring out what I liked and didn't like and what worked and what didn't."



“...And Justice for All” Resonates with the Community

by Peter D. Koryzno
MCC Communications Manager

In early 2015 when tensions between law enforcement and minorities were escalating in places like Ferguson, Cleveland and New York City, MCC took a proactive approach in addressing the underlying national issues and launched its “...And Justice for All” series of local community discussions funded by the John G. Thompson College and Community Fund.

“Now is as good a time as ever to engage our students in a larger societal issue that is worth talking and educating our students beyond the normal classroom discussions,” said MCC Vice President John Selmon in announcing the series. “Our students and others need helpful information about how to navigate the criminal justice system.”

February 24, 2015 “Rights, Race and the Police”

The inaugural event in Collegiate Hall brought together college and high schools students, community members, with faculty, local law enforcement and a Grand Rapids lawyer who had represented police officers sued for civil rights violations. The momentum created by that first discussion propelled MCC to coordinate subsequent events.

April 23, 2015 – “After the Ferguson Report: A Dialogue on Race and Police”

Panelists included: DJ. Hilson, the Muskegon County Prosecutor; Lynne Gill, the Muskegon Heights Chief of Police; Darnell Blackburn, Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCLUES) District Field Representative; Jeffrey Lewis, the Director of Public Safety for the Muskegon Police Department; Nicholas Budimir, an MCC instructor; and Andy Wible, MCC Arts and Humanities Department Chair, the moderator.

Sept. 24, 2015 – “Explore Your Bias”

MCC faculty members Papa N’jai and Nicholas Budimir, along with Institute of Healing Racism Director Floyd R. Cook, led a discussion on various topics related to bias, such a structural racism, and engaged the audience with questions designed to provide greater insights into their perceptions and potential biases.

Nov. 30, 2015 - “Engaging Others: Race Class and Gender” Participants viewed short videos and then randomly were divided into small groups, where MCC faculty and staff facilitated discussions about the complicated divisions of race, class and gender within society.



Feb. 23, 2016 – “Mass Incarceration: Balancing Justice and Public Safety”

With more than 2.2 million people incarcerated in U.S. jails or prisons

in 2013 – a 400 percent increase since 1980 – a panel talked about criminals, rehabilitation and deterrence, the effectiveness of prisons and jails, and alternatives. Panelists included: Muskegon County Sheriff Dean Roesler; Muskegon Correctional Facility Warden Sherry Burt; Muskegon Community College Psychologist Dr. Sherri Deboef Chandler; and former prisoner and rehabilitation expert Cliff Washington.

April 20, 2016 – “Political Engagement”

Panelists State Rep. Marcia Hovey-Wright (D-92nd District), Muskegon County Equal Opportunity Employment Officer Tim Bracey, MCC Board of Trustees Treasurer Sean Mullally and MCC Instructor Kurt Troutman talked about opportunities and ideas for influencing change in the way police, courts, and prisons function. Organizer believe that increasing public awareness around criminal justice and policing allows the opportunity to discuss and debate new directions and ideas for reform.

For more information on “...And Justice for All,” contact the Office of Student Services at (231) 777-0266.



Jayhawk Academy

Mission:
To include people with unique abilities, who reside in our community, to continue life-long learning at Muskegon Community College.

by Rebecca Goodno
MCC Communications Intern

Every Wednesday as the MCC hallways fill with the aroma of buttery popcorn, visitors and employees alike purchase bags in the Gerber Lounge from smiling students, whose business venture is part of a new program at MCC called Jayhawk Academy.

Started in the Fall of 2015 with 11 students Jayhawk Academy is a 13-week program that meets three hours a day, three days a week. Participants learn social skills, basic academics, responsibility, computer and internet proficiency, workplace traits and attitudes, habits of wellness, and planning for success.

“There are students that have unique needs that desire an experience of learning on a college campus,” shared Trynette Lottie-Harps, the Dean of Community Outreach at MCC. “They are not seeking a degree but they are seeking that learning experience, and that’s how the academy was created. The goals for the students are to fulfill that desire to learn skills, to become independent, and be able to seek and retain employment.”

Retired Spring Lake teacher and former MCC adjunct instructor Sandy Baker and Marcia Truxton-Frye, a MCC College Success Center instructor, approached Trynette with the idea for the program. Sandy’s son, Eric, had recently graduated from high school but watched his friends go to college. She wanted him to get a similar experience.

When Sandy left as the program instructor to pursue another opportunity, D’Erika Nichols-Lewis became its new instructor.

