

2022-2023

ANNUAL REPORT





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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

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a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.**

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LETTER FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Welcome to Metropolitan Community College's latest annual report! My job on this page is to convince you to put up your feet and stay a while — spend a few minutes browsing and reading, in other words. If I can spread the good word about MCC, which happens to be one of my favorite activities, I can certainly do the same for our annual report.

Let me try this in the form of a quiz. (Don't worry, the answers are close by.)

How is Whataburger helping MCC students better focus on why they come to college?

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What was the connection between little 3-foot-by-3-foot MCC yard signs and the 2023 NFL Draft?

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Who said this in a video at 2023 commencement: "What I remember most about MCC was the family that I built here"?

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Which MCC faculty member wrote an online science textbook?

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Which Kansas City civic leader momentarily stunned the auctioneer at the Chancellor's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Luncheon with her pledge amount?

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When is a real-looking disaster scene on campus not a disaster scene at all?

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Which of the MCC campuses will become home to a new building for agriculture programs?

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As we say each year at commencement, every grad has a story. Actually, every student has a story. This edition of the annual report includes spotlights on several. And if you're a regular reader, you'll see that we've added shorter items and more photos and, in general,



Chancellor Beatty received a basketball with her name on it at a UMKC Black History Month event in 2023.

given everything a little more room to breathe. As always, we'd love to hear your feedback. Email me at **Chancellors.Office@mcckc.edu**.

At Metropolitan Community College, our doors are open to all. Thank you for helping us be the college that is committed to making educational dreams come true... for all.

All the best,

Dr. Kimberly Beatty
Chancellor, Metropolitan Community College





Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Luncheon

Political commentator Donna Brazile was the featured speaker at the 2023 MLK event.

\$600K+ TO MAKE EDUCATIONAL DREAMS A REALITY

In five years, the Chancellor's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Luncheon has raised \$610,000 for MCC student scholarships. The 2023 event, featuring ABC News political commentator Donna Brazile, netted \$210,000.

Dr. King "meant everything to me as a child growing up. ... He was speaking for us. He was fighting for us," a sometimes emotional Brazile told 775 people at the Loews Kansas City Hotel. As a Capitol Hill intern in the 1980s, Brazile worked with Coretta Scott King and the Congressional Black

Caucus to make MLK's birthday a federal holiday (first observed in 1986).

Also at the January luncheon, the MCC Foundation presented Karen L. Daniel with the 2023 Alvin Brooks Kansas Citian Inspiration Award. Daniel — a retired Black & Veatch executive, civic leader and member of the Kansas City Royals ownership group — momentarily stunned the "fund-a-need" auctioneer by pledging \$50,000, an act of generosity that brought the applauding audience to its feet.



Chancellor Kimberly Beatty (left) and the MCC Foundation's Billy Dunbar (right) with MLK scholarship winners Law Taw (second from left), Michael Sublette and Jay Sanchez. Recipients Keyshawn Gibson and Fekade Tamiru couldn't attend.



NEW PARTNERSHIPS



Chancellor Kimberly Beatty and Avila President James Burke: Agreement creates low-cost pathways from MCC degrees to Avila degrees.



MCC and Southern Illinois officials met on Zoom to finalize a plan for MCC students to earn some SIU bachelor's degrees remotely and at lower cost.



Chancellor Beatty and Missouri State President Clif Smart: The schools pledged to develop transfer plans for MCC students who want to earn a degree at Missouri State, either online or at the Springfield campus.



Agreement between Lincoln and MCC outlines a clear path for our students to transfer to the historically Black university.



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WHAT A RESOURCE!

It had been talked about since pre-pandemic times, but in January 2023, MCC-Penn Valley opened its new food pantry. Official moniker: Wolf Pack Resource Room Powered by Whataburger. PV's resource room — basically a mini-convenience store without prices or a cash register — came to life thanks to a \$25,000 gift from the burger chain.

The resource room offers supplemental food and other necessities (all free) to students and employees who need help. Although Whataburger got much of the attention at the ribbon-cutting, a variety of nonprofit partners (most KC-based) were in the mix, too — adding school supplies, toiletries, hygiene items and more to the store's shelves.

The pantry is “one way to combat the food insecurity our students experience,” Penn Valley President Tyjaun Lee told those gathered for the grand opening.

