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Good Evening:

Yesterday I told you our first day of enrollment was phenomenal. Today I have the official number of 869 registering. Great job everyone! Thanks for pulling together to let our community know that we are open for business.

Cashier Nikki Bixby lives in Clio and has shared that Clio High School is making seniors feel special by featuring a few students at a time on the #cliostrong Facebook page. The page shares what the students will be doing in the future. I had a big smile on my face when I saw our new Mott students proudly declaring "I decided to attend Mott Community College in the fall." I have attached the photos for you as well.

Another smile came today when I read an email from one of our faculty members. The faculty member was excited to share she had received three emails today from students who are excited to come back and finish their degrees online. She was really pleased that over the past few weeks several others are saying the same thing. She closed with these words, "I realize that we can't do everything online, but I hope this pushes us to be more flexible for our students' options with online courses. It's so important to meet them where they are." I join in her sentiments. We have been disrupted tremendously, but we have used that disruption to make MCC a better institution to meet all of our students' needs.

Speaking of meeting the needs of our students, I met this afternoon with the chairs of the CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund Plan Development Team to discuss the information that we will use to develop our MCC system for delivering services. The Team will follow this guiding principle as they design the MCC system and processes: *The funds are provided due to the COVID-19 disruption to bring the greatest value to your community through the student's success and completion.*

During this next week, the Team will capitalize and build upon current services and resources to supplement the needs of our students as they create our plan. The goal will be to develop a plan that does more than just hand out checks. Instead, MCC will be providing check-ups for our students and offering a suite of support services to keep them moving forward and completing the degree or certificate.

I also met today with our Board of Trustees to present a proposal for information purposes about one of the resolutions that will be coming to them for review and discussion during next week's Board committee meetings. I also joined the Executive Cabinet, and some of our IR team members to discuss with Studer Education the development of a good MCC Scorecard that will identify and track our outcomes toward the key measures of the MCC Strategic Plan.

Earlier in the week English faculty member, Joshua Sauvie, shared with me that a few of the faculty were wondering how Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Michelle Glenn, is doing. "She has been absent from various events and, of course, we are concerned." Joshua requested to create a virtual card - one that any faculty, staff, or administrator can sign to let her know we are thinking of her and wish her well.

He has created this beautiful opportunity for the MCC Family to share our care and concern for Michelle. The Kudoboard is a virtual card that allows everyone to add their own individual message. Your posts can include words, images, GIFs, and/or personalized videos. You can use the link below to share your thoughts, prayers, or a message in any way you feel is appropriate.

The Kudoboard is available to sign now through next Tuesday, April 21. She and her family members will be able to view (and keep) all of the messages that they have received from you.

Please consider adding to this. I am sure it will make her smile.

The direct link: <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/Y81c3T9z>

Looking Forward,

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