



American Association of Women in Community Colleges Monroe Community College Chapter

Fall/Winter 2012

Congratulations!

2012 Chapter of the Year!



A Message from the MCC Chapter President

Dear AAWCC members,

AAWCC at MCC was selected as National Chapter of The Year at the Annual Awards Breakfast in Orlando! This is the second time the MCC Chapter has received national recognition for their professional development, networking and service programs.

Here is what the National Organization had to say about our achievement:

The Monroe Community College (MCC) Chapter of AAWCC, established in 1993 is currently 117 members strong. Through strategic programming initiatives the chapter provides educational, professional, and leadership opportunities to support the mission to “change women’s lives through leadership and education, thus strengthening our college and community.”

Highlighted initiatives for the 2011-2012 academic year included a combined celebration of Women’s History Month and the 50th Anniversary of MCC through a Poster Presentation titled “HerStory of Women at MCC”. This presentation opened on International Women’s Day with a networking reception co—sponsored by the Rochester Women’s Network, and closed with a film screening and discussion of “Miss Representation”. This is just one of the many networking and professional development programs conceptualized and executed by our membership.

The MCC chapter has a strong history of service, providing ongoing opportunities for members to support the Rochester community. Projects are focused on meeting community needs, and fostering civic responsibility in a meaningful environment. The Service Committee annually engages in activities that have benefited organizations such as the Rochester Breast Cancer Coalition, The Catholic Family Center, The Rochester City School District, YWCA, Food Link, Rochester Habitat for Humanity Veterans Build and the Ms. Foundation for Women.

It is an honor for the Monroe Community College Chapter to be recognized as the **2012 Chapter of the Year!**

Sincerely,

Julianna Frisch

Service Committee Highlights...

Winter Clothing Drive

During October 2011, a winter clothing and hygiene items drive was held and it was an opportunity for us to donate coats, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots for 14 – 17 year olds at Thomas Jefferson High School. We also collected hygiene items such as tooth brushes, toothpaste, combs, soap, and deodorant that were put into care packages for the students.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

From November 7 through the 11th the MCC college community once again donated generously to our annual thanksgiving food drive. We collected four full laundry baskets and boxes, plus over \$150 in cash donations for the Catholic Family Center. Our collection efforts also had a fun twist this year—with a special Zumba-thon food collection that that got everyone moving!



Holiday Book Drive

At our Holiday Luncheon, books and monetary donations were collected for the Horizon's program at Monroe Community College. As this is an MCC initiated program, we were able to gain the benefit of seeing first-hand how these books are used and we are also aware of how much these books are needed and will be appreciated for many years to come! Thank you to all who donated!

Two Events Marked a Special Women's History Month

Rochester Women's Network (RWN) joined AAWCC for a networking event and screening of the movie, *Miss Representation*.

On March 8th, the AAWCC—along with VaPA and the Diversity Council—teamed up with the Rochester Women's Network (RWN) for a pre-screening reception, viewing and discussion of *Miss Representation*.

Christine Plumeri and Tom Proietti moderated the film, attended by students, staff and RWN members in Monroe A & B. The Hospitality Club also participated by offering a selection of movie favorites including popcorn, sweets and soft drinks, and raised nearly \$100 for the MCC Hospitality Club.



HerStory posters displayed at Brighton and Damon City Campuses.

From fighting for equal pay to creating academic programs that helped women in our community take classes and start new careers, HerStory is a chronicle of MCC's "first ladies" thoughts, feelings, and stories of what it was like to be part of MCC's beginnings.

To celebrate Women's History Month and MCC's 50th Anniversary, our AAWCC chapter adapted the original presentation, created in 2002 for MCC's 40th Anniversary. At that time, Dr. Janet Glocker and a committee of volunteers researched the MCC Library Archives, the Monroe Doctrine, and conducted dozens of personal interviews.

Julianna Frisch discovered the presentation and had the idea to turn the historical information into posters. Tracey Britton, Connie Herrera, Rosanne Rivers, Eileen Scorgie, Michele Skehan, and Tish Williams contributed writing, editing, research, and graphics to the display.

