



# MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTION

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*"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."*

*--Marian Wright Edelman*

## **Community Turns Out for Black History Month at MCC**

MCC observed Black History Month with several well-attended events celebrating African American culture and achievement throughout the month of February. A capacity crowd of students and teachers from area high schools filled the Prah Center Ballroom on Feb. 7 to hear "America's #1 Educator Motivator" Joe Martin, a dynamic, nationally renowned motivational speaker. The event also drew television coverage from Fox 66 and abc12. "Hateful Things," a traveling exhibition of objects on loan from Ferris State University's Jim Crow Museum of Racist Memorabilia was available for viewing at the MCC

Library from Feb. 7-12. Crews from abc12 and NewsCenter 25 also showed up to film the exhibit, interviewing several viewers of the exhibit. Judge Ramona M. Roberts was the keynote speaker, delivering an inspirational message to students, staff and the community assembled at the Soul Food Celebration held Feb. 17. An art exhibit, featuring several provocative pieces of art from private local collections, MCC student artists and local artists, culminated a broad range of activities offered during Black History Month at MCC.



## **Writing Center Gets Remodeled**

The Writing Center not only underwent a major renovation in the fall, but also doubled in size. Its newly remodeled and expanded facilities include new computers for students to use in typing their papers or researching topics. The primary goal of the Writing Center, sponsored by the Humanities Division, is to provide one-on-one assistance with writing assignments that students have for any class - offering extra help to students by providing a supportive environment. The Writing Center also offers assistance to MCC faculty and staff. Writing Center staff members are available to assist MCC employees with clarifying, organizing and developing ideas for any project from classroom assignments to departmental reports. The Writing Center is located in Room CM 2031, Curtice-Mott Building. Contact the Writing Center at (810) 762-0229 or [writecen@edtech.mcc.edu](mailto:writecen@edtech.mcc.edu).



# Around Campus

Executive Director Institutional Research **Gail Ives** extends "huge congratulations" to all MCC faculty and staff that helped make the new online WebAdvisor Grading system a big success. This project began with a pilot group in Summer, initial implementation in Fall midterms and a college-wide implementation for our Fall final grades. Gail said: "This involved a LOT of learning and practicing new skills, and with patience and persistence we made it work!" The good news is, the vast majority of final grades had been submitted electronically by MCC faculty by Dec. 24. A special thanks to the "core team" of **Judy Frank, Nina Smith, John Tyler, Dolores Sharpe, Gail Ives, Bettye Wilson, Jennifer McDonald, Delores Deen** and many other staff members from the division offices and the academic systems/IR, student services, information systems and educational systems offices. Online grading creates a more accurate and convenient system for both faculty and students, and saves a great deal of money and staff time. Now that we have successfully launched online grading, the team will be working next on online attendance reporting and electronic degree audit. Lots of work and great improvements ahead...stay tuned!"

Foundation for MCC President **Lenetta Coney** has nominated **Gail Ives** and Culinary Arts Coordinator **Grace Alexander Washington** for the YWCA Women of Achievement Corporate Award. Good luck, Gail and Grace!

Dean **Jessie Sirna** brings us news from Fine Arts. Kudos to Music instructor **Tom Smith**. He has just been awarded a special one-month Fulbright professorship this summer to assist in the formation of a jazz studies college and to coordinate a teacher training seminar for Romanian music educators in Timisoara, Romania. This is the fourth Senior Fulbright fellowship Tom has received as well as his second Premilor De Muzica Award, Romania's highest music honor, for his ongoing contributions to the jazz school in Tibiscus. He has also been nominated for several other awards, including a Romania MTV Music Award in the field of alternative rock recording. Art Professors **Mara Fulmer** and **Janet Lorch** have work in an art exhibition hosted at the MSU Law School called "Mich-ART@cmu.wmu.msu" that runs through April 30, featuring artwork from students (both undergrad and grad) from three universities in Michigan. Also, Mara will be one of six graduate artists at MSU holding their MFA Thesis Exhibition that opens Friday, Mar. 26 at the Kresge Art Museum. Mara's work will be a multi-channel video and mixed media installation titled "Se(a) Crossings... time in the midst of the pressures of chaos." That show runs

through Sunday, April 10. She also will be speaking to the public on her artwork on Thursday, April 7 at 12:30 pm in the museum. Performance dates: MCC Jazz Combo performing Mondays, 4:30-5:15 pm, MMB Auditorium: Mar. 14 - Coltrane, Monk, Parker; Mar. 28 - Fusion: Davis, Hancock, Jarrett, Corea; April 4 - the Little Big Band.

Art Professor **John Dempsey** will discuss his paintings at the Brown Bag Gallery Talk at Buckham Gallery, Friday March 4 from 12:30 -1:30 pm. This is one of a series of informal gallery talks where exhibiting artists discuss their work. This month's event is in conjunction with the painting exhibition "Taking Place" The talk is free and open to the public. For details or gallery hours, call 239-6334. Buckham Gallery is located at 134 1/2 West Second St. in downtown Flint.

