

Work continues on the **2011-2012 Budget**. At this time, uncertainty overshadows revenue projections for state appropriations as the Governor and State Legislature continue their debate on funding for community colleges. Preparation work is currently being focused on a review and pairing down of expenditure requests in line with anticipated revenues. A preliminary budget will be presented to the Board of Trustees at their May Study Meeting.

Numerous **interviews and focus groups** were conducted on May 4-5 by Dr. Kathi Swanson of CLARUS Corporation with the president, Cabinet, administrators, full-time faculty, full- and part-time maintenance and support staff members, and adjunct faculty. In addition, an online survey on employee communication and shared governance was conducted and an exhaustive internal and external communications “Materials Request” was fulfilled.

The purpose of the audit is to reveal the effectiveness of MCCC’s employee communication and shared governance practices throughout the entire organization and provide detailed recommendations for improvement. This is being done in response to MCCC’s identification of issues in these areas in its Self-Study, as well as in preparation for the upcoming Focused Visit by the Higher Learning Commission.

CLARUS Corporation was selected by the Institutional Governance Committee – with input from MCCC employees who came to the presentations by the prospective consultants – to lead the college through this

**Employee Communication and Shared Governance Audit.** The Institutional Governance Committee (IGC) is steering the audit with help from a joint subcommittee made up of members of the Institutional Governance and Institutional Accreditation committees.

The **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)** was on campus April 18-20 for the last piece of the College’s comprehensive review. The College is currently accredited through June 30, 2011.

**Career Technology Center Preliminary Design:** The college faculty and staff, working closely with the architects and construction manager, has nearly completed the Preliminary Design phase for the new building. This phase establishes the overall building layout which will serve as the basis for the final design documents. It is anticipated that the Preliminary Design documents will be submitted to the Department of Technology, Management and Budget (DTMB) in May. The timeline remains on schedule to begin construction in the Fall of 2011. The Phase I environmental survey and the site survey have also been completed as required by the DTMB.

This past November, College employees were provided with the **Personal Assessment of the College Environment (PACE)** survey in an ongoing assessment of the College climate. Results were analyzed and presented to the Board of Trustees in addition to the employee groups. Highlights of the PACE survey, which was administered by the National Initiative for Learning and Institutional Effectiveness (NILIE), describe the college environment as a “healthy campus climate.”

with an overall score of 3.61 out of an effective top-end score of 4.5. The overall score is a mean average of four discrete elements comprising climate, including Institutional Structure, Supervisory Relationships, Teamwork and Student Focus.

Monroe County Community College and DTE Energy signed an agreement of understanding that recognizes their partnership in delivering the curriculum for the new **Nuclear Energy Technology program**.

Information Systems planned and managed the **update of the Firewall systems for network security**. The firewall on main campus and the Whitman Center have both been updated. The new systems will enhance the ability to configure and support network security and access. The IS Department is currently working on the ability to extend network access with the introduction of a SSL network extender.

A search for a new **Dean of Humanities/Social Sciences** is underway. The first posting did not yield candidates with the background and experience to meet the needs of the college. The position will be posted again in the fall.

Steve Farnsworth, author of *Welding for Dummies*, was the keynote speaker for a **Welding Vendor Fair** held in March 2011 at the college. Eight vendors displayed equipment at the fair.

**Library Collection Update:** To date over 80 items have been pulled from the collection and an order for new materials recommended by the nursing faculty and the librarians has been placed. Library staff met with nursing faculty to discuss the process for recommending purchases and areas where input is needed.

MCCC experienced another increase in **dual enrollment (DE)** students for the winter semester. The current number of DE students has risen to 382 for winter 2011. In an effort to standardize DE procedures, each public high school, Orchard East Alternative Ed, and SMCC were visited to review procedures and address concerns.

Work has begun to implement a high-level, intuitive information system for the Institutional Advancement area. This system, called the **Colleague Advancement (CA) Dashboard**, will provide high-level as well as detailed information regarding Foundation campaigns, appeals, and funds received over pertinent time periods in a graphical format. Part of the Title III grant, the CA Dashboard system is a Datatel product that complements the newly-installed Advancement software by providing Advancement staff with a “heads-up” overview of the area’s key performance indicators.

