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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REPORT: MCCC'S NET PRICE AMONG LOWEST IN U.S.

MONROE, Mich. – The U.S. Department of Education has released data regarding college affordability, and Monroe County Community College has made the list of public two-year colleges with the lowest average net prices in the nation.

The average net price is the total cost of attendance after grant and scholarship aid is deducted.

MCCC's average net price per full-time student was \$2,790 during the 2008-09 academic year, the year on which the report is based. This cost is less than half of the national average and places MCCC in a category with just 10 percent of all public, two-year colleges.

The national average net price was \$6,780.

The data is collected by the National Center for Education Statistics and generated by the Department of Education's College Affordability and Transparency Center, which offers information for students, parents and policymakers about college costs in the U.S.

In an e-mail to MCCC President Dr. David Nixon notifying him of the honor, Dr. Adriana Phelan, vice president of public policy for the Michigan Community College Association, said that having one of the lowest net costs in the country is "not an easy feat in this economically volatile environment."

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In addition to lists of colleges and universities with the lowest and highest net prices, the College Affordability and Transparency Center also provides lists of institutions with the highest and lowest tuition.

According to the Tuition and Fees Survey of the members of the Michigan Community College Business Officers Association, MCCC's 2011-12 in-district tuition rate of \$77 is fourth-lowest among Michigan's 28 community colleges.

For more information, or to access MCCC's report, visit <http://collegecost.ed.gov/> and select the College Affordability and Transparency Center. Or, follow this direct link:

<http://collegecost.ed.gov/catc/Default.aspx#>.

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