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**Transform the student experience.**

MCC Nursing students participated in a local mental health initiative, “Break the Silence,” to help bring awareness to Suicide Prevention Month. The students gave free hugs and provided mental health resources.



MCC students are celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month through Hispanic culture activities. Students learned about Folklorico, a traditional dance style throughout many regions of Mexico, by crafting Papel Picado and Folklorico dress décor. Papel Picado are tissue paper banners with intricate designs used to decorate altars, homes, and streets. The colorful banners show the union between life and death and the fragility and impermanence of life.

**Transform our own workforce experience.**



The Rural College Consortium, with representation from Morgan Community College, Lamar Community College, Northeastern Junior College, Colorado Northwestern Community College, Otero College, Pueblo Community College, and Trinidad State College, met at MCC for a Rural College Summit on September 21. During the daylong event, college representatives discussed

opportunities to collaborate with one another to expand program offerings and share resources between rural colleges.

Chancellor Joe Garcia spoke during the Summit, encouraging college staff to develop and implement strategies for greater student access and success. The seven rural college presidents also participated in a panel discussion.



MCC Director of Nursing Education, Dr. Jennifer Thistle, completed her Doctorate in Nursing and was honored as one of 47 Nightingale Luminaries for 2022 for her work in development of MCC's RN to BSN program. The Nightingale Luminaries represent the best of more than 60,000 registered nurses in Colorado who are recognized for their leadership, advocacy, and innovation.

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

MCC is working with Central Community College in Nebraska on a National Science Foundation grant that will provide Mechatronics courses to partnering high schools. The curriculum and equipment trainers will provide high school students a way to study instrumentation and control technology. The courses will be offered by MCC through Concurrent Enrollment.



MCC Electromechanical Technology (ELMT) students joined staff from the City of Fort Morgan and Morgan County Rural Electric Association for a day in the life of a lineman. Students participated in a hands-on demonstration using electrical equipment and learned proper pole climbing techniques.

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

MCC Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) hosted an annual Boulder International Film Festival event featuring six short films. MCC English faculty, Ewan Magie, facilitated the discussion of film styles. This was a free community event.

The college was awarded \$50k from a Telligen grant to help promote MCC's collaborative RN to BSN program with Lamar Community College, Northeastern Junior College, and Otero Community College. The funding was distributed through the CCCS Foundation. There are 27 students enrolled for fall 2022, including 12 students from MCC's partnering sister colleges.