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Mark your calendars for MCC's annual Earth Day Celebration. The event is free and open to the public.

MCC Responds Swiftly to Bacterial Meningitis Scare

The tragic death of a Mott Community College student who may have suffered from bacterial meningitis put the campus community on full alert. Although it had not been determined as of this writing that bacterial meningitis was the cause of death of the student who died Monday March 21, MCC apprised students, faculty and staff, the media and the general public as soon as accurate information and solid details were available. The student was on campus no later than Saturday, March 5 and was hospitalized by March 8. MCC officials were not aware of anyone being exposed or showing signs of bacterial meningitis. Symptoms of bacterial meningitis usually appear three to four days after exposure, so anyone exposed would have shown symptoms by March 10. Students and staff who may have been in the same classrooms as this student were

contacted directly and provided with information about the disease. Symptoms of bacterial meningitis are severe headache, stiff neck and back, nausea and vomiting, fever and chills and mental confusion. A clinic was set up in MCC's Health Services Office on Tuesday, March 29 with staff from Visiting Nurses Services of Michigan administering vaccinations for the convenience of anyone seeking immunization. The specific vaccine is meningococcal meningitis vaccine (Menactra) with a lifetime immunization. While bacterial meningitis is a very serious disease, it can only be caught by direct personal contact (being sneezed on, sharing a water bottle, etc.). Plans to award an Associate's degree to the student posthumously are underway. The student was only a few weeks shy of graduation at the time of death.

Governor Highlights MCC Work Development Projects during Flint Visit

Gov. Jennifer Granholm stopped by the Career Alliance, Inc. center on Tuesday, March 8 to tout the Michigan Regional Skills Alliance programs and her administration's goal to match the unemployed with 30,000 jobs this year. While there, she recognized MCC staff and students involved with MCC's health care training programs and workforce development initiatives. "In Michigan, there are 90,000 vacancies that exist today and we have a 7.1 percent unemployment rate," Gov. Granholm said. "That is unacceptable. We want to bridge that gap; we want to match skills with what employers want." MCC offers several programs in partnership with several entities, including Career Alliance, Inc., designed for individuals seeking to obtain or upgrade job skills. "It's so exciting what you're doing here," she said. "When I'm done being governor, please hire me!"

Lenore Croudy Named to State Retirement Board

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has appointed Lenore Croudy, chairwoman of Mott Community College Board of Trustees, to serve on the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Board. She will represent community college administrators and trustees on the board, which provides policy for the retirement system and health insurance benefits for public school, community college and some university employees. Her term expires March 30, 2008.



Around Campus

Stevie Naeyaert, Coordinator of MCC's Interpreter Training Program serves on the Deaf Child Coalition housed at the Communication Access Center in Flint. The coalition is sending Stevie and a representative from Michigan School for the Deaf to Washington, DC for week-long training to bring the Shared Reading Project (SRP) to Flint. After the training, they become certified SRP Site Coordinators. The Shared Reading Project is a program where deaf adults visit homes of families with young deaf children to help them develop ASL/English literacy skills. You can read about the SRP by visiting <http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/Literacy/srp>.

Congratulations to **Kimberly A. Gregus** who began working in her new capacity as Office Assistant in the Fine Arts Department on March 7. Kimberly had worked as a work study student in the Art department since Dec. 2001.

Vice President of Administration and Student Services **Scott Jenkins**, Dean of Curriculum **Jim Drummond**, Workforce Development Director **Robert Matthews**, Director of Admissions & Recruitment **Marc Payne**, Curriculum Research Specialist **Mike Ennis** and Grant Development Specialist **Cecile Barnhill** attended the "Call Me Mister" Conference held in Greenville, South Carolina March 17 – 20. The conference addressed innovations in recruiting, training and retaining African-American male teachers.

Political Science Professor **Paul Rozycki's** article entitled "Michigan's Tax Cuts and the Current State Revenue Deficit" can be accessed at www.MichiganProspect.org or by clicking http://www.michiganprospect.org/articles_html/op_ed_tax_cuts2.html.