The Maintenance Department completed a **compressor replacement and controls upgrade** on the McQuay chiller at the Welch Health Education Building. The chiller compressor needed to be replaced and the Maintenance Department took the opportunity to include an oil separator and improved starting controls. The controls will result in reduced energy consumption of the unit while the oil separator will allow the department to more effectively manage the quality of the refrigerant stream by maintaining an appropriate level of oil in the compressor.

Following is an update on the **Monroe County Learning Bank Network (MCLBN)**:

- The No Worker Left Behind (NWLB) Demonstration Grant expenditures were finalized and the Scale Up Grant contract was forwarded and ratified.
- There were 56 graduates from the Turning Point Program (a combination of Bedford and Orchard East) since the program’s inception. Many more are in process. There were approximately 70 more in the testing process (passing grades are required on five different tests to obtain a GED).
- MCLBN representatives continue to participate in Region #16 Board meetings and on the governance committee. Progress was made toward the creation of an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the selection of a fiduciary, establishing a grant writing committee, and creating a comprehensive document of social service providers in the Wayne/Monroe County region.
- A \$20,000 Dollar General Grant application was processed to fund scholarships and additional instruction hours for Learning Bank students. Funding was also

requested from the United Way's Community Fund to sponsor a tutor six hours per week. The number of Learning Bank students has increased to 72 students – at varying levels of completion. Four different start times have been established to accommodate the increase. There were 38 students at Bedford and 30 at Orchard East.

- A PowerPath test kit was purchased and initial training provided for the Learning Bank Network Coordinator and two instructors. PowerPath will allow students in the Turning Point program to be tested for physiological barriers to their success – at which time minor or major interventions can be made. It also provides information to instructors to enhance classroom success and prepare students for learning success.
- A preliminary college success curriculum was piloted at the Learning Bank to provide students with instruction on the components leading to college success and garner feedback. An MCCC accredited “Success” course is scheduled for Fall Semester. The goal is to increase dual enrollment for many “Turning Point” students, thereby increasing the number of students transitioning to post secondary education with skills necessary for successful enrollment and completion.

The **spring and summer textbook list** is posted online on the college website. The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 requires bookstores to post this information for student review for registration and pre-registration purposes. The bookstore offered online textbook ordering for spring and summer semesters. The Fall 2011 information was posted online April 8.

Two **special culinary buffets** were delivered this semester. The Monroe County Historical Society attended a buffet featuring traditional and historic recipes from around the state of Michigan. This buffet was held in the La-Z-Boy Center Atrium and offered the students the opportunity to experience catering a large event “off-site” yet within a controlled environment. In addition, local high school students in a foods or hospitality program or interested in the restaurant industry attended a buffet funded with Tech Prep grant dollars. Some of the high schools represented at the buffet included Bedford High School,

Monroe High School and the Upward Bound program, Riverview High School, and Dearborn Career Center High School.

Of major importance nation-wide is the most **recent adjustment to the ADA** (American with Disabilities Act) requiring that all technology including websites, online instruction and other digital services meet the requirement of being accessible to students with vision impairments. The Disability Services counselors are starting to review areas and services on campus that are impacted.

The college's **marketing communications campaign** promoting Spring and Fall Semester registration began in late March and continued through April. It will pick up again in late June and continue through July. Advertising mediums for the campaign include Comcast, Charter and Buckeye (North Zone) cable systems; Tower 98 and FM-104 radio stations; the Monroe Evening News (print and Web), Bedford Now, The Milan News-Leader; the News-Herald; billboards and Google AdWords.

The **Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program** admitted 23 instead of 20 students in January. The first **winter cohort from the Registered Nursing (RN) program** graduated this February.

The librarians met to review the **index collection** and determined which titles would be discarded. All index titles were removed from the public service area. The Industry Surveys set was moved to the carrel area. Indexes were discontinued and discarded because current databases provide (1) the same access to journal and newspaper publications (2) utilize valuable public services space that can be utilized for more contemporary services and (3) reflect time periods which predate the time span accepted by most MCCC instructors as “current.”

The following **training was offered and delivered by the Corporate and Community Services Office:**

The Business and Industry Institute Training schedule is available online at <http://www.monroeccc.edu/ccs/>

TrainingCalendar.pdf. This is a schedule of customized training sessions that are public classes but are promoted directly to area companies via an email list that the CCS Office has developed. This is designed to provide customized training opportunities for the small and medium sized companies that may not have enough employees to contract for an entire class on-site.

