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MCCC TO HOLD 48TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON FRIDAY

Dr. Carrie E. Nartker to be Named Alumnus of the Year

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College graduates will be recognized during the 48th Annual Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the Gerald Welch Health Education Building, located at 1555 S. Raisinville Rd.

Commencement remarks will be made by James C. Hunter, an internationally best-selling author and founder of J.D. Hunter Associates, LLC, a servant leadership and training development firm founded in 1985.

Hunter is the author of two internationally best-selling books, “The Servant: A Simple Story about the True Essence of Leadership” and “The World’s Most Powerful Leadership Principle: How to Become a Servant Leader.” His books are the texts used in many master of business administration courses and other higher education curriculum around the world and have been translated into two dozen languages. More than 4.5 million have been sold worldwide.

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He speaks on leadership to audiences around the world and assists organizations in building leaders and high-performing teams. His clients include many of the world's most admired organizations, including seven Malcolm Baldrige Quality Award winners. Among those who have used his firm's services are American Express, Johnson & Johnson, McDonald's, Nestlé, Procter & Gamble and the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Lana S. Shryock, professor of computer and information systems, has been awarded the position of honorary grand marshal for the ceremony. This traditional honor is peer-awarded and bestowed upon a full-time faculty member who is held in high academic and personal esteem for his or her contributions to the institution.

Shryock is retiring from MCCC in early May, following 22 years of service. She led the college into a new era in computing education by bringing nine new programs and 16 new courses to the college in 1999-2000. Throughout her career at MCCC, she has regularly reviewed and updated program outcomes and course objectives to align with business and industry needs and articulation agreements with four-year colleges and universities. Shryock has been an active member of many college committees, teams and task forces, most recently serving as chair of the Curriculum Committee.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in business education from the University of Arkansas and a master of business administration degree with a specialization in management and information systems from the University of Toledo.

Other ceremony officials include Dr. Maris C. Fonseca, associate professor of biology, as faculty marshal; Dr. Randell Daniels, vice president of student and information systems, as student marshal, and Dr. Grace Yackee, vice president of instruction, as platform party marshal and mistress of ceremonies.

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At the ceremony, the 2015 Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented to Dr. Carrie E. Nartker, professor of English.

To recognize and honor outstanding alumni who have made significant contributions to their career, community and the college, the MCCC Board of Trustees established the Alumnus of the Year Award in 1996.

Nartker joined the Humanities and Social Sciences Division at MCCC in 2006. She is a 1996 graduate of MCCC and continued her education by earning a bachelor of arts in English and a master of arts from the University of Toledo, as well as doctorate in English literature with a cognate in gender studies from Wayne State University.

As a student at MCCC, she was highly involved in student support services, serving as a supplemental instruction leader and a Writing Fellow.

Nartker has consistently taught a full course load of classes including Creative Writing, Women's Studies, English Composition and Developmental English, playing a key role in curriculum development and providing direction in the developmental education program at MCCC.

In addition to serving on the Developmental Education Committee at MCCC, she also served on the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Subcommittee for Criterion Two, "Preparing for the Future." For the last eight years, she contributed her time and energy, including the last five as co-chair, to the community's highly successful "One Book, One Community" program, which promotes the value of reading by recommending a compelling book that links community members in a common conversation through readings, group discussions, programs and other events.

Degrees will be conferred by MCCC President Dr. Kojo A. Quartey as the candidates are presented by Yackee.

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The Agora Chorale, conducted by Catherine Brodie and accompanied by Alyce Sangster, will perform “You Raise Me Up,” arranged by Joseph Martin. The College/Community Symphony Band, conducted by Mark Felder, will open the ceremony with Edward Elgar’s “Fanfare and Processional” (also known as “Pomp and Circumstance”) and conclude the program with “Fanfare and Recessional” by James Ployhar.

MCCC’s Board of Trustees includes: Chair Joseph N. Bellino, Vice Chair Mary Kay Thayer, Secretary Dr. James E. DeVries, and trustees William J. Bacarella Jr., William H. Braunlich, Lynette M. Dowler and Marjorie A. Kreps.

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