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**UPCOMING
DAYS OF
INTEREST:**

- January 7 & 8—
Faculty Seminar
Days
- January 18—
Martin Luther
King Day—
College Closed

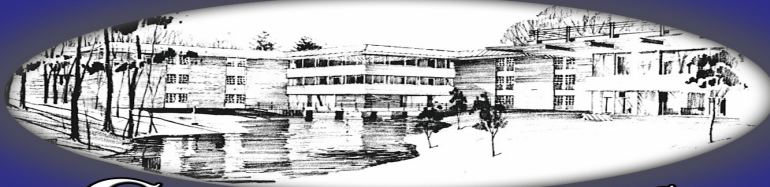
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Fitness Center
Winter Hours

Monday/ Wednesday
2:30 pm—5:30 pm
Tuesday/Thursday
2:30 pm—4:00 pm
Friday
9:30 am—1:30 pm

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Message from the President of Muskegon Community College

Hello students, faculty, and staff: I am hopeful that your holiday season was restful, enjoyable and renewing. During my December 2009 message, I shared with you some information on issues facing new students, along with a discussion of our ability to assist these students and support our workforce. In this month's message, I will outline additional challenges, suggest mechanisms to meet these challenges, continue my request for you all to contribute and, indeed, take the lead in these initiatives.

As you may be aware, the State of Michigan Community College budget is the only state agency not receiving a reduction in general fund appropriations. Given the current economy, this is very good news. On the other hand, all indications from Lansing are that community colleges will not be so fortunate next year. Between record enrollments and federal workforce resources, community colleges should be able to absorb some of the likely reductions in state funding.

All of this means that we will need to take a hard look at next year's budget. We will also need to continue to distinguish ourselves as a leading higher education institution in the state.

What can we do now to minimize the impact of possible budget reductions while at the same time maintaining our standards of excellence? Several opportunities come to mind:

To the faculty: Continue your strong work in the classroom. I have had the opportunity to observe, both directly and indirectly, what you do. This includes biology capstone presentations, theatrical productions, choral performances, collaborative efforts by the business faculty, and many more. Your work is the primary vehicle for student retention and successful transfer.

To the staff: Your ability to advise, counsel, manage, lead, coach, and mentor is excellent. I have observed you at orientation sessions, collaborating with

businesses, quietly advising students, helping students with registration and financial aid, supporting students in need of assistance, coaching student athletes, and many other activities. This makes me proud to associate with the name Muskegon Community College.

To our students: Continue to represent the college with distinction. I have seen you in the classroom, in multiple performance venues, on courts, fields, courses, and mats. You have done well at internship sites, in the workplace, and on the parade route. Your ability to do this while raising families, working full time, making the transition from high school, or making the transition from one employer to another is commendable. You are the reason that we strive to achieve our best as professionals.

What this means is that all of us need to continue to do the things that make us successful members of the community: we strive for excellence, we work hard, and we challenge ourselves



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President’s Message Continued

to achieve more.

I will continue to support programs that will further our success. In January, the Strategic Planning Committee (strategy@muskegoncc.edu) will begin its community based meetings, including locations in Muskegon, Ottawa, and Ne-

waygo counties. As mentioned before, this process will allow the committee to receive direct input from community members, and allow the community to observe first hand our interest in them.

As usual, you may contact my office at 231-777-0303 or via email at

dale.nesbary@muskegoncc.edu.

I wish the best to you and your families as we enter this, the second decade of the 21st century.

Best regards,

Dale Nesbary, Ph.D.
President

Are Cookies Spyware?

SUMMARY: How problematic are cookies, really? Do they spread viruses? Do cookies crash your machine?

When some people discuss spyware and adware they also include cookies. This is common when you hear people talk about spyware removal programs removing dozens, if not hundreds, of pieces of 'spyware' on a machine. If someone has removed 100 cookies from their machine does that mean they have removed 100 different spyware applications?

Cookies are not full-blown applications. They are merely small text files that contain information about someone visiting a particular website or set of websites.

Cookies alone do not create pop-up windows, nor do they infect your machine with viruses. The only risk of certain types of cookies such as tracking cookies is privacy. These types of cookies can monitor your behavior over certain websites. They may be used, for example, by advertisement networks to better target what ads you should see based on your browsing behavior.

Some cookies may actually be beneficial. Various websites keep track of login information via cookies, meaning that you may not have to re-enter login credentials when visiting a particular site. Plus, some cookies may store personalization information. As long as nobody else has access to your machine and

data, these types of cookies should be ok.