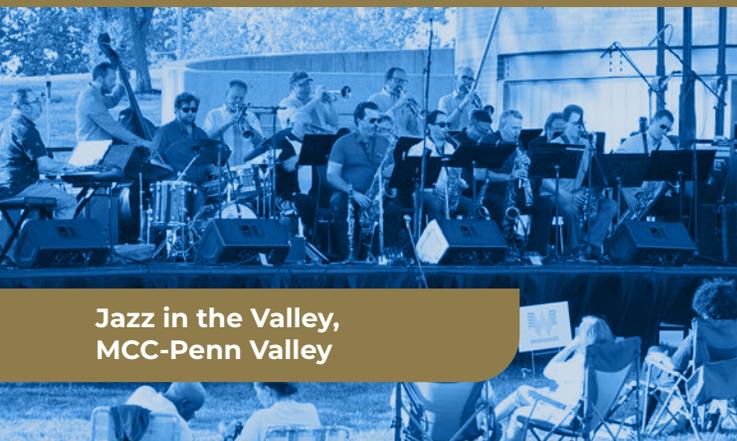
It's hard to learn anything if you're hungry. The resource room, on the first floor of the Campus Center, gives students “the ability to better focus on why we come to college,” PV student government president Cam Watson said.



SPECIAL EVENTS



All for the Children,
MCC-Blue River



Jazz in the Valley,
MCC-Penn Valley



Honk & Howl,
MCC-Maple Woods



Chancellor's Veterans Day
Celebration, MCC-Blue River



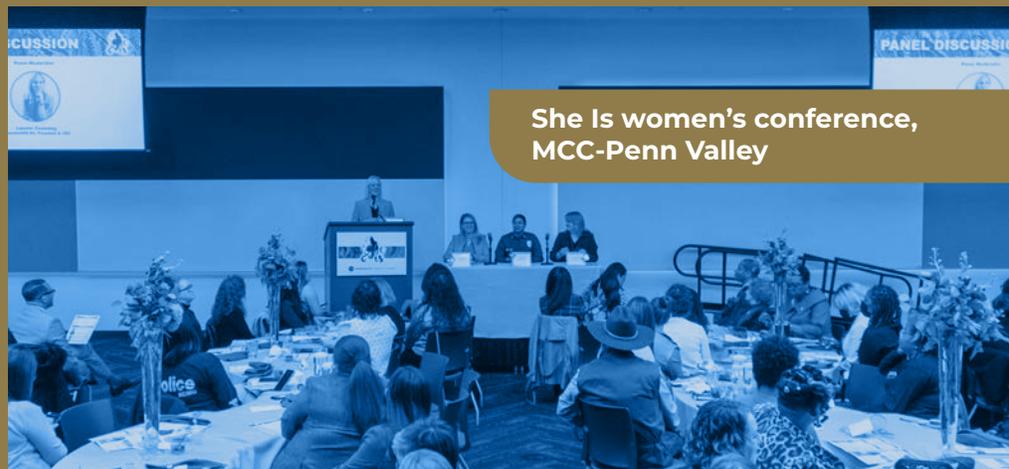
**International Festival,
MCC-Penn Valley**



**Flights of Fancy Mega Kite
Festival, MCC-Longview**



**All for the Children's candy
egg hunt, MCC-Blue River**



**She Is women's conference,
MCC-Penn Valley**

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

► Landis Aaron



“Without MCC, I don’t think I would have been able to further my education.”

For Landis Aaron, living “pretty far away from any college campus,” online learning looked like her best bet, at least for the first two years.

“It was important to me to find a college that really made their online students feel included, and was low-cost,” says Landis, who hails from Lexington, Missouri. “Those are two things I found at MCC.”

In terms of inclusivity, Landis says she receives regular emails about on-campus events, and when she has taken part, she doesn’t get the feeling she’s considered anything other than a “true” student. The College also holds virtual events for students who can’t make it to a campus at all.

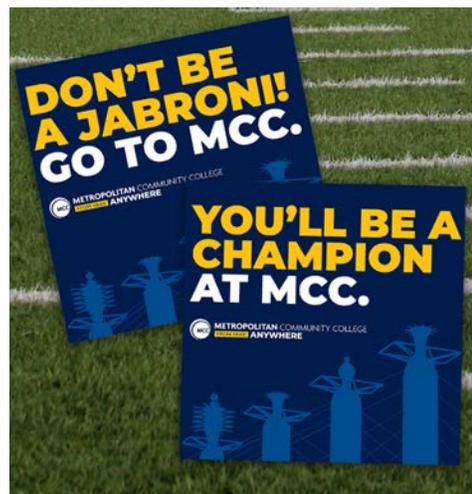
She also found supportive academic advisors at MCC — they’ve “been a huge help in guiding me toward the right educational path for me.” And in terms of what she’s learning, “I can see the knowledge I’ve gained in class in real-life situations every day.”

