



April 2024

Dr. Curt Freed, President

1. Cristopher Pineda, MCC Electromechanical Technology student, was accepted into the highly competitive NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) program. The five-day virtual experience in April 2024 will provide him with the opportunity to interact and network with NASA engineers and scientists.
2. MCC's Employees of the year are Connie Mitchell, Faculty of the Year; Travis Freeman, Instructor of the Year; Maria Cardenas, Administrative/Professional-Technical Employee of the Year, and Annette Lebsack, Classified Employee of the Year.
3. Dr. Gary Dukes, Vice President of Student Services and Dr. Deborah Coates, Vice President of Instruction, completed the Colorado Community College System's "Pathway to Executive Excellence" leadership program in April 2024.
4. MCC held its Spring Professional Development Day April 12. A portion of the day was spent working with a facilitator to help employees understand their individual strengths identified through "Clifton Strengths" assessments. Department teams were also able to learn the strengths represented in their work groups.
5. MCC now has in-person office space in Bennett to meet with students on Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 207 Muegge Way. For inquiries Monday-Friday, MCC staff can be reached by calling 970-467-3750. The college is continuing to work on securing a location for a full-time Bennett Center.
6. Financial aid awards are delayed this year due to changes at the federal level with the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to stay in touch with MCC's Financial Aid Department for the latest information. The MCC scholarship application deadline has been extended to May 7.
7. MCC is offering a STEM Festival for middle school students. Brush, Wiggins and Weldona students will come to the Fort Morgan campus May 8, and Fort Morgan students will participate on May 10.
8. Unique opportunities this summer at MCC include:
 - a. A one-week Unmanned Aircraft Systems Ground School June 10-14, to prepare students for the FFA part 107 exam to obtain a Commercial Drone Pilot license.
 - b. A Computer Support Tech course to prepare students to take the CompTIA A+ certification exam.
 - c. Tuition-free courses: LIT 2055 Children's Literature; SOC 2016 Sociology of Gender; CSC 1019 Intro to Programming; and MAT 1420 College Trigonometry.
 - d. More information is available at www.morgancc.edu/summer/.
9. MCC commencement will be held Saturday, May 4, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Glenn Miller Park in downtown Fort Morgan.
10. Employment Opportunities:
 - a. Academic Technology Specialist
 - b. Coordinator of Regional Center – Bennett
 - c. Director of Human Resources
 - d. Integrative Health Coach Faculty
 - e. Nursing Faculty & Clinical Coordinator - RN to BSN Program
 - f. Nursing Faculty – Clinical/Lab
 - g. Registrar

11. CACE Events:

- a. Art Exhibit, "Month of the Young Child Mixed Media," April 4-25, CACE Gallery of Fine Art, Fort Morgan
- b. Fort Morgan Third Thursday Art Walk, April 18, 4-7 p.m.
- c. Concert: USAFA Blue Delta and FMHS students, April 19, 7 p.m., FMHS auditorium
- d. Brush Downtown Art Walk, May 8, 4-7 p.m.