ATTENDANCE COST GRANT

Important Information

There will be an Attendance Cost Grant (ACG) application period for the winter semester (date to be determined). All SP students are encouraged to apply for the grant. ACG funds may be used for items such as books, supplies, tuition, & fees. One of the REQUIREMENTS to be considered for the ACG is you MUST attend one of the Financial Literacy workshops. Five workshop sessions have been scheduled during various days and times. Please RSVP with which meeting you plan to attend 810-762-5117 or email your coordinator.

Financial Literacy Workshop Dates & Times
(You only need to attend one)

- Tuesday, October 28 5:30—7:00 PM
- Thursday, October 30 9-10:30 AM
- Friday, October 31 12—1:30 PM
- Monday, November 3 12-1:30 PM
- Friday, November 7 12-1:30 PM

Attendance Cost Grant Information

- Must be an active member of the SP program
- Must be attending at least half time
- Must have attended a Financial Literacy Workshop
- Must have applied for financial aid and received an answer
- The ACG may be used for: books, supplies, tuition and fees
Hispanic Heritage Month began on September 15 and will end on October 15. According to HispanicHeritageMonth.com (2014) the celebration was created to recognize the independence of five countries in Latin America. The countries that became independent include Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua all of which were originally under Spain’s rule. Originally, Hispanic Heritage Month was a week long celebration created by Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968.

Dental Hygiene Awareness

This October is the fifth annual Dental Hygiene Awareness Month (ADHA, 2014). The purpose of this awareness month is to promote and educate individuals about the four important parts necessary for good oral health including: brushing twice a day, flossing every day, using dental floss daily and if chewing gum, chew sugar free gum.

Did you know MCC has a dental hygiene clinic? It is located in the Mott Memorial Building. The services are available to students and the general public. For $25 (cash or check only) the following services are provided: Cleaning, fluoride treatment, oral screening, and periodontal evaluation. You can also receive sealants and X-ray services. With a referral from your dentist. For an appointment call 810-762-0493.

Important Resources

The Writing Center and the Math Empowerment Center are both services available on campus to help students with their assignments.

**Math Empowerment Center**

Gorman 2106  
Phone: (810) 762-0178

**Fall Hours:**

**Monday—Thursday**  
8:00am—6:00 pm  
Friday  
9:00 am—3:00 am  
**Saturday**  
8:00 am—5:00 pm

**Writing Center**

Curtice-Mott 2031  
(810) 762-0229  
Email: writingcenter@mcc.edu

**Fall Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday**  
8:30am - 6:00pm  
**Friday - Saturday**  
12:00pm - 3:00 pm  
**closed Tues. from 3:00pm - 4:30pm**
In the Fall of 2011, SP Alumni Lisa Grain began her first semester at MCC. At the age of 51, Lisa returned to school to gain more marketable employment skills. She already held her LPN license but realized the workforce was quickly changing and she was not going to maintain employment with just an LPN. Lisa stated “I was very concerned about being a student and returning at my age. I was intimidated by the technology and how much had changed since the last time I was a student. I had to learn to be a student all over again.” Lisa showed dedication that did not waiver.

Lisa took full advantage of the services provided by the Special Populations program. She attended professional and peer tutoring, SP workshops, utilized academic & professional coaching sessions, received employment assistance including job fairs and resume building. In addition, Lisa was a recipient of the Attendance Cost Grant (ACG). Lisa graduated with honors in May of 2014, and after preparing for the nursing licensure examination by answering over 2,000 online NCLEX practice questions, she passed her state test on July 23, 2014.

When asked about suggestions for current students she replied “take advantage of all of the workshops [SP and any others on campus] it may seem like you don’t have an hour to spare but in the long run, if I would have had the knowledge from those one hour workshops, I would have saved myself so much time in other ways.” She specifically spoke about the note taking skills workshop and said if she would have learned how to be an efficient note taker she would have had so much more study time. She also recommended taking time to utilize the Math Empowerment Center.

When asked about the advantages of attending MCC she stated “I loved the culture of the young and the old students on this campus we all have questions and fears but we have different experiences, coming to Mott was a gift to me.” She said that when she was unable to figure out technology or newer ways of solving math problems, there was always someone there to help her.

Lisa said one of her favorite parts of being a student was graduation. She stated she danced and sang the entire time. But what she was not prepared for was the down time after graduation. She said she was very concerned that she was not going to be able to find employment, “I thought I was going to be considered too old to be hired.” Yet, less than three months after passing her state boards, at age 54 Lisa accepted a full time position at a new facility in Grand Blanc.

When asked for a closing thought Lisa responded with “Without a doubt my success was from coming to the SP program and using the services and the fact that MCC is all about success. Nobody should ever fail here. All of the employees are here to help and guide the students.”
Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 7: Building an effective resume 10—11 am, Genesee Room
Thursday, October 9: Student Employment Orientation
Tuesday, October 14: Job Searching Techniques 11-12 am, Genesee Room
Sunday, October 19: MCC Concert Band 3-6 pm, MMB, 1130
Wednesday, October 22: Interview Skills 2-3 pm, Genesee Room
Wednesday, October 22: Red Cross Blood Drive 10-6pm, Lapeer Extension Center
Thursday, October 23: College Fair
Friday, October 24: Student Employment Orientation
Friday, October 24: Halloween Party 5-8 pm, Ballenger Field House
Monday, October 27: Student Employment Orientation
Monday, October 27: Recognizing Depression Symptoms in College 12—1:30 Prahl Orientation Room PCC 2270
Tuesday, October 28: Professionalism on the job, Genesee Room