The Foundation for MCC garners major gift to benefit Mott Community College students

Mott Community College has received a gift of more than $2.1 million from the Dewaine V. and Jana B. Robinson trust to establish a perpetual trust in their names at Mott Community College. It is the second perpetual trust at the college, the first was a gift from the William S. Ballenger Trust in 1951.

“This tremendous gift will enable us to provide much-needed support for our students,” said Lennetta Coney, President of The Foundation for Mott Community College. “We are extremely grateful to the administrators of the Robinson Trust for this generous gift.”

Funds from the Robinson perpetual trust will be available to the College beginning with the Fall Semester 2019.

Dewaine V. Robinson and his wife Jana B. Robinson were both Flint natives who believed in giving back to the community. Dewaine Robinson was a pharmacist and business owner who was committed to his profession. He was involved in both the Michigan Pharmacists Association and the Genesee County Pharmacists Association. He also served on the Boards of Ferris State University and Health Plus, and was co-founder of a computer billing company. Jana Robinson attended MCC, then called Flint Junior College, and worked in the Registrar’s office before working with her husband in their pharmacy businesses as an accountant.

Mott Student Spotlight

Name: Dennis Williams-Mitchell
Major: Business Administration

Why did you choose MCC?
I chose MCC after accepting my calling to the ministry and being selected to represent the youth leaders at conferences across the country. I said to myself, I can’t leave now and what better place to go than Mott Community College.

What student organizations/activities are you involved in on campus:
Talented Men of Today, President; Mott Community College Alumni Association Board of Directors, Board Member; Campus Life Enhancement Fund (CLEF), Committee Member; MCC Summit Supporting Male Diversity in Education, Committee Member.

Career Plans:
I plan to become a CEO/President of a nonprofit organization or foundation. My desire is to inspire youth across the country through ministry and mentorship as the vehicle. It’s my passion!
If you know Mott Community College alumni who deserve recognition, please nominate them for the Distinguished Alumni Award. MCC’s Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony honoring outstanding alumni will be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 in the MCC Event Center. Tickets are $50 per person. For more information or tickets, please call (810) 762-0425 or go to www.mcceventsonline.com.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards program was established in 2002 for the purpose of recognizing truly outstanding women and men who have provided an inspirational impact to students and/or the community and for their significant contributions to career achievement and community service. By honoring our former students we hope to inspire today’s students to strive for both personal and professional success.

MCC Distinguished Alumni Nomination Criteria

Nominees should be individuals who have attended Flint Junior College, Flint Junior Community College, Genesee Community College, and/or Mott Community College. Distinguished Alumni nominees are judged on the following criteria:

- **Role Model** – Inspiring excellence in others.
- **Outstanding Success** – Significant career or personal achievement.
- **Impact** – Accomplishments which have changed the community for the better.
- **Community Service** – Demonstration of visible commitment to the community.

The selection of 2019 Distinguished Alumni honorees will be made by a committee representing the greater Flint community. Nomination forms are available at: www.mcc.edu/alumni/alumni_award.shtml. Nominations must be submitted to The Foundation for MCC by July 31, 2019.

In Memoriam

The MCC Alumni Association lost two longtime, treasured members in 2018: Emeritus Members Dean Haley and John Chinonis.

Dean Haley passed away on May 19, 2018 and John Chinonis passed away on August 31, 2018. Both of these gentlemen were well-loved, consummate community leaders who were also devoted to their families and the Flint-Genesee County communities.

Dean Haley attended Flint Junior College, then earned his bachelor’s degree from Michigan State University and his Master’s degree from Eastern Michigan University. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was an active member of the Flushing American Legion. He worked for Mott Community College for over 26 years, retiring from his final position as Director of Continuing Education. He believed in the importance of community and was a passionate supporter of education and the performing arts. After his retirement, he served on the Flushing School Board for many years.

John Chinonis, a graduate of Flint Junior College, attended Wayne State University Pharmacy School and later graduated from the Ferris State University College of Pharmacy. Having a successful business career as the owner of Franklin Pharmacy, Belsay Square Pharmacy and co-founder of YaYa’s Flame Broiled Chicken, he was known for his generosity and for giving back to his community. A tireless leader of numerous fundraising efforts to benefit the community, he received an honorary degree in Community Leadership from MCC, worked on the Endowment Fund committee through his alma mater and was a recipient of the MCC Distinguished Alumni Award. Through is parish, the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church, he co-created the Assumption Greek Festival in 1975.

