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Dear friends and supporters,

On behalf of everyone who works and learns at Metropolitan Community College, it is our privilege to thank you for your generous support and commitment to student success. This annual report is a reflection of the variety of ways that you — our community partners — have generously invested in student success and given the gift of a quality, affordable education close to home. It also allows us to recognize the transformative power of our donors and to celebrate the accomplishments you have helped us realize.

Over the last decade, the MCC Foundation has provided more than $1 million in scholarships to our deserving students, and this past year continued that effort. While MCC has one of the lowest tuition rates, sometimes receiving a scholarship makes the difference in whether a student is able to attend school. When you support students through MCCF scholarships, you are giving the gift of education — a gift on which careers and lives can be built. In addition, with your help, the MCC Foundation mini-grant program has awarded more than $40,000 to faculty and staff to enhance program offerings.

While we have accomplished a great deal together, much work remains. During the next academic year, the MCC Foundation will continue to enlist advocates to support the students and communities the College serves, with these five priorities:

- Scholarships
- Program growth funds
- Endowed chair positions
- The College’s Master Plan update for Campuses and Centers
- Planned giving

First, the MCC Foundation will continue to grow its robust and strategic scholarship program to address our students’ $22 million in unmet need. Second, program growth funds will provide flexibility for faculty and staff to improve program offerings. Next, endowed chair positions will recognize and reward excellence in teaching and student service, helping to attract and retain quality employees. Also, the College’s Master Plan invests in the Fort Omaha and Elkhorn Valley campuses and repurposes existing space as programs are migrated to new buildings. The facilities will provide students with a 21st century learning environment and meet workforce needs as never before. Last, the MCC Foundation will continue to work with individuals who wish to leave a legacy by making a planned, or future, gift.

We cannot address these needs without the support of community members like you who believe in the transformative power of an MCC education. We invite you to visit campus soon to learn more about how we can make an impact — together.

Sincerely,

Randy Schmailzl
MCC president

Mike Abramson
MCC Foundation president
2012–2013 REVENUES

- Grants: $552,575
- Donated equipment and supplies: $52,130
- Investment income: $314,171
- Other revenue: $384,592
- Donations: $1,032,329

TOTAL: $2,335,797

2012–2013 EXPENSES

- Faculty and program support: $793,385
- Student scholarships: $181,692
- Other expenses: $32,034
- Grants support: $130,314

TOTAL: $1,137,425

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Tucked in a strip mall at 24th and Vinton streets, MCC Express – Vinton isn’t your conventional college campus. It is the newest — and smallest — of MCC’s locations, but its reach is anything but small.

As a one-stop shop for adult education services, MCC Express addresses a critical need for GED, English as a second language and transition services in Omaha. It helps bridge the metro area’s education gap by offering ESL and literacy classes, GED prep courses and specialized staff who can guide students through individualized career and educational planning — all under one roof.

Since opening its doors in June 2012, MCC Express has received national attention for its innovative delivery of adult education to meet community-specific needs. MCC Express has proven an ideal space for MCC to pilot new adult education and GED initiatives, including GED Fast-Track. Focusing on higher-performing students, GED Fast-Track participants can earn their GED credential in just three weeks, removing an oftentimes significant barrier to obtaining employment. The model is working. As of December 2013, the GED Fast-Track has a 99 percent GED pass rate among participants.

With MCC Express, the college shed the old tools of GED instruction — hand-me-down books and ill-fitting chairs squeezed into spare corners and leftover spaces. The MCC Foundation led an ambitious fundraising campaign, seeking the support of generous donors to help honor the potential of the community by creating a space worthy of our students promise. Key donors such as the Mutual of Omaha Foundation, William & Ruth Scott Foundation, the Mammel Foundation, the Adah and Leon Millard Foundation and the Ruth Sokolof Foundation contributed to make MCC Express a state-of-the-art learning environment equipped with flat-screen display panels, smart boards and a community computer lab for self-paced instruction.

Driving the effort is MCC’s commitment to linking education and skill-building to employment, job advancement and sustainable incomes. In today’s economy, getting a GED isn’t enough. Students need additional training or postsecondary education to create a livelihood. “That’s why it does make sense to have adult education and GED within a community college,” said Sue Raftery, dean of literacy and workplace skills. “If we can strengthen that bridge from GED classes to the next step, it’s a perfect partnership.”

MCC Express focuses on this kind of bridge-building. Its smaller size means it is more accessible to adults who might be intimidated by more traditional college settings. Because faculty and specialized staff are just steps away from each other, they can better collaborate and respond to students’ needs — and offer the personalized attention and encouragement many students need to succeed. The ultimate goal: helping students realize that adult education is just the first milestone on their path.
Exploring new ways to bolster the College mission, the MCC Foundation Board of Directors piloted the Inspiring Innovation Mini-Grant program. Since its launch in January 2012, the program has awarded $41,100 in grants, funding original, forward-thinking projects that improve the learning experience for students.