Together, we learned a lot about our Colleges foundation and its history from a woman's perspective! The posters are now on display at the Damon City Campus in the 5th Floor Atrium.



**Thank You to
Dr. Salvador and Dr. Glocker
for hosting our Open Houses!**
(Dr. Salvador in the Fall
and Dr. Glocker in the Spring)



Go Red for Women's Heart Health

MCC women and men gathered at the Brighton and Damon City Campuses to raise awareness and funds to help fight this serious health risk. The AAWCC presented the American Heart Association with a check for \$296!

Holiday Luncheon 2011

On December 6th, we held another successful Holiday Luncheon. Our honored guest speaker was Holly Anderson, an MCC Alumni and the Executive Director of the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester. She was a dynamic speaker who really helped us all to think about what is important in our lives. Thank you Holly!



Pink the PAC/Atrium

Members showed their support for this national initiative by pinking the PAC and DCC atrium. The February 18th event featured a fun and invigorating walk, raffle prizes, music by WMCC the Fuse, and special recognition for breast cancer survivors. The event raised an amazing \$1,300—very gratefully received by the Breast Cancer Coalition of Rochester.



Take Your Daughters and Sons to Work Day

Each year children of MCC employees come for a fun day of learning and the opportunity to spend a special day with their parents. Kids' workshops included fun with math, making carnations for patients, tips on healthy eating, and much more. A big thank you to all the employees & departments who created and hosted a fantastic variety of workshops, the many volunteers who made the day go so smoothly, to Dr. Kress for her kid friendly lunch time discussion and to Sodexo for once again providing breakfast and lunch for a bunch of hungry kids!



KudosCorner...

(Submitted to us in 2011/2012)

Student **Suzanne Fava** made the dean's list after earning **3.86 GPA**. Along with being a member of the AAWCC, Suzanne is a **President of the Honors Council Club** and a member of the MCC Honors Institute.

Jodi Oriel received the **Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Continued Excellence Award** awarded for her "longstanding, distinguished service" in her role as MCC's chapter advisor. MCC's Phi Theta Kappa students nominated Jodi, who has served our college's chapter for 16 years.

Dr. Susan Salvador was selected to participate in the **National Association of Student Personnel Administrators'** Australia and New Zealand Student Services Association. The international exchange was held in Sydney, Australia in December 2011. She was also presented with the **Phi Theta Kappa Distinguished College Administrator Award** in Nashville, Tennessee, in April 2012.

Laura Coriddi was promoted to **Senior Computer Programmer** in the ETS Computing Department.

Diane Cheasty earned her **recertification in CHE (Certified Hospitality Educator)** as well as **recertification in Sanitation and Safety**.

Alice Harrington Wilson was a finalist in the **Pillsbury Bake Off** in Orlando, Florida in March. You can find her recipe for Blueberry-White Chocolate Cream Ginger Tart online at www.pillsbury.com/BakeOff. (She said it was a great experience and encourages everyone to submit their recipes next year!)

Valarie Avalone served on the **Advisory Council and Editorial Board for the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education**, as a **guest writer** for *Connecting the Dots* Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, an **At-Large Director with Expertise in Community Colleges**, Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), 2-yr. of 3-yr. term which began 7/10 Governance Task Force, Society for College and University Planning (SCUP), (2012).

Marie Fetzner, Assistant to the Vice President, ETS, successfully defended her Ed.D. dissertation at the University of Rochester's Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development. Marie's research was focused on effectively communicating learner expectations to first time online students.

Tamika Jackson, 2012 AAWCC Region 11 Scholarship Winner

From **Penny L. Syles, Asst. Professor, Health and Phys.Ed Department:**

Kudos to MCC/AAWCC for sponsoring the numerous opportunities to support our community causes throughout the academic year. Even just one MCC/AAWCC member from each MCC department can make a difference in maximizing their efforts to support these causes through personal, departmental outreach. For example, the MCC Health and Phys. Ed. Department strongly supported the MCC AAWCC's sponsored Lollypop Farm Drive to collect food, materials, toys, and monetary donations with 100% participation, as well as maximizing support for the many other community service events this past year. Thank you to all members and non-members for your support of these MCC AAWCC initiatives.

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