

UPDATE

NEWS FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

MARCH IS FINANCIAL AID MONTH

MCC FACTORS INTO MORE COLLEGE PLANS

According to a recent article in *The New York Times*, “The rising cost of college—even before the recession—threatens to put college out of reach for most Americans...”* Monroe Community College is more dedicated than ever to providing solutions that make getting a quality college education possible for students who are pursuing four-year degrees or starting a new career. In this record-setting enrollment year, we continue to offer access to hundreds of scholarship opportunities, proven transfer partnerships, academic success initiatives, and exceptional career preparation. For academic and financial strategies that make sense, there’s even more to MCC.

**The New York Times, December 3, 2008*



DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID BY MARCH 30TH

To receive full consideration for funding—including all MCC scholarships, work study grants, and loans—FAFSA applications must be completed no later than March 30th, 2009. Use our convenient “go” page to complete FAFSA applications online. Students who apply after March 30th will be considered for all remaining funds. Everything students and their parents need to get started is available online at www.monroecc.edu/go/finaid.

OVER 300 MCC SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2009-10 ACADEMIC YEAR

With the help of the MCC Foundation, our scholarship fund is stronger than ever. We offer a wide range of awards given to hundreds of MCC students each year. For more information about all MCC scholarships, visit www.monroecc.edu/go/scholarships or contact the Financial Aid Office at 585.292.2050.

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WHEN IS A COMMUNITY COLLEGE THE RIGHT CHOICE?

By factoring MCC into college plans, incoming freshmen have the potential to save money and still get the quality education they deserve. Because each student, and each financial situation, is different, here are some considerations that can help in the decision-making process.

Not ready to commit to a career or a major.

A majority of students are still undecided during their freshmen and sophomore years of college. At a community college, students are free to explore a variety of subjects without accumulating excessive debt. MCC offers over 65 majors and many opportunities to delve into any area of interest.

Unsure whether financial aid will cover four years at their "dream college."

By taking the first two years of credits at a more affordable community college, students can dramatically cut the total cost of getting a bachelor's degree. MCC offers a wide range of well-established transfer options and programs to fit many students' goals and needs.

Not ready to leave home just yet.

The maturity of high school students can vary widely. No doubt, you have students who can handle all the goings-on at a four year college or university, as well as those who need more time to adjust. Community college can be a great way to prepare for that next leap—both academically and emotionally. Just like four-year institutions, MCC offers many enriching college experiences, including clubs, sports, theater, and travel study opportunities.

Ready to get started in a career.

MCC has the associate's degree and certificate programs tailor made for in-demand job opportunities and careers. Programs that prepare students for medical, automotive, engineering technology, and culinary careers are just a few of the options for students who want to join the workforce upon completing an associate's degree.

LARGEST FALL ENROLLMENT IN MCC'S HISTORY.

Anyway you look at it, Fall 2008 set a new benchmark for MCC student enrollment, and resulted in the second largest increase among SUNY Community Colleges.

- Applications—up 14.2% to 15,957
- New student enrollment—up 4.47% to 7,545
- Transfers from other colleges—up 18%
- **Total student enrollment—up 3.67 % to 18,114.**

CORNELL'S "PATHWAY TO SUCCESS" COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER INITIATIVE

MAKING IT POSSIBLE TO TRANSFER TO SELECTIVE FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES.

Through a grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Cornell University is one of only eight institutions nationwide chosen to launch a new admissions program that opens up exceptional transfer opportunities for motivated students. Cornell's program, called Pathway to Success, is a partnership with both Monroe Community College and Morrisville State College. So far, 40 MCC students have been accepted. Here is just one of the program's success stories.

FINDING A COLLEGE THAT FITS

MCC GRADUATE, ALECIA MOODIE (BENJAMIN FRANKLIN), IS A MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 2009 IN CORNELL UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND LIFE SCIENCES.



If enthusiasm is truly infectious, then everyone who comes into contact with Alecia Moodie will get the bug. Alecia Moodie is a walking, talking billboard for Monroe Community College and Cornell. At the MCC, she received her biology degree. At Cornell, she is a member of the Class of 2009 in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"During high school I wasn't really sure what college I wanted to go to," Alecia explains. "My mom suggested MCC and I said, 'no.' Then I looked at several colleges but didn't find a good fit. So I went to visit MCC and could really see myself there after all. I realized I wasn't ready to go to a big four-year college, and thought MCC would help me grow and prepare for that experience."

After seeing a sign promoting the Pathway to Success program outside MCC's Career Center, she decided to check it out. Still she wasn't sure if Cornell was for her. A trip to the campus, however, sealed the deal. "From the minute I got there, I felt like I was part of the Cornell community."

