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Mission Statement

To support MCC's efforts to anticipate and address community needs through relationship cultivation and resource stewardship.



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Creating THE BEST tomorrow FOR ALL

Words from our MCCF President

Montcalm Community College Foundation (MCCF) works cooperatively with the college to envision brighter futures and develop funding to create enhanced opportunities for all in the surrounding area.

MCCF is pleased to offer a variety of scholarships for students across a wide curricular area. As of fall 2019, more than \$360,000 in scholarships and aid were offered through the foundations. These endowed scholarships are awarded and celebrated at the Annual Scholarship Celebration held in the fall.

MCCF assists with funding much needed equipment and equipment updates for many programs across both the Sidney and Greenville campuses. Some recent purchases include a robotics trailer that can visit local schools for students to get a hands-on idea of what robotics are, as well as specialized microscopes and animal models for the biology program.

In addition, MCCF promotes and supports cultural activities for all in our area. Some examples of recently supported cultural events include the Ash Lectureship Series, the Stratford Shakespearian bus trip, the Art Prize Bus Trip, the Chicago Art Bus Trip, and the One Book One County Program. MCCF also promotes global and cultural education programming opportunities through overseas student and faculty trips. Building on the success of past trips to China and India, in 2020, students and community members will have the opportunity to travel to England and France.

Montcalm Community College Foundation is proud to be a partner with Montcalm Community College in continuing to look forward to creating the best tomorrows for all—students, staff and community members.

Martha Jane Anderson Beach

President of Montcalm
Community College Foundation

collaborating
to **address**
student
food
insecurity



-serving Montcalm Community College students



Student Services staff support the MCC Food Source. Pictured, from left, are Sheila Hansen, Melissa Lake, Doreen Richmond, Katelyn Clementz and Caron Bianchi.

Children and adults face hunger in every community across the country. Your neighbor, child's classmate or even coworker may be struggling to get enough to eat. MCC staff reported hearing

more stories from students and staff about their lack of food resources. MCC Dean of Student and Enrollment Services Debra

Alexander worked collaboratively with MCC staff to create an in-house food pantry called the MCC Food Source (or "The Source") for MCC students. The Source opened in spring 2019 with the goal of providing current MCC students

"Our caring MCC faculty and staff saw a need and created a way to make a real difference for students."

– Debra Alexander, Dean of Student and Enrollment Services

with nutritious food items while classes are in session. Its usage is increasing. As of early October, The Source has had 61 uses by 34 students total, with 52 uses by 26 students taking place this fall

semester alone. When students order from The Source, staff package food items to meet short-term food needs. Staff also provide 2-1-1

referral service information. This fall, the MCC Foundation agreed to be the nonprofit sponsoring organization, enabling the college to access low cost products through Feeding America West

Michigan. The Source is one of four such community college urgent food provision services in Michigan. Future plans include expanding offerings to non-food items. ■

In Memoriam

The MCC Foundation would like to acknowledge the lives and legacies of two remarkable people that passed away this year - Ruth M. Paddock Bedore and Theodore "Ted" R. Hessler. We are grateful for their lifelong support of education, MCC, and the MCC Foundation.

By the Numbers

\$143,300
ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED



\$830
AVERAGE AWARDS AMOUNT

179
TOTAL AWARDS GIVEN



\$360,000+
TOTAL AVAILABLE MCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND AID

What's your legacy?

Have you ever thought about leaving a lasting legacy that will impact MCC students for years to come?

The MCC Foundation has built a Legacy Society that recognizes individuals and families who have included MCC in their Will or other differed giving plans.

To learn more visit: montcalm.edu/legacy-society
 To give online at: www.montcalm.edu/give-now

Scholarships

The MCC Foundation supports students through generous scholarship aid. In 2018-2019, the Foundation made nearly \$350,000 available to MCC students through the Ash Educational Fund and more than 50 endowed scholarship funds.

Three new endowed scholarship funds were established this year:

- Family of Michelle Mater Gibson Agricultural Scholarship Fund
- Jan and Mike McCrackin Family/ Harvey Milling Agriculture Scholarship Fund
- Jan and Mike McCrackin Family/ Irma McCrackin Memorial Nursing Scholarship Fund

On October 1, scholarship donors and 2019-2020 award recipients were recognized at the annual scholarship celebration. The keynote speaker was Rachel Gilbert, a previous MCCF scholarship recipient whose story is featured in this publication on page 11.



