August 2015

- **Transform the student experience.**
  - The Fort Morgan campus hosted a new-student orientation on Saturday, August 15.
  - The Adult Basic Education program will be changing its name to “College and Career Pathways” to align with the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

- **Transform our own workforce experience.**
  - MCC has formed a new advisory committee for a proposed Associate of Science Degree in Industrial Maintenance Electrical/Mechanical. The advisory board would help decide which courses would be included in the degree, provide opportunities for internships, and act as advisors to the program. The board includes representatives from the local business community.

- **Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.**
  - The Voice of Adult Learners United to Educate (VALUE) unveiled its book, “The Long Journey,” which was written by MCC/Cargill Workplace Education students. The VALUE project was designed to help adult students become more involved in their own education and develop leadership skills. Local students led the project to create a book describing the stories of recent immigrants to the Fort Morgan area. Now printed, participants hope to visit local libraries, schools, and other area organizations to share their book.

- **Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.**
  - MCC is implementing a new course evaluation process. Students can now access course evaluations through the portal. The new process, starting ahead of schedule, should improve data accuracy as well as the user experience.
  - MCC’s Financial Aid Office awarded nearly $114,000 to 131 students through privately funded scholarships this fall. Individuals, organizations and foundations in the community have generously donated to the MCC Foundation to promote student success at MCC.
  - MCC’s Multimedia Instructor, Jessica Edington, in consultation with MCC’s Title IX Compliance Officer, made a series of Title IX training videos for student, staff, faculty, and administrators. The training video for faculty, staff, and administrators was shown at the fall semester kick-off on August
14; the student video was shown at orientation; and both the staff and student videos are being shown in all classes and all orientations during the first few days of fall semester per Title IX stipulations.

- **Other News**
  - Students from the Cargill/MCC Workplace Education program visited the Hector Varela Community Garden. The class will soon begin a project to create signs that will translate details about each plant, offering an opportunity for non-natives to Morgan County to get involved in the community.