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## Transform the student experience.

MCC hosted a college transfer fair November 16 with partner colleges and universities. Students and individuals in the community learned about transfer options and career paths from advisors from universities and discussed financial aid, admissions, and scholarships.



MCC Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) second-year students completed their capstone projects during an open forum presentation of various orthopedic conditions. PTA students provided visuals of health conditions as well as physical demonstrations of rehabilitation options.

MCC Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) students demonstrated basic patient skills in class. Students showcased skills in addressing patient mobility and assisting those at risk for balance and fall issues.



**Transform our own workforce experience.**



Around forty MCC employees gathered November 17 for a National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) regional workshop hosted by the college. The professional development opportunity was facilitated by Eva Medilek. The training, "Empowering Educators: Strategies for Creating Inclusive Environments and Student Success Across Diverse Populations," focused on inclusive practices that foster an environment of safe sharing and learning.

MCC employees gathered November 21 for a holiday potluck luncheon.



**Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.**

MCC's Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) hosted a Juried Holiday Art Show and Sale November 13-December 21, featuring artwork from local and regional artists. The artwork included a variety of fine art, such as jewelry, sculptures, and photography.

MCC hosted Performance Ag Solutions and Precision Planting for the 2024 Spring Readiness Clinic November 16 in MCC's Poplar Hall – Agriculture Center for Innovation. The free clinic focused on the agronomic challenges specific to Morgan County, with special emphasis given to planters, seeders, and sprayers. MCC faculty Bill Miller was present to share about MCC's Precision Ag program.



VFW members Carol Thomas, Fort Morgan VFW Post 2551 Commander; John Keen, Colorado State Commander; Preston Klimper, VFW Quartermaster; along with Dr. Curt Freed, President of Morgan Community College and MCC staff held a ceremony Friday, November 10 to dedicate the new Veterans Plaza on the Fort Morgan MCC campus. The Veterans Plaza is a collaborative effort between Morgan Community College and VFW Fort Morgan Post 2551. The VFW Post generously donated \$32,000 to make the project a reality. The plaza is designed to provide a peaceful and reflective space where veterans, students, and the community can pay tribute to those who have served in the armed forces.

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

The MCC Collision Repair Program received a \$20K grant from the Collision Repair Education Foundation to use to purchase equipment.

MCC has purchased a FarmBox Agriculture Growing System, a self-contained controlled-climate container farm. The container farm will be used for STEM and agriculture students and has been funded by MCC's U.S. Department of Education Title III Hispanic Serving Institution STEM grant.

A contractor has been selected to construct the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology. Groundbreaking will be scheduled to occur in mid-December.