

2021-2022

# ANNUAL REPORT





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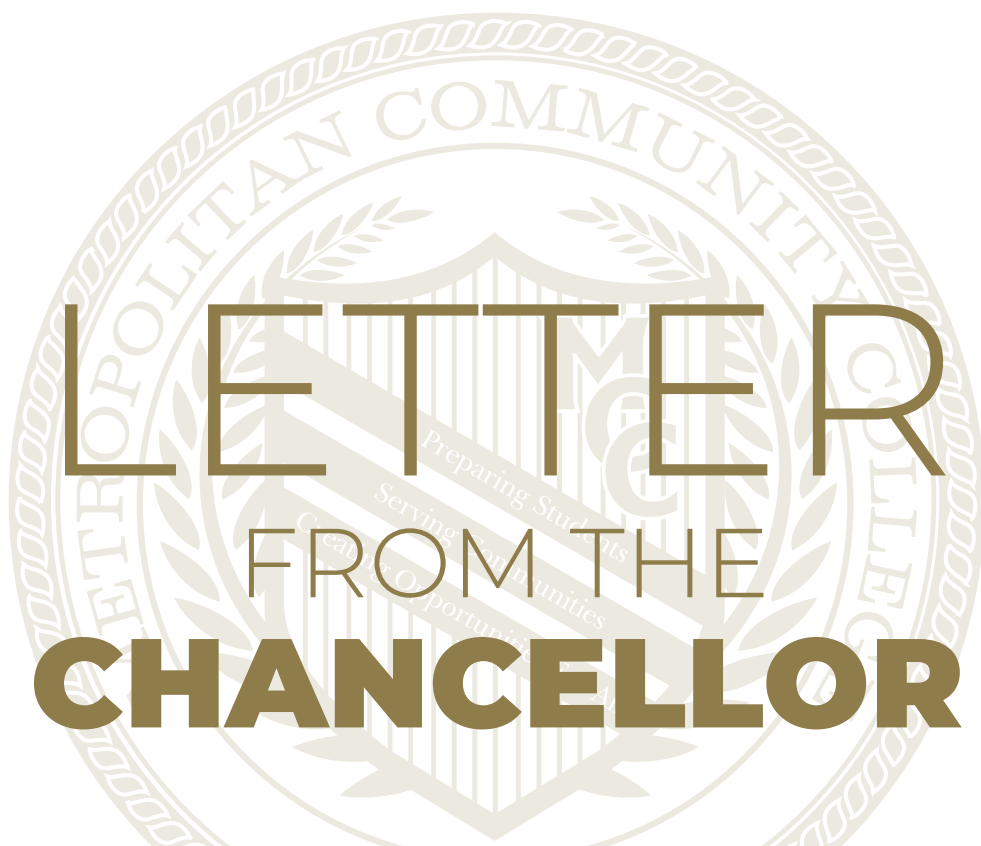
### MCC-PENN VALLEY

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- Metropolitan Community College is the oldest public institution of higher education in Kansas City, Missouri, and was the first community college in Missouri
- Founded in 1915 as the Kansas City Polytechnic Institute
- One of the first institutions in the country to award associate degrees
- Serves about 20,000 students annually through credit and noncredit courses and business services

MCC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission ([hlcommission.org](http://hlcommission.org)),  
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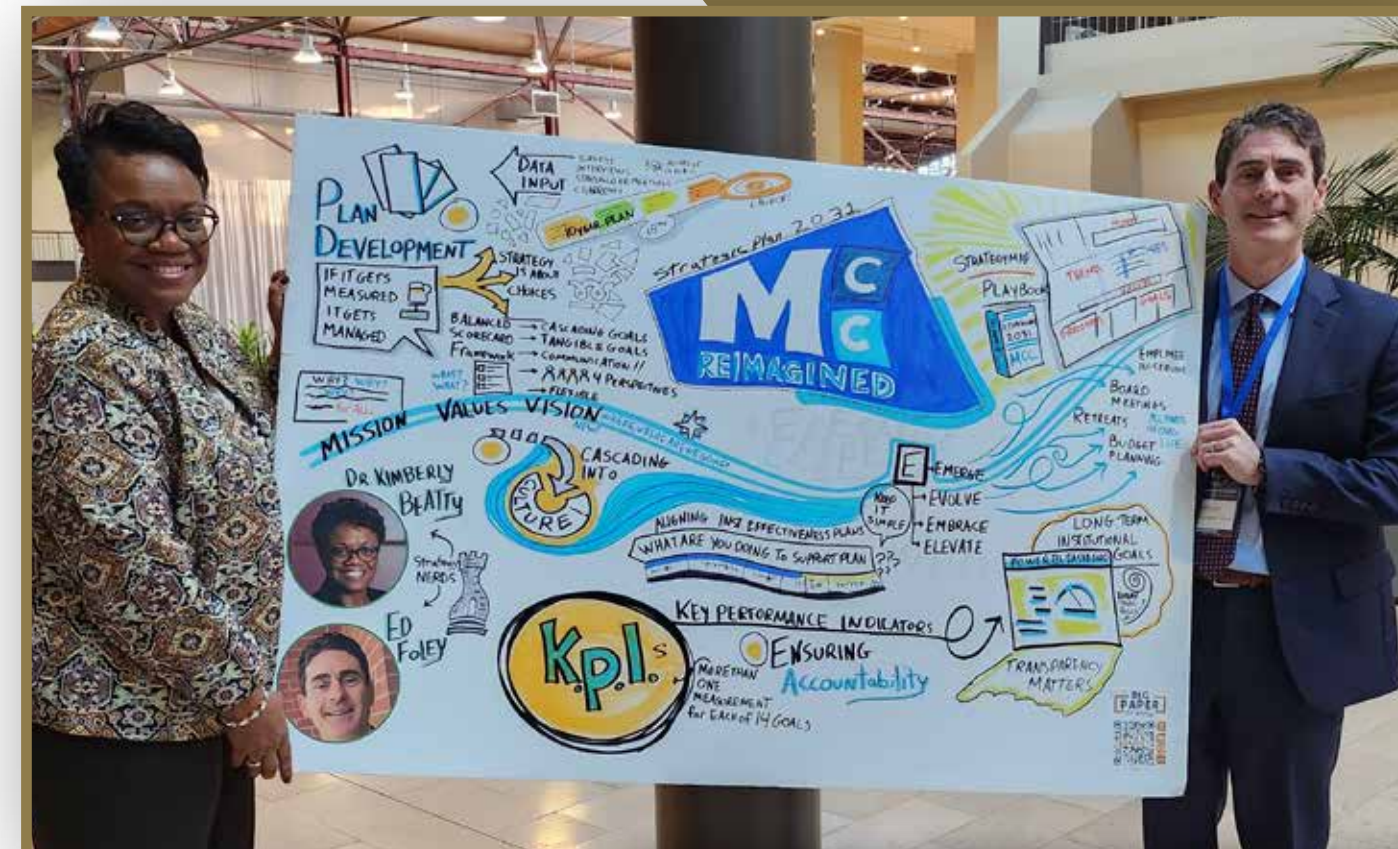
# ‘MCC REIMAGINED’? IT’S HAPPENING RIGHT NOW

Hello and welcome to Metropolitan Community College’s Annual Report for 2021-22! It really was a monumental year for us — particularly given that we were still trying to get back to “normal” after all that the pandemic wrought. This was the period that saw MCC open not one ... not two ... but three new facilities, each dedicated to workforce training and in locations accessible to more students (starting on Page 6).

