



Hello MCC Reads readers,

Our virtual presentations continue as we explore the role education plays in the lives of students and their teachers. While we are aware of the enormous, positive impact a teacher can have on a student's future, **Reading with Patrick** also presents the other, equally impressive side of that equation, the lift and inspiration students offer their instructors through personal growth. Author Michelle Kuo's story demonstrates that while there is much to be learned in the classroom, a compassionate heart, along with an openness to other viewpoints, grows not only the mind but the soul as well.

Thinking about the insights they gained from **Reading with Patrick**, MCC President Dr. Stacy Young and MCC Vice President of Academic Affairs Rob Spohr discuss their experiences as educators, administrators, and community members, and the role each of us can take in creating a supportive learning environment.

Dr. Stacy Young

Dr. Stacy Young is the sixth President of Montcalm Community College. Serving students in education for more than 22 years, Dr. Young has worked in a variety of roles including adjunct faculty, full-time faculty, chairperson, Dean and now president. MCC's size and caring nature are just two of the reasons she loves the college

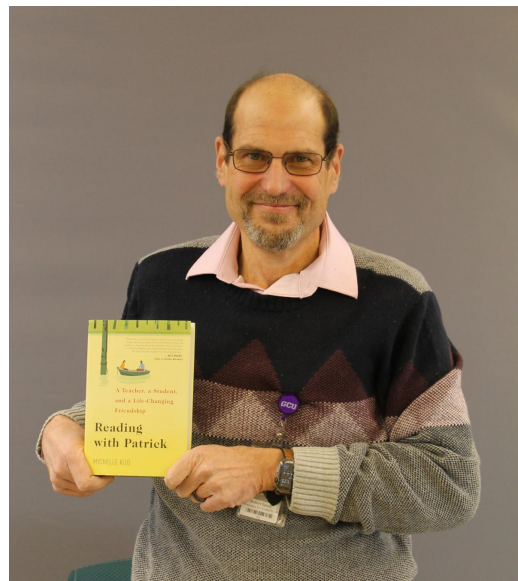


and was drawn to work here. Before reading the MCC Reads title this year, Dr. Young expected a lighthearted story, but was struck by the thought-provoking topics throughout the book from slavery to prison reform. These topics caused her to pause as she read to think deeply about what she was learning and how that could help as we plan for the future at MCC. Dr. Young loves to read and will read at least one book a week, sometimes two. She even reads occasionally while running on the treadmill! [**View Stacy's presentation here.**](#)

Rob Spohr

Rob is the Vice President of Academic Affairs at MCC, but his journey here brought him down several paths. Right out of high school, he joined the Marine Corp and after 5 years in the military he worked several business related jobs and moved up the corporate ladder. Eventually, Rob decided he needed a degree and came to MCC for his associates. Shortly after, he began his tenure at the college. One of his favorite parts of working at MCC is the people. Rob didn't anticipate liking the MCC Reads book this year, but after reading it, he loved it. He appreciated how relevant the story is to the state of equality in our country right now.

[**View Rob's presentation here.**](#)



MCC Reads in a Minute

Wondering what to read next? [**Enjoy favorite titles recommended by members of the MCC family.**](#)

Our next presentation will be available on Wednesday, March 3, and features MCC Writing Consultant, Kyleigh Ritter, as she discusses *The Power of Poetry*.

Everyone is invited to participate in MCC Reads and be challenged and changed by this powerful memoir.

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