Having a degree from Cornell will certainly be an asset as she pursues a medical career after graduation. For Alecia, there's more to it than a name. "The most important thing in choosing a college is to find the right fit," she emphasized. "You and the college have to have a connection in order for you to succeed there."

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation was established in 2000 by the estate of Jack Kent Cooke to help young people of exceptional promise reach their full potential through education. The foundation's programs include the largest scholarships in the United States for community college transfer students, scholarships to graduate and high school students, and grants to organizations that serve high-achieving students with financial need. More information about the foundation may be found at www.jackkentcookefoundation.org

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR COLLEGE TO START EARNING COLLEGE CREDITS.



Students ready for the challenge of college can get an academic and financial head start by earning college credit now. While both AP and college courses prepare students for the rigors of advanced education (and offer an

advantage in the admissions process), taking courses at a community college like MCC offers more flexibility.

How MCC courses compare to AP:

- Evening classes meet once a week for one semester (versus a full year)
- Students can start in the Fall or Spring
- Students are evaluated based on an entire semester's work, rather than on a single test score
- MCC credits are easily transferable to colleges across the country (some colleges have restrictions on AP credit eligibility.)

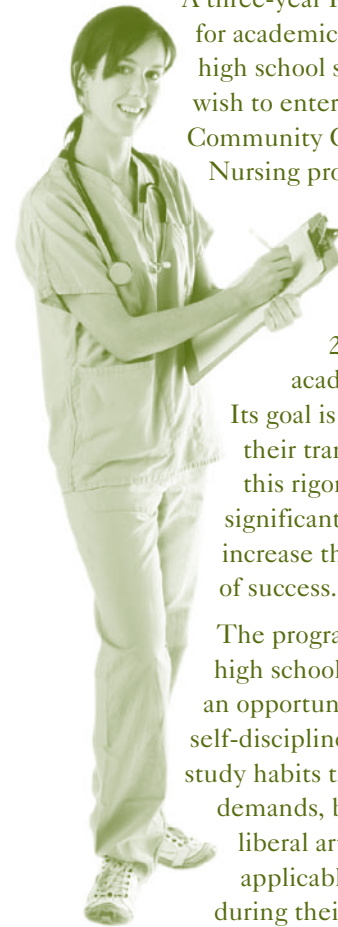
HOW CAN GOING TO TWO COLLEGES COST LESS THAN GOING TO JUST ONE?

As you can see, the financial case for combining MCC's affordable transfer programs with a public or private four-year college or university is strong—not only for saving on tuition but for covering the cost of technology, travel abroad, or graduate school.

4-year SUNY college only:	\$59,200
MCC + SUNY college:	\$36,092
	SAVINGS: \$23,108
4-year private college only:*	\$133,720 - \$192,240
MCC + private college:	\$73,352 - \$102,612
	SAVINGS: \$60,368 - \$89,628

**Assuming no financial aid grants.*

NEW THREE-YEAR NURSING PROGRAM TO BEGIN FALL '09.



A three-year R.N. program for academically strong high school seniors who wish to enter Monroe Community College's Nursing program will be available to incoming freshmen for the 2009-10 academic year.

Its goal is to make their transition into this rigorous program significantly easier and increase their likelihood of success.

The program gives recent high school graduates an opportunity to learn self-discipline, and the study habits that college demands, by taking liberal arts courses applicable to nursing during their first year. In their second year, the students

will begin experiencing the clinical element of the nursing curriculum. Students will not only complete the required courses for MCC's Nursing degree, but will complete several courses required by baccalaureate programs. Students who decide to transfer to a BSN program will have a head start.

We realize that encouraging academically strong students to pursue an associate degree over a three-year period will be challenging. We believe, however, that the new program will help more of these students achieve success and gain confidence as they begin their careers.

Questions? Please contact the Admissions Office 585.292.2200 or email hscounselorinfo@monroecc.edu.

HERE ARE MCC'S 2008-09 SCHOLARS!

Congratulations to our student scholars. And *thank you* to the MCC Foundation for all your efforts in making these scholarships possible.

PRESIDENTIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Jonathan Cahill-Weather	Bishop Kearney
Natalie Chapman	Greece Arcadia
Chelsea Cutaia	Greece Olympia
Lacey Fox	Livonia
Hillary Hargett	Moravia
David Hendershott	Oakfield-Alabama
Andrea Ingham	Penfield
Katrina Johnston	Byron-Bergen
Ryan Kretchmer	Livonia
Jessica Leenhouts	Greece Athena
Tyler Ludwig	Calvary Chapel Christian
Kyle Mason	Wayland-Cohocton
Nicholas Matson	Wheatland Chili
Bradley Olan	Gates Chili
Michael Picardo	Greece Athena
Karl Reinhold	Fairport
Aimee Ryan	Gates Chili
Katrina Thornton	Greece Arcadia
Kyle Walker	Churchville Chili
Stephen Wess	Home Schooled
Moriah Wiesner	Canandaigua

MCC MERIT SCHOLARS

Kara Finegan	Marion
Angelle Martin	Churchville-Chili
Dominique Matthews	Irondequoit
Alexander Phillips	Rush-Henrietta
Emily Power	Gananda
Jordon St. James	Brighton
Donald Thompson	Lima Christian
David West	East Rochester

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:

Constantino 1st Generation Scholarship	
Lacy Fox	Livonia
Regina Cornell Memorial Scholarship	
Elizabeth Soto	Franklin
Urban League Black Scholar Award	
Chad Ceasor	Churchville- Chili
Kathryn Mercadel	Rush Henrietta
Aaron Daniels Jr.	Wilson Magnet
IBERO American Action League Scholarship	
Denisse Ramos	Penfield
Julio Sosa	Franklin
MCC General Fund (IBERO runner-up)	
Enrique Ruiz	Bishop Kearney

2+2 PROGRAMS ADD UP TO SAVINGS AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS.

One application, and one application fee, can secure admission to one of the 26 participating 4-year colleges. What's more, acceptance into the program makes coursework requirements clear for whichever 2+2 bachelor's degree program they've chosen. New colleges, and new majors, are added every year. Here is our most up-to-date listing of colleges. Visit www.monroecc.edu/go/careercenter for a complete listing of majors.

Alfred University - College of Ceramics
Clarkson University
Daemen College
Hobart & William Smith Colleges
Keuka College
Morgan State University
Nazareth College
Niagara University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (R.P.I.)
Roberts Wesleyan College
Rochester Institute of Technology
St. John Fisher College
SUNY Alfred State
SUNY Brockport
SUNY Buffalo State College
SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
SUNY Cortland
SUNY Fredonia
SUNY Geneseo
SUNY Maritime
SUNY Oswego
SUNY University at Albany
SUNY University at Buffalo
SUNY Upstate Medical University
University of Rochester

Applications for Presidential Scholarships due April 15th.

Recipients are selected by the Admissions Office and awarded up to full-time tuition. Eligible applicants are students who :

- Are in the top 5% of their graduating class
- Have a 1300 minimum SAT score (critical reading and math)
- Are enrolled full time in an MCC degree program

MCC STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

FORMER PITTSFORD SUTHERLAND STUDENT EARNS PRESTIGIOUS ACADEMIC HONOR



MCC volleyball player **Cara Calcagno** (Pittsford Sutherland) starred for the Tribunes during the 2008 season. Her hard work extended to the classroom as well. The sophomore setter was selected to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District Volleyball second team. Calcagno carries a flawless 4.0 grade point average and was the only junior college volleyball player honored. She ranked sixth in the nation with an average of 8.9 assists per game.

The Academic All-District and All-America teams are selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America

(CoSIDA). Calcagno was honored in the College Division, which is comprised of NCAA Division II and III, NAIA, and two-year colleges.

GATES CHILI GRADUATE IS ONE OF FOUR MCC STUDENTS NAMED TO FALL ALL-AMERICANS

Women's soccer players **Maura Martin** (Gates Chili) and **Kimika Forbes** (Plymouth, Tobago/Scarborough), Men's soccer player **Shastri Spencer** (Cresco, PA/Notre Dame) and volleyball player **Lauren Krajewski** (Attica) were named to Fall All-American teams by the National Junior College Athletic Association. Martin, who was named to the first team, finished the year with six goals and two assists and was the Region III Player of the Year.

STACEY E. REED OF WEST HENRIETTA WINS NATIONAL STUDENT ENTREPRENEURSHIP ESSAY CONTEST



MCC student **Stacey E. Reed** has been named the winner of the 2008 New York Times/National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE) Student Essay contest. The contest highlights how entrepreneurship education at community colleges benefits students. Reed is a participant in MCC's Emerging Entrepreneur's Scholarship program that is specifically designed to help people who want to start their own businesses in the Rochester area. Reed's essay described how

she left her corporate job to start a stained glass business. In addition to winning \$1,000, she has been invited to read her essay at NACCE's annual conference in Anaheim, Calif., in January 2009.