Both of these beloved alumni, survived by a host of family members and friends, are greatly missed.
Flint Mayor set to once again headline Mott, Motown & More Show, May 9, 10

City of Flint Mayor Karen Williams Weaver is returning to perform in Mott’s most popular fundraising event on May 9 and 10, 2019.

The 2019 Mott, Motown & More Celebrity Lip Sync, presented by The Foundation for Mott Community College, will be Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Mott Memorial Building Auditorium.

Tickets are $30 per person and should be purchased as soon as possible, as seating is limited. The Friday performance tends to sell out early. Discounted tickets for students at $10 per person are available for Thursday’s show only. To purchase tickets, call The Foundation for Mott Community College at (810) 762-0425 or visit mcceventsonline.com. Audience members can also purchase tickets for a raffle drawing for an opportunity to win a variety of great prizes. All proceeds go toward helping students achieve their academic goals at MCC.

The longest-running lip sync review in local history – now in its 13th year – Mott, Motown & More features a number of spectacular performances by a host of local celebrities, community leaders, and MCC staff members, lip synching to recordings from Motown and other record companies. It’s a hot-ticket event that many people look forward to attending each year because they have an opportunity to see their friends, family members and colleagues perform live on the MCC stage.

David Smith, Vice President of Skaff Carpet & Furniture Company, a longtime emcee of the show, will be joined by WCRZ-FM (Cars 108) Morning Show’s AJ to serve as Mott, Motown & More emcees this year. ELGA Credit Union is the title sponsor for Mott, Motown & More. Additional support for Mott, Motown & More has been provided by a grant from the Stella & Frederick Loeb Charitable Trust administered by Huntington Bank. For tickets or more information, please call (810) 762-0425 or visit mcceventsonline.com.

Shape the future by getting involved at MCC

Are you interested in playing a role in the college’s future?

You can have a tremendous impact on the future of the college in many ways, simply by getting involved with current students and showing your support. You can:

• Foster the next generation of leaders in our community by mentoring a student.
• Make a difference by volunteering at campus activities and events.
• Enhance the quality of life for a student who needs a helping hand.
• Make a lasting legacy with a gift to the College.

By contributing your unique talents and resources as valued alumni, you can enrich the lives of our wonderful students and ensure a bright future for the college community as well. We invite you to share your ideas, your experiences and gifts. **Together, We are Mott Strong!** For more information, please contact us at (810) 762-0425 or visit www.mcc.edu/alumni.

Leave a Lasting Legacy

You can truly make a difference to the future of your alma mater and to deserving students with the legacy of a planned gift.

Whether you graduated from Flint Junior College, Flint Junior Community College, Genesee Community College, or Mott Community College, there are as many giving opportunities as there are areas of interest among all of our alumni and friends.

Gifts of all sizes are always welcome. For more information about giving opportunities, please call The Foundation for MCC at (810) 762-0425 or email: foundation@mcc.edu.
Mott graduates celebrated at Women In Education annual ceremony

A host of family members and well-wishers were on hand at MCC’s Applewood Café on April 17 to celebrate a special group of Mott Community College’s newest alumni.

The 2019 Women In Education Fellowship Reflection Luncheon featured thought-provoking presentations and personal reflections by the graduating fellows who successfully completed The Foundation for MCC’s Women In Education (WIE) program. Graduating fellows were presented with stipends and gifts by WIE coordinators and donors during the event. Summer Awad, owner of Summerset Salon & Day Spa in Flint, served as guest speaker for the program.

Established in 1999 by a group of Flint area women who came together to address the need for non-academic areas of support for women students at MCC, Women In Education provides assistance to students to help them overcome obstacles that can deter them from attending classes and completing their educational or career goals. Over the years, WIE has helped more than 300 students. For more information about the program, please contact The Foundation at (810) 762-0425.

Mott Library seeks Commencement Programs for College Archives

The Mott Library is working on a project that involves the indexing of Mott Community College Commencement-related programs. Library Reference staff currently assigned to this project discovered that we’re missing the following years of Commencement Programs: 1924, 1957 and 1994.

If you have a copy of one of these missing programs and are willing to donate it to the College Archives, please contact Linda Rutherford, Librarian/Coordinator of Technical Services & Circulation at linda.rutherford@mcc.edu. Thank you!