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Remembering Board Chair Lenore Croudy

Former MCC Board of Trustees chairperson, Lenore Croudy, passed away January 19.

Remembering Mrs. Croudy, Dr. John Snell said “We are deeply saddened by the loss of Lenore Croudy, our friend and colleague. Throughout her career and her life, she has not simply been an advocate for education, she has been a fighter. Her commitment to the College, this community, and the education of our youth was unparalleled, stemming from a deep-rooted belief that education is a key factor in improving one’s quality of life.”

In a message to the College Jan. 19, Dr. Beverly said “the College has lost its “lifetime friend” today. Mrs. Croudy believed that MCC was the best college in the city, state, nation, and beyond, and she made sure to tell that to everyone, every chance she got. I think I can speak for the six presidents that were guided under her leadership, we are truly grateful for the direction, mentorship and friendship she provided all of us during our tenures.”

Mrs. Croudy was first elected to the MCC Board in 1987. She was appointed Vice-Chair in 1989, maintaining this role until her selection as Board Chair in 1995. During her tenure as Chair, she worked with six College presidents, helping lead MCC through periods of financial difficulty to record enrollment levels, and a designation by the Aspen Institute as one of the 10 best community colleges in the nation. Mrs. Croudy resigned from the Board at the end of 2016.

An avid sports fan, Mrs. Croudy could be regularly found front and center, cheering on the MCC men’s and women’s basketball teams at nearly every home game.

Mrs. Croudy received numerous awards highlighting her career of public service. In 2015 she was named Trustee of the Year by the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. In 2007 she received the George Romney Lifetime Achievement Award from then-Governor Jennifer Granholm. In 2004, she received the Don Riegle Community Service Award from the Flint Jewish Federation. She also has been honored by the United Teachers of Flint, Flint Rotary Club, and the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA).

Mrs. Croudy was instrumental in creating the Youth Leadership Institute, focused on teaching African-American students the fundamentals of community leadership. She served on the board of directors of the YWCA of Greater Flint, the Center for the Visually Impaired, the Salvation Army, the Voluntary Action Center and Allegro, a group supporting musical education for youth. She was Vice-Chair of the Flint Urban League and Treasurer of New Paths. She also worked extensively with the Flint Branch of the NAACP and was a lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
Originally from Atlantic City, Mrs. Croudy graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Virginia State College, and from Eastern Michigan University with a Master of Arts degree. She was an educator in the Flint Community Schools for more than 40 years, holding several positions including classroom teacher, instructional specialist, assistant principal, assistant dean, coordinator and director of the Reading, Language Arts and Humanities department. Upon her retirement, she served as Steward for Resource and Information. Mrs. Croudy also served as President of the Congress of Flint School Administrators.

Board of Trustees Elect New Officers

The MCC Board of Trustees elected new officers at their Jan. 23 organizational meeting, in addition to swearing in two new board members. Newly elected Board members Anne Figueroa and Art Reyes, and appointed Board member Rafael Turner were sworn in by the Honorable Vicki Haley of the 67th District Court.

The Board elected Michael Freeman as Chairperson, Rafael Turner as Vice Chair, Sally Shaheen Joseph as Secretary and Dr. John Snell as Treasurer.

The Board also approved three special resolutions and two honorary degrees. Former long-time Board Chairperson Lenore Croudy was honored with a Resolution of Appreciation and an honorary Associate’s Degree for her service to the college on the Board and as Board Chairperson. Al Koegel, former Board member, was also honored with a Resolution of Appreciation and an honorary Associate’s Degree for his service to the college as a Board of Trustee member and supporter, and Lisa Poma, former Executive Assistant to the President, was recognized with a Resolution of Appreciation for her 25 years of service to the College. Poma retired early this month.

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Dr. Amy Fugate, Vice President of Academic Affairs reports that:

The AQIP team that has been working on “Meta Majors” reported their findings to the Executive Cabinet last week. The team’s efforts provide additional options for incoming students who are undecided on their course of study, providing one-to-two semester pathways in the following exploration areas:

- Arts, Humanities, and Communication
- Business, Management, Marketing, and Information Technology
- Engineering, Manufacturing, and Industrial Technologies
- Health Sciences
- Human Services, Social, and Behavioral Sciences
- Science, Natural Resources, and Mathematics

These meta majors will allow undecided students to explore broad subject areas while completing common general education courses, helping them maintain forward momentum as they decide on a specific transfer discipline pathway or occupational program. The team also developed a College Readiness path reserved for those who place into the lowest level of developmental courses, providing structure and support for this group of students.

