



# MOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONNECTION

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### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*"Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous."*

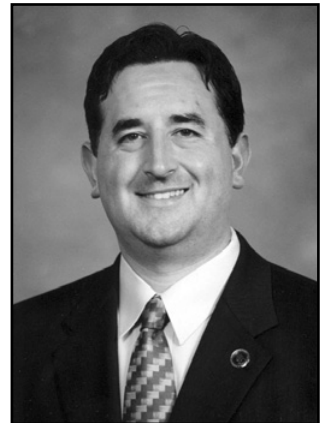
--Confucius

## **MCC Trustee Ehren Gonzales Wins Full Term on National Board**

On October 9, at the national congress of the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) in New Orleans, Mott Community College Trustee Ehren Gonzales was elected to a full term on the ACCT Board of Directors. Gonzales had been previously chosen to fill a partial term. At 32, he was the youngest person and the first Hispanic ever elected to the ACCT Board.

Gonzales was elected as an At-Large Board Member with a majority on the first ballot in a spirited four-way race (winning 186 out of 214 votes). Community college trustees from across America voted in the contest.

According to MCC Board Chair Lenore Croudy, "It is significant that Ehren Gonzales was re-elected to the ACCT Board. His voice is being heard on a national level and provides MCC, Flint and Genesee County with a direct voice in shaping national educational policy. He works directly with national leaders and federal legislators, bringing our views to the national stage and a national perspective back to our community. This is a wonderful advantage for all of us."



## **Former MCC Trustee Jerome O'Rourke Dies**

Jerome O'Rourke, who served nearly 20 years on the MCC Board of Trustees including a stint as chairman, died Oct. 19 after a long illness. O'Rourke, a former Genesee County prosecutor and prominent local attorney, was a longtime community advocate.

"Mott Community College has lost a dear friend and supporter for many, many years," said MCC President M. Richard Shaink. "During his many years of service to the community he touched the lives of countless individuals. He truly will be missed by all of us."



## **MCC Ranked #1 in Flint Radio Station Survey**

For the second year straight, MCC was the top vote getter in an internet/call-in survey organized by local radio station WRCL-FM (Club 93-7). MCC was recently voted "Best College" by area youth in Club 93-7's "2004 Club in da Hood Awards." Ballots from listeners were accepted online and in-studio throughout the month of September. MCC was declared the winner, eclipsing runners-up Baker College, Saginaw Valley State University, University of Michigan-Flint and Ferris State University.

Club 93-7 initiated the awards program in 2003. MCC also topped last year's poll, being voted Best School, as listeners were asked to vote for any school, college or university. This year, MCC was nominated in the Best College/University category. Club 93-7's target listening audience primarily falls in the 18 to 25-year-old age group.

# Around Campus

Vice President Student Services & Administration **Scott Jenkins** is pleased to announce that effective Oct. 4, **Michelle Heidenreich** moved from her two-year "interim" position to a permanent position as Director of the Learning Center and Disability Services. "Over the past two years, Michelle has shown excellent managerial and budgeting skills, along with her ability to communicate effectively and sensitively to all constituents, students, faculty, parents and community partners.

Institutional Research Analyst **Bobbie Foust** presented "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Education" at the TRENDS conference held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids Oct. 6.

Health Sciences Professor/Advisor **Marianne Blair** attended the National Academic Advising Association 28th Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. The theme of the conference was "Building Bridges: Advisors as Architects for the Future." Marianne was one of 15 academic advisors honored and presented with the Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit in the Academic Advising Primary Role category award at the conference.

Social Work Professor **Sharon Eisen** is acting as consultant to the State of Michigan Social Work Licensing Board. She is helping to write the administrative rules for implementing the Social Work Licensing Bill. The MCC Social Work Technician program is used as the model for setting standards for Human Services Technicians in the state.

Social Sciences Associate Dean **Margaret Brainard** tells us that **Dr. Avon Burns**, Professor and Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Program has been nominated as an honoree for the 2004 Athena Award. Public Safety's **Colin Perry** tells us of another prestigious honor for Dr. Burns. On Oct. 17, she was inducted into the Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice Wall of Fame.

