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## **MCCC TO HOLD 44<sup>th</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON FRIDAY**

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College graduates will be recognized during the 44th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday at 7 p.m. in the Gerald Welch Health Education Building, located at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd.

Two graduation candidates have been selected to make commencement remarks: Kelly M. Harness and Constance M. Huff, both occupational program students. Harness will be introduced by faculty mentor Kathleen Masters, assistant professor of nursing, and Huff will be introduced by faculty mentor Mark Hall, director of admissions and guidance services.

Dr. David Waggoner, professor of chemistry, has been awarded the position of Honorary Grand Marshal for the ceremony. This traditional honor is peer-awarded and bestowed upon a full-time faculty member who is held in high academic and personal esteem for his or her contributions to the institution.

Other ceremony officials include Kathleen Masters, assistant professor of nursing, as Faculty Marshal; Randell Daniels, vice president of student and information services, as Student Marshal; and Dr. Grace Yackee, vice president of instruction, as Platform Party Marshal and Mistress of Ceremonies.

At the ceremony, the 2010 Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented to Darrick Whitaker. He was selected for the award by the MCCC Board of Trustees based on his outstanding community leadership, exemplary service to the college and distinction in his chosen field.

Whitaker graduated from Monroe County Community College in 1969. He continued his education at the University of Toledo, earning a bachelor of science degree in 1984. Whitaker currently serves as principal engineering specialist in Major Enterprise Projects at DTE Energy and was awarded the distinction of Monroe Power Plant Employee of the Year.

He is recognized as an innovator who was instrumental in the selection of MCCC as a site for the DTE SolarCurrents project installation. He also assisted in obtaining a DTE Foundation grant to develop renewable energy classes. Whitaker is an adjunct instructor at MCCC in the Industrial Technology Division, where he teaches technology classes for electronics and electrical technology. He serves on MCCC's Electronics and Electrical Engineering Technology Advisory Committee.

Degrees will be conferred by MCCC President Dr. David Nixon as the candidates are presented by Vice President Yackee.

The Agora Chorale, conducted by Catherine Brodie and accompanied by Alyce Sangster, will perform "We Are One" by Brian Tate and "The Quest Unending" by Joseph Martin. The College/Community Symphony Band, conducted by Mark Felder, will open the ceremony with Edward Elgar's "Fanfare and Processional" (also known as "Pomp and Circumstance") and conclude the program with "Fanfare and Recessional" by James Ployhar.

MCCC's Board of Trustees includes: Chair William J. Bacarella, Jr., Vice Chair William H. Braunlich, Secretary Mary Kay Thayer and trustees Joseph N. Bellino, Jr., Marjorie A. Kreps, Linda S. Lauer and Michael R. Meyer.

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