The Montcalm Community College Foundation (MCCF) annual campaign theme this year is “Champions of Change.” Our students, and the communities we serve, strive to make positive changes and continue growing. Often, support of many different kinds is needed for change to happen. The Foundation desires to be an example and catalyst for this change.

As President of the MCCF, I have been a part of many important discussions and decisions yielding great impact for Montcalm Community College. Very few of these decisions have been as significant as the one made in December 2021. At that time, the MCCF proudly pledged a lead gift of $1 million in support of the college’s “Transforming Lives, Empowering People” major gifts campaign. Campaign investments will allocate $7 million to help students gain access to, and be successful at, MCC. In addition to facility improvements, the campaign emphasizes student success and scholarship initiatives. The Board felt it was important to show how much the Foundation believes in, and works with, the college in supporting its mission of transforming lives through quality education. In addition, each Foundation Director made a personal commitment. The Foundation’s significant investment was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate their belief in the campaign.

Each year, in alignment with the college’s strategic plan, MCCF funds initiatives that support the changing needs of our students, our communities, and the college. You will see some examples of how Foundation resources were used to support students, our college, and our region within the past year. Scholarships, virtual health training equipment, and co-curricular learning activities were just a few of the great projects that were selected.

On behalf of the Foundation, I would like to acknowledge and thank long-time MCCF Directors Cathy Mall and Dallas Lincoln whose terms expired this year. And, we are glad to welcome new MCCF Director Rick Treynor. In August, we also welcomed back the MCCF Pancake Breakfast during the Montcalm Heritage Festival after a short hiatus, which raises support for The MCCF Festival Scholarship.

We would welcome you to become a “Champion of Change” by joining us in supporting the great cause of the MCC mission, as it is life changing.

Jane Anderson Beach
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Consider giving the gift of legacy this holiday season. Contact us to establish a new endowed scholarship to honor your loved one.
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Become a Champion of Change!

For more than 40 years, friends of the MCC Foundation have furthered the critical college mission in our changing community. Our annual campaign funds student scholarships and aid, innovative initiatives, unique community learning opportunities, and cutting-edge career training equipment. Give online or contact us for more information.

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**Ash College Community Enhancement Fund**

**Purpose:** The College Community Enhancement fund is a restricted fund, created with four distinct purposes: 1) Help the college develop and enhance career training, educational opportunities, programs and services for the students, alumni and citizens of the college community; 2) Help the college maintain existing and future programs; 3) Develop and enhance those activities which shall benefit and enrich the lives of citizens through college programs; and 4) Support architectural improvements and beautification projects for the college campuses.

A key initiative that the MCCF provides funding for is the delivery of events and programming that enhance learning for students and the community through co-curricular activities. One such event this past year celebrated Women’s History Month in March. The college displayed a timeline highlighting key historical points that look back at barriers women have overcome to be accepted as equals to men in society and in the workplace. A full listing of activities is on pages 28 and 29 of this publication.

**General Fund**

**Purpose:** The general fund is used to support MCC learning activities, strategic initiatives, and community outreach.

MAD Grant: The MCCF provided a Making a Difference Grant to the “Styled for Success” fashion show event. “Styled for Success” provided a fun, interactive evening for students, staff, and community partners with 73 people in attendance. Models “walked the runway” while their bios were read. Bios shared student experiences and goals, gave examples of some less than direct paths to current careers, included talk about their clothing, and more. Model talks highlighted tie tying, handshaking, greetings, self-image, nonverbal communication, knowing your audience and interview tips. Some community members joined the audience, and a few were even models. Inviting area non-MCC students and staff to participate also supported MCC’s strategic plan by developing and improving relationships with the community and educating people about our career advising services.

Kenneth J. Lehman
Nature Trails: An advisory committee of passionate nature enthusiasts actively oversees the maintenance and growth of the nature trail system on MCC’s Sidney campus.
Purpose: The Developing Talent fund was established with the goals of addressing critical shortages in the region’s workforce and providing mechanisms for increasing the number of students pursuing careers in high-wage, high-skill, in-demand occupations. The fund exists to support efforts aimed at improving the college’s abilities to deliver relevant career training, afford more opportunities for career exploration for students and to sustain the continued growth of the Greenville campus offerings relating to skilled trades and other high-wage, high-skill career paths. The intention is to support capital improvements, equipment acquisition and maintenance, the delivery of relevant, quality career programming and programs aimed at improving career exploration and development opportunities for K-12 and MCC students.

The MCCF enabled the college to attain a signature interactive technology equipment item in the spring. The MCC Foundation funded the purchase of the Anatomage 8.0 table to provide more opportunities for students. It features life-sized, head-to-toe specimens of four cadavers, showing three-dimensional veins, muscles, arteries, organs and bones that are fully dissectible and ready to explore with just the touch of a finger. This virtual experience allows students to be one-on-one with all the intricacies found within the human body at the convenience of a digital tablet. In addition, there are hundreds of animal cadavers which will aid in instruction in a variety of other classes at the college. “To have cadavers of different backgrounds and younger ages is invaluable,” Dr. Michelle Gibson, MCC Biology Instructor said. “We are able to see a lot of different features.”

Career exploration is a significant need for area high school students and MCC students as well. MCCF supports career exploration activities and assists students in identifying their strengths and finding the career opportunities that help them live the life they desire. The career coach software platform is available through the MCC website and is another tool that anyone who wishes may use.
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