

# The 2006 MCC Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Retiree Story on page 7



**John Chinonis**



**Sixto Olivo**



**Kathleen Glynn**



**Virginia Tripp**

# The AlumNet

A growing network of alumni from Flint Junior College, Genesee Community College and CS Mott Community College.



## Presidents bare their souls on behalf of MCC students

Drs. Dick Shaink and Dick Shick brought down the house Sept. 17 as they jumped, shook and sang their standing ovation rendition of "Soul Man." Complete with John Hooker frames and men-in-black beatnik threads, MCC President Elwood J. Blues and MCC Foundation President Jake E. Blues proved the depth of their soul as they helped raise \$8,000 to benefit MCC students. The Blues Brothers were joined by MCC Trustees John Snell and Celia Turner as they "Twisted the Night Away" with *Flint Journal* Columnist Ricky Hampton and

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*Drs. Dick Shaink and Dick Shick as Elwood and Jake Blues.*



Dear MCC Alumnus:  
The fall semester is nearing completion. It is always an exciting and vibrant time at the College and this semester has been full of great learning opportunities, community engagement, college events, and the further development of the College. I look forward to more success at the College as we build relationships with alumni and friends and work to maintain an affordable and accessible higher education institution that continues to provide a quality education.

Please allow me to share some of our recent accomplishments. You are always welcome to visit the college to attend events and to view the evolution of our facilities at anytime. Be sure to visit us online at

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The MCC Alumni Association operates in conjunction with the Foundation for Mott Community College. The mission is to strengthen friendships and associations formed during education at MCC, promote the purpose and programs of the college, maintain an informed and interested body of alumni that continues to be of service to the institution, and promote an interest in post-secondary education with special emphasis on the MCC experience. To join, please call 810.762.0425 or e-mail us at: [foundation@mcc.edu](mailto:foundation@mcc.edu).

# 2 Alumni Association Update

## Roberts elected President of Association

Ramona M. Roberts has been elected President of the Alumni Association,

representing some 200,000 former students of MCC. Also elected during the Oct. 24 Annual Meeting is John Chinonis as Vice President and Celia Turner as Treasurer.

Roberts is the only woman of color on the bench in Genesee County and is one of a handful of women to have served as judge. She is a Judge of the 68th District Court, the second woman of color to hold one of those judgeships. She has served as Chief Judge of the 68th District Court and as President of the Michigan District Judges Association. Nationally, Roberts served on the Executive Board of the Judicial Council National Bar



Ramona M. Roberts

Association.

The Foundation for Mott Community College voted in September to grant the Alumni Association voting rights to change the Alumni Association bylaws rather than rely upon the Foundation for such action. The Foundation will then act upon the Association's

recommendation. A bylaw committee also is reviewing amendments for the Board of Directors including numbers serving and terms of office. A recommendation is expected at the next Board meeting.

The MCC Alumni Association operates in conjunction with the Foundation for Mott Community College, to support and promote educational programs and activities

at Mott Community College. The Association also assists with raising funds for the benefit of the college while promoting academic excellence, as well as establishing a network of friends for the college.

Alumni Association members have access to MCC's library and computer labs as well as invitations to a variety of MCC-sponsored special events. It is the hope of the Alumni Association Board of Directors that active alumni will assist with providing input into direction of the college in the months and years to come, and will help build an effective membership on behalf of all MCC alumni. The Board of Directors invite all former students who attended MCC, Flint Junior College, or Genesee Community College for one or more credited courses to become an active member of the Association.

To join the MCC Alumni Association, please call 810.762.0425 or E-mail us at: [foundation@mcc.edu](mailto:foundation@mcc.edu).

## Board mulls mentoring program for MCC students

Should the Alumni Association create a mentorship program for MCC students? Some board members think

so. At a recent meeting, Vice President John Chinonis said he liked the idea of volunteering to mentor MCC students. James Messmore has long considered the initiative worthy of consideration.

