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Dear friends and supporters,

On behalf of Metropolitan Community College and the MCC Foundation Board of Directors, thank you for investing in our students and MCC’s future. Without you, we would not be where we are today — building the promise of three new buildings on the Fort Omaha Campus and able to provide more than 2,200 scholarships over the past decade.

Delivering the Promise

In 2013, MCC kicked off its Delivering the Promise campaign. The largest capital campaign of its kind for a community college, Delivering the Promise aimed to raise $90 million through a 50:50 public-private partnership. With this year’s lead donors at the Lozier, Mammel and Sherwood foundations and 100 percent giving from MCC’s Board of Governors and the Foundation’s Board of Directors, MCC rose to the challenge, announcing at a groundbreaking ceremony in June 2014 full funding for construction of all three new, state-of-the-art buildings.

Through the Academic Skills Center, Center for Applied and Emerging Technology, and Construction Education Center, MCC is focused on training students for today’s jobs, preparing them for tomorrow’s jobs, and providing them with tools and opportunities for lifelong learning. We are paving the way for integrated applied trades/information technology learning and strengthening our industry partnerships with co-located facilities geared toward testing new technologies, developing new products, and continuously training and retraining the workforce.

Inside the promise

New facilities are critical to support MCC’s growing needs, but MCC’s promise does not end with construction. What goes on inside the buildings is just as important, and there is still a great deal of unmet need. MCC continues to raise funds through the campaign to upgrade equipment as programs relocate to the new buildings and focus on updated, of-the-moment curriculum developed in tandem with active advisory committees and industry partners.

But new buildings, equipment and curriculum mean nothing without students. Despite MCC’s affordable tuition and fees, students are coming to MCC with increasing financial need and experiencing gaps between financial aid and the cost to attend. The MCC Foundation focuses on bridging this financial gap through scholarships. Through endowed and expendable scholarships, 227 students received more than $160,000 in support this year.

Beyond the promise

Each year, the College’s “Community” magazine features some of the most innovative, inspiring stories from around MCC. These stories and many others are made possible by the generosity of donors to the Foundation and highlight our active Friends and Alumni Network. Take a look back at our year with a few of the stories gathered from “Community.”

Join us in continuing the promise

Our promise will not end with construction of three new buildings or the students able to graduate due to this year’s scholarships. It will continue far beyond that, and we invite you to join us in this continued promise to our students and our communities.

Sincerely,

Randy Schmailzl
MCC president

Mike Abramson
MCC Foundation president
GIVING BACK

MCC alum establishes endowed photography scholarship

Professional photographer Collin Leeder knew he wanted to give back to the school that had given him so much. He just didn’t know it’d be so soon.

Selling his first photograph as a little kid, Leeder knew he had a creative side. During his senior year of high school, he decided to enroll in MCC photography classes. Leeder describes his first few classes as trial and error, but once he developed his first film, he was hooked. He now prides himself in his career as a dietitian, but his passion for photography continues, working in professional photography for more than 10 years.

“My years at MCC were some of the best of my life. It really felt like a second home,” Leeder said.

His business, Leeder Photography, specializes in wedding, commercial, sports and portrait photography. Leeder offers digital and film photography, the latter taking a particular amount of skill.

“I was honored to work as a photographer at the 2014 College World Series and even got to be on the field for the final game,” Leeder said. “Photography has taken me to some very special places and given me great opportunities.”

Wanting to extend those opportunities to others, Leeder established an endowed scholarship for photography students at MCC, a scholarship that will support the next creative photographer.

“I really wanted to give back to MCC and wanted to wait until I was older, but one day I just figured, why not now?” Leeder said. “I want to see MCC photography continue to be successful and give students a place to learn. Photography equipment costs can be high, and giving somebody else the modern, state-of-the-art equipment necessary to follow a dream is something I felt was my duty.”
MCC students will soon have the chance to build a car from scratch, thanks to a generous gift from the Theodore F. and Claire M. Hubbard Family Foundation. Announced in March, the Hubbard Hot Rod Project Fund will expand MCC’s automotive programs with new curriculum that exposes students to custom car fabrication.

