



2016-2017 **ANNUAL REPORT**



Muskegon Community College

**A YEAR OF STRATEGIC
ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**





DR. DALE K. NESBARY
MCC PRESIDENT

Throughout the 2016-17 academic year, Muskegon Community College generated an enviable level of achievement, growth, and community engagement. In 2017, BestColleges.com ranked Muskegon Community College as the best community college in the State of Michigan. This honor came on the heels of MCC being rated by Value Colleges in 2016 as the second best of the 28 Michigan community colleges and among the top two percent of the

1,711 community colleges nationally. They use data and information regarding graduation rates, transfer rates, and gainful employment of our students from longstanding and respected resources. The accolades reinforce our perception of MCC as an outstanding value for our students and community. Intensive renovations commenced on our newly acquired downtown facility to transform the former homes of a Masonic lodge and the local newspaper into a cutting-edge center for applied technology, entrepreneurship, and experiential learning. We are humbled by the ongoing generosity of donors to our efforts there. MCC planned and hosted a wide gamut of informational, educational, and entertaining events. These included Native American Heritage Month, the Community Family Fest, theatrical shows, musical performances, athletic contests, International Education Week, Global

Awareness Festival, the Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Breakfast, a Veterans Day ceremony, and lectures including our acclaimed “And Justice for All...” series and the AhFest focus on Dennis Lehane. We marked a milestone - our 90th anniversary - with a Founder’s Day celebration that raised funds for our Arts and Humanities Department, whose Collegiates choir performed by invitation in New York City’s prestigious Carnegie Hall. Our nursing grads continued to exceed state and national averages with their 97 percent pass rate on their RN licensing exams and 100 percent pass rate on their LPN exams. Our students took first place at the 78th Annual Wisconsin Regional Foundry Conference and Exposition against a field of seven four-year colleges and universities. Another group launched an innovative Floating Treatment Wetland to improve Muskegon Lake’s water quality. MCC’s Matthew Grulke was named Tutor of the Year in Michigan, and

Adjunct Instructor Sherry Claflin the 2017 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher in Michigan. MCC Alumna Terry Tchorzynski was named the national Counselor of the Year at a White House ceremony and we honored her with our 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award. Hardly content to rest on the laurels of our most recent achievements, MCC worked in 2016-17 with more than 180 volunteers from Muskegon, Newaygo, and Ottawa counties to develop our 2017-2022 Strategic Plan to ensure continued success for years to come.

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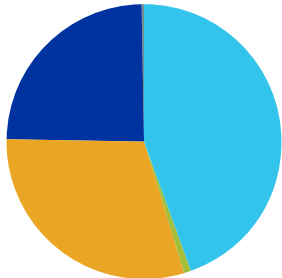
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GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSET

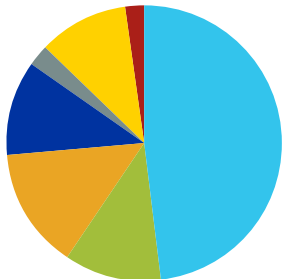
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Total Revenues
\$37,225,535



Tuition and fees	44.55%
Miscellaneous	0.82%
State appropriations	30.14%
Property tax levy	24.45%
Investment income	0.04%

Total Expenses
\$35,494,884



Instruction	48.07%
Instructional support	11.45%
Student services	14.28%
Institutional administration	11.12%
Public services	2.46%
Operation and maintenance of plant	10.48%
Transfers out	2.14%

MCC RANKED NO. 1 AMONG MICHIGAN'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES



In 2017, Muskegon Community College was ranked as the top community college in the state of Michigan by the Seattle-based BestColleges.com.

The methodology behind their rankings is grounded in statistical data and a few consistently applied guiding principles, including academic quality, affordability, and online competency. The 2017 rankings reflect the most recent data available from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and College Navigator, both of which are hosted by the

National Center for Education Statistics. Their goal is to objectively assess relative quality based on academic outcomes, affordability, and the breadth and depth of online learning opportunities.