“Everyone is different so you get to learn more about their personalities, their ideal jobs, and allow them to explore their options,” said D’Erika. “I enjoy learning more about the individuals and their personal



Graduates of the 2016 Jayhawk Academy:

Front: Emily Michalski and D’Erika Nichols-Lewis
Middle: Audrey Davries, Liz Kleyn, Britt Nelson and Brent Davis
Back: Jacob Tallen, Carl Dulinski and Matt Cashbaugh

aspirations and being a part of enhancing their skills and reaching goals.”

Jayhawk Academy students also experience an on-campus internship or in-class opportunity which is incorporated into the program.

“We try to connect them here with one of the offices on campus where they can put their skills into action, gain experience, and feel what the environment might be like,” explained Trynette, who admits this program would not have been possible had it not been for Goodwill. “They have partnered with us and sponsored students in the fall and are currently sponsoring students this winter.”

In the first semester, students have a wide variety of available internships, including food service, business, TV studio, early childhood and the mailroom. The academy also emphasizes business skills. So, on Wednesdays, the students make popcorn in the Gerber Lounge and stop by offices throughout the campus to sell bags for one dollar.

“It gives the students the opportunity to work on the skills they need - social skills, dealing with money and numbers and interacting with one another while working. These skills will help them become successful when they get a job,” added Trynette.

A graduation is held at the end of the semester for the students to celebrate their achievements. The money raised from the popcorn business is then used to purchase auction items. Classmates bid against one another using their “Bucks” they earned by accomplishing daily goals and have saved throughout the course.

“We see the growth in the students when they come here,” said Trynette. “Some of them know what they want to do; some explore possible fields. But when it comes time for them to leave it is like a flower blooming. You see the confidence and self-esteem increase.”

MCC INVESTS IN THE HEALTH OF ITS COMMUNITY

by Julie Weller
MCC Alumni Relations Manager

While a plan to expand on-campus health and wellness facilities was already in place, things changed dramatically in August of 2015 when the Muskegon Family YMCA was purchased by the College.

Now re-named the Lakeshore Fitness Center, the facility has been undergoing renovations and equipment upgrades.

MCC recently invested \$500,000 to repair HVAC systems, repair the roof, and to purchase new workout equipment. Additional heating

the building, with windows allowing a lake view; opening up views of the lake from the pool area; and allowing the second floor cardio/weight area and running track views of the lake by removing walls and adding windows.

The building's parking lot has also been improved, and the formally obscured lake frontage has also been cleaned up.

"The clutter is gone," said Jerry Conrad, Director of the Lakeshore Fitness Center. "The courtyard on the lake side is cleaned up – the old fence is gone, the storage barn is gone, and the shoreline weeds and shrubs have been removed."

Most of the last few months have been spent reviving the facility's membership, according to Conrad.

"Our membership is growing," said Conrad. "The Lakeshore Fitness Center is a better place to be and a better place to work out."

Also breaking ground in fall 2016 is a new health and wellness complex on the Muskegon Community College campus. The new building originally included a pool, but because of the acquisition of the downtown Lakeshore Fitness Center, the on-campus plans have been scaled back.

According to Marty McDermott, Director of Athletics at MCC, the new 44,000 sq. ft. facility, the MCC Health and Wellness Center, will be built east of the current Bartels-Rode Gymnasium.

"This facility will be an educational/athletic/health hub for the entire community," said

McDermott. "It will be the place people go to learn about health and wellness, take a class, or just be active."

The Health and Wellness Center will feature new free weight and fitness machine areas, an indoor track, new offices and classrooms, and a planned MCC Hall of Fame for athletics, according to McDermott. Also planned is a new gym for competition which is totally accessible.

"The current Bartels-Rode gym will still be used for fitness classes and public activities," explained McDermott. "But it made more sense to spend our money on the new facility, instead of making significant repairs to our current facility."

Also planned in the new Center is a 4,000 sq. ft. medical clinic operated by Mercy Health Muskegon, which will lease the space. According to MCC President Dale Nesbary, the clinic will be open to the public as well as MCC staff and students.

"The clinic will also provide training opportunities for MCC students studying in the healthcare fields," said Nesbary.

Together, the downtown Lakeshore Fitness Center and the soon-to-be-built Health and Wellness Center will have a major impact on health and fitness offerings in the county.

"We are focusing on academic and athletic programs on the MCC campus expansion," said John Selmon, Vice President for Student Services and Administration at MCC. "Overall, our goal is to make Muskegon County healthier."

and cooling upgrades will be made, along with upgrading the pool systems.

The Lakeshore Fitness Center sits on some prime Muskegon Lake frontage, but the building has surprisingly few windows that face the lake. That, according to architect Keith Russeau, will soon change.