Foundation President Lenetta Coney told the board that such an effort must be initiated by volunteers, especially those who are willing to commit the time to make the effort successful.

"There is no question that there are students who would appreciate the guidance of successful alumni," Coney said. "The real ques-

tion is how can we get successful alumni to volunteer their time for the effort."

Sixto Olivo added that he once attempted to initiate a Men in Education program, like the successful Women in Education, but there were not enough interest to launch the initiative.

Any alumni interested in mentoring opportunities with MCC students should call 810.762.0425 and leave a name and phone number. If enough interest is expressed, the Board will consider the initiative in the future.

## Alumni Association Board of Directors

### President

Ramona Roberts

### Vice President

John Chinonis

### Treasurer

Celia Turner

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Suzanne Lossing

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Jerry Todd

Gennois Wiggins

Thomas C. Yeotis

Frank DeLorenzo,

posthumous

Fay Joseph,

posthumous

William Wolksi, PhD,

posthumous

*"Things that were hard to bear are sweet to remember."*

~Seneca

The Alumni

Association shall not forget the outstanding leadership and vision of those that have gone on before us. May our dear friends rest in peace.

## What about an Alumni Day?

An Alumni Day on the campus of MCC is among the ideas being considered by the Board of Directors. Sixto Olivo recently suggested all former students and their families be invited back to campus for free music, food and other activities. "I think it could be a festive occasion," he said.

If interested, please call 810.762.0425.

### Join the MCC Alumni Association

- Special discounts
- Alumni publications
- MCC Library privileges

Call

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The finale featured all the performers including Sally Shaink as Liza Minnelli, above.

So I got up on the floor  
and found  
Someone to choose me.  
No more standin' along  
the side walls.  
-Marvin Gaye  
Lyrics, Got to Give it Up.

Drs. Shaink and Shick wrap the show up as Jake and Elwood



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Ruby Jean Butler. The lip sync acts were part of "Motown, Mott and More: An Evening With The Stars."

Other acts included Genesee County Judges Ramona Roberts, Herman Marable, and also Doris Thomas, Sally Shaink, Craig Coney, Lisa Poma, Helene Streich, Dr. Beverly and Sam Jones, Mary Coleman, Mardese Holms, Lueida Grady, *Flint Journal* Columnists Ed Bradley and Brenda Mata, and Rafael Turner.



Carlos Santana performed "Smooth" with Skylar Davis.

Now I've got myself together, baby  
And I'm havin' a ball.  
-Marvin Gaye



"Martha Reeves and the Vandellas" perform "Dancing in the Streets" at MCC Sept. 17.

# AlumNotes *Memories, shout outs and where are they now?*

Shari Whitehead ('02 Drafting & Design Tech, Design, MET, QA) is employed at Aerotek.

Sandra Fejedelem ('77 Social Work) lives in Mt. Morris and remains an MCC sports fan. Her favorite

Rachel Gupta, Lanquille and Dave Philohovsky.

Leroy Elizalde ('70 Nursing) lives in Flint and remains an MCC sports fan. He remembers Dr. Daus and Mrs. Pit-Og for their "keen insight in the area of health care."

McCain, Mr. Rodnick - just a few instructors who made an impact on my education!"

Tanya Ross-Coleman ('02 Crim Justice) lives in Flint and is employed with the City of Flint Police Department.

Adm) lives in Lansing and says, "Professor Prokos is still in my head, teaching English 101 and 102! My perseverance paid off - I received my BA in 1996!"

Louis Markee ('70 Lib Arts) lives in Flint and remembers that his political science teacher Mr. Melchir was always interesting to listen to. He also fondly recalls the rec room "and all the good looking girls there to feast your eyes on."

Veronica Yates lives in Flint and remains an MCC sports fan. She recalls that she took a math course during summer and "it was a lot of work! It was a two hour

Robert Woodby ('73 Aviation Flight Tech) lives in Evergreen, CO and remains an MCC sports fan. He played on the tennis team for two years. His favorite instructor was Chet Wilson. He remembers protesting the Kent State shootings and meeting Margaret Freeman while working as a tutor. He described her as "a wonderful woman."

