Welcome

Browse through the 2012-13 Annual Report and you will discover ample reason for us to celebrate Muskegon Community College.

We treasure the vital relationships we have established between MCC and our local schools and businesses, dynamic partnerships that last year helped to launch the Early College of Muskegon County and to secure a $500,000 grant supporting industrial training at area industries.

We take pride in the excellence of our faculty and students, reflected in the phenomenal success rate of our nationally accredited nursing program and the national accolades won by our gifted student-athletes and our 2013 Commencement student speakers.

We mark with a feeling of accomplishment both a grand opening and an equally anticipated re-opening. MCC’s new Ottawa County Center reaffirms this college’s longtime commitment to regionally providing affordable and accessible higher education, while our beloved Carr-Fles Planetarium underwent a complete makeover that will assure future generations of students of all ages free access to the limitless wonders of space.

For eight decades, MCC has been effectively responding to the needs of our communities. Along the way, MCC has received the generous support of many, who believe in our enduring and transformative mission. The names of the 2012-13 donors to the Foundation for MCC appear in these pages. We thank them for their continued trust in us. Together we are making a difference.

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Our Mission

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ON THE COVER: Foundation for MCC scholarships have allowed MCC nursing student Kathy Davis to pursue a new career, achieve exceptional grades and balance her most important responsibility as mother to eight children.
Success Begins Early

Accelerated educational instruction enhances student motivation, reduces educational costs, decreases drop-out rates, and puts students into the workforce and their chosen professions in a shorter period of time.

MCC partnered with the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District (MAISD) to launch the Early College of Muskegon County (ECMC). An intensive five-year program, ECMC students add a 13th year of study. ECMC students earn up to 62 college credits toward an associate’s degree while receiving a high school diploma paid for by the State of Michigan. Forty-eight students participated in ECMC in 2012-13. In the wake of this success, MCC was named the higher education partner for the North Ottawa Early College and the Early College of Newaygo County.

MCC worked with 32 different high schools last year to educate 662 dual-enrolled students. MCC faculty provided direct credit instruction in each course to another 81 Muskegon Area and 33 Newaygo County CTC students.

As part of its Student Success and Completion initiative, ECMC teamed with the MAISD and its constituent systems to align curriculums and develop closer relationships among faculty and staff.

English, Math and Science Summits were held on the MCC campus with the goal of ensuring that K-12 students are prepared for college and that instructors are collaborating to achieve that end.

Going the Extra Mile

MCC completed its third year as an Achieving the Dream (AtD) college. Funded via the Lumina and Mott foundations, AtD is a select group of colleges working to improve retention, graduation, and transfer rates for its students.

Nearly a third of MCC students who placed into Math 036 participated in Fast Track Math, a two-year-old initiative designed by MCC’s J.B. Meeuwenberg, to accelerate students through two developmental math courses in one semester of intense classroom and lab instruction. The program decreases opportunities for students to drop out and increases the likelihood that they will return the following semester prepared for the rigor of their next math course.

New Student Orientation and the College Success Seminar introduce and reinforce the knowledge, skills, and abilities students need to be successful in their first semester and first year of college. Redesigned by MCC’s Heidi Holmes, this Student Orientation now reaches nearly 80% of incoming students - an increase of 15% from the previous year.

Non-traditional MCC student Ronda Hunt, whose experience with the MCC Tutoring Center inspired her to become a tutor.

MCC student Ricky Reyes says the TOPS program, made possible by the John G. Thompson College and Community Fund, changed his life. “It gave me the experience I needed because, at first, I was hesitant and intimidated by college. I didn’t plan well in high school. The class gave me all the tools I needed to succeed.”

Graduate on Time, a new MCC mentoring program, is designed to help remove barriers for students seeking to earn degrees and certificates. The students are paired with staff members, who serve as mentors in this MCC Student Life Initiative.

Last year, the Tutoring Center assisted 2,359 students with all subjects offered at MCC, except for reading and basic math. Of these, 810 were appointments, while 1,549 were for walk-in tutoring in Math, Biology, CAD, CIS, and general subjects. The Tutoring Center hired 90 tutors who devoted a combined 4,800 hours of service.

Playing in an orchestra and transposing bassoon music for his alto saxophone were never on the radar screen of Orchard View High School student Darwin McMurray before he enrolled in Early College Muskegon County. “When I started getting so involved with music at MCC, I just realized that this is where my passion is,” he says.

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Innovative by Design

According to Talent 2025, a group of regional business, education, health care, and community leaders, acquiring additional education dramatically increases earnings potential and decreases unemployment rates. Simply put, education pays. MCC continues to provide new ways to deliver career-centric instruction.