In related news, we celebrated the public launch of The Path Forward, our campaign to raise funds for not just new learning spaces but also new, in-demand career and technical programs and new scholarship opportunities for deserving students. We’re so grateful to the organizations, companies and individuals who’ve stepped up so far (read more on Page 14). The enthusiasm we’ve seen tells me that our Greater Kansas City community recognizes and appreciates the vital role MCC plays in educating and training the workforce of tomorrow.

Another big headline: our Board of Trustees approved a 10-year Strategic Plan for the College. Following months of internal planning, the 2022-2031 plan known as “MCC Reimagined” took effect in January 2022. At this point I probably talk in my sleep about goals, values, IEPs (institutional effectiveness plans), KPIs (key performance indicators) and more. But in a nutshell, MCC Reimagined can be boiled down to “MCC’s Four E’s,” also known as the plan’s four strategic themes. **We want Metropolitan Community College to ...**

- **Emerge** as a first choice
- **Evolve** for maximum impact on education and workforce
- **Embrace** all
- **Elevate** student, employee and community engagement



Dr. Beatty and MCC’s Ed Foley show off the work of “live illustrator” Matt Orley, who captured the highlights of their session on MCC’s new Strategic Plan at the Missouri Community College Association convention in 2022. Foley is executive director for enterprise project management, planning and institutional effectiveness.

As part of the work on the new Strategic Plan, we put fresh eyes on MCC’s mission and vision statements. We decided our current mission would be stronger — and demonstrate our commitment to equity — by adding the last two words: **Preparing students, serving communities, creating opportunities for all.**

The institution’s new vision, meanwhile, is: **MCC will be the Kansas City region’s college of choice where all are encouraged to learn, discover and engage.**

I’m grateful to everyone, here at MCC and within the larger community, who has played a role in developing this ambitious 10-year plan. That includes dozens of business leaders, community members, alumni, employees and other stakeholders who took part in small-group discussions about the future of MCC.

We hope you enjoy this annual report. (Thoughts? Comments? Drop me a line at **Chancellors.Office@mcckc.edu**.) On behalf of our employees, students and the Board of Trustees, thank you for your support of Metropolitan Community College.

All the best,

**Dr. Kimberly Beatty**  
Chancellor



# AT A GLANCE

## SEPTEMBER 2021



MCC-Penn Valley holds its first Jazz in the Valley festival, an outdoor on-campus event to which the community is invited. >>Page 16



MCC-Longview's Adult Learner Lounge debuts for older students. >>Page 24



Launch of MCC's Innovation Academy, with a dozen employees selected for the professional development program supporting the College's innovative endeavors.

## OCTOBER 2021



Ribbon-cutting for MCC-Penn Valley's Engineering Technology building >>Page 8

## NOVEMBER 2021



Curative opens a COVID-19 testing kiosk at MCC-Penn Valley, the company's first in Kansas City. Later, Curative kiosks could also be found at the Longview and Maple Woods campuses.

## DECEMBER 2021



MCC-Blue River officially opens its Veterans Success Center. >>Page 22



The state of Missouri approves MCC's first bachelor's degree, in respiratory care. >>Page 22



The MCC-Business & Technology campus near I-435 and Front Street closes; its programs move to new facilities at MCC-Blue River and MCC-Penn Valley.

## JANUARY 2022



The Chancellor's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Luncheon featuring nationally prominent attorney Ben Crump raises \$130,000. >>Page 12

## FEBRUARY 2022



Ribbon-cutting for the Blue River East building >>Page 10

## MARCH 2022



The latest Ruffalo Noel Levitz student satisfaction survey shows that 85% of MCC students would enroll here again. Overall, student satisfaction is on par with or higher than the national average for community colleges.

## APRIL 2022



MCC's The Path Forward capital campaign celebrates its public launch. >>Page 14



Ribbon-cutting for MCC-Penn Valley's Advanced Technical Skills Institute >>Page 6



Groundbreaking for the expansion of the MCC-Maple Woods Sports Training Center



MCC commencement moves to a new venue: Cable Dahmer Arena in Independence. >>Page 18

## MAY 2022



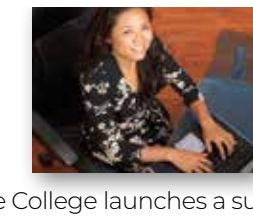
MCC Workforce and Economic Development (WED) holds its first recognition ceremony for recent completers of noncredit programs such as certified nurse assistant and certified medication technician. The event also includes a job fair.



MCC-Maple Woods' inaugural Rockin' in the Woods music and arts festival >>Page 16



Hollis + Miller Architects announces it will design and build an outdoor learning space on the MCC-Penn Valley campus.



The College launches a summer pilot program enabling many employees to work from home up to two days a week; the Flexible Work Arrangement program for staff and administrators rolls out officially the following fall.

## JUNE 2022



# NEWS OF THE YEAR



## AN URBAN VISION COME TO FRUITION



"Oh, this is a joyous day," proclaimed MCC-Penn Valley President Tyjaun Lee at the official opening of MCC's Advanced Technical Skills Institute. At the April 2022 ribbon-cutting, ATSI was celebrated as a career training center accessible to more students than its predecessor and as another sign of the resurgence of the Troost Avenue corridor.



Cutting the ribbon in April 2022



### ADVANCED TECHNICAL SKILLS INSTITUTE

Location: 2944 Troost Ave., midtown Kansas City

Size: 101,108 square feet (renovation)

Cost: \$24.5 million

Architects: Hollis + Miller, Cuninghame Group

General contractors: McCownGordon Construction, LM2 Construction

The block-long ATSI held its first classes in January 2022 following an extensive renovation of what had been a printing facility and warehouse. It is now home to five MCC workforce programs — building maintenance and construction, HVAC, industrial technology, machining and welding — that relocated from the former Business & Technology campus.

Chancellor Kimberly Beatty remembered calling former Kansas City Public Schools Superintendent Mark Bedell when MCC started looking for a central-city location for a manufacturing training site. When KCPS' Manual Career and Technical Center didn't work out, Bedell mentioned a vacant building "right across the street" from district headquarters on Troost, Dr. Beatty said.

"Cutting and renovating" the future ATSI and "retiring" the BT campus was a lot going on at one time. But "I am really

glad to see this vision come to fruition," the chancellor said. One big plus: "We're right on the bus line" in the urban core, providing equitable access to the skilled trades.

Over an 18-month period, the College had two other capital projects going up as well. All told, it was a "herculean" effort, Dr. Beatty said, accomplished during a time of great stress and countless Zoom meetings. In fact, the ATSI design process was quite out of the ordinary thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Hollis + Miller Architects' Albert Ray. The firm kicked off the project in person in early March 2020, but within days the design process had to go virtual. "That took a lot of tenacity," he said.

Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, in a video message shown at the ATSI grand opening, noted that "some years ago" his mother was a community college student. "That was a way that my family got up and got ahead," said Lucas, a Kansas City native. "Thank you for investing in families like mine."





## A SPARKLING 'JEWEL BOX' IN MIDTOWN

### ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

Location: MCC-Penn Valley campus, midtown Kansas City  
Size: 17,700 square feet, including 6,700 square feet of new space  
Cost: \$7.8 million  
Architect: Hollis + Miller  
General contractor: McCownGordon Construction

It was heralded as a “jewel box,” its many-windowed facade an inviting new look for the south side of the main MCC-Penn Valley campus. For anyone who doesn’t usually travel Southwest Trafficway, Chancellor Kimberly Beatty suggested trying it some evening.

“It’s really amazing,” she said at the October 2021 ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Engineering Technology building. “Look at that,” she recalls telling her husband as they drove by. “It just transforms this area.”

Among the speakers and special guests: Wayne Giles, MCC’s fifth chancellor (1993-2005), who noted that Penn Valley was built in the same turbulent era as the Kent State University shootings in 1970. “You see a lot of brick and not many access points to these buildings,” he said. “This new addition has really softened that brick and lightened the look of Penn Valley.”

Before the official opening, MCC engineering technology program coordinator Marcus Million said the most exciting thing about the new space was that “it was designed from the ground up for the programs — not just as they are now, but with room and support to grow.”

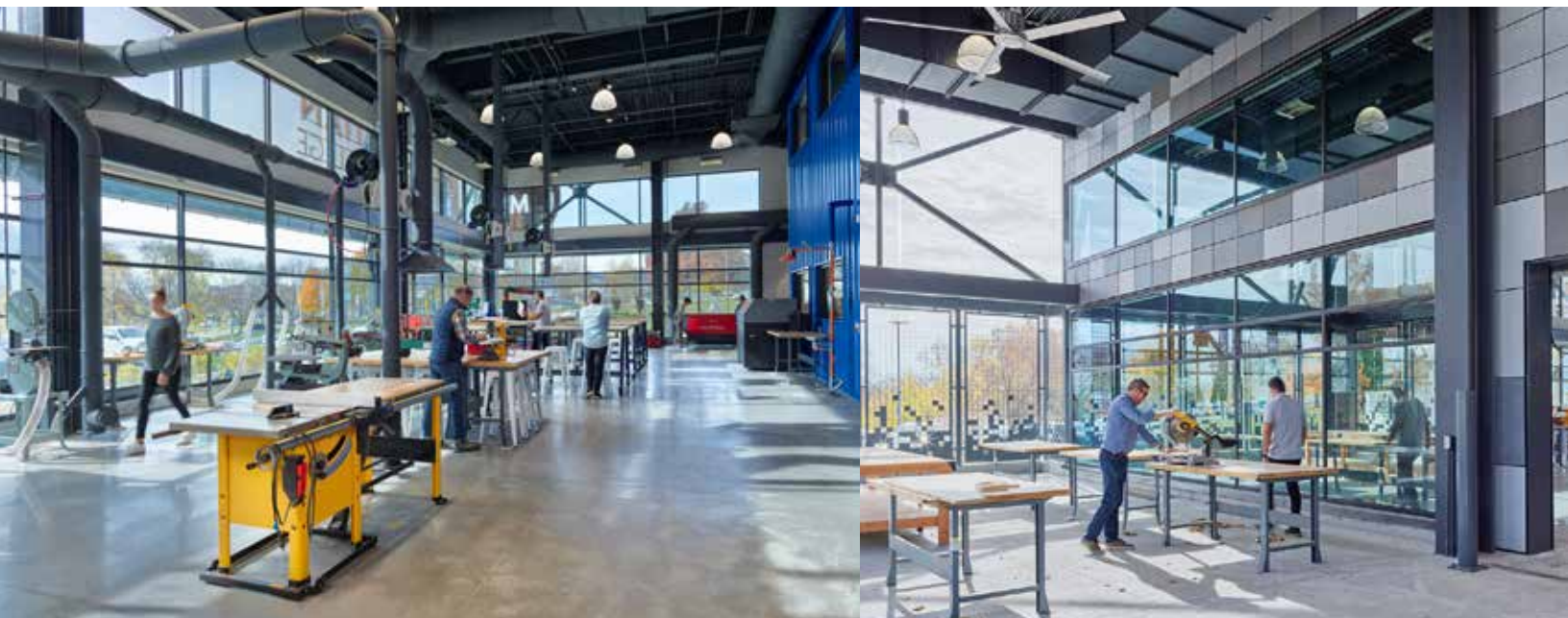


Smiles and applause at the official opening

The first classes met there at the start of the Fall 2021 semester. The capital project included new construction as well as renovation of space in the adjoining Physical Education building.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony, MCC-Penn Valley President Tyjaun Lee held up a time capsule, about the size of a one-quart water bottle, to be buried at the site. Its contents included a face mask and hand sanitizer.

In addition to classrooms and labs, the Engineering Technology building is home to MCC’s Fab Lab maker space, a 3-D printing/prototype lab, the Burns & McDonnell Design Innovation Lab and an outdoor work yard.





## A ‘HIGH PERFORMANCE’ WORKFORCE FACILITY

### BLUE RIVER EAST

Location: MCC-Blue River campus, Independence  
Size: 25,500 square feet (new construction)  
Cost: \$11.3 million  
Architect: BNIM  
General contractor: McCownGordon Construction



The MCC Wolf joined in the opening festivities.

MCC celebrated the new Blue River East building in February 2022 with a ribbon-cutting, lots of balloons and some special guests. The new facility east of the main Blue River campus is home to the utility lineman, commercial truck driving and forklift/warehousing programs as well as the Great Plains OSHA Education Center.

Chancellor Kimberly Beatty said that upon arriving at BR East for the ceremony, “I got teary-eyed. It is beautiful.” Blue River East is a “simple, high-performance building” designed to be “intuitive, easy to use and hopefully a really joyful place to be every single day that you’re here,” James Pfeiffer of architecture firm BNIM told attendees.

At the ribbon-cutting, lineman student Lincoln Biera said that after struggling to find a good major, he had “grown a passion” for the field. He was among a group of students and instructors who helped set up new poles at Blue River East, which features indoor and outdoor utility pole fields.

Those on hand included local officials, several MCC trustees and Independence schools Superintendent Dale Herl. “We couldn’t do what we do without your help,” Herl said.





# NEWS OF THE YEAR

## ATTORNEY BEN CRUMP HEADLINES MLK SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



*Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon*

Alvin Brooks (from left), Chancellor Kimberly Beatty, keynote speaker Ben Crump, MCC Trustee Jermaine Reed

A year earlier, the MCC Chancellor's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Luncheon had been forced to go virtual. But in January 2022, about 300 guests were on hand at the new Loews Kansas City Hotel downtown — with face masks required and tables spread well apart in the big ballroom. Another 200 or so watched the livestream.