Deborah McGee ('76 Nursing) lives in Grand Blanc and remains

memory is the Social Work Tech program that provided techniques that helped social workers deal with other people's problems more effectively.

an MCC sports fan. Her memories include biology with Ruth Thrash, the pool room, different rooms, and "the classes that I took."

Richard Blinks ('04 RN) lives in Flint and works at McLaren Regional Medical Center.

Jeanette Charvat ('80 Social Work) lives in Durand and remembers that all of her instructors were very competent and caring. "My American Lit instructor was my favorite instructor as she could criticize in a way that wasn't critical."

Michelle Duker ('02 Nursing) currently is employed at McLaren Regional Medical Center.

Jill Hynes ('03 Bldg. & Construction) lives in Fenton and works at Consumers Energy.

Janice Ranger ('97 Applied Science - Nursing) lives in Burton and remembers "the students were great." She said she "met wonderful people. I was older when attending, but so glad I did."

Shawn Farney ('94 Auto Tech) lives in Fenton and remains an MCC sports fan. He enjoyed his educational experience at MCC, especially instructors Nick Smith and Paul Rozycki.

Andrea Dickinson ('96 Communication lives in Clio and works at EDS in Swartz Creek at GM-SPO.

Linda Loving ('04 Associate of Science) lives in Flint and is employed at the Hamilton Health Clinic.

Pamela Powell ('83-'89 Sc/Nrsg Early childhood educ) lives in Flint and remains an MCC sports fan. Her favorite instructor was Mrs. Washington for microbiology and Dan Hodgins for early childhood education. "I also had friendships that last today."

She received a Bachelor of Arts from

Catherine Stadler ('98 Gerontology) lives in Grand Blanc and remains an MCC sports fan. "Martha VanBolt was my anatomy & physics instructor back in '78 and '79. I loved her vitality and strong opinions. I still think of her often."

Saginaw Valley State University, graduating in communications.

Jack Backstrom ('93 Crim Jus) lives in Clio and remembers Business instructor Ron Kaliquin the most.

Koaster Veasey ('02 Social Work) lives in Flint and continued her schooling at the University of Michigan-Flint. She described MCC as "a very rewarding educational process."

Michael Jones (2000 Tech/Robotics) lives in Mt. Morris and remains an MCC sports fan. He remembers

Jacquelyne Camper ('75 - 97 Social Work/Child Development) lives in Flint and remains an MCC sports fan. "Dr. Dan Hodgins, Mr. Jim Coty, Dr. Mender, Ms. Lillie

class that met four times per week! It was my one and only A in math from grade school to college! Great teacher!"

Karolina Oller ('89 Bus

## Have something to say? We want to hear from you!

We love to hear from our graduates. Please email us at [foundation@mcc.edu](mailto:foundation@mcc.edu) or fill out this form and send it to: AlumNotes, The Foundation for Mott Community College, 1401 E. Court Street, Flint, MI 48503. We will share your information with other alumni in an upcoming AlumNet.

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## Phil and Mark Braun leave guests anything but blue

The father and son team of Philip and Mark Braun raised more than \$5400 for MCC students on Sept. 14 during a book signing and blues concert by the photographer/author of his latest tome, *Faces*, and *Mr. B*, respectively. Proceeds from the book sales were donated to the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. At right, Phil Braun hands MCC Alum Thomas Yeotis a signed copy of his latest book and Mark looks on.



## From the President's Pen:

### Accomplishments keep campus vibrant for students and community

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www.mcc.edu as well.

#### Science and Math

The renovation of our math and science facilities is now complete. The Gorman Science Center's \$3.2 million in facility upgrades were unveiled at a community open house and rededication in mid-October.

#### Nursing

The Health Science \$1.6 million renovation was completed this fall creating a state of the art replica of a hospital wing with incredible technology and almost twice the original space. The entire north east wing of the Curtice Mott building joins the existing south east wing to become the Health Sciences' primary location.