MCC launched its new Associate in Manufacturing Engineering Technology and Associate in Engineering degrees, tailored to West Michigan’s industrial needs. MCC students now have an option unique among Michigan’s community colleges. They can choose the best path to an in-demand career, with the opportunity to enter the workforce after a year or two, or to continue their engineering education at a four-year institution.

MCC reaffirmed its commitment to meet the ever-changing educational and training needs of local regional business and industry. As part of the national Credentials to Careers coalition, MCC received a prestigious $500,000 grant to implement a new CAD/CNC program for use by local employers, the Credentials to Careers coalition.

MCC partnered with community organizations and businesses to create the Advanced Manufacturing Institute. The first cohort of 12 participants graduated in March 2013. MCC is one of only 31 community colleges in the nation to be funded by the National Science Foundation’s Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative.

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MCC continues to provide new ways to deliver career-centric instruction. The MCC Continuing Education Office offered more than 200 course options last year. In all, 540 students studied such varied topics as ACT Prep, Certified Nursing Assistant, Ceramics, Adult Foster Care, Dental CEUs, Phlebotomy Tech, Pharmacy Tech, Interfaith Understanding and Zumba.

MCC stimulates intellectual curiosity by identifying and encouraging young entrepreneurs. In November, MCC hosted the BOOST! Muskegon Elevator Pitch Competition. Winners received cash prizes for their ideas and the chance to present to the Blue Water Angels investment group. Local entrepreneurs served as judges. Sponsored by e-merge, the Elevator Pitch Competition was part of e-fest! 2012 in West Michigan.

Each year, MCC student artists, over 300 of them in 2012-13, have their work judged by MCC’s art and design faculty. From a total of several thousand pieces, the best were chosen for display throughout the summer in Overbrook Gallery as part of the 49th Annual MCC Student Art and Design Exhibition.

Although no other Michigan community college was entered in the statewide Campus Challenge in 2012-13, undaunted MCC student and Phi Theta Kappa officer Hunter Koster launched an Organ Donor Registry effort on campus. Competing against 14 four-year colleges and universities, MCC outpaced several of Michigan’s largest institutions of higher learning by registering 37 organ donors, each of whom has the potential to save up to eight lives through their actions.

From the hot topics of hydraulic fracturing and invasive species to the promise of alternative energy and aquaponics, MCC Environmental Science students showcased their semester-long findings at semi-annual public lectures.

MCC signed multiple reverse transfer agreements so that its former students, who were close to earning a two-year degree, may now transfer their credits from MCC to one of several universities, including Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University and Western Michigan University, to complete their MCC associate degree and increase both their employability and lifetime income.

MCC faculty understand the educational and career advantages to community college students who participate in hands-on research usually reserved for juniors and seniors at four-year institutions. Undergraduate student research opportunities at MCC include participation in its Biofuels Program. Encompassing $50,000 in equipment, a research lab, and access to a 638-acre site at Silver Creek Farms, the program is a partnership with the National Science Foundation’s Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative. MCC is one of only 31 community colleges in the nation to be funded by this NSF program.

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The golf participants, lunch guests and sponsors at the 2013 Annual Jayhawk Scramble in June generated $7,949.50 in event profits for the Foundation for Muskegon Community College General Scholarship Fund.

FMCC donors made 227 pledge payments, provided in-kind contributions with a total value of nearly $24,000, and contributed $24,354.61 to FMCC funds at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County, including $4,354 in contributions to the Endowment Fund.

Supporting Scholars

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FMCC General Scholarship Fund
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Greater Muskegon Optimist Club Scholarship
Hermon and Marygane Dekker Scholarship
International Studies Fund
Judith and Gary Green Scholarship
Kyvig Scholarship
Larry and Barbara Testefyll Scholarship
Mary Yukts Nurnberg Scholarship

PMHS Class of ‘46 Scholarship
Muskegon District Nurses Scholarship
Muskegon Heights Optimist Club Scholarship
Muskegonites Child Study Club Scholarship
New Adult Scholarship
Richard Charles Kirk Scholarship
Ford Scholarship
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Sun Chemical United Steel Workers 2-987 A.D. Bower Scholarship
Ted DeBoever Mathematics and Science Scholarship
Tina Dee and Scott Lampis Scholarship
Wayne and Linda Barrett Scholarship
Williams and Verno Riggs Scholarship
William H. Young Memorial Scholarship

"Muskegon Community College is all about our future, educating young people and helping them transition into a more prosperous and productive life. If we can help in that process, it’s kind of a privilege."

Larry Hines, Hines Corporation President

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"I would have had to take a year off and work two jobs to earn even half the money I needed to attend a university."

Darvis Williams, MCC student whose FMCC scholarship is providing the financial means for her to continue pursuing a graphic design education.

