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Transform the student experience.

MCC offered its annual Summer Bridge Program August 9-12. Students participated in a week of activities designed to prepare them for college. They learned about a variety of topics, including using the MCC portal and D2L, purchasing textbooks, understanding Title IX and financial aid, and how to sign up for campus resources such as technology rentals and tutoring services.



Students joined in a campus scavenger hunt to become familiar with the Fort Morgan campus and staff.

MCC Students were welcomed back with the annual Roadrunner Rush activities on August 24. The two-hour event consisted of games, music, food, and prizes. MCC SUCCESS Mentors and Student Club leadership helped coordinate the event and used it as an opportunity to help students become engaged.



MCC welcomed Peer Mentors and Pro Mentors for Fall 2022. The Pro Mentors, Habon Osman and Amy Carrillo, are MCC alumni and have associate degrees. Their responsibilities include student life activities, supporting student services, leading the mentoring program, and supervising Peer Mentors. MCC Peer Mentors Divine Uwase, Selam Gebremeskel, and Ali Muhumed (not pictured) are current students who serve as liaisons between MCC services and students and help facilitate a sense of belonging.



MCC launched an online new student orientation to provide access to college resources for students who are unable to attend in person. The orientation is provided in English and Spanish formats.

Transform our own workforce experience.

MCC President's Staff, Deans, and Center leadership are participating in a book read of "The Truth About Employee Engagement" by Patrick Lencioni and will implement best practices to enhance the workplace culture, employee satisfaction, and student engagement.

MCC developed a new employee cohort program to help connect new employees with college leadership. The program launched August 18 with a luncheon and will continue over the course of several months with a variety of activities to promote employee connection, engagement, and retention.

MCC Staff and Faculty met for a Fall Semester Kick-off event on August 15. President Curt Freed and President's Staff introduced new staff and shared college updates. A panel of returning students was part of the morning's activities. Students shared their



experiences from last year, providing insight to faculty and staff about how MCC can continue to provide a welcoming and supportive experience. Staff members Gwen Steffen and Jessica Trusty were presented with NISOD Excellence Awards, and Connie Mitchell was awarded a Five-Year PTK Advisor pin. The morning concluded with a group photo and a BBQ with employees serving grilled burgers.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

MCC hosted a Back-to-School Bash in partnership with Morgan County Interagency Oversight Group (IOG) on Saturday, July 23. Free K-12 school supplies and backpacks were distributed to families at the event.

MCC's Center for Arts and Community Enrichment partnered with businesses in Brush, Colorado to offer three art walks over the summer. The art walks were modeled after the highly successful Fort Morgan "Third Thursday" Art Walks, which continue.

MCC was invited to provide the keynote speaker at the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce August Lunch & Learn held at May Farms in Byers. Jamie Hochanadel, MCC Education Faculty, shared about Early Childhood Education certificates and degrees available through the college.

Nurse Aide & CPR classes were offered this summer in Burlington in partnership with the local Workforce Center and Grace Manor. Scholarships were provided for Nurse Aide students.

Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.

MCC launched Weekend College August 22, offering an opportunity for students with other obligations during the weekdays to obtain an Associate of Arts degree or Early Childhood Education certificates through classes offered on Fridays and Saturdays. Courses are offered in a HyFlex format, incorporating a combination of in-person and virtual instruction.

MCC implemented a "15 to Finish" initiative modeled after Complete College America's success strategies, which provides a 3-credit scholarship to students who take fifteen or more credits. The program is designed to incentivize timely degree completion. Registration activity shows a small increase in enrollment intensity, which will be monitored in coming semesters as the initiative continues.

The MCC Center for Arts and Community Enrichment provided a community concert in Fort Morgan's City Park featuring bluegrass band, Meadow Mountain. The concert was offered free to the public.

In response to a spring survey in which college stakeholders identified a need for a greater selection of healthier food on campus, the MCC College Store reorganized and now offers expanded food service through its "Roadrunner Café." The café offers breakfast burritos and parfaits, salads, wraps, on-the-go protein snacks, and a variety of beverage options. The café is helping retain students on campus

throughout the day, and may help promote enrollment intensity by encouraging students to stay on campus and take additional classes.