Welcome to Engage!
From Debra Gibes, Faculty Director of Experiential Learning

This 2016-17 Spring-Summer wrap up edition of Engage demonstrates the priority that MCC faculty, staff and students place on experiential learning through service learning and civic engagement. These opportunities have become an integral part of the fabric of our campus and community, so much so that Mott was awarded the 2017 Governors Service Award in the Educational Leader Award category. Kudos to all who have made this award possible.

Sincerely,
Debra Gibes

MCC Students Receive 2017 MiCC Awards

The MCC commitment to service learning and civic engagement is evident in the breadth and depth of service by our students. Each year, MCC is invited to nominate two students to receive recognition for their contributions by Michigan Campus Compact, a coalition of colleges and universities across Michigan committed to the public purposes of higher education. This year MCC student, Stephanie Pomper, received the Commitment to Service Award recognizing the broad scope of her service across campus. MCC student, LaTeqa Mack received the Outstanding Community Impact Award for her contributions to make service an integral part of the college experience by building partnerships between the campus and the community. Both were recognized in Lansing at the MiCC Awards Gala in April. In addition, Stephanie Pomper was also selected by National Campus Compact to receive the Newman Civic Fellowship Award for her investment in finding solutions for challenges facing the community by understanding the root causes of social issues and creating lasting change. This kind of impact was evident in Stephanie’s work with Motherly Intercession, a non-profit agency that provides a comprehensive support system to break the cycle of incarceration.

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Feeling welcome, being heard, and learning about a culture directly from those who live it; that is what “The Facing Project” at Mott Community College has done for the students involved. As part of the project, 29 foreign-born and international students representing 17 different nations shared their stories on the topic of “Facing College,” including the hurdles they have overcome, their perceptions of the U.S., and their hopes and dreams for the future. The written stories, photographs, and artwork created by their fellow students were published in a book which debuted at a book launch and live performance on May 11 at the Regional Technology Center. 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 Storytellers 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.

For many, this project has been a life-changing experience. One of the authors shared, “Talking to people of other countries allows you to learn things about them, their country of origin, and their culture that you probably would not learn from a book.” Attendees at the Live Event included Facing Project participants, their guests, and representatives from area agencies serving immigrants and foreign-born students who were on hand to share information about their services. 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

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Through a collaborative service engagement project, music students and graphic design students gave voice to the real stories of marginalized people through the “Voices From Flint” concert held at the Regional Technology Center on April 27. The project was designed by Bill Withem, Music Professor, and James Shurter, Graphic Design Professor, to use music accompanied by kinetic typography to feature members of the community that have been forgotten, abandoned or marginalized in some way. Each community member told their story to a Mott music technology student, who in turn created a song inspired by their struggles. The spoken-word audio from each interview was featured in each song through accompanying videos consisting of kinetic typography, a style that uses animated, moving words. The concert, free and open to the public, also provided an opportunity for various community non-profit agencies who represented the community members to share information about their services including Carriage Town Ministries, Salvation Army, YWCA, Crossover Downtown Ministries, Shelter of Flint, and MCC Disability Services.

“Voices of Flint was an awesome witness to the community of the richness and impact of this Institution.” ~Lydia Sanchez-Roat, Event Coordinator, Salvation Army.
Mott Campus Clowns, under the direction of Dr. Brian Ivory, brought their Anti-Bullying show to McMonagle Elementary School located in Flint.

Brian Littleton’s Psychology students engaged in developmentally appropriate games with the residents at Whaley Children’s Center.

Lauren Ruffin’s psychology students gained first-hand experience learning about the aging process assisting the seniors at the daycare program at Genesys PACE to make fleece blankets and toys for homeless pets.

Heather Sisto’s English students volunteered at Harvesting Earth Educational Farm to gain understanding about this local social agency. Students wrote reflective narratives from their experiences as part of the class Flint Phoenix Project.

Cheryl Doyle’s dental hygiene students wrapped up their year of service to recognize their commitment to service as part of their profession by cooking and baking up a storm at the North End Soup Kitchen.

Spanish Faculty Jessica Hunter and Norberto Aguado-Perez organized student volunteers to teach Spanish to children through fun and games at the Boys and Girls Club of Flint for a Fiesta Friday.

Nursing faculty member, Beth Thompson, (center in photo to left) has partnered with local hospice agencies including Absolute Home Health and Hospice (AHHH) to provide opportunities for student nurses to develop their skills by becoming hospice volunteers. AHHH provided students with the required training right on campus and students were able to set up times and locations for volunteering that were convenient to their schedules.
Campus Awarded for Service Leadership

Mott Community College holds up to the honor of having “Community” in its name. This academic year alone Mott faculty, staff and students along with their families and friends engaged in almost 40 projects through service learning, community service, and civic engagement that involved hundreds of volunteers to serve our local communities. Each year, whether volunteers are walking in the fight against breast cancer, interacting with autistic children, or providing dental care workshops to senior citizens, Mott is truly making a difference throughout the community. That is what makes Mott a leader in service. This leadership was recognized on August 21 at the Detroit Opera House in Detroit, where Mott was presented with the Governor’s Service award for the category of Educational Service Leader. This award was made possible because of the outstanding contributions of those who have made a difference in our communities through service and experiential learning. Representatives on hand to receive the award on behalf of Mott were MCC President, Dr. Beverly Walker-Griffea, Debra Gibes, Faculty Director of Experiential Learning, and Board of Trustees Member, Michael Freeman.

MCC Hosts Heart-Warming Reception

The Office of Experiential Learning hosted its 2nd Annual Service Learning Reception and Award Ceremony on April 11, 2017. While guests enjoyed refreshments, they viewed a colorful poster exhibit and slide show that highlighted the many service projects that were completed throughout the 2016-17 academic year. A total of 16 awards in 5 categories were presented to students, faculty, and staff who were nominated through multiple disciplines and academic programs for their contributions in service learning and civic engagement. The Faculty Award for Commitment to Student Engagement was presented to Jennifer Walker for providing Service Saturday opportunities for her Dental Hygiene students at a number of non-profit agencies and for partnering with Valley Area Agency for the Aging (VAAA) to provide dental health presentations at local senior centers. Through this partnership, the Dental Hygiene clinic was able to offer free dental services for seniors who qualify through a grant obtained through VAAA. Student, James Mayfield, was also recognized with the highest honor as the recipient of the MCC Campus Commitment to Service Award. In addition to being involved in multiple volunteer opportunities through Phi Theta Kappa, James developed an after-school tutoring program, Literacy, Tutor and Mentoring. Nearly 70 participants attended the event.

“What a heart-warming experience to be a part of. Parents of students receiving awards were crying with pride.”

~Reception Guest

Don’t Miss the Next Service Saturday

On Saturday, October 14, MCC students, faculty, staff, and their affiliates will take part in the annual Flint Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk. Sign up to walk at WWW.MAKINGSTRIDESWALK.ORG/FLINTMI. Can’t Walk? Be a part of the “Battle of D2.” Donate through your division or department to see who can raise the most money. For more information contact debra.gibes@mcc.edu (divisions) or Madonna.carpenter@mcc.edu (departments).