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What's Inside:

On-site ACCUPLACER Testing Sustainability at MCC

- A greener greenhouse
- New HAVC/R Lab
- Gold LEED Award

Important Save-the-Date Reminders
Honors Institute
Visiting Scholars
Disney Recruitment
And more...

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ACCUPLACER Placement Testing Available On-site at Your High School



Now, students don't have to come to MCC to take ACCUPLACER Placement Testing. We can come to them. With on-site placement testing, your students will test in a familiar environment, speed up the MCC admissions process later, and get an earlier assessment of critical English and Math skills.

Available to all graduating seniors, juniors, and sophomores

In addition to making it easier for seniors to know what MCC courses they'll need, many high schools are providing this testing as early as sophomore and junior years. This way, students and counselors will receive feedback about future readiness for college—and be able to use this information to plan junior and senior year coursework.

MCC will provide proctor training and online student test preparation. ACCUPLACER testing is free to seniors who have applied to Monroe Community College, and available at minimal per student cost to schools.

Find out more or request tests at www.monroecc.edu/go/testing.

WINTER 2010

New Cisco® Networking Academy

Essential Skills for a Global Economy

Nationally recognized Cisco® Networking Academy is now an integral part of two MCC computer majors: **Computer Systems Technology (A.A.S.)** and **Information Technology (A.S.)**. Students will receive leading-edge classroom and laboratory instruction for designing, building and maintaining computer networks. Upon completion, they will be qualified to take the Cisco Certified Networking Associate exam, and enhance their employment options in a variety of well-paying careers such as Computer Systems Analyst, Network and Computer Systems Administrators, and Computer Support Specialists to name a few.



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Students who have applied to, or are considering, MCC can post a question or comment, connect with current and future classmates, and get the latest about campus events. Of course, parents and faculty are welcome, too. Join us at <http://www.facebook.com/MonroeCC>.

We're here for you

The MCC staff is ready and available to serve you and your students. Please feel free to call with your questions and concerns.

Admissions Office

585.292.2200

- Andrew Freeman, Director of Admissions
- Christine Casalnuovo-Adams, Assistant Director
- Sarah Hagreen, Assistant Director

Brighton Campus

- Rebecca Armstrong, Counselor
- Clayton Jones, Counselor
- Mary Mendez Rizzo, Counselor
- Joan Moorehead, Counselor
- Meryll Pentz, Counselor
- Julie Slate, Counselor
- Krista Tyner, Counselor

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Student Services: 585.262.1740

- Ann Topping, Dean of Students
- Rick Sadwick, Associate Director
- Vilma Morrow, Assistant Director
- Julie White, Assistant Director
- Tracey Britton, Counselor
- Michael Johnson, Counselor
- Ivan Matthew, Counselor
- Corrine Mulhall, Counselor
- Lisa Bierre, Advisor
- Marcus Watts, Coordinator

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A Greener Greenhouse

In its day, MCC's original greenhouse served the Biology department well. But with an inefficient and high-maintenance climate control system, drafty windows, crumbling walls, and wheelchair inaccessibility, it was time for this old greenhouse to hit the dirt.

Construction was completed on its replacement this fall: a re-designed facility that offers an ideal habitat for plants from five regions of the world in a completely automated climate control system. The new space is also designed with smoother, wider walkways to accommodate groups and wheelchairs.

"The students love it here," says Jan Peters, Senior Technical Assistant for the Biology department. It's not unusual, she adds, to see students sit down along the walkways and take their time with labs.

"In the old greenhouse, the glass panels were all fixed, says Blain Grindle, MCC's Facilities Director." In the new one, we have both roof and wall ventilation panels that open and close based on the temperature inside the greenhouse. There's a computerized system that will try to get the optimum temperature by either adjusting the windows, turning on an exhaust fan and blowing out the hot air, or kicking on a cooling system."



Academic cross pollination.

While the Biology department uses the greenhouse for labs and various projects, other academic disciplines are discovering their own uses. MCC's Agricultural Institute will offer hands-on learning for elementary school students this summer. The Hospitality Department will grow micro-greens as part of its cooking labs and nutrition studies. And MCC's Physical

Education department plans to use the serene new space for meditation. "The new greenhouse offers us so many new possibilities. I can hardly sleep at night," laughs Peters.

Sustainability at MCC

Speakers and Events

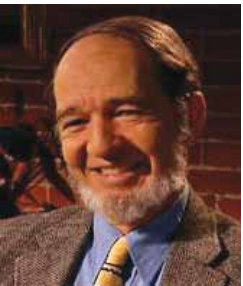


Visting Scholars Series

Ann Patchett – Friday, March 26 at Noon

Author Ann Patchett's book *"Bel Canto"* received the PEN/ Faulkner Award, the UK's Orange Prize, the Book Sense Book of the Year Award and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. A Nashville native, Patchett is the author of three novels and two nonfiction books. This

event, part of "If All of Rochester Read the Same Book..." is free and open to the public.



