



# MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTION

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#### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*"You are not judged by the height you have risen, but from the depth you have climbed."*

--Frederick Douglass

## **Language Lab Gets New Look**

Students taking foreign language courses at MCC are enjoying all the new benefits offered at the newly renovated Language Laboratory. Features include a new 62-inch TV with channels in all the different languages taught at MCC, giving students an opportunity to listen and view news and other programs from the country in the language they are studying; additional computers where students can log in and do their assignments and individual viewing stations for viewing a film or an educational video.

"The Lab has been remodeled completely," said Carol Bueno-O'Donnell, Coordinator for Foreign Languages and Spanish Professor. "We actually have a new lab with new technology. It is beautiful." Students can work on their own, practicing pronunciation and listening comprehension exercises during "open hours" and a technician is always available to assist them. In addition, free tutoring is offered Monday - Thursday.

"In other words, students are not alone," said Bueno-O'Donnell. The lab is a resource center for Foreign Languages and we have an outstanding team of teachers."

Languages taught at MCC include Arabic, French, Japanese, German, Russian and Spanish. MCC also offers ESL (English as a Second Language) to foreign students. The Language Lab is located at CM 2108 in the Curtice-Mott Complex.



## **College Goal Sunday**



This year financial Aid Director Carlos Cisneros is again spearheading MCC's participation in College Goal Sunday, a state-wide, joint effort designed to help students and families access financial aid to pay for college. The MCC event is set for 2 to 4 pm Sunday, Feb. 13 in the atrium of the Regional Technology Center. Dozens of volunteers from the Michigan Student Financial Aid Association will be on hand to help families complete their FAFSA college financial aid forms for free.

The FAFSA form provided at College Goal Sunday is the primary ticket for determining most grants, scholarships and loans. To complete the FAFSA, parents or students should bring their families' completed 2004 IRS 1040 tax return plus their W-2 and other income records. Locations and details

can be found at [www.MICollegeGoal.org](http://www.MICollegeGoal.org). During business hours, help is also available by calling MCC Financial Aid at (810) 762-0533 or Partnership for Learning at 1-800-832-2464.

# Around Campus

Child Development Professor **Dan Hodgins** is busy putting the final touches on the annual Early Childhood Conference, taking place 8 am-3 pm, Feb. 19, right here at MCC. Dr. Jean Felman of Georgia State University is the keynote speaker and Dan is the featured presenter. There will be over 20 workshops to select from that include literacy, administration, lesson plans and child development. The conference is sponsored by the Early Childhood Education Program and Greater Flint Association for the Education of Young Children. Over 300 participants are expected. For conference information, contact Dan Hodgins at 762-0489.

Financial Aid Director **Carlos Cisneros** tells us that congratulations are in order for **Regina Mosley**, Programs Advisor in the Financial Aid Office. She has accepted the position of Director of Financial Aid at Schoolcraft College. Her last day at Mott was Jan. 21. Best Wishes to Regina in her new job.

New carpeting has been installed in the offices, common areas and all the hallways of MCC Lapeer, reports MCC Lapeer Extension Director **Wanda Dowdall**. The new carpeting replaced carpeting that was left by the State of Michigan when MCC renovated the building ten years ago.

Art Professor **John Dempsey** will be exhibiting large-scale paintings in the show titled "Taking Place" at Buckham Gallery, Feb. 11-March 4. Opening reception is Friday, Feb. 11, 6-9 pm. For details or gallery hours, call (810) 239-6334.

Congratulations to Executive Director of Grant Development **Judith Cawhorn** for being selected to serve on the Operations Board of Leadership Development in Interethnic Relations (LDIR). LDIR is a program of the Flint Area Citizens to End Racism (FACTER). Funded by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Community Foundation of Greater Flint, LDIR conducts an extensive training program that equips individuals to foster positive multicultural and multiethnic relations in their organizations, workplaces and communities. The project was originally started in Los Angeles. Flint and Philadelphia were established in 2003 as new LDIR sites. The Operations Board for Flint LDIR was established in 2004.