Business Division Dean **Robert Loth** shares news from his area. Culinary Arts Chef **David Miller** judged the 2005 Great Lakes Regional/MSU Museum Chocolate Competition. Lou Driskell of Union Printing was selected as the Minority-Owned Business Award Recipient of the Year by the Flint & Genesee Chamber of Commerce at the 2005 Flint & Genesee County Business Awards dinner at Warrick Hills Golf & Country Club. This is the third consecutive year that nominees submitted by Marketing Management Professor **Paul Londrigan** and Dean Loth have won this prestigious award.

Social Work Professor **Sharon Eisen** is keeping busy. SW 132 is a Social Work class designed to foster understanding of ethnic and cultural, religious, and racial groups in an effort to provide better service to members of the community. As an outreach to that class, Sharon has been appointed to a committee which will sponsor The First Annual Jewish Film Festival for Flint. Adding Flint to the

venue expands the Lenore Marwill Jewish Film Festival which is hosted in several cities and now Flint. A total of 71 films will be shown beginning Sun., Apr. 10 and ending Wed., Apr. 20. The Flint event will take place at Showcase Cinema West Tues., Apr. 19 and Wed. Apr. 20. For details, call (810) 767-5922 or jccdet.org for the film schedule. Sharon will be joining David Neal, Professor Emeritus at the University of Michigan Department of Psychiatry and current chair of the Michigan Board of Social Work Examiners at Saginaw Valley State University on Apr. 20 for a presentation on the new social work licensing law and administrative rules. Sharon has acted as a consultant to the rules committee formulating policy to support the new State licensing law.

Congratulations to **Rachel L. Laimon**, a part-time faculty member in the Social Sciences division. On March 18, she defended her doctoral dissertation titled "Effects of Expert Information on People's Perceptions of Children's Credibility." It deals with whether expert testimony actually affects people's judgments of a child witness's ability to accurately report the facts. She will graduate in May with a Ph.D. in Applied Experimental Psychology from Central Michigan University.

From **Dolores Sharpe**, Vice President for Academic Affairs Executive Assistant: A new certificate program, Leadership Development, was approved at the Feb. 25 CPSC meeting. This certificate program is unique as it is an interdisciplinary program that aims to utilize traditional core courses combined to cultivate a broad base of leadership strategies and skills. The program is intended to create opportunities for students to develop or refine their leadership skills and enhance their potential to succeed. According to Psychology Professor **Lillie McCain**, the proposer of the program, broad understanding of leadership, coupled with the ability to effectively use leadership skills, increases the probability that students will successfully market their talents, create job opportunities, network and collaborate with others to achieve appropriate individual and social goals. At the Jan. 28 meeting, CPSC approved the Cosmetic Services Certificate of Achievement program. The certificate program offers three areas of concentration: Esthetician, Massage Therapy, or Electrology. Currently there are no schools in the Genesee County or surrounding areas that offer esthetician or electrology courses, and there are only three in the County that offer Massage Therapy courses. The program also provides the necessary business education to assist the student in their business and career.

On March 22, Mathematics Professor **Lynn Sutton's** Math for Elementary Teachers class spent the evening presenting a "Family Math Night" at Dillon Elementary in Burton. Students played math games, did math puzzles and enjoyed a spaghetti dinner with Dillon's

1st-3rd graders and their parents. "We have had extremely positive feedback and have already been invited to return. A good time was had by all," Lynn said.

Admissions and Recruitment Director **Marc Payne** brings us news from his area. On March 22, the Admissions Office staff hosted the annual GACA Luncheon with 70 Genesee area counselors in attendance. The GASC Health Fair was held on March 15. Marc had the opportunity to speak to over 500 students from area high schools. Kudos go to Recruiting Coordinator **Tom Saelens** and Recruiter/Outreach Recruiting Specialist **Beth Cianek** for their recent recruitment efforts in providing campus tours and outreach activities to the following areas: Swartz Creek, Davison, Lakeville, Beecher, Hartland, Durand, Carmen-Ainsworth, Linden, and Grand Blanc High Schools. Both Southern Lakes Branch Campus Director **Joyce Toet** and **Beth Cianek** showed great teamwork at the recent Fenton Expo. The Mott table was acknowledged by the Chamber as most popular booth for three years in a row. **Tom Saelens** and Student Life Coordinator **Carol Brown** are requesting your assistance in urging students to meet **Dr. Shaink** at the upcoming President's Forum scheduled April 7 at noon in the Prahl Center Student Life lounge. It's that time of year again to start gathering names and information for the area High School Honors and Awards Nights. Please contact **Beth Cianek** at 762-0438 or email at bcianek@mcc.edu if you are interested in assisting with the Trustee Scholarship Award Presentations for Genesee area schools. We encourage your participation.