Scholar's Day Keynote Speaker

Dr. Jared Diamond—Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Jared Diamond, Author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning *"Guns, Germs and Steel,"* Diamond is the epitome of the celebrity scientist. Currently a professor of geography at UCLA, his lectures routinely draw thousands of rapt listeners who walk away with a deeper and more

nuanced view of the development of human civilization. Join us for MCC's annual Scholar's Day celebration, open to the public. Tickets for this event are \$10.

Tickets are required for both events, and are available at www.monroecctickets.com, the Campus Center Service Desk in the R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, Bldg. 3, or the Damon City Campus Bookstore.

For further information, call 585.292.2534.

Dr. Anne Kress Joins Twitter

As part of her commitment to engaging in an open conversation with the community, MCC's President Anne M. Kress is reaching out at <http://twitter.com/MCCPresident>. There, you'll find MCC news, views, and insights surrounding education.

New Certificate Program Lets Students Take the Lead

The importance of leadership skills in today's top organizations can't be understated. Now, the Brighton and Damon Campus Centers have developed a program that helps students understand their unique leadership style, hone communication skills, and learn how to work effectively within groups. The program includes a series of workshops, retreats and courses to engage students in the principles and practices of great leadership.

“Since our founding more than four decades ago, MCC has consistently provided access to a high quality educational experience, supporting the academic and workforce needs of our students and the community. The success of our students has always been and will continue to be our highest priority.”

Anne M. Kress, Ph.D.
President, Monroe Community College

Upcoming Disney Events

Information Session
March 10 & 11, Noon & 6 p.m.
Future MCC students (and their parents) are welcome.

Character Auditions
March 22-30, by appointment
Interested students should contact Bill Sigismond, Director of MCC's Office of Experiential Learning at 585.292.3219. Or email wsigismond@monroecc.edu.

What Happened To the Class of 2008?

Comprehensive Follow-Up Study underscores graduate success and MCC's contributions to the area economy

Seventy-four percent of Monroe Community College's 2008 graduates chose to continue their college education at one of our region's colleges and universities, including Rochester Institute of Technology, St. John Fisher College, Nazareth College, and the University of Rochester. Of that 74 percent, 56 percent transferred to a SUNY institution, including SUNY College at Geneseo and SUNY College at Brockport.

The results also emphasize the depth of MCC's contribution to our region's workforce and economy. Eighty-eight percent of MCC's career and certificate program graduates are employed full-time in jobs related to their major. Some of the leading types of organizations that hire our graduates include hospitals and health care facilities, hotels and restaurants, telecommunications, retail stores, business & computer services, heating and air conditioning companies, social service agencies, government offices, and educational institutions.



MCC a Top Three Disney Recruiter

This year, over 180 MCC students interviewed for Disney internships. Of those, 80 were accepted, making MCC one of the top three of Disney college recruiters in the U.S.

A world of opportunities. Through Disney internships, students from all academic disciplines are able to put their interests and knowledge to work. Real-life experience in engineering, business and finance, communications, organizational leadership, security, and hospitality management are just some of the rewarding opportunities students can find there.

Who qualifies? Eligible students must be enrolled full-time at the College, be 18, and have completed 12 credit hours with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Students choose a five-month or seven-month internship and earn six elective credit hours for the experience.

Just add water...and fish



MCC's new greenhouse is also set up for alternative growing techniques, including Aquaponics, a self-sustaining system where fish and plants have a mutually beneficial relationship. Fish thrive on plant algae. Plants thrive on fish waste. Together they keep the tank clean, and free of harmful bacteria.

New HVAC/R Lab Offers Education and Training in Alternative Energy Systems



Portable Power. HVAC/R Instructor, William Horton, installs solar photovoltaic cells for hands on instruction. Each panel produces enough electricity to power one or two appliances. Green technology like this is being used more and more on job sites and other temporary applications.

A new laboratory at MCC's Applied Technologies Center (ATC) offers hands-on training and education on a variety of green electric-generating systems, including a solar-powered water heater, as well as alternative heating and cooling systems, such as energy-efficient, tankless water heaters. A portion of the lab also builds on an existing program to include commercial refrigeration equipment.

“The local industry is seeing a shortage of technicians with the knowledge and expertise required in alternative energies and newer energy-efficient technologies at a time when it's enjoying tremendous

growth. We wanted to gain a foothold in this sector,” said Kevin French, ATC chairperson. “The result will be service technicians who are more skilled and who can guide the customer through the complicated analysis required to calculate how much energy a piece of equipment uses,” French said.