The Information Systems staff continues to work on **Windows 7 installations** within various offices. With the operating system conversion from Windows XP to Windows 7 the staff needs to pay special attention to software and hardware requirements. In addition, adjustments have to be made at both the local and network system to accommodate the changes.

<b>BUSINESS &amp; INDUSTRY INSTITUTE TRAINING</b>	<b># TRAINED</b>
Resume Writing Workshop .....	41
Hazwoper 8 Hr. Refresher .....	9
WorkKeys for Teacher Para-Pro's .....	5
SHRM Learning System .....	4
Healthguard Professional Food Manager Certification .....	36
MIOSHA Recordkeeping & Cost of Injuries ....	18
Creating A Positive Safety Culture .....	12
Solar Workshop .....	7
<b>CONTRACTED TRAINING</b>	<b># TRAINED</b>
<b>STONECO of Michigan, Monroe</b>	
Computer Topics: Excel, Word, PowerPoint & Outlook .....	19
<b>ESM Group, Pennsylvania &amp; Minteq, Flat Rock</b>	
OSHA 10-Hour General Industry Awareness .....	20
<b>Monroe Bank &amp; Trust, Monroe</b>	
Speaking in Public .....	11
<b>Midway Products Group, Inc., Monroe</b>	
Geometric Dimensioning & Tolerancing .....	14
<b>Michigan Gas Utilities, Monroe</b>	
Basic Computer Topics: Windows, Internet, Email, Word, & Excel .....	1
<b>Dynecol, Detroit</b>	
Hazwoper 24-Hour Operations .....	5
<b>Premier Industries, Monroe</b>	
Welding Symbols .....	3
<b>Meijer, Inc., Newport</b>	
Conflict Resolution .....	88
Teamwork .....	108
	<b>TOTAL 401</b>

The following chart outlines the **Lifelong Learning Enrollments** for Winter 2011 (numbers include Customized Training):

	<b>TOTAL ENROLLMENT</b>	<b>CONTACT HOURS</b>
Main Campus – Lifelong Learning	1,012	13,729.5
Customized Training (on/off campus)	181	1,548.8
Business & Industry Training	206	1,252.8
Online and Off Campus	43	2,125.2
Whitman Center	151	1,610.2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,593</b>	<b>20,266.5</b>
<b>Total Unduplicated Headcount</b>	<b>1,071</b>	

The Corporate and Community Services Office worked on the following **State and Federal grants**:

- Began training for Premier Industries as part of a \$26,750.13 Incumbent Worker Training Grant from the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance. The training is for welding, Mastercam Level 1 CNC, and Fanuc controls.
- Commenced EDJT Grant training for the Meijer Warehouse in Newport. The total grant amount is \$33,915 and will train approximately 150 new hires in LEAN Manufacturing and soft skills.
- Submitted an Incumbent Worker Training Grant to the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance for Michigan Materials Aggregate Company (Stoneco) in the amount of \$18,917.60. If approved, this grant will be used for training of existing employees in the areas of Safety and LEAN Manufacturing.

### Whitman Center Update:

- Students participated in a *Day of Service Volunteer Fair*. Nine volunteer organizations were represented at the Martin Luther King Day event.
- An exhibit with more than 76 record albums, several vintage rock posters, and information regarding the history of Rock and Roll lined the hallways throughout the month of February. Music History instructor Kim Goss led a program titled “From Blues to Rock” for 19 participants.
- The month of March was Women’s History Month. A selection of posters from The National Women’s History Project was displayed. A program titled “Remarkable Women” was attended by 31 participants. Three authors of the final edition of “In Search of Our Past: Women of Northwest Ohio” shared insights on the biographies they wrote for the book.
- The Whitman Center was awarded a \$1,000 MCCC Foundation Enhancement Grant. This grant will allow the Whitman Center to continue to offer enrichment programs and speakers for students, staff, and the community.
- A Transfer Fair was held in March with representatives from 10 colleges and universities.
- The college received a first place ribbon for its booth at the Bedford Trade Fair in March. Staff and students assisted in staffing the table and demonstrating various science materials.
- Twelve Higher Education institutions in Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan gathered to form a consortium. The initial meeting was held at Whitman Center in February. The group will share updates on programs and degrees to better facilitate referrals for students. Opportunities to offer Education Fairs for employers and the community will be explored. The networking group will meet at a different campus each month.
- Tutoring services were offered at the Whitman Center during the Winter Semester. Students were able to schedule appointments for assistance in a variety of subjects.

