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## Transform the student experience.

MCC HOSA (Future Health Professionals, formerly known as Health Occupations Students of America) students attended the Colorado State HOSA Conference in Denver February 19-21. Approximately forty MCC concurrent enrollment students participated in the three-day conference's workshops, activities, and competitions. Featured are the students that placed respectively in their competitions: L-R Michelle Headly, Avery Lefever, Alicia Vuittonet, Seydi Nevarez, Emily Orona, Daniella Marin, Kaylee Irving, and Enrique Contreras.



MCC staff accompanied twenty students on a tour of Colorado State University (CSU) in March. The purpose of the trip was to promote transfer options to a four-year institution after graduating from MCC. Students had the opportunity to explore CSU's campus, learn more about their programs, and get a feel for university life.

Morgan Community College health program faculty and students participated in a mass trauma scenario on campus March 1. The primary goal of the exercise was for health students to apply their knowledge in a controlled environment and foster the development of critical skills such as decision-making, teamwork, and effective

communication during emergency situations. Two sessions were held to allow participation from all students.





## Transform our own workforce experience.

MCC's Employees of the Year include Faculty of the Year, Connie Mitchell; Instructor of the Year, Travis Freeman; APT Employee of the Year, Maria Cardenas; and Classified Employee of the Year, Annette Lebsock. In addition to being honored by CCCS and MCC, each will receive Excellence Awards from the National Institute for Organizational and Staff Development (NISOD) and be given the opportunity to attend the NISOD annual conference.





Several Title III and Title V staff attended the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Institution Educators (AHSIE) Annual Best Practices Conference March 17-20 in Monterey, California. One attendee, who is a first-generation Hispanic who transitioned from student to HSI staff member, shared their experience: "The AHSIE conference in Monterey was profoundly inspiring. It was remarkable to immerse in the collective enthusiasm as we explored ways to support students and enhance our institution. The event did not just provide information; it deeply inspired me to contribute more towards diversity, equity, and inclusion in higher education. I highly recommend it to others."

## Create education without barriers through transformational partnerships.

MCC Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) partnered with Fort Morgan small business, Books on Main, to host an Open Mic event March 7. The Open Mic session provided an opportunity for participants to share their own literary creations or recite their favorite pieces of literature.

MCC Center for Arts and Community Enrichment (CACE) hosted a "Best of the Best" Student Art Show February 29-March 21 at the CACE Gallery of Fine Art. This annual exhibit of 2-D and 3-D art is the result of collaboration with art teachers from regional middle schools and high schools, and as the title implies, features the exceptional work of emerging artists.

MCC partnered with Centennial Area Health Education Center (CAHEC) in Greeley to display an interactive mental health exhibit, "Be Mindful, It Matters," at the Fort Morgan campus from February 14 through March 11, 2024. In conjunction with the exhibit, MCC offered four workshops open to the public, staff, and students that were facilitated by Centennial Mental Health in Fort Morgan.

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

A sidewalk, curb, and gutter has been installed along Barlow Road in front of the college. This will provide greater safety and convenience for those walking along the busy road. The upgrade was made possible due to remaining state funding from the college's irrigation improvement project.



The MCC Foundation hosted its 25th annual Gala on February 23, 2024, with over four hundred people in attendance. The event grossed over \$208,000 through raffle ticket sales; sponsorships; silent, live, and paddle auctions; other Gala activities including a special 25th Anniversary Gala memento mug; and in-kind donations.

The net proceeds are estimated at over \$158,000 and will be used to support MCC student scholarships, programs, and technology.



Bill Miller (Precision Ag Faculty) and Susan Clough (Director of Development) posed for a photo at the 25<sup>th</sup> MCC Foundation Gala held at the Morgan County REA shop building. Susan coordinated the event with the help of the MCC Foundation Board and many staff, students, and community volunteers.