

QUARTERLY update

To the Board of Trustees, Faculty and Staff



FALL 2012

From the Office of the President



Higher Learning Commission
A commission of the North Central Association

MCCC Completes the HLC Academy for the Assessment of Student Learning

The Higher Learning Commission formally acknowledged the college for its successful completion of the Academy for the Assessment of Student Learning. The project included total review of general education learning outcomes, development of general education competencies and learning objectives, as well as development of rubrics to measure student achievement of learning outcomes. The Academy experience is intended to develop institutional culture and increase institutional commitment to assessing and improving student learning.

Members of the MCCC HLC Academy team included Dr. Grace Yackee, vice president of instruction; Bonnie Giles, assistant professor of business; Paul Knollman, dean of the Business Division; Dr. Terri Kovach, professor, reference/technical services librarian; and Dr. William McCloskey, professor of English (faculty assessment coordinator).

Second Faculty Assessment Coordinator Named

Wendy Wysocki, professor of business and economics, has been named the faculty occupational/career program assessment coordinator. In this position, she will serve as co-chair of the Learning Assessment Committee and lead the college in its efforts to incorporate the assessment of student learning as part of program review and evaluation.



THE MONROE COUNTY
LEARNING BANK NETWORK

PROVIDING CONNECTIONS TO EDUCATION AND JOBS

Monroe County Learning Bank Network Update

The College was informed by the state that \$50,000 in funding is available to the College for operation of the Learning Bank Network for the period of July 1, 2012

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through June 30, 2013. The Learning Bank would be one of the state's designated Learning Lab sites. Although this funding would be available this fiscal year, there is little likelihood that continued funding will be available for any of the state's Learning Labs beyond that point.

The Workforce Development Board/Michigan Works Office also informed the college that a contract for up to \$50,000 in services for WIA eligible clients would also be available. In response to the reduced funding levels, the Learning Bank is only operating three days per week (Monday through Wednesday) from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The College continues to seek alternate funding sources, and has submitted a grant request for \$250,000 per year for 5 years for a Veteran's Upward Bound program, which would include some funding for the Learning Bank services.



Studying Abroad in Portugal and Spain

Spain and Portugal will be the locales of the 2013 MCCC study abroad trip. Dan Shaw, assistant professor of journalism and humanities, will lead the trip and teach a Photojournalism course. Accompanying Shaw will be Professor of Political Science Joanna Sabo (teaching a Comparative Politics course) and Associate Professor of Art Gary Wilson (teaching an Art Appreciation course). Students can take one, two or all three of the 3-credit courses. Community members also are encouraged to join the tour, whether they take the courses or not. The cost is estimated at about \$4,100 without course tuition and will include two days in Lisbon and Evora, Portugal, followed by eight days swinging through Cordoba, Granada, Seville, Toledo and Madrid, Spain. The last eight days will be spent in Barcelona.

Institutional Research Update

The following research, evaluation and assessment projects have been undertaken:

- Political science comprehensive exam assessment
- English and reading COMPASS score frequencies and course outcomes
- Core indicators (presented to the Cabinet)
- Best practices for increasing survey response rates
- Survey editing – Graduate Follow-up Survey & Alumni Association Survey
- Winter general education assessment results for The Academy Project (reported out)
- Tuition and unemployment rate as predictors of enrollment (complete)
- New Assessment of Student Learning Web site (complete)
- Institutional research Web site

ETHOS Week Activities Nominated for Award

Last spring, MCCC once again participated in the Eastern Michigan University ETHOS Week, which celebrates professional integrity in business. This year, the faculty in the management area of the Business Division – Dr. Patrick Nedry, Professor Wendy Wysocki, and Professor David Reiman – expanded participation in this luncheon to include eight outstanding business management students. In partnership with the EMU College of Business and supported by a grant from The Foundation at MCCC, the MCCC team and members of the EMU College of Business were nominated for the Outstanding Occupational Educator of the Year Award in association with the TRENDS conference hosted by the Michigan Occupational Deans Administrative Council. Although not selected for the award, this activity was recognized at the annual meeting in Traverse City.



Three Veteran Faculty Members Retire

Three faculty members whose combined service totals more than eight decades retired last summer.

