

## WHAT MCC's NEW CITY CAMPUS MEANS:

A Letter from President Anne M. Kress

On the 7th floor of the Kodak building a wall of floor to ceiling windows provides a panoramic view over State Street and High Falls. Several months ago, a group of Damon City Campus student leaders touring the potential campus lined up along the expanse of glass. Seconds passed in silence and then a small tentative voice spoke.

*"This could be our place."*

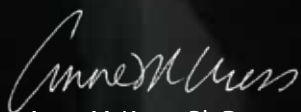
There was a smattering of nods, of "uh huhs," and smiles.

"This could be our place." I've thought about those words often over the last several months of our journey to secure a new home for MCC's downtown campus. I've thought about how they captured the hopes, the dreams and the aspirations of our students. I've thought of how they also so clearly reflected the dedication and commitment of our DCC faculty and staff.

This could be our place—a vibrant place with wide staircases and plenty of open spaces for classrooms and student life activities—a place of warm and supportive neighbors—a place with so much potential for future partnerships and innovative programs.

MCC's new city campus gives our students the benefit of a quality experience. It tells them they matter. It shows them their goals matter. It shows them their education is worth the time, the energy and the sacrifice. It shows them like no words of encouragement can.

The effort to find a permanent home for MCC downtown has been long, but worth the perseverance. Now we look forward, grateful for the support to reach this point and inspired by the potential for the extraordinary students we serve.



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MCC'S DOWNTOWN CAMPUS





**MCC's new downtown campus at State Street will be a vital component of the successful implementation of the college's strategic plan.**

**This new campus will:**

- Provide a learning environment designed to facilitate high-impact teaching and co-curricular programming.
- Enable collaboration and engagement within the college and with community partners.
- Promote workforce education and career pathways, for the first time in the College's history allowing MCC to bring all workforce education under one roof.
- Enable MCC to meet evolving employee and employer needs by adding a small business incubator and co-locating with valuable partners like Rochester Works!
- Support enhancing and expanding MCC's many partnerships by providing the room to grow strategic alliances. These include the much-needed pre-collegiate and community-based organization partnerships that help our students succeed.
- Increase the effectiveness, efficiency and accountability of our downtown programs. The strategic investment of MCC's State Street campus and technologies that offer enhanced opportunities for success will ultimately benefit the students we serve.

*"Thank you all so very much for your leadership in this process of finding MCC students a place they can call their own..."*

—Antoine D. Reeves, MCC Damon City Campus Student

*"It is time that we have our own identity, it is time that we give our community, students and others, the opportunity to walk on our campus and feel as if they just stepped into an institution that promotes education and success."*

—Ambika Howell, MCC alumna, MCC advisor and adjunct professor

*"A structure does not an education make. But it does enhance interactions among students and faculty, facilitates opportunities to network and make connections, to delve into the intricacies of newly learned concepts, discuss the pros and cons of innovative ideas, grapple with the issues of the day—including politics and government—and indeed, engage proposals on how to change and better our world."*

—Karen Morris, Distinguished Professor of Law at MCC