#### Esthetician Program

Esthetics is the non-medical care of the skin. Because of increasing public interest with skin care and the ongoing care skin requires to keep it healthy and beautiful, this field has seen rapid growth. The Esthetician classrooms, located in the Curtis Mott building, were completely redone during the summer months as part of the health science renovations.

#### Research @ Mott

Mott Community College

received \$2.5 million in FY '06 and will receive an additional \$2 million in the upcoming FY '07 budget for two Department of Defense projects. The Rapid Product Development and Deployment Portal project received an allotment of \$2.5 million to work with the Warren-based U.S. Army TACOM (Tank-Automotive Armament Command) facility to develop a web-accessible portal designed to capture and disseminate information about advanced technology applications.

The Intelligent Orthopedic Fracture Implant System (IOFIS) project received \$2 million in funding in cooperation with Ft. Detrick, a U.S. Army facility located in Frederick, Maryland. Mott is collaborating with Kettering University, Michigan Tech, and Southwest Research Institute (San Antonio, TX) in the development of a bio-medical device intended to shorten and improve the healing process for soldiers with severe leg fractures.

#### Student Enrollment

This fall over 10,500 students enrolled in MCC courses. Almost 2,800 are attending MCC for the first time and nearly 4,000 attend full time and approximately

6,000 attend part-time. More than 3,300 students are from the city of Flint and another 4,100 are residents of Genesee County. Some of the most popular programs include Criminal Justice, Early Child Education, Business Management, Nursing, Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and General Studies.

At the Annual Regional College Fair on October 19th over 60 colleges and universities participated and 1,200 people attended the event. It provided a unique venue for exposing high school students, Mott students, and the community to the programs and services MCC has to offer.

#### Other notable events:

The **Friends of the Mott Library Annual Art Auction** on October 12<sup>th</sup> was a success and helped raise funds for a variety of needs at the library. This year the group raised \$6,000.

The **Global Issues Film Festival** on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> showcased several films in the RTC auditorium. Festival attendees included students and community members. The most popular film was *Boys Will Be Men*. Other films included *Red Hook Justice*, *Selling*

*Sickness – An Ill for Every Pill*, *A Decent Factory*, and *Stealing a Nation*.

#### Bears Basketball

The men's basketball team is starting the season ranked #1 in the nation! The NJCAA announced the rankings in mid-October. It's the second time the team has received a preseason #1 ranking.

The women's basketball team finished last year's season 28-9 and finished fourth in the national tournament. They received several votes in this year's preseason polling. The teams play from November to February, so please come and see the action.

As you know, one of the pillars of our community is MCC. While Flint and Genesee County are struggling through economic change, the College's open enrollment policy has been a beacon of opportunity for everyone with the ambition to attend college. The College is poised to engage the educational needs of all citizens in the most comprehensive way from basic skills to advanced occupational training.

*Sincerely,*  
*Dick Shaink*  
*President*

## Campaign begins promise for Flint's future

### *Launching Phase II -*

#### **Endowment Campaign for Math and Science**

A 43-year-old single mom had always struggled with math. She never even bothered to learn how to balance her checkbook -- she just called the bank everyday. That was simpler. She was able to avoid math in her chosen line of work for years as well.

Science can seem just as intimidating as math. Another non-traditional student had attended Mott before, but now her daughter was attending the college and urging her to finish her Associate's degree. It had been 24 years since she first began at MCC as a 19-year-old. In Labs, everyone seemed to know what they were doing. She was very uncomfortable because she was the oldest in the class and had no idea what she was doing. The instructor tried to help, but she had already convinced herself she couldn't do it. She dropped the course.

MCC believes that moving our region toward investment and success in science and math education is critical to our future vitality. It is a challenge consistent with the College's mission and one in which the College is already deeply engaged. With a secure financial endowment at the College, a learner's basic science and mathematics readiness can be renewed.