The MCC Foundation event brought in about \$130,000 after expenses for student scholarships, including \$4,500 raised by auctioning a painting created for the event by artist Felix Maull. Five MCC students were presented with the Chancellor's Martin Luther King Jr.

Scholarship, which covers a year of tuition. McCownGordon Construction was presenting sponsor of the 2022 MLK luncheon. Honorary co-chairs were Bret Bonge and Marquita Miller-Joshua, MCC Foundation board members.

In addition to honoring the legacy of Dr. King and supporting the success of MCC students, the luncheon was an opportunity for guests to hear keynote speaker Ben Crump. The Florida-based attorney has become a national figure representing the families of people of color killed by police.



### GIVING FELLOW HUMANS 'THE BENEFIT OF HUMANITY'

Ben Crump (pictured, right, with scholarship winner Jer'Ron McCallop) may be best known for representing the family of George Floyd, who was killed by Minneapolis police in May 2020. The shocking captured-on-video event prompted social justice protests across the United States and elsewhere. Crump told the MCC audience he was obligated to give Floyd "the benefit of humanity." He was, after all, "a fellow human being" handcuffed face down on the street who told the four officers on top of him that he couldn't breathe.

Dr. King's famous dream — including the hope that his children would "one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character" — is embedded in the American Dream, Crump said. "Do you believe the Declaration of Independence" and its assertion that all Americans are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness? he asked.

To be sure, there's been progress on the racial justice front. In 2021, mostly white juries convicted the three defendants in the death of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia and a police officer in Daunte Wright's killing in Minnesota. Then again, Crump noted that when a 911 operator asked what Arbery was doing, "the response was, 'He's a black man running in our neighborhood.'"

### WHAT WOULD DR. KING SAY THESE DAYS?

In her remarks, Chancellor Kimberly Beatty (pictured) noted the divisiveness in our country that "threatens common civility," and the deaths of Floyd, Arbery, Wright and many others "more than five decades after Dr. King was assassinated." She wondered what the civil rights icon might say today. In his 1963 "Letter from Birmingham Jail," he encouraged people to rise up and peacefully take action, Dr. Beatty said.

So what can we do now? Get involved, the chancellor said. Use our voices. Become active and give back to



our communities. Be brave when it comes to standing up and speaking out. "And it may be as simple as being open to civil conversation," she added.



### BROOKS AWARD HONORS KC CITIZENS WHO INSPIRE

At a virtual cocktail reception the evening before the MLK luncheon, the MCC Foundation announced the second recipient of the Alvin Brooks Kansas Citian Inspiration Award. Brooks himself (pictured) presented the 2022 award to Mamie Hughes on Zoom.

Hughes is a longtime political and civil rights activist in Kansas City. One of her notable roles was serving as ombudsman for citizens affected by construction of Bruce R. Watkins Drive (a portion of U.S. 71). It was a controversial project that "just destroyed the central city," as one neighborhood leader told The Kansas City Star.



# NEWS OF THE YEAR

## MCC'S THE PATH FORWARD CAMPAIGN: 'GIVING OUR STUDENTS A FIGHTING CHANCE'



The MCC Foundation Path Forward reception at MCC-Penn Valley's Carter Art Center

The MCC Foundation shared its first public progress report on the campaign known as The Path Forward at an April 2022 event. MCC-Penn Valley's Carter Art Center hosted the reception for donors and potential donors.

The campaign seeks to provide funding for the College's most urgent scholarship, program and building goals. Before the public event, community volunteers in the campaign cabinet, along with the Foundation, had been quietly raising money for 18 months. Thanks to those efforts, Foundation officials were pleased to announce at that spring 2022 reception that fundraising then stood at \$15.3 million, or more than three-quarters of the \$20 million goal. The College has pledged to match funds raised through philanthropic donations with the same amount by issuing bonds.

Among the projects funded by gifts to The Path Forward: MCC-Penn Valley's Engineering Technology addition and Advanced Technical Skills Institute, and the MCC-Blue River East building. All three, home to popular workforce training programs, opened in 2021-22.

By the end of 2022, with the original Path Forward goal met and then some — \$32 million — Foundation

officials said the campaign had been so successful it would continue.

"The Path Forward now marches onward to other MCC campuses to support the local automotive and agriculture industries — by launching an Automotive Institute at MCC-Longview and an Agriculture Institute at MCC-Maple Woods," Chancellor Kimberly Beatty said in a message to potential donors. The two new centers of excellence would expand already successful and in-demand MCC career training programs.

At Metropolitan Community College, "we are about up-skilling, training and giving our students a fighting chance," Dr. Beatty said at the campaign's launch event.

MCC serves about 20,000 students annually in an environment in which community colleges receive just 12% of Missouri's total higher education budget. "Still, we remain committed to providing affordable and quality programs in safe and welcoming facilities," the chancellor said.

Terry and Peggy Dunn served as the honorary co-chairs for The Path Forward campaign. Sandy Price has been the campaign chair.

### MAJOR DONORS TO THE PATH FORWARD CAMPAIGN\*

- **Sunderland Foundation**
- **Jackson County Government**
- **Hall Family Foundation**
- **Edward F. Swinney Trust**
- **Downtown Minority Development Corp.**
- **Kemper Family Foundations, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee, and the Kearney Wornall Foundation, UMB Bank, n.a., Trustee**
- **Sherman Family Foundation**
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- **Goppert Foundation**
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- **Sosland Foundation**
- **Truman Heartland Community Foundation**
- **T-Mobile Foundation**
- **Shumaker Family Foundation**
- **R.A. Long Foundation**
- **Terry and Peggy Dunn**
- **Sandra Price**

*\*Through Dec. 31, 2022*



## GO FLY A KITE!

### MCC-LONGVIEW'S FLIGHTS OF FANCY FESTIVAL RETURNS, POST-LOCKDOWNS

Thunderstorms had been predicted, but apparently even Mother Nature was ready for the return of MCC-Longview's Flights of Fancy Mega-Kite Festival. The stormy weather moved through overnight, and festivalgoers were greeted with mostly sunny skies and a perfect kite-flying breeze.

After two years of face masks, social distancing and no kite festival, the thrill of finally gathering outside was palpable at the April 2022 event. Longview's expansive lawn came to life with scads of revelers and all the gear they could tote. Toddlers, teens, retirees and everyone in between brought their giggles, wide eyes, strollers, wagons, picnics-on-blankets, coolers, folding chairs, footballs, bubbles and even a couple of hammocks to hang from trees. And, of course, kites everywhere.



As always, Great American Kites & Events rotated its biggest and best mega-kites throughout the afternoon, filling the sky with vibrant color. More than 16,000 people turned out. Food truck operators reported booming business. The booth for event sponsor Saint Luke's East Hospital handed out all the flying discs they had on hand.

Alas, at the end of the afternoon, unplugged inflatables sagged like a kid finding out the face painters were closing shop. MCC employee-turned-DJ Christal Waters turned down the volume on her poppin' tunes, and the lingering crowd headed to their cars. But there's always next year.





# NEWS OF THE YEAR



## TWO NEW MCC FESTIVALS

In 2021-22, the MCC-Penn Valley campus got a little jazzier and MCC-Maple Woods was the site of some “Rockin’ in the Woods.”

