



May 2017

- **Transform the student experience.**
 - Five students were honored this month for their academic excellence, leadership, and hard work. Recognitions were as follows: Ashley Overman was recognized as the Jean Danford Outstanding Leadership Student; Jay Beecham received the Carolyn Thornsby Outstanding Academic Student; Carlos Montes was awarded the Gene Zeigler Outstanding Occupational Student; and Ahmed (Jamal) Abdirhayan received the Presidential Outstanding Student Award. In addition, Joshua Chacon won year's Student Planner Cover Art Contest.
 - MCC held its 45th commencement ceremony; 404 students completed degrees or certificates over the last year, representing 58 hometowns across Colorado and neighboring states.
 - Twenty four students successfully completed their General Educational Development (GED) testing during the last year.
 - Seven students graduated from MCC's Radiologic Technology Program.
 - At this year's nurses' pinning ceremony, 32 candidates were recognized for completing their Associate Degree in Nursing, as well as 22 first year students, who completed their certificate in Practical Nursing.
 - MCC is guaranteeing twelve core classes to run over the summer as long as a minimum of two students enroll. Scholarships are offered for two of these courses.
- **Transform our own workforce experience.**
 - Structural Tradesman Greg Schehrer was named MCC's Classified Employee of the Year, and Administrative/Professional/Technical Employee of the Year was awarded to Instructional Media Specialist Troy McKie.
- **Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.**
 - Seven volunteers and 5 student from Morgan Community College, and 3 students from Fort Morgan High School spent 742 hours at two locations—Wray and Fort Morgan—preparing and filing 458 returns, helping local tax payers claim \$870,846 in refunds. In addition to the preparers from FMHS there were also two students that volunteered to translate every Tuesday night. This was the first year that students from FMHS were involved in the tax site.
 - Auto Collision student Walker Graff is the winner of the 2017 Craftsman Tool Grant.

- **Redefine our value proposition through accessibility, affordability, quality, accountability, resource development, and operational excellence.**
 - The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Morgan Community College has been granted Candidate for Accreditation status by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. This is a pre-accreditation status that indicates the program is progressing toward full accreditation.

- **Other News**
 - CACE hosted a musical theatre performance of a fresh adaptation of Roald Dahl's treasured novel, *James and the Giant Peach*, performed by Denver's Phamaly Theatre Company. Their cast is entirely of performers with various, and sometimes multiple, disabilities.
 - MCC recognized and celebrated the retirements of faculty and staff members: Kerry Hart, Mary Andersen, Jaylene Evans, Barb Frihauf, Lee Green, Julie Nichols, and Don Enninga.