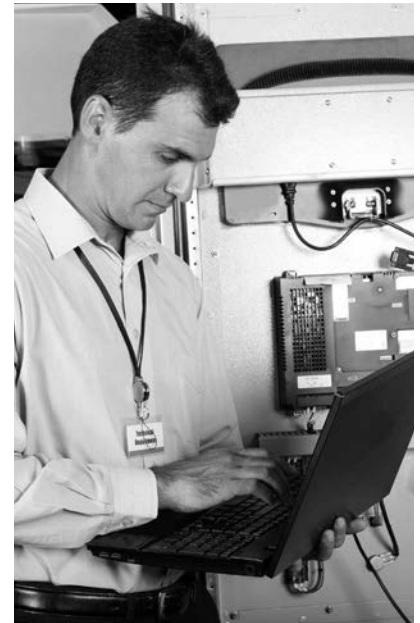
- Cheryl McKay, professor of accounting, taught at MCCC for 35 years. Thousands of accounting students passed through her classes. She demonstrated a high level of professional expertise and dedication through numerous

memberships in professional organizations and other activities which advanced her abilities.

- Andrew Parsons, associate professor of chemistry, taught at MCCC for 28 years. Parsons was named “Teacher of the Year” in 1992 and was a member of the Michigan Community College Biologists, Michigan College Chemistry Teachers Association and Michigan Industrial Hygiene Association.
- Bonnie Giles, associate professor of business, taught at MCCC for 22 years. She developed unique and cutting-edge curriculum in the fields of administrative office assisting, business computing and medical office coordination. During those years, she maintained numerous memberships in professional organizations and participated in conferences and other activities to advance her knowledge in her field.

New High-tech Program: Computer Information Assurance

For 18 months, William Hilliker, assistant professor of computer information systems, worked on developing a new associate degree program in the field of computer information assurance. This Fall Semester, the first course with the IAS designation, Everyday Computing and Social Responsibility, was offered. The



course filled to its capacity of 20 and had a waitlist. The basic principles behind the new IAS program are to educate students in the expanding field of computer and information security. The content is based upon National Security Administration standards and uses fundamental coursework promoted by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Graduates will be prepared to become professionals working in government, business, healthcare, education and industry. The program is also designed to prepare students to transfer to a four-year institution where they can continue their studies in the IAS. MCCC will soon be signing an articulation agreement with Eastern Michigan University for a 2.5 + 1.5 bachelor’s degree completion option. It is anticipated that the program will continue to grow in popularity and that more agreements will be coming in the near future.

Improving Shared Governance: New Council Model Launched

A “Working Tactical Implementation Plan for Reinventing Shared Governance and Employee Communication” was developed last year by the college’s Institutional Governance Committee, which is chaired by Penny Dorcey-Naber, administrative assistant to the dean of humanities/ social sciences. Implementation of the plan began last year will continue throughout 2012-13. It included a recently-launched council model of shared governance that allows for joint decision-making and appropriately vets recommendations across the organization. Members of the IGC subcommittee that developed the council model of governance included Dr. Grace Yackee, vice president of instruction, who chaired the committee; Randy Daniels, vice president of student and information services; Patrick Nedry, professor of business; Joe Verkennes, director of marketing, and Suzanne Wetzel, vice president of administration.

Bacchus Society Moving Ahead on Vineyard Project

The V1300 Vineyard at Monroe County Community College is thriving. Through a \$3,000 grant from The Foundation at MCCC, the Bacchus Society planted 32 new grapevine seedlings and cared for them during the summer. These new plants, combined with about 30 vines planted last year, have resulted in a rather vibrant vineyard just to the east of the Main Campus. One of the main goals of the Bacchus Society is for academic coursework and programming related to the vineyard to become available to the students. In October, Chef Thomas and Business Division Dean Paul Knollman traveled to Michigan State University to visit with a renowned professor of enology from MSU – Paolo Sabbitini – to strategize on how to start the process of developing credit courses in enology for possible inclusion in the culinary skills and management program.



