Transform the student experience.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded MCC a $300,000 Advanced Technological Education (ATE) grant. The funding will support the development of an Industrial Controls Technician (ICT) Certificate program, which will provide students with cutting-edge skills to manage technology associated with industrial control systems in manufacturing. Students in MCC’s existing Precision Agriculture and Electromechanical Technology (previously known as the Industrial Electrical Mechanical Maintenance) will be able to enhance their skills through the new courses. Manufacturing, Morgan County’s largest industry, accounts for a Gross Regional Product of nearly $350 million annually.

Peer Reviewers from the Higher Learning Commission visited MCC April 15-16 regarding the college’s request to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program to nursing students.

MCC honored eleven students at the college’s annual Outstanding Students ceremony April 17. Three of MCC’s pioneer instructors presented awards bearing their names: the Carolyn Thornsby Outstanding Student (Academic), the Jean Danford Outstanding Student (Leadership), and the Gene Ziegler Outstanding Occupational Student. President Freed presented the Outstanding Student Presidential Award, the Outstanding Non-traditional Student Award (new this year), and recognized MCC’s PTK All-CO Academic Team and Rising Star award recipients. The Outstanding Student Employee received accolades from his supervisor, Kathryn Wisner, Director of Pre-college and Transitional Studies.

Seven MCC students participated in state SkillsUSA contests in April, with five Collision Repair students winning medals. Two HOSA (health occupations) students won awards at the state HOSA State Leadership Conference.

Transform our own workforce experience.

Su Wright, a part-time English Instructor with MCC at Burlington, received the University of Colorado Boulder’s first annual Outstanding Colorado Community College Educator Award. This program recognizes the top teachers, administrators, and staff from community colleges who go above and beyond to support students. Wright is in her twelfth year of teaching, the last four years primarily via Distance Learning.
Staff from MCC’s Regional Centers in Bennett, Limon, Burlington, and Wray participated in a training day focusing on economic and workforce development.

Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

MCC was awarded an additional $218,750 in Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Opportunity (COSI) funding to offer pre-collegiate and collegiate success coaching to underserved students in Burlington, Bethune, Limon, Idalia, Stratton, Wray, and Otis. Two new Success Coaches have been hired to spearhead the efforts.

MCC’s Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) students held a community Flea Market April 20. PTK raised over $1000 to help support PTK and One Morgan County, a local community organization that provides resources for immigrants.

MCC’s Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) hosted a performance of The Legendary Ladies in conjunction with an Administrative Professionals event sponsored by the Fort Morgan and Brush Chambers of Commerce. The program, “Unconventional Women of the West,” celebrated the accomplishments of women who made a significant impact in American history.

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

MCC is now one of only two colleges in the Colorado Community College System with a loan default rate below 10%. The improvement is attributed to increased case management and the availability of more scholarships.

The number of students accepting an MCC “Promise Award” tripled from the previous year. The Award guarantees a financial aid package to recent high school graduates in MCC’s service area of $2,000/year for full-time students and up to $1,500 for part-time students.