"Our rankings are intended to inform and guide prospective students toward institutions that provide a quality education and a meaningful learning experience at an affordable cost. Schools featured in our rankings demonstrate a commitment to high-quality education for their students," according to BestCollege.com. "To provide the best list possible, we have accounted for all of the factors that students value when choosing a college. Key measures incorporated in our algorithm include acceptance, retention, graduation and enrollment rates. We have also included each school's student loan default percentages, as we know how important it is for students to repay their

debts upon graduation."

All eligible institutions are ranked on a 100 point scale. A perfect score of 100 is earned by ranking #1 for all ranking factors. Muskegon Community College earned a 78.21 ranking score to lead all 25 Michigan community colleges rated by BestColleges.com.

"Due to the extraordinary efforts of our students, faculty, staff, and board, Muskegon Community College has been able to accomplish great things," said MCC President Dale K. Nesbary. "The Best Colleges.com rating reconfirms that when we collaborate we can accomplish anything."



MCC SETS NEW STRATEGIC INITIATIVES WITH INPUT FROM CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

During the 2016-17 academic year, 180 volunteers from Muskegon, Ottawa, and Newaygo Counties collaborated to develop the Muskegon Community College 2017-2022 Strategic Plan. The five-year plan, entitled "Successful Students, Successful Communities," includes 25 goals in five categories, each in support of student success.

Volunteers served on seven committees and represented 52 organizations throughout MCC's service area. "It was important that the plan be an authentic product of the community, for the community, so input from area

businesses and organizations was vital to the process," explained Tina Dee, MCC Director of Strategic Initiatives. In addition to the input from a broad array of committee members, community input was gathered through forums, surveys, and focus groups.

A 14-member Implementation Team will work with campus members to develop measurable objectives for each goal. The team will monitor and support the plan and provide ongoing reports to the campus and community throughout the five-year implementation process.

Each fall, the community will be invited to a Strategic Plan Summit where they can get updates on the plan's progress and provide input on how to best continue its implementation. In addition, there will be a *Successful Students, Successful Communities Annual Report* distributed.

RUDY BARTELS RECEIVES FIRST MCC ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Rudy Bartels with MCC Alumni Relations Manager Julie Weller.

Muskegon Community College presented its inaugural Alumni Achievement Award, an honor recognizing professional achievement by one of its graduates from the past 15 years, to Rudy Bartels, Class of 2007, for his significant accomplishments in the fields of geography and climatology. Bartels was honored at the Alumni Awards Dinner and formally recognized at the 2017 MCC Commencement at the L.C. Walker Arena.

His higher education journey started at MCC, where his interest in geography, meteorology, and climatology began with the encouragement and mentorship of his geography instructor Diana Casey. His passion translated into his becoming a founding member, secretary, and treasurer of MCC's GEO Club.

"The support and encouragement from MCC has helped me achieve many of my accomplishments," said Bartels, "and I am forever thankful of the education and support system that MCC has for its students."

Bartels' successful climatology research has brought him grant study work at Western Michigan University, Louisiana State University, and the University of North Florida. He has also completed research for Homeland Security, as well as a stint at NASA's Stennis Space Center in Stennis, MS, and presented his research at NASA headquarters in Washington D.C.

He is currently employed by Southern Regional Climate Center in its Climate Impacts Planning Program, and is teaching at Louisiana State University while pursuing a Ph.D in Geography and Climatology with a Doctoral Minor in Statistics.

GROWTH

MCC & MSU PARTNER TO OFFER NEW AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM

Muskegon Community College was proud to introduce a new degree program in collaboration with Michigan State University's Institute of Agriculture Technology (IAT).

The new program leads to an associate degree in agriculture at MCC and offers agriculture-related certificates provided by MSU. Students will co-enroll at MCC and MSU and take courses at both institutions. The MSU courses will be offered locally at MCC's area locations and online, as appropriate. The three MSU certificate programs that began in fall 2016 are: Agriculture Operations, Landscape Management, and Fruit and Vegetable Crop Management.

"There is an incredible demand for students in the agriculture industry," stated Clarence Rudat, MSU Coordinator for the program. "Last year over 26,000 jobs went unfilled in the agriculture sector due to a lack of qualified individuals in the work force. With West Michigan agriculture generating over one billion dollars in revenue, the demand for employees is only going to continue to increase."

COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS DONATE TO MAKERSPACE IN MCC DOWNTOWN CENTER



The Grand Haven Area Community Foundation has donated \$75,000 and the Community Foundation for Muskegon County (CFFMC) has donated \$30,000 to support the makerspace inside Muskegon Community College's Rooks|Sarnicola Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies in downtown Muskegon.

The Institute is part of MCC's Sturuss Technology Center, undergoing a \$14.27 million renovation to house the College's applied technology and entrepreneurial studies programs. "Muskegon Community College is thankful to the local foundations for their generous support of our Sturuss Technology Center," said MCC President Dale K. Nesbary. "We have been providing higher education to Muskegon and Grand Haven students, both on our main campus and in Ottawa County for decades. With the opening of our state-of-the-art

technology and entrepreneurial facilities located inside our Sturuss Technology Center, MCC envisions its graduates helping to build an even stronger economy across West Michigan in the years ahead."

The 3,000-square foot makerspace will be named in honor of both the Grand Haven Community Foundation and the Community Foundation for Muskegon County. The Fremont Area Community Foundation's \$5,000 gift was linked to the naming of the ticket booth located off the lobby in the Rooks|Sarnicola Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies.

"We are extremely thankful to the local foundations for their generous support of a state-of-the-art facility that will assist our community members," explained Cyndi Langlois, associate dean of workforce and talent development at MCC.



MCC agricultural students learn about local blueberry production.

DOWNTOWN CENTER RENOVATION GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY NOVEMBER 2, 2016

Renovations began on the MCC Sturuss Technology Center with the architectural firm C2AE overseeing work on the \$14.27 million project. Clark Construction is doing the building and renovations, which will be completed in 2018.

The Sturuss Technology Center main level will be home to the Richard H. and Ann U. Kraft Rapid Prototype Center, the Northern Machine Tool Co. CNC Machine Lab, the Welding Lab, the Student



Center and Student Services offices. The second floor will house the Arconic Foundation Automation Lab and the Arconic Foundation CAD Computer Labs; the Robert Slager Applied Technology Lab; the DTE Foundation Classroom; an Electricity Lab; classrooms for Alternative and Renewable Energy; and faculty offices. The lower level will house the



CWC Textron Foundry Lab, the James and Florence Jackson Pattern Shop, a Materials Testing Lab, Finishing Room, and classrooms. The Rooks|Sarnicola Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies includes a Fab Lab, a Youth Entrepreneurial Space, Best Financial Credit Union, and the Barnes & Noble Bookstore.

RICHARD AND ANN KRAFT DONATE \$300,000 FOR MCC'S ENTREPRENEURIAL 'FAB LAB'



An MCC Distinguished Alumnus and his wife, Richard H. and Ann U. Kraft, have donated \$300,000 to the Foundation for Muskegon Community College (FMCC) to support a key component of the college's Rooks|Sarnicola Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies in downtown Muskegon, slated to open in 2018.

The state-of-the-art room, more popularly called a "fab lab," will house a high-end 3-D printer, three midrange 3-D printers, a 3-D digital scanner, 15 student CAD (Computer-Aided Design) stations and instructor space, explained David Stradal, the MCC Business Department chair and director of the college's Entrepreneurial Studies Program. "Their generosity will give the community the ability to promote STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education in grades K-12, as well as advanced digital product innovation capabilities for our businesses, and 3-D prototype capabilities for our community inventors," he said.

Kraft, a 1949 MCC graduate, went on to earn a degree in civil engineering. He started his own consulting and engineering firm in Flint, Michigan, and

enjoyed a successful 55-year career. A loyal philanthropist and avid supporter of MCC, he and his family have long supported scholarships and capital projects on campus. He received the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the MCC Alumni Association.

"I still believe that MCC is the most affordable way. My gift to the Entrepreneur Program at MCC reflects the fact that the foundation for my career started right here. Pre-engineering courses completed here before going on to Michigan State University lowered the cost of my entire college experience. I like to encourage today's students to take a similar advantage of the community college as a great way to start their career paths," said Richard Kraft.

"We are grateful to the Kraft family for their steadfast support of MCC," said Amy Swope, the FMCC executive director. "Over the years, they have donated more than a half-million dollars to MCC. If you look, you'll see the Kraft name across our campus. We really can't thank them enough for their long-term and ongoing dedication to student success."