Campus and Community Events Update

In the spring, MCCC partnered with the Monroe Evening News to present the, “Relish Home Cooking Show” which drew 400 people. The College/Community Symphony Band, along with Soloist Woody English performed for a standing-room-only crowd. The Agora Chorale performed for 200 people. The 2012-13 season includes Comedian Tim Wilson, Brass Transit, Dick Wagner & the Jim Cummings Band, The Diamonds’ Holiday Show, Kathy Mattea, Los Lobos, The Tartan Terrors and Seussical. The Auto Show was canceled for this season due to construction on campus.

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., were invoiced as usual. **Total attendance at the following events based upon room permit information was 9,661 and the total fees waived amounted to \$34,778.50**

- Airport Community Schools
- Am Vets
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Carleton Go Getters 4-H
- DTE Energy (Fermi I)
- Eastern Michigan University
- Genealogical Society of Monroe County
- La-Z-Boy Incorporated Meetings
- Miss Monroe Scholarship Pageant
- Monroe County Chamber of Commerce
- Rotary Club of Monroe
- MCISD Special Olympics
- MEA Pre-Retirement Seminar
- Meadow Montessori School
- Monroe Bank & Trust
- Monroe Mercy Hospital
- Monroe Middle College Classes
- Monroe Public High School
- Siena Heights College Classes
- The Community Foundation of Monroe County
- Turtle Island Pow Wow

LIFELONG LEARNING ENROLLMENTS (includes Customized Training) SPRING 2012		
	Total Enrollment	Contact Hours
Main Campus – Lifelong Learning	854	12,590.7
Customized Training (on/off campus)	255	1,857.0
Business & Industry Training	116	1,512.0
Online	22	633.6
Off Campus	8	928.8
Whitman Center	51	978
Totals	1,306	18,500.1
Total Unduplicated Headcount	991	

New Jobs Training Program Begins

The Michigan New Jobs Training Program project with Ventower Industries has begun the payroll tax diversion process on new employees trained. At this point, 45 employees have received training of some type, and Ventower has expended more than \$100,000 worth of training that is eligible for reimbursement.

Workforce Development News

•The Office of Workforce Development – in partnership with Siena Heights University, Eastern Michigan University, Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (Michigan Rehabilitation Services), Michigan Institute of Aviation and Technology, SEMCA Michigan Works! and the

Veterans of Foreign Wars – held the 2nd Annual Career and Opportunity Expo in the spring at the Welch Health and Education Building. Nearly 60 employers were represented and more than 300 job seekers were in attendance.

•From March 2012 through August 2012 the Office of Workforce Development assisted 117 individuals with their resumes. Assistance includes a review of the resume with suggestions for improvement. Many of the reviews are completed electronically but some clients prefer face-to-face meeting with the director. In addition, 111 new students/community members, 41 alumni and 78 businesses began utilizing our job posting services.

Nursing Accreditation Process News

Eleven of 12 students who transitioned from the online to the traditional track associate degree in nursing program completed. Six completed during summer 2011, five completed summer 2012, and one was dismissed from the program due to unsuccessful academic progress.

Through accreditation and curriculum review activities, it was determined that the current associate degree in nursing nursing program curriculum, as written, failed to reflect on-going faculty efforts to remain current in the classroom and clinical areas. More specifically, it was identified that over time, the program had suffered a “curriculum drift,” in that changes were being made at the course level that were not reflected in the program’s mission/philosophy or student learning outcomes. In response, the faculty has found it necessary to review, revise and update the entire curriculum, beginning with the nursing education unit’s

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ROOM RESERVATION ACTIVITY – APRIL- AUGUST 2012									
	MCCC Events	Count	Web Confirmed	Staff Res.	Non-MCCC Events	Count	Net Sales	Discounts	Gross Sales
April 2012	145	4570	30	31	88	1597	\$4,651.32	\$3,780.00	\$8,431.32
May 2012	67	1109	18	19	113	5,019	\$13,442.00	\$12,796.00	\$26,238.00
June 2012	51	974	8	8	100	4,090	\$19,163.00	\$11,742.50	\$30,905.50
July 2012	44	200	13	14	76	617	\$2,046.00	\$2,270.00	\$4,316.00
August 2012	68	1687	15	15	128	4,803	\$9,611.00	\$4,190.00	\$13,801.00

mission, vision and philosophy. The goal is to implement this curriculum in the Fall 2013 Semester after full approval by the Michigan Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission. In the meantime, a transitional plan has been adopted that allows the program to maintain the integrity of the current curriculum while preparing for implementation of the updated curriculum in the pending curriculum documents.