Landis, who expects to graduate in Summer 2024 with an MCC associate in arts degree, will then move on to Avila University. She had wanted to teach at a Montessori school, but she has now decided to become a school social worker.

Beyond preparing for the work world, she’s also contemplating community service. One idea: starting a service to help neighbors without transportation receive nutritious food. “I live in a rural community, and it’s very hard for my community to get good food,” she says. That’s a goal to be #MCCProud of.



MCC-Maple Woods debuted its expanded Sports Training Center with an open house in May 2023. The new training center boasts about 16,000 square feet of space, making it 65% larger than the original facility. It is now home to the Maple Woods Fitness Center, which is open to students and employees. The original training center didn’t have showers or locker rooms.



How’s this for a winning idea: Expecting an unprecedented volume of car and foot traffic around the Penn Valley campus for the 2023 NFL Draft (held in KC for the first time), MCC Marketing & Communications installed a series of 3-foot-by-3-foot yard signs. The cheeky, football-themed messages promoting the College were in the spirit of those ubiquitous billboards for Wall Drug in South Dakota. The April campaign later won a first-place district award from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations.

MCC-Longview celebrated its newly expanded automotive program facility with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in October 2022. The \$1.9 million project allows MCC to offer our collision repair technology classes on the Longview campus for the first time.

“Body shops in our area are starving for skilled workers, so adding a collision repair technology facet to our expanded High Technology facility just made sense,” Chancellor Kimberly Beatty says. “MCC strives to serve the needs of local and regional businesses while providing the best learning opportunities and environments for our students, and this program does both.”

Collision repair is one of the most lucrative automotive specialty areas because of the high



level of skill involved, according to MCC automotive technology coordinator Danny Blurton. “It’s not unusual for a painter to make \$150,000-\$200,000 a year,” Blurton says. “They must know how to color-match, and it has to be perfect.”

Industry partners collaborated with the Longview team to design a cutting-edge program.



MCC was the Kansas City Royals’ “Official Higher Education Partner” for the 2023 season. The designation appeared in numerous places, including the MCC website, MCC TV ads and messaging inside Kauffman Stadium. Students and employees also staffed information booths at games and took part in special events, such as the Sports Business Forum for students interested in sports business careers (pictured).



MCC Day at the Capitol in April 2023 gave students a chance to meet their state legislators and share their stories.



An energetic contingent of MCC students and employees enjoyed a brisk but sunny day as they marched in the 2023 Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade.



MCC-Blue River's student-planned Wolfstock festival returned for a second year in September 2022 with local bands and gorgeous weather.



U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver spoke about growing up poor in small-town Texas at the November 2022 kickoff to a Project Success week of activities celebrating MCC's first-generation college students.



An MCC ceremony in February 2023 marked the College's decision to adopt Ellucian as provider for enterprise resource planning (ERP) software, replacing PeopleSoft.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

► **Ronaldo Calderon**



“I love each and every one of my instructors at MCC. They really care for you and your future.”

As a star kicker at North Kansas City High School, Ronaldo Calderon was pursued by college football programs. But he had a hard time finding a college that both (a) wanted him and (b) offered the major he was looking for. This was in the early days of the pandemic, which complicated things.

Ronaldo was interested in health care because that’s what his older siblings did. He landed on dentistry because, despite his aversion to dentists as a kid, he found the field fascinating — “it’s super-satisfying seeing a smile being transformed.”

He initially came to MCC to complete prerequisite classes for a UMKC dental hygiene degree. He learned about the dental assisting program at MCC’s Health Science Institute from a friend’s girlfriend, who told him he’d get a lot of hands-on experience and increase his odds of being accepted by UMKC.

He was the only guy in his dental assisting cohort, “which was nothing new for me, considering I have two older sisters I live with.” The MCC program was challenging: a lot of studying, homework and, for him, also holding down a job at QuikTrip.

When he earned his MCC certificate in dental assisting in 2023, it was a huge achievement. Not just because of the hectic start to his college career and leaving football behind, but also because he’s a first-generation college student. And he still plans to become a dental hygienist.