These options will be available for students beginning with registration for Spring, Summer, and Fall 2017.

The Meta Majors team was chaired by Robert Benard and Krista Black and included Julie Steffey, Janet Westhoff, Matthew Sullivan, Sharon Schapel, Stephen Shubert, Kim Owens, Michael Carr, Emily Varney, Bill Withem, and Anne Gupton. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to this project—and to our students—over the past year.

Black History Month Celebration

The MCC Alumni Association is partnering with The Foundation for Mott Community College in celebration of Black History Month with a Salute to the Soulful Sounds of African American Female Singers, the college’s tribute to African-American culture and history. The luncheon event features vocals by Flint’s own Gwen Pennyman-Hemphill and African-American cuisine prepared by MCC’s Culinary Arts program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, in the Applewood Café on the MCC main campus, 1401 E. Court St. in Flint. The public is invited. Cost is $25 per person. Reservations can be made by calling (810) 762-0536.

The menu includes: Smoked Turkey and Bean Soup; Southern Style Buttermilk Fried Chicken; Cheese Grits; Braised Mustard Greens and Kale; Golden Sweet Cornbread; Pecan-Peach Cobbler and beverage selections. For more information about this event, call The Foundation for Mott Community College at (810) 762-0425.

MCC to Join the JED Campus Program

MCC has joined the JED Campus program. JED Campus is a nationwide initiative of The Jed Foundation, designed to empower schools with a framework and customized support to enhance student mental health and substance abuse and suicide prevention efforts.

Cost of the program for each participating school is $6,000 for the four-year commitment, plus the cost of travel for a JED Campus clinician to visit the college. MCC is one of a 12-college cohort whose participation has been sponsored by Blue Cross® Blue Shield® of Michigan Foundation, the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation, the Michigan Health Endowment Fund and the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.

As a JED Campus school, MCC will embark on a multi-year strategic partnership with JED to assess and enhance mental health initiatives on campus, with a view toward creating a positive, lasting, systemic change in the campus community. Through participation in the program, MCC will receive support in the development of an interdisciplinary, campus-wide team to coordinate mental health and substance abuse and suicide prevention efforts.
In February a new book from Associate Professor of History Aaron Gulyas will be released. Teaching History with Newsreels and Public Service Shorts (Rowman & Littlefield) is a guide for teaching U.S. and world history. In addition to introducing teachers of history to the wide range of short films available for classroom use, this volume provides sample lesson plans, assessment activities, and discussion guides. This book will also help teachers make appropriate selections that convey how a particular newsreel or short reflects the period in which it was made.

Three faculty from the Fine Arts and Social Sciences division have received Faculty Mini-Grants for their plans to adopt, adapt, or create zero-cost Open Educational Resources (OER). The program is administered by Michigan Colleges Online—part of the Michigan Community College Association. Brian Harding and Aaron Gulyas (History) will be collaborating on a project for wide-scale adoption of OER United States History textbooks as well as adapting and remixing an existing ancient world history textbook to fully complement MCC’s World History course outcomes and for integration into online courses. Jennifer Fillion (Anthropology) is collaborating with personnel from the Genesee Career Institute to create an introductory forensics science textbook.

During the Fall, 2016 semester, MCC faculty using OER saved students approximately $94,500 in textbook costs. Statewide, Michigan Colleges Online estimates a total student savings of over 2 million dollars thanks to OER adoption by community college faculty.

Dr. Charles “Chuck” Wade, professor of Biology, elected to the Kearsley Community Schools Board of Education in a special election that took place on December 12th, 2016 as a Board Trustee. I have also been selected to fill a vacant position on the Genesee County Conservation District Board of Directors which also started last month. In this position, I will be participating as one of the 5 members of the Board of Directors until March 30th, 2017. When, at that time, there will be a county wide election. If I’m voted in, I will continue as one of the Directors for the next 3 years.

MCC Public Safety officers raised for “No Shave November” Campaign. Male officers paid $20.00 per person and raised the rest for the opportunity not to shave for the month of November in honor of raising awareness for The Fight Against Cancer. Problem is they now want the ability to not shave “whatever” month it is...it stops on Saturday, January 14, 2016 (the first day of new semester). LOL.

