

Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 31

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Good Evening:

This has actually been a great day for the College. We have received several emails sharing good news. I am actually smiling as I sit here typing tonight's Communication.

The Department of Education released late this afternoon the institutional share of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund under the CARES Act. I have quickly read the guidelines and look forward to a deeper dive in the next few days.

The Executive Community Liaison for Health Alliance Plan (HAP), a Michigan-based non-profit health plan, saw the recent article on MLive about the need for donations to the Mott Eats Food Pantry and has pledged \$1500. HAP has an ongoing partnership with MCC as a part of their commitment to enhance the overall health and well-being of the lives in our community.

The Board of the Michigan ACE Network for women in higher education has selected Academic Success Specialist Katie Kiacz to receive the 2020 Michigan ACE Network Distinguished Woman in Higher Education Leadership Award. The Board said, "We received many nominations, all of whom were very deserving; however, Ms. Katie Kiacz, was especially exemplary. The screening committee was very impressed with her many accomplishments and the significant impact she has made on your campus and beyond." Due to the pandemic, The Michigan ACE Network 2020 conference has been cancelled, but Katie will be recognized virtually during a ceremony in June.

Only four college students were awarded the statewide Breaking Traditions Award from the Michigan Department of Education. Two of those students are attending Mott Community College. Nursing student Brent Lawson and Automotive student Kristen Shannon were selected because of their success in career and technical education programs while overcoming obstacles and stereotypes.

Nursing Program Coordinator Dr. Michelle Montpas shared the final Site Visit Report from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This is the first step in receiving the official word that our nursing program will be granted accreditation. The last page of the report reads that the Recommendation Status for Accreditation Status is Continuing Accreditation: Continuing accreditation as the associate program is in compliance with all Accreditation Standards. The official word is expected in October 2020. Thank you Dr. Montpas and all of the faculty and staff who continually ensure MCC nursing students have excellent instruction.

I have had several people express that they are missing interactions with numerous MCC family members during the day. One person asked what could we do to give ourselves opportunities

to chat with others outside of our departments, like we would if we were face-to-face? This evening I am pleased to introduce “What’s Up Wednesdays.” For the next three Wednesdays, we are offering opportunities to socialize on your morning and/or afternoon break with MCC family members. Registration Assistant Paula Becker, Purchasing Specialist Kimberly Dolejsi, and Student Life Coordinator Ali Dowdall are taking the lead in ensuring that the weekly Zoom meetings are set up for you to have a great time on your break. I think they may be offering prizes as well. I have attached the Zoom meeting information. You will be placed in a waiting room until you are allowed in the meeting. They will only accept persons using MCC email addresses.

Meeting Topics & Dates

April 22

- 10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (Hosted by Ali/Chat monitored by Kimberly)
Discussion topic: *What’s your view right now?*
- 2 pm – 2:15 pm (Hosted by Kimberly/Chat monitored by Paula)

April 29

- 10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (Hosted by Ali/Chat monitored by Paula)
Discussion Topic: *How are you staying healthy?*
- 2 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. (Hosted by Kimberly/Chat monitored by Ali)

May 6

- 10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (Hosted by Paula/Chat monitored by Ali)
Discussion Topic: *What’s your funniest/most cherished memory at Mott?*
- 2 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. (Hosted by Kimberly/Chat monitored by Paula)

Please mark this Thursday at 3 p.m. on your calendar to attend the All-Employee College Meeting. Our representatives from Cohort 2 of the Michigan Community College Association Leadership Academy, Daphne Epps and Dr. Madonna Carpenter-Jackson will facilitate the meeting. Please submit questions by the end of the day tomorrow to questions@mcc.edu. Questions will continue to be addressed throughout the meeting as well. Below is the Live Stream link for your convenience.

Live Stream: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/mott-college-tv>

Today is Tuesday, so that means that most of my day was spent meeting with the Executive Cabinet. We had a robust agenda that included continuing to prepare for the upcoming virtual Board of Trustees Meetings, Friday’s State Legislative Summit, and Thursday’s All-Employee College Meeting. We heard reports about fundraising, social media, and the College Information Center. My point of discussion this week was preparing for the reopening of the College. We, as others around the state and nation, began the preliminary discussions of how to prepare for reopening in a time of uncertainty. We continue to monitor the most current information provided by our government and health officials.

Have a great rest of the evening.

Looking Forward,

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