MCC Southern Lakes Branch Campus Director **Joyce Toet** brings us news of an event designed to educate women about maintaining a healthy heart. The Golden Z Club of Mott Community College is teaming with the Zonta Club of the Fenton Area to sponsor a Red Dress Tea 10 am-noon Saturday, March 12 at Spring Meadows

Country Club in Linden. Cost is \$5 per person, \$2 for students with a valid Mott Student ID. Call (810) 762-5001 for reservations. Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women, yet many medical practitioners may not recognize symptoms in women as they are different and vary from the "usual" symptoms seen in men. Guest Speaker Michelle Dupuis will give excellent advice and there will be a heart healthy repast included. Added Joyce: "Come learn what you can do to protect your heart health. Bring your Mom, your sisters, your friends and anyone interested in keeping their heart healthy and having a good time, too." For more information, call Joyce at (810) 762-5003.

Marketing & Public Relations Director **Michael Kelly** and his wife **Kay Kelly** will certainly warm your heart with their performance of "Love Poems and Other Comedy," an original two person reader's theatre performance in the "Champagne Brunch Theatre" scheduled 2 p.m. Sunday, Valentine's Eve, Feb. 13 at Broadstreet, 6378 W. Pierson Road, Flushing. This is a fund raising benefit for the ongoing restoration of "The Pavilion" at beautiful, historic Kearsley Park (of which MCC is a partner). Kay serves as project coordinator for Kearsley Park. Added Michael: "There will also be a silent auction with many wonderful items!" Ticket price is \$50 per person and includes Broadstreet's buffet brunch, a glass of champagne, the show & dessert after the performance and a cash bar. A portion of your ticket price is tax deductible. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Please call (810) 760-3735 for tickets.

Fine Arts Dean **Jessie Sirna** shares news from her area. Music instructors **Chuck Iwanusa**, **Tom Smith** and **Frank Yon** attended the International Jazz Educators Association's conference in Calif. early January. Chuck is a past president and Tom presented his sixth paper to the group. Choral Director **Mary Nieuwenhuis** and her Chamber Singers were invited to perform again this year at the Flint Festival of Choirs during the weekend of Jan. 29, along with select church and community groups. Graphic Design instructor/coordinator **Mara Fulmer** had a piece of her work from an international show in Cleveland entitled "An Open Book" chosen as one of six to appear in the international trade magazine, "Bound & Lettered." Her work is an artist book called *A Prayer for Peace*. Sculpture instructor **Cathy Smith** and her class are beginning work on the "Mott Bear"- a piece of sculpture for the MCC campus, funded by the Foundation for MCC. The class will create the life-size clay form which will then be cast in bronze by a foundry. In recognition of Black History Month, the art area will be presenting an exhibit of African-

American art work by MCC art students on Feb. 24, noon-3 pm in the Student Life Office, Prah Center. In the MCC Fine Arts Gallery this month: recent drawings and sculpture of artist Tony Hepburn, entitled: "Hospital Series," exhibited through Feb.15. Starting Feb. 21, the mixed media works of **Heidi Kumao**, entitled: "Wired Wear: Getting Dressed in the 21st C." will be exhibited. The Gallery, located in the Visual Arts Design Center, is open 9 am-4:30 pm Mon.-Fri. and is free and open to the public.

Recruiter, Outreach & Retention Specialist **Beth Cianek** lets us know that staff in Student Life, Admissions & Recruitment have been keeping busy. On Jan. 21, a Student Leadership Training Program was held. Offered free of charge, this event was open to all MCC students seeking leadership skills, or with interest in student government and student clubs. Students were provided lunch, along with a motivational discussion by Director of Admissions & Recruitment **Marc Payne**. Following lunch, students had an opportunity to experience the RTC challenge course. A special thank-you goes to **Chuck Thiel** and staff from Continuing Education for providing the instructors and educational program. On Jan. 28, Admissions & Recruitment, along with the RTC and Chamber of Commerce, hosted a Career Pathways Technology Fair for seniors from Genesee County high schools. Students attracted to careers in technology were given the opportunity to explore various fields and given "hands-on" experience. Workshops were taught by MCC faculty and staff. On Feb. 10, Admissions & Recruitment will host a Counselor's Informational Luncheon in the Prah Center Ballroom from 10 am-1 pm. Counselors from area high schools are invited to get acquainted, share information and provide feedback regarding MCC services. **Marc Payne** will present updated information and target topics of concern. He will also introduce enhanced customer service tools that counselors now have at their fingertips, such as the new Counselors web page and the addition of the "Call Center" to our phone system.