These days Ronaldo, 21, works as an expanded-function dental assistant at New Mark Dental Care in Kansas City North. “My job consists of just about everything,” which is why assistants “are the team players of dental offices.” MVPs ... no helmet required.

FROM HERE ANYWHERE

Chancellor Kimberly Beatty, at MCC employee in-service in October 2022, unveiled a new tagline for MCC: “From Here, Anywhere.” Those three words were part of a larger rebranding that would shape MCC’s marketing efforts, beginning with enrollment marketing for the Spring 2023 semester. The College’s previous tagline — “Your College. Your Future” — would eventually be cycled out as new marketing pieces were created.



No, that sign does not say SMARTVILLE, but it could: Smithville High School emerged victorious over 14 other schools at the annual MCC-Maple Woods Scholar Bowl in March 2023.



Following cancellations early in the pandemic, the English as a Second Language department’s **International Festival** made an exuberant return to MCC-Penn Valley in November 2022.

2023 COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, May 18, 2023 | 1 & 6 p.m.



Cable Dahmer Arena, Independence



A FIRST: MCC held two commencement ceremonies in 2023, giving students and families a choice of afternoon or evening... and eliminating the need to limit guest tickets

 #MCCGRADS2023



865
Grads who walked



2,141 Size of the Class of 2023

19%

of class (414 students) graduated with honors (3.5-3.8 GPA)



6%

of class (134 students) graduated with high honors, signifying a GPA of 3.9 to 4.0



20 & UNDER:

Age group with highest % of grads (870 students, 41% of the class)



Female graduates: **58%** (1,248 students)
Male graduates: **42%** (892 students)



1,793: Degrees awarded



1,680: Certificates awarded





THEY SAID IT AT COMMENCEMENT



“You might think that those who’ve stumbled often would have trouble getting anywhere, whether it’s in life or just crossing the street. But in my experience, as someone who has spent as much if not more time stumbling than stepping, hear me when I say that you aren’t any less worthy of the journey. What matters is that you keep moving forward ... scraped knees, bruised elbows and all.”

— 1 p.m. student speaker Thomas Creach of MCC-Penn Valley



“MCC is your community college. So what does that mean for the Class of 2023? It means we have mothers and fathers who are raising a family, working at least one job and going to school. Anybody in this class meet that criteria? Stand up!”



— Chancellor Kimberly Beatty, also recognizing adults coming to MCC for new training, high school students earning their MCC diploma, Missouri A+ scholarship students, and those who wanted to stay close to home before transferring to another college or preparing to enter the workforce. Each group was asked to rise.





“Let’s take a photo for Mom!”

— Madeline Wright, who graduated from MCC with her brother Levi. He’s a couple years older; both attended Staley High School in the Northland. Madeline was in the Early College Academy program at MCC-Maple Woods, which she completed in just three semesters, thus wrapping up her high school and MCC degrees at the same time. Both siblings, seen here at a pre-commencement reception, earned associate in arts degrees.



“Don’t let anyone diminish your accomplishment, but look to what you want to do and what you want to achieve with the degree that you now have in hand. The sky’s the limit for you.”

— 2023 MCC Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Jon Stephens of Port KC, in a video shown at the 1 p.m. ceremony



“No matter what hardships you face ... if you don’t give up and keep pushing back, through diligence and determination you can accomplish anything and be who you want to be. And therefore I would like to challenge all of us to strive for unreachable goals, as those goals almost certainly turn out to be within reach.”

— 6 p.m. student speaker Aden Bakken of MCC-Online



“Some of you all have some really, really nice caps. I was admiring them as you were walking by. ... (But) if you’re not comfortable tossing it (in the air), you can just give it a nice little nod.”

— MCC Trustee Jermaine Reed, master of ceremonies, introducing a countdown to the cap toss at the end



“What I remember most about MCC was the family that I built here. ... TRIO (Project Success) really was another part of the warmth that I received while being on campus. They were part of helping me make my dreams a reality. Thank you, MCC.”

— 2023 MCC Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Fahteema Parrish of Parrish & Sons Construction in a video shown at the 6 p.m. ceremony

 #MCCGRADS2023



AWARDS & HONORS



No one was more surprised by the unveiling of the **Fred Grogan Little Free Library at MCC-Longview** than Grogan himself. Grogan, the campus president from 1998-2013 (and a fixture at MCC for 28 years), knew a tiny library was going up on campus — he just didn't know it would bear his name. Grogan and other members of the Lee's Summit Noon Rotary Club were among those on hand for the presentation in August 2022. Students in the Longview Rotaract club will maintain the library. Also of note: the campus announced the creation of the Fred Grogan Cultural Arts Scholarship Endowment, which will support Longview students studying art, music, theater and creative writing.



