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Free Career Exploration Workshop

The Counseling Center at MCC is hosting "Putting the Pieces Together," a free career exploration workshop, designed to help prospective or current students in need of assistance in choosing a career path. The workshop will be held on the Main Campus, Tuesday, December 8, at 2 p.m. at the Testing Center in the Student Services Center. If you are interested in attending, you must register for the workshop by contacting Libby Richardson at 704.878.3280. —Submitted by Libby Richardson (12.02.09)

MCC Ambassadors

MCC is recruiting ambassadors to represent the college community for the upcoming spring semester. Ambassadors will receive a scholarship, priority registration privileges during the next registration period, and an opportunity for professional development. If you're interested or know any student that might be, more information can be found by contacting Corinne Meader at 704.978.5440. Application packets will be available online and are currently available in the Student Services Center, room 103G. Applications are due on December 18, 2009. —Submitted by Corinne Meader (12.02.09)

Fall Colors Photography Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the MCC Photography Club fall colors photography contest:

- First place—Adam Crispell
- Second place—Eric Jolly
- Third place—Steve Romitz



Winning photo by Adam Crispell

First place receives \$25. To view the winning photos and all other entries, visit www.flickr.com/photos/mc-cphotographyclub/sets/72157622861605858/ Thank you to all participants and to Dina

Chamberlain of Remember When Creative Photography for being our judge! Be on the lookout for another contest next semester. —Submitted by Ingrid Gaither (12.02.09)

Food for Families

On Monday, November 23, Mr. Tom Myers' HEA 112 (First Aid and Safety Class) and the Basic Skills Department (GED, ESL, CED) collected and distributed food to five families for Thanksgiving Day. To start, Mr. Myers' class picked three families to receive the dinner. As weeks went by, there was enough food to give five families a Thanksgiving dinner. In the meantime, Mr. Myers had each student in class buy one candy bar for a learning exercise. After the exercise was finished, the class sold the candy bars to buy two more turkeys. The candy paid off, for on



November 23, the class collected enough food and money for turkeys for five families to have a traditional dinner on Thanksgiving day. From all of us in HEA 112 class and the Basic Skills classes, as well as the other faculty and staff involved, we thank Mr. Myers for giving us the chance to give to others this Thanksgiving Day. —Submitted by Annette Murdock, Mr. Myers' HEA 112 class (12.02.09)

Parents Night Out Event a Success

On November 20, the MCC Early Childhood Club sponsored a fund-raiser for the Iredell County Partnership for Young Children's "Books For Babies" program. The event

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Full-Time Employee Birthdays December 3 through 9

Linda Wiersch 7th
Tammie Goodwin 8th

Board of Trustees Meeting
December 2
7 p.m.

Kirkman House

MCC Jazz Band Holiday Concert
December 3

7 p.m.

Shearer Hall

"Walk-In" Messiah

December 6

3 p.m.

Shearer Hall

MCC Band Holiday Concert

December 7

7:30 p.m.

Shearer Hall

Free Career Exploration Workshop

December 8

2 p.m.

Testing Center (Student Services Center)

MCC Ambassadors Applications Due

December 18

The Inspiring Corner: Inviting Learning

Foundations of Invitational Education

Invitational theory maintains that the best way to maximize human potential is for people to create and maintain places, policies, processes, and programs that promote it. **Policies** refer to the procedures and rules (written or unwritten) used to regulate individuals and organizations. Policies, like places, convey values and expectations. They need to be known (i.e. transparent), administered evenly (i.e. fairly), and focus on positive reinforcement that says we care rather than negative that says we really don't. —Submitted by Employee Development (12.02.09)

was a Parents Night Out where parents brought their children to the ICPYC for an evening of activities provided by the Early Childhood Club members while the parents had a few hours to themselves. Parents contributed \$5 to \$10 per child. The event raised \$110 for the program. The Books for Babies program creates a child's home library with a variety of soft books, board books, flap books and picture books. Contributions are still needed. A tax deductible gift of \$75 will cover the discount cost of a set of these 12 high-quality books for one child for 36 months, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Please help ensure that children who might not have any books except these will be ready to read. Mail your check to the Partnership for Young Children at 132 E. Broad St., Statesville, NC 28115. Earmark it for the PAT program. You will receive a donor receipt with our sincerest thanks. —Submitted by Jamie Brown (12.02.09)



