



May 2024

Dr. Curt Freed, President

1. MCC held its 2024 commencement ceremony in Fort Morgan's Glenn Miller Park on Saturday, May 4. Over 300 students applied to graduate, with 177 participating in the ceremony.
2. The College held a gathering May 1 to celebrate MCC student award recipients. Awards in honor of some of MCC's first faculty members were presented:
 - Gene Ziegler Outstanding Occupational Student Award: Holly Lewis
 - Jean Danford Outstanding Student Leadership Award: Kenneth Sulley
 - Carolyn Thornsby Outstanding Student Academic Award: Courtney McFarlandIn addition, Enrique Contreras-Mares received the Presidential Outstanding Student of the Year Award.
3. A "Star Party" was held for the community the evening of May 9 at the Fort Morgan campus. The event featured a mobile unit from MESO (Mobile Earth and Space Observatory) and provided an evening of hands-on STEM activities and stargazing for all ages.
4. A "Topping Off" ceremony for the Dahms-Talton Center for Skilled Trades & Technology was held May 7. The event celebrated reaching the phase in construction when the final I-beam was raised. Participants in the ceremony were given the opportunity to sign the beam before it was placed.
5. A state-funded controlled maintenance project replacing HVAC rooftop units (RTUs) for Cottonwood Hall, Aspen Hall, and 300 Main will occur before the beginning of summer semester.
6. The [Linda] Camp-Johnson Endowment was created with the MCC Foundation. The endowment will fund annual scholarships of \$1,500 for selected MCC students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.
7. Six Collision Repair students competed at State Skills USA competition, with students taking first, second, and third place. Cole Curtis, the first-place winner, will compete at the national competition in June.
8. Employment Opportunities:
 - a. Academic Technology Specialist
 - b. Director of Human Resources
 - c. ESL Specialist
9. CACE Events:
 - a. Astrophotography Exhibit by Maggie Martin, CACE Gallery of Fine Art, May 16 – June 20.
 - b. Fort Morgan Third Thursday Art Walk, May 16, 4-7 p.m.