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Transform the student experience.

MCC celebrated a successful third Annual GrowHer event October 12. Forty high school students from Brush, Fort Morgan, Prairie, Wiggins, Woodlin, and Weldon Valley high schools had the unique opportunity to attend this event. Workshops covered a range of topics, including Floriculture, presented by Amy Scott; Veterinary Medicine by Dr. Karen Chandler, DVM; Soil Science by the Colorado State University Extension; Precision Agriculture with contributions from CHS, Wickham Tractor, and 21st Century Equipment; and Sugar Beet Processing, featuring Terri Way of Western Sugar.



MCC hosted STEM Fest 2023 for local 10th grade high school students December 18 and 19. Over the course of two days, the students were engaged in interactive experience and exposure to industry leaders to learn about education and career options.

Transform our own workforce experience.

MCC staff and faculty enjoyed the annual door decorating contest. Photos of the decorated doors were posted on MCC's Facebook page. Students and community members were encouraged to vote for their favorite door.



MCC employees gathered December 13 for a soup and salad lunch provided by MCC's Management Leadership Team (President Curt Freed and MCC Vice Presidents Dr. Deborah Coates, Dr. Gary Dukes, and Tracy Schneider).

MCC's lead Communications Faculty, Amanda Czuprynski, won first place out of over 200 submissions to the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) research paper competition. The BEA will publish Amanda's research on nonverbal Zoom behaviors in Zoom classrooms and meetings. She has also been invited to present her research at the BEA convention in Las Vegas in April 2024.

Shanna Doughty with the International Association for Refugees gave a presentation to employees on December 5 about Cross-Cultural Communication. The information was insightful and helpful, as the Fort Morgan region is very culturally diverse.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

MCC Spanish Faculty, Monica Carrasco, is offering a 15-week non-credit course on Conversational Spanish for Town of Bennett employees. There was such a high demand for the course that it filled at 20 participants and a second course will be held in the future for additional Town staff.



MCC received a donation of \$1,000,000 to establish the Gene Doty Health Scholarships and Programs Endowment. The endowment will substantially impact health education at MCC by helping fund scholarships, equipment, instructional staff, and educational materials.

MCC received a \$25K grant from the Lumina Foundation to support Weekend College efforts. A portion of the money is designated to give students a \$100 stipend to use as needed if they attend at least 50% of a course. The grant also funds a marketing postcard for the program. Leftover funding will be used to stock the student food pantry.

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

MCC held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology on December 14. The new building will provide needed space for MCC trades programs, including Electromechanical Technology (ELMT) and Industrial Controls and Telematics (ICT). The ceremony was followed with a reception.



MCC updated Extron equipment in the Fort Morgan campus classrooms with the help of grant funding. The equipment serves as the interface between computers and projectors and is a critical part of classroom technology. Two main meeting rooms have also been upgraded with additional microphones to better enable virtual meetings.

MCC acquired property located at 300 Dexter Street in Wray, Colorado on December 19. This future site of a new MCC Wray Center marks a significant step in the college's commitment to meeting the evolving needs of its students and the Wray community. MCC plans to host community conversations in the spring to further determine the needs for educational programs and opportunities in the region.

