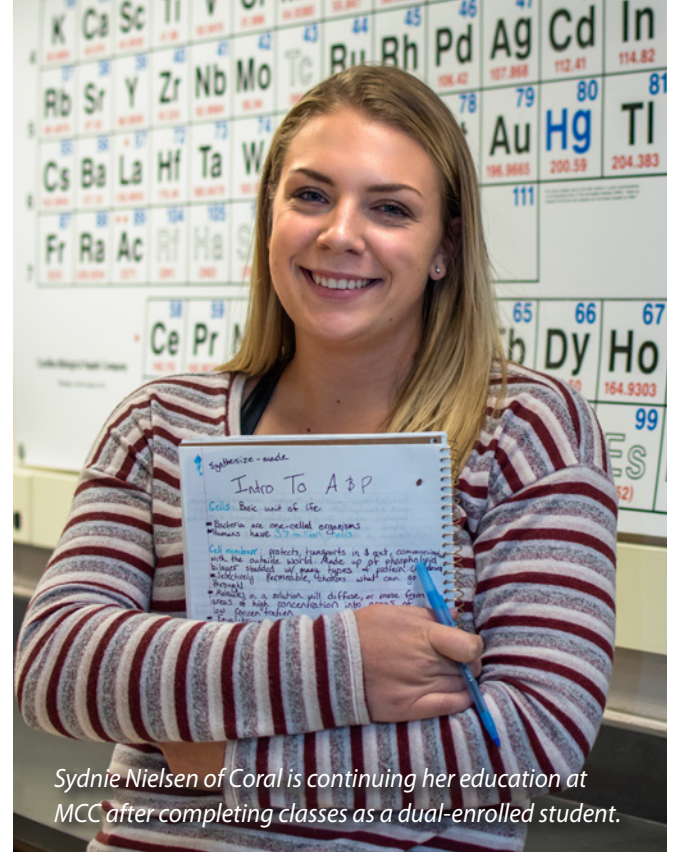


dual enrollment

dual enrollment alumna *transitions* into life as a regular MCC student



Sydney Nielsen of Coral is continuing her education at MCC after completing classes as a dual-enrolled student.

Sydney Nielsen is continuing her education at the institution where she got her start as a dual-enrolled student.

The 18-year-old from Coral graduated from Lakeview High School in the spring having earned 17 credits from Montcalm Community College through dual enrollment. The program allows students to enroll in up to 10 college classes throughout their high school career. Successful completion of a college course grants students college credit and satisfies one of their high school graduation requirements – either a core requirement or an elective requirement depending on the college course taken.

Nielsen is again enrolled at MCC and is taking classes to meet the

requirements for the Michigan Transfer Agreement, which allows students to complete general education requirements at one college or university, then transfer those courses to meet general education requirements at another college or university without any special exceptions.

This semester, Nielsen is taking courses in biology, math, music appreciation and political science.

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“It was a very easy transition from high school to college,” Nielsen said. “My dual enrollment classes in high school helped set me up

for the transition to college.”

“As a high school student, it was a manageable amount of work,” she said. “It was a good opportunity to earn some college credits, and it was convenient because my classes were at my high school and online.”

Nielsen said dual enrollment helped her get a jump start on her college education, and she urges others to give it a try.

“If you’re not sure if dual enrollment will work for you, just try it,” she said. “It’s a really good way to transition and become comfortable with the workload and college environment.” ■