STUDENTS



STUDENTS LAUNCH FLOATING TREATMENT WETLAND

Muskegon Community College environmental science students planted and launched a Floating Treatment Wetland (FTW) near the college's Lakeshore Fitness Center shoreline as part of an innovative approach to directly improve water quality in the Muskegon Lake Watershed. FTW was donated to MCC by Floating Island International. FTWs are manmade ecosystems that biologically mimic natural wetlands.

The ShoreLive Pilot Project, funded by the Great Lakes Protection Fund, was conceived by Chris Byrnes, whose project management firm Viability LLC approached MCC's Entrepreneurial Studies Program with the idea and was also connected with the Life Sciences Department. The project uses the latest FTW technology and demonstrates its ability to accelerate wetland ecosystem services, improve water quality, attenuate wave action, enhance waterfront desirability and develop a more sustainable, resilient watershed, explained Byrnes.

MCC Biology Instructor Tom Szten, who teaches the environmental science class, said his students will be monitoring it for the life of the course and are involved with "learning the technology, planting, transporting and possibly the final positioning of the floating wetland."



TWO MCC STUDENTS NAMED TO 2017 ALL-MICHIGAN ACADEMIC TEAM

Muskegon Community College students Michaela Bosset and Van Vu were named to the 2017 All-Michigan Academic Team and honored at a reception in Lansing sponsored by the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) and Phi Theta Kappa international honor society.

Students were selected on the basis of academic achievement, community service involvement, and leadership accomplishment. The State Academic Teams are a division of the All-USA Community College Academic All-American Team sponsored annually by Phi Theta Kappa, USA TODAY and the American Association of Community Colleges.

MICHAELA BOSSET (pictured on the right) Michaela Bosset balanced her 30-hour-per-week job at an insurance company with attending Muskegon Community College full time.

As the PR/Historian officer in Phi Theta Kappa's Beta Xi Xi chapter at Muskegon Community College, Michaela has made a significant contribution to community and campus outreach. She has worked with The Bay Window – the MCC student newspaper – on publicity for the honor society's events, led her chapter's collaboration with John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids for its Honors in Action research project, and represented MCC at regional conferences.

A Twin Lake, MI native and a Holton High School graduate, Micheala is now majoring in mathematics at Grand Valley State University.

VAN VU (pictured on the left) Born in Vietnam, was a volunteer assistant with the Hanoi Baseball Club. The coach's wife, an American, offered Van the opportunity to come to the U.S. to attend high school. After graduating from Muskegon Catholic Central High School in 2015, Van began her college career at Muskegon Community College.

The vice president of Phi Theta Kappa's Beta Xi Xi Chapter's Hallmarks program, Van has worked in MCC's Hendrik Meijer Library. An active volunteer, she assisted the Hanoi Youth Baseball Club during the Colt World Series in 2015, served as an IRS tax volunteer, and has prepared lunches at the Kids' Food Basket. She also helps a child with autism to read and play the piano. In addition to school, work, and volunteering, Van enjoys playing the guitar, singing, dancing and traveling with her family.

Van is attending Grand Valley State University and majoring in accounting and finance.

MATTHEW GRULKE SETS THE BAR WITH TUTORING

Matthew Grulke, a Muskegon Community College student and lead tutor from Grand Haven, MI, received the prestigious Tutor of the Year Award from the Michigan Tutorial Association (MTA). The MTA was established in 1988 as the sole professional organization in Michigan serving the needs of those interested and actively involved in tutoring in post-secondary education. The Tutor of the Year Award is presented to the membership's most outstanding tutor and is judged on their ability to serve as a mentor to other tutors and as a role model for other students.

In praising Grulke for his work with them, a group of MCC students wrote, "His devotion to his job is evident as he makes himself available at all times of the day, off

the clock, to help others with homework via computer and texting. He truly has a way of projecting his advanced knowledge at a level first timers not only understand, but can grasp and easily retain. It is no secret that Matt is extremely committed to helping others. We cannot recall one time that he was late or missed an appointment in the many semesters he has helped us. You can see the satisfaction he gets from being able to help get a concept to finally click for someone that was once struggling in an area. Muskegon Community College and its student body is extremely privileged to have a student like Mr. Grulke among its ranks."