"One of the biggest advantages to the building are its views of the water," said Russeau, an architect with The Collaborative, at a recent MCC Board of Trustees meeting. "It's also one of the biggest weaknesses of the building that the site doesn't take advantage of those views."

According to Russeau, some preliminary design suggestions include creating more room for fitness classes on the lake side of



For updates on the Downtown Center and Naming Opportunities:
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NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

DOWNTOWN TECHNOLOGY CENTER\$1,500,000

SECOND FLOOR

Automation Lab.....	Alcoa Foundation
Electricity Lab.....	\$125,000
Renewable Energy Lab.....	\$125,000
Electronics Lab.....	\$100,000
Applied Technology Lab.....	\$75,000
Experiential Learning.....	\$30,000
Classroom.....	\$25,000
TOTAL CAD Area.....	\$100,000
Includes 2 CAD Classrooms and CAD Print Station	
CAD Classrooms (2 total)	\$50,000
CAD Print Station.....	\$25,000
Upper Elevator Lobby.....	\$10,000
Building Manager Office.....	\$5,000
Security Office.....	\$2,500
TOTAL Office Suite.....	\$30,000
Includes 10 staff offices and reception area	
Staff Office Reception Area.....	\$2,500
Staff Office (12 total)	\$2,500
Student Lounge (2 total).....	\$2,500

FIRST FLOOR

TOTAL Machining Program.....	\$500,000
Includes Machining Lab, CNC Simulator Lab, and CNC Trainers Lab	
Machining Lab.....	\$250,000
CNC Simulator Lab.....	\$125,000
CNC Trainers Lab.....	\$125,000
Metrology.....	\$15,000
Tool Crib.....	\$15,000
Welding Programs.....	\$400,000
Welding Lab.....	\$200,000
Welding Stations.....	\$200,000
Welding Classroom.....	\$25,000
Main Lobby.....	\$250,000
Digital Fabrication Lab.....	\$250,000
Experiential Learning Lab.....	\$25,000
Loading Dock.....	\$15,000
Atrium/Lobby.....	Consumers Energy Foundation
Vestible.....	\$10,000
Main Floor Elevator Lobby.....	\$10,000
Front Office.....	Jill Sanders in Memory of Neil Sanders
Waiting Room.....	Jane Wright in Memory of Larry Wright

BASEMENT FLOOR

TOTAL Foundry Program.....	\$250,000
Includes Foundry Lab, Finishing Room, Pattern Shop, and Materials Testing	
Foundry Lab.....	\$125,000
Finishing Room.....	\$10,000
Pattern Shop.....	\$25,000
Materials Testing.....	\$125,000
Basement Elevator Lobby.....	\$10,000
Classrooms (2 total).....	\$25,000
Basic Machining Lab.....	\$75,000
Rentable Offices (4 total)	\$2,500
Large Rentable Office.....	\$5,000
Student Lounge.....	Canteen Vending
Student Study Niche.....	\$2,500
ROOKS/SARNICOLA INSTITUTE FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL STUDIES	
Jon Rooks and Nick and Ashley Sarnicola	

