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Transform the student experience.

More than 175 fourth and fifth grade students from Morgan County took part in the X-Plore Summer STEM camps at MCC. During the four-day experiences, the young explorers engaged in a variety of STEM activities, including dissecting owl pellets, experimenting with inks, excavating fossils, engineering with cardboard, using microscopes, piloting drones, and investigating states of matter. The camps were designed to be hands-on and interactive, encouraging participants to solve problems, collaborate with peers, and discover new areas of interest in the world of STEM.





MCC students, staff, and faculty recently took an educational field trip to Yellowstone National Park, exploring the Norris Loop, Mammoth Hot Springs, and Old Faithful. During the visit, students gained insights into the park's geology and biology, including the dynamics of geysers, tree and wildlife identification, and the exploration of geological features.



MCC introduced its new FarmBox July 11 during a Harvest Open House. The hydroponic growing system is a joint initiative of the Precision Ag faculty, STEM faculty, and Title III team, with funding from the Title III grant. The FarmBox has the capacity to support over 4,000 plants. So far, it has yielded red and green leaf lettuce. Produce from the FarmBox will be distributed at no cost for the duration of the Title III grant, first through the MCC Food Pantry for students and, if there is a surplus, to the local community food pantry.

MCC Burlington campus hosted a Drone Camp on July 16 taught by Precision Ag faculty, Bill Miller. The camp reached maximum capacity with twelve participants. The focus of the camp was to introduce drone technology to elementary students and explore the opportunities for drone use in agriculture.





MCC's Automotive Service Technology program received "Master Automobile Service Technology" accreditation, the highest level of accreditation from the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Education Foundation.



MCC congratulated Cole Curtis, MCC student and recent Brush High School graduate, for his outstanding performance at the National SkillsUSA competition in Atlanta, Georgia. Cole represented both the State of Colorado and MCC with distinction, earning an 80% Completion Certificate from I-CAR and securing 5th place nationally in Collision Repair.

MCC offered its annual Summer Bridge Program August 5-7. Students participated in 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 accessing campus resources such as technology equipment checkout and tutoring services.

Transform our own workforce experience.

Fall Semester In-service week was held August 12-16. The week provided a variety of activities and training for faculty.

The All-Staff Fall Semester Kickoff was held Wednesday, August 14. The day began with an all-staff photo at 8:30 a.m., followed by an all-staff meeting and BBQ luncheon.



Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.



MCC is hosting Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, Dr. Marlon Escamilla Rodriguez, from El Salvador for the 24-25 academic year. His expertise is in anthropology with a specialty in archeology. Dr. Escamilla will teach a class in Latin American history, work with faculty and instructors on internationalizing curriculum, engage with student groups, and collaborate with various community organizations in Morgan County.

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

Construction of the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades & Technology is progressing. The brick work is complete on the south side of the building, while the east and north ends are still in progress. Entry points have been covered with wood, awaiting the arrival of windows and doors, so interior work can continue. The project is expected to be completed November 2024.



