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## Transform the student experience.

MCC Student Excellence Awards recipients include Aaron Sierra and Kelsi Smits (Rising Star Award recipients); Kate Acevedo Landeros (Inclusive Excellence Champion); and Anai Macias Castellanos and Raul Hernandez Robles (Phi Theta Kappa All-Colorado Academic Team members).





Cristopher Pineda, MCC Electromechanical Technology student, was accepted into the highly competitive NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program. The five-day virtual experience in April 2024 will provide him with the opportunity to interact and network with NASA engineers and scientists.



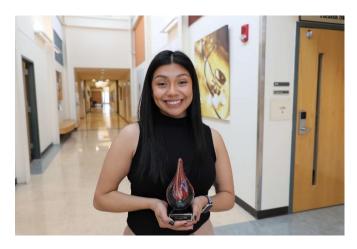
Seven students joined MCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society this spring. An induction ceremony was held on April 15.

Six Collision Repair students participated in a SkillsUSA state competition. Three students medaled, including one student who will compete at the SkillsUSA national competition in June 2024.



## Transform our own workforce experience.

MCC staff and faculty participated in a Professional Development Day on April 12. The day included a session with Ken Barr Jr., a Gallup Certified Strengths Coach, who presented an interactive discussion on StrengthsFinder assessments. The facilitator centered his presentation on assessing individual strengths and discussed methods to celebrate and effectively collaborate by leveraging each team member's strengths. The afternoon was devoted to team-building activities, which included a range of card games and bowling.



Vanesa Sanchez, MCC Title V
Director, was selected as the
recipient of the 2024 Leading by
Example, MCC Guiding Principles
Award. Vanesa was nominated by
one of her peers for consistently
displaying the attributes of integrity,
respect, open and honest
communication, and collaboration in
her daily work.

Dr. Gary Dukes, Vice President of Student Services and Dr. Deborah Coates, Vice President of Instruction, completed the Colorado Community College System's "Pathway to Executive Excellence" leadership program in April 2024.

## Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

CACE presented the United States Air Force Academy Blue Delta Concert on Friday, April 19 at the Glenn Miller Auditorium at the Fort Morgan High School. The concert featured a collaboration between the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) band ensemble, Blue Delta, and Fort Morgan High School musicians. The concert was free to the public.



The MCC Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) hosted a Young Child Multimedia Art Exhibit from April 4 to April 25 at the CACE Gallery of Fine Art. The exhibit showcased creative works by young children in both 2D and 3D formats. Participants from the Little Beets Childcare program in Brush! visited the CACE Gallery to view their artwork on display. CACE Coordinator Suzanna Spears hosted the visit and discussed the artworks with the young artists.

MCC hosted Dash Around the World Cultural Exploration Day, an interactive event that drew over 200 community attendees. The day celebrated various cultures through an array of activities including Loteria, face painting, piñata making, and food. Highlights included enthralling performances from Folklorico and the Lion Dancers.





Adding an educational element to the cultural festivities, MCC's STEM faculty, Brady Michel, and Dianne Purves, showcased the science of making ice cream with liquid nitrogen, providing a unique and engaging learning experience for all participants.

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

The Morgan Community College (MCC) Foundation announced the establishment of the endowed Camp-Johnson Scholarship. The endowment was created in memory of Linda Camp-Johnson, a supporter of Morgan Community College. The endowment will fund annual scholarships of \$1,500 for selected MCC students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, including Automotive Service Technology, Electromechanical Technology, Precision Agriculture, Welding, Construction Trades, and Agriculture/Business Management.