MCC ALUMNI CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY



*Bob Russell, Class of '83
Executive Director of The Little
Theatre Film Society*

How does a former aspiring hockey player with plans for a career in sports marketing find himself managing an organization dedicated to art films?

After a successful run marketing the Rochester Amerks, the Buffalo Sabres, and the Rochester Rhinos, and Geva, Bob Russell heard that one of his dream jobs—running The Little Theatre—was open.

“I had come to The Little for 20 years, and I’d fallen in love with the place and its different attitude about film,” he said. For Bob, the opening was was kismet. Since becoming Executive Director, he’s reached out to The

Little’s loyal audience with family film events, opportunities to meet artists associated with films, and live music programming. “We’re showing that The Little is more than a movie theatre, he said. “We are not cookie cutters, and we don’t follow certain rules. Our success is all about who we partner with.”

“My MCC education has served me well,” he concludes. “Instead of going to a large school, I had an experience in which teachers engage the students. I had the opportunities I needed to go where I wanted to go.”

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 24, 2009

DAMON CITY CAMPUS COUNSELOR WORKSHOP*

Guest Speaker: Dr. William Cala, educational activist, former Fairport Schools Superintendent, and former Interim Superintendent of the Rochester City School District

Watch your mail for an invitation and complete details.

*Date for Brighton Campus Counselor Workshop to be announced.

GROUP TOURS & INFORMATION SESSIONS

Click www.monroecc.edu/go/tours. Group tours and information sessions can be scheduled for juniors and seniors on Mondays or Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Some sessions are available on select Fridays. Groups limited to 40 students per tour. Call 585.292.2200 to schedule a Brighton campus tour, or 585.262.1662 to schedule a Damon campus tour.

Q: HOW CAN MCC HELP SCHOOL COUNSELORS?

A: IN WHATEVER WAY WE CAN!

Our services include:

1. Hosting MCC Application Days at your school
2. Hosting MCC Information Sessions at your school
3. Providing speakers for your college planning nights
4. Arranging group tours on our campus
5. Providing how-to application information, catalogs, and deadline dates
6. Helping students apply for financial aid
7. Keeping you posted on MCC news via email and via *Admissions Update*
8. Maintaining an informational web site just for counselors – www.monroecc.edu/go/counselors
9. Hosting an email box just for counselors – hscounselorinfo@monroecc.edu
10. Hosting an annual high school counselor workshop with breakfast and elegant luncheon

ONLINE OPTIONS

Visit MCC online for

- Admissions information
- Online applications
- Financial aid information
- Departmental overviews
- Student life information

www.monroecc.edu/go/hsadmissions

MCC FAST FACTS

- Over 80 degree and certificate programs and 900 courses
- Day, evening, Saturday, online, hybrid, and off-site courses
- Brighton and Damon City campuses, Applied Technologies Center, Public Safety Training Facility, and satellite centers in East Rochester, Greece, Spencerport and Webster.
- Largest college in greater Rochester with over 18,000 enrolled students in fall 2008.
- 66% of students enrolled in transfer programs
- Costs up to 80% less than most private colleges – tuition is just \$1,450 per semester or \$121 per credit hour
- One of only 20 community colleges selected for membership in the League for Innovation in the Community College
- Ranked #7 nationally in terms of number of graduates
- Recognized as one of the top 11 community colleges by *The New York Times*.

MCC AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

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Brighton Campus	585.292.2000
Damon City Campus	585.262.1600
Applied Technologies Center	585.292.3700
Public Safety Training Facility	585.753.3800
<i>Damon City Campus</i>	585.262.1740
<i>Student Services</i>	
<i>Financial Aid Office (Brighton)</i>	585.292.2050
<i>Financial Aid Office (Damon)</i>	585.262.1670
<i>Honors Studies</i>	585.292.3351
<i>International Student Counselor</i>	585.292.2254
<i>Placement Testing</i>	585.292.2290
(Recorded message with testing dates and times)	
<i>Residence Halls</i>	585.292.3674

Handy Web Site "GO" (Landing) Pages

Admissions	www.monroecc.edu/go/admissions
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Financial Aid	www.monroecc.edu/go/finaid
High School Counselors	www.monroecc.edu/go/counselor
Maps and Directions	www.monroecc.edu/go/maps
MCC News	www.monroecc.edu/go/news
Off-Campus Class Locations	www.monroecc.edu/go/locations
Residence Halls	www.monroecc.edu/go/housing
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Sports	www.monroecc.edu/go/sports
Student Services	www.monroecc.edu/go/student-services
Summer Sessions	www.monroecc.edu/go/summer
Transfer & Career Information	www.monroecc.edu/go/careercenter
Viewbook	www.monroecc.edu/go/viewbook

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