MCC's honorees at the Missouri Community College Association convention in fall 2022 were **Tatia Shelton** and **David Johnson**, MCC-Blue River, who received the MCCA Innovation Award (large colleges) for BR's Fire Academy Professional Development Day. MCC finalists for MCCA awards were **Eric Sullivan**, MCC-Longview; **Jon Burke**, MCC-Blue River; **Laura Cooper**, MCC-Longview; and **Laura Campbell Cannell**, MCC-Maple Woods.



When the new terminal of Kansas City International Airport opened in February 2023, it featured art by MCC-Penn Valley instructor **Bernadette Torres**, titled "Dreaming of the Beautiful Places You Will Go."



Chancellor Kimberly Beatty was one of four recipients of Regional Leadership Awards presented by the Mid-America Regional Council in June 2023.



MCC's **Tyjaun Lee** was honored as part of the 2023 class of "Women Who Mean Business," sponsored by the Kansas City Business Journal.



The **MCC Wolves men's basketball team** won the NJCAA Region 16 tournament in 2023, and **Coach Marcus Harvey** was named Region 16 Coach of the Year.



Chancellor Kimberly Beatty was honored by UMKC during Black History Month at halftime of a Kansas City Roos basketball game in 2023.



Employees Ed Foley, Christopher Shobe, Kim Poindexter and Jim Moes completed the Missouri Community College Association Leadership Academy.



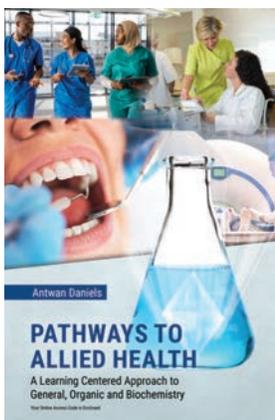
MCC-Longview faculty member **Eric Sullivan** completed the eight-month Leadership South Kansas City program, sponsored by the South Kansas City Chamber of Commerce.



MCC-Blue River took first place in the college/university category of the Examiner newspaper's 2022 Best of the Best in Eastern Jackson County competition.



MCC-Penn Valley's **Advanced Technical Skills Institute** is KC's favorite vocational school, according to readers and residents who voted in the 2023 Kansas City Favorites competition.



MCC-Maple Woods was once again named the Courier-Tribune's "Best of the Northland" 2023 in the university/college category.