The project kicks off this summer as automotive technology and automotive collision technology students put together a Redneck Street Rod 1933 Ford car kit personally donated by Ted Hubbard. In a special joint class, students from both programs will experience the challenges and rewards of building a custom car, while also exploring careers in custom car fabrication, custom painting and specialty car repair.

Hubbard’s interest in hot rods inspired the donation. “I wanted students to put the car kit to good use, and I wanted to give the kit to someone who would get something out of it,” Hubbard said. “It will be fun to see the project progress from empty car and chassis to finished vehicle.”

The custom classes will be the first of their kind at MCC, said instructor Al Cox. Once the car is completed, it will be auctioned off to fund future custom build projects.

“We are very excited to bring this new project to students through the generosity of the Hubbard foundation,” said MCC President Randy Schmailzl. “Bringing hands-on training to the classroom is what community colleges do best. This is yet another opportunity to provide education that sets us apart from other institutions.”
EDUCATION WITH BENEFITS

For alumna, diploma is just the icing on the cake

When Kate Richter, 30, enrolled at MCC fresh out of high school, the Skutt High alumna didn’t know she’d leave with more than a diploma. She decided to pursue her passion and study photography in college, and that’s where fate stepped in.

She met her husband, Ben, in a photo concepts class. He moved to Omaha specifically for MCC’s Photography program, which has “better facilities than many universities,” Kate said. The two creatives clicked and soon started dating.

When they married in 2011, they chose MCC photography instructor Larry Gawel — of all people — to pronounce them husband and wife.

“We call him our life mentor,” Kate said. “He’s way more than a teacher.”

The couple was heavily involved in the program, attending Photo Club barbecues at Gawel’s home. Kate also received invaluable gallery experience, attending national conferences and showing her portfolio in various cities from St. Louis to Portland.

After earning an associate in photography, Kate transferred to UNO and finished her bachelor’s in public relations.

Now, she spends her workdays seeing white — wedding gowns, specifically.

Kate is a publication designer for The Knot, a wedding-planning empire and the flagship brand of XO Group, headquartered in New York. Based in the Omaha office, she collects artwork from advertisers and lays out sections of The Knot magazine, which includes 17 regional editions.

Working for the go-to wedding guide, Kate was in luck when she started planning her own wedding — sort of.

“It was terrible,” she said, laughing. Although she did use the magazine for inspiration, she said she felt “overwhelming pressure to have the best wedding.”

The husband and wife team now periodically photographs other couples tying the knot. Ben has his own photography company, and Kate will tag along sometimes, making good on her photography degree.

The youngest of five children, Kate comes from a creative family with ties to MCC. Her mom, Margie Sypal, took graphic design courses at MCC in the ‘80s and ‘90s. Several years later, Margie enrolled in noncredit courses to help land her current job at Valmont Industries. Kate’s brother Chris also has an MCC degree in computer graphics.

Kate credits the College with giving her a confidence boost, admitting that she struggled in high school. After receiving an MCC Board of Governors Scholarship as an incoming freshman, she learned that if she put herself out there and got involved, she could succeed. This includes involvement in the Friends and Alumni Network.

Almost 12 years later, Kate has more than educational successes to celebrate. She has a supportive family and a job she loves — a job where she plays a small part inspiring other women in love.
JOBS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Fort Omaha Campus expansion announced

Three new buildings will soon dot the landscape at the historic Fort Omaha Campus. MCC announced the $90 million expansion project at a groundbreaking ceremony in June, detailing plans for the Center for Advanced and Emerging Technology, Construction Education Center and Academic Skills Center.

President Randy Schmailzl presided over the groundbreaking and thanked college personnel and leadership, along with community and philanthropic partners, for embarking on the public-private partnership that will advance shared efforts to prepare a skilled workforce. The project highlights a new era of investing in students and communities via the new facilities, designed to accommodate changing needs and innovative approaches to learning.

