



MONROE COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

enriching lives

Main Campus

1555 South Raisinville Road
Monroe, MI 48161-9746

Whitman Center

7777 Lewis Avenue
Temperance, MI 48182

www.monroeccc.edu

Press Release

Contact:

Joe Verkennes,
Director of Marketing,
(734) 384-4207

Josh Myers
Coordinator of Development and External Affairs
(734) 384-4214

December 19, 2013

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DTE ENERGY NAMED A NATIONAL BENEFACTOR OF THE YEAR

WASHINGTON, D.C. – DTE Energy was named a 2013 national Benefactor of the Year by the Council for Resource Development at the organization’s annual conference held last month in Washington, D.C.

DTE Energy was nominated for the Benefactor of the Year award by Monroe County Community College in recognition of the company’s longstanding support for the college.

Some notable partnerships cited in the college’s nomination were:

- The creation of a renewable energy program at the college.
- Support for the establishment of the area’s first construction management technology certificate program.
- Joint development of the nuclear engineering technology program, resulting in a \$200,000 federal earmark.
- The installation of a 500-kilowatt solar installation on MCCC’s campus
- Annual sponsorship of the college’s campus and community events series.

(more)

Most notably, in March of this year, the DTE Energy Foundation made a \$1 million commitment to the capital campaign for the college's Career Technology Center, representing the largest gift of the campaign to date and the second-largest in the DTE Energy Foundation's history.

"MCCC's many collaborative initiatives with DTE Energy represent the very best in what can be achieved through partnerships between businesses and community colleges," said MCCC President Dr. Kojo A. Quartey.

"Our students benefit, DTE Energy benefits, and ultimately our community stands as a beneficiary. It just made sense for MCCC to nominate DTE Energy for this prestigious award, and I'm pleased that CRD recognized the special nature of our relationship with this tremendous corporate citizen."

The Council for Resource Development is the only organization of its kind dedicated to connecting and educating community college development professionals. CRD serves over 1,750 members at more than 750 institutions nationwide.

The CRD Benefactor Award recognizes individuals, foundations, or businesses/corporations for outstanding contributions to community colleges. It embodies the ideals of philanthropy, leadership and volunteerism in the service of community, technical and junior colleges.

This is the second nomination from MCCC to be selected as Benefactor of the Year. The late Patrick H. Norton, former La-Z-Boy chairman and CEO, received this award in 2006.

(more)

Press Release

Recipients were chosen based on college classification criteria established by the Carnegie Classification. Monroe County Community College's nomination of DTE Energy competed nationally with all other nominations from public suburban colleges serving a single campus.

A recognition video produced for the awards ceremony can be viewed here:

http://youtu.be/Nf3I_btDmk.

###