Accounts Receivables' **Karen Amore** will star in The Livingston Players dinner theater presentation of Steel Magnolias, playing the role of salon owner, Truvy. Performances are scheduled Feb. 4, 5, 6 & 11, 12, 13. Friday shows start at 7:30 pm, Saturdays at 8 pm. Sunday performances are matinees, time TBA. Ticket prices range from \$30-\$37.50 with meal included. Cash Bar is also available. The show will be at Barnstormers Banquet Center in Brighton (Exit #54 off US -23 South from Flint.) For more information, call Julie Melody at (810) 923-5973.

# Global Issues Film Festival

Mott Community College and Kettering University have teamed up again this year to co-host the Global Issues Film Festival. Ten independent films covering a broad range of issues will be featured in the festival. Topics include beauty as politics, outsourcing of jobs, Palestinian/Israeli relations and the culture of consumerism. All films are free and open to the public. The festival will again span two weekends. On Feb. 3, 4, and 5, films will be shown in McKinnon Theatre in the Academic Building at Kettering, on the northwest corner of Chevrolet and Third avenues in Flint. On Feb. 11 and 12, films will be shown in the Regional Technology Center at MCC. Please encourage your students and department members to attend.

## The tentative schedule includes:

- Feb. 3, 2005, 6 p.m. Farmingville (2003, USA, 78 minutes)
- Feb. 4, 2005, 7 p.m. Deadline (2004, USA, 90 minutes)
- Feb. 4, 2005, 8:45 p.m. Lolita: Slave to Entertainment (2003, USA, 60 minutes)
- Feb. 5, 2005, 1 p.m. Dying to Leave: Slaves of the Free Market (2003, Australia, 69 minutes)
- Feb. 5, 2005, 3 p.m. Dying to Leave Part 2
- Feb. 5, 2005, 8 p.m. Molly and Mobarak (2003, Afghanistan/Australia, 85 minutes)
- Feb. 11, 2005, 7 p.m. Surplus: Terrorized Into Becoming Consumers (2003, Sweden, 52 minutes)
- Feb. 11, 2005, 8 p.m. Diverted to Delhi (2002, Australia, 55 minutes)
- Feb. 12, 2005, 1p.m. Beauty Will Save the World (2003, New Zealand, 62 minutes)
- Feb. 12, 2005, 3 p.m. Thirst (2004, USA, 62 minutes)
- Feb. 12, 2005, 7 p.m. Another Road Home (2004, Israel/Palestine, 77 minutes)

For information, call (810) 762-9865 or visit:  
<http://www.kettering.edu/news/storyDetail.asp?storynum=5>

# Ellen's Closet Welcomes Garments from Talbots

The Business Division has a new partnership with Talbots of Genesee Valley Center. Talbots' customers are donating clothes to Ellen's Closet. On a recent trip to Talbots, Ellen's Closet Coordinator and Business Professor Marilee Knapp picked up a number of suits, slacks, jackets and skirts that Talbot shoppers had donated.

Ellen's Closet, located in Room CM 2137 in Curtice-Mott, carries a broad selection of business attire for women, specifically offered to MCC's female students. Ellen's Closet maintains new and gently worn garments, donated by professional women in the community; some still have price tags and have never been worn. In addition, MCC marketing students have an opportunity to gain valuable career-related job experience and knowledge working in Ellen's Closet, now included as part of the Business Division's marketing curriculum. Students are taught how to coordinate a business wardrobe and are introduced to the "2 + 2 + 5 is 30 Concept" in wardrobe creation: two suits, two coordinating bottoms and five tops equal more than 30 different outfits.

All items donated to Ellen's Closet are clean and pressed. Sizes range from 4 to 20. Winter semester hours are: Monday 10 am to 6:30 pm; Tuesday 9 am to 5 pm; Wednesday 10 am to 1 pm; Thursday 10 am to 5 pm. Students are encouraged to call (810) 232-7629 for more information or to arrange a visit.

