



ANNUAL REPORT

2015-16



OUR MISSION

Preparing Students, Serving Communities, Creating Opportunities.

ANNUAL REPORT for July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

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FROM THE CHANCELLOR

It's my pleasure to introduce the 2015-16 Metropolitan Community College annual report. This is an opportunity to thank and acknowledge our many donors who continually demonstrate their commitment to the College and the success of our students. It also provides the MCC community an opportunity to reflect on the year that was, celebrate our successes and map out the road ahead. Inside, you'll find many examples of MCC's mission — preparing students, serving communities, creating opportunities — in action.

It was a busy year full of accomplishments! Just to mention a few, we were honored to welcome former U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez, who witnessed how MCC educators work with employers and community groups to train workers for in-demand jobs. The Labor Secretary's visit marked the third White House Cabinet secretary to visit MCC since 2012. A review team from the Higher Learning Commission recognized a long list of strengths and innovative practices that included our work in assessment, zero-based budgeting, establishing strong financial stability despite significant challenges, the work of the Chancellor's Policy Review Committee, and our diversity initiatives. The reviewers noted our community's and our employees' obvious passion for educational excellence. Governor Jay Nixon was also our guest, hearing how the state's A+ scholarship program has benefited our students. We signed exciting new transfer agreements, opened a lounge for student veterans, applauded two outgoing MCC trustees, welcomed two new ones and celebrated the World Series victory of the ball club founded by MCC alumnus Ewing Kauffman.

Our students amaze us on a daily basis. In this report you'll meet a young woman who won a prestigious national scholarship after earning the state's top score in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition. Also impressive: our student who, by medaling in a national SkillsUSA competition, won a new Corvette Stingray for MCC-Longview's auto program. Meanwhile, an MCC-Penn Valley student was honored for the striking poster she designed to celebrate the centennial of jazz.

The leadership of our trustees, the generosity of our donors and the hard work of our students and employees continually strengthen MCC to better serve the Kansas City metropolitan area. For more than a century, the College has worked to better our community through education. I am confident we are setting the stage for an even brighter future, and I am honored to be a part of such a strong, impactful mission.

Thank you for all you do for Metropolitan Community College.

Sincerely,

Mark S. James

Mark S. James
Chancellor



Christopher Whiting (from left), Mariann Tow, Robert Martin, Richard Tolbert, David Disney and Trent Skaggs.

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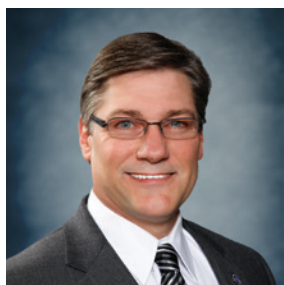
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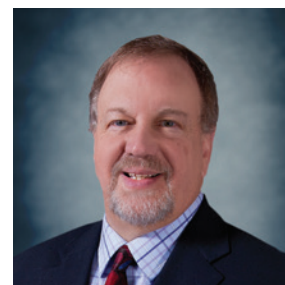
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PREPARING STUDENTS

ACCREDITING BODY COMMENDS MCC

Following years of preparation that culminated in a November site visit, Metropolitan Community College was reaccredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Chancellor Mark James announced in January that the HLC reviewers commended the College for its efforts in assessment, zero-based budgeting, financial stability, the Chancellor's Policy Review Committee and diversity initiatives including employee hiring.

"The report also noted that our employees are passionate in their desire to provide excellent higher education opportunities to our community and that our community showed great support for our mission," James wrote in a message to employees.



The chancellor also mentioned that the College had met all HLC criteria and that concerns cited by the commission, including strategic planning and shared governance, had been self-reported to the review team. Work on those areas will continue, with progress reports due to HLC in June 2017.

Chancellor James added that MCC employees will continue to work collaboratively "to establish a common understanding of shared governance guided by a strategic plan derived from grassroots input informed by data."

NEW PARTNERSHIP EXPANDS STUDENT TRANSFER OPTIONS

A new academic cooperation agreement between MCC and Park University not only renewed the relationship between the two institutions but expanded it, MCC Chancellor Mark James said.

