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**Media alert: New citizens, vibrant celebrations to highlight to International Fair**

**What:** Metropolitan Community College hosts the International Fair, an event that bring fashion, food, culture and entertainment from around the globe to attendees

**When:** Tuesday, April 7, 10 a.m.–7:30 p.m. Naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens at 10 a.m.

**Where:** MCC's South Omaha Campus, Connector Building Commons. Naturalization ceremony will take place in the Industrial Training Center, room 120.

**Background:** Musicians, dancers and performers will take center stage in the Connector Building Commons throughout the day, blending cultures and various backgrounds. The day starts with a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services naturalization ceremony, a special event where 31 individuals will be welcomed as official U.S. citizens. Welcoming remarks will be offered by Jane Franklin, MCC dean of social services, and Victoria Alapo, MCC geography instructor. The Oath of Allegiance will be administered by USCIS field office director William Connor.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.