"It has very much impacted how I am viewing the future and what I want to do,"



explained Grulke, who is still looking "to major in engineering or at the very least mathematics. But I want to minor in some sort of education. I found I have a knack and a passion for helping others."

He is now attending Michigan Tech to continue his studies.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING BRINGS CLASS WORK TO LIFE



MCC's Kurt Troutman narrates an historical tour of downtown Muskegon.

MCC's Center for Experiential Learning seeks to create insightful and relevant educational experiences for students & community members through a variety of opportunities including lectures, films and discussions, presentations, educational trips, special events, and other endeavors to stimulate students and community members.

These insightful and hands on experiences have taken participants on journeys through England and France on a WWII Research Excursion, to Gettysburg, Chicago

Museums, a Notre Dame Campus Tour, Shipshewana, Detroit Institute of Art, Henry Ford Museum as well as local sites including the Lakeshore Museum Center, the USS LST 393, USS Silversides Submarine Museum, Hackley Public Library, Harbor Cinema Theater, Spring Lake District Library, and a variety of films that have taken participants to historical times and places all over the world.

Experiential Learning looks to 2018 when the center will move its home base to MCC's new Sturges Technology Center and host classes and public programs that will bring history, social science, political science, and many more topics to life in Downtown Muskegon.

FACULTY, STAFF & ALUMNI



DR. JOHN SELMON
NAMED MCC PROVOST
MCC Vice President for Student Services and Administration, John Selmon, was promoted to the position of Executive Vice President and Provost.

In addition to the divisions and deans

that currently report to him, Dr. Selmon assumed responsibility over the Academic Affairs Division, as well as the Financial Services Office.

Prior to joining MCC in May 2011, Selmon was executive director of student services at Lake Michigan College. His professional career of more than 30 years includes serving as a group vice president at Davenport University. The Mansfield, Ohio native earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, where he was an All-American and two-time conference MVP wrestler. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Eastern Michigan University.



YOLANDA MARBLE NAMED REGIONAL FOOD SERVICE AWARD WINNER

MCC Dining Services employee, Yolanda Marble, received the 2017 Beverly A. Drake Essential Service Award for Food Service.

The awards, presented annually by West Michigan Works! to honorees in different categories, review criteria including pride in their job, a positive attitude, a strong work ethic and habits, punctuality, and completing work on time. Nominations are submitted by employers and the community. Winners are chosen by a committee established by the Workforce Development Board.

Marble, who operates the Grab-n-Go café at MCC, was nominated by Cyndi Langlois, the associate dean of workforce and talent development at MCC. In honoring Marble, the selection committee wrote: **"Yolanda's job is to sell food items to students, but she does so much more. When you pass by the Grab-n-Go there is frequently a crowd of students engaged in conversation with her. Staff at MCC comment that she is an extension of our counseling office."**



TIMOTHY N. TRAINOR
RECEIVES MCC DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD

Dr. Timothy N. Trainor, who taught computer information systems and psychology at Muskegon Community College for more than 33 years and who authored or co-authored more than 18 computer textbooks, has been awarded Distinguished Faculty status by Muskegon Community College.

Trainor joined MCC in 1976 after earning a bachelor's and a master's degree in psychology from Western Michigan University and his doctorate in human development/psychology from the University of Kansas. In addition to teaching, he chaired the Technology Council and the Faculty Association's Scholarship Committee and worked with MCC colleagues and administrators to launch an Entrepreneur Associate's of Applied Science degree. Trainor was a leader in the development of a culture of entrepreneurship at MCC. He impacted thousands of students in positive ways as an exceptional instructor who maintained a standard of academic excellence. The MCC Student Government Association presented him with its Outstanding Faculty Award. He also received the Liberal Arts Network for Development (LAND) Innovation Award for the development of an Interactive Media and Game Designer Degree.

"The draw of technology to me has always been its potential to improve our lives, especially how we educate ourselves," he said. "I have used technology to teach college classes online and developed multimedia materials for on campus courses. Experience has taught me successful strategies for integrating technology into the classroom using my understanding of how we learn and a realization that people learn in different ways."