James and Park University interim President Jeff Ehrlich signed the new agreement in a ceremony in October. In addition to making it easy for our students to transfer to Park to earn a four-year degree, the agreement makes MCC classrooms available in the future for some Park courses. James called the new deal "one of those no-brainer decisions that serves our students well."

Ehrlich agreed. "This is a great opportunity for us," he said. "I can only



see tremendous growth and great potential in what the future holds for Park as well as for MCC."

MCC and Park, whose flagship campus is in Parkville, have had articulation agreements in place for many years. Such agreements allow MCC students in designated programs to easily transfer their MCC credits toward a Park University bachelor's degree.

MCC has transfer agreements in place with more than four-dozen colleges and universities.

INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF HEALTH LEADERS



In a big classroom in the Health Science Institute, high school students sitting at long tables were welcomed as their day got underway. "You will have the opportunity to learn from the best and the brightest," promised MCC's Dr. Cheryl Carpenter-Davis. "And you are the best and brightest, right?" These 40 or so students from nine area high schools weren't just bright — they'd also expressed interest in health-care careers.

The KC HealthTracks program, a partnership with the KC STEM Alliance, is not a one-and-done thing. Instead, it brings the same group of students together at least twice each year while they're in high school. This "pipeline for the health professions," funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services'

Office of Minority Health, is aimed at students from under-resourced high schools. A good chunk of their HealthTracks training takes place at HSI, but they also visit hospitals and other workplaces.

On this March day, the HealthTracks students would learn Heartsaver CPR on various-sized mannequins as well as how to prep for surgery and assist a surgeon in the operating room. They would also play a variety of roles, from doctor to nurse to family member, while caring for patients with cardiac and respiratory issues in the simulated environment of HSI's Virtual Hospital.



Aubrey Kent

MCC STUDENT EARNS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Aubrey Kent, a student at MCC-Blue River, was named a 2016 New Century Scholar after earning the top Missouri score in the All-USA Community College Academic Team competition. The honor came with a \$2,000 scholarship.

More than 1,900 students nationwide were nominated for New Century Scholars honors. Judges considered grades, leadership, activities and, most important, how students extended their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. The student receiving the highest application score in each state is named a New Century Scholar.

Kent, a working single mother of two, says she was “extremely shocked” when she learned she was Missouri’s top scorer.

The Spring 2016 grad says MCC-Blue River “has been more than a college to me — it is like a second home. The students, staff and faculty are all amazing people who I appreciate so very much.”

MISSOURI INNOVATION CAMPUS A FINALIST FOR NATIONAL HONOR

For a second consecutive year, the Missouri Innovation Campus in Lee’s Summit was named a finalist for a prestigious national award that recognizes community college innovation in workforce development programs.

The University of Florida’s Community College Futures Assembly presents Bellwether Awards in three categories: workforce development; instructional programs and services; and planning, governance and finance. In November, 10 finalists were announced for each category.

The Missouri Innovation Campus is a collaboration of MCC-Longview, the Lee’s Summit R-7 School District and the University of Central Missouri. The program, focused on the STEM fields

(science, technology, engineering and math), provides an opportunity for students to earn a four-year degree two years after high school.

The Missouri Innovation Campus program first earned national attention in July 2013, when President Barack Obama praised it during a visit to the UCM campus in Warrensburg.

“The community — including business partners, educational institutions, students and families — can be proud of this collaborative effort,” said MCC-Longview President Kirk Nooks. “We are thrilled that national experts and education leaders recognize the visionary approach and results we are experiencing with the Missouri Innovation Campus.”

SKILLSUSA MEDALIST WINS A CORVETTE FOR AUTO PROGRAM



We don’t know if anyone actually calls him “Corvette Dude,” but it’s a fitting name for MCC-Longview grad Jonathan Robertson.

For winning a silver medal at the national SkillsUSA contest in 2016, Robertson was given a brand-new Chevrolet Corvette Stingray for Longview’s automotive technology program. The Corvette joins a fleet of late-model vehicles for students to work on.

After that triumph came more good news: Robertson would be

representing the United States at the 2017 WorldSkills Competition in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. He was also selected as a 2017 summer intern for General Motors in California.

