Public Safety Officer Sherry Dixon is primarily located at the MCC Southern Lakes Branch Center where her sunny disposition is appreciated by all. This month’s recognition of PSO Sherry Dixon is for her work on MCC’s main campus during the start of a new semester. Sherry worked in the Prahl Center engaging with students, parents, faculty, staff and other visitors to familiarize them with the services and resources available to them through the Department of Public Safety. She also explained the role of the Department and how we work to maintain Clery Act compliance through our Annual Security Report. Sherry excels at using her positive outlook to put others at ease.

PSO Dixon has an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice from Mott Community College and a Bachelor of Science Degree, also in Criminal Justice, from Ferris State University. She left MCC DPS to serve as a Customer Service Agent at FedEx for 20 years. And now she’s back! We are glad to have her back and a Mott Strong part of the team! Keep up the great work, Sherry!
This is flu season, and coronavirus has been spreading across China. Coronavirus is a respiratory infection that has spread to several other countries, including the United States. There have been no cases in Michigan. With this in mind students, faculty, and staff should follow the following recommendations to prevent the spread of infection.

**What is it:** A respiratory illness caused by a virus that has several different types. Some are not dangerous and others more serious. MERS (Middle East Respiratory Syndrome) and SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) are two types; 2019-nCoV is the type most recently identified by the World Health Organization. This virus causes an infection in your nose, sinuses or upper throat.

**How is it transmitted:** The virus is passed through close contact with an infected person, similar to the common cold, or by touching an infected item and then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

**What are the symptoms:** Symptoms may include a runny nose, coughing, sore throat, headache and/or fever.

**Prevention:**
- Wash your hands often soap and water when available.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Cover your cough with a tissue, immediately tossing the tissue and washing your hands.
- Avoid close contact with an infected person.
- Stay home when you are sick.

**Treatment:** Treat your symptoms as you would a common cold: get plenty of rest, drink fluids and appropriately use over-the-counter medicines.

**Seeking Medical Attention:** As always, consult your medical professional if your symptoms worsen, won’t go away or to seek medical advice.