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"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

MCC Welcomes New Vice President of Academic Affairs

Amy Lee Fugate begins her position as Mott Community College's new Vice President of Academic Affairs officially on Monday, Oct. 9. She brings a wealth of experience to MCC, including a Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in Educational Policy and Leadership in Higher Education. Prior to accepting the Vice President position, she served as the Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts at Kansas City Kansas Community College. She has worked as a college professor, primarily in the area of speech, for over twenty years. She holds an M.A. from the University of Michigan in Communication Studies with Minor in Higher Education Administration and a B.S. from Northern Michigan University in Speech Communication with Minor in Social Sciences. MCC President M. Richard Shaink issued a campus-wide email Friday, Aug. 25 announcing the selection of Amy Fugate after her Aug. 24 visit to campus. "I received a great deal of positive input from faculty and staff on Dr. Fugate's background," Dr. Shaink stated: "She is excited about the challenges and opportunities Mott presents and is also excited about returning home to Michigan, where she grew up."



MCC and UM-Flint Partner with Concerned Pastors for Social Action to Offer Scholarship

In keeping with a well-established collaborative spirit among area higher education institutions, MCC and UM-Flint have joined forces with The Concerned Pastors for Social Action (CPSA) to award scholarships to deserving students in the community.

MCC President M. Richard Shaink, UM-Flint Chancellor Juan Mestas and the Rev. Lewis Randolph, Pastor of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church and CPSA President, announced the new collaborative scholarship at a press conference held Sept. 21 at Antioch Missionary Baptist Church.

The Scholarship was created in an effort to encourage local churches to establish scholarships at both schools. The scholarship, specifically designed to recognize two students from the Flint area each year for their commitment to community service and academic achievement, funds full tuition, fees and up to \$400 per semester for books at both schools. The news conference garnered extensive media coverage from local TV, radio stations and newspapers, featuring MCC and UM-Flint as well as the scholarship recipients in a very positive light. For information about the MCC/UM-Flint Collaborative Scholarship, call Carlos Cisneros, MCC Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator at 762-5125.

Kasarus Brown, a 2006 graduate of Carman-Ainsworth High School, is MCC's first recipient of the Collaborative Scholarship. Shamara Cook, a 2006 MCC graduate, is UM-Flint's first recipient of the scholarship.



From left: UM-Flint Chancellor Juan Mestas is joined by Shamara Cook, MCC President Richard Shaink, Rev. Lewis Randolph and Kasarus Brown.



Karen Curtiss, Nursing

Tutorial/Mentoring Grant Project Director, reports a number of successful activities occurred over the summer with the Accelerated Health Care Training Grant, including a week of refresher classes for students continuing their nursing courses this fall. Nursing faculty led students through an extensive review of content. Student evaluations revealed that the majority felt strongly about being better prepared and highly recommended the review become an annual event.

Two other events held in August included an evening session of *Tips for Tutors and Mentors* for professional nurses working with the program and a day-long session for nursing students taking their first core nursing course this fall. Topics included math review, study and test taking skills. Students who had been on the waiting list for entry into the nursing program eagerly enrolled for this review. About 100 returning (continuing) nursing students attended all or part of a week long refresher course, with about 40-50 coming to a review for those registered for the first core nursing course. In addition, the Governor's office has asked for the names of a few students willing to participate in a roundtable discussion about the benefits received from the grant and how it has impacted their schooling/careers.

Music Prof. **Chuck Iwanusa** was guest conductor of the St. John's (Michigan) Mint Festival Orchestra on Aug. 9 for the opening of the annual Mint Festival. The 68-member orchestra per-

formed two of Chuck's orchestral arrangements of motion picture scores, which featured Music Professor Emeritus **Larry MacDonald** on piano.

Health Sciences Dean **Patricia Markowicz** wants to share more good news about our Motorcycle Safety Program. She recently received a telephone call from **Lisa Briggs**, a Physical Therapist Asst. who works for Genesys. She took MCC's motorcycle safety course last month and could not say enough positive comments about the program or the helpfulness of our instructors. In addition, one of our instructors, **Jana Barry**, recently received the Outstanding Rider Coach/Instructor award for the State of Michigan. MCC's program now has two officially-named outstanding instructors, **Jana** and program coordinator **Mark Wiley** (1994 recipient).

Carlos Cisneros, MCC Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator, tells us about a summer trip to Mexico. Accompanied by several Valley Lutheran High School folks from Saginaw, including his daughter, Kristen, a junior at Valley Lutheran, the group traveled to Sicachique, a small town in Central Mexico. There they served the Tarahumara Indians. While there, the group held vacation bible school for the children every day; built a wall for a dorm which will house future missionaries who minister to the Tarahumara people and cooked and served lunch and supper each day to more than 100 people. Kristen Cisneros described the people as "devastatingly poor." Added Carlos, "How did the trip change her? 'It made me more appreciative of everything that I have,' she said."