Whitman Center News

Whitman Center Director Sandy Kosmyna resigned her position to accept a job with her former employer, the University of Toledo. The vacant position is currently being evaluated, and in the interim, the VP of Instruction, academic deans from the Humanities, Business, and Math/Science divisions, along with the CCS dean and directors are rotating administrative coverage at the center.

CREDIT ENROLLMENT BY DIVISION AT WHITMAN CENTER	
Spring 2012	
Business	0
Health Science.....	10
Humanities & SS	23
Science/Math.....	63
Billable Contact Hours	308
Sections Available.....	11*
Unduplicated Headcount.....	82
Summer 2012	
Business	17
Health Science.....	0
Humanities & SS	34
Science/Math.....	0
Billable Contact Hours	153
Sections Available.....	6*
Unduplicated Headcount.....	44
<i>*TOTAL BEFORE CANCELLATIONS</i>	

Additional Clinical Experience for Respiratory Therapy Students

Bonnie Boggs, director of physical therapy, and Nick Prush, instructor and director of respiratory therapy clinical education, worked over the summer to include an additional clinical experience for first-semester students. That experience will give students an opportunity to experience how common equipment is used in the clinical respiratory therapy setting,



in addition to the didactic information they receive in the classroom. This approach helps students to make stronger connections between theory and practice. This addition was made possible through a reconfiguration of course hours and does not present any additional charge to the student.

CNA, Phlebotomy Enrollments Surging; Physical Education Course Enrollment Low

Two sections of certified nurse aide courses were offered this fall, and both were filled to capacity. Positive enrollment numbers continue for most phlebotomy classes. Physical education course enrollment again continues to be low, causing many classes to be cancelled. General education degree requirements do not mandate any physical education credits, which is thought to be the cause of this continued low enrollment trend.

Three Employees Join Health Sciences Division

- **Michelle Swartz** joined the Health Sciences Division as assistant professor of nursing. Schwartz was most recently director of staff development for Promedica Toledo Hospital, where she was responsible for the educational components for the institution’s accreditation process. Michelle’s previous nursing experience includes working in the acute care arena. She received her bachelor of science in nursing degree from the University of Toledo and her master’s degree with a concentration in nursing education from Lourdes College. Swartz is licensed in both Michigan and Ohio.
- **Lori Biggs** is the division’s new nursing program coordinator. She worked for the Promedica Health Care System for more than 30 years as a staff nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit and as a nursing supervisor managing more than 150 professionals and support staff. Her more recent acute care experience has been in role of staff development coordinator responsible for hospital-wide nursing education and coordination of student-learning experiences and clinicals at Promedica Children’s Hospital and Bay Park Hospital. Biggs received her diploma in nursing from the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing, her bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Toledo/Medical College of Ohio, and her master of science degree from Lourdes College with a concentration in nursing education . She is licensed in both Michigan and Ohio.
- **Rachel Riffle** was hired as the administrative assistant to the dean of health sciences. Previously, she was part-time administrative assistant to the director of the Whitman Center. Before that, Riffle worked as a student assistant in the Bookstore and Business Office. She holds an associate of applied science from MCCC and is finishing her bachelor’s degree in business administration Management from Siena Heights University.



'MyMCCC' Employee Web Portal Nears Debut

The Communications Subcommittee of the Institutional Governance Committee has been working for about six months on leveraging the Blackboard E-Learning system already owned by the college to create an employee community Web portal. The MyMCCC portal will be presented at the December Administrator, Faculty and Staff councils. A test site was made available for review in advance of these meetings at <https://bbtest.monroeccc.edu/>. The username and password is "Instructor50". The Communications Subcommittee is comprised of Joe Verkennes (chair), Molly McCutchan, Randy Daniels, Jeff Peters, Tom Scheer, Penny Dorcey-Naber, Dan Shaw and Dr. David Nixon.