Selected projects have championed new and creative ways to support student success and career readiness. Projects like the Metropolitan Artist Commonwealth and the Kappa Beta Delta Service-Learning Business Leadership project stand as two excellent examples of what happens when private funds are put to work for students in the classroom.

Inspiring Innovation investments are designed to respond to vital student needs while challenging MCC staff and faculty to think beyond the status quo.

Nearly 70 percent of MCC’s academic departments, along with supportive outreach programs like the Great Plains Theatre Conference and Military and Veteran Support Services, have applied for and received mini-grants of up to $3,000 each.

Proposed projects aren’t selected solely for their anticipated impact on MCC students. The review committee also looks to reward faculty and staff who are committed to seeing their students succeed in and out of the classroom.

“The Foundation Board of Directors is investing in staff and faculty and quality projects that promote student achievement,” said Lisa Cuevas-Jorgensen, board member and chair of the mini-grant committee. “The mini-grant program gives staff and faculty a significant leadership opportunity that allows them to demonstrate their passion and execute their vision for the future of MCC’s academic programs.”

**Metropolitan Artists Commonwealth and Gallery**

When art instructor Anne Burton stood outside the Elkhorn Valley Campus Gallery of Art and Design, she saw a vacant wall — and an opportunity for her students. Burton applied to the Inspiring Innovation program to purchase an art display case that would serve as the impetus for a student-run art exhibition and sale space.

Now called the Metropolitan Artists Commonwealth, the group is comprised of MCC art students who jury quarterly student art exhibitions. Student work ranges from handmade jewelry and screen-printed T-shirts to paintings and photographs. All aspects of the exhibition are handled by students, from selecting the artwork for display to exhibition design and promotion, teaching them valuable skills to turn their talent into a profession.

Students also selected a visual identity for the space in conjunction with a graphic design class, eventually adopting a concept designed by another MCC student as the official gallery logo.

“I’ve seen so much excitement and confidence from students participating in this project,” said Burton. Managing the space, she said, is a “challenge that has helped the students hone their skill and think about how their work might appeal to customers.”

In December 2013, the group surpassed its original goal by $125, making $625 in student art sales. While most of the money goes back to the artist, 10 percent of each sale goes back to the Commonwealth to sustain their operations.
Service-Learning Business Leadership program

The Service-Learning Business Leadership program for MCC’s Kappa Beta Delta students is not your typical internship program. Led by business management instructor and Kappa Beta Delta advisor David Wilhelm, this service-learning project gives MCC’s Kappa Beta Delta students, members of an international honor society for business students, a hands-on opportunity to partner with a community agency to lend a helping hand.

“In the post-recession period, businesses are resource-constrained — both financial and human resources,” said Wilhelm. “There may be projects they have not been able to complete or even start due to those constraints. This is a great way to leverage our students’ talent to help.”

After an application process, two of MCC’s Kappa Beta Delta students were selected to complete their internship at the Eastern Nebraska Community Action Program, a nonprofit organization working to eliminate poverty through self-sufficiency initiatives. ENCAP had wanted to create an afterschool program for area youth (ages 14–17) to learn how to create a business and bring it to life, but did not have the resources or capacity to begin the work. Their vision for MCC students? To develop Mini-Pros, a T-shirt design and printing operation that teaches youth basic business principles. But that’s not all they got. MCC students helped youth participants create customer service manuals and marketing materials, while unexpectedly also serving as mentors and leaders. As a result, participants strengthened their job readiness and entrepreneurial skills by learning how to problem solve, work as a team and communicate with one another — skills that will undoubtedly help them become Omaha’s future business leaders.
GIVING THE GIFT OF EDUCATION TO MCCF SCHOLARS

With the rising cost of education in America today, the words “college” and “scholarship” should go hand-in-hand. Since 2002, the MCC Foundation has awarded approximately $1.1 million to more than 1,500 students, thanks to the generosity of donors and their commitment to student success.

In the 2012–2013 fiscal year, the MCC Foundation awarded $143,063 in scholarship support to 243 students. In May 2013, 57 of these MCCF scholars graduated with a degree, certificate or specialist diploma. Scholarships make educational dreams a reality and make clear the importance of 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.

“Growing up in a less-privileged community has not only offered financial and academic challenges but has also helped me realize the value of a college education…thank you.”

– Amber M. Woolf, MCCF scholar
The following students received a privately funded scholarship from the Metropolitan Community College Foundation during the 2012–2013 fiscal year.

