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## Press Release

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### **MCCC TO HOST FIRST N.W. OHIO/S.E. MICHIGAN SOLIDWORKS USER GROUP CONFERENCE**

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College’s Applied Science and Engineering Technology Division will host the inaugural Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio SolidWorks User Group Conference on October 15 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. in the Career Technology Center.

The Career Technology Center is located on MCCC’s Main Campus at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd. in Monroe.

SolidWorks is 3-D parametric modeling software that is widely used in mechanical design and engineering applications.

The conference is an opportunity for SolidWorks users to network with colleagues and peers to see how others are using the software in their workplace. It is free and open to students, teachers, designers, engineers, employers and anyone with an interested in SolidWorks and the mechanical design industry.

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The Southeast Michigan and Northwest Ohio SolidWorks User Group is led by Dr. Dean Kerste, MCCC professor of mechanical design technology, who recently became a Certified SolidWorks Expert – the highest level of proficiency in using the software. He is the only educator in Michigan who holds that certification.

Kerste recently presented a case study at the SolidWorks World 2013 Conference on how Monroe County Community College addressed the needs of area employers by developing classes that prepare students for the Certified SolidWorks Associate and Certified SolidWorks Professional exams. In addition, Kerste outlined how those certifications meet the Carl D. Perkins Core Indicators of Performance.

Platinum sponsors of the event include DTE Energy and FEDCO. OPTIS is a Gold sponsor.

To register for the conference, go to [www.monroecc.edu/swug](http://www.monroecc.edu/swug). For more information, contact Kerste at [dkreste@monroecc.edu](mailto:dkreste@monroecc.edu) or (734) 384-4121.