Linda and I both got our start at MCC so we have provided in our will that the MCC will receive a portion of what we have to enable still more young people to get a similar strong start. It is a privilege for us to give back to another generation,” says Wayne Barrett about the scholarship fund he created with his wife.

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Fred Wilder parlayed his MCC education into a career as a U.S. Navy pilot and expert in operating early versions of drones. He supports MCC today because of his firm belief that a college education is the stepping stone to success. "I just want to help people. I have a big heart. My MCC advisor told me she could picture me as an occupational therapist. I have to work full-time and it’s like a weight being lifted off my back to get a scholarship. Thank you to the donors for giving me this opportunity to get a great education."

Fred Wilder's experience with the Benefits of the Wayne and Linda Barrett and the Anise Nordman Foundation Scholarships

"Discussed"
The following donors provided in-kind contributions of goods or services valued at $200 or more during the last fiscal year (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013):

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MCC Theater Department  
Jon McDonald  
Muskegon Country Club  
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New Life Acupuncture & Wellness Center  
Jean Scales Pataky  
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Michael Robinson  
Steven Rosen  
Shoreline Inn and Conference Center  
Sun Chemical  
Richard Vanderputte  
Christopher and Joella VanOosterhout  
Brian Wensauer

Legacy Society

The Foundation for Muskegon Community College Legacy Society is comprised of individuals who have included Muskegon Community College in their estate planning. Anyone wishing to leave a legacy at the College may do so through planned gifts like bequests, trusts, annuities, or by designating MCC as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. These thoughtful contributions help strengthen the endowment and will enable MCC to advance its mission to help students and communities for generations to come. The following supporters indicated they plan to leave a bequest or have already done so:

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Susan J. Zemke  
Rosemary A. Zink

In Memory of:

Edward Koryzno, Sr.

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*Deceased

MCC: Inside the Numbers

242,389 Scholarship dollars awarded MCC students in 2012-13
106,212 Kilowatt hours of electricity saved by MCC sustainability efforts
85,000 E-books that can be accessed through MCC library website
6,244 Visitors to Carr-Fles Planetarium in 2012-13
5,067 Students enrolled at MCC in Fall 2012
54 Associate degree programs offered
42 Certificate programs available
21:1 Ratio of students to faculty members
13 Intercollegiate sports offered

*As a Legacy Society member, I can help future MCC students get an education while still meeting the financial needs of my family,” says Bill Loxterman.

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Increasing Access

Because increasing access to higher education is so central to its mission, MCC works hard to keep tuition rates affordable.

Last year’s tuition was $85.50, $153 and $210 for in-district, out-of-district and out-of-state, respectively. With the annual cost of attendance much lower than at other colleges and universities, MCC remains a great educational value.

Tuition and fees are now the primary source of revenue for the College, making up 44.5% of the total revenues, as both property taxes and state aid have decreased over the last several years. Enrollment in fiscal year 2012-2013 was down slightly from the previous fiscal year to 15,245 students.

As MCC faces the challenges of declining federal, state and local revenues in the future, the college continues to work with faculty and staff seeking ways to contain expenses and to seek new revenue streams as they become available. Over the past year, the following steps were taken to reduce expenses to keep tuition affordable:

- 5,300 payment plans were activated, allowing students up to four months to pay tuition
- An energy reduction plan saved approximately $95,000 in lower utility costs.
- Medical insurance costs contained through a combination of additional plan offerings and an increase in employee contributions mandated by the state legislation that resulted in savings of approximately $250,000.
- Phone system upgrade and change in provider lowered the annual telephone bill costs by $23,000.
- Received a $493,000 three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Labor as part of a consortium agreement through Northern Virginia Community College to participate in the design, development and implementation of programs to improve and expand MCC’s ability to deliver education and career training programs with a focus on STEM-related education and the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers Program.

Last year, donors gave $7,879 in support of MCC Athletics and helped to provide 43 athletic scholarships to Jayhawk student-athletes.

Alla Boon, an Amos Nordstrom Scholarship winner, who transferred back to MCC from a university to pursue her nursing degree.

"The classes I had at MCC were more challenging and the professors cared more. After seeing what I got for my money at MCC, it was so much more. Higher quality and lower tuition at MCC? I definitely agree with that."