At Penn Valley, the inaugural Jazz in the Valley festival in September 2021 featured three acts — vocalist Lisa Henry, trumpeter Chalis O’Neal and pianist Charles D. Williams (above, with his band). Both O’Neal and Williams are PV alums. Penn Valley President Tyjaun Lee later declared the free outdoor event a success and scheduled the second edition for the fall of 2022.

Meanwhile, Maple Woods’ first Rockin’ in the Woods fest in May 2022 boasted not just live music from the likes of the Kansas City All-Star Band (pictured below) but also art to look at and art to create. The threat of rain kept first-year attendance down, but Maple Woods President Larry Rideaux Jr. still planned to make the festival an annual event. Funds raised will go to scholarships and donations to local charities, Rideaux said. Bonus: the event will also “raise awareness about the culture of education on our beautiful campus.”



## KIDS & CANDY & A BUNNY (OH MY)

MCC-Blue River’s All for the Children drew about 800 little and big people to the campus in April 2022. The annual event isn’t just about racing for candy eggs and meeting the Easter Bunny and Spider-Man. It’s also a healthy families fair with lots of giveaways

(like kids books from Literacy KC) and information on parenting and community resources. Event founder (and psychology instructor) Kimberly Glackin, co-chair Clint Johnson and an entire crew of students, faculty and staff made it possible.





# NEWS OF THE YEAR



## SEEN & HEARD AT COMMENCEMENT

Thursday  
**May 19, 2022** | 7 p.m.



**Cable Dahmer Arena,  
Independence**  
(first year at that venue)

**850**   
Grads who walked

  
**2,272** Size of class

**3,500+**   
Degrees and certificates awarded

**21-29**  
Age group with highest % of grads  
(40% compared to 38% in 20 & under)



**% of class graduating with high honors:**  
(3.9-4.0 GPA): **6%** (138 students)

**% graduating with honors:**  
(3.5-3.8 GPA): **20%** (457 students)



*"Your life is going to be a series of decisions and choices. And it is not always clear what the right answer is. A number of those choices, however, will have important consequences. ... Some will lead you to good places, to good experiences, to good people. And the ones that aren't so good are likely to leave you with a good dose of wisdom."*

— Featured speaker Esther George, then president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, sharing three "simple rules" that have served her well: Be prepared, be brave, be grateful.

*"I also have a special treat this year, to have my mother with me. ... I can remember (as a child) taking three buses with her to the University of Pittsburgh, and without her, I probably wouldn't have had a college-going mindset to be here standing in front of you today."*

— Chancellor Kimberly Beatty, introducing her mother, Gloria Shelton

 **#MCCGRADS2022**





*"I'd like to thank caffeine and my dogs."*

— Violet Jean Esquivel, quoted on her "grad slide" shown at commencement. About 600 students supplied a photo and quote or other personal statement. Popular inspirational quotes came from the likes of Audrey Hepburn, Pele, Albus Dumbledore, Ferris Bueller, Maya Angelou, Anthony Robbins and Winnie the Pooh.



*"The past couple of years have been unbelievably challenging. But despite the obstacles, here you are tonight celebrating the completion of a college certificate or a degree."*

— Board of Trustees President Trent Skaggs



*"You all know this song, 'Started from the Bottom' (by Drake)? ... I was thinking about how the Class of 2022 started from the bottom but now you're here. And your whole team rockin' with you and your whole family and everybody's here with you. Let's give it up for the Class of 2022!"*

— Master of ceremonies and MCC Trustee Jermaine Reed, pictured at left



*"Maybe the biggest misunderstanding is that success comes with a dollar amount. Success comes when you are happy and comfortable in what you are doing. When you are happy and comfortable and you find something that you like to do, good things start to happen."*

— MCC Foundation's 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Mark Long, president and CEO of commercial real estate firm Newmark Zimmer



*"We also have memories of encouraging and supporting one another through our classes — especially through the global pandemic. We had the most supportive staff and faculty to help us when we faced adversity on campus, even through virtual learning. ... We did it together as a Wolf Pack."*

— Student speaker Jessica Lowe from MCC-Maple Woods



# NEWS OF THE YEAR

## THE PACK IS BACK

After a pandemic school year with few people on the campuses, the return of students in August 2021 was a welcome sight. And who can say no to a snow cone? The name of the back-to-school event at MCC-Longview: Snow Glad to See You. At MCC-Penn Valley, Wind Down Wednesday included a DJ spinning tunes. MCC-Maple Woods' Welcome Back Bash was also about relaxing after class, with cornhole playing and a food truck (pictured). And at MCC-Blue River, Pancakes with the President was just that (with campus President Tom Meyer). "The Pack Is Back" was the tagline for MCC's Fall 2021 enrollment marketing campaign.



## STATE APPROVES MCC'S FIRST-EVER BACHELOR'S DEGREE, IN RESPIRATORY CARE

State approval of MCC's proposal to offer its first four-year degree — in respiratory care — was announced in December 2021. MCC "met all the criteria required in order to offer a bachelor's degree at the community college level," according to the Missouri Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

That was one major hurdle cleared, with more sign-offs required, including approval from the Higher Learning Commission, MCC's primary accreditor. Meanwhile, in August 2022, Renee Portmann joined MCC as respiratory

care director/instructor to help develop the curriculum. (She was later named dean of health sciences and Health Science Institute site administrator.)

The new degree will be a B.A.S.: bachelor of applied science. Chancellor Kimberly Beatty said the program's accreditor stopped honoring associate degrees in respiratory therapy. The coronavirus pandemic was "shining an even brighter light on the need" for training in the high-demand field, she told employees.

## 'A PERFECT PLACE' FOR STUDENT VETERANS

MCC-Blue River celebrated its new Veterans Success Center at an event in December 2021. Chancellor Kimberly Beatty spoke of her late father and one of her sons — both military veterans — and said she is proud of MCC for creating quiet spaces where student veterans can relax and interact with others who have shared similar experiences.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Blue River student Shawn Kavadas said young people leaving the military commonly fear feeling out of place and not being able to relate well with others in civilian life. "This is a perfect place for us to come together, talk and just make sure we're grounded and where we need to be," Kavadas said.



The veterans lounge features a TV pit with a couch and chairs, plus a table and chairs for studying. It is decorated with a military and U.S. flag set donated by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and five carved-wood military seals, one for each military branch, created in the MCC Fab Lab by employee Jen Dec.

## MCC PARTNERS WITH NEW COMMUNITY ACCESS CENTER

An MCC delegation was on hand to celebrate the grand opening in August 2022 of CommunityAmerica Credit Union's first Community Access Center, in south Kansas City.

At the Access Center, the credit union offers financial coaching and related services to the public. Meanwhile, the second floor is dedicated MCC-Longview space: exploratory technical skills training employs virtual reality and simulators, and the MCC-managed Educational Opportunity Center provides college and career counseling. MCC, partnering with Literacy KC, also planned to offer adult literacy, English language learning and high school completion classes.