### CREDIT ENROLLMENT BY DIVISION AT WHITMAN CENTER

#### Winter 2010

Business .....	1413
Health Science .....	178
Humanities & SS.....	2744
Science/Math .....	2470
Total Credit Hours.....	6742
Sections Available .....	86
Unduplicated Headcount .....	1053

#### Winter 2011

Business .....	941
Health Science .....	181
Humanities & SS.....	2314
Science/Math .....	2019
Total Credit Hours.....	5455
Sections Available .....	86
Unduplicated Headcount .....	883

Beginning with the Spring 2011 Semester, the bookstore eliminated the temporary bookstore at the Whitman Center and now provides students with a **textbook pre-order service**. A form for pre-ordering textbooks is provided online by following the Whitman Center quick link on the college website. Once completed, students will send the pre-order form to the bookstore for order processing. An email confirmation will be sent when their order is received. Books will be packaged and ready for student pick up on specified days and times at the beginning of the semester.

### Workforce Development Update:

- Late last year, the decision was made that all resumes posted to the Monroe County Community College website, <http://www.collegecentral.com/monroeccc/>, would be reviewed and approved by the director. From October 2010 through the end of March 2011 the office of workforce development has reviewed 132 resumes. This compares to assisting 44 individuals with their resumes in the previous 10 months. This review begins by having the director critique the resume, return it by email for updating, and oftentimes may include a

consultation in the office to achieve an acceptable resume. Although this service is time consuming it is very valuable to clients, and has been extremely well received.

- The director has provided six Resume Workshops since December including three open to the public, two for DOL Welding Center of Expertise students and one for the Lifelong Learning Ophthalmic Assistant Program students. This workshop is available to all instructors and their students as well.
- Collegiate Employnet (a consortium of 18 colleges and universities in SE Michigan and NW Ohio) held its annual job fair at Owens Community College on Friday, March 25. All students and alumni were invited and encouraged to attend.
- The Career and Opportunity Expo Job Fair was held on April 15 in the Welch Health Education Building. This Expo is in partnership with Siena Heights University, Eastern Michigan University, Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, the Monroe County Employment and Training Department Michigan Works!, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The event was open to the public and had 42 employers and 15 educational/service organizations in attendance. This was the first time in recent history that such a job fair has been held on the MCCC campus.

	<b>Dec. 2010</b>	<b>Jan. 2011</b>	<b>Feb. 2011</b>	<b>March 2011</b>
<b>Employers Registered</b>	18	17	1	15
<b>Jobs Posted</b>	34	39	36	56
<b># of Jobs Viewed by Users</b>	1,190	1,981	1,128	907

*\* The college asks users to report if they are successful in obtaining a position through our assistance, but this is not always a reliable number since it is completely voluntary.*

A **Health Careers Exploration Day** was held on February 24 for the fourth semester nursing students. The **Health Career Education Fair** for high school students was held on April 5.

**Daniel Lake**, MCCC Construction Management Technology program alum, was hired to an engineering position at Ventower.

From January 12-24, 2011, Colleen Baker, Hedi Kaufman, Beth Kamprath, Krista Tomaselli, Russ Sprinkle and Mary Bullard, visited 090 designation classes to describe the services provided to students from **academic assistance and Disability Services**. Brochures and tutoring schedules were distributed in 22 classes including one Math 090 course.

**SI (Supplemental Instruction) leaders** were assigned to BIOL 151, CHEM 150, ESC 151 (discontinued in February), MATH 150 and PHIL 152. Supplemental Instruction tutors are led by Beth Kamprath who provides ongoing mentoring and feedback for the student leaders.

**Library Statistics:**

Reference questions ..... 1,218  
 Information Literacy  
 & Instruction sessions ..... 40 sessions with  
 923 students attending  
 Gate Count ..... 27,884

Since the last quarterly submission, Educational Media Service and Information Systems have completed 1,641 **SchoolDude work orders**.