Note: To view Muskegon Community College’s complete audited financial statements, visit www.muskegoncc.edu/pages/finance
Celebrating Diversity
MCC recognized Hispanic Heritage Month in October with a series of free lectures, films and exhibitions, including the month-long display “Celebrating Hispanic History,” a diverse mix of ancient Latin American relics and artifacts from many countries. MCC honored Native American History Month in November by hosting the popular Trinity City Museum exhibit: Birch, Bar, and Bateau in Hendrik Hudson Library. MCC observed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January with a contest for the best videos of students and faculty volunteering their services in the community on the national holiday. Award-winning journalist Clarence Page spoke at the annual MLK Jr. Day Unity Breakfast. During Hispanic Heritage Month, MCC President Diana Osborn held talks with guests in conjunction with the showing of three relevant films. A panel discussion entitled “Students and Professionals: Choosing and Succeeding in Non-Traditional Careers,” featured outstanding female leaders in corrections, construction, engineering, and healthcare professions. They discussed the experiences that contributed to their success in male-dominated industries. As part of Holocaust Remembrance Day in April, Mathew Cohen, an internationally recognized soldier, spy, author, and Holocaust survivor, discussed her book, “Behind Enemy Lines.”

Teatrical Performances
The MCC Overbrook Players presented “The Adding Machine,” by Elmer Rice; “The Laramie Project” by Moises Kaufmann; and Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” The Arts and Humanities Department annual “Studio on Stage” featured MCC student performances. MCC hosted the Annual West Michigan High School Theater Festival and Chris Hayes and the London Theater Exchange Acting Workshop for MCC students. The MCC Theater Department joined with Grand Rapids Community College to co-present the annual “Studio on Stage.” 

Art Exhibitions
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New World Record
Led by MCC Instructor Al Thomas, the MCC Motorsports’ electric dragster, “Shirley Girls” was recognized in the 2012 Guinness World record in the DR-9 ‘60s class on Sept. 9, 2012 at the Mid-Michigan Motorplex quarter-mile track in Stanton, MI.

Music and Song
MCC’s Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble and College Singers sang a variety of holiday songs in October and April. In December, they joined voices and instruments for a Holiday Music Concert in Muskegon’s Central Methodist Church. The West Michigan Concert Winds played six songs in various ranges from Muskegon to Detroit. The West Michigan Youth Symphony performed in November and March. A February concert, “Collage,” showcased various MCC instrumental and vocal ensembles, while MCC faculty member Dr. Soles Lee-Clark gave a piano recital in March. The spiritual jazz band Sound Performance Systems performed in February. The Jaywalkers and Latydawks, select male and female vocal ensembles, respectively, performed for special campus and community events.

Distinguished Alumni Award
Diana R. Osborn was the 2013 recipient of the Muskegon Community College Distinguished Alumni Award for her professional achievements, community service, and advocacy of higher education. After earning her associate’s degree in 1973, Osborn took a secretarial position and subsequently became director of the Personnel Department, Executive Assistant to the President, and concluded her career as Executive Vice President of Administration at MCC.

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Professional Appreciation Day in April 2013 attracted over 50 participants and over 28 vendors. The conference engages business professionals through various break-out sessions and a motivational keynote speaker. The Hon. Sara Smelser, Chief justice of the 63rd District Court, gave the motivational keynote speech.

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MCC alumni and guestes returned to campus on Oct. 20, 2012 for a special program with planetarium shows, campus tours, archive photo displays, dinner and an opportunity to see the student play, “The Adding Machine,” in Overbrook Theater.

Commemoration
The 87th MCC Commencement on May 2, 2013 at the L.C. Walker Arena had 195 students and 75 faculty and staff participated.
Founded in 1926, MCC is the fourth oldest community college in the state of Michigan. MCC is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

MCC is one of only 31 community colleges in the nation to be a partner in the National Science Foundation’s Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative. MCC alumni ranks include former Minnesota Governor Elmer Andersen, film and TV actor Harry Morgan (M*A*S*H), and Olympic medal-winning wrestler Chris Taylor. MCC serves the region with classes at its main campus in Muskegon, at its Grand Haven Community Center offices in Ottawa County, at three Newaygo County locations – NCRESA and The Steam in Newaygo and the Quest in Fremont - and in Coopersville.

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The newly refurbished, state-of-the-art Carr-Fles Planetarium at MCC, West Michigan’s only free planetarium, had 6,244 visitors in 2012-13. Readers of the popular Parade magazine voted the 2013 Commencement addresses by MCC’s David Langlois and Sgt. Robert Bowyer among the Top 10 best collegiate student graduation speeches in the nation.

For over a decade, MCC has trained Northwest Michigan’s respiratory therapists by delivering real-time and interactive television didactic classes to students in Traverse City at Munson Medical Center. The students take the same courses as the Muskegon-based students, complete their clinical rotations at Munson, and receive their diplomas from MCC.

Three onsite university partners – Western Michigan University, Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University – have offices and offer courses in MCC’s James L. Stevenson Center for Higher Education.

MCC has 13 men’s and women’s intercollegiate sports – the most of any Michigan community college.

MCC’s University Park Golf Course is the only community college-owned golf course in the state.

The 40,000 square foot Hendrik Meijer Library Information Technology Center at MCC is the lone academic resource center serving a three-county area.

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