Lisa Ginter, CommunityAmerica CEO, said she values MCC Chancellor Kimberly Beatty's expertise in education, and collaborating with the College on this first-of-its-kind center was an easy choice to address educational gaps that can be "barriers to banking."

Chancellor Beatty said she considers the Community Access Center a "launch pad" for individuals who can go there to build financial literacy skills, explore career options, then "head to Longview" (just 5 miles away) for additional education, training or a degree.



As for the highlight of the grand opening, that seemed to be the appearance of Kansas City Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce (also a CACU spokesperson). Kelce is known for his work with Operation Breakthrough, a KC nonprofit serving low-income children and families.

The Chiefs star (seen above, center, at the ribbon-cutting) said facilities like this one go a long way toward breaking the cycle of poverty. He pointed out that we don't all have access to the same resources growing up, and financial literacy doesn't come easy for everyone. "We either learn it in school or on the run," Kelce said. It was more the latter for him, he added.

MCC's space in the center at 11501 Blue Ridge Blvd. was designed by a planning team from MCC-Longview. It features a reception area, coffee bar, two classrooms, two offices, a conference room and a large open area with seating and tables that can be used for a variety of instructional, meeting and consultation opportunities.

## CAMPUS PRIDE

In honor of National Coming Out Day in October 2021, LGBTQ+ students, employees and allies gathered for group photos on each MCC campus and the Administrative Center. (Shown here: the group from MCC-Blue River.) These photos were then featured on the MCC website alongside the new MCC Out List. The Out List, a project of MCC's LGBTQ+ Affinity Group, includes out faculty, staff and administrators who want to "demonstrate their commitment to ensuring the LGBTQ+ community has a visible presence at the College."





# NEWS OF THE YEAR

## A WELCOMING NEW SPACE FOR 'ADULT LEARNERS'

After the speechifying and ribbon-cutting at MCC-Longview's new Adult Learner Lounge, a student popped in and asked, "Is this the old people's place?"

Gretchen Blythe had an answer for him. "I don't know about old people," she said, "but it's the cool people's place," which got a laugh. And the student ended up sticking around, having a cup of coffee and chatting.

As it turns out, a space where "adult"/older students can eat lunch, study and get to know one another is nothing new for the campus. Blythe, Longview's interim dean of instruction, explained at the September 2021 ceremony that Fran Good, an English instructor, launched the Longview Reentry Program in 1978. The mission: to support students who had returned to college after time away. That support included a Reentry Lounge that was open for years on the campus.

The new Adult Learner Lounge came about as an MCC Innovation Council idea proposed by Blythe, then



Celebrating at MCC-Longview: Christine Atkinson (from left), Dean Gretchen Blythe, Trustee Ellen Martin, President Kathrine Swanson, Trustee Jermaine Reed, Dean Diana McElroy.

Longview's lead counselor. The Adult Learner Lounge committee got busy looking for furniture across the campus. New carpet was scheduled to be installed, but then came the infamous spring of COVID-19 in 2020.

Fortunately, additional funds became available during that pandemic period of working from home, so the lounge scored all-new furniture. Shortly before opening, the space got new paint. Blythe thanked everyone involved, including the employees who selected and purchased the furnishings. Collectively, they created a "warm and welcoming lounge" for the campus' 24-and-older students.

## YOU HAD ME AT FREE ... BREAKFAST



MCC's Spring 2022 semester had something of a delayed start: Most in-person classes converted to virtual learning for a month due to a surge in cases of the Omicron variant of COVID-19. But when students returned to campus, on Valentine's Day no less, they could *taste* the love: It was Day 1 of a free-breakfast pilot program at the four campus cafés.

Free breakfast, in this case, was not something as ho-hum as a basket of granola bars. Every MCC student qualified for a daily \$6 discount — on such mouth-watering fare as breakfast burritos, fruit and yogurt parfaits, pastries and coffee — from 7 to 10 a.m. Monday-Thursday.

Why offer a hearty free meal? Food insecurity is a real issue for college students. MCC officials said they wanted everyone to start the school day with breakfast in their bellies, ready to learn.

The breakfast pilot was paid for by dollars from the federal Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). As it turned out, the funding was sufficient to offer free breakfast not just that spring semester but for most of the following fall semester as well.

## MCC DAY AT THE CAPITOL



A contingent of 44 students along with several administrators and staff descended on Jefferson City for MCC Day at the Capitol in April 2022. One group of students spent time touring, meeting with lawmakers and learning how the legislative process works. (Seen here with students: Missouri Sen. and MCC Trustee Barbara Washington, top center.) The other students, meanwhile, took part in the Missouri Community College Association Student Leadership Institute, which met at a restaurant near the Capitol. Later, five of the students appeared at an MCC Board of Trustees meeting to share highlights of the trip.

## NEW MCC WEBSITE AIMS TO HELP USERS LOCATE INFO QUICKLY

MCC rolled out a new website in early July 2022, following more than two years of planning, user testing, meetings and more testing. The process started in early 2020.

At the top of the new mcckc.edu was a drop-down labeled "Info For." When a visitor clicked that, they'd see alumni, community, current students, faculty and staff, future students and more. These were key "personas" MCC identified — aka stakeholders or target audiences. Whichever persona a website user was, "they should be able to find information with one to two clicks," website manager Kimberly Oxley said.

VisionPoint Marketing, the firm that designed the new website, examined the old site's stats to make sure the most popular pages were easily accessible, Oxley said. "People can scan pages quicker," too — page flow had been improved.

WHERE DO **YOU** WANT TO GO? was the big headline at the top of the homepage, with an "I Want to Explore" dropdown



that led to MCC's eight academic and career pathways. A (silent) video played at the top of the page. The website was also home to Wolfgang the chatbot, a virtual assistant that responded to user questions. The name Wolfgang — an homage to the MCC Wolves — was the winner of an employee contest (several employees had the same winning idea).

The new MCC website was svelte compared to the old one, made up of about 600 pages — one-third the size of its predecessor. The former site boasted a ton of information, but some of it was outdated or just hard to find.

MCC Marketing & Communications executive director Blake Fry, chair of the Website Redesign Task Force, described that group as "a real cross-discipline team across the College." Governance groups and MCC leadership also provided input. "The website really is our best marketing tool," Fry said.