Business Professor **Marilee Knapp** provides a report on Ellen's Closet: 96 people and organizations contributed 742 items and 300 MCC women students were given clothing and accessories during the Fall semester. Pretty impressive!

Child Development Professor **Dan Hodgins** was invited to deliver the keynote address for the National Kindergarten Association Conference in Sacramento, Calif. on Feb. 4. His title was "Boys and Girls Do Learn Differently: Now What?" The conference was for kindergarten teachers from all around the country and Canada.

From Chief Financial Officer **Kelli Sproule** comes this announcement. The Finance/Accounting Department has a new addition to their office: Administrative Assistant **Kathy Campbell** started Feb. 22 taking **Tiffani Schmidt's** place. Tiffani is the new Administrative Assistant to Vice President of Academic Affairs **Bill Angus**. Welcome to the MCC family, Kathy, and congratulations, Tiffani!

English Professor **Greg Shafer** has been keeping busy. He has an article in the March issue of *Teaching English in the Two Year College* on testing and how it affects writing instruction. It is titled "Standardized Tests and the College Composition Instructor." He also had an article published in February's *Humanist* on school choice and the Bush administration titled "Conservatives and School Choice." As part of his grant from the Council on College Composition and Communication, Greg is gathering information on two-year colleges and their approaches to language instruction.

Social Work Professor **Sharon Eisen** tells us about an abc12 television report featuring the Metro Housing Partnership. The agency links low-income individuals to housing in the area and helps them fix up their property. Many are first time home owners. MCC's Social Work Technician Program recently entered into an affiliation agreement with the

agency which is hosting its first MCC intern this semester.

Curriculum Research Specialist **Mike Ennis** had two presentations accepted and will make a presentation at the National Association of Community College Teacher Education in New York City, March 5. He presented at the LAND Conference in Midland on Feb. 24.

Dental Hygiene Instructor **Mary Nicolai** just completed her second Masters Degree at Spring Arbor University. She completed an MA in Counseling Feb. 19 and will have her Michigan license as a limited licensed professional counselor.

The Office of Admissions /Recruitment & Student Life wants to acknowledge the efforts of Business Instructor **Tony Caldwell**, an advisor for two student clubs. Tony has donated his time and talents, taking pictures of the many student activities and events that have taken place through the Student Life Center for the 2004/2005 school year. Some of the events photographed include Black History Month activities, Student Leadership Training and club fundraisers. Please stop by to view his work in the Student Life Center. Admissions and Recruitment Director **Marc Payne** would also like to recognize MCC faculty and staff who made contributions of service, time and support to the Black History Month celebration. Special thanks to the following individuals and departments that helped to contribute to the success of this program: Foundation for MCC's **Lenetta Coney**; The Student Life Center's **Carol Brown** and **Regina Broomfield**; Events Office staff: **Mary Meeker, Daisy Johnson, Kathy Burton**; Printing Department: **Matt Curtis** and **Wendell Brandon**; The Fine Arts Department and Dean **Jessie Sirna**; the Marketing Department; Student Services: **Delores Deen** and **Jennifer McDonald** and College Bookstore Manager **Leslie Slining**. Special recognition, again, to **Tony Caldwell** for his "awesome participation and contribution of time and talent to the various Black History Month projects, including the Poetry Slam, the Talent Showcase and the Soul Food Celebration. Tony, along with **El Nita Blount, Dr. Avon Burns** and **Clydell Duncan** provided impressive ballroom dancing entertainment during the Soul Food Program."

Congratulations to **Yolanda Fields** who began working as an MCC public safety officer officially Feb. 22. Yolanda has worked as a temporary public safety officer at MCC since June 2003.

Human Resources is currently accepting applications for a full-time History Instructor position. Minimum requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in history and a Master's Degree in history, with a concentration of graduate coursework in U.S. History. The complete posting can be accessed at [www.mcc.edu](http://www.mcc.edu).

# Filmmaker Spike Lee Coming to MCC April 4



Spike Lee, producer of critically acclaimed films such as *Malcolm X* and *Do The Right Thing*, is scheduled to speak at MCC at 6:30 p.m., April 4 at Ballenger Field House. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Lee, who film critic Leonard Maltin described in his book "Movie Encyclopedia" as being responsible for "single-handedly bringing about a resurgence in Afro-American cinema," is considered one of Hollywood's most important and influential filmmakers.

In addition to producing a number of

successful feature films, Lee has also been involved in documentaries, such as the Emmy and Oscar nominated *4 Little Girls*, a story about the bomb that destroyed a black church in Birmingham, Alabama in 1963 killing four young girls who were attending Sunday School. This event serves as the official kickoff of MCC's Ballenger Lecture Series.