For more information about the program's A.A.S. degree and certificate options, contact Kevin French at 585.292.3739, or go online to www.monroecc.edu/depts/apptech/.

Save the Date

High School Counselor Workshops

March 18 and March 31

9 am – 2 pm

Attend one of two sessions at MCC's Brighton campus. Look for an invitation in your mail. Register at www.monroecc.edu/go/hscw.

Housing Applications Online

March 15, beginning 8 a.m. at www.monroecc.edu/go/housing

Students must have applied for admission to MCC. Applicants will be notified of their housing status by April 15, 2010

Merit Scholarship Applications Due

April 16. See article, page 4, for details
For additional applications, call 585.292.2231.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Transfer Fair

Tuesday, March 16, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Look for details in your mail, or call Marge McNeil at 585.292.2231
Register online at www.monroecc.edu/go/HBCU

Disney Internship Information Sessions

March 10 and 11, Noon and 6 p.m. (both days)

See page 6 for more details

MCC Fast Facts

- Over 80 degree and certificate programs
- Brighton and Damon City Campuses, Applied Technologies Center and Public Safety Training Facility
- Over 19,600 students enrolled in fall 2009
- 66% enrolled in transfer programs
- Tuition: \$1,450 per semester or \$121 per credit hour
- Member of the League for Innovation in the Community College
- Recognized by The New York Times as one of the top 11 community colleges in the country

Merit Scholarship Reminder



For seniors who plan to attend MCC full-time, the deadline for Merit Scholarship applications is April 16th. Merit scholarships, including the MCC Presidential Endowed Scholarship, are made possible through the generosity of donors to the MCC Foundation Scholarship Funds, and available for all MCC degree programs. Separate scholarships are also available for students in 2+2 programs or who will be studying at the Damon City Campus.

To be eligible, graduating high school seniors must have:

- An academic average of 85 or above by the beginning of senior year
- Be ranked in the top 20% of their high school class
- Demonstrated participation and achievement in extracurricular and/or community activities
- Be admitted as a full-time student to Monroe Community College

Recipients will receive awards of \$500 per semester for up to four consecutive semesters. To be considered, **completed applications and transcripts must be received by April 16, 2010.** If you did not receive the materials mailed in November, call 585.292.2231

2+2 = 248 bachelor's degree options

MCC's 2+2 Dual Admission Transfer program now offers students 248 bachelor's degree options from 25 area colleges. Three new programs include:

- *Computer Engineering Technology* at **Rochester Institute of Technology**
- *Applied Information Technology* at **St. John Fisher College**
- *Physical Education* at **Roberts Wesleyan College.**

For students who are ready to choose a major and a four-year college, 2+2 can be a great way to go.

There's just application, and one application fee. Defined course plans also make transferring from MCC to junior-year studies seamless. Learn more about 2+2 and other MCC transfer programs at www.monroecc.edu/go/transfercolleges.

MCC's Honors Institute offers unique opportunities for freshmen and sophomore students



MCC's Honors Institute provides academically talented and highly motivated students with the opportunity to develop mentor/mentee relationships often found at high-quality liberal arts colleges. Honors Institute students benefit from advanced learning experiences through travel, team research and project learning. In addition, the Institute requires that students complete a service-learning project.

At a typical four-year college or university, students who want to work closely with a faculty member, or who want to study

in a small, seminar-style course, usually have to wait until their third or fourth year. Through 100- and 200-level honors seminars, students who participate in MCC's Honors Institute can have this opportunity as early as their first semester.

"Each student works with a mentor or small team of mentors," said Paul D'Alessandris, honors studies coordinator. "That kind of interaction can only broaden and enrich the learning process."

MCC's honors experience also helps prepare students to continue their education at a wide variety of top American universities and colleges, such as Amherst College, Columbia University, Cornell University, SUNY Geneseo, Syracuse University and the University of Rochester. For more visit www.monroecc.edu/depts/honorsstudies.

PAC Center Receives Gold for Being Green

First LEED Gold Award for the College. First for Monroe County.

Optimal energy performance, use of green electricity through renewable sources, sustainable design features, and use of recycled building materials are what earned MCC's PAC Center a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification award—and "Project of the Year" from the American Public Works Association. The 56,000 square foot facility also was praised for its innovation in wastewater handling and unique design, as well. This was the college's—and the county's—first municipal LEED Gold Certification.



Top Honors for Men's Basketball

The MCC Men's basketball team has been ranked in the Top 10 in the NJCAA Division II national poll all season, including four weeks spent at the No. 1 spot. Currently ranked third, the team's record is 18-1.