David Patience, MCC-Longview’s automotive coordinator and Robertson’s mentor throughout the SkillsUSA competition, says he is thankful to be able to work with “such amazing students in an environment and program that truly makes a difference in their lives.”

PREPARING STUDENTS



POMP, CIRCUMSTANCE AND A NEW GROUP OF ALUMNI

More than 900 MCC students walked across the commencement stage May 12 at Municipal Auditorium as some 3,500 family members and friends looked on.

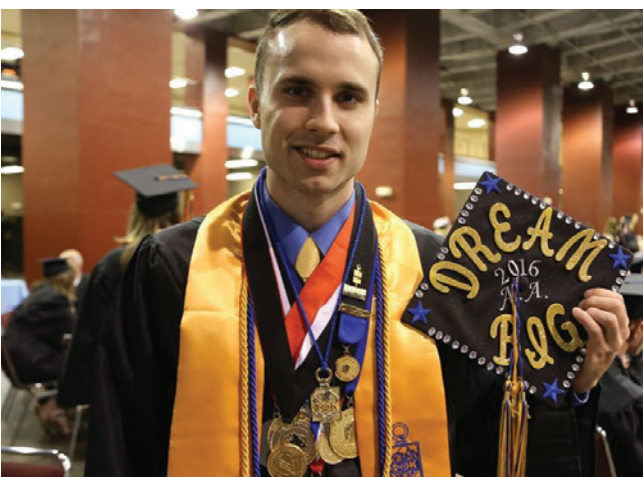
The soon-to-be grads marched one campus at a time into the Municipal arena to the traditional sounds of “Pomp and Circumstance.” Michel Hillman, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, welcomed the audience. The presentation of colors was made by Missouri State Highway Patrol troopers, followed by a performance of the national anthem by the Kansas City Boys and Girls Choirs.

Chancellor Mark James introduced speaker Cynthia Newsome, a “41 Action News” anchor and founder of the student mentoring program Awesome Ambitions.

“Well done! This is a big moment in your lives,” Newsome told the graduating students. Her theme: that a finish line is also a starting line. Each grad is now poised to start a new adventure, she said, whether that’s entering the workforce, starting a business or continuing their education.

MCC conferred a variety of associate degrees — including more than 1,500 associate in arts degrees — as well as 800-plus certificates, for programs typically completed in a year or less. Many of the new associate degree holders would be transferring to four-year institutions.

All told, about 2,500 students applied to graduate in 2016, which included grads from the previous fall as well as those who were expecting to complete studies in the spring and summer.



PREPARING STUDENTS



AT MCC, THE GOVERNOR MEETS A+ SCHOLARS

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon was already a fan of the state's A+ scholarship program, but during a January visit to MCC he got firsthand feedback from students on how beneficial A+ really is.

At a roundtable discussion that featured 11 current and former MCC A+ scholars, Nixon heard comments like this from Tiana Key, an MCC-Longview student: "It took the financial worry off my back."



Chase Tyne, working on an electrical lineman certificate at MCC-Business & Technology, told the governor that without A+, he probably wouldn't be attending college at all. Instead, he'd likely be working as a laborer.

The A+ program provides an almost-free community college education for qualifying high school graduates. Among other criteria, students must have at least a 2.5 GPA and a 95 percent attendance record.

At MCC, more than 23,000 students have received A+ scholarship funds since 2005. In 2015-16, 1,840 MCC students received A+ scholarships worth a total of \$4.2 million.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, MCC



MCC observed its 1915 founding with centennial events starting in 2014-15, but the 100th anniversary of the first day of classes occurred in September 2015. Students and employees toasted the College at birthday parties on each campus, complete with cake and smiles.

SERVING COMMUNITIES

LABOR SECRETARY PRAISES MCC'S WORKFORCE PROGRAMS



Thomas E. Perez



During an August visit to MCC, U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas E. Perez discussed his goal of “up-skilling America” and how community colleges help accomplish that.

“The secret sauce of community college is the key to success, and MCC has been a remarkable example of partnership in action, of a higher education institution that has taken federal grants (and) built partnerships,” Perez told reporters. “Everything that’s done here is demand-driven, working with industry to make sure that in-demand jobs are addressed with the skills and knowledge that enable people to punch their ticket to the middle class.”