FIRST FLOOR

Makerspace.....	\$100,000
Makerspace Lab.....	\$250,000
Youth Entrepreneurial Space.....	\$30,000
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Entrepreneurial Display.....	\$20,000
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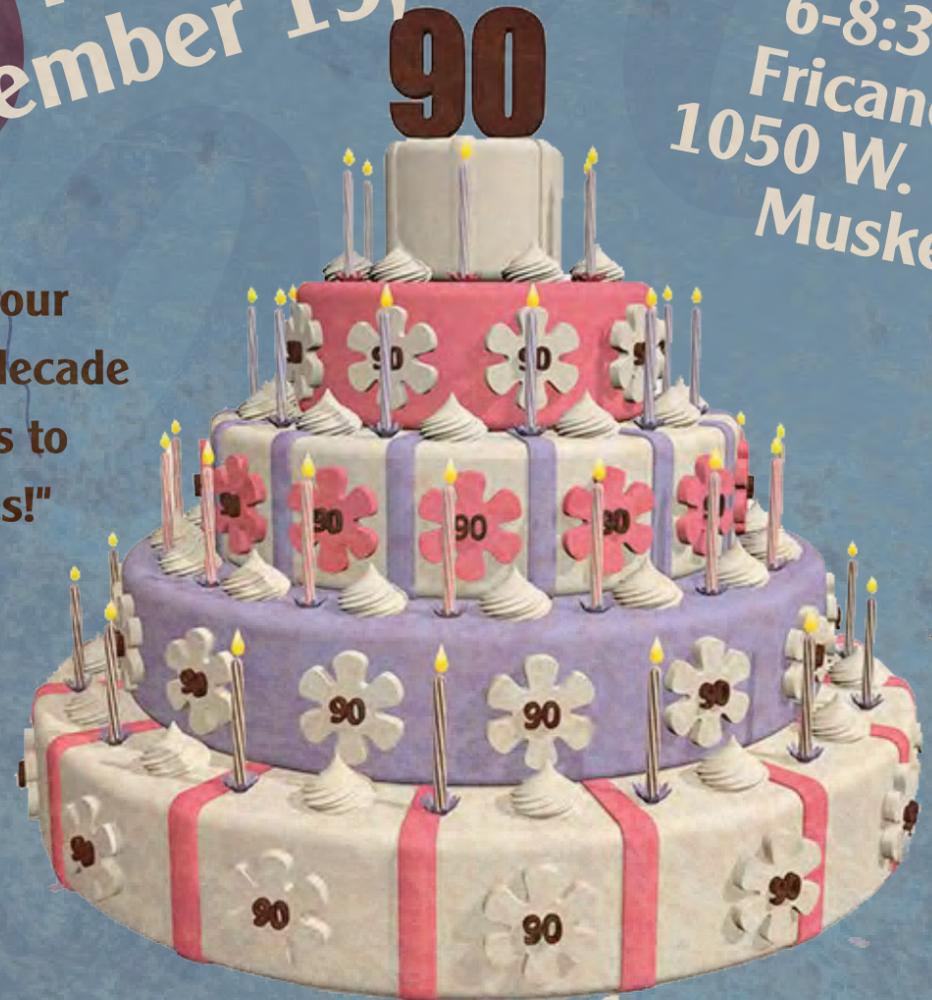
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Alumni Updates



Ryan Klootwyk, Class of 2013

After graduating from high school, Ryan Klootwyk faced the age-old dilemma of choosing a career. "At 17 years old (I) did not know the answer to that essential question, 'What do you want to go in to?'"

"I chose to go to Muskegon Community College because it was a great way to earn college credits while working on, and figuring out myself," confessed Klootwyk, who graduated from Reeths-Puffer High School in 2010.

While attending MCC, Ryan took a variety of classes while maintaining a job and social life. Two instructors stood out: Kurt Troutman (history) and Nicholas Budimir (sociology). "Both great guys in terms of creating an interesting class and engaging students," said Klootwyk.

Eventually he found that his calling was business and in December of 2012 he earned his associates degree from MCC. His next step was Central Michigan University where he received his BSBA in December of 2015; majoring in Business Management and minoring in Information Systems. In late 2015 Ryan began his career in the IT field at the headquarters of Consumer's Energy in Jackson, MI.

"Muskegon Community College played an essential role in propelling me to get where I wanted to be," said Klootwyk. "The time I spent there provided me an exceptional foundation for my path to success."

Ryan comes from a family of MCC alumni, including his brother Reid and parents Ryan and Ronda.

Brian D. Kelley (1975)

Brian studied Business Accounting at MCC and earned his associates degree then transferred to Ferris State College. He currently works at United Riggers and Erectors, Inc. and lives in California.

Thomas Hamstra (1975)

Thomas earned his Associate's degree in 1975 and resides in Oregon.

Michael A. Cavalier Jr. (1976)

Before transferring to Grand Valley State University Michael earned his associates degree after studying Sociology. Today he is retired from HealthWest/Muskegon County Community Mental Health.

James W. Sanford (1977)

James earned his associates degree in 1977 after studying Business. While attending MCC he enjoyed everything about his experience here! He is married and has two children. James currently holds the position of CEO at Central State Bank in Beulah, MI and resides in Traverse City.

Lori A. (Haverkate) Potter (1977)

While attending MCC, Lori studied nursing and transferred to Grand Valley State University where she earned her MPA. She graduated from SAU with a Bachelor's degree in MOD. Her third degree was an AA from Grand Rapids Community College. Today she serves as Senior VP and COO and works at United Methodist Retirement Communities, Inc.

Deborah Ray (Kelley) Randall (1979)

Deborah served as a MCC student council representative in 1978 while taking education classes. After receiving her associates degree she transferred to the University of Southern California. In 1999 graduated from Grand Valley State University with a Master's degree in Education. Deborah's favorite memory of MCC is being a student worker as a computer operator January 1977 – May 1979.

Susan (Wahl) Burtin (1981)

Susan received her LPN Nursing certificate from MCC and is currently working at Heartland Cardiology.

