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Feeling welcome, being heard, and learning about a culture directly from those who lives it; that is what the Mott Community College FACING COLLEGE Project has done for the students who were involved.

Approximately 150 guests and Facing Project participants were in attendance at the book launch and live performance event May 11 in the RTC auditorium and live-stream seating areas. Facing Project co-founder J.R. Jamison was on hand to offer opening remarks at the event featuring foreign-born and international students at MCC who shared their stories, the hurdles they have overcome, their perceptions of the U.S., and their hopes and dreams for the future as part of the Project. The written stories, photographs, and artwork created by their fellow students were published in a book which debuted at the event.

The stories were presented in various art forms including dramatic readings by Theater students and videos by Media Art students, alongside artwork interpreting the stories created by Visual Arts students, and photos of the Story-tellers and Authors taken by Photography students. The efforts of these students were supported by over a dozen faculty members in Humanities and Fine Arts and staff members in the Office of Recruitment and Outreach.

In addition, area agencies that provide services to immigrants and foreign-born students were on hand throughout the evening including the American Arab Heritage Council, Flint Islamic Center, Flint International Friends, Latinos United for Flint, The Jewish Community collaborative, and the Hispanic Technology and Community Center.

The book publication entitled Facing College: Voices of our Immigrant and International Students is available for purchase at the Center for Teaching and Learning by calling 810.762.5623 or emailing ctl@mcc.edu. TV 25 coverage of the Book Launch and Live Event can be viewed at the following link: http://wsmh.com/news/local/facing-college-highlights-international-students-at-mott-community-college

How to Enjoy the Outdoors Without the Buzzkill

With a little planning and preparation, you should be able to enjoy the outdoors without getting eaten alive.

Remember the Three Ds of protection from mosquitoes: drain, dress, and defend. Eliminating the breeding grounds for mosquitoes is the first step to limiting their numbers. Planting marigolds around your yard and maybe installing a bat box or two can also go a long way toward preventing them in the first place.

Drain—Mosquitoes require water in which to breed, so carefully drain any and all sources of standing water around your house and yard, including pet bowls, gutters, garbage and recycling bins, spare tires, bird baths, etc.

Dress—Wear light colored, loose fitting clothing—long sleeved shirts and long pants, hats, and socks

Defense - When it comes to defense, I recommend avoiding harsh chemical concoctions and experimenting with some natural alternatives instead. Some may work better than others for each individual, as mosquitoes in particular are attracted to certain biochemical components in your skin, and different types of mosquitoes have different attractions and aversions. Should your preventive measures fail, there are well over a dozen different home remedies that can help, from herbs to baking soda to ice packs or heat, whether in the form of a heated or cold spoon, compress, or electronic gadget, or maybe even just a piece of tape.

What Attracts Mosquito’s and How to Repel Them - Internet article by Dr. Mercola
News from the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC)

Mott student Arianna Pittinger was awarded the National AAWCC scholarship for region IV. Arianna is pursuing her Associate in Science at MCC. She is a member of the Honors College, a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and president of the Feminist League (2017/2018). Arianna plans to attend Siena Heights to earn her Bachelor degree in Biology. Ultimately, she plans to attend the Pre-Med Program at Siena Heights and enter medical school.

Madonna Jackson was elected as the Region IV director for the National AAWCC. The National AAWCC is divided into 8 regions. The states in Region IV include: Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky She will officially start her duties on July 1, 2017.

In addition, Andretta Newton and Ronda Brinch were selected to attend the AAWCC Leadership Institute in Red Bank, New Jersey in June. The LEADERS Institute is a five day, content-intensive, experiential workshop, based on a recently revised curriculum reflecting AACC Core Competencies for Community College Leadership. The LEADERS Institute promotes the development of women’s leadership skills and qualities at every level in community college administration and education. Graduates of the LEADERS Institute are recognized for their excellence in collaboration, encouragement and support for each other, their appreciation that many styles of leadership co-exist, and continuing expansion of their professional talents based on a strong personal foundation. Over the course of 34 years of successes, a coalition of more than 6,000 women leaders has been established.

And finally, Jeff Simms and Madonna Jackson each presented at the 2017 Michigan Occupational Special Populations Association (MOSPA) 42nd Annual State Conference in May. The conference theme was “GRIT...Where Perseverance Meets Passion” Jeff’s presentation was titled “Let’s Care About our Students: Mental Health Awareness, Suicide Prevention and Creating a Culture of Support.” Madonna’s presentation was titled “Preparing 1st Generation Students to be 1st Generation Professionals. Both presented to a “standing room only” group.

New Associate of Applied Science degree program - Health and Fitness Professionals

The College will offer a new degree program as of the Fall Semester 2017. The Health & Fitness Professional Associate’s degree will become the newest addition to the Health Sciences Division.

Health and fitness is a growing field. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, careers related to Fitness and Athletic training are expected to grow 21 percent during the ten-year period from 2014 to 2024. The national average growth rate for all occupations is 7 percent.