Health Sciences Support Specialist **Kelly Banks** is very proud of her son, David and would like to take this opportunity to brag about David's first 300 game rolled during league play. His series of 760 was his lifetime high so far. He will receive a 300 achievement ring from ABC and a jacket from the alley. The Flint Journal carried an article in the Sunday, Mar. 13 issue of the paper. Kelly said, "Dave used a new ball the next week and rolled a 297. He is carrying a 210 average this season. Now, if he could use this skill to support his old mother in the style I would like to become accustomed, too..... oh, well, back to work," Kelly mused.

My wife and I want to thank the Foundation for MCC Board of Directors, the MCC retirees group, MCC faculty and other personnel who contributed cards, letters, calls, etc. expressing condolences on the recent loss of our loving son, Sammy. We really miss him. We hope someday there will be a cure for all cancers.

Professor Emeritus Frank Friedman
Mrs. Rae Friedman

YWCA Awards Lennetta Coney with its Highest Honor

Congratulations are in order for MCC's Lennetta Coney. She was one of three honorees receiving the YWCA's prestigious Nina Mills Award at the 13th Biennial YWCA Women of Achievement Awards held March 22 at The Whiting in Flint. Named after the founder of the YWCA of Greater Flint, the award is given to women who have had a significant positive impact on their community. Coney has worked as an MCC administrator for the past 16 years. She holds two titles - president of the Foundation for Mott Community College and executive director of MCC's Office of College and Community Advancement. In those capacities, she is responsible for private fundraising, special events and multicultural affairs at MCC.

English Department involved with High School Events

The English Department is presenting a special program aimed at building and showcasing the writing talents of area high school students. MCC is offering its second Flint Area High School Writers' Workshop: "Speak Up!" from 8:30 am to 1:45 pm Friday, April 8 in the Regional Technology Center. This event is sponsored by MCC's Humanities Division and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The workshop gives high school students an opportunity to present or perform pieces they have submitted for their writing classes or have written on their own. In addition, students can participate in several seminars, including poetry writing, script writing and sessions on college success strategies. The highlight of the program is the "Speak Up!" segment featuring open microphone student presentations and performances. MCC is also participating in the Greater Flint Educational Consortium Writing Conference for secondary and post-secondary writing teachers on April 15. Last year, MCC hosted the conference, which was attended by high school English teachers from across Genesee County. This year's conference, Success Stories in Student Learning: Writing Environments, Experiences and Pedagogy will be at UM-Flint. MCC English Professor and Composition Coordinator Julie Steffey serves as a member of the Writing Conference planning committee and as one of the facilitators during the event.

Friends of Mott Library Join One Book One Community

The next Friends of the Mott Library Book Club discussion, scheduled noon Monday, April 18 in the Mott Library Quest center, will feature the One Book One Community book selection *Memories of Summer* by Ruth White. This community-wide book reading and discussion series will culminate in an appearance by the author at The Flint Public Library on Thursday, April 21 at 7 pm. Contact the Friends about joining in the 6 pm Food for Thought dinner and discussion on April 4 by calling (810) 762-0455. Schools also are encouraged to participate. To learn more about One Book One Community, visit the website at: <http://www.flint.lib.mi.us/onebook/index.shtml>.

Criminal Justice Career Fair

MCC's 8th Annual Criminal Justice Career Fair is Tuesday April 12 from 4 to 6:30 pm in the Prah Center Ballroom. The Criminal Justice Career Fair promotes MCC's Criminal Justice program and provides linkages to employers and students, graduates and members of the community seeking career opportunities in the criminal justice arena. For information, call Career & Employment Services at 232-3285.

Marketing & Public Relations Wins Advertising Award

MCC's Marketing and Public Relations Department received top honors in a local advertising competition sponsored by the Flint Area Advertising Federation (FAAF). The Gold Addy Award was presented to Marketing and Public Relations Executive Director Michael Kelly at the Feb. 25 awards ceremony for the outstanding radio advertising campaign. The FAAF identifies and showcases the very best in advertising practices in our area with the presentation of the Addy Awards every year. Judging is done by people selected from outside of our region. The MCC spots featured the voices of Michael Kelly and his wife Kay and Marketing staff members Sharon Campbell, Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez and Michael Tews.

Spring Reception

MCC's Annual Spring Reception will be held 2:30 pm Thursday, April 21 in the Prah Center Ballroom. The program will honor retirees, employees with 25 years of service and employees nominated and selected for the Chester D. Smith Outstanding Staff Member Awards. Please join us for hors d'oeuvres and great entertainment. For more information about the awards or the Spring Reception, please call Cindy Sanders in Human Resources at 762-0565.

MCC, GISD, and RESD partnering to support Governor's New Business Initiatives

Mott Community College, Genesee Intermediate School District, and Shiawassee Regional Educational Service District are reaching out to local businesses for assistance with redesigning and developing curriculum for future entrepreneurs and business professionals. A dozen small business owners from Genesee and Shiawassee Counties gathered at the Regional Technical Center (RTC) in March for a two-day orientation and workshop on DACUM, an acronym for developing a curriculum. The group focused on identifying specific skill sets people will need to be successful today as an entrepreneur using a focus group brainstorming session. "This was the first step," said Mike Ennis, MCC Curriculum Development Specialist. "The input from these business owners will be used to develop curriculum at high schools and at MCC that will be reflective of what entrepreneurs need to know." The business owners applauded MCC, GISD, and RESD for offering the type of training "not offered everywhere." "It's a great way for us to benchmark our business with fellow entrepreneurs," said Jeffrey Deason, owner of Deason Video Services in Owosso. "One of our goals is to help and prevent new entrepreneurs from making the mistakes we may have made. We want to give them the tools they need to help them be successful." The DACUM participants included: Gary & Loretta Kralik, Big Apple Bagels-Davison; Bret Ruess, RWI Manufacturing - Owosso; Dee Hughes, Walker Electric - Flint; Chuck Koory, The Print Shop of Flint - Flint; Mike Lieberman, ACI Plastics - Flint; Jeff Deason, Deason Video Services- Owosso; Erich Riske, Riske Custom Homes-Flushing; George Ramos, Shiawassee Small Business Resource Center - Owosso; Tracy Atkinson, Pages Bookstore - Flint; Beth Dumity, R&B Used Books - Grand Blanc; Marsha Lyttle, Management Resource Alternatives- Owosso and Lynn Thigpen and Mike Ennis - DACUM Facilitators.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Spike Lee Film Festival 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m. RTC Auditorium	2 Spike Lee Film Festival 7 p.m.-11:30 p.m. RTC Auditorium	3
4 Spike Lee Lecture 6:30-7:30 p.m. Ballenger Filed House	5	6 Foreign Language Lab Open House 11 a.m.-3 p.m. CM2108	7 Valerie Ferguson Women in Education 6-8:30 p.m. Prahl Center Ballroom	8	9	10 Jazz Ensemble Concert MMB Auditorium Concert at 3 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15 Fridays at Applewood 9:30-11:30 a.m. Applewood Café	16	17
18 Friends of the Mott Library Book Club Noon-1 p.m. Quest Center	19	20	21	22 Honors Recital 5-9 p.m. Recital starts at 7:30 MMB 1021	23 Earth Day Celebration 9 a.m.-3 p.m. MCC Main Campus	24 Band/Choir Chamber Singers Concert MMB Auditorium Concert at 3 p.m.
25 Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30-10 p.m. Prahl Ballroom	26	27	28	29	30	



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