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CONSUL GENERAL OF CANADA TO SPEAK AT MCCC

DTE to be named College Supporter of the Year

MONROE, Mich. – Dr. Roy Norton, the Consul General of Canada in Detroit, will speak at Monroe County Community College on Wednesday, May 4.

Dr. Norton's presentation, which is free and open to the public, is entitled "Michigan and Canada: Growing Together." It will begin at approximately 12:15 p.m. in the La-Z-Boy Center, Meyer Theater, which is located on the Main Campus at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe.

The speech is in conjunction with the college's Business and Industry Luncheon. The lunch portion of the program, which will be held in the La-Z-Boy Center Atrium immediately preceding the speech, is sold out.

Dr. Norton serves as the Canadian representative in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. He is the head of the Consulate General, which promotes Canadian interests such as trade, investment, the environment, culture and academic relations.

Dr. Norton, who holds a master's degree in international public policy and a doctorate in international relations, has a strong background in international affairs. He has held many positions in Canadian government on both U.S. and Canadian soil.

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Recently, Norton has pressed for the Detroit River International Crossing, a proposed bridge between Detroit and Ontario several miles from the currently used Ambassador Bridge. The bridge would be an international effort and has already received approval from Canada but failed to pass the Michigan Senate in 2010.

Prior to Norton's speech, DTE Energy will be named MCCC's College Supporter of the Year for greatly contributing in the development of the new, nationally accredited nuclear engineering technology program at MCCC. The company has provided instructional support and financial resources to help launch the program, which debuts in the fall.

In addition, DTE Energy was a partner in developing the MCCC construction management technology certificate, and the company enhanced MCCC's alternative energy curriculum by selecting this campus as the site of the *SolarCurrents* photovoltaic project, the largest such installment on a college campus in Michigan.

DTE Energy has also assisted the community college by funding student scholarships, sponsoring the annual campus/community event series and offering Fermi 2 student internships, training, tours and hands-on professional development opportunities for faculty. The company regularly donates important instructional supplies to MCCC, such as scrap steel for welding.

Numerous DTE Energy employees donate their time and talent in support of MCCC's mission by serving on MCCC advisory boards, the MCCC Alumni Association Board of Directors and The Foundation at MCCC Board of Directors.

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