Sherry L. Bragg (1986)

Student and Athlete, Sherry Bragg, graduated with an associate's degree and certificate for Legal Secretary in 1986. She was a member of MCC's basketball and volleyball teams. She is currently working at Benton Harbor Area Schools.

Deanna (Brooks) Vaughan (1991)

Deanna studied Criminal Justice while attending Muskegon Community College.

Wendy (Whitworth) Benson (1993)

Wendy studied nursing at MCC and received her associates degree in 1993. Today she is working at Newaygo Medical Care Facility.

John DeWind (1993)

While attending MCC, John studied Business, Science and Math earning his AAS and ASA degrees. He furthered his education in Business Management at the University of Phoenix and graduated from there in 2004. John is currently working at Sun Chemical

Curtis R. Burdette (1998)

Curtis graduated in 1998 from MCC after studying Communications/Media, then attended Aquinas College and earned his Bachelor's degree in English and Music. In 2007 he received his Master's degree in English Composition and Communication. Today he is married and has a child. Last fall he began working at Double JJ Resort as a General Manager. Curtis doesn't have one favorite memory of his time at MCC, instead he appreciates all the many great memories of faculty, friends, and making mistakes that provide life-long lessons.

Sean Nelson (1999)

Sean is currently an assistant manager at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton, MI. While studying Business at MCC he enjoyed making new friends and really learned the importance of studying.

Lindsay Elizabeth McClain (2000)

Lindsay was a student editor for River Voices literary magazine at MCC. After earning her associates degree, she transferred to Southeastern University and earned a Bachelor's degree in education 6-12 English. After graduating from Southeastern she taught overseas for two years in Saipan, MP and has now been back in Muskegon for 7 years. Lindsay is now working at the Muskegon Area Career Tech Center as the College Credit Specialist.

Kathi (Alexander) Deubner (2002)

Kathi completed the MACRAO agreement while attending MCC and studied Computer Information Systems and transferred to Western Michigan University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in 2005. After that she went to Kalamazoo Valley Community College and got an Associate's degree in 2008 in Applied Science to become a Registered Nurse. In 2010 graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. Kathi is currently a Neuro RN at Bronson Hospital and attending Purdue University for MSN (Family Nurse Practitioner), and will graduate in August of 2016.

Patricia C. Hoxie (2005)

Patricia earned her Massage Therapy Certificate at MCC in 2005 and resides in Beverly Hills.

Barbara Brow (2006)

Barbara was involved in TOTS and College Singers as a student at MCC. She recalls that the campus was lovely and the instructors were great while studying Vocal Music, Social Studies and Elementary Education. In 2007 she graduated from Grand Valley State University. Today she works at the MSU Extension in Muskegon County as a 4-H Program Coordinator for 4-H Tech Wizards Youth Mentoring Program.

Courtney (Benkert) Sikkenga (2010)

After receiving her associates degree in 2010, Courtney attended Grand Valley State University and earned her Bachelor's degree in secondary education in 2012. While at MCC, she was a member of the Jayhawk softball team. Today Courtney is employed at Muskegon Middle School.

Amy (Deater) Beardsley (2011)

Amy earned two associate degrees from MCC, and then transferred to Ferris State University where she earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2013. She was hired as Court Administrator in 2013 and got married in 2014. Amy is currently working at Newaygo County Probate Court. Looking back on her time at MCC, her favorite memory is AMUN with Kurt Troutman.

Eric Timmerman (2011)

Eric is married with five children and a grandson and currently works at Muskegon Central Dispatch 9-1-1. While attending MCC he studied Computer Information Systems and earned his associate's degree in Computer Networking Technology in 2011. Eric recalls his favorite memories at MCC in the classroom with Greg Miller as his instructor. He enjoyed learning Miller's different point of view in the field.

Elizabeth (Davis) Redinger (2012)

Elizabeth is working at Harrington Inn and currently taking classes towards her Bachelor's degree. She is married and has two children.

Sheena (Tanney) Threatt (2012)

Sheena studied Science at MCC, earning her associate's degree in 2012. She transferred to Grand Valley State University where she received her Bachelors of Business Administration – Human Resource Management. Sheena is now working at TrueNorth Community Services.

Tia Carrier (2013)

Tia studied Business Management and Marketing at MCC, and earned two associate degrees (ASA and AAS), as well as a certificate in Supervision.

Michelle Chittenden (2014)

While at MCC, Michelle studied Business and earned her associates degree in 2014. She is now working at German and German.