The concept behind the project is to create centers of specialization, like the Institute for the Culinary Arts that opened in 2010, all designed to grow the College and respond to community training needs. The expansion comes at a time when the demand for skilled workers is increasing.

“Ongoing workforce innovation is the driver behind our campus expansion,” Schmailzl said. “These academic facilities will provide seamless education to our students from entry- to high-level skills.”

The project is funded by generous philanthropic investments and a progressive funding commitment of the MCC Board of Governors that represents a 50:50 public-private partnership. The three buildings are designed to train students for today’s jobs, prepare students for tomorrow’s jobs, and provide students with tools and opportunities for lifelong learning.

Geared toward addressing current economic needs, the Center for Advanced and Emerging Technology will be home to the MCC FabLab and feature advanced manufacturing studies and automation systems as well as other technology- and transportation-related fields. The Construction Education Center will provide students the ability to learn about fields such as architecture and design, civil engineering, construction technology, electrical technology, electrical apprenticeship, HVAC, industrial and commercial trades, plumbing apprenticeship, sustainability, weatherization and welding.

The Academic Skills Center will be a hub for student-centered, first-year educational experiences with focus on career navigation, small group communication, general education courses, ReadRight® curriculum and active learning.

The expansion project is expected to be finished in spring 2018.
A JOB THAT DELIVERS
Alumnus finds fulfilling career in logistics

Ask Cory Johnson what he does for a living, and he will tell you his company is “a travel agent for boxes.” But that’s just skimming the surface. The MCC alumnus wears many hats — from sales and account management to Foreign Trade Zone administration and special projects.

As the business development manager at Cargo Zone LLC and AIT Worldwide Logistics, Johnson has helped with some high-profile events, including the Olympic swim trials, College World Series and the Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting. “I get to be part of some unique projects,” he said.

In 2005, Johnson started driving a forklift in the warehouse, Cargo Zone, to pay for his MCC classes. “I figured that would be my job to get me through college,” he said. The convenience and cost were what attracted the Omaha native to MCC, allowing him to work full time and go to school. “For the working adult, attending MCC is about the best option out there,” he said.

Nearly 10 years later, his college job has transformed into a career. “In our industry, we joke that people get into logistics by chance and not by choice — that’s how I ended up here.”

As president of the Nebraska Logistics Council, Johnson is working to change that, especially for the younger generation. This year, the organization awarded $1,500 in scholarships for high school students and endowed the MCC Foundation with a $10,000 scholarship. The council also hosts seminars and networking events to stimulate interest in logistics-related careers — projected to grow much faster than average, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Recognizing the need for training in this growing field, MCC partnered with the Manufacturing Skills Standards Council, equipping students to earn national credentials through two fast-track certificates in logistics.

Johnson explained that Omaha’s location along I-80 and I-29 makes it the “perfect corridor for logistics.” He’s pleased the state, including MCC, has embraced the industry’s potential and bolstered training programs in transportation, warehousing, distribution and logistics.

“Logistics has become a more frontline field than what it was before,” he said. With a solid education, worth ethic and a little luck, Johnson is thankful to be working in such a thriving industry.

It’s safe to say he’s in it for the long haul.

Nebraska Logistics Council awards endowed scholarship
The scholarship will help educate and train tomorrow’s workforce in the transportation, distribution and logistics industries, projected to grow much faster than average, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.
With the rising cost of education, the words “college” and “scholarship” need to go hand-in-hand. In the past decade, the MCC Foundation has awarded approximately $1.3 million to 2,283 students, thanks to the generosity of our donors and their commitment to student success.

In the 2013–2014 fiscal year, the MCC Foundation awarded $160,563 in scholarship support to 227 students. In May 2014, 105 of these MCCF scholars graduated with a degree, certificate of achievement or career certificate. Scholarships make educational dreams a reality and epitomize the meaning of our tagline: Your Gift…Their Future…Our Promise…

Your Gift…Thank you for investing in the success of MCC students.