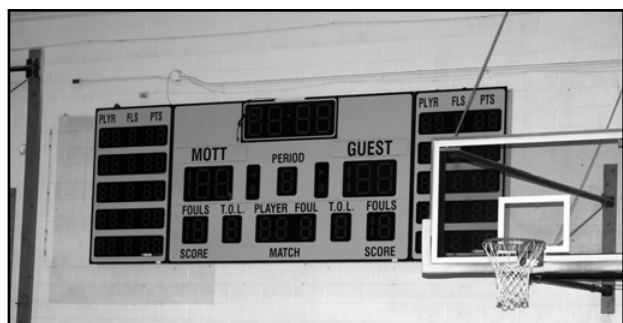
## Global Issues Film Festival

For the second year, MCC partnered with Kettering University to bring a film festival to Flint. Last year the films came from the Human Rights Watch organization. This year the films were more broadly based, with the title: "Global Issues Film Festival."

Ten films were shown over two weekends, one weekend at Kettering and the second at MCC's Regional Technology Center. This year, the five films shown at MCC ranged in topic from a beauty contest in Libya to the new communication centers in Delhi, India. MCC had near capacity crowds. The success of the film festival may lead to collaboration with Kettering again next year. Please watch for the 2006 schedule and encourage your students, associates and neighbors to attend. The films are offered free of charge.

## Military Recruiters on Campus

The Student Employment Center is hosting a "Meet the Military" event on campus this month. All seven branches of the military will be represented to recruit and provide information to interested students from 10 am to 2 pm Tuesday, March 15 and Thursday, March 17 in the Curtice-Mott Fishbowl Area. On March 15, recruiters from the Army, Air Force, Army Reserves and the Coast Guard will be on hand. Recruiters from the Navy, Marines and Army National Guard will be available on March 17.



Ballenger Field House receives two new scoreboards.

## Spring Reception

The Chester D. Smith Outstanding Staff Awards will be presented at the Spring Reception April 21. Seven of your fellow faculty and staff members will be recognized. Nomination forms are available throughout the campus and on the MCC website. The nomination deadline is 5 pm, March 11. Starting this year, we will begin recognizing retiring Adjunct Faculty who have worked at Mott for 15 or more years. Anyone with questions about the awards or the Spring Reception can call Cindy Sanders in Human Resources at 762-0565.

## Criminal Justice Career Fair

MCC's 8th annual Criminal Justice Career Fair will be held Tuesday April 12 from 4 to 6:30 pm in the Prahl 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.



## Foundation for MCC Events

The Foundation for MCC has several exciting programs lined up this year, featuring some very high-profile guests. Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events. For details, call the Foundation at 762-0425.

### Ballenger Lecture Series - April 4

Featuring Filmmaker Spike Lee  
Ballenger Field House, 6:30 pm

### Women In Education Fundraiser - April 7

Keynote Speaker: Valerie C. Ferguson, Regional Vice President and Managing Director of Loews Philadelphia Hotel; April 7. Sponsor Reception with Ms. Ferguson at 5:30 pm- Applewood Café; 6:30pm - lecture & dessert afterglow-Prahl Ballroom

### High Tea for Women - April 19

3 to 5 pm - MCC Prahl Center

### Heritage Society Dinner - May 4

6pm - MCC Applewood Cafe

### WIE at Whiting - May 6

6pm Reception; 8 pm event at The Whiting Auditorium

### MCC-Lapeer Golf Outing - September 9

Devils Ridge Golf Club  
8:30 am

### Peace & Dignity Ceremony

10am, MCC Curtice-Mott Complex  
October 2005 - TBA

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	Blue Print Reading 2:30-6 p.m. RTC 1107 <hr/> Companion Dog Training 7-9 p.m. Genesee Room					
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
			Blue Print Reading 2:30-6 p.m. RTC 1107			Delta Sigma Theta Sorority 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Genesee room
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Spring break	Spring break	Spring break	Spring break	Spring break		
Jazz Concert MMB Auditorium Concert at 4:30 p.m. <hr/> Audubon Society Meeting 6-9 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	Royal Hibernian St. Patrick's Day Celebration 9 a.m. - Noon Presidential Conference Center <hr/> Blue Print Reading 2:30-6 p.m. RTC 1107	Friday's at Applwood 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Applewood Café <hr/> Flint Music Teachers Recital 6-9 p.m. MMB	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>14</b>	Blue Print Reading 2:30-6 p.m. RTC 1107		<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	Science Olympiad 7 a.m.-7 p.m. RTC	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
	American Assoc. of University Women 7-9 p.m. Genesee Room					
Jazz Concert MMB Auditorium Concert at 4:30 p.m. <hr/> Board of Trustees Meeting 7:30-10 p.m. Prah Ballroom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
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