At MCC-Business & Technology, Perez toured the campus, jumped on a Harley and took part in a discussion with MCC business partners and successful graduates of our programs.

Perez visited the College to see firsthand the results of MCC’s three MoWIn grants, which use federal funding to train the unemployed, underemployed and veterans for high-skills jobs in health care, manufacturing and STEM fields.

The Secretary of Labor’s appearance marked the third time a White House Cabinet member has visited MCC since 2012.

A CITY AND COLLEGE BLUE WITH PRIDE

“It took an MCC grad to bring us the Royals — thanks, Mr. K.”

That was a tweet from MCC Chancellor Mark James the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 3, as throngs of Royals fans descended on downtown Kansas City for a parade and rally celebrating the team’s World Series victory over the New York Mets.

Among those hundreds of thousands of revelers were MCC employees and students, who received a day off work and school to honor the boys in blue.

The city was bursting with pride, and so was MCC. As the chancellor pointed out, it was MCC alumnus Ewing Kauffman who gave Kansas City the Royals. “Mr. K” earned an associate degree from MCC, then known as the Junior College of Kansas City, in 1936.



NOW TAKING THE MOUND: TEAM MCC



Relay the Way, billed as the longest first pitch in Kansas City Royals history, saw a baseball tossed from person to person — an estimated 2,500 participants — along a 9.5-mile route, from Union Station to Kauffman Stadium. Among the “pitchers” were the 20 members of Team MCC, students and employees chosen in an MCC social media contest. Our team covered the territory at 18th Street and Grand Boulevard as the ball made the turn from Grand east onto 18th. The event raised money to help build an MLB Urban Youth Academy in Kansas City. It was held the morning of April 3; the Royals won their 2016 season opener against the New York Mets later that day.

APPLAUSE FOR TWO OUTGOING TRUSTEES, A WELCOME TO TWO NEW MEMBERS



Richard Charles Tolbert and Mariann Tow

MCC trustees Richard Charles Tolbert and Mariann Tow, who between them contributed 20 years of service to the College, were officially honored and applauded at their final board meeting April 21. Each was presented with a resolution of commendation from the Board of Trustees.

Tolbert, first elected in 2004, served two six-year terms on the Board of Trustees. Tow, appointed in 2008 and elected in 2010, served eight years.

MCC Chancellor Mark James said that Tolbert and Tow “served selflessly for the good of the district” and had “advanced the educational opportunities available to the students and employers in the communities we serve.”

Tolbert said he had been active in politics since the 1964 presidential election, but “these 12 years working for the community colleges have been the most satisfying work I’ve done.”



Barbara Anne Washington



Michael R. Brown

Tow echoed Tolbert's sentiments, saying she'd lived a long life and worked with many organizations, but “none more satisfying than to be on the board at this community college.”

At MCC, she added, she had met “so many dedicated, intelligent, hardworking people serving the cause of education.” Tow served as vice president of the board for four years.

At the same meeting, new trustees Michael R. Brown and Barbara Anne Washington were sworn in and welcomed to the board.

At the trustees' June meeting, long-serving board president David Disney was presented with his gavel, which was attached to a plaque made in the FabLab at MCC-Business & Technology.

Disney served as president for a decade, 2006-16. Current board president Trent Skaggs presented the gift to his predecessor.

SERVING COMMUNITIES

A DAY ON, NOT A DAY OFF



Dozens of MCC students and employees gave up part of Martin Luther King Jr. Day in January to serve their communities. Some MCC-Maple Woods students, for instance, rolled up their sleeves to sort donations at the Hillcrest Thrift Shop in Platte County. Other agencies that benefited from MCC's MLK Day of Service, an annual tradition, included animal shelters, a food bank and a transitional housing program. Meanwhile, a group of MCC retirees got together for a sixth year to make fleece lap blankets for patients at Children's Mercy Hospital.

A HELPING HAND FOR HARVESTERS

At MCC in-service in November, employees donated more than 250 food and personal hygiene items for a Harvesters food bank drive. The keynote speaker for the annual event was Dr. Charlene Dukes, president of Prince George's Community College in Maryland and board chair of the American Association of Community Colleges. In addition to discussing the challenges facing community colleges, Dukes advised her audience not to let process or procedures stand in the way of doing what's best for students. In-service also recognized employees who've served the College for 10, 20, 25 and 30 years.



