Tragedy almost derails future
Student returns to Mott campus to make dreams come true

Connie Bowren, 43, recently returned to Mott College after sustaining major injuries in an automobile accident. Her injuries, and resulting surgery, forced the married mother of three to step out of classes for several months causing further delay in accomplishing her educational and career goals in Culinary Arts/Food Management.

The delay was devastating.

Connie's husband, William, of 22 years had already lost his job and they were financially destitute. The injuries from the accident forced her to quit her job as a manager at a local restaurant—and soon their home slipped into foreclosure and they were forced to move.

Connie and William have three growing teenagers still at home. Their parents pooled all of their finances together, including their entire life savings, to help Connie and William put a bid on a new home going through foreclosure. They were denied once, but approved for a second home shortly thereafter.

But the unthinkable happened. During the move, Connie's father lifted a piece of furniture and hurt his back, an injury so bad that it forced medical attention. During the examination, the doctor discovered Connie's father had cancer throughout his body. Her father died a short time later. Shortly after that, her father's grieving brother died.

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Student Profile: 2013 Graduate

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You're Invited to Breakfast!
Please join us for a Foundation for MCC breakfast on May 16, 8-9am, at the MCC Event Center and learn what Mott is doing and how the college is having an impact on the community. Breakfast is free!
Please call 810.762.0425 to make reservations.

Rozycki named Outstanding Retiree; Five others
Distinguished Alumni

Retired MCC Professor Paul Rozycki is among the six people honored this year for their outstanding achievements and service to their respective communities.
Also honored that evening were Shelly Hoffman, Joseph Klobucher, Anthony J. Mansour, Walter Sturghill, Jr., and Phillip Wise. Brief bios on each of the recipients are included in this issue of the AlumNet.
The Outstanding Retiree and Distinguished Alumni Awards were held April 25 and included College officials and former recipients of the awards.

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Dr. Shick presented with Outstanding Leadership Award

Dr. Richard Shick has been presented with the prestigious Master Fellow Award, an Outstanding Dental Leadership Award, by the International College of Dentists (ICD) and the American Dental Association (ADA).

Remembering life at Flint JC

In recognition of Dr. Shick’s achievement, members of the Alumni Association thought it would be interesting to look back, and consider the costs of an education when Dr. Shick first started at Mott. Below represents the costs for attending Mott Community College in 1949-50, the years Dr. Shick attended classes on the Flint campus. Information was found in the 1949-50 yearbook of the Flint Junior College.

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As things began to settle down in Connie’s life, her oldest son sustained a serious neck injury while horseback riding around with his younger brother. The injury was so bad that a wrong move or accidental bump would leave him paralyzed. The neck surgery forced him to wear a halo brace for months. He is now being home schooled with online classes so he can continue his high school education.

While Connie Bowren’s story is tragic, she is not unlike many Mott students who need financial assistance to continue their education – to provide the means to a better life.

“I feel my education will benefit me in many ways,” she said. “First it has already raised my confidence in ways you just don’t understand. I have always had low self-esteem and my husband has already said he has seen the difference in me. It helps to hear him say how proud he is of me all the time. My kids see how hard I’m working. I want to be an example to them that hard work pays off. I want the best for them and school is one way they can get that. So my family will benefit in many ways by me feeling better about myself. I feel I can be a better mom and wife. The job I will be able to get after graduation will increase our income and reduce stress to pay our bills and keep our home. I feel I will help my community by working with people to make them healthy. As a nutritionist, I want to also volunteer to help low income families learn how to feed their families without relying on fast food. I want to get in and get dirty to help stop this epidemic of obesity.”

According to Lenneta Coney, President of The Foundation for Mott Community College, stories like Connie’s overwhelm her every day. “It forces me to consider the parts of my life I take for granted,” she said. “My heart says I have to do everything I can to help Connie. In my position as President of The Foundation for Mott Community College, I have to do everything I can to help other students whose stories, unfortunately, aren’t all that different from Connie’s. All of them break my heart. And frankly they motivate me to do more.”

Coney encourages Mott alumni to consider a financial gift to support Connie and others like her: “I think together we can give Connie a happy ending to the horrific challenges she has faced while doing something most of us take for granted: providing the means to give her a college education – a career where she can have a positive impact on others. It doesn’t get much better than that.”

Please call 810.762.0425 for more information.

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Please consider joining MCC and have a greater impact on our students and community. Give and See the Impact!

Our gift should be directed as follows:
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The 2013 Distinguished Alumni of MCC

Shelly L. Hoffman

Shelly L. Hoffman was recently named Executive Director of the Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health. She most recently served as a Major Gift Officer at the University of Michigan-Flint where she was responsible for securing the single largest gift ($1.4 million) from an alumnus. A large part of her career was spent at Planned Parenthood, overseeing development, marketing, and public affairs in a seven-county region.

Anthony J. Mansour

Anthony J. Mansour practiced law for more than 50 years, including six years as a Circuit Judge. Tony has been active with many local, regional, and national organizations including the Arab American Heritage Council (AAHC); Former Advisory Committee Member, Arab American Institute-Washington D.C.; and Fellow of the American Bar Association, an honorary recognition given to less than one percent of attorneys.

Walter Sturghill, Jr.

Walter Sturghill's artwork has won numerous awards. While attending New York University, he expanded his WSJ Media brand and soon had freelance assignments from clients such as Oxygen Network and Weight Watchers. Walter took a position at JC Penny Corporate Headquarters, became a member of the JC Penny New Branch Launch Design Team, and in 2013 was promoted to Advertising Director.

Phillip R. Wise

Phillip R. Wise was part of the US government’s effort in 1975 to save as many orphans as possible in the last days of the Vietnam War. As his aircraft lifted off the ground with hundreds of babies and young children, a rear door blew open and Phil was the only surviving crew member where hundreds of others died. His Operation Babylift story has made him an inspirational speaker and he has appeared on ABC’s 20/20.

Joseph Klobucher

Joseph Klobucher taught for Caro Schools, was the adult education director and eventually was named Community School Director. Joe also opened his first restaurant in Caro – Big John Chicken & Sandwich Factory. He retired from education three years later and joined his brother, Big John, as business partner until his brother’s death in 2011. Joe recently gifted Mott Community College $100,000 for the culinary arts program in memory of his late brother.