

June, July, August 2009

I. Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.

- MCC launched a newly designed website in June. Webmaster Terri Eades built the site on the Joomla content management system. The site employs several Web 2.0 features to enhance user friendliness, efficiency and accessibility over our 11,000 square-mile service area and beyond. Most recently, MCC added Twitter to the website as one more way to communicate with the public about what is happening at the college.
- Fall Frenzy registration campaign took place during the month of June to encourage students to register for fall semester in a timely manner, activate their student e-mail accounts, and to update their MCC Alert contact information. Incentives included book scholarships and MCC merchandise.
- Health occupations information sessions continued with a summer gathering on June 16. Gwen Steffen and Kim Ewertz created a picnic atmosphere for the session complete with a free picnic menu for participants. The HOI sessions acquaint students with prerequisites and application processes for the health occupation programs.
- After a long hiatus of not publishing a view book due to budget constraints, MCC marketing released an electronic view book that is accessible on the college website. The Virtual View provides information about the college, includes embedded videos, links to specific pages of the college website, and features an electronic “contact us card” that sends an e-mail to student service personnel to request more information. An off-line version of Virtual View is loaded on flash drives for recruiting purposes.
- Special fall registration days in August were held at each center where students not only enrolled in classes but were also able to purchase their books and pay tuition and fees.
- On the last day of August, MCC showed a 17% increase in FTE enrolled for fall semester. Besides more students enrolled in traditional classroom settings, MCC utilizes hybrid courses and the online opportunities of CCCOnline.

II. Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.

- Entrepreneur Michelle Staley, SBDC client and success story, was featured on Channel 9 this summer on the “Storytellers” feature. Michelle presented her business story to the Women for Rural Business seminars in Eastern Colorado.
- MCC is offering a new business program for Hospitality Management in response to a need expressed by businesses in Morgan County.
- Older adult students completed a seven –credit customer service certificate this summer that was designed to prepare them to re-enter the workforce with appropriate skill levels and

understanding of current work environments. The program included career communications and computer application skills. Tuition assistance was provided by the Eastern Colorado Workforce Center.

- Kerry Hart serves on the board for Eastern Colorado Regional Workforce Center, Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce, Brush Chamber of Commerce, and Economic Development Committee of Morgan County. His active involvement keeps MCC abreast of the needs of the business community.
- SBDC Women for Rural Business series was nationally acknowledged in the recent American Small Business Development Center newsletter. Project coordinator, Linda Olsen, and former SBDC director in Fort Morgan, Tim Edgar, were awarded the SBA Champion for Women in Business
- MCC received Certified Addiction Counselor I Training Grant for \$64,000 which will allow the college to offer the necessary courses to prepare students for the addiction counselor certification process. The search for an instructor will commence in the fall.

III. Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have seamless opportunities to transition from high school into college and from two-year institutions into four-year institutions.

- Two new faculty members are teaching the highly successful health science technology program for high school students: Laura Wining and Lori Jarrell. Former instructors, Kim Ewertz and Jennifer Boudreaux, moved to different positions—Ewertz to full time nursing faculty and Boudreaux to another town.
- Five MCC students earned their elementary teaching credentials upon completion of the MCC/Adams State College Extended Studies Program. They were able to accomplish this goal at MCC through online and traditional classes and student teaching experience in local schools.
- For the first time, two college classes are being taught at Fort Morgan High School: college algebra and English composition. FMHS students participate in CTE classes on campus.
- To help prepare students for college level studies, more sections of developmental ed classes were added to the schedule.

IV. Student Success Goal: Colorado students shall have the opportunity to succeed through high quality, cutting-edge instruction and educational services.

- The MCC nursing program received its national accreditation the first of August. From the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). The MCC nursing staff and college administration are to be commended for completing the intensive program examination and achieving the distinction of excellence culminating a two and a half year process. NLNAC accreditation is current for the next five years.
- Architectural plans are finalized and contractors are in the bidding process for the new health science addition to MCC. In the words of nursing faculty member, Joy Bryant, “The dynamic and modern facility will allow our health occupations students to have a learning environment that is as sophisticated as their needs.”
- The two-fold music project proposed to promote Fort Morgan as the boyhood home of renowned musician Glenn Miller and to establish a Morgan Community College Jazz Ensemble came to fruition with an inaugural concert the end of April and the production of a CD, Home Grown: the Music of Glenn Miller. The CDs have been replicated and are available for the purpose intended—promotion of Fort Morgan as a good place to work and live. One thousand

- CDs were given to the Fort Morgan Chamber of Commerce to distribute to businesses interested in relocating to Fort Morgan and other promotional endeavors. Others wishing to have one of the CDs can make a \$20 donation to the MCC Foundation to ensure the project's sustainability.
- The Glenn Miller project as described above was submitted and published in "Innovation Abstracts" published by the College of Education at the University of Texas in Austin, Volume XXXI, Number 16. Entitled "Building a Music Curriculum with Community Partners," the abstract reaches members of the Community College Leadership Program of The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD).
 - Two new student orientation sessions were on the Fort Morgan campus as well as two of six orientation sessions for online and hybrid courses.
 - Vice President of Instruction Betty McKie conducted orientation for adjunct faculty before classes began.
 - Math instructor Carol Kuper maintained hours in the student support center during summer semester. Students can receive tutoring at the center and use the space for group projects and computer access.
 - All classrooms are now equipped with Extron multimedia technology systems that allow instructors to project from a computer, DVD, or video tape. The system also supports wireless keyboards for the instructors.

V. Operational Excellence Goal: The financial stability of the system's institutions and the physical safety of its students shall be ensured.

- Tim Edgar, former Fort Morgan Small Business Development Center Director, was named MCC Director of Development on June 1. Edgar will recruit funding to support various MCC ventures, capital campaigns, endowments, scholarships and building projects.
- Suzanna Spears has accepted a grant writing position with the college. Suzanna also coordinates the Older Adult Council and is the liaison for the MCC/Adams State College Extended Studies Program. She is advocating for additional federal, state and private grants to support and expand programs at MCC.
- The MCC Alert emergency notification system (Ed Connect) for students and staff has been tested and implemented. Messages can be generated on the main campus or at any one of the centers for emergencies that may be geographic specific. Messages can be received by phone, cell phone, e-mail, and text message if it is enabled. MCC Alert will only be used to emergency notifications such as fire alarms, threats, building evacuations, natural disasters, power outages and closures.
- The MCC leadership team adopted a flu pandemic plan before the start of fall semester.
- Reaching beyond the state, MCC created an educational connection with high schools in Hawaii. Utilizing the opportunities afforded by CCCOnline, MCC enrolled online students for 25 credit hours during spring and summer semesters.
- MCC continues to be at the table at CCCS regarding all legislative and regulatory issues that affect higher education and specifically Colorado community colleges.
- The entire MCC staff assembled for a "back to school" morning on August 20 for an employee appreciation ceremony. Dr. Hart presented every employee with a personal letter of commendation about the special kind of work they contribute to the college and a memento symbolizing their uniqueness and value to the excellence at MCC.