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**MCCC AWARDED CHRYSLER FOUNDATION GRANT
IN SUPPORT OF ADVANCED MANUFACTURING**

MONROE, Mich. – The Chrysler Foundation has awarded \$4,000 to Monroe County Community College in support of advanced manufacturing equipment needs.

“We are extremely appreciative of this support from The Chrysler Foundation,” said Peter Coomar, dean of the Applied Science and Engineering Technology Department. “Our regional relationship with Chrysler Group LLC’s Dundee Engine Plant helped support this request for funding.”

This gift will provide the Career Technology Center Advanced Manufacturing Lab with several desktop computer numeric control panels which will be helpful in assisting students improve their tooling and programming skills.

The desktop versions of these panels allow students to program instructions into a CNC machine without having to program on an actual CNC unit. Students can then transfer their projects to a CNC machine once completed.

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“This gift will improve our lab efficiencies and expand our offering of industry-grade control panel exposure for our students,” said Bob Leonard, assistant professor of product and process technology. “In a field like CNC programming, the lab time is crucial for the success of our graduates.”

“We welcome the opportunity to work with external partners such as The Chrysler Foundation and the Chrysler Group’s Dundee Engine Plant to provide resources for our students,” said MCCC President Dr. Kojo Quartey. “This gift enhances our ability to provide future advanced manufacturing workforce needs, and will go a long way toward our Career Technology Center lab infrastructure.”

The Chrysler Foundation gift will impact approximately 100 students per year who are enrolled in product and process technology course work.

“Improving campus instructional opportunities is one of the many ways Monroe County Community College is partnering with corporations to invest in the high-skill, high-demand occupations needed in today’s workforce” Quartey said.

About Monroe County Community College

Founded in 1964, Monroe County Community College is a public, two-year institution supported by tax monies from Monroe County, educational funds from the State of Michigan and student tuition. The college’s mission is to provide a variety of higher educational opportunities to enrich the lives of the residents of Monroe County. The Main Campus is located on South Raisinville Road in central Monroe County with easy access to Toledo and Detroit. The Whitman Center is located in Temperance, near the Ohio-Michigan Border. Information about MCCC is available at www.monroecc.edu.

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