Madison Morgan-Crater, MCC alumna

"I started out as a local dual enrollment student, earning 27 college credits while I was still in high school. I then attended MCC full-time, and with support of MCCF scholarships, I was able to complete three associate degrees within three years. This year, I am proud to say I just completed my bachelor's degree education debt-free because I was able to transfer 90 MCC credits to another institution. I am now running my own successful business and considering a master's degree program. I am so grateful to MCC and the MCCF for helping me reach my goals." – **Madison Morgan-Crater, MCC alumna**

MCC Foundation staff work diligently to steward and grow the resources entrusted to the foundation. Let us know how we can serve you.

MCC Foundation staff include, from left, Development Director Melissa Christensen, Executive Assistant Lisa Herald and Executive Director for Institutional Advancement and the MCC Foundation Lisa Lund.



MCC Psychology Instructor Jessica Snyder developed a series of posters highlighting key historical points in celebration of Women's History Month in March.

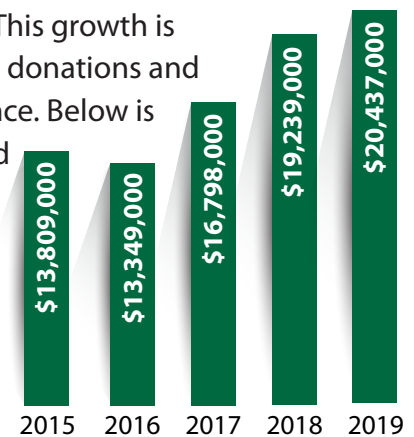
"Most people are unaware of how hard people fought to give us things we take for granted. Being a feminist has meant different things over time. When you think about the duration of the battles – it was 80 years they fought for the right to vote – these were hard won battles."

– Jessica Snyder, Psychology Instructor, MCC

One focus of the MCCF Ash Community Enhancement Fund is to support college activities that are intended to benefit and enhance the lives of citizens. These faculty-guided activities engage students and community members via lectures, concerts, awareness campaigns, trips, and other strategies. A successful initiative in 2018-2019 was recognition of Women's History Month in March 2019. During that month, a "Waves of Feminism" historical poster campaign and a slam poet performance were promoted to students and the community. It is estimated about 70 people attended the poet performance.

Assets

The MCC Foundation's assets continue to steadily increase. This growth is attributed to both donations and market performance. Below is a 5-year data trend sourced from MCCF combined investment summaries, rounded to the nearest \$1,000.



Among other activities, the MCCF General Fund provided nearly \$20,000 for Making a Difference (MAD) grants in 2018-2019. These grants support innovation in teaching and learning or cultural, social, or economic programming. Four innovative projects were awarded: Dual Enrollment Conference, 3D Printers, GMetrix Site License, and General Education Assessment-Citizenship.

Eight 3-D printers were purchased through MAD grant funding. Printing classes were made available to the public in which 10 community members were served. We were also able to offer a Design & 3-D Printing camp. The 3-D Printers were used as they would be in industry, with students using Solidworks and Tynker CAD software to design and print their creations. The middle school camp was full with 10 participants and the elementary camp had seven. Through these camps, we introduced campers to industry skills and related jobs. MCC also participates with Discover Manufacturing tours throughout the county. In order to help campers connect the camp concepts and industry careers, we combined the camps with an on-site tour at Greenville Tool & Die (GTD). GTD had 10 employees work with our campers in small groups to discuss design through production in an industry setting, which aligned to the campers designing and 3-D printing. The pilot was extremely successful. We are seeking funding to support transportation for similar camps next year. We want to allow children to experience real work for an improved career exploration.



A student works on a project using the college's 3-D printer.



Career Advisor Amy Zdanowski talks with students during a recruiting event.

The MCCF Developing Talent Fund addresses critical shortages in the region's workforce and provides mechanisms for increasing the number of students pursuing careers in high-wage, high-skill, in-demand occupations. One use of the funds has been to support, in part, a career advisor promoting career exploration with area school children and MCC students.

"Starting in fall 2019, Michigan K-12 public schools have new requirements to meet around Career Development for students. To support our local districts, an Elementary Career Kit was created to help schools meet these new requirements and to start kids on the path to early Career Exploration. The college provided professional development and informational meetings on this new legislation and the Elementary Career Kit. Four of our districts already plan on using the kit in the coming school year." – **Amy Zdanowski, Career Advisor, MCC**