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I. Student Access Goal: All Coloradans shall have access to comprehensive community college educational programs.
   - MCC’s Gallery of Fine Art for CACE is exhibiting painter Karol Mack. She is widely recognized as one of the foremost interpreters of the Western landscape, and will give a special presentation demonstrating painting *en plein air*.
   - The El Pomar Foundation has awarded MCC $50,000 in grant funds to offer a new course and business plan competition for small business entrepreneurs. The course will instruct on how to develop a business plan, project costs, and figure returns on investment. The grant provides each student a laptop and software to use during and keep after the course. Participants will compete, and the best business plan will be financially awarded at the end of the semester. First prize is $10,000; second is $8,000; and third place will receive $7,000. All students will receive a Certificate of Merit for their work.

II. Student Success Goal: The demands of Colorado businesses and communities shall be met through the development of a high skilled work force.
   - The Eastern Colorado Health Occupations (ECHO) Network has again granted nearly $8,000 of educational equipment and supplies to MCC. The funds will be used by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) trainers for MCC along the I-70 Corridor within our service area.
   - MCC’s Workplace Education program has partnered to help secure a mobile computer lab through a collaborative grant with the State, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and matching funds from One Morgan County. Additionally the program was able to acquire speech-training software from Burlington English. The software allows ESL students the opportunity to learn English in their native language in a self-paced online course. What is most significant is that the lessons are subject specific, enabling the student to learn technical language in their vocational vocabulary—such as engineering or electrical.

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.
   - MCC is working with the Fort Morgan School District to more efficiently enable high school students to participate in concurrent enrollment. The
MCC Centers continue to foster relationships with their school districts; adding classes and initiating course offerings when able.

- MCC Centers and Student Services have hosted Open Houses and high school student registrations—making a “one-stop” for students.

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

- MCC’s Collision Repair program was awarded a $34,938 grant from the Immersive Learning Grant for the purchase of a SimSpray™ Virtual Reality Painting Simulation Unit. This will allow students to train on how to use a paint gun before actually entering the paint booth.
- The Chronicle of Higher Education has again named MCC one of the best colleges in the nation to work for in its annual survey. Nearly 47,000 employees were evaluated nationwide. MCC was the only institution of higher education in Colorado to receive this recognition and one of three colleges in the Rocky Mountain region.

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

- The MCC Alert emergency messaging system has been upgraded with Blackboard Connect 5. Messages will now be sent not only faster, but through social media sites as well.
- New hires include Jennifer Newman, our new Social Science faculty member, and Les Mullins who has accepted a position in General Maintenance.
- The MCC Foundation worked with the MCC Burlington Center and had accepted a $30,000 endowment from an area resident.