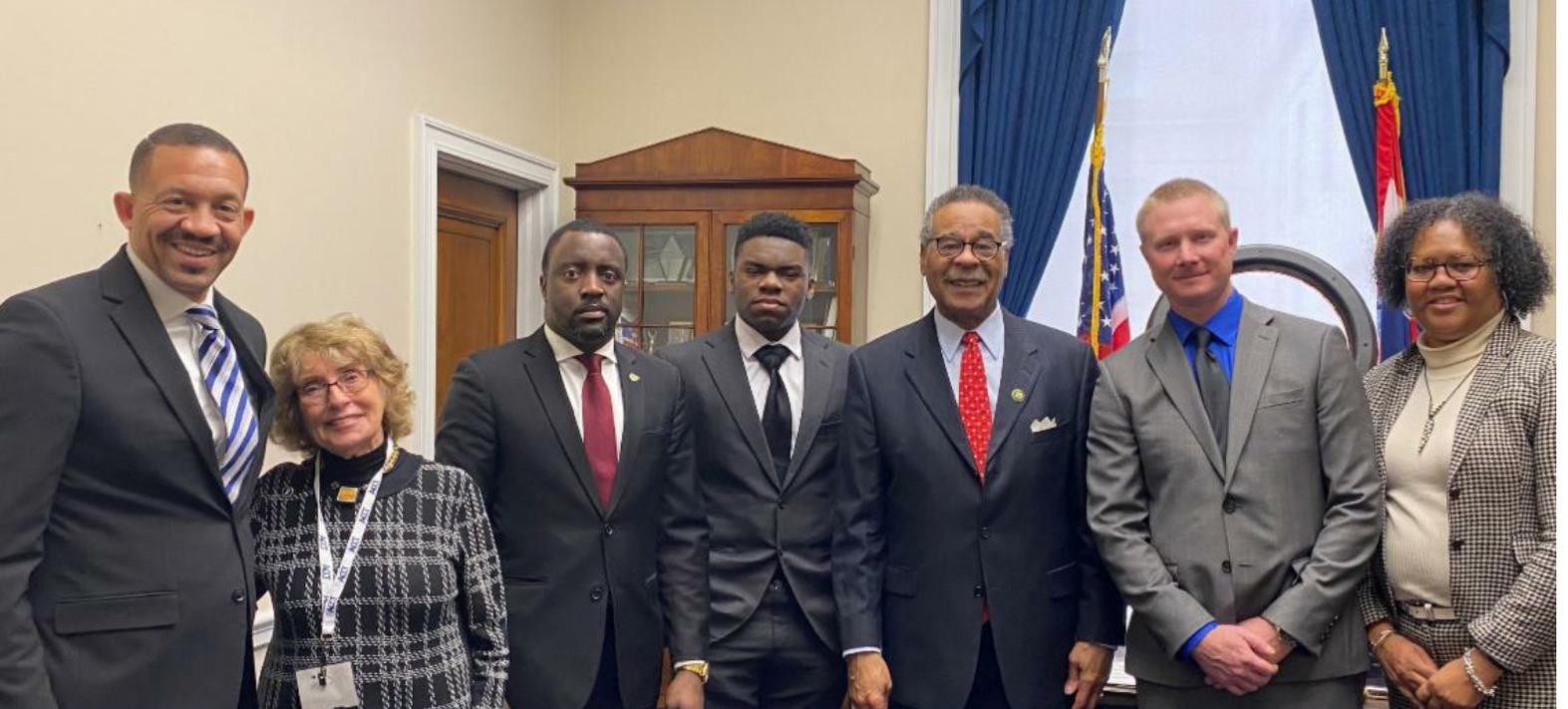
The MCC website took silver (second place) in the website category of the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations District 5's 2022 Medallion Awards.



MCC-Blue River's "VIP Experience" student leader development program was honored with a 2022 NASPA Region IV-West Innovative Program Award.



MCC-Blue River chemistry instructor **Antwan Daniels** wrote an online chemistry textbook, "Pathways to Allied Health." The text includes a variety of inclusive learning strategies for the college chemistry classroom and aims to connect chemistry principles with learners' lived experiences.



Students Robert Blann and Victor Harris did some lobbying alongside MCC trustees at the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C., in February 2023. One highlight: talking with U.S. Rep. Emanuel Cleaver (center, between Harris and Blann). “Spending time with the trustees

was a lot of fun, actually,” says Blann, the student government president at MCC-Maple Woods. “They are very supportive and seem to take a real interest in helping students understand how (the trustees) contribute to the district and our community.”



A car didn't really plow into a crowd near MCC-Penn Valley's Health Science Institute, but that was the scenario that spurred our health-care, police and fire students into action in April 2023. MCC's simulated mass casualty event involved more than 200 people, including two dozen who played injured

victims. As health-care simulation instructor Todd Geringer pointed out, once-rare mass casualty events are becoming more common. The goal of this MCC training exercise “is to better equip our students to work with other disciplines and have a greater understanding of their interconnection.”

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

▶ **LeRhonda Collier & TuJuania Scott**



“She had already started back, so when we looked at our grad plans, we quickly realized that we would graduate at the same time. OMG ... the excitement!” — LeRhonda Collier (left)

What’s even sweeter than earning a college degree after taking a long break from school to raise a family? Doing it with your lifelong best friend.

TuJuania Scott and LeRhonda Collier met at church more than 20 years ago and quickly forged a lasting bond. The besties graduated together from MCC in 2023.

TuJuania, who has worked in banking for 25 years, was the first to take the leap, enrolling at MCC to pursue an associate in applied science in business management degree. “My goal was to better myself for career advancement. Returning to college after 20 years was a personal fulfillment.”

LeRhonda, an executive administrative assistant of 24 years in the education sector, initially said no when her best friend approached her about returning to school together. Watching TuJuania get excited about taking classes and doing homework was a motivating factor, but LeRhonda actually changed her mind at her daughter’s MCC commencement in 2021. That evening, she turned to her husband and announced, “I’m going back to school!”

He was shocked, but immediately got behind the idea: “You can do it!” And, of course, TuJuania was there to lean on as LeRhonda completed her associate in arts degree.

“We did not have any classes together,” TuJuania says, “but we were able to provide emotional support, encouragement and camaraderie, making college life easier and more enjoyable.”