Their Future…We believe in students and know that the scholarships they have earned will create opportunities for them and for others far into the future.

Our Promise…Many, many thanks to all of you for helping to deliver the promise of realized potential for our students and communities.

For a full listing of MCCF scholarships, please visit: mccneb.edu/foundation/mccfscholarships.asp.

“My family and I are sincerely thankful for your generosity and for giving me the opportunity to pursue my chosen career path.”

– Jennifer E. Thon, MCCF scholar
PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EXCELLENCE: MCCF SCHOLARS

The following students received a privately funded scholarship from the MCC Foundation during the 2013–2014 fiscal year.

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Elizabeth Blanton
Jennifer Thon

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Bernard Mahoney

**Arthur A. Durand Memorial Scholarship**
Marquise Pickens

**Audren Swanson Memorial Scholarship**
John Morris

**Auto Collision Advisory Board Scholarship**
Johnny Guzman Lopez

**Beth Nimmo Social Sciences Scholarship**
Sarah Black
George Odoo

**Betty Hightower Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
Jessica Bowman
Virginia Noyes

**Black Hills Energy Scholarship**
Leslie Lippert

**Brandon Thomas Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship**
Steven Attanasio
Kimberly Scott
Leslie Wells

**Bruce Tomasek Memorial Scholarship**
Abby Anderson

**Business Administration Division Scholarship**
Tiffany Aguilera
Russell Nelson
Ranjina Rai

**Business Alliance for Students Education Scholarship**
Karina Romero

**Candy Lynn Kegley Memorial Scholarship**
Suhair Maresch

**Carriage House Foundation Tool Club Scholarship**
William Dunning
Jason Laughlin
Ethan Lowther
Daniel Sayler

**Catalan Latino Scholarship**
Tiffany Aguilera
Jose Davila

**Cornhusker International/Rick Childers Scholarship**
William Dunning
Myles Hayden
Jesus Sandoval

**Cox Communication Pioneer Scholarship**
Nicolle Cain
Cherita Harris
Bernard Mahoney
Melinda McGranaghan
Frances Woods
Tracey Ziemba
Justyce Payne
Marquise Pickens
Courtney Young

**Criminal Justice Faculty Scholarship**
Julie Buhr
Justin Butler
Emily Gamble
Kimberly Gilmore
Cyarra Jenkins
Karen Nellist
Donald Knapp Memorial Scholarship
Matthew Anderson
Kelsey Brunt
Amanda Gaffney
Dillon Woods

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Deborah Wiens

Douglas McLeod Weber Memorial Scholarship
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Michelle Harms
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Kimberly Scott
Leslie Wells

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Douglas Graham
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Robin Sullivan

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Mark Rayno

Lucille I. Mix Memorial Scholarship
Melinda McGranaghan
Janice Ristow

“I would like to thank you for acknowledging both my hard work and all the effort I have put into my education. While working full time and taking care of my children, I have still been able to maintain a 3.6 GPA... I do understand the importance of continuing my education, and I appreciate you helping me in this continuation.”

– Tiffany Aguilera, MCCF scholar

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"Trying to work and find time to study is difficult, but I have been doing it because I know how important my education is to me. This scholarship is going to help me be able to achieve my goal of getting a degree in the medical field. I know that I will now be able to focus on my education instead of worrying about if I will be able to afford school.

– Samantha Sanjurjo, MCCF scholar
MCCF Student Textbook Scholarship
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Jamie Ashley
Chareca Barker
Melissa Brock
Sarah Butler
Indigo Carroll
Miranda Christensen
Susan Day
Kaitlyn Dudley
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Christopher Buie

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“I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the MCCF New Student Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity. As I begin my education at MCC, I am very thankful for receiving your thoughtful gift. Because of your scholarship, I am able to put forth all of my focus on my education.”

– Monica Dietrich,
MCCF scholar
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