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Transform the student experience.

MCC continued a tradition by offering several tuition-free courses to students for summer semester. These were available to traditional and home-schooled students. The college also distributed over \$376K in direct aid to summer students through federal COVID relief funding. Additional aid through relief funding is being provided this fall.

MCC is preparing to launch a re-designed GED/ESL program this fall. The expanded program will accommodate up to 250 students. Over 200 people have already expressed an interest in the services.

Transform our own workforce experience.



MCC's Professional Development Committee met July 14 to formalize the committee and develop objectives to improve and sustain employee professional growth. During the six-hour retreat, staff and faculty participated in team-building activities and developed the agendas for the fall 2021 and spring 2022 professional development days.

The majority of MCC staff returned to working in-person July 26 to best meet the needs of students and the community. Faculty will return to campus August 16.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

MCC's Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) partnered with the Brush Rodeo for the annual Western Art Show on July 2-4. The show featured both two-dimensional and three-dimensional western-themed art pieces from more than 20 artists. The event was free and open to the public.



MCC promoted the college during ten “No Credit Bucking Battle” events in collaboration with Buckers Unlimited. These bull riding events were held across northeast Colorado, drawing professional bull riders from across the state and the country. MCC jerseys were worn by 150-200 professional bull riders at each event. MCC Recruiter, Ulises Hernandez was able to connect with over 50 local middle school and high school students during the Junior Bull Riding kickoff event.

MCC is partnering with Brush High School to offer a new concurrent enrollment culinary arts program.

The college hosted an annual Back to School Bash on July 24. Coordinated in partnership with the local Interagency Oversight Group (IOG), the event provided free backpacks filled with school supplies for children.

MCC Limon Center is providing Regional Workforce Development staff with office space one day a week, giving MCC staff an opportunity to engage with prospective students.

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

MCC held its annual work plan retreat on July 20 and 21. The virtual planning sessions involved almost 30 faculty, staff, and administrative representatives and one student representative. The group developed annual work plan activities to support the college's five-year strategic plan objectives relating to Student Access, Student Success, Teaching Excellence, Community Success, and Operational Effectiveness.

MCC received a \$154,215 Perkins Innovation Grant to pilot a CTE Immersion program for high school students who learn best through hands-on education. The grant funding allows MCC to fund a position that will provide wraparound support for the students. Participating students will complete a CTE certificate or degree at the same time they complete their high school requirements.

MCC received a donation of \$133,070 to bridge a gap in funding for year two of the college's successful Multicultural Entrepreneurship Program. To date, the program has received \$747,488 in grant funding.

On June 15, 2021, Governor Jared Polis signed SB21-234 General Fund Transfer Agriculture and Drought Resiliency bill at MCC's Poplar Hall.