ALL THAT JAZZ

MCC-Penn Valley graphic design student Samantha Offutt (in the blue dress) was the winner of a "Jazz at 100" poster contest sponsored by Kansas City Jazz Ambassadors and Duke Ellington Legacy. Her poster was unveiled April 29 at a reception at Buttonwood Art Space. "I knew right away that I didn't really want to use a person," Offutt said. "I did a little research and landed on the trumpet design." To celebrate the centennial of jazz, contest organizers solicited poster designs from Penn Valley art instructor Darlene Town's graphic design students, who had just two weeks to create their images.

MCC COACH BETTY LENNOX NAMED 'WOMAN OF THE YEAR'



MCC-Penn Valley women's basketball coach Betty Lennox was honored as Woman of the Year at the 2016 Women of Distinction Awards luncheon in March. The event, hosted by the Examiner newspaper, honored 20 women from eastern Jackson County.

Valley Scouts women's basketball team, with a 14-10 record. She brought a WNBA jersey and a history of service to the community and children with her.

A hometown girl, Lennox played 12 years of professional basketball in the WNBA and overseas before coming home to coach children at every level and become head coach at Van Horn High School in Independence.

In 2005, Lennox started a foundation to support children who are victims of neglect and abuse. The organization's mission is to give them better experiences and the chance to succeed with support, education and love.

"I love helping kids," Lennox told the Examiner. "I love making impacts in their lives."

The honorees were nominated by the public, with event organizers naming the final panel of 20 women. Those women then voted Lennox Woman of the Year.

Lennox had just wrapped her first season as coach of the MCC-Penn

LOOK – UP IN THE SKY!

Hello Kitty joined scads of flying objects above MCC-Longview at the campus' annual Flights of Fancy Mega Kite Festival. Well, almost annual: Stormy weather forced the cancellation of the 2015 event. But in April 2016, Mother Nature cooperated, delivering a beautiful day with clouds, occasional sun and just enough wind. The event, launched in 2007, brings the community out in droves (an estimated 36,000 people this time). Some just wanted to gaze up at the giant sea creatures, ponies and bears, but many flew their own kites.



MCCA SALUTES STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES AND A PARTNERSHIP

Five MCC students, four employees and a business partnership were honored at the Missouri Community College Association's annual fall convention.

MCCA student leadership awards were presented to Margarita Araiza, John BeeBee, Josiah Bell, Kauthar Daud and Anna Hirsekorn. Employee honorees were Brian Bechtel, John Buchanan, Carol Kuznacic and Nita Isenhour, each of whom received a Senior Service Award.

MCCA also honored the partnership between MCC and Church & Dwight Co. with a Distinguished Business and Industry Award. Starting in Fall 2014, the company enrolled 45 employees in MCC's associate of applied science in business management program. MCC-Longview and the Institute for Workforce Innovation worked to accommodate



Church & Dwight Co.'s Derreck Copsey (from left) and Jeremy Wilson with MCC-Longview President Kirk Nooks

the employees' schedules and provide other support, including a customized tutoring program.

Church & Dwight's plant in Harrisonville makes and distributes a number of familiar products including OxiClean, Pepsodent tooth paste and Close-Up mouthwash.

In the spring, MCCA honored five MCC faculty members with Governor's Awards for Excellence in Teaching: Zoe Albright, Carlos Bass, James M. Cline, Theresa Hannon and Carrie Pickerel-Brooks. Missouri regional Phi Theta Kappa honorees included Dawinderpreet Brar, Dee Mathison, Stacey McMillen, Ashley Meyer, Yvette Sweeney and Cheryl Winter.

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES



NEW LOUNGE AN OASIS FOR MCC'S STUDENT VETERANS

MCC-Penn Valley officially opened its new student veterans lounge in April with speeches, a color guard, tours of the new space and red, white and blue cupcakes.

Chancellor Mark James told those gathered in the Campus Center that the event "gives us an opportunity to truly showcase how much MCC values our veteran students."

