

MCC inaugurates Stacy H. Young, Ph.D., as the college's sixth president

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The Montcalm Community College Board of Trustees inaugurated Stacy H. Young, Ph.D. as the college's sixth president during a celebration May 7 on the college's Sidney campus.

During her inauguration address, Dr. Young said, "Your being here today brings honor to me and more importantly to Montcalm Community College, and I am grateful to you."

"I promise to work tirelessly to serve you as president and live our mission of transforming lives through quality education," Young said. "I am committed to serving you in a way that honors our past, considers our present and looks forward to our future."



Stacy H. Young, Ph.D., was inaugurated as Montcalm Community College's sixth president on May 7.



The presidential medallion is the formal symbol of the Office of President at the college.



MCC Board of Trustees Chairperson Karen Carbonelli, at right, recognized Dr. Young during the inauguration ceremony. Also pictured is Vice President for Academic Affairs Rob Spohr.



From left, John Johansen, Andrea Krause, Dr. Gary Hauck, Dr. Donald Burns and Maureen Burns attended the inauguration ceremony.



Above: Onlookers congratulate Dr. Young as MCC's sixth president during the May 7 inauguration ceremony. Left: Dr. Young and her sister, Tracy Martin, celebrate.



Above: Congressman John Moolenaar congratulates Dr. Young.



Left: Dr. Young speaks to guests during her inauguration address.

Dr. Young celebrated the college's past by acknowledging its accomplishments and recognizing its former presidents. She spoke of the college's history, of how the global pandemic has impacted education and of the college's role in leading into the future.

Dr. Young joined Montcalm Community College on Jan. 1, 2020, and she is the first female to serve in the institution's top leadership position.

MCC Board of Trustees President Karen Carbonelli credits Young for her leadership.

"Stacy immediately recognized MCC's declining enrollment and set up a task force to address this issue," Carbonelli said. "MCC quickly went from being the college with the highest enrollment decline in the state to being the college with the least decline.

"She has worked to create excellent communication between staff and students to ensure student success. She has a true open-door policy and invites everyone in," Carbonelli added.

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During the ceremony, Carbonelli presented Dr. Young the college's presidential medallion. The medallion is a formal symbol of the Office of President at the college. It features the MCC seal. The images on the seal reflect the area's agricultural, industrial and educational heritage.

"Montcalm Community College has installed a President on only five occasions, a fact that attests not only to our relative youth as an educational institution but also to the depth of commitment to the college each of our leaders has demonstrated. All have been individuals of exceptional energy, clear vision and determination. Today, we formally welcome to this distinguished company a woman of similar qualities, Dr. Stacy H. Young," Carbonelli said.

Dr. Young received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Manchester University and a master's degree in Business Administration from Bethel University. In addition, she is a graduate of Andrews University with a Ph.D. in Leadership with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration. Most of Dr. Young's research throughout her Ph.D. program focused on community colleges.

Dr. Young has worked in both corporate America as an auditor and with small businesses as an accountant. This diverse background enabled her to teach a variety of Business and Accounting courses throughout her career.



***Top:** Dr. Young recognized Scott Smith for 22 years of service as the college's chemistry instructor. Smith retired June 30. **Above:** Dr. Young presented the Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award to part-time Criminal Justice Instructor Brian Blomstrom during Commencement, which immediately followed the inauguration ceremony. **Left:** During the college's May 7 Commencement ceremony, Dr. Young presented the Leslie K. Morford Faculty Recognition Award to Student Success Counselor Tore Skogseth in recognition of his achievements at MCC. **Bottom Left:** Dr. Young presented an Associate of Science and Arts degree to 64B District Court Judge Adam Eggleston during the college's May 7 Commencement ceremony*



Serving students in education for more than 23 years, Dr. Young has worked in a variety of roles including adjunct faculty, full-time faculty, chairperson, Dean and now president. She also serves as a Peer Reviewer for the Higher Learning Commission. In addition to her formal roles, she enjoys speaking in the community and serving others. Dr. Young is dedicated to staying connected with MCC faculty and students by continuing to regularly teach. Her hobbies include running and spending time with her family. ■