English Professor **Christy Rishoi** plans to offer a new course next semester. The course is Native American literature, and while it will meet three important graduation requirements for AA degree candidates, it's also an ideal enrichment course for non-degree seeking folks, Christy noted.

The 2004 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk was staged on the MCC main campus Oct. 10. More than 5,500 walkers raised \$285,000 to support breast cancer research. The Mott Team had over 100 participants and raised \$5,000. A special thank you to MCC's Department of Public Safety, and Facilities and Maintenance for their huge effort.

Accounting Bookkeeper **Karen Amore** tells us of her induction in the Golden Key International Honour Society. Congratulations, Karen.

Mailroom Assistant **El Nita Blount** shares news on the activities of the Mott Ballroomers and Steppers. On Aug. 21, **Feo Duncan** and **Candace Hinton** entered the World's Largest Steppers contest in Chicago. On Sept. 11, they entered the 2nd Annual Steppers competition in Chicago. On Oct. 6 and 13, **Feo** and **Candace** modeled and did a dance performance in fashion shows and on Oct. 12, in a Steppers contest sponsored by Hennessey in Detroit, **Feo** and **Candace** were in the final round for a trip to Atlanta. On Oct. 16, Mott Ballroomers received first place trophy for dance performance by **Feo** and **Michari Patterson**. On Oct. 22, a dance performance was provided by **Feo**, **El Nita** and **Symone Blount** for the Sherman Mitchell Scholarship fund raiser and on Oct. 23, **El Nita** and **Tony Caldwell** performed for a class at Eastern Michigan University.

Social Work Professor **Sharon Eisen** shares various items of interest from her area: **Lynn Butz** mourns the death of her daughter who died of cancer last week end. **Mitchell Weiss** attended the funeral of his mother-in-law this week in Chicago. **Vera Horton**, graduate of the Social Work Technician Program, received a minority Social Services award at Kettering University. Vera is completing her degree at UM-Flint. Dr. Lars Eisen, originally a research scientist in Sweden, Sharon's son-in-law, has accepted a tenured faculty position at Colorado State University where he will continue to do research on Lyme disease, Avian borne and vector borne diseases. His wife, Dr. Rebecca Eisen, Sharon's daughter, is also a post-doc fellow at Berkeley. She is expected to seek a position as a

research scientist in vector borne diseases at the Center for Disease Control in Fort Collins, Colo.

**Jackie Reinertson**, retired instructor at MCC, is planning a trip to Japan and a cruise on the QEII and Khalil Khrais is trying to fast his way through Ramadan and pretend that he is not hungry.

Fine Arts news: MCC's Fine Arts Gallery will present an exhibition by Marygrove College Art Professor **Rose E. DeSloover** titled "KRYPTONITE: Superprotectors" from Nov. 8 - Nov. 23. DeSloover will give a public presentation at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 15, in the Visual Arts & Design Center. The Gallery is also presenting an exhibition of works by MCC part-time instructors titled "Mott Fine Arts: Part-Time Faculty Exhibition" from Nov. 29-Dec. 24 in the VADC. A closing reception for the artists/instructors will be 4:30-6:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 14. The following faculty will participate in the exhibit: **Delia Antworth, Mary Birkmeier, Debra Kay Dow Bonello, Paul Hauth, Daniel Hernandez, Brian Liljebld** and **Carol Novak**. MCC's Gallery hours are 9 am to 4:30 pm Mon.-Fri. For information, call the Art Office at 762-0443. These events are made possible in part by the Ballenger Trust.

On Oct. 4, the MCC Music area held a three-hour workshop/clinic with classical guitarist **Charles Postlewate**, reports Music Instructor **Mari Yancho**. Postlewate started the guitar program at MCC 30 years ago, turning it over to Mari in 1978 when he took a full-time position at the University of Texas, Arlington.

The Music Area is presenting an Ensembles Concert at 3 pm Sunday, Nov. 21 in the Mott Memorial Building Auditorium. For more information, call the Music Office at 762-0459.

Biology Instructor **Lynn Wandrey**, a member of the New Century Chorale, tells us that the group will present its Fall concert, "Harvest of Song" on at 4 pm Nov. 14 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Grand Blanc. For details, call Lynn at 762-0030.