Dr. Joe Seabrooks, Penn Valley president, singled out Linda Lechowicz, co-adviser of the campus Student Veterans Association, for her tenacity and commitment to the project. Lechowicz wrote the proposal that resulted in a grant from the Home Depot Foundation and Student Veterans of America.

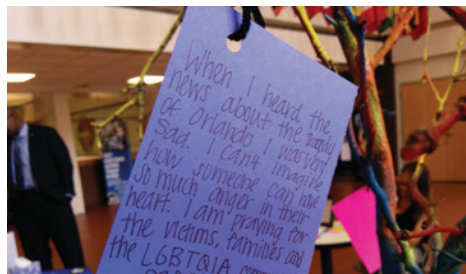
She told the crowd that one important goal for the student veterans space is to help them transition from "military world" to "educational world," which can be very different.

Her grant proposal totaled \$10,383 for furnishings. First came the good news that Penn Valley's SVA was a winner. Later more good news: Although the grant was advertised as \$10,000, Home Depot paid the entire amount.

Penn Valley student Jesse Reid, 27, who served four years in the Army, says it's nice to have a space set aside for veterans. Although military people are used to "controlled chaos," he appreciates an oasis from the chatter outside the lounge.

LOVE AND SUPPORT FROM MCC

The MCC-Penn Valley community paid tribute to the victims of the June 12 massacre in Orlando, Fla., with a "remembrance and inclusivity" tree created by the campus' facilities team. The rampage at a nightclub killed 49 people, making it the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. At Penn Valley, passersby



were encouraged to attach messages of support to the rainbow-colored tree. And at MCC-Blue River, a display case that had been devoted to Pride Month was turned into a memorial to the Orlando victims.

A FUTURE MCC STUDENT?



On Presidents' Day in February, about 20 young students from Kansas City Public Schools met an actual president: MCC-Penn Valley's Dr. Joe Seabrooks. One lunch topic at the Health Science Institute was the kids' educational plans. They received a tour of some HSI health care programs and even made a video to send President Barack Obama. One of the participants (pictured) was interviewed by Terra Hall of "41 Action News." The event's purpose was to encourage students at a young age to start thinking about college.

THREE MCC EMPLOYEES HONORED AS BLACK ACHIEVERS



Tarana Chapple



Karen Curls



Crystal Johnson

MCC's Tarana Chapple, Karen Curls and Crystal Johnson were selected to join the 2016 class of the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City.

The group, founded by U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver in 1974 (five years before he was first elected a Kansas City councilman), honors local African-American leaders in business and industry. The society has inducted more than 450 members over the last four decades.

Chapple is associate dean of instruction at MCC-Penn Valley. Curls is social science division chair and a criminal justice instructor at Penn Valley. Johnson is division chair of the social science and business division and teaches history courses at MCC-Maple Woods.

Black Achievers are nominated by their employers. The group's mission is "to actively respond to the educational, social and economic needs of the community by providing role models for black and minority youth, and sharing knowledge gained through academic and corporate experience." The society also awards college scholarships to Kansas City students.

KANSAS CITY, MCC HOST NATIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

A number of MCC employees helped plan "Going to Kansas City," the 20th annual National Learning Communities Conference held here in November. MCC faculty members Rich Higgason and William Young led the effort.

NLCC, founded in 1995, is sponsored by a consortium of six institutions: MCC, Delta College, Harper College, Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis, Kennesaw State

University and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Each school hosts the conference on a rotating basis.

The 2015 conference explored ways that post-secondary leaders can help students achieve their goals and graduate. Attendees took up a challenge being heard around the country: To be successful, colleges need to help students succeed.

IN THEIR WORDS



"I feel like I have always been cheerful even though I think I went through a lot."

Katelynn Corkern, an MCC-Blue River student who graduated with honors in May. As a 7-day-old baby, she was found in a restroom trash can in Nanjing, China. She would eventually be adopted by a family from the Kansas City area.



"Our instructor taught us it is not just a forklift. From the CEO down, it is a trickle-down effect, and if you mess up down here it impacts the customer and purchasing."

Brittney Gumm, who earned a warehousing and logistics associate certificate at MCC-Business & Technology. After that, she enrolled in the welding program. She also took part in a roundtable with U.S. Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez when he visited the campus in August.