MCC’s associate’s degree for Health and Fitness professionals will prepare students for either a professional pathway to enter the workforce immediately, or a transfer pathway enabling the student to transfer to a four-year degree program in Exercise Management or Kinesiology.

Beginning-level classes start in the Fall 2017 semester with Introduction to Kinesiology and Circuit Training. In addition to the fundamentals of human movement and exercise, Introduction to Kinesiology includes field work and job shadowing to get students immersed in the career field right away. Higher-level classes in the degree program will be available beginning in the Winter 2018 semester.

Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to take the national certifying exams for personal training and/or group fitness instructor. Certifications enable graduates to work one-on-one with clients, manage fitness programs and facilities, and coach athletes.

The MCC Fitness Professional program is also a foundation for those wishing to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Exercise Science, Physical Education, Health Science, Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Health Education.

MCC is the only higher education institution in Genesee County to offer a degree program in the Fitness and Exercise profession.
Farewell and Happy Trails! Retirees Saluted at Dinner Event

MCC retirees were celebrated at a dinner May 25. Dr. Beverly congratulated and thanked 15 faculty and staff members for their dedicated service to Mott Community College. Those retiring individuals represented 13 departments and offices from across the College. Together, this year’s retirees have given more than 348 years of service to the college.

Those retiring this year are/were:
Nancy Armbruster, Fine Arts & Social Sciences
Beverly Arnesen, Office of Physical Plant
Kimberly Brown, Office of the CFO
Kathleen Burton, Auxiliary Services
Urundi Knox, Business Division
Larry Koehler, Office of Physical Plant
Annette LeBlanc, Information Technology Services
David Maguire, Science and Math Division
Brenda McNamara, Workforce & Economic Development
Lisa Poma, Office of the President
Cynthia Sanders, Medical Simulation
Rita Szukhent, Health Sciences Division
Douglas Thibaut, Public Safety
Frieda Urquhart, Humanities Division
Larry Ward, Office of Physical Plant
Staff Assistant III and MCC Technology Club Advisor, Debra K. Adams, of the Technology Division earned the Outstanding Staff of the Year award for 2017 at the annual Mott Employee Appreciation event. This award is chosen from nominations submitted by peers. Debra is pictured here with Matt Roda & Clark Harris (left to right).

Public Safety Chief Theresa Stephens-Lock will be recognized June 6 with the Distinguished Woman in Higher Education Leadership Award for 2017 by the Michigan chapter of the American Council on Education (MI-ACE).

Zumba for a cure! Join the American Cancer Society for a little Zumba Against Breast Cancer in the Plaza (by Library) on Thursday, June 22, (rain location – Ballenger Field House) from 10-11 AM - Donations welcome. Wear comfortable shoes and active wear, and bring water to hydrate, and your spirit of fun! (PDF)

Jenna Hupp Andrews’ Art student Kawatha Tobias was featured in Flint Beat for her sculpture piece about the Flint water crisis. You can read more about it at: http://flintbeat.com/mott-community-college-students-flint-water-crisis-artwork-gains-attention-on-facebook/

Three students took First Place in the Michigan Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) annual Student “Emmy” Production Awards. Tyler Hartwig, Allyssa Murphy, and Dontavias Smith won First Place in the category of Long Form - Fiction Film for their student-film Brothers.

Faculty & Staff Recognized by Student Leadership Organization

The MCC chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi) inducted 51 new members for the Winter Semester, as well as recognizing four faculty and staff members with awards April 22.

Recognized were:
Aaron Gulyas, History faculty member, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award for analyzing events and ideas in a way that opens students’ mind and challenging them every day.

Lynn Wandrey, Biology faculty member, was also awarded an Excellence in Teaching Award for lectures that ensure students not only understand the material, but have fun while learning.

Shawn Brown, Assistant Baseball Coach, was awarded the Excellence in Service Award. Affectionately known as ‘Brownie,’ students said he is more than a baseball coach. Anywhere he is needed, he is there and ready to help in any way he can.

Al Perry, Athletic Director, was also awarded an Excellence in Service Award, for encouraging students to be their best in their sport and in the classroom and for creating a positive culture in the Athletic Department.
Bringing Stories to Life for the Deaf

MCC Sign Language Interpreter Training Program students will bring stories to life for the Deaf, Deaf-Blind, and hard of hearing children this summer during the family friendly story time at Applewood: the Charles Stewart Mott Estate, May through October.

Story Time at Applewood is designed for families with young children and will be presented every Friday May through October at 11:30 a.m. on the grounds of the Applewood Estate. Student interpreters will also be provided for the activity time following the stories, and a tour following storytime.

Interpreting services will be provided the first Friday of the month by Communication Access Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Interpreting services provided for all other storytimes are provided by the MCC Interpreter Training Program Students and Certified Supervising Interpreters.

Graduation
Join us for ZUMBA to eradicate Breast Cancer!

Where: Plaza (by Library)
When: Thursday, June 22, 2017
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Cost: Donations

How the Funds are used?
- In 2016 the Flint ACS office provided 2156 rides for patients to and from treatments in Genesee County.
- 24-hour Helpline

All proceeds benefit the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk