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**MCCC TO HOST ENTREPRENEURSHIP
ROUNDTABLE JAN. 22**

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College will host the first in a series of roundtable discussions on entrepreneurship and innovation in Monroe County on January 22.

The session, which is open to the public, will take place at 6 p.m. in the Board Room of the college's La-Z-Boy Center on Main Campus, located at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe.

MCCC President Dr. Kojo Quartey will moderate the roundtable series, entitled "Enhancing the Spirit of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Monroe County."

The main topic of the first roundtable discussion will be the establishment of a county-wide business plan/entrepreneurship competition to be hosted by MCCC. The competition would focus on Monroe County's effort to nurture future entrepreneurs – both youths and adults.

As of this release, the following individuals have indicated they plan to participate in the roundtable:

- Jeff Beamsley, entrepreneurial consultant
- Doug Chaffin, president and CEO, Monroe Bank & Trust
- Dr. Sanjib Chowdhury, director, Eastern Michigan University Center for Entrepreneurship

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- John Joy, Dean, Division of Corporate and Community Services, Monroe County Community College
- Barry Kinsey, Director of Workforce Development, MCCC
- Paul Knollman, Dean, Business Division, MCCC
- Tim Lake, president and CEO, Monroe County Business Development Corporation
- Robert Oklejas, president and chair, eScapes Network LLC
- Dr. Kojo A. Quartey, president, MCCC (moderator)
- Dr. Stephen Reed, board certified ophthalmologist, ProMedica Physicians Eye Care (formerly Reed Vision)
- Mark Scharboneau, business consultant, Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center
- Dirk VanHeyst, Monroe County executive for Fifth Third Bank (Northwestern Ohio)
- U.S. Rep. Tim Walberg (R-Mich.)

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