The following **events were hosted by MCCC** and as part of the College’s community service initiative the room rental fees for these events were waived either partially or entirely. Other fees associated with the events such as special set-ups, custodial, security, food service. etc., are invoiced as usual. Total attendance at the following events based upon room permit information was 4,245, and the total fees waived amounted to \$27,246.

- Genealogical Society of Monroe County Meeting
- La-Z-Boy Incorporated Meetings

- Siena Heights College Classes
- Monroe Middle College Classes
- Monroe County Civil War Round Table
- Miss Monroe Scholarship Pageant Committee
- Monroe Historical Society
- United Way of Monroe County Health Check
- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Monroe County Intermediate School District
- Monroe County Library System
- St. Michael's Telethon
- Michigan Works
- Jefferson High School

MCCC organized an event on March 3, 2011, for all **Jefferson High School** seniors. Participants were EMU, Mercy Memorial Hospital, MCCC Admissions and Financial Aid. There were approximately 180 students in attendance.

The **2010-2011 Season Events calendar** was in full swing during the Winter Semester. The Adrian Symphony took the stage in December and entertained a crowd of about 400 people. The MCCC Symphony Band played Christmas music to 400 people and the Agora Chorale wrapped up the month singing to a crowd of 150. The Monroe Big Band and American Rock & Roll performed to sell out crowds in January. Three hundred people attended the Pure Prairie League concert in early February

and the month wrapped up with the 24th Annual Black History Month Blues Series Concert that was standing room only. In March, Local Comedian Kevin McPeck entertained 500 people with his quick wit while the Symphony Band and Agora Chorale performed for 525. Theatreworks USA did three performances of *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, performing to a total crowd of 900. The War of 1812 Military Show was canceled due to a limited number of exhibitors. Antiques in April, the college's annual antiques show and sale, kicked-off the month of April with 1,500 attendees and 60 exhibitors, followed by a sold-out performance by comedian Paula Poundstone. The season closed out with the third annual Band and Chorale 'Collage' Concert. Featuring a variety of local talent, the concert was presented twice to over 750 people.

The Marketing Department coordinated the ribbon cutting ceremony for new **DTE Energy SolarCurrents Installation** on campus, which featured remarks from U.S. Rep. John D. Dingell, State Sen. Randy Richardville, State Rep. Dale Zorn, Monroe Township Supervisor and MCCC Alumni Association Board Chair Al Barron, DTE Senior Vice President Ron May, and MCCC President Dr. David Nixon. The event was attended by approximately 100 people. The Marketing Department also coordinated all advertising and public relations for the event, which was covered by media at the local, regional, state and national levels.

<b>ROOM RESERVATION ACTIVITY - DECEMBER 2010 - MARCH 2011</b>									
	MCCC Events	Count	Web Confirmed	Staff Res	Non-MCCC Events	Count	Net Sales	Discounts	Gross Sales
Dec. 2010	62	2,413	15	30	178	9,121	\$11,189.48	\$6,116	\$17,305.48
Jan., 2011	89	2,590	25	55	229	6,508	\$9,240.32	\$5,380	\$14,620.32
Feb. 2011	126	2,216	32	54	217	6,302	\$7,645.32	\$7,835	\$15,480.32
March 2011	121	3,916	48	63	248	8,156	\$11,216.48	\$5,957	\$17,173.48

## FITNESS CENTER ATTENDANCE

(December 2010 – March 23, 2011)

Group Type	Number of New Visitors	Number of Visitors	Number of Visits	Visitor Hours	Avg. Hrs. Per Visit
Student	249	507	3474	4918	1.4
Staff	16	55	471	443	.9
Alumni	5	23	323	361	1.1
Total	270	585	4268	5722	1.3

The Fitness Center ran a **weight loss challenge** from January – March. The challenge was for staff members. There were 11 teams and 45 staff members involved. It was very successful with every team losing weight. A second challenge is currently in progress.

New cardio mats were installed in the **Fitness Center** to keep the dust from getting into the equipment. These new mats should help with keeping the equipment clean and functioning properly.