Fermi 1 Nuclear Power Plant Historical Exhibit to be Part of CTC

MCCC's Marketing Department is working with Detroit Edison to develop a Historical Exhibit regarding the Fermi 1 Nuclear Power Plant. The exhibit, which is being paid for by DTE Energy, will become a permanent part of MCCC's new Career Technology Center. Included in the exhibit will be two timelines and discussion of the importance of Fermi 1 to Monroe, the nuclear power industry and the world. To supplement text and photos, the exhibit will also include historical artifacts. Some of these artifacts are to be donated by Detroit Edison and some artifacts will be loaned from The Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. In addition, the exhibit will include a documentary-style video that is being produced by Dan Shaw, assistant professor of journalism and humanities.

Kosch Catering Debuts as New Food Service Provider

Kosch Catering and Dining Services began in the fall new exclusive food service provider on campus. Kosch started off the new school year by offering some new menu choices and implementing changes in the serving area. Kosch is based in Rochester and has been in the food service business for more than 30 years.

Bookstore Offering More Textbook Options

The Bookstore continues to offer students more options for textbook ordering and delivery. After launching the textbook rental program last fall, rentals are a strong choice among students. Students rented a total of 277 books through the site during Fall Semester. Students also placed 135 online textbook orders with the Bookstore. E-book sales increased this fall with several titles being offered as a lower cost option for the students.

Physical Plant Updates

- Infrastructure was installed in rooms 4 and 6 of the Campbell Learning Resources Center and rooms 105, 157 and 165 of the Welch Health Education Building to provide support for the campus standard instructional technology package. Upgrades included installation of the standard workstation casework, electrical, lighting and projector upgrades.
- The flooring was replaced in the culinary skills and management office in the Warrick Student Services/ Administration Building and H164. New tile flooring was placed in Room 164 of the Health Education Building due to failed materials from the original construction in 1996.
- The maintenance staff painted approximately 75 percent of the La-Z-Boy Center. This was needed due to heavy use. In addition, the department implemented the first year of its repainting program around campus. Every interior classroom, hall, conference room and office space was evaluated, scored and placed into a database of condition, material, paint color, floor material and project cleaning/repainting requirements. Several spaces were painted on campus this year in addition to the La-Z-Boy Center.
- Cracks in parking lots 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 were repaired. In addition, lots 1, 4 and 7 were seal coated and restriped. Lots 2 and 5 were also restriped. This work was performed in accordance with the Paving Assessment Repair Plan.
- The Maintenance Department implemented new capital planning software package. This tool is a consolidated database that is tightly integrated with the department's work management application and tracks and manages deferred maintenance and re-capitalization plans. The database was created utilizing data obtained in the last Facilities Assessment.
- The Career Technology Center construction is on schedule. Work was completed to realign the north entrance and Lots 1 and 2. The building exterior is nearly complete. Windows are being installed. The entire interior concrete slab has been poured and interior walls are being constructed. Masonry work on the exterior of the building is nearly complete.

Financial Audit Completed

The Business Office closed out and reconciled accounts from the 2011-2012 fiscal year in preparation for the annual audit. The audit team from Cooley, Hehl, Wohlgamuth & Carlton, PLLC conducted their review of The Foundation accounts and reviewed the college accounts. The audited financial statements were presented to the Board of Trustees in November.



National Student Day Held at MCCC

The Bookstore will hosted the 2nd annual National Student Day on October 4. This day has been designated by the National Association of College Stores to promote student volunteerism and social responsibility. This also serves as a day to thank our students for their patronage during the year. The event included festivities in the main hallway of the Warrick Student Services/ Administration Building. Live entertainment was provided in the dining area.

Retirement Reform Update

Public Act 300 of 2012 was approved by Governor Snyder on Sept. 4. The act originated as Senate Bill 1040 and is commonly referred to as the MPSERS Retirement Reform Act. The act includes changes to the healthcare portion of the plan for anyone who first worked on or after Sept. 4, 2012 in addition to allowing them to elect into a defined contribution plan for pension. Also, current members will have the opportunity to make an election on both their pension and healthcare. The window for election was open from Sept. 4-Oct. 26. The Business Office is reviewing legislation and participating in webinars provided by the Michigan Office of Retirement Services so that it can make the appropriate changes to payroll and for accuracy of retirement reporting.

