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DAVE HARTZELL CULINARY SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED AT MONROE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

MONROE, Mich. – Alyce Castellese and Esther Hartzell have established the Dave Hartzell Culinary Scholarship at Monroe County Community College.

The scholarship was created in memory of Hartzell, who was the father of Castellese and the husband of Esther Hartzell.

“Dave’s dream was realized by taking the MCCC culinary program and starting a new career at the age of 60,” said Esther Hartzell. “Maybe this scholarship will make someone else’s dream come true and keep Dave Hartzell’s memory alive.”

The scholarship was created by an initial gift of \$2,000 to The Foundation at MCCC. It is the intent of Castellese and Esther to donate \$2,000 every year for this annual scholarship.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

- Be a first or second year student in the MCCC culinary skills and management program
- Be a resident of Monroe County

Financial need will be considered in awarding the scholarship, and this scholarship will be awarded to a student who is not receiving multiple scholarships.

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Hartzell received a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin-Stout and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He also took classes at the University of Toledo and Michigan State University. After taking an early retirement from Monroe Public Schools, Hartzell received an associate of commerce degree in culinary skills and management from MCCC.

Hartzell worked for Tubman Jr. High School in Augusta, Ga. and taught drafting. He and his wife moved to Michigan for a better paying teaching position. He worked for Baldwin High School in Baldwin, Mich. before coming to Monroe. He taught industrial arts at Lincoln Jr. High School and then went on to Monroe High School where he served as the attendance and discipline counselor and U.S. Navy liaison. He also taught driver education and was an adult education counselor.

Hartzell's father was a teacher and counselor and grew up in a home where higher education was considered important. He shared those values with his daughters, who both went on to receive their degrees. Hartzell enjoyed running into former students and loved hearing about their career paths. He found joy in hearing that many of his former students became doctors, lawyers, judges, pilots and teachers.

For years, Hartzell talked about wanting to get into cooking as a career. He took an early retirement to enter the culinary skills and management program at MCCC and graduated in 1988. He became certified to teach applied food sanitation in Ohio and taught at the University of Toledo, then at Owens Community College until he was 70 years old.

He was involved in the community, participating in the Traffic and Safety Committee, Escoffier Club and the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel. A lifelong learner, Hartzell always said "it's never too late to learn."

For more information on the Dave Hartzell Culinary Scholarship, or to establish a scholarship, contact The Foundation at MCCC at (734) 384-4206.

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Individuals interested in applying for this scholarship should contact the MCCC Financial Aid Office at (734) 384-4135.

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