I'm not suggesting you not remove tracking cookies; in fact, you can tell web browsers to reject all cookies or only allow certain cookies to be set on your machine. Just don't get too worried if you run an adware/spyware scan and all it finds on your machine are cookies.

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Mindy Stevens





Creative & Performing Arts

Overbrook Art Gallery

“ECOS CULTURALES/
CULTURAL ECHOES
II AND EL ARTE POPULAR
MEXICANO: FOLK ART OF
MEXICO”

Work by Mexican-American
Chicago based artist/
printmaker Rene Arceo and
an exhibition on loan from
the Kalamazoo Institute of
Art featuring traditional
Mexican Folk Art. This ex-
hibit is linked to MCC’s an-
nual Global Awareness Festi-
val.

January 11 - February 26

Monday - Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Opening Reception:

Monday, February 8th

6:30-8:00 pm

Lecture at 7:00 pm by Rene
H. Arceo

Coming in February

West Michigan Concert Winds

Winners and WINDS –
Sunday, February 28, 2010
4:00 p.m.

Reeths-Puffer High School
Rocket Centre for the Fine
Arts

WMCW.org

Overbrook Theater

***The Importance of Being Earnest* by Oscar Wilde**

Directed by Tom Harryman

Featuring Stephen Schmidt as
Lady Bracknell

This masterpiece is probably
the most famous of all come-

dies. It revolves wittily
around the most ingenious
case of “manufactured” mis-
taken identity ever put into a
play.

February 17 – 20, 2010 and
7:30 p.m., February 21 – 3:00
p.m.

CALL 231-777-0324 FOR ADDITIONAL INFOR- MATION



THE CREATIVE & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT
MUSKEGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE
“Celebrating the human spirit through creative expression.”

German Exchange

**The deadline to submit
an application for the
German Exchange Pro-
gram to Stuttgart, Ger-
many in May 2010 has
been extended to Janu-
ary 22.** If you are interested
in this opportunity to partici-
pate in a bi-lateral exchange
program with our sister col-
lege in Stuttgart, Germany
contact Kathy Tosa at 231-
777-0376 or [kathe-
rine.tosa@muskegoncc.edu](mailto:katherine.tosa@muskegoncc.edu)

Global Awareness

Coming up in February! Global Awareness Week- February 8-12, 2010 – *The Americas*

The Global Awareness Festi-
val at Muskegon Community
College is a week-long event
bringing the world a little
closer to Muskegon. It in-
cludes lectures, discussions,
a film festival, ethnic foods,
an information fair, global
entertainment, artifact dis-
plays, 200 flags, and much

more! **Come enjoy, learn,
and experience another
neighborhood of our
global village. For more
information, contact
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MCC Birthdays

January

Lori Haggerty
Beda Dubois
William Miller
Diane Krasnewich
Dan Rypma
Amelinda Trujillo
Mary Williams
James Landes
Regina Sjoberg
Tim Norris
Denise Passage
Roger Stoel
Harry Brown
Ronnie Jewell
Duane Schecter
Scott Longmire
Carolyn Kamerad
Cindy Topping
Sheila Wahamaki
Jennifer Scharphorn
Mary Tyler
George Maniates
Trynette Harps
Carol Neal
John Morano

February

Bonnie Lipan
Jenny Klingenberg
Julie Solowy
Pat Devries
Sherri Deboef-Chandler
Mike Mieczkowski
Terri Jourden
Mike Vallie
Joyce Piggee
Larry Swisher
Pam Brown
Lisa Makin
John Leonard
Rick Hudson
Bill Tokarz
Tom Groner
Andy Wible
Conor Roddy
Joe Doyle

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MCC's Bulletin Board

Staff Development

Smart Carts – What Are They and How Do They Work?

Facilitator: Tom Race
Room 1306

Available sessions: Tuesday, January 12 from 2-3 pm OR Wednesday, January 20 from 10-11 am.

Tom Race will be demonstrating how to use the permanent technology in the classrooms – the media equipment on the carts. Tom will answer any questions on how to use this technology in the classroom. Please come and join Tom for a very informative session.

Basic Excel 2007

Facilitator: Char Parker
Room TBA

Available sessions: Thursday, January 21 from 2-3 pm OR Friday, January 29 from 10-11 am.

Email: Events@muskegoncc.edu to register for a session