New Transparency Web Page; Meeting Best Practices

Public Act 201 of 2012, the Education Omnibus Bill, included requirements that community colleges publish a transparency Web page with stipulated content (Section 209) and that each community college Board of Trustees certify that their college has met at least 4 out of 5 best practices in each of the strategic value to the local communities and regional economies categories as outlined in Section 230 of the Act. The Administration Office reviewed and processed these requirements to insure that MCCC is in compliance and that state funding is released to MCCC. The Web site



was recently taken live by the Marketing Department, and can be found at: <http://www.monroecc.edu/finance/>. It can be accessed from the home page via an icon that reads "Budget and Performance: Transparency Reporting."

Career Technology Center Capital Campaign Work Continues

The Foundation at MCCC staff continues its work in support of the Career Technology Center Capital Campaign. The official Groundbreaking Ceremony, coordinated by the Institutional Advancement Office, was held on May 5. On June 25, Kurt Darrow, La- Z- Boy Incorporated's president and chief executive officer, presented a giant-sized \$500,000 check in support of the campaign to college officials at the end of a town hall meeting featuring Gov. Rick Snyder. Mr. Darrow said the Monroe-based furniture maker was continuing its tradition of supporting the MCCC mission by providing the cash to the school's fundraising campaign.



Barron Named Alumnus of the Year



At the 2012 Commencement Ceremony, the 2012 Alumnus of the Year Award was presented to Alan Barron. A 1976 graduate of MCCC, Barron serves as chair of the MCCC Alumni Association as well as a member of The Foundation Board of Directors. He has taught for 34 years for Monroe Public Schools and currently serves as the Monroe Charter Township supervisor.

Fundraising Events

- The Alumni Association hosted the 18th Annual Alumni Scholarship Golf Outing in September. The event netted more than \$12,000 to benefit student scholarships and the Alumni Association's Career Technology Center Capital Campaign pledge of \$20,000.
- Strikes, Spares and Scholarships was held on May 18 at Nortel Lanes in Monroe. This year's event, sponsored by The Foundation, raised over \$6,600 for student scholarships. There were 132 bowlers on 32 teams who participated in this annual event.

Colleague Server Upgraded, Training Held for IA Staff

Working with the IBM support group, the Data Processing team completed a major upgrade to the Colleague Server in May. This software upgrade was both an essential part of system maintenance as well as a requirement to support integrated communications between the Financial Aid Office and the Department of Education.

An on-site Colleague training session was held for the Institutional Advancement staff in May. An Ellucian (formerly Datatel) Advancement system specialist was on site to provide the training over a three-day timeframe. The training was beneficial for the newer Institutional Advancement staff to get up to speed with the Colleague system, as well as to review the Major Donors module that is being used in conjunction with the CTC Campaign.

IPEDS Spring Data Collected

The 2011-12 data collection cycle for the Integrated Postsecondary Educational Data System was completed at the end of last academic year, following the submission of reports from the Business Office and the Office of the Registrar's areas. Working with both areas, the Fall Enrollment, Graduation Rate Survey and Financial reports were completed and transmitted to the National Center for Educational Statistics. IPEDS data is used for legislative analyses of educational issues and by students and their parents when choosing a college or university, as well by the media.

Complying with State Reporting Requests

Over the past year, Michigan has begun collecting statistics from community colleges to form the Michigan Statewide Longitudinal Data System database. Select academic and demographic data on MCCC was provided by the Data Processing area to Michigan's Center for Educational Performance and Information for students attending within the past year. This information helps Michigan remain in compliance with federal reporting requirements.

Agreement Renewed for Title IV Student Aid Program Participation

MCCC successfully renewed its Program Participation Agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, which is now valid through June 30, 2018. The PPA is the college's approval from the Department of Education to participate in Title IV federal student aid programs.

