

Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 26

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Good Evening:

I want to begin by sharing a beautiful project that is nearing completion by the Friends of the Mott Library. If you remember, former Mott English faculty member Grayce Scholt passed away almost two years ago and left a donation to establish a student scholarship and funding for the Friends of the Mott Library. The Board of the Friends of the Mott Library used the funding to establish a wonderful testament to Grayce's legacy.

The Grayce Scholt Family Study Room will open to young parents with babies/toddlers who have no means for a sitter, to provide a safe and quiet space to do homework while their child is near. Located on the first floor of the Mott Library (1002), the room is decorated with a whimsical mural to enhance play and will have children's books and toys to keep the toddlers busy.

Below is a video link documenting the redesign of the space by MCC's own art students, Danielle Tice (May 2020 Graduate AAS Graphic Design) and McKenna Telke (December 2019 Graduate AAS Graphic Design). Sumer Williams, Media Services Intern, edited the mural. They worked under the guidance and assistance of Design Center Studio Manager, Candy Martin and Graphic Design Program Coordinator, Jim Shurter who created the mural. Grayce loved children's literature, art and Mott Community College, so this project is a fitting tribute to her tireless work in this community.

The Study Room will open in the spring of 2020 thanks to a collaboration of MCC Facilities, Media Services, Library personnel, MCC Art Department students and faculty, Friends of the Mott Library, and the glue that holds the Friends of the Library together--Dawn Vert. Congratulations everyone and thank you! This will be a great asset for our student-parents of young children.

<https://youtu.be/WYu62AEXRgc>

Please place on your calendars to participate in the Vice President for Academic Success and Provost virtual forums which will be live-streamed at 1:00 p.m. on 4/17, 4/20, 4/21, 4/22, and 4/23. More information will be coming later this week from Human Resources.

During the Executive Cabinet meeting that took place this morning and through the afternoon, we prepared for the upcoming virtual Board of Trustees (BOT) committee meetings next week and the virtual BOT Meeting on Monday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. There are several resolutions that will be before Board members for approval since there was no March BOT meeting.

The Executive Cabinet had a lengthy discussion on the CARES Act funding and other concerns surrounding other COVID-19 legislation. Next steps were developed that include a committee that will recommend to me process and parameters to distribute funding following the outlined CARES Act guidelines.

It was shared that Lead Social Worker, Dinah Schaller, will prepare a new schedule for distributing food to our students and collecting food for the Mott Eats Food Pantry. Please look for an email explaining the changes soon.

Thank you for all of the monetary donations that have been given to support our students and local hospitals. Thanks to your generosity, \$6064 has been raised for the Student Emergency Fund, \$1500 for Mott Eats, and \$3575 has been raised for our local hospitals. I am truly grateful for all you have done to support these efforts.

The Red Cross will host blood drives in the Event Center on April 17, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and April 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Suggestions:

The Governor has a site where she is collecting good things people and organizations are doing in Michigan during the pandemic. MCC should submit some of the things we are doing.

Design PPE suits and get them manufactured and distributed to hospitals.

Have a lovely rest of the evening!

Looking Forward,

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