# NEWS OF THE YEAR



- **Karen Curls** (Penn Valley): American Association of Community Colleges' 2022 Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty award
- **David Patience** (Longview): North American Council of Automotive Teachers' Educator of the Year. He earned the highest score of all educators in the U.S. and Canada who took the most recent National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification tests.
- **Clint Johnson** and **Burke Maxted** (Blue River); **Zoe Albright, Sarah Ekey** and **Eric Sullivan** (Longview); **P.K. (Rani) Duggal, Doug Fishel** and **James Hall** (Maple Woods); **Doug Fox** (Online); **Becka Stow** (Penn Valley); **Brandi Fockler** (Administrative Center): 2022 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards winners, selected by a college committee

- **Richard Monroe** (Blue River): to the NASPA national board of directors as community colleges division director, 2022-2024. NASPA is an organization of student affairs administrators.
- **Margaret Berter** (Longview): Classified Staff Achievement, 2021 Missouri Community College Association awards
- **Brandon Hessing** and **Kim Greene** (Longview): Technology Innovation, 2021 Missouri Community College Association awards
- **Ayanna Bridges** (Maple Woods), **Brian Hurley** (Blue River), **Ed Makos** (Business & Technology), **Victor Meledge-Ade** (Longview), **Kim Wilcox** (Penn Valley): Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2021 Missouri Community College Association awards

- **Kristen Brumley** (Business & Technology), **Lyle Gibson** (Penn Valley), **Bridget Gold** (Longview), **Theresa Hannon** (Blue River), **Bob Williams** (Maple Woods): Senior Service Awards, 2021 Missouri Community College Association awards
- **Dena Norris** (Administrative Center): Missouri Award from the Missouri Association of Student Financial Aid Personnel
- **Patricia Elliott** (Penn Valley): Outstanding Health Information Management Educator, Missouri Health Information Management Association
- **Eric Sullivan**, Longview faculty member and U.S. Navy veteran: honored in July 2022 at a Kansas City Royals game as part of the club's Salute to Service series
- **Clarence Smith** (Penn Valley): Distinguished Alumni Award, Central Methodist University
- **John Chawana** (Administrative Center): Finalist, Kansas City Chief Information Officer of the Year, 2022 ORBIE Awards
- **Larry Rideaux Jr.** (Maple Woods): Administrative Excellence Award from the Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce

- **The College:** Community Impact Award from Goodwill of Western Missouri & Eastern Kansas. In 2019, MCC created a warehousing apprenticeship for Goodwill, and two years later started training people just out of prison in forklift operation and OSHA workplace safety and health.
- **MCC Budget Office:** first-place Best Practices Award from the Central Association of College & University Business Officers (CACUBO). MCC was recognized for its dynamic annual budget calendar, an evolving document that includes milestones/deadlines. Among the calendar's goals: allowing for transparency in the budget process.
- **The College:** Gold Sustainability Award from the Kansas City Industrial Council. Emcor, an on-call mechanical contractor, nominated MCC for the sustainability aspects of recent updates to mechanical systems.
- **MCC-Blue River:** the first Legacy Award, recognizing a community partner, from the Independence School District, 2022
- **MCC-Maple Woods:** top college or university in the Courier-Tribune newspaper's Best of the Northland reader survey, 2021







# METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BY THE NUMBERS, FALL 2021

### STUDENT HEAD COUNT



**14,165**

**2020** | 13,987  
**2019** | 16,063

### CREDIT HOURS



**133,242**

**2020** | 133,205  
**2019** | 150,124

### HIGH SCHOOL PENETRATION



**16%**

**2020** | 17%  
**2019** | 21%

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

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATUS

**FULL TIME** 5,943 **(42%)**



**2020** FULL TIME | 43%  
PART TIME | 57%

**PART TIME** 8,222 **(58%)**



**2019** FULL TIME | 42%  
PART TIME | 58%

**FEMALE** 8,551 **(60%)**



**2020** FEMALE | 61%  
MALE | 39%

**MALE** 5,612 **(40%)**

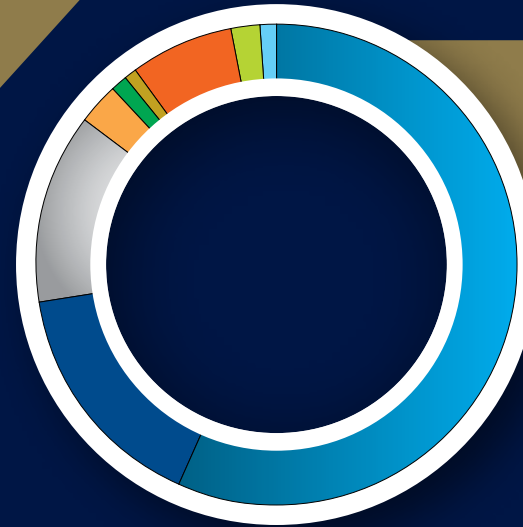


**2019** FEMALE | 59%  
MALE | 41%

**STUDENT AVERAGE AGE** | 24  
**MEDIAN AGE** | 20

**2020** AVERAGE AGE: | 24  
MEDIAN AGE: | 20  
**2019** AVERAGE AGE: | 23  
MEDIAN AGE: | 20

### STUDENT RACE/ETHNICITY



White 8,257 **(58%)**  
Black 2,312 **(16%)**  
Hispanic 1,808 **(13%)**  
Asian 387 **(3%)**  
American Indian/  
Alaska Native 28 **(0.2%)**

Native Hawaiian/  
Pacific Islander 30 **(0.2%)**  
Two or more 938 **(7%)**  
Unspecified 298 **(2%)**  
Nonresident Alien 107 **(1%)**

#### 2020

White.....59%  
Black.....15%  
Hispanic.....13%  
Asian.....3%  
American Indian/  
Alaska Native.....0.2%  
Native Hawaiian/  
Pacific Islander.....0.2%  
Two or more.....7%  
Unspecified.....2%  
Nonresident Alien.....1%

#### 2019

White.....58%  
Black.....16%  
Hispanic.....13%  
Asian.....3%  
American Indian/  
Alaska Native.....0.2%  
Native Hawaiian/  
Pacific Islander.....0.2%  
Two or more.....8%  
Unspecified.....2%  
Nonresident Alien.....1%

Student enrollment and demographic data from end of fall semester.  
Source: MCC Institutional Research and Analytics



### COLLEGE FINANCIAL RESULTS

#### Revenue, 2021-2022

Local Taxes .....\$42,450,427  
State Aid .....\$32,958,857  
Student Tuition/Fees.....\$2,831,260

Grants, Contracts (incl. Pell) .....\$64,986,954  
Auxiliary .....\$1,100,037  
Other .....\$1,447,480

Total Revenue **\$145,775,015**

**2020** | \$146,240,886  
**2019** | \$123,441,480

#### Expenditures, 2021-2022

Instructional .....\$43,426,053  
Institutional Support.....\$14,104,376  
Public Service .....\$501,077  
Student Services.....\$14,199,030  
Plant Operation/Maintenance....\$19,593,645

Academic Support.....\$13,987,888  
Scholarships & Fellowships.....\$7,744,530  
Depreciation.....\$7,135,114  
Interest Expense .....\$2,331,675  
Auxiliary Expenses.....\$379,251

Total Expenditures **\$123,402,639**

**2020** | \$136,239,651  
**2019** | \$130,895,232



## TRAP SHOOT SUPPORTS MCC-BLUE RIVER PROGRAMS



The sky was blue and winds calm for the MCC Foundation's inaugural Aiming for Success trap shoot fundraiser in June 2022. Sixty-plus participants gathered at Lake Lotawana Sportsmen's Club to learn about gun safety and the sport of trap shooting. The event raised about \$6,000, which would fund scholarships for police,



fire, EMT and cybersecurity students at MCC-Blue River. Several MCC teams participated, but Team Winchester (also the event's shells sponsor) was victorious. Sponsors were the Kansas City National Security Campus managed by Honeywell, Side Pockets of Blue Springs, Feld Fire and Newmark Zimmer.

