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## **MCC SBCCOE Report – April 2025**

### **Economic Mobility**

MCC will offer four tuition-free classes during Summer Semester, including PHY 1105: Conceptual Physics; Soc 2031: Sociology of Deviant Behavior; Env 1111: Environmental Science; and LIT 2005: Race Ethnicity, & Culture. These tuition-free courses will provide students with opportunities to reduce their educational costs and explore new subjects and career paths.

The Morgan Community College (MCC) Foundation hosted its 26<sup>th</sup> annual Gala, “Roadrunner Round-Up” on February 21, 2025. The Gala raised \$228,700 through raffle ticket sales; sponsorships; silent, live, and paddle auctions; other Gala activities; and in-kind donations. The net proceeds, estimated at \$154,400, will be used to support MCC students by funding scholarships, programs, and new and innovative technology. Pictured below is MCC Health Science Technology Faculty, Kiley David, and students who volunteered at the Gala.

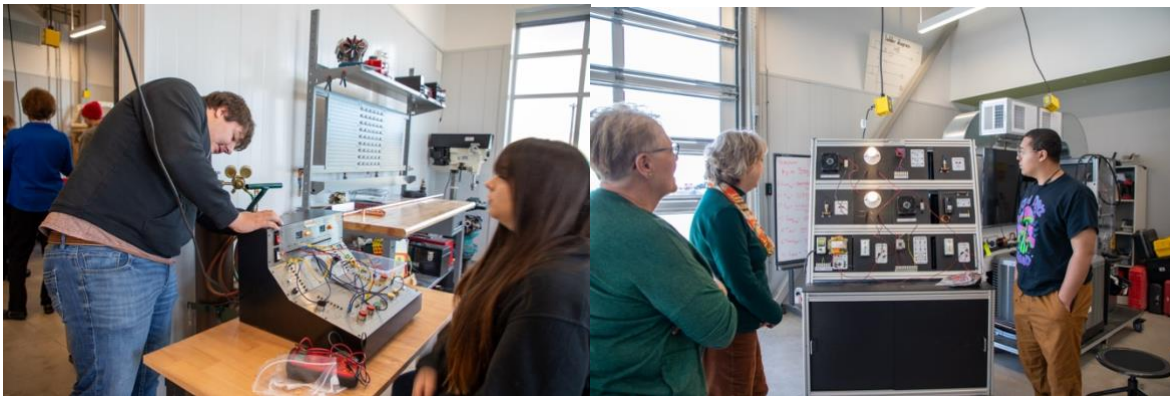


### **Education For All**

MCC STEM Coaches took a group of nine students to visit the Colorado School of the Mines in February. They are planning other tours, including to the CU Anschutz Medical Campus.



MCC hosted a Dedication Ceremony and Open House for the college's new Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades and Technology on March 21. The ceremony was attended by students, faculty, staff, and community members. MCC Electromechanical Technology students are enjoying the new, expanded space for their program and provided demos as participants toured the facility.



MCC had the privilege of participating in the CASFA/FAFSA Night in Yuma, in collaboration with the NEBOCES Migrant Program. MCC Director of Admissions and Advising, Maria Cardenas; Success Adviser and Coach, Janeth Arredondo Perez; and Financial Aid Advisor, Isabel Lesama-Rodas, provided outstanding support during the event. Approximately 30 parents and students, primarily from Wray, attended the session. This event was a valuable opportunity to assist families with financial aid processes and reinforce MCC's commitment to student success in the region.

## **Empowered Talent**

A team of twelve, including Title III staff, Title V staff, three faculty, and MCC's Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence represented Morgan Community College at the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Conference in Chicago March 9-12. The conference provided opportunities for them to learn, collaborate, and bring back innovative strategies to better serve students at MCC.

MCC Director of Regional Community Outreach - Bennett & Limon, Robbin Schincke; MCC Director of Learning Resources, April Amack; and MCC Dean of Students, Sally Shawcroft participated in the Academic Management Institute (AMI) leadership program for women, finishing with a project presentation on Open Education Resources adoption. The presentation examined the obstacles facing faculty and the cost benefit to students over the last two years.

## **Partner of Choice**

MCC partnered with the Centennial Area Health Education Center (CAHEC) to provide dementia care training at the Fort Morgan campus March 6. One session was offered for nursing students, and another session was available to the public.

MCC Director of Trades Pathways, Sharon Daxton-Vorce; MCC Director of Concurrent Enrollment, Joe Bowman; and MCC Mechatronics Faculty, Eric Walek collaborated with Akron and Otis Schools to present the Mechatronics program as part of ongoing outreach efforts in northeast communities. As a result of these discussions, Otis School plans to host a Mechatronics class while also supporting lab sessions for Akron students. Otis High School science teacher, Sierra Emanuel, has committed to serving as the lab assistant and is registered for the CCCS Summer Professional Development Opportunity and will attend the first two training sessions in June. This partnership marks a significant step in expanding access to Mechatronics education and fostering collaboration between Otis and Akron schools.

## **Power of 13**

MCC Communications, Marketing, & Recruitment Director and member of the System's Digital Accessibility Implementation Team, Ariella Gonzales-Vondy, worked on behalf of the Rural College Consortium (RCC) to secure affordable training modules with shared pricing from vendor Ansrsource. These modules will provide faculty and staff with essential knowledge on the importance of digital accessibility, support staff development in creating accessible content, and promote the sustainability of an inclusive culture in digital content creation for rural colleges.