MCCC played a key role in the “**Pure Monroe Michigan**” Campaign, an image advertising campaign designed to increase pride in and awareness of the many resources available in Monroe County. Local leaders, including MCCC President Dr. David Nixon; Doug Chaffin, president and CEO of Monroe Bank & Trust; Lonnie Peppler-Moyer, president of Monroe Publishing Company; and Annette Phillips, CEO of Mercy Memorial Hospital System, conceived the idea. MCCC President Dr. David Nixon provided the voiceover for the 30-second TV and radio spots written by MCCC Marketing Director Joe Verkennes and produced by TK Productions of Monroe. Joe Verkennes also wrote the copy for the campaign’s six print ads, which were designed by Jim Dombrowski of Monroe Publishing Company. The campaign also utilizes a 60-second radio spot developed by Pure Michigan that is voiced by Michigan’s own Tim Allen. “Pure Monroe Michigan” kicked off Monday, May 2 during WJR’s Pure Michigan Paul W. Smith Tour stop at MCCC’s La-Z-Boy Center. The broadcast was heard by a quarter of a million listeners.

## FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATES

Adjunct faculty tutors **Colleen Baker** and **Krista Thomaselli** teamed and taught two sections of the popular workshop *First Steps for Classroom Success* in January at the Whitman Center and on the MCCC Main Campus.

**Mark Bermooser**, Assistant Professor of Speech, Journalism, and Tae Kwon Do, had a Middle College student job shadow/sit-in during one of his speech classes.

On March 8, 2011, **Catherine Brodie** and the MCCC Agora Chorale performed “Songs of Faith, War, Peace, and Courage.”

**Clifton Brown** was hired to the new alternative energy faculty position.

On March 7, 2011, **Mark Felder** and the College Community Band Performed “A March Concert” featuring Kelsi Gautz.

**Kris Gerlach**, Coordinator of Learning Assistance Lab; **Liz Raymond**, Disability Services Counselor; **Barbara McNamee**, Director of Learning Resources; **Jill Denko**, Assistant Professor of Student Services; and **Steve Mapes**, Associate Professor of Counseling, attended a webinar entitled “A New Model for Psychiatric Disabilities” on February 10, 2011.



**Sharon Gray** and **Dr. Cynthia Roman** represented MCCC at the Bedford High School Health Fair on April 15. Four Student Nursing Association (SNA) members took blood pressures.

**Mark Hall**, Director of Admissions, attended a workshop regarding international student admissions in Lima, Ohio.

On March 21, 2011, **Cheryl Johnston**, Assistant Professor of Reading and English, **Dr. Carrie Nartker**, Associate Professor of English, and **Penny Dorcey-Naber**, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Humanities/Social Sciences, facilitated the One Book, One Community Jazz Kick-off at Café Classics, featuring Jazz Band Jess Coleman and the Jamm.

On February 22, 2011, the following Humanities/Social Sciences projects were awarded Foundation Enhancement Grants: **Cheryl Johnston** – The Humanities Project; **Dr. Carrie Nartker** – Creative Writing Project; **Dr. Joanna Sabo** – United Nations and Study Abroad Grants; **Dan Shaw** – Spring National Media Convention; and **Penny Dorcey-Naber** collaborating with **Beth Kohler** – One Book, One Community Guest Speaker/ Author, James McBride.

**Dean Kerste**, Associate Professor of Mechanical Design, attended a SolidWorks Conference in February.

**Dean Paul Knollman**, **Dr. Patrick Nedry**, and **Professor Wendy Wysocki** attended the 5th Annual ETHOS WEEK luncheon as the guests of the College of Business at Eastern Michigan University. ETHOS WEEK at EMU is a week-long celebration for the study of the concepts associated with ethics in the workplace and ethical behavior in the larger sense of community. The keynote speaker at the luncheon was Barbara McQuade, U.S. Attorney and Chief Federal Prosecutor for the Eastern District of Michigan. MCCC and EMU have a number of Articulation Transfer Agreements between the Business Division and the EMU College of Business.

On March 23, 2011, **Brenda Kraus**, Adjunct Instructor

of French, and 28 students went to Giorgio's for the annual French Cuisine Cultural Field Trip.

In early January, **Mary Lyons** accepted the position of Events/Reservations Administrative Assistant. She is very busy learning the EMS reservation program, and in the near future the college will be transitioning to Professional 12, which is an upgraded version of the system.

