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## **MCC SBCCOE Report – February 2025**

### **Transform the student experience.**

MCC hosted a "Little Shop of Physics" event in collaboration with Colorado State University's Little Shop of Physics, bringing hands-on science experiments to MCC students and local community members. Over 85 people attended the event, where interactive activities used everyday items to teach valuable skills in science, communication, problem-solving, and building. One of the highlights was the "Loop to Loop" challenge, where participants used a hairdryer to make a ping pong ball float in the air, then tried to move it through rings while keeping the ball suspended.



Biology Faculty Dianne Purves and Gavin Fitzgerald, STEM Coach, are being trained on how to use a DNA Sequencer. The DNA Sequencer will help students develop important skills and assist in student research projects.

The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted a Club Fair on January 24 to promote student engagement in clubs and SGA.

### **Transform our own workforce experience.**

The MCC Wellness Committee organized a holiday drive to collect donations of toys and Christmas wrapping paper for the Morgan County Golden Stars. This year, the committee contributed 30 rolls of wrapping paper and more than 100 toys. With over 800 children in need across Morgan County, this drive saw the highest number of donations to date.

MCC faculty and staff gathered for a Spring Semester Kick-Off event and in-service training from January 14-16. The Kick-Off featured a light breakfast, an opportunity for engagement, announcements, and an update from Dr. Curt Freed. The afternoon session focused on professional development, including conflict resolution strategies and a safety update from MCC's Director of Physical Facilities, Gene Kind, along with Fort Morgan Police. Other in-service training throughout the week covered a range of topics aimed at enhancing professional skills, such as program review, credentialing, EAB Navigate360, Yuja Panorama, and digital accessibility for Word and Adobe Acrobat.

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

Dr. Marlon Escamilla, MCC Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, presented "Living Spaces and Landscapes: Insights from Household Archaeology in El Salvador" in partnership with the Fort Morgan Public Library and Museum on January 14. In his talk, Dr. Escamilla explored unique perspectives on the archaeology of Joya de Ceren, a UNESCO World Heritage site in El Salvador.

MCC's Title III STEM Team partnered with the Rocky Mountain Raptor Program from Fort Collins to offer a presentation to 117 fourth and fifth grade students at Pioneer Elementary in December.

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

MCC received final approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) on October 11, 2024, to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree in Business Administration and Management. The BAS in Business Administration and Management program will launch August 2025 for the Fall Semester.

MCC received accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) on November 8, 2024, to offer a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Education with an endorsement in Technology Education, the college's third bachelor's degree program. Additionally, MCC was awarded an Opportunity NOW Grant of \$739,917, providing vital resources for curriculum development and student support services for the program.