June & July 2013

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

- The El Pomar Foundation has awarded MCC $50,000 in grant funds for a second year to provide access to quality training for Small Business Entrepreneurs in Northeastern Colorado. The course will instruct on how to develop a business plan, project costs, and figure returns on investment. The grant will again provide 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.

- Morgan Community College has received a $5,000 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. Specifically, the grant will help approximately 70 individuals in their preparation for the GED through implementing a program for currently enrolled and newly recruited adults in GED preparation classes through the Workplace Education Program accelerate their completion of the testing before the 2013 deadline, as well as develop new curriculum to instruct future students under the new guidelines and testing processes for the 2014 GED.

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

- MCC implemented and successfully filled selected courses during the summer semester with a new "Programmatic Grant." The initiative, which offers in-state tuition coverage for predetermined courses, is being considered for fall enrollment.

- MCC partnered with RRCC to host an open house in Fort Morgan for the Water Quality Management program. Coordinators invited area agencies of interest and gave tours of the RRCC Mobile Learning Lab.

- Cecil Pomeroy (spring 2013 Graduate) placed tenth in Post-Secondary Collision Repair at this year’s SkillsUSA National Competition.

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.

- Now in its fourth year, MCC hosted 15 gifted and talented students as well as advanced learners entering grades four through seven from the
Wiggins School District. The program emphasizes creativity and critical thinking through writing, science, and technology in a college atmosphere. This year’s theme was “science, space, and astronomy exploration,” and the program included a field trip to the Planetarium at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.

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

- MCC has been presented $1,250 from the Follett Higher Education Group as a part of the All-USA Community College Academic Team program, which is presented by USA TODAY and Phi Theta Kappa and sponsored by Follett. The award is presented in recognition of the opportunities for excellence at MCC as demonstrated by the selection of Nadeen Ibrahim as a member of the 2013 All-USA Community College Academic Team.

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

- MCC Foundation has received the System scholarship donation matches (one for $10,000 and the other for $1,800); as well as received a $60,000 donation—$50,000 of which will be placed in endowment and $10,000 for immediate use for scholarships.