**Absolutely Fresh Seafood Company Scholarship**
- Tommy Bridge
- Jarrod Lane

**AIM Institute/Fremont Tribune Scholarship**
- Debra Escamilla
- Debra Paprocki

**Anne K. Harter Memorial Scholarship**
- Rana Tillotson

**Arthur A. Durand Memorial Scholarship**
- Seth Krone-Keith
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**Audren Swanson Memorial Scholarship**
- Abby Anderson

**Auto Collision Advisory Board Scholarship**
- Uri Colbert
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**Beth Nimmo Social Sciences Scholarship**
- Kimberly Scott
- Rachel Sin

**Betty Hightower Memorial Nursing Scholarship**
- Jeanette Ulmer

**Black Hills Energy Scholarship**
- Leslie Lippert

**Brandon Thomas Memorial Culinary Arts Scholarship**
- Stephanie Lehr
- Jason Volkmer
- Gerald Paul Wallace

**Bruce Tomasek Memorial Scholarship**
- John Morris

**Business Administration Division Scholarship**
- Kelli Garner
- Tia Harrahill
- Haryane Koutchanou
- Brandi Lashley

**Business Alliance for Students Education Scholarship**
- MaryKate Wray

**Candy Lynn Kegley Memorial Scholarship**
- Emily Wood

**ConAgra Excellence in Education Student Scholarship**
- Danielle Woods

**Cornhusker International/Rick Childers Scholarship**
- Scott Dinges

**Cox Communication Pioneer Scholarship**
- Donatien Adjadohoun
- Elizabeth Bowden
- Amanda Chaney
- Terance Griffin
- Luke Hauser
- Sandra Williamson
Criminal Justice Faculty Scholarship
Casey Buehler
John Gardner
Kimberly Gilmore
Kimberly Scott

David M. Rice and Ephraim L. Marks Second Chance LGBT Scholarship
Amber Woolf

Douglas McLeod Weber Memorial Scholarship
Melissa Brock
Kimberly Scott

Dr. Jerry Moskus Scholarship Fund
Darlyn DeJaynes

Edward and Lida Robinson Scholarship
Dijana Cenic
Elizabeth Fetzer
Donald Gorrell
Amy Phillips
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Fran Elseman Memorial Scholarship
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Mary Coleman
Jessica Sigel

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Hites Family Community College Scholarship
Max Douglas

Information Technology Scholarship
Moody Gayed

James M. Cox Memorial Scholarship
Tracey Ziemba

Joel A. Thury Memorial Scholarship
Rachel Sin

John Vautravers Scholarship
Donald Durant
Haley Jensen
Amber Klein

Jonathan E. Zimmern Scholarship
JaNale Davis
Christa Whitcomb

Jordan Lee Whitney Memorial Scholarship
Ashley Farnsworth

Joseph Hughes Memorial Engineering Scholarship
Mohamed Gedi

Karen Schnepf Memorial Scholarship
Dijana Cenic
Mark Rayno
Troy Thies
Ziqing Zhuang

Kyle Lavigne Memorial Scholarship
Scott Dinges

Lucille I. Mix Memorial Scholarship
Erin Earlywine
Jose Tristan

“I am truly grateful for the generous charitable donations to the Metropolitan Community College Foundation and I thank you, the staff and board members, for affording me this opportunity. I am committed to using the MCCF General Scholarship to continue my education and look forward to graduating from MCC with honors.”

– Denice Sartor, MCCF scholar
MCC Culinary Arts Management Scholarship
Cathy Curtis
Stephanie Lehr
Troy Phipps
Gerald Paul Wallace

MCC Custodial Staff Scholarship
Kelli Garner
Keith Wyldes

MCC Military Student Textbook Scholarship
Russell Nelson
David Tinsley

MCCF General Scholarship
Prudence Assogba
Dipesh Baral
Tamra Blann
Tim Brazzle
Laura Burke
Amber Converse
Courtney Hayduk
Antonio Jackson
Akiko Kawada
Eilen Kodzomoyo
Michelle Kracht
Dana Russell
Marian Sadowfsky
Vera Swank
Jamie Watts
Amelia Williford
Zhimei Xing

MCCF Memorial Scholarship
Rita Pospishil

MCCF New Student Scholarship
Travis Barta
Melissa Brock
Ashlie Campbell
Joy Grave
Cinnamon Guignard
Sarah Hill
Nicole Howell
Brooke Johnson
Noriko Mangen
David Montgomery
Rosa Morales
Joshua Ojomo
Amanda Ridley
Jose Tristan
Jody Vincent
Justin Wieck
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MCCF Student Textbook Scholarship
Matthew Anderson
Felix Arenas
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Unique Brown
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Dijana Cenic
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Metropolitan Utilities District Culinary Arts Scholarship
Cathy Curtis
Jarrod Lane

NAMC - Dream it Do it
Johanna Emia

Nebraska Trucking Association CDL Scholarship
Jack Culek
Anchetta Marshall
Karl Riggs

Nebraska Trucking Association Diesel Technology Scholarship
Scott Dinges
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“I wanted to personally write and thank you for your kind donation towards the MCCF New Student Scholarship. While $200 may seem an insignificant amount to some, for me it means the difference between being able to afford school next quarter, as my husband and I are both in school and the financial strain is significant. I deeply appreciate your willingness to donate funds to help new students like me who are trying to create a better future for ourselves.

– Jennifer Wiles, MCCF scholar
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Justina Eckersley

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Tonie Colvin

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Tommy Bridge
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Cathy Curtis
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Arron Hoden
Stephanie Lehr
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