## ALVIN BROOKS' 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BENEFITS MCC



More than 300 guests gathered at the Kansas City Museum to wish KC elder statesman, social justice activist and friend of MCC Alvin Brooks a happy 90th birthday on May 3, 2022. The College was a presenting sponsor of the event.

The man in the spotlight couldn't be missed: Mr. Brooks was resplendent in a purple patterned tuxedo jacket, black slacks and black fedora. "We're one city," regardless of skin color, religion or home address, he told KMBC, Channel 9. "We're all in this together. I would hope that we would understand that. We're brothers and sisters, whether we want to be or not."

Guests described him as a "bridge-builder" (U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II) and "a walking history book" (Mark

Tolbert, president of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners). MCC Trustee Jermaine Reed, a longtime friend and mentee of Brooks, served as master of ceremonies.

Attendees were asked to consider a donation to the Brooks Institute via the MCC Foundation. The event grossed \$40,000. The institute at MCC-Penn Valley was established in Alvin Brooks' name in 2000 as a forum for academic discourse around crime, violence and social justice.



## JE DUNN CONSTRUCTION LAB

The home base for MCC's building maintenance and construction program became the JE Dunn Construction Co. Construction Lab in 2022, thanks to a \$150,000 donation from the firm. The lab in the Advanced Technical Skills Institute is where you'll find high school juniors and seniors from North Kansas City Schools and Guadalupe Centers acquiring carpentry, electrical, HVAC and plumbing skills. That program is also known as the Kansas City Construction Career Academy, established in 2018 through an MCC partnership with NKC Schools and JE Dunn. The JE Dunn Construction Lab was the first space to carry a company's name at ATSI.



## ANOTHER RECORD YEAR



**\$751,630**

MCC Foundation scholarship dollars awarded to students in 2021-22 — a record high and a **\$117K increase** over the previous year

**782**



MCC students who received Foundation scholarships

## 'I HOPE TO PAY IT FORWARD ONE DAY'

HOW MCC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS CAN CHANGE STUDENTS' LIVES ... IN THEIR WORDS

**"Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make my dreams a reality."** —*Hannah U.*

**"It has helped me tremendously ... I used this scholarship to buy the books, software and other supplies needed for my classes."** —*Anna S.*

**"It is an incredible honor to have been selected, and I cannot express enough how grateful I am. This will help me financially, which will allow me to continue my academic progress and my career!"** —*Carlyn E.*

**"I feel that I am one step closer to achieving my goals. I am committed to my education and giving back in a way that is meaningful to the community and my future career goals. Thank you for the support you provide to students. It has made a difference in my life!"** —*Ellisangi T.*

**"This scholarship has helped me more than you know. I am forever grateful and hope to pay it forward one day."** —*Talon T.*



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The MCC Foundation Board of Directors (photographed in September 2022) includes (front row, from left) Oscar Monterroso, Kevin Seabaugh, Bret Bonge, Chancellor Kimberly Beatty, Beth Soukup, Carolyn Watley, Michael Roane; (back row) MCC Foundation's Billy Dunbar, Jermaine Reed, Lisa Bray, Catherine Boltz, Mark Larrabee, Tammy Edwards, Antwan Daniels.

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Hy-Vee	David Nelson	Deborah Scott	Amy Widau
City of Independence, Missouri	George Noonan	Elizabeth Selaya	Cal Williford
Charlie Jackson	Brock Null	Susan Serrano	Mary Williams
Cornelia Jackson	Carroll O'Neal	Girard Simmons	Sharmelle Winsett
Doris Jackson	Daniel O'Neill	Mary A. Simpson	Cheryl Winter
Julianne Jacques	Osborne Global Investors, Inc.	Donald Sipes	Tywanna Winters
Nikisha Johnson	Holmes Osborne	David Slater	Karen Wittman
Oceanna Johnson	Rochelle Owens	Clem Smith	Jennifer Woods
Timothy R. Jones	Donald Owings	Douglas Smith	Tasha Woods
Jeffrey and Carol Journagan	Guietta Payne	Rachel Smith	Carmen Wright
Lisa Kalell	Amy Peak	Stephen Smith	WT Quad Group LLC
James Karasiewicz	Martina Peterson	Michelle Sprague	
Taylor Keller	Kevin Prenger	Shirley Standlea	
Garry Kemp	Joseph Privitera	John Steele	
Maureen Kennedy	Sharon L. Pyant	Jennifer Steen	
Irene Kendrick	Scott Quinton	Robin Stimac	
Gib Kerr	Faye Rader	Pamela Stockman	
Molly Kerr	Jessica R. Ramirez	Darron Story	
Alice Kitchen	Sterling Randolph	Julianne Story	
Michael Klamm	Rangel Distributing Company	Michael Strohschein	
Sarah Knopf-Amelung	Albert Ray	The Hungry Hatch	
Andrew Lang	Rosie Reed	Polly Thomas	
Alison Lavine	Jessica Rhodes	Donna Thomason	
Cheryl Lewkowsky	Dayonne Richardson	Eric Thompson	
Basil Lister	Karmin Ricker	Tahmeka Thompson	
Julie Lowe	Larry Rideaux	Vicki Thon	
Patricia MacDonald	H. Robbins	Terrell N. Tigner	
Corky McCaffrey	Wesley Rogers	Uniforms and More	
Robin McGee	Lindsey Rood-Clifford	Meredith Vertreese	



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Subdistrict 5  
(2018- )

**Holmes Osborne**

Subdistrict 4  
(2019- )

**Trent M. Skaggs**

Subdistrict 1  
(2012- )  
President  
(2016- )

**Jermaine Reed**

Subdistrict 2  
(2020- )  
Vice President  
(2022- )

**Barbara Washington**

Subdistrict 3  
(2016- )

**Chris Benjamin**

Subdistrict 6  
(2022- )

Board President **Trent Skaggs** was honored as one of three national finalists for the American Association of Community Colleges' 2022 Trustee of the Year. His colleague Ellen Martin, in a letter of support, said Skaggs takes his board work seriously, "with an expansive vision of MCC's future".

Trustee **Jermaine Reed** was elected an at-large board member of the Association of Community College Trustees at the group's Leadership Congress in October 2021.

In April 2022, **Chris Benjamin** was elected by the public as the Subdistrict 6 trustee. He replaced **Michael R. Brown**. In that election, no one challenged Trustee **Barbara Washington**, Subdistrict 3. She is now serving a second six-year term.

MCC's trustees are elected by the public and serve six-year terms. The board meets monthly.



**Michael R. Brown**

Subdistrict 6  
(2016-2022)

Vice President  
(2018-2022)



**Kimberly Beatty, Ed.D.**

Chancellor



**John Chawana, Ph.D.**

Vice Chancellor, Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Technology



**Donald Chrusciel, Ph.D.**

Vice Chancellor, Administrative Services, and Chief Financial Officer



**Gaby Flores**

Associate Vice Chancellor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Chief Diversity Officer



**Sandra Garcia, J.D.**

General Counsel and Vice Chancellor, Legal Affairs and Institutional Compliance



**Sue Gochis**

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