**Heather S. Sisto**, Honors Program Coordinator, accompanied eight honors students to the Michigan Honors Association conference in Roscommon Oct. 1-2. Heather has served as the community college rep. for the organization for two years and is now Vice-President-Elect. The focus of the conference was gaining an awareness of racial and ethnic stereotypes that are perpetuated on a conscious and subconscious level. Each college developed an action plan for their campus. November events: Look for "Chips and Clips: Watch What You're Watching!" 7-9:30 pm, Nov. 17 in the Student Life Lounge. Discussion will focus on blatant or hidden stereotypes found in popular movies, to be followed by the film Remember the Titans. This is open to all students and their families. Refreshments will be provided.

Congratulations are in order for **Cornelius Lawler**, who began his new position as technician, Placement Testing & Assessment Center on Oct. 18 and **Gail Webster**, cashier/transcripts processor, who started Nov. 1.

**Jack Segal**, American Government adjunct instructor, reports that Rob Casey, Democratic candidate for Michigan's 10th congressional district, visited his Introduction to American Government class Oct. 14. Students had an opportunity to ask questions and give "campaign speeches."

Math adjunct instructor **Ron Falkenstein** has set a goal to collect 1,500 children's literature books for the North End Women's Center. He needs your help. Please donate any children's literature books, for kids up to 13 years of age. Drop off in Gorman Math/Science Office 1001. Donations will be accepted until Thanksgiving break.

Don't forget the Fridays at Applewood Café Lifelong Learning Series: "9-11: The Day Our Lives Changed," Nov. 12, 9 am, Prah Center Ballroom. Major Erwin Weston of the U.S. Pentagon Police Force will be the guest speaker.

Nursing Professor **Dianna Lape** presented to a group of Student Nurse Association Advisors at UM-Ann Arbor at their annual Faculty Advisor meeting in October. She showed them the Power Point program she developed to attract new student members to the SNA club at MCC and discussed her club's recruitment efforts.

## **What's New at *mcc.edu*?**

Mott Community College's face to the world is our website [www.mcc.edu](http://www.mcc.edu). The website is a user-oriented tool and our users are many: prospective students, current students, alumni, as well as faculty and staff. Each of these groups is provided a "key user path." These are easy links through the website from our homepage which point to information of interest to each group. There are also key user path links at the top of each internal page.

The web developers have been very conscious of maintaining a consistent look, feel and function throughout the site to accommodate the different users. Do you look at your department pages and think it's time for a change but need help getting started? Rebecca Gale-Gonzalez, Web Content Manager, can help coordinate assistance from the web development team. "Web writer, Liz Murphy, can assist with content development and we have two web developers, John Tyler the Webmaster, and Linda Motter, whose focus is on the academic side. They can enhance the technical function and feel of your page," said Gale-Gonzalez.

MCC's Marketing Director Michael Kelly notes "The website is becoming the first point of reference for our students. Paper schedules, catalogs and handbooks are quickly becoming things of the past. Continuous website updating to insure accuracy is very important. The website, in many cases, is our introduction to the community." Check out these useful links from the [mcc.edu](http://mcc.edu) homepage:

- Current and archived catalogs:  
[http://www.mcc.edu/course\\_cat/course\\_cat.shtml](http://www.mcc.edu/course_cat/course_cat.shtml)
- Maps - main campus and satellite locations:  
[http://www.mcc.edu/mcc\\_maps.shtml](http://www.mcc.edu/mcc_maps.shtml)
- MCC's searchable directory:  
[http://www.mcc.edu/mcc\\_directory.shtml](http://www.mcc.edu/mcc_directory.shtml)
- WebAdvisor - the easiest way to locate classes, usually available before the printed copy

Look for these coming attractions: MCC Student Handbook, a high school counselor's page, enhanced programs and courses pages for both main campus and Livingston MTEC.

## **Breast Cancer Awareness Event "A Huge Success"**



The 2004 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk was staged on the MCC main campus Oct. 10. The Mott Team had over 100 participants and raised \$5,000. The MCC team included members of the Phi Theta Kappa and Student Nurses Association clubs, as well as faculty/staff and extended family.