Trainor retired from MCC in 2010 and resides in Muskegon, where he co-created a Web game development company, Gwythdarian, LLC.

TERRI TCHORZYNSKI
NAMED 2017 MCC DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

MCC alumna Terri Knoll Tchorzynski, a counselor at the Calhoun Area Career Center, who was named the nation's 2017 School Counselor of the Year, is MCC's 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.



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.

During a White House ceremony, First Lady Michelle Obama presented Tchorzynski with the national award from the American School Counselor Association. Tchorzynski, the Michigan Counselor of the Year, was chosen over nominees from the other 49 states. The First Lady, in her last official public appearance, praised Tchorzynski for her efforts that led to 75% of seniors at the CACC now taking key college application steps. **"Under Terri's leadership, more students than ever attended workshops, resume writing, and FAFSA completion," Obama said. "And all of this is just one small part of what Terri does for her students each day."**

The Muskegon native graduated from Orchard View High School in 1997 and earned an associate's degree from MCC in 1999. She then earned a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University, and a master's degree in counseling from Spring Arbor University.

"I truly wasn't ready for a large university after high school and at that point in my life I still was not 100% certain as to what type of career pathway I wanted to pursue. MCC allowed me the time to mature and figure out what direction I would like to take with my learning. By the time I finished my two years at MCC and earned my Associates, I knew I was ready to venture out on my own and start my journey as a future educator and school counselor. MCC helped me lay the foundation of my learning that I can honestly say acted as a springboard as to where I am today," said Tchorzynski.



MCC ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR NAMED MICHIGAN'S 2017 OUTSTANDING EARTH SCIENCE TEACHER

Sherry Claflin, an adjunct science instructor at Muskegon Community College and a science educator for the K-12 school groups at Grand Valley State University's Annis Water Resources Institute, was named the 2017 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher in Michigan by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT).

The competitive Outstanding Earth Science Teaching Award program

was established in 1971 by the NAGT to identify, recognize and reward excellence in teaching. In making its decision, the Central Section Committee of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers was particularly impressed with Claflin's ability to adapt her lessons by using individualized strategies and new materials, her ability to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all students, and her collaboration with other schools and

organizations to expand student opportunities.

Claflin earned both a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a Bachelor of Science in Earth and Space Science Education from Central Michigan University. She has taught in public K-12 education for 24 years and began teaching geology at MCC this past year. Claflin, a Fremont, MI, native, also runs the educational programming for the

Stephen F. Wessling Observatory and Kropscott Farm Environmental Center in Fremont. "It is a fantastic honor to be awarded the 2017 Michigan Earth Science Teacher Award," said Claflin. "To be given this award by the National Association of Geoscience Teachers for doing what I enjoy so much, makes me more resolved to make a real difference in the lives of my students."



MCC MUSIC ENSEMBLES
TO PERFORM IN FRAUENTHAL
CENTER BEGINNING IN 2017-18

Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, all performances by Muskegon Community College music ensembles, as well as those by the West Michigan Concert WINDS, the Shoreline Symphony, and the Honors Orchestra, will begin taking place in the Frauenthal Center in downtown Muskegon.

MCC Music Director Daniel M. Meyers praised the collaboration between the Frauenthal Center and the MCC Music Department, the Concert WINDS and the Honors Orchestra, which are for-credit courses at MCC, and the Shoreline Symphony, which is a continuing education class at MCC. **“The benefit to our students, faculty, and staff is the opportunity to have a permanent home in one of the finest performance halls in our state,” said Meyers. “The same benefit, of course, is there for the Concert Winds and Orchestras, allowing all of us to have a fabulous home venue.”**

Meyers said the move from the Overbrook Theater, which is the home to MCC’s Center for Theater, to the Frauenthal Center, will help him in recruiting and retaining musicians “who will look forward to performing regularly on this stage.” “We are very excited to have Muskegon Community College concerts at the Frauenthal Center next season,” said Ricki Levine, the Frauenthal Center managing director. “We think it’s a win-win for the Frauenthal, for the college, and for the community.” Downtown Muskegon should benefit from an estimated additional 4,500 attendees to the annual 15 afternoon and evening concerts that will now take place in the Frauenthal Center, said Meyers.

