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Transform the student experience.

Students enjoyed an end-of-year BBQ on May 5. Student leaders created a playlist of music to help create a celebratory atmosphere while participants played lawn games and experienced a tie dye station. Students were creative in their tie dye creations on t-shirts, hats, and socks.



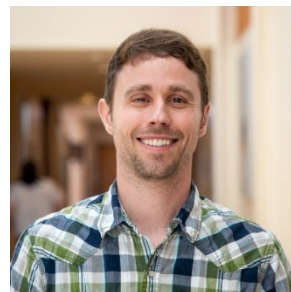
MCC held its fiftieth commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 7 in Fort Morgan's downtown City Park. The class of 2022 included 258 candidates for graduation representing over 48 hometowns in Colorado.



A new Veterans Club has been created for MCC students. The club will focus on providing support for veteran-related issues, scholarship opportunities, leadership development, and advocacy for veterans. MCC Nursing Faculty and veteran Preston Klimper is leading the initiative.

Transform our own workforce experience.

Dr. Brady Michel, MCC Biological Sciences/STEM Faculty, received the University of Colorado Boulder's Outstanding Colorado Community College Educator Award. Dr. Michel was recognized for being a dedicated teacher whose creativity continues to introduce students to the world of STEM through presentations and day camps on middle school campuses.



The college held its annual end-of-year employee picnic and awards ceremony on May 9. Staff and faculty were presented with years-of-service and other awards.

As part of MCC's "Water Cooler Conversation" series for employees, a gathering was held May 11 to provide a forum for more in-depth discussion about the CCCS-required online training series on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

MCC's 2021 and 2022 Faculty of the Year (Lynne Collins and Jeffrey Coon) attended the National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) national conference May 28-31, 2022, in Austin, Texas. They were accompanied by Kathy Frisbie, Vice President of Instruction. Coon was honored with a NISOD Excellence Award at the conference.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.



MCC's Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) hosted a performance by Trash Cat on May 13. The indie rock band from Greeley, Colorado, paid homage to David Bowie, Adventure Time, Star Trek, Steven Universe, and more. The concert was open and free to the public. CACE also arranged for the group to conduct educational workshops with around sixty Fort Morgan High School music students prior to the concert.

MCC is partnering with Northeastern Junior College and Lamar Community College to offer its RN to BSN program to additional students across northeast Colorado. Students from NJC and LCC are eligible to receive the same \$200/credit scholarship as MCC students due to a generous endowment by the Williams Family Foundation.

MCC faculty led a Wheels2Work event at Brush Middle School on May 11 to promote CTE opportunities for middle school students. The Wheels2Work concept introduced students to multiple aspects of CTE opportunities by showcasing careers that incorporate “wheels” in their industries.



Faculty from MCC’s STEM program visited Fort Morgan Middle School on May 12 to provide hands-on activities, exposing students to different careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Faculty and staff presented information about both electrical and veterinary careers to students and their families. Approximately 300 people attended the event.



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

The MCC Fort Morgan campus has completed the initial phase of enhancing internal wayfinding by adding directories and information centers throughout the campus. The installation of the vinyl graphics was completed by MCC alumnus, Heriberto Martinez, who graduated magna cum laude this spring with an AAS in Media Design, Marketing and Advertising.