Both women say they would encourage others to consider completing a degree at MCC, particularly if they have family, work or other commitments. Flexible scheduling options, like evening and online courses, made it possible for them to juggle career, family and coursework.

TuJuania, now working toward her bachelor’s degree at UMKC, says personal growth, career advancement and intellectual enrichment are just a few of the benefits of completing a degree.

“Time is just time,” LeRhonda says. “But if it’s used wisely, it can make all the difference in your success in life.”



A new MCC Metro Rate for residents of five neighboring Kansas counties was approved by the Board of Trustees, effective Fall 2023. Instead of paying MCC’s out-of-state rate, students in those counties pay the more affordable out-of-district rate.

BY THE NUMBERS

FALL 2022

STUDENT HEAD COUNT



13,164

2021 | 14,165

2020 | 13,987

CREDIT HOURS



123,876

2021 | 133,242

2020 | 133,205

HIGH SCHOOL PENETRATION



16%

2021 | 16%

2020 | 17%

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

STUDENT AGE

AVERAGE AGE | 23

2021

AVERAGE AGE: | 24
MEDIAN AGE: | 20

MEDIAN AGE | 20

2020

AVERAGE AGE: | 24
MEDIAN AGE: | 20



STUDENT ENROLLMENT STATUS

FULL TIME 5,539 **(42%)**

PART TIME 7,625 **(58%)**

FEMALE 7,827 **(59%)**

MALE 5,336 **(41%)**



2021

FULL TIME | 42%
PART TIME | 58%



2020

FULL TIME | 43%
PART TIME | 57%



2021

FEMALE | 60%
MALE | 40%

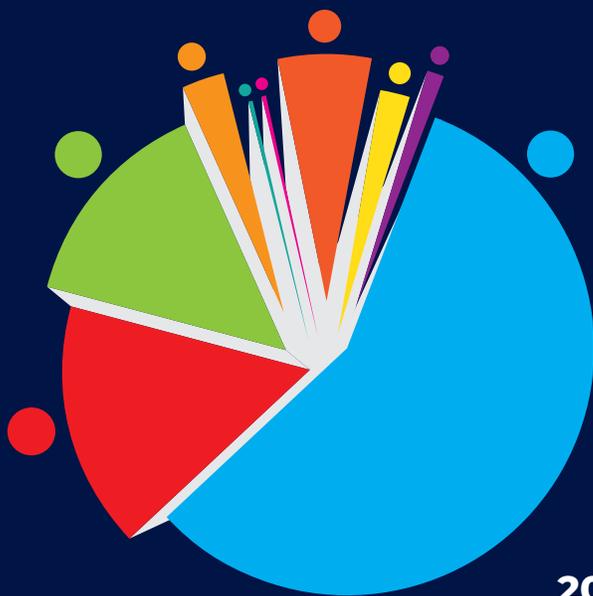


2020

FEMALE | 61%
MALE | 39%



STUDENT RACE/ETHNICITY



● White	7,561	(57%)
● Black	2,041	(16%)
● Hispanic	1,859	(14%)
● Asian	377	(3%)
● American Indian/ Alaska Native	26	(0.2%)
● Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	32	(0.2%)
● Two or more	855	(6%)
● Unspecified	307	(2%)
● Nonresident Alien	106	(1%)

2021

White	58%
Black	16%
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%

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%

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



COLLEGE FINANCIALS

Revenue, 2022-2023

Local Taxes \$48,368,231
 State Aid \$33,126,241
 Student Tuition/Fees..... \$14,060,217

Grants, Contracts (incl. Pell) \$43,575,091
 Auxiliary \$1,001,295
 Other \$4,309,988

Total Revenue **\$144,441,063**

2021 | \$145,775,015
2020 | \$146,240,886

Expenditures, 2022-2023

Instructional \$42,133,861
 Institutional Support \$22,927,907
 Public Service \$1,430,930
 Student Services \$14,800,745
 Plant Operation/Maintenance.... \$15,666,035

Academic Support..... \$14,436,417
 Scholarships & Fellowships..... \$3,161,302
 Depreciation..... \$9,667,880
 Interest Expense \$2,239,59
 Auxiliary Expenses..... \$488,741

