

# MCC honored

*by Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce for collaboration and refurbishing*

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**M**ontcalm Community College President Stacy H. Young, Ph.D., received the Coalition of Greater Greenville – Spirit of Collaboration Award during the Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards Celebration at Candlestone Golf and Resort in Belding on Jan. 26. The college also was honored as a recipient of a refurbishing award for the establishment of its Robert C. Ferrentino Student Services Center.

The Spirit of Collaboration Award is presented to an individual or organization that not only talks about collaboration, but through their actions reflects a willingness to work with others for the good of the community.

“I am humbled and honored to receive this award,” Dr. Young said. “But this is really for everyone in this room. It is through our partnerships and collaboration that we all work together for the betterment of our community.

“As your community college, we are here to serve you and to collaborate with you to make our community stronger,” she said.

Dr. Young joined MCC on Jan. 1, 2020, as the college’s sixth president and the first female to serve in the institution’s top leadership position.

Serving students in education for more than 24 years, Dr. Young has worked in a variety of roles, including adjunct faculty, full-time faculty, chairperson, dean and now president. In addition, she has worked in both corporate America as an auditor and with small businesses as an accountant.

With her diverse experience, Dr. Young is passionate about bringing people together to work toward common goals.

Less than three months into her tenure, Dr. Young faced the challenge of leading the institution through the COVID pandemic. In addition, she has led the college in strategic planning, the dedication of the Robert C. Ferrentino Student Services Center, recent renovation of the Kenneth

J. Smith Instructional Building on the college’s Sidney campus, the return of Centurion Athletics, the exploration of student housing for the future and more.

She has also served in a variety of roles in the community to build partnerships that support the college’s mission of “Transforming lives through quality education.” A servant leader, Dr. Young and her family frequently volunteer their time and talents to support community events and activities. Under her leadership, the college recently achieved its goal of 10,000 hours of community service, where employees and students tracked their volunteer hours for a variety of causes.

“We are changing lives every day through education,” Dr. Young said. “But it is our partnerships with area businesses, agencies, school districts, health care organizations, governmental leaders and others that allow us to serve and fulfill the needs in our community.”

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. ■

