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Monroe Community College is helping address the student achievement gap and college readiness in our community by offering high-impact learning experiences for elementary and middle schoolers. MCC faculty, staff and students engage children in activities year round both on campus and at local schools. Community partnerships and private philanthropy support MCC's efforts to improve learning outcomes and motivate children and their families to stay on track toward academic achievement, high school graduation and a college credential.

Horizons at MCC Promotes Literacy, Prevents Summer Learning Loss



For the third consecutive summer, Horizons at MCC served the educational needs of Rochester city school children. High-quality academics (reading, writing and math) are at the heart of our six-week program that is considered a model for other community colleges.

Students who return for consecutive summers experience transformative, cumulative gains in skills and abilities. More than 70 percent of the children served in 2013 returned in 2014. Daily attendance this past summer was 85 percent.

The Horizons at MCC curriculum focuses on experiential and inquiry-learning teaching models. Teachers also promote literacy throughout the program. This past summer, students read more than 1,400 books and 90 percent of the students demonstrated gains in reading. Each classroom had a specific theme that provided students with an opportunity to learn and

discover content about their theme through activities, projects, field trips, guest speakers and technology. With support from the Rochester Area Community Foundation, Horizons at MCC extended course offerings to parents and guardians, engaging them as active partners in the program. Courses such as Issues in Child Development and Health provided parents with relevant information regarding children's health and development.

Horizons at MCC helps our community's youngest learners succeed while empowering parents to engage in their children's educational journeys.

Be A Healthy Hero Summer Camp Combines Learning and Fitness

MCC and community partners launched the Be A Healthy Hero Summer Camp in July. The five-week camp combined fitness activities with high-quality academics and health education in order to reduce summer health and learning declines for more than 350 Rochester City School District (RCSD) students, ages 6 to 13.

Because of philanthropic support, families only paid a \$25 registration fee for their child to attend. The camp was made possible by the Greater Rochester Health Foundation's \$597,000 grant to the MCC Foundation. MCC faculty leadership combined with support from the Glover-Crask Charitable Trust,



Assemblyman David F. Gantt, RCSD, City of Rochester and RochesterWorks! made the camp highly successful in its first year. It will continue through the summer of 2016.

"There are natural synergies between the missions of the Health Foundation and the Monroe Community College Foundation, including our shared belief that physical activity and healthy eating play a significant role in a child's overall health and academic success," said John Urban, president and CEO of the Greater Rochester Health Foundation.

The camp also provided 24 junior counselors, ages 13 to 18, opportunities to assist in instruction, mentoring and role modeling. The counselors were funded by the City of Rochester's Summer of Opportunity Program and RochesterWorks!

City Kindergarteners Start on the Path to MCC



Michele Carballada (pictured left) is a kindergarten teacher at Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29. She loves

her job. In April 2014, her parents recognized her dedication by helping send her students to MCC.

Virginia and Carlos Carballada's \$200,000 gift to the MCC Foundation established the Carballada Endowed Scholarship Fund for Rochester City Students. The scholarship motivates kindergarten students taught by Michele to graduate from

high school and enroll in MCC. The fund demonstrates how community support can help make access to higher education a reality for youngsters and their families.

Beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year, MCC scholarships will be awarded to Michele's former students who complete high school with at least a B average. The amount awarded to each student will be based on their unmet financial need.

"Virginia and I hope that this scholarship creates a vision for city youngsters and their parents—a vision that motivates them to stay in school and graduate from one of the finest community colleges in the country," said Carlos Carballada.

ROC the Future Aligns Resources for Children



MCC is a leading partner of the ROC the Future initiative, a collaboration of more than

100 community organizations focused on improving student achievement and strengthening the cradle-to-career educational pipeline. The effort is based on the StriveTogether Cradle to Career Network's four principles: shared community vision, evidence-based decision-making, collaborative action, and investment and sustainability. ROC

the Future has made improving literacy among third-graders a high priority.

JPMorgan Chase's outstanding support of ROC the Future through the MCC Foundation, totaling \$100,000 to date, is helping align existing resources to provide better support to children and families.



Rochester AmeriCorps Strengthens Local Schools



Rochester AmeriCorps, sponsored by MCC and located at the Damon City Campus, supports children's academic success through community service. Since 1994, more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members have served more than 1,744,634 hours to strengthen the Rochester community, including service within the Rochester City School District (RCSD).

Members work with the RCSD's Extended Day Initiative and the Rochester Education Foundation to provide mentoring, tutoring and student support. In September, the program trained 45 members for education, attendance and literacy initiatives during the upcoming year.

JPMorgan Chase representatives Debra Gentile and Hollie Calderon (pictured first row left) present a check for \$50,000 to support ROC the Future to Diane Shoger, Anne Kress and Ginny Geer-Mentry.

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