MCC’S COLLEGIATES
PERFORM AT
CARNEGIE HALL

The Muskegon Community College Collegiates choir, under the direction of Thomas Clark, was invited to participate in a performance in Isaac Stern Auditorium inside the famed Carnegie Hall in New York City.

The 27-member Collegiates, representing 14 different area high schools, performed Ralph Vaughan-Williams’ “Dona Nobis Pacem” under the baton of Dr. Nina Nash-Robertson of Central Michigan University. They were the featured Chamber Choir in a performance of Vaughan-Williams’ “Sancta Civitas” directed by Dr. Craig Jessop, the former conductor of the Mormon



Tabernacle Choir. Dr. Jonathan Griffith, Artistic Director and Principal Conductor for Distinguished Concerts International of New York, which coordinated the Carnegie Hall concert, extended the invitation to the MCC singers based upon a strong recommendation from Nash-Robertson. **“The students and I are excited and committed to bringing excellence to New York City,” said Clark. “It is quite an honor to be invited, but being asked to be the featured choir is truly amazing!”**

CREATING ADVANCED
MANUFACTURING CAREER
PATHWAYS

Achieving the Dream (ATD), a national non-profit dedicated to increasing community college student success, will begin a 16-month initiative designed to build a manufacturing talent pipeline in three communities, including Muskegon, by brokering stronger ties between community colleges in the ATD network and local manufacturing employers.

With almost half a million dollars in funding from Alcoa Foundation, ATD will bring together teams from Muskegon Community College, and various community colleges in the Midwest, along with local manufacturing employers to discuss current skills gaps and seek to align the colleges’ advanced manufacturing programs more closely with employer’s needs. The colleges will conduct outreach to local workforce boards, community-based organizations, and faith-based organizations to attract the potential pool of students and workers and match them with training programs.

“We are confident that Achieving the Dream’s proven model and deep relationships with community colleges will shine a light on the bright future that an advanced manufacturing career can provide,” said Ryan Kish, Program Manager, Alcoa Foundation.



MCC basketball standout Kyle Ervin Jr. was named Third Team All-American.

MCC NURSING
GRADS EXCEED
NATIONAL
AVERAGES
ON FIRST-TIME
PASS RATES

In 2016, MCC’s Nursing Program graduates once again exceeded national averages on first-time pass rates on the National Council Licensing Examination for both RNs (NCLEX-RN) and LPNs (NCLEX-PN).

On the NCLEX-RN exam, MCC graduates had a 97% first time pass rate versus 81.68% in the nation. On the NCLEX-PN, Muskegon Community College graduates had a perfect 100% first time pass rate, compared to just 83.7% nationally.

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) revises the licensing examinations every three years based on feedback from nurses in their first year of practice. While scores



nationwide took a significant drop with the new licensing exam in 2013, MCC’s scores increased and remain at the forefront.

“Our students consistently exceed the state and national averages for passing the RN and LPN NCLEX exams on their first attempt,” said MCC Nursing Program Director, Christina Donley, MSN, FNP-BC, CNE. “The MCC Nursing faculty are proud of the achievements of our 2016 graduates and congratulate them on their success in reaching this milestone as they begin their careers in the nursing profession.”

In 2016, the MCC Nursing Program awarded 68 Associate Degrees in Nursing and 79 Practical Nurse Diplomas.

MCC’S JAYHAWK ATHLETICS ON THE RISE

Already offering its students the most intercollegiate sports of any Michigan community college, MCC added two more - men’s and women’s indoor and outdoor track and field - in 2016-17. Three Jayhawks placed nationally in the Top 20: Noah Hendricks in the 800 meters and 600 meters; Collen Casey in the hurdles; and Camaryia Williams in the 400 meter hurdles. Led by Third Team All-American Kyle

Ervin Jr., the men’s basketball squad advanced to the state championship game. Second Team All-American Lyndsey Jacobs paced the volleyball team to the regional championship match. The women’s and men’s bowling teams finished 14th and 15th, respectively, in the nation, while wrestling finished 26th and men’s cross country 30th.

SUPPORT

PRESIDENTS CLUB \$25,000 and up

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