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Transform the student experience.

MCC students and staff worked together to build a parade float (a gingerbread house on wheels using the MCC training ambulance) for the Fort Morgan holiday parade. Students, staff, faculty, and their families walked in the parade, distributing the annual MCC calendar and treats.



MCC nominated two transfer pathway and two workforce pathway students to be considered for the PTK All-USA Academic Team and related national scholarships.



The nominees include Khadro Abdi, Riley Sorensen, Jaqueline Mendez, and Alex Rivas. Each was also awarded an institutional scholarship to be used spring semester at MCC and will be honored as part of the PTK All-CO Academic Team.

Transform our own workforce experience.

MCC staff and faculty participated in a door decorating contest December 5 – 11 sponsored by MCC’s Student Life Coordinator to strengthen camaraderie between staff and students and to create a festive atmosphere during finals week. Voting for the Most Traditional, Most Creative, and Most Festive was facilitated through official MCC social media platforms to involve students and local communities.



Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

MCC was invited to provide the key speaker at the December Limon Chamber Lunch and Learn. Taylor Schneider, Education Faculty, and MCC President Dr. Curt Freed provided information to the group about Early Childhood Education, CTE programs and MCC. Conversation with Limon community leaders reinforced the need for expanded CTE programs, such as Welding, Electrical, and Automotive Repair/Collision, on the I-70 corridor to provide access to these communities.

MCC’s Center for Arts and Community Enrichment partnered with Pioneer Elementary School to showcase student artwork during its January “Third Thursday Art Walk” in downtown Fort Morgan.

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

MCC received a \$2.5 million donation to help construct a Center for Skilled Trades and Technology. The State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education approved spending authority to construct the estimated \$5.2 million project, as well as granted naming rights of the facility to recognize donors Alan and Polli Dahms. Construction of the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology is scheduled to begin late summer or fall of 2023.

MCC is offering its second semester of Weekend College, where students can complete a certificate or degree by taking exclusively weekend classes. The program is increasing accessibility for students, particularly those who work during the week.