Total Expenditures **\$126,953,415**

2021 | \$123,402,639
2020 | \$136,239,651



\$500K GIFT HELPS MAKE MCC AGRICULTURE FACILITY A REALITY

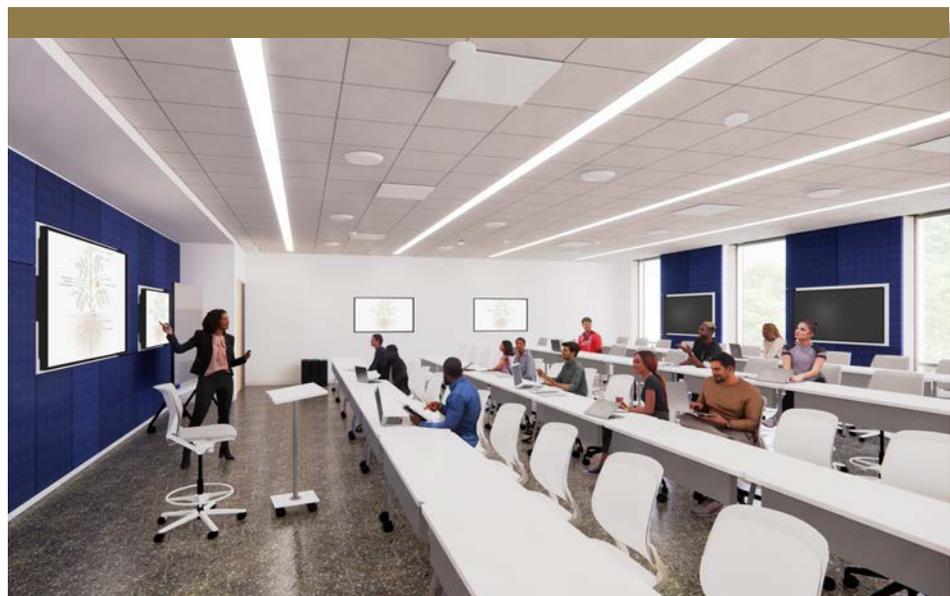


The MCC Foundation announced in February 2023 a \$500,000 joint gift from Kemper Family Foundations, UMB Bank n.a., trustee, and Kearney Wornall Foundation, UMB Bank n.a., trustee. The gift is earmarked for construction of the MCC Agriculture Annex on the MCC-Maple Woods campus.

The new building will be east of the Math/Science building at Maple Woods. Groundbreaking was planned for spring 2024, with completion by end of the year. The agriculture facility will contain not just classroom and lab space but also a 2,100-square-foot greenhouse.

MCC's ongoing capital campaign, known as The Path Forward, seeks to build state-of-the-art learning environments for in-demand career training programs. The Path Forward launched its efforts in early 2020 with a goal of raising \$20 million, and in spring 2022, the campaign officially went public.

By that time, The Path Forward had gained strong momentum: its initial three building projects had been funded, allowing MCC leaders and the





MCC Foundation to expand the goal to also include the Agriculture Annex at MCC-Maple Woods and an Automotive Institute at MCC-Longview, an expansion of the College's popular and well-regarded automotive technology program.

By Dec. 31, 2023, the capital campaign had raised \$39.8 million in public and private dollars to support current and future MCC workforce programs including those at the Agriculture Annex.

The \$6.8 million, 9,366-square-foot Agriculture Annex will house programs for students pursuing an MCC associate

in applied science (A.A.S.) in agriculture degree. Recently added academic pathways in agribusiness, animal science and plant science represent an expansion of MCC's well-known veterinary technology program, which is based at Maple Woods and celebrated its 50th year in 2023.

The MCC agriculture facility was also funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act (\$5 million); the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (\$850,000); and the state of Missouri's MoExcels program (\$500,000).



AIMING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS



The weather gods smiled for a second year on MCC's Aiming for Success Trap Shoot at the Lake Lotawana Sportsmen's Club. The June 2023 event, with nine teams and an "army of volunteers," was a scholarship fundraiser for MCC-Blue River's Public Safety Institute. The trap shoot grossed \$6,750.

The overall winning team was a sponsor team, representing the National Security Campus managed

by Honeywell. The event's individual "top shot" was Patrick Kelly of Team Honeywell, with 47/50.

The trophy for best MCC team went to Team Monroe, which scored 155 out of 250 shots. MCC's individual top shot was police academy veteran Doug Thompson: 40/50 shots.



\$933,585

MCC Foundation scholarship dollars awarded to 762 MCC students in 2022-23

\$1.6 MILLION

Private grant dollars used to provide programs and special events that supported MCC student success in 2022-23



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