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MCC SBCCOE Report – March 2025

Transform the student experience.

Seven MCC students competed in the SkillsUSA Region 3 Collision Repair and Refinishing competition. Four students placed and received medals: Kaden Dykes placed first in High School Collision Repair; Eric Lurbe placed second in High School Collision Repair; Osmar Ramirez placed third in High School Collision Repair; and Jorge Guzman placed first in High School Refinishing. In addition, Markley Motors of Fort Collins offered one of the competing students a position with them beginning this summer.



MCC will offer a Career Fair and networking opportunity for Health Science students on March 7 and a STEM Career Fair on March 19.

Transform our own workforce experience.

MCC Precision Ag Faculty Bill Miller and STEM Coaches Gavin Fitzgerald and Chelsea Crandall were recognized with a CSU TAPS (Testing Ag Performance Solutions) Award. The program is part of the Irrigation Innovation Consortium program, which focuses on innovative work to support agricultural solutions. MCC's project involved a limited irrigation system, where they used only 11 inches of water for the entire growing season. Twenty-seven teams competed, with the MCC team placing second in the "Most Efficient Farm" category. MCC plans to join the program again and involve more students, including organizing trips to CSU's Agricultural Research, Development, and Educational Center (ARDEC).

MCC Communications Faculty, Amanda Czuprynski, won three awards for papers she submitted to the Broadcast Education Association. She took first place in the Multicultural Studies Division, second place in the History Division's open category, and placed in the Scholar-to-Scholar Research competition.

The Instructional Office space is receiving an upgrade with paint and new office furniture.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

MCC Nursing Faculty member Charlene Carrera and MCC Dean of Health Sciences Dr. Jennifer Thistle had the opportunity to get an up-close look at the Flight For Life helicopter during a partnership lunch at CommonSpirit St. Elizabeth Hospital. They toured the facility and explored the hospital's efforts to enhance healthcare in northeast Colorado.



MCC CACE will offer a free performance by The Legendary Ladies of Colorado on March 21. The actors will portray real women from the 1800's who left their mark on the west, including Rosamond Underwood, a socialite turned pioneer schoolteacher; Mary Rippon, a professor; Bertha Spears, a Harvey Girl; and Mabel Dodge Luhan, a philanthropist/Bohemian rebel.

STEM series presentations were provided by Dr. Kai Kopecky on "Rising to the Challenge: How Global Change is Reshaping the Resilience of our Ecosystems and Ourselves" on February 25 and by Dr. Thomas Albrecht on "The Nuclear Renaissance" on March 4. The presentations were free and open to students, staff, and the public.

The Centennial Area Health Education Center (CAHEC) partnered with MCC to offer free training on dementia care to nursing students and the community on March 6.

MCC Title III STEM Staff facilitated a STEM family night at Pioneer Elementary School in Fort Morgan for students and their parents on February 20.

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

MCC has formed an Artificial Intelligence Taskforce to address the quickly changing world of AI. The taskforce first plans to address topics including privacy and data protection, fair and ethical use, best practices for instructor and students, equitable access to AI tools, and disclosure of where/when AI is used.

MCC is evaluating its Senior Adult class audit policy with the goal of making lifelong learning more accessible to older students.

Finishing touches are being added to the new Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology, including remaining siding, patio concrete, and furniture. Landscaping will be completed this spring.

The MCC Foundation Board will review grant and private scholarship funding at its March meeting in preparation for awarding scholarships this spring.