**Vinnie Maltese**, Dean of Science/Mathematics, served as moderator for the second round of the AMATYC Student Mathematics League competition held on February 24, 2011. **Dr. Mark Naber**, Professor of Mathematics, assisted with the facilitation of the competition.

**Steve Mapes**, Associate Professor of Counseling; **Jill Denko**, Assistant Professor of Student Services; **Mark Hall**, Director of Admissions; **Kris Gerlach**, Coordinator of Learning Assistance Lab; **Peggy Jacob**, Adjunct Counselor; **Paula Stanifer**, Part-time Counselor; and **Liz Raymond**, Disability Services Counselor, attended a webinar entitled "Assessing the Effectiveness of Academic Advising."

**Kathleen Masters**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, is retiring after 26 years of service.

On April 18-19, 2011, **Scott McCloskey**, Adjunct Instructor of English, and his theater students combined several short plays into one winter production titled *compAct*.

**Dr. William McCloskey**, Professor of English, and **Mark Bermooser**, Assistant Professor of Speech, Journalism, and Tae Kwon Do, organized a follow-up discussion regarding the Darfur Presentation that the Newman Club sponsored during the Fall 2010 Semester.

MCCC Graphic Designer **Sean McDonald** designed the inaugural and daily National Park Passport Stamps for the new River Raisin Battlefield Park, as well as two other special Passport Stamps that will be used in the future.

At nearly all of the American National Park units (and many of the National Park Service's affiliated areas), one or more National Park Passport Stamps can be acquired at no cost at park visitor centers and ranger stations. The stamps are similar in nature to passport stamps stamped in a traveler's national passport. The stamps serve as a record of each park visit.

**Dr. Mark Naber**, Professor of Mathematics, and **Vinnie Maltese**, Dean of Science/Mathematics, served as judges in the 12th Annual Tri-County Science and Technology Fair held at Adrian College on February 9-10, 2011.

**Dr. Mark Naber**, Professor of Mathematics; **Dr. Roger Spalding**, Professor of Physics; **Dr. David Waggoner**, Professor of Chemistry; **Lisa Scarpelli**, Assistant Professor of Geosciences; **Tracy Rayl**, Assistant Professor of Biology; **Patrick Wise**, Assistant Professor of Psychology; **Andrew Parsons**, Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biology; and **Vinnie Maltese**, Dean of Science/Mathematics, served on faculty search committees.

**Jim Ross**, Director of Data Processing, and **Tracy Vogt**, Registrar, attended the Datatel User Group conference in Washington, DC.

**Dr. Joanna Sabo**, Professor of Political Science, presented a paper *Two Tracks of Inquiry for Teaching about the Tea Party and Similar Movements: Necessary Reform or Selfish Individualism?* at a national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 10-14, 2011.

From March 11 - March 15, 2011, **Dan Shaw**, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Humanities, and seven

students attended the Spring College Media National Convention in New York, NY.

**Kathleen Shepherd**, Associate Professor of Mathematics; **Khadija Ahmed**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; **Dr. Mark Naber**, Professor of Mathematics; **James Vallade**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; and **Vinnie Maltese**, Dean of Science/Mathematics, attended the "Getting Started with Course Redesign" conference and workshop co-hosted by MCCC and Pearson.

**Kathleen Shepherd**, Associate Professor of Mathematics; **James Vallade**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; and **Patrick Wise**, Assistant Professor of Psychology are completing doctoral level coursework in Research Design, Faculty Issues in Higher Education and Conflict Resolution at the University of Toledo.

**Chef Kevin Thomas** attended the Food Educators Network International (FENI) Conference and Training Program in Chicago. Chef Kevin had an opportunity to meet and learn from some of the country's top chefs and chef instructors. Topics ranged from cutting edge cuisines and advanced cooking topics to plate decorating and architecture. Chef Kevin created a new course for the Culinary Arts curriculum – Contemporary Food Design and Architecture—following attendance at the same conference last year.

**Gary Wilson**, Associate Professor of Art, and **Ted Vassar**, Assistant Professor of Art, facilitated a visit to MCCC by artist Dave Larkins on March 15, 2011. Mr. Larkins' art was on display in the library beginning March 15, 2011.

**Jack Woltman**, Associate Professor of Respiratory Therapy, is retiring after 30 years of service.



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