

Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 45

May 18, 2020

Good Evening:

I hope everyone had a chance for at least a little rest and relaxation last week. The first few days it was difficult for my mind to come to a screeching halt thinking about Mott Community College business. But by mid-week, I turned on the television and began to watch the news without cringing. By Thursday I was in major house project mode that made me feel quite productive. The time off gave my mind the ability to rest and reenergize so that I am ready for our next opportunities!

I was so pleased to learn that the College was awarded two honors last week. Our Alpha Omicron Iota Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa was awarded the Regional Award for Most Distinguished Chapter Officer Team. There were nine chapters considered for the award, and MCC's officer team was selected as the top recipient. Advisors Dr. Brian Ivory and Kimberly Giacchina have had an outstanding year serving and supporting the leadership of this great chapter.

Next, our National Society of Leadership and Success Chapter was selected as the National Chapter of the Year! Sincere gratitude goes out to advisors Dawn Vanniman, Kimberly Dolejsi and Andrea McManamon who have demonstrated exceptional vision and leadership for the students.

NSLS Chapter of the Year Announcement: <https://www.nsls.org/memberinfo/awards/award-winners>

Last week's Wednesday Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) Presidents' meeting featured Congresswoman Debbie Dingell. She shared the federal landscape of the legislature supporting Michigan through more federal stimulus funding. The HEROES Act introduces \$90 Billion into the economy to stabilize education. The group reviewed state issues that include new Executive Orders, the new state reopening plan, a new state website for short-term, career-oriented online programs, and Perkins information. We discussed the estimated projection of the State budget shortfall.

On Friday, the MCCA Board of Directors met and were presented with a legislative update, report on the Michigan Center for Student Success, Collaborative Programs Initiative opportunity, Michigan Colleges Online presentation, Michigan New Jobs Training Program, MCCA revised 2021 calendar, and MCCA PAC contributions update. The group concluded the meeting by passing the MCCA FY 2020-21 budget recommendation.

This morning I attended the Greater Flint Health Coalition meeting and heard a presentation from Jeff Donofrio, Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity. Mr. Donofrio discussed the Michigan Safe Start Plan as well as several initiatives to help businesses reopen and individuals to receive much needed resources who have been furloughed or laid off from their jobs. Congressman Dan Kildee gave a presentation on the HEROES Act that has been introduced and the strategy to get it signed by President Trump. We listened to the plan to expand COVID-19 sites across the state. Mott Community College was thanked for being one of the sites that will open soon. The COVID-19 Workgroup on Contact Tracing discussed their progress in getting contact tracing happening in Flint. The group passed a resolution to support the work done through the Flint/Genesee County Coronavirus Taskforce on Racial Disparities. The group discussed the impact of the new FDA and American Red Cross partnership that has developed a process to collect convalescent plasma from individuals who have recovered from COVID-19.

Please mark your calendar for 3 - 5 p.m. this Thursday for our All-Employee College Meeting. Information went out about the meeting in a separate email. Please don't forget What's Up Wednesday this Wednesday at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. The Zoom information is below.

MORNING

Topic: What's Up Wednesday

Time: 10 a.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcc-edu.zoom.us/j/94198568790?pwd=RXM2QWdaMDdzVFp2aTRZL3NXM0x5dz09>

Meeting ID: 941 9856 8790

Password: GoBears

AFTERNOON

Topic: What's Up Wednesday - afternoon edition

Time: 2 p.m. Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mcc-edu.zoom.us/j/92796837113?pwd=c3RTbXAxaEVVL3ljQmcwVHZadUdOQT09>

Meeting ID: 927 9683 7113

Password: MottBears

Looking Forward!

Dr. Beverly

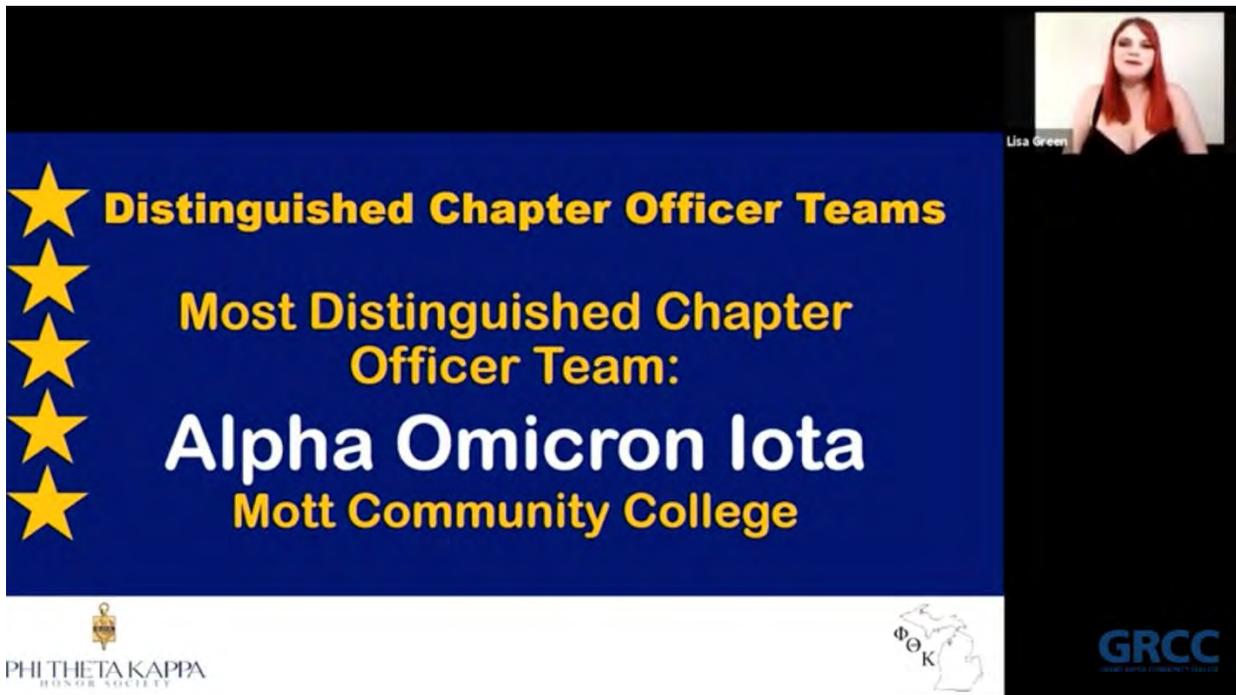
Beverly Walker-Griffiea, Ph.D.
President
Mott Community College



Nominees for Distinguished Chapter Officer Teams:

★ Alpha Omicron Iota Mott Community College	Alpha Upsilon Kappa Grand Rapids Community College
★ Alpha Omicron Rho Oakland Community College-Auburn Hills	
★ Alpha Rho Lambda Jackson College	Alpha Xi Mu Henry Ford College

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Distinguished Chapter Officer Teams

Most Distinguished Chapter Officer Team:

★ **Alpha Omicron Iota**
Mott Community College

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