Dawn M. Seaton (2015)

Just 34 days after graduating from MCC with an associate's degree in Administrative Assistant Medical and a certificate for Medical Billing, Dawn was hired by Mercy Health Partners. As a student at MCC she was a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

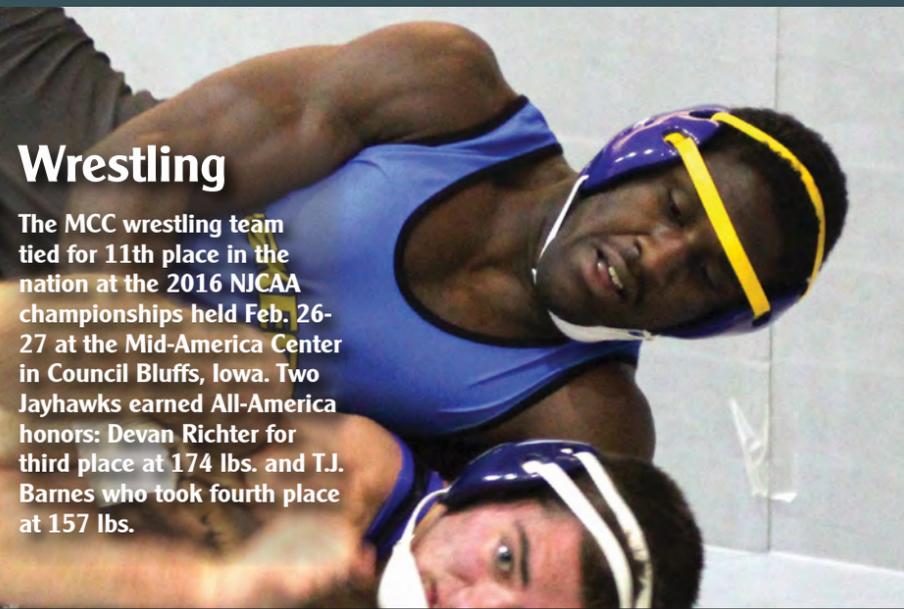
"Indeed, MCC is on a roll. Many Muskegon Community College alumni had a direct or indirect role in making things happen. Thank you for your invaluable support."

-Dale K. Nesbary, Ph.D.

*President,
Muskegon Community College*

Wrestling

The MCC wrestling team tied for 11th place in the nation at the 2016 NJCAA championships held Feb. 26-27 at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Two Jayhawks earned All-America honors: Devan Richter for third place at 174 lbs. and T.J. Barnes who took fourth place at 157 lbs.



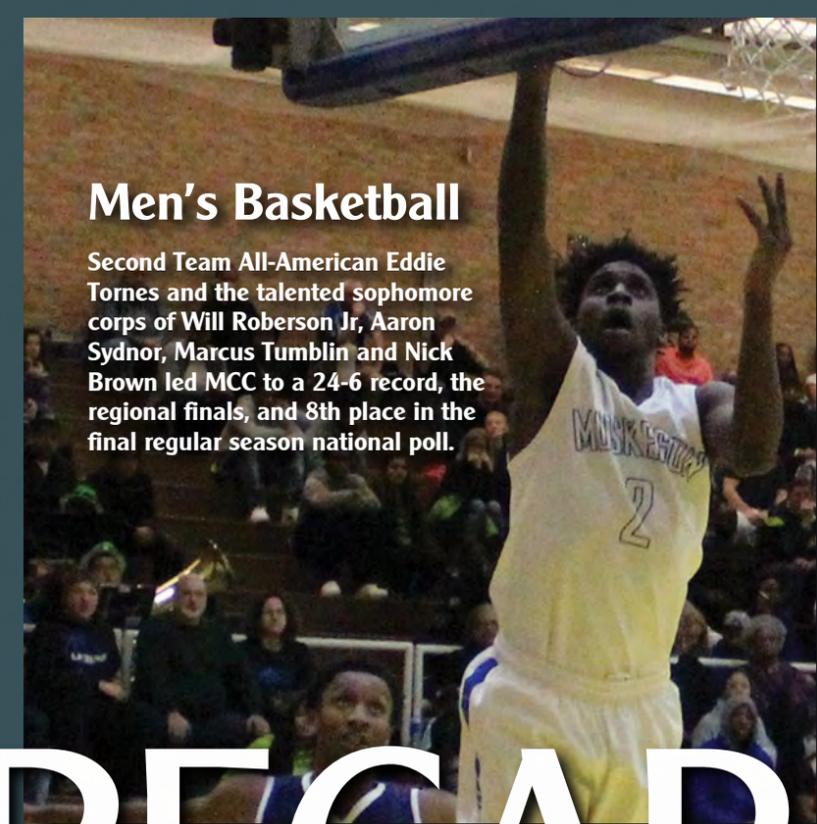
Volleyball

The women's volleyball team, led by first team All-Region and All-MCCAA players Rachel Brown and Lindsey Jacobs, tied for 12th in the nation at the NJCAA Div. II national championships in Phoenix, AZ. MCCAA Coach of the Year Rick Rykse guided the Jayhawks to their first-ever MCCAA title and the NJCAA District E championship.