Reducing MCCC's Student Loan Cohort Default

As part of the Financial Aid Office's initiatives to keep MCCC's student loan cohort default rates as low as possible, this summer the MCCC Financial Aid staff

implemented in-person entrance loan counseling sessions for new student loan borrowers. While the Department of Education allows students to fulfill student entrance loan counseling through an online process, the Financial Aid Office has found that numerous students who intend to take out student loans still have questions about the process and their responsibilities after completing the Department of Education's online counseling session. Students borrowing loans for the first time will be meeting with a Financial Aid Office staff member for a one-on-one meeting to discuss borrowing options. This allows us to work closely with students to advise them on borrowing wisely and how to keep their student loan debt as low as possible.

Congress Maintains Current Stafford Loan Rate; Limits Length of Eligibility

Congress recently passed legislation to keep the interest rate on the subsidized Stafford Loan fixed at 3.4 percent for all subsidized Stafford loans that students borrow from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. A restriction will now limit undergraduate students to a maximum of six years of subsidized Stafford Loan eligibility for undergraduate studies. The Department of Education will release additional details throughout the year to advise schools on how this will be administered beginning with the 2013-2014 award year.

Upward Bound Program Expanding

MCCC has been awarded two Upward Bound grants. The first is a five-year renewal for the Monroe High School project and the second is a new project with Airport High School. Together these TRIO programs will bring \$2.5 million of federal funding to serve disadvantaged students in our county.

The MCCC Upward Bound program completed its summer program, hosting 48 Monroe High School students. The program visited Washington, D.C. for its annual cultural and educational trip.

MCCC Hosting Four International Students

The Youth For Understanding international exchange program is hosting four students for the Fall Semester. These students are from China, Bosnia and South Korea.

Assisting Our Veterans

Students are veterans have begun enrolling in the new federal Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, and the Admissions and Guidance Office staff is working with several homeless veterans staying at the Salvation Army Shelter. A New Student Orientation session was held specifically for Veterans.

Classroom IT Updates

Educational Media Services staff is working with the selected audio visual vendor to install integrated media controls systems in five classrooms. In addition, classroom updates and additions including eight new data projectors, eight new document cameras and two new room speaker systems were completed.

Fiber Optic Network Installed and Connected

The Information Systems Department finalized the installation and connection of a fiber optic network with Merit Networks. This connection was made possible in part by a federal grant from funds allocated through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In the summer, MCCC hosted a fiber optic infrastructure dedication for the Monroe community to commemorate the first completed segment of Merit's Reach-3MC Broadband Stimulus project.

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER USAGE STATISTICS	
Reference questions.	535
Information Literacy Instruction Sessions:	8
Student Attendance:	174
Entry Count	15,609
BOOK COLLECTION	
Volumes added	212
Volumes withdrawn	290

FACULTY & STAFF

ACHIEVEMENTS

Melissa Grey, assistant professor of psychology, presented a workshop on confronting prejudice for MCCC Gay-Straight Alliance members; was an invited speaker for the Michigan Psychological Association Spring Convention; coordinated the Nuts and Bolts Conference sponsored by the MPA; facilitated a town hall-style meeting on psychology and policy advocacy for Eastern Michigan University psychology graduate students; published a

newsletter article for the American Psychological Association Division 44 on the retraction of Spitzer's research on reparative therapy; organized a symposium and a discussion hour at the APA's Annual Convention; and co-authored a manuscript accepted for publication in the peer-reviewed journal, *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*.

Chuck Kelly, associate professor of computer information systems,

wrote a 438-page textbook, "Programming 2D Games," that was published by A K Peters, Ltd. / CTC Press.

Mark Naber, professor of Mathematics, recently reviewed "Quantum Mechanics in Fractional and Other Anomalous Spacetimes" by Gianluca Calcagni, Giuseppe Nardelli and Marco Scalisi for the *Journal of Mathematical Physics*.

Dr. Patrick J. Nedry was one of 25 professors from two- and four-year colleges and

universities across the nation invited to participate in a McGraw-Hill symposium to review materials for "Microsoft Office 2012: A Skills Approach." The symposium was held in Chicago and included presentations by McGraw-Hill authors, marketers, and technology support professionals.

Patrick Wise was appointed by the Wood County (Ohio) Commissioners to the Wood County Alcohol, Drug-Addiction and Mental Health Services Board.



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