Mott Community College has a plan. It involves unparalleled community investment in math and science programs that will yield remarkable results for the near- and long-term future of our region. The "Promise for the Future" Campaign will endow science and math programs at MCC today.

At MCC, Math can be taught to anyone who is willing to learn. Science at MCC provides classroom and hands-on learning.

The Foundation for Mott Community College has taken a lesson from the foresight of local investors who built the endowments for the Flint Institute of Music and the Flint Institute of Arts. A similar investment in the "Promise for the Future" Endowment Campaign will do the same for Mott Community College's plan to noticeably enhance our region's success with math and science education. The creation of the core science and math endowment will reinvigorate partnerships with the K-12 districts and other colleges and universities.

The Foundation for Mott Community College has set its sights on building a \$2 million endowment to ensure ongoing core support for the College's effort to bridge the regional math and science gap. This endowment is the most important work we can do for our College and our region. Please join us in this strategic effort to strengthen our workforce and renew our economy through science and math education. Please call 810.762.0425 to learn how you can help with the plan for our future.

*There Is No Strength Where There Is No **Struggle***

## National diversity advocate to keynote citywide MLK dinner

Dr. Mary Sue Coleman, considered a national spokesperson for the educational value of affirmative action and diverse perspectives in the classroom, will continue the 27-year tradition of providing meaningful insight to some 300 Genesee County residents during **the Martin Luther King, Jr., Communitywide Tribute Dinner.**



*Dr. Mary Sue Coleman*

**King, Jr., Communitywide Tribute Dinner.**

The dinner will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2007, at the Sarvis Center, kicking off the community's observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., observances Jan. 16.

Coleman has led the University of Michigan since being appointed its 13th president in August 2002. In defending admissions policies as the University prevailed at the U.S. Supreme

Court in 2003, Coleman has become a respected spokesperson. Her extensive leadership positions in higher education include serving on the Association of American Universities Executive Committee, the Internet2 Board of Directors, the National Collegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors, and the Knight Commission

on Intercollegiate Athletics. The dinner is co-sponsored by Baker College of Flint, Davenport University, Kettering University, Mott Community College, The University of Michigan-Flint and *The Flint Journal*.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 per person, \$200 for corporate sponsorships. For more information or purchase a ticket, please call 810.762.0425. Seating is limited.

## New entrepreneurial voices discuss Flint's future

BusinessWeek has hailed that the success of entrepreneurs behind Digg, YouTube, and Facebook has undoubtedly inspired a growing breed of the young, energetic, and self-reliant individuals who are more than willing to gamble that their startups will fly.

The Ballenger Eminent Persons Lecture Series recently highlighted that spirit and its impact on the rebirth of Flint as a center of commerce. "(Our rebirth) will come from visionary individuals willing to risk their own time and money in opening small businesses," said Lennetta Coney, President of the Foundation for MCC.

Some thoughts shared during the evening:

\* "For so long, people's answers for every problem was 'Let GM fix it.' Now people realize that lots of new ideas from people with a different way of thinking are what will help the area come back." - Joel Rash

\* "There's no competition around here for the most part, and where there's nothing, anything is possible." - Tracy Atkinson

\* "The second big thing is that land prices here are extraordinarily cheap." - Dayne Walling

\* "There's a vacuum here with GM leaving lots of skilled workers who are eager to work and just looking for an opportunity." - Franklin Pleasant.

# First WIE Fellow graduates with high praise from mentor<sup>7</sup>

As the first graduate of the Women in Education Fellowship, Latisha Berry taught her mentors a few things during the unique MCC partnership designed to develop female leaders in the 21st century.

"Latisha applied to the fellowship looking for more than financial support," said Gloria Scruggs, one of her academic and professional mentors during the two-year program. "She wanted to learn from other women, first hand, the challenges that can derail a dream if one isn't careful."

The Fellowship provides eligible female MCC students with the opportunity to

receive individual academic and professional support from experienced women in their designated fields of study. The Fellowship is designed to broaden perspectives through networking, nurturing intellectual growth, and inspires personal transformation.

