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Curt Freed, Ph.D., President

### **December 2018 & January 2019**

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

MCC's Multi-Cultural Club students focused on giving back during the holiday season by coordinating a community food drive to support the local food pantry, RISING UP. Students collected enough food items to provide more than 25 meals for families in the Fort Morgan community.

Students from the Automotive Collision Repair and Automotive Service Technology programs collaborated with MCC's Marketing Department to build the 2019 Holiday Parade Float. The float featured a vintage Jaguar and auto repair tools and supplies. Twelve students and several MCC staff walked in the parade, showing their MCC pride and handing out college swag and calendars.

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

The MCC Leadership Team hosted a holiday soup luncheon December 3 for all staff and faculty. On December 21, employees enjoyed an ugly sweater contest and a potluck hosted by the MCC Learning Resource Center.

The college held an All-Staff Kick-off potluck lunch and meeting on January 9 to welcome the new semester. The theme was "The Spirit of MCC."

President Freed nominated MCC's Faculty of the Year, Jennifer Thistle; Instructor of the Year, Steven Musser; and APT Employee of the Year, April Amack to receive National Institute of Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards. These faculty and staff have the opportunity to receive their awards at the NISOD International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in Austin, Texas in May 2019.

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

MCC's Small Business Partnership Program, funded with support from FMS Bank and the El Pomar Foundation, concluded December 2018. Each student received a scholarship covering the cost of the 6-credit certificate, and competed for cash prizes to help them create or expand their businesses. Local professionals in the community judged the final business plan presentations, with the first, second, and third place students receiving \$10,000, \$8,000, and \$7,000 respectively. Rebecca Jones, owner of Automotive Diesel Solutions in Brush, Colorado, won first prize.

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

MCC received a \$5,000 donation from FMS Bank to support the college's Small Business Partnership program. The FMS Bank donation both helps the college and fosters economic and workforce development throughout the region.

The MCC Student Services office has been transformed into a "Welcome Center," with bright colors and a new layout to facilitate enhanced customer service. The external sign and interior décor includes artwork that says "welcome" in over 20 languages, representing the diversity of Morgan County.