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**SIX JOIN ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS;**  
**NEW CHAIR, VICE CHAIR NAMED**

MONROE, Mich. – Last month, the MCCC Alumni Association Board of Directors voted to name **Julie Edwards** chair and **Richard Greer** vice chair, and six new members joined the board.

**Edwards** graduated from MCCC in 2005 with an associate of science degree. She went on to earn a bachelor of business administration degree in management and a master of arts degree in leadership and healthcare administration from Siena Heights University. She is employed by SHU as the assistant director of graduate and undergraduate studies on the MCCC campus. She was named to the Alumni Association Board of Directors in 2010 and served as Vice-Chair since 2011. Edwards is a resident of Monroe.

**Greer** graduated from MCCC in 2010 with an associate of applied science degree. He worked for Monroe Public Schools for 33 years and retired in August 2008. Greer is planning on attending classes at MCCC in the renewable energy field. He is a member of the Monroe Floral City Kiwanis club, volunteers for the River Raisin Battlefield Park, and is a re-enactor for the Friends of the River Raisin Battlefield. Greer has served on the Alumni Association Board since 2011. He resides in LaSalle.

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The six new Alumni Association Board members are **Wendy Abbott, Amber Barron, Leon Bartley, Christopher Holmes, Liesel Riggs** and **James Thomas**.

Each of their terms begins March 17, 2014.

**Abbott** graduated from MCCC's licensed practical nursing program in 2011. She is a member the Michigan LPN Association and a team captain for Monroe County Relay for Life. While a student, she served as vice president of the student nursing association, LPN class representative and chair for the LPN fundraiser. She was awarded the Peer Recognition Award at the LPN graduation ceremony in 2011. Abbot resides in Monroe and has two children, Madison, 9, and Caleb, 7.

**Barron** graduated from MCCC in 2003. She went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in geography from Michigan State University in 2007. She is employed by TTL Associates as an environmental scientist/geologist. She is an active participant in the Adopt a Highway Program, Relay for Life, Bed Race for Children, March of Dimes and Walk for Warmth. She is a member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists and president of the Floral City Roller Girls. Barron resides in Monroe.

**Bartley** graduated from MCCC in 1999 with an associate of science degree in criminal justice. He went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Siena Heights University in 2009. He is employed by National Galvanizing L.P. as a quality/materials manager. He is a former member of Kiwanis International and a former manager and board member for Custer Baseball. He resides in Monroe with his wife, Jennifer, and four children, Samantha, 17, Collin 15, Cameron, 13, and Evan, 11.

**Holmes** graduated from MCCC in 2013 with an associate's degree and is employed by the Monroe County Youth Center as a juvenile detention specialist/counselor. He is president of the MCCC Student Ambassador Club, president emeritus of Student Government and a member of the college's

Presidential Advisory Committee. Holmes is also a member of the Michigan Juvenile Detention Association and “What I Do Matters,” an organization against genocide. He resides in Monroe and has one child, Isaiah, 7.

**Riggs** graduated from MCCC in 1995 with an associate of science degree. She went on to earn a bachelor of arts in degree in multidisciplinary studies from Siena Heights University in 2006 and is employed at SHU as a senior communication specialist. Riggs is the MonARC of Monroe newsletter editor and a member of the Siena Heights Mixed Choir. She was awarded the 2012 Staff Excellence Award at SHU. She and her husband, James, reside in Blissfield.

**Thomas** graduated from MCCC in 2010 with an associate of science degree in accounting/computer information systems. He went on to earn a bachelor of business administration in accounting from Siena Heights University in 2012. He is employed by Penstone Inc. as a financial and planning manager. He resides in Monroe with his wife, Terry, and has two children, Symone, 23, and Zachery, 14.

The new Alumni Association Board members will replace Sara Bacarella-Accardo, Alan Barron, John Kuriwchak, Jacob McLaughlin, Jennifer Miller and Josh Myers.

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