The WIE Fellowship's aim is to retain female students who otherwise might be at risk for achieving academic and professional suc-

cess. Latisha, also MCC's Assistant Coach for the Girls Basketball Team, entered the program with a great deal of family responsibility and considerable debt. By the time she graduated in May '06, she had worked diligently to resolve many of her roadblocks.

Further, as a Fellow, she received the remainder of

a \$4000 stipend designed to assist her with the next step in her professional and educational endeavors. Currently, Latisha is enrolled at The University of Michigan-Flint pursuing a Bachelor of Nursing degree and will start her clinicals in January '07.

"Latisha provided her mentors with a great deal of insight for the Fellows who will follow in her path," Scruggs said. "She is highly motivated and I believe she will accomplish all of her goals. The Committee could not have picked a better candidate."

For more information on the WIE Fellowship Program, please call 810.762.0425.



Latisha Berry

## Acclaim not new experience for alums, outstanding retiree

The outstanding achievements of four individuals have gained national and international acclaim since leaving MCC. John Chinonis, Kathleen Glynn, Sixto Olivo, and Virginia Tripp have become part of the campus legacy as the 2006 Distinguished Alumni and Outstanding Retiree, the most prestigious honors bestowed by MCC.

**John Chinonis** is the co-founder/co-owner of YAYA's Flame Broiled Chicken, a 20-store franchise in Michigan and Florida. He attended Flint schools, graduating from Central High School in 1956. He attended Flint Junior College and then received Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy from Ferris State University. Prior to the franchise, he was a successful pharmacist and owned two pharmacies for 35 years. John also leads a host of community efforts as past state and national governor of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, the nation's largest Greek-American Organization.

**Kathleen Glynn's** success as an Academy Award winning Emmy winning producer, artist and costume designer is an inspiration to all who know her. A Flint native, Kathleen attended MCC in the early '80s, helping establish the Buckham Alley Theater. After leaving Flint, she began a career as a producer and eventually won an Academy Award for *Bowling for Columbine* and *Fahrenheit 911*. She has produced the Emmy award-winning *TV Nation* and *The Awful Truth* for television, and co-authored

*Adventures in a TV Nation*. She also has impressive credentials in wardrobe, hair and makeup, including costume designer for *Canadian Bacon*, an intern for *Malcolm X*, and wardrobe assistant for *My New Gun*. Her achievements have been featured in the *Washington Post*. Her work as an artist has been featured in various galleries and calendars including a recent showing in Flint, on behalf of The Way to Women's Wellness Foundation. She is a voting member of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, the most prestigious professional honorary organization that decides who will receive an Oscar during the Academy Awards.

**Sixto Olivo** has been a community activist and successful businessman in Flint for many years. He comes from a proud Hispanic heritage with humble early-life experiences working in the migrant farm communities in the Capac/Imlay City area. He founded Allied Battery Motive Systems nearly 20 years ago. Allied Battery is one of the premiere national suppliers of heavy duty batteries and chargers for all types of battery operated equipment. He formed the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and currently serves as President. He is the chairperson of the Spanish Speaking Information Board. He served on MCC's Presidential Advisory Committee, the Millage Committee for the Regional Technology Center (twice); as chair of the Multicultural/Minority Affairs Advisory Committee; and as a board member

of the Foundation for Mott Community College.

**Virginia Tripp** retired as a MCC math instructor in 1978. She taught for six years at Flint's Emerson Junior High and three years at Northern High School, then moved on to Flint Junior College, now MCC. Virginia was appointed trustee of Adrian College by the Detroit Conference of the United Methodist Church and served three terms (nine years) in that capacity, fulfilling a life-long commitment to small liberal arts colleges. Over the years, she also has served in a variety of capacities at Court Street United Methodist Church, including an active role in the creation and development of Crossover/Downtown Ministry. Crossover, located on Court Street, is a combined outreach of Court Street Methodist, First Presbyterian and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The ministry provides food, clothing, furniture and other services to those in need. For her work there, Virginia received the 2002 Crossover Award.