MLKing Day of Service
Here are some photos of our MLK Day of Service. We had 50 volunteers make 66 blankets for the Shelter of Flint and Crossover Ministries on behalf of Project Linus. Thank you students, faculty and staff for a great day of service!
MCC Men’s Basketball Team Accepts the Coaches vs. Cancer 3-point Challenge

MCC players and coaches are taking on cancer – one 3-pointer at a time. The Mott Bears Men’s Basketball team will attempt to raise $5,000 by scoring 50 3-pointers from Feb. 1 to March 1 (a total of 9 games) to raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society as a part of the national Coaches vs. Cancer 3-Point Challenge.

The Mott Bears are the first Community College in Michigan to participate in the Coaches vs. Cancer initiative.

You can support the Coaches vs. Cancer with a pledge for every 3-pointer they score. Go to http://pledgeit.org/cvc-mott to make a one-time pledge or make a pledge based on every 3-pointer the Bears score. The points will be tallied after the Bears’ March 1 game. Pledges made on the basis of the number of 3-pointers will be charged to your credit card after the final tally.

Coaches vs. Cancer is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). This initiative leverages the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs. Since 1993, coaches have raised more than $100 million for the American Cancer Society.

MCC & Molina Healthcare Team Up to Give Students a Warm Winter

MCC welcomed Molina Healthcare to the Flint campus Monday, Jan. 23 as part of the Molina HOPE Winter Coat Giveaway.

The company donated 87 new winter coats in children’s and adult sizes to give to MCC students with children.

MCC Public Safety Early Mover in PDI/DDJ Initiative

MCC Public Safety Department was an early mover in the Police Data Initiative (PDI) and the Data-Driven Justice Initiative (DDJ) instituted by President Barack Obama, signing on in October of 2016, making MCC the first community college to participate in the initiative.

The Police Data Initiative (PDI) supports local police department efforts to leverage data to increase transparency and accountability and build trust with their communities. Law enforcement agencies participating in PDI commit to releasing at least three policing datasets to the public. Different from data on crime, these datasets may include data on stops and searches, uses of force, officer involved shootings, or other police actions. To date, these law enforcement agencies have released more than 170 data sets and are in the process of releasing more. Numerous foundations, organizations, and companies have also stepped up to help accelerate progress.

More than 129 law enforcement agencies covering more than 44 million individuals across the country have signed on to the PDI.

For more information on these initiatives, visit e.gov/policedata and whitehouse.gov/datad
Mott Novel is a collective reading experience from Mott Community College designed to promote reading for enjoyment through special events, social media, reading incentives, and the worthwhile act of reading one novel together for fun.

“We started Mott Novel to provide MCC students, faculty and staff, and the community at large, a way to share a love of reading utilizing a mash-up of face-to-face and digital venues,” said Robert Pieschke, English Faculty member and Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society Co-Advisor.

**Foundation for MCC 2017 EVENTS**

The Foundation for Mott Community College will host the following events:

**Black History Month Luncheon**
11:00am-1:00pm Feb. 9, 2017 • Applewood Café • $25
For reservations, call 810.762.0536

**Gold Night @ MCC Men’s Basketball Game**
Wed., 3/1/17 • Ballenger Field House

**MCC Alumni Night @ Palace of Auburn Hills (Cleveland)**
$65 each / $80 with Bus Transportation from MCC
Thurs., March 9, 2017 • Bus 5:30pm
Tickets must be purchased from The Palace only

**Donor/Student Scholarship Recipient Meet & Greet**
A great way for our donors to meet the students they help.
Noon-1:30pm April 12, 2017 • Presidential Conference Center
By Invitation Only

**MCC Alumni Association Community Gala**
6-10pm Sat., 4/29/17 • RTC Atrium • $75 per person
The Martin Luther King, Jr., Tribute Dinner

The Past is Behind Us – Where Do We Go From Here?” was the theme for the 38th Annual Citywide Tribute Dinner in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Jan. 12, at the Riverfront Banquet Center. This year’s keynote address will be given by Dr. Steve Perry, educational advocate, founder of the Capital Preparatory Schools and author of “Push Has Come To Shove: Getting Our Kids The Education They Deserve –Even If It Means Picking A Fight.”

The 2017 Tribute Dinner was funded in part by the Loeb Charitable Trust/First Merit Bank. The event is co-sponsored by Mott Community College, Baker College of Flint, Davenport University, MLive-The Flint Journal, Hamilton Community Health Network, HAP, Kettering University and the University of Michigan-Flint.