"It will be my goal to build a better MCC through focused efforts on inclusion for all."

Robert N. Page Jr., named MCC's executive director of inclusion and engagement



"I will forever and ever proudly wave the MCC flag and support community colleges."

Jakob Ganschow, who became an MCC student because UPS, his employer, offered tuition assistance. He also earned a Board of Trustees Scholarship. At MCC-Blue River, he was elected president of the campus' Phi Theta Kappa chapter. He's now a UMKC honors student applying to graduate schools.

"Our students are very intelligent, they're bright and very funny. They make my job enjoyable."

Millie Edwards Nottingham, comprehensive literacy instructor at MCC-Penn Valley, who was named to Ingram's magazine's "50 Missourians You Should Know" list.





“I will be an example to all African Americans, letting them know it doesn’t matter where you come from but where you’re going.”

Jaquaylah Taylor, in her application essay for the Chancellor’s Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Taylor, also a Kauffman Scholar, took classes on the MCC-Penn Valley campus as a high school student. She’s pictured here with Chancellor Mark James.



“When I’m hospitalized ... I always look to see if I can find graduates of here. And I quiz ’em, because I want you all to be the best.”

Rosemary Atkins, one of the four founding faculty members of MCC’s nursing program, which was launched in 1966. Sharon Cook (shown at left with Atkins) was another of the founders.



“Affordability in higher education is a huge challenge that our country is facing. Community college, and MCC in particular, is a wonderful, affordable option.”

Maurice Watson, chairman of the Husch Blackwell law firm and an MCC Foundation director



“This is a good education. It’s really helping me. I want to be an aerospace engineer, and I’ve learned a lot of things that I can use in that field.”

Jordan Fountain, an early college student at MCC-Business & Technology

ENROLLMENT

STUDENT HEAD COUNT

2015: **17,821** 


2014: 18,222 

2013: 19,234 

CREDIT HOURS

2015: **160,893** 


2014: 165,834 

2013: 177,611 

HIGH SCHOOL PENETRATION

(Percentage of in-district high school graduates attending MCC)

2015: **23.5%** 

2014: 21.1% 

2013: 21% 

STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATUS

2015

Full time **39%**

Part time **61%**

Female **58%**

Male **42%**

2014

Full time **41%**

Part time **59%**

Female **57%**

Male **43%**

2013

Full time **38%**

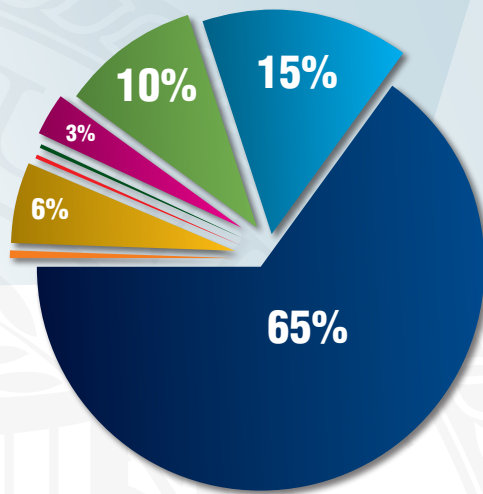
Part time **62%**

Female **58%**

Male **42%**

Numbers are from fall semester. Source: MCC Office of Institutional Research and Assessment

STUDENT RACE/ETHNICITY



2015:



● White 65%
 ● Black 15%
 ● Hispanic 10%
 ● Asian 3%

● American Indian .3%
 ● Pacific Islander .3%
 ● Multiracial 6%
 ● Unspecified .3%

2014:

White - 64%
 Black - 16%
 Hispanic - 9%
 Asian - 3%

American Indian - .4%
 Pacific Islander - .3%
 Multiracial - 6.2%
 Unspecified - .5%

2013:

White - 65%
 Black - 16%
 Hispanic - 9%

Asian - 3%
 Multiracial - 6%
 Unspecified - 1%

COLLEGE FINANCIAL RESULTS

REVENUE

2015-16

Local taxes	\$32,723,095
State aid	\$32,910,977
Student fees	\$22,495,397
Grants and contracts (including Pell)	\$39,347,057
Auxiliary	\$5,779,501
Other	\$5,980,805