*Previous recipients of the prestigious Distinguished Alumni Award are: 2005 - Barbara J. Buell Clark; Dr. George Eastman; Paul V. Gadola, Jr.; and Scott Swedorski; 2004 - Helen Juanita Ham, William F. Pickard, Woodrow W. Skaff, and Thomas C. Yeotis; 2003 - William Churchill, Sr.; the late Dr. Ellen M. Howe, Jimmy King, and Pamela Y. Loving; 2002- Philip Braun, Jr.; the late Frank DeLorenzo; Raymond Gist, DDS; and Ramona Roberts.*

# Calendar of Events

## January 2007

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**  
Sarvis Center  
Citywide Tribute to  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**,  
featuring keynote  
presentation by  
UM President  
Mary Sue Coleman.  
**Tickets \$30 per person  
by calling 810.762.0425.**

**February 2007**  
**Black History Month**

**March 2007**  
**Women's History Month**  
**18 - 23 – Council for  
Resource Development  
Training @ MCC**

**April 2007**  
**Date TBA**  
**Ballenger Eminent  
Persons Lecture Series  
featuring keynote  
Harry Belafonte, Jr.**,  
musician, actor and  
social activist. One of the  
most successful Ameri-

can musicians in history,  
he was dubbed the "King  
of Calypso" for popularizing  
the Caribbean musical style  
in the 1950s. Throughout  
his career, he has been an  
advocate for civil rights and  
humanitarian causes. In  
recent years, he has been a  
vocal critic of the policies of  
the Bush administration.

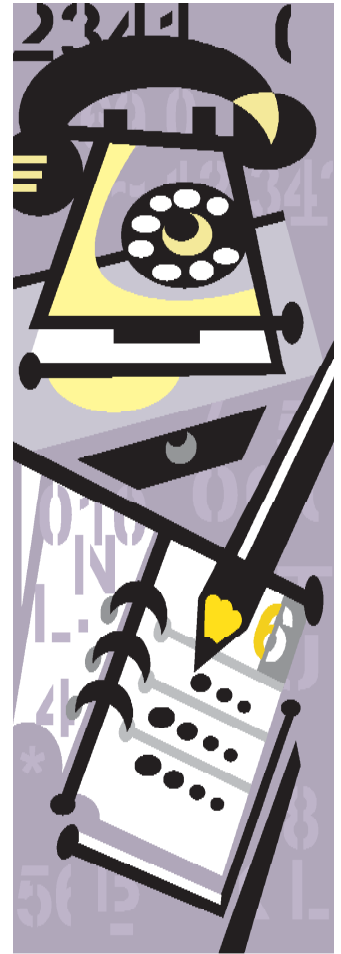
**MCC Commencement /  
Alum Reception**  
**5**  
May 5 - 4 pm  
Perani's Sports Arena

**September 2007**  
**Date TBA**  
**Ballenger Eminent  
Persons Lecture Series  
featuring keynote  
Morris Dees, Jr.**,  
founder and chief trial  
counsel for the Southern  
Poverty Law Center (SPLC).  
He founded the Center in  
1971, the start of a legal  
career dedicated to suing  
hate groups and pursuing

controversial cases.

Dees' most famous cases  
have involved landmark  
damage awards that have  
driven several prominent  
neo-Nazi groups into bank-  
ruptcy, effectively caus-  
ing them to disband and  
re-organize under different  
names and different leaders.  
In 1981, Dees successfully  
sued the Ku Klux Klan and  
won a seven million dollar  
settlement. This was topped  
a decade later, when in 1991  
he won a judgment of \$12  
million against White Aryan  
Resistance. He was also  
instrumental in the rewarding  
of a \$6.5 million judgment  
against Aryan Nations in  
2001, which splintered that  
group as well.

Dees' tactics and legal  
actions against hate groups  
have made him a target of  
criticism from many of these  
organizations. He has al-  
legedly received numerous  
death threats from these  
groups.



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