From MCC Lapeer Extension Site Director **Wanda Dowdall**: On behalf of all Lapeer County students, a most sincere thank-you to all who worked at, played in or supported in other ways the Lapeer Learner Golf Scholarship outing held Sept. 8. Scholarship money helps off-set the higher cost of out-of-district tuition. "It

was a grand, fun-filled day."

Theater Instructor **Dan Gerics**, who serves as Executive/Artistic Director Flint City Theatre, tells us that FCT is kicking off its season with *Scream Theatre*, an evening of Halloween stories told in an old-fashioned radio show format. Shows are Oct. 21 at Clarkston Village Players in Clarkston. Please visit www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org. Dan is also directing this production.

Learning Center Administrative Assistant **Sara Butka** wants us to know that The Learning Center has FREE tutoring services available to our students. Peer and Professional Tutors are available in a variety of subjects, including: Math, Computers, English, Biology, and the Social Sciences. For more information, please call the Learning Center at 762-0399. Students can walk in to set up an appointment Monday through Thursday 8am-7pm and Fridays 8am-5pm.

A hearty MCC welcome goes to our newest Public Safety Officer **Frank Felder, Jr.** who started on Sept. 1. Welcome to the MCC Family!

From Political Science Prof. **Paul Rozycki**: Political Science Prof. **Mitchell Weiss** was just elected President of the Flint Jewish Federation in Flint and Genesee County.

Congratulations to recently retired Social Work Prof. **Sharon Eisen**. She received the Flint Jewish Federation Peppy Rosenthal Human Service Award at the organization's Joint Annual Meeting Sept. 13.

Why is **Carol Brown** so excited about the 2006-07 year with the Student Life Center? "We have seen a steady increase of students and staff/faculty involved in various clubs/organizations." "For the 2005-06 year, we offered support to 27 clubs/organizations vs. 13 in 2002-03 and with the feedback from our most recent orientation, we anticipate that number growing. In addition, traffic in the Student Life Center has grown from 4,182 (2003/04) to 18,927 (2004/05) to 21,936 (2005/06)!"

Ballenger Lecture Series

MCC is presenting the Fall 2006 installment of the Ballenger Eminent Persons Lecture Series with an intriguing topic focusing on Flint's future. A diverse group of young entrepreneurs will comprise a panel to discuss: "The Future of Flint: New Voices of the Entrepreneurial Spirit" at the Ballenger program, scheduled for 5 to 7 pm, Thursday, Oct. 26 at the MCC Regional Technology Center. Refreshments will be served at 5 pm and the program will begin at 5:30 pm. This program is free and open to the public. Participants include Ridgway White, project manager for Uptown Reinvestment and Dayne Walling, Research Fellow, Genesee Institute at the Genesee County Land Bank and Community Challenge Representative. The following

individuals are scheduled to serve on the panel: Lars Beholz, inventor working with industrial processes; Tracy Atkinson, owner of Pages Bookstore; Rhoda Matthews, owner of a family business, Flint Club Executive Director; Emmanuel Johnson, independent filmmaker and Matthew Bordes, owner of a Quizno's franchise; Tyrone Kirkland, e-commerce business owner and Erin Onweller, Artist and Manager of Red Ink Studios. An Entrepreneur Informational Fair featuring local economic development organizations, business associations and advertising opportunities with local media outlets will be set up in the RTC in conjunction with the discussion.

Global Issues Film Festival

Mott Community College and Kettering University are partnering for a third year to host the Global Issues Film Festival, continuing the tradition of bringing provocative films to Flint from independent filmmakers around the globe. Five films will be shown over the October 20 - 21 weekend in the Regional Technology Center auditorium. The Film Festival is free and open to the public. Each film is between 50 and 80 minutes long and the topics often have local impact. New this year: 30-minute discussion periods to take place after the viewing of each film. The film schedule follows:

Fri. 10/20, 7pm -- *Boys Will Be Men*

A film by Tom Weidlinger, about growing up male in America, and how boys will become men. How do boys learn courage, the difference between right and wrong and the meaning of love? What hurts them, makes them violent and sometimes kills them? (57 min.)

Fri. 10/20, 8:30pm -- *Red Hook Justice*

A film by Meema Spadola, about the community justice movement that started in Brooklyn, NY that was designed to help break the cycle of violence and crime with young people. (55 min)

Sat. 10/21, 1pm -- *Selling Sickness*

A film by Catherine Scott, about the unhealthy relationship between society, medical science and the pharmaceutical industry. (52 min.)

Sat. 10/21, 2:30pm -- *A Decent Factory*

A film by Thomas Balmes, about how some corporations are balancing profit-making with social morality (79 min.)

Sat. 10/21, 4:30pm -- *Stealing a Nation*

A film by John Pilger, about how the British government expelled the population of a group of islands in the Indian Ocean so that the USA could build a military base (56 min.)

For more information, call Liz Murphy in MCC Public Information at 232-2554.



Congratulations to the following new full-time faculty members.

Donna D. Wade, Nursing Instructor, Health Sciences
Almeta Milow, Nursing Instructor, Health Sciences
Robert E. Dudock, Biology Instructor, Science and Math
Jolene A. Stewart, Mathematics Instructor, Science and Math
Michael J. Carr, Mathematics Instructor, Science and Math
Aaron J. Gulyas, History Instructor, Social Sciences
Frederick R. Lemke, Chemistry Instructor
Kathryn M. Gurin, Respiratory Instructor, Health Sciences
Andrea Blankinship, Cosmetology Instructor, Business Division

October Events at MCC

The campus will be bustling with activity throughout October. Following is a list of the events and special programs going on this month. Please RSVP for noted events.

Davenport-MCC Agreement

Signing ceremony for new articulation agreement with Davenport University, 10 am, **Oct. 5**, Alumni Room

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration

Featuring Xochiquetzal Mexican Folkloric Ballet, 7 pm **Oct. 5**, Mott Memorial Building Auditorium

Regional Broadcasting Career Fair

Representatives from area TV and radio stations providing information on career opportunities in broadcasting, 4-7 pm, **Oct. 5**, Prah Center Ballroom

Fine Arts Gallery Exhibit

Featuring work of New York artist Alfred Martinez titled "Suspended Memories: Audio Visual Paintings" on exhibit through Oct. 10, Visual Arts and Design Center. Gallery hours are 9 am-4:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

Peace & Dignity Ceremony

14th Annual Celebration of People of the Four Colors, 10 am **Oct. 9**, Outside Curtice-Mott Building

Friends of Mott Library Art-A-Palooza

Annual Art Auction featuring an exquisite collection of art, **Oct. 12**, Prah Center Ballroom. Preview reception: 5:15 p.m. with auction following at 6:30 p.m. "Take A Second Look" 9 am to 1 pm, **Oct. 13**. Admission: \$10 in advance; \$15 at the door. RSVP by **Oct. 5** to 762-0408. Proceeds benefit Mott Library. Checks should be made payable to The Foundation for MCC. For details, call 762-0408.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, 7 am, **Oct. 14**, MCC Main Campus. Call Cindy Sanders at 810-762-0265 for more details.

Distinguished Alumni & Retiree Awards

Honoring MCC alumni and MCC retirees, 6-7 pm Dinner, Program begins at 7 pm, **Oct. 17**, Prah Ballroom. Please call 762-0425 for tickets by **Oct. 13**. Tickets: \$25 per person.

Regional College Fair

More than 60 higher educational institutions represented again this year, **Oct. 19**, Prah College Center. Agenda includes College Day, 9:30 am-11:30 am for high school students and special groups; Transfer Fair for MCC students, 1-2:30 pm; College Night, 6-8 pm, open to community. For details, call 762-0022.

Global Issues Film Festival, Weekend of **Oct. 20, 21**, RTC Auditorium. For schedule, details call 232-2554.

Rededication of Gorman Science Center

You are invited to see the new facilities on **Oct. 24**, 4:30-7 pm.

Ballenger Fall Lecture Series, Topic: "The Future of Flint: New Voices of the Entrepreneurial Spirit," 5 to 7 pm, **Oct. 26**, RTC.

Halloween Party

Celebrate the spookiest holiday at MCC, 5- 8 pm, **Oct. 27**, Ballenger Field House. Free and open to the public. For details or to help out, call Department of Public Safety at 762-0222.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday						
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2	3	4	Broadcasting Career Fair • 4-7 p.m. PCC Ballroom Hispanic Heritage Event Xochiquetzal Dancers MMB auditorium, 7 p.m.	5	6	7						
Peace & Dignity Ceremony - 10 a.m. Outside Curtice-Mott Audubon Society Meeting 5:30-10 p.m. Genesee Room	9	10	11	MCC Art Auction 5:15-10 p.m. PCC Ballroom Wild Ones 7-9:30 p.m. Genesee Room	12	MCC Art Auction 2nd Chance 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. PCC Ballroom	13	Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk 7-Noon Horrigan Dr.	14	15		
16	MCC Fine Arts Gallery Janet Lorch Photography & Prints VADC • Oct. 16-31	17	Distinguished Alumni Awards 6 p.m. Prahl Ballroom	18	19	Regional College Night 6-8 p.m. Prahl College Center	20	Flint River Watershed Coalition Meeting 8:30-11 a.m. Genesee Room Global Issues Film Festival 7-10 p.m. • RTC	21	Global Issues Film Festival 1-6 p.m. • RTC	22	Band/Choir Chamber Singers Concert MMB Auditorium Concert at 3 p.m.
23 30	Board of Trustees Meeting • 7:30-10 p.m. Prahl Ballroom, Oct. 23	24 31	Gorman Science Center Rededication 4:30-7 p.m. Gorman, Oct. 24	25	26	Ballenger Lecture Series 5-10 p.m. RTC	27	Halloween Party 5-8 p.m. Ballenger Field House	28	29		



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