# Black History Month Events

MCC is observing Black History Month with a variety of events celebrating African American culture and achievements throughout the month. Sponsored by MCC's Office of Student Life, The Foundation for Mott Community College and MCC Student Government, all of MCC's Black History Month programs and activities are free and open to the public. Events take place from noon to 2 pm in MCC's Student Life Center, located in the Prah! College Center (PCC 100) unless otherwise noted. Following is a schedule of MCC's Black History Month activities with room locations:

**Feb. 2, Feb. 22: Game Days:** Card games and board games, including Mancala; (an African game of strategy) Student Life Center, Prah! College Center, PCC 100.

**Feb. 3, Feb. 23: Poetry Days:** "Open Microphone" scheduled Feb. 3 and "Poetry Slam" slated for Feb. 23, for individuals reciting poetry, rap or rhymes commemorating Black History Month. Anyone interested in competing in the poetry slam must register by Feb. 22. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded, PCC 100.

**Feb. 7: Inspirational presentation** by Joe Martin, award-winning motivational speaker, author, professor and educational consultant, known by educators nationwide as the "Educator Motivator," 10:30 am, PCC Ballroom and 7 pm, Flint Public Library.

**Feb. 7-Feb. 12 "Hateful Things,"** A traveling exhibition of objects on loan from Ferris State University "Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia" at MCC Library. The "Hateful Things" collection features a number of racist objects and materials that trace the history of the stereotyping of African Americans. The exhibit opens Feb. 7, with viewing 1 pm-9 pm; an opening reception hosted by the MCC Honors Program and Friends of the Mott Library will be held 5-7 pm. After Feb. 7, the exhibit can be viewed during the Library's regularly scheduled hours: 8 am-9 pm, Monday-Thursday; 8 am-5 pm Friday; noon-5 pm, Saturday, through Feb. 12.

**Feb. 7, Feb. 14: Historical Viewpoints:** Various guest speakers will discuss historical events and share personal stories, PCC 100.

**Feb. 9: Cotton Club/Harlem Renaissance Festival** featuring blues/jazz recording artist Bobbie Rodgers. Refreshments will be served, PCC Ballroom.

**Feb. 10: Book signing with local authors,** husband and wife team Ted and Florence Dyer, signing copies of their books "Wouldn't Change a Thing" and "You're the Lord that Healeth.....," PCC 100. Copies of the Dyers' works will be available for purchase.

**Feb. 15: Talent Showcase,** featuring MCC faculty, staff and students, PCC Ballroom.

**Feb. 17: Soul Food Celebration:** Featuring Soul Food dinner with Judge Ramona Roberts, guest speaker, PCC Ballroom. Please RSVP by Feb. 10 by calling (810) 762-0045. Seating is limited.

**Feb. 24: Art Exhibition:** Featuring works of art from private local collections, MCC artists and other artists from the area, on display throughout Prah! College Center.

I would like to thank everyone here at Mott that had me and my family in their thoughts and prayers during my mother's (Marie Pekala's) illness, and at the time of her death. It really means a lot to us that everyone showed such concern. Thank you, again.

- Chris Von Fintel

# FEBRUARY 2005

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	<b>1</b> Companion Dog Training 7-9 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Genesee Area Counseling Association 11:30-2:30 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>8</b> Keep Genesee County Beautiful Committee 3:30-5 p.m. Curtice-Mott 1019	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> MCC/Kettering Film Festival 9 a.m.-9 p.m. RTC	<b>12</b> MCC/Kettering Film Festival 9 a.m.-9 p.m. • RTC Big Band Dance 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Ballroom	<b>13</b> MCC/Kettering Film Festival 9 a.m.-9 p.m. • RTC College Goal Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. RTC
<b>14</b> Audubon Society Meeting 6-9 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Early Childhood Conference 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Ballroom	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> American Assoc. of Univ. Women 7-9 p.m. Genesee Room College & Cultural Ctr. Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30-9:30 p.m. RTC 1005	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> NAACP Freedom Fundraiser Dinner 6-10 p.m. Ballroom	<b>27</b> Band, Choir Chamber Singers MMB Auditorium Concert at 3 p.m.
<b>28</b> Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30-10 p.m. Prahl Ballroom						



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