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District Career Intern-
ship Program. For over
30 years, the program
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school students with lo-
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in pursuing.
   "It's very unique," said
Julie Wittig, who coor-
dinates internships and
community service with
the district. "When col-
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MCC launches entrepreneur program

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A new program at Mon-
roe Community College is
aiming to give survivors of
domestic violence an op-
portunity to start a new
chapter in their lives.
   The Business Entre-
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ter area with the skills to
start small businesses and
become successful entre-
preneurs. The program,
funded by a $100,000 Ve-
rizon Foundation grant,
grew out of a collabora-
tion among MCC, Alterna-
tives for Battered Women
and New York State Small
Business Development
Center at The College at
Brockport.
   "Survivors of domestic
violence may have had lit-
tle or no economic inde-
pendence while in their
abusive relationship," said
Janine Lucas, assistant ex-
ecutive director of Alterna-
tives for Battered Women.
"Their abusers may have
left them straddled with
debt and/or credit dam-
age, or the abuse may have
made it difficult for them
to obtain or maintain em-
ployment. The Business
Entrepreneurship Pro-
gram has the potential to
save lives. For many survi-
vors of domestic violence,
financial stability and in-
dependence can mean the
difference between leading