"The walk was a huge success, thanks to all of you," said Northern Tier Center Desiree Londrigan, MCC's Making Strides Coordinator

## **Annual Appeal for Old Eyeglasses**

If you have any old eyeglasses lying around in drawers, bring them to Dean of Curriculum, Jim Drummond. He will arrange to have them sent to third world countries for distribution, via Church World Services. CWS has volunteer physicians with instruments that quickly measure the glasses and determine prescriptions. They also have the ability to give eye examinations and match donated glasses with those who need that prescription. "The eyeglasses go from useless to profoundly important in someone's life, someone who otherwise would not see well and has no other access to corrective lenses," Drummond said. Please feel free to send them through campus mail or drop them off at the Curriculum Office, CM1009.

## **MCC Cosmetology Program Moves to Main Campus**



The Transitions School of Cosmetology Careers, MCC's cosmetology and nail technician program, is now open for business at the new Visual Arts and Design Center (VADC). The Genesee Area Skill Center had been the home for Transitions since 1993. Additional space in the VADC allows the cosmetology program to accommodate more students and offer more evening classes. The extra space makes room for new laboratories and classrooms and future programs such as massage therapy, electrology, and esthetician courses. They celebrated with an open house on November 1.

The Transitions School is a fully accredited, state licensed program that prepares students for a number of career options. Clients can choose from a variety of services: Transitions functions as a full-service salon and nail technology lab, all open to MCC faculty, staff, students and the general public. Transitions services clients starting at 8 am Wednesday-Friday, and at 9 am on Saturdays. Senior citizens receive a discount Wednesday-Friday. Call (810) 232-8012 for more information and for cut-off times for specific services. Transitions services clients starting at 8 am Wednesday-Friday, and at 9 am on Saturdays. Senior citizens receive a discount Wednesday-Friday. Call (810) 232-8012 for more information and for cut-off times for specific services.

## **Fall Faculty Workshop**

Health Sciences Associate Dean Patricia Markowicz coordinated a faculty workshop on constructing test questions that was held Sept. 24. Faculty representatives from the area high school Health Careers programs as well as MCC faculty (nursing and non-nursing faculty) were invited to attend. The speaker was Dr. Beth Richardson, professor of nursing from Indiana University School of Nursing. The workshop was entitled "Build a Better Test."

The purpose of the workshop was to help faculty clearly relate test questions to course objectives and to test on various cognitive levels as comprehension, application, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, not just knowledge recall. There were guides to put questions into the format most commonly seen in the licensure exams for health program graduates, which would give students an opportunity to become familiar with the type of challenges they confront on licensure exams.

Richardson also discussed the broad topic areas within health care that students are tested in great detail with the licensure exam: safe and effective care environment, health promotion and maintenance, psychosocial integrity and physiological integrity.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Native American Pow Wow 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Field House MSD Town Hall Meeting Noon-3 p.m. CM 2103	<b>7</b> Native American Pow Wow 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Field House
<b>8</b> Audubon Society Meeting 6-9 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>9</b> American Assoc. of Univ. Women 7-9 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>10</b> Sierra Club Meeting 5:30-9:30 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>11</b> One Book One Community 5-9 p.m. Applewood Café	<b>12</b> Fridays at Applewood 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Prah Ballroom	<b>13</b> Men's & Women's basketball home opener 3 p.m. Ballenger Eli Zaret, sports writer, radio personality and author, book signing at half-time	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> MCC Fine Arts Gallery Exhibition Presentation 11:30 a.m. VADC	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> "Chips & Clips" "Watch what your watching" 7-9:30 p.m. Student Life Lounge	<b>18</b> Michigan Alliance of Direct Support Professionals 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Genesee Room	<b>19</b> Flint River Watershed Coalition Meeting 8:30-11 a.m. Genesee Room	<b>20</b> Eta Phi Beta Sorority Meeting 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Genesee Room	<b>21</b> Ensembles Concert Concert Begins at 3 p.m. MMB Auditorium
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> College & Cultural Ctr. Neighborhood Assoc. 6:30-9:30 p.m. RTC 1005	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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