Men's Basketball

Second Team All-American Eddie Tornes and the talented sophomore corps of Will Roberson Jr, Aaron Sydnor, Marcus Tumblin and Nick Brown led MCC to a 24-6 record, the regional finals, and 8th place in the final regular season national poll.



2015-16 SPORTS RECAP

Men's Bowling

The MCC men's bowling team, led by All-Region First Team member Mark Edens, finished 15th in the nation at the NJCAA Bowling Championship in Cheektowaga, NY.

Women's Basketball

First Team All-Region and All-MCCAA pick Morgan Giddings paced the MCC women's basketball team to the District G Tournament quarterfinals and a 20-10 overall record.

Women's Cross Country

The MCC women took 22nd in the nation at the NJCAA National Cross Country Championships. Freshman Sandy Kunnen finished in 80th place out of 303 national qualifiers.

Men's Cross Country

The MCC men finished 24th in the nation at the NJCAA National Cross Country Championships in Fort Dodge, Iowa. Freshman Jose Hernandez led MCC runners taking 108th place out of 287 national qualifiers.

Women's Soccer

The MCC women's soccer team, paced by All-Region and All-MCCAA selection Melodie Glotzbach, had a 9-7 record and competed in the NJCAA Region XII semifinals.

Men's Soccer

Led by All-Region and All-MCCAA players Miguel Flores and Cody Loss, the Jayhawk men's soccer team posted a 10-10 record and advanced to the NJCAA Region XII quarterfinals.

Men's Golf

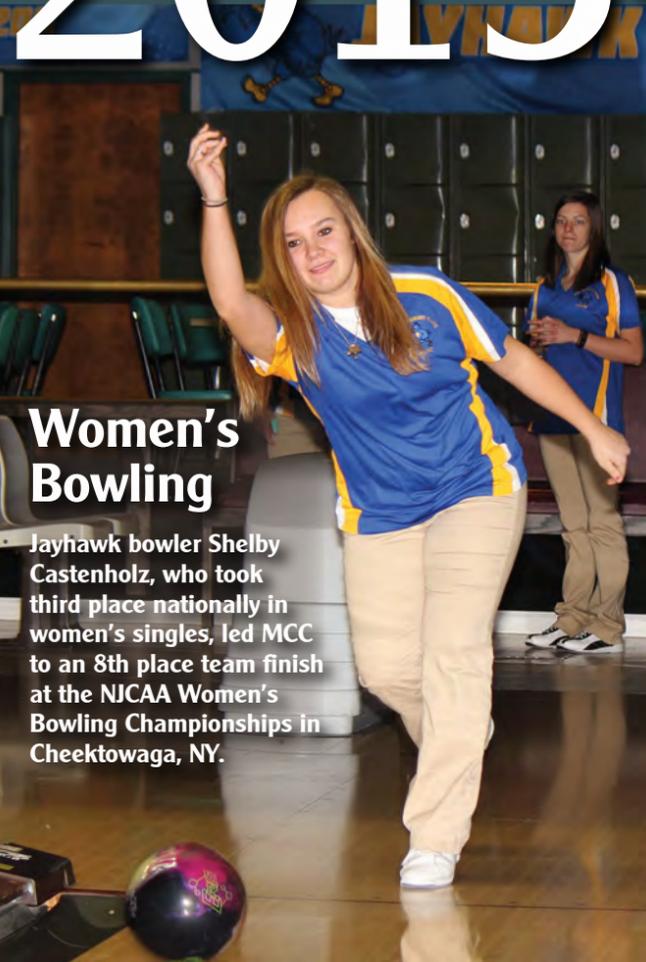
The men's golf team placed sixth at the NJCAA Region XII Tournament at Bedford Valley GC in Battle Creek and fourth place at the MCCAA Golf Championship, where Cam Phelps finished fifth.

Baseball

The Jayhawk baseball squad, which finished the season with a 19-23 overall record, took ninth place in the MCCAA with a 12-14 conference mark.

Women's Bowling

Jayhawk bowler Shelby Castenholz, who took third place nationally in women's singles, led MCC to an 8th place team finish at the NJCAA Women's Bowling Championships in Cheektowaga, NY.