Total Revenue \$139,236,832

	2014-15	2013-14
Local taxes	\$32,527,980	31,605,159
State aid	\$31,678,098	29,447,940
Student fees	\$22,426,080	21,734,681
Grants and contracts (including Pell)	\$34,465,697	41,373,453
Auxiliary	\$9,567,453	10,514,255
Other	\$6,046,222	7,543,936
Total Revenue	\$136,711,530	142,219,424

EXPENDITURES

2015-16

Instructional	\$42,874,621
Institutional support	\$18,935,573
Public service	\$5,721,483
Student services	\$14,230,061
Plant operation and maintenance	\$11,295,719
Academic support	\$15,147,574
Scholarships and fellowships	\$4,897,540
Depreciation	\$6,425,809
Interest expense	\$2,005,422
Auxiliary expenses	\$4,114,199



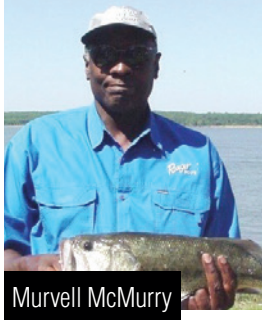
Total Expenditures \$125,648,001

	2014-15	2013-14
Instructional	\$42,397,980	44,548,476
Institutional support	\$17,689,784	22,886,397
Public service	\$2,364,475	3,353,484
Student services	\$14,040,303	13,411,453
Plant operation and maintenance	\$11,090,673	10,387,029
Academic support	\$14,180,997	14,107,610
Scholarships and fellowships	\$5,184,499	5,981,304
Depreciation	\$6,865,121	6,953,151
Interest expense	\$2,934,670	3,228,271
Auxiliary expenses	\$7,049,352	7,765,719

Total Expenditures \$123,797,854 132,622,894

MCC FOUNDATION

NEW MCC SCHOLARSHIP HONORS 'A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE' FOR STUDENTS



Longtime MCC-Penn Valley counselor Murvell McMurry was a walking quote machine, known for such “Murvologies” as “I was born at night, but I wasn’t born last night” and “I’m not going unless there’s meat.”

He loved to fish, and once won \$1,500 in a bass tournament.

A member of the Central High School basketball team that won state in 1967, he used his athletic ability to go to college.

He was known for being student-centered: As Penn Valley president Dr. Joe Seabrooks once put it, McMurry “was blessed to earn a living doing what he loved — serving as a passionate advocate for students’ academic achievement and lifelong success.”



McMurry retired from MCC in July 2011 after 29 years. He died in April 2014. Shortly afterward, McMurry’s MCC colleagues, family members and others started contributing to a scholarship fund in his honor. They had to raise at least \$10,000.

They did, and in early 2016, the first Murvell McMurry Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Penn Valley student Merari Vazquez-Rubio, 26.

Vazquez-Rubio says she felt “very honored” to have been selected for the scholarship that remembers McMurry.

ANOTHER REASON TO SMILE, COURTESY OF THE LINSCOMB FOUNDATION



A new scholarship established through a gift to the MCC Foundation by the Irven E. and NeVada P. Linscomb Foundation will be the first of its kind for the College’s dental assistant program.

The gift was made in honor of Albert W. “Bill” Zimmer, who served as president of the Linscomb Foundation since its inception.

The Albert W. Zimmer Dental Assistant Scholarship Fund will help MCC students who reside in Clay or

Platte counties earn a degree in dental assisting. The Linscomb Foundation pledged a \$40,000 gift to create the annual scholarships. The first award was presented for the Fall 2016 semester.

The Linscomb Foundation has been a generous source of support for MCC students. Since 2006, the Linscomb Scholars program has provided more than \$182,000 in scholarship funds for MCC-Maple Woods students who graduated from Northland high schools.

“The primary role of a Foundation board member is to be an advocate, and advocacy means spreading the word, being an ambassador, informing folks what the College is and what it’s doing, raising money, raising awareness.”

Jason Dalen, chair of the MCC Foundation board of directors



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The logo for Metropolitan Community College (MCC) features the letters "MCC" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the letters is a stylized graphic consisting of two concentric white arcs, resembling a partial circle or a stylized 'C'.

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