Softball

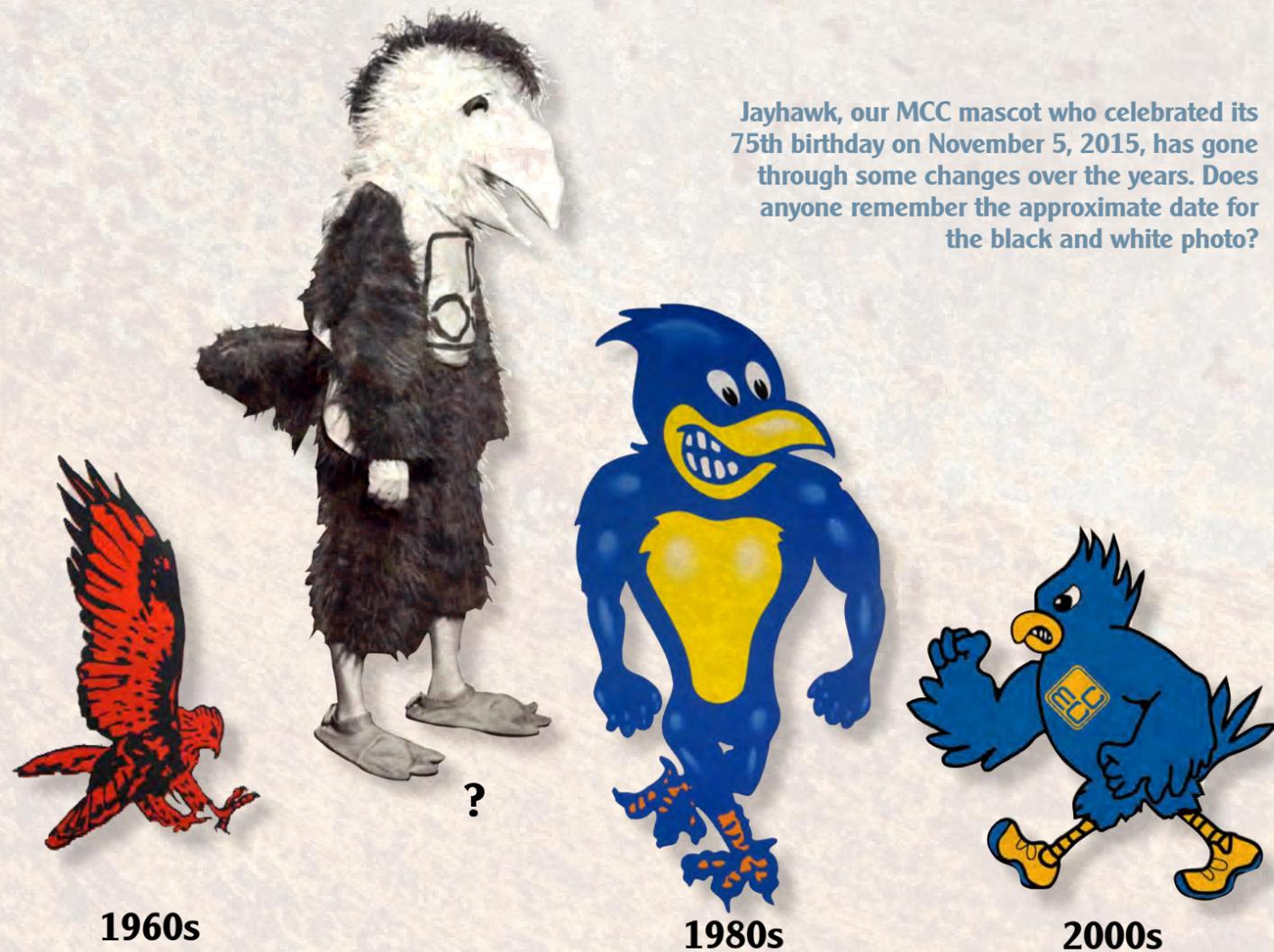
The 20th ranked and state champion MCC softball team advanced to the quarterfinals of the NJCAA Region XII Tournament in Columbus, Ohio. The 40-14 squad, guided by MCC Coach of the Year Ryan Schalk, was led by All-Region and All-League players Morgan Engelsman, Morgan Giddings and Carrie Mesman.



MYSTERIES IN THE ARCHIVE

MCC's archives are full of photos and memorabilia that we have yet to identify. If you have any photos or memories to share, please call the archives office at (231) 777-0493 or email paula.mcclurg@muskegoncc.edu.

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Jayhawk's birds-eye view of the Muskegon Community College campus