Early Childhood Club President presents a \$110 check to ICPYC. **Left to right:** Ginger Hester, Director of Family Support Services; Heather Gibbs, MCC Early Childhood Club President and Marta Koelsing, Executive Director

Parents contributed \$5 to \$10 per child. The event raised \$110 for the program. The Books for Babies program creates a child's home library with a variety of soft books, board books, flap books and picture books. Contributions are still needed. A tax deductible gift of \$75 will cover the discount cost of a set of these 12 high-quality books for one child for 36 months, but any amount is greatly appreciated. Please help ensure that children who might not have any books except these will be ready to read. Mail your check to the Partnership for Young Children at 132 E. Broad St., Statesville, NC 28115. Earmark it for the PAT program. You will receive a donor receipt with our sincerest thanks. —Submitted by Jamie Brown (12.02.09)

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Mitchell Community College Board of Trustees will meet on Wednesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. in Kirkman House on the Main Campus of the College, 500 West Broad Street, Statesville. This is a regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (11.18.09)

MCC Band Holiday Concert

On Monday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Shearer Hall on the Main Campus, the Mitchell Community College Band will perform a holiday concert. The Band is

directed by Pam Helms. The concert is free and open to the public. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (11.18.09)

“Walk-In” Messiah

On Sunday, December 6, at 3 p.m. in Shearer Hall on the Main Campus, area vocalists are invited to participate in Mitchell Community College's 26th Annual “Walk-in” Messiah. Performers include Melody Morrison Beaty, soprano; Kathleen Goodman Smith, contralto; Ryan Deal, tenor; and Christian Waugh, bass. The group is directed by Dan Pardue and will be accompanied by Jane Pardue, piano and Susan Haynes, organ. A rehearsal will be held Saturday, December 5, at 3 p.m. in Shearer Hall. Anyone interested in participating in the choir is asked to attend this rehearsal. The event is free and open to the public. —Submitted by Vicki Holland (11.18.09)

Did You Know?

FINANCIAL SERVICES— Accounts Receivable

Do you know who to contact in the Accounts Receivable office?

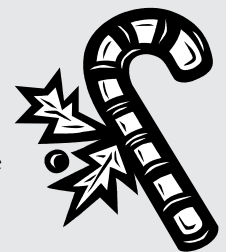
- For assistance with **outstanding balances/collections, refunds and return checks**, please contact **Tonya Benge** at 704.878.3216.
- For assistance with **sponsor (third-party) setup, sponsored students and 1098Ts**, please contact **Kim Dixon** at 704.978.5445
- For assistance with **payments/receipts, petty cash and student insurance**, please contact **Lisa Taylor** at 704.878.4270
- For assistance with **sponsor billing, payments/receipts, and petty cash**, please contact **Nina Reid** at 704.978.5404

—Submitted by Shirley Lambert (12.02.09)



From the President's Desk

It is amazing how quickly final exams are upon us, Thanksgiving behind us, and the Christmas season already in full swing here at Mitchell. Right now is the time to remind students to prepare for their end of semester exams. Hopefully they have been preparing all semester. At this point they should be reviewing the material from the term, completing any end of term assignments such as papers and projects, and getting plenty of sleep and eating properly. It is difficult to recall and use information if you are sleepy and hung over. Using the information you do know to the best advantage is the best strategy at this point. Cramming, or trying to learn everything from the semester in one night is just not a practical or good idea. Faculty and staff need to encourage students to be strategic in planning for their exams. Lesson number one: study and assimilate information all semester long and learn how to use the information when called upon. Here on campus there are ample distractions to be sure. The Christmas season brings on concerts by all of the major performing groups of the College. To get a head start, the Mitchell Community Chorus presented their holiday concert on Tuesday evening, December 1. The Mitchell Jazz Ensemble will present their Holiday Concert on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Shearer Hall. This coming weekend, the College will host the annual “Walk-In” *Messiah* in Shearer Hall on Sunday, December 6 at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in this traditional Christmas oratorio with the majestic “Hallelujah Chorus.” The rehearsal will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 5. And the Mitchell Community College Band will present their Holiday concert on Monday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. in Shearer Hall. To cap off these great campus events will be the annual MCC employee luncheon at the CEC Cafeteria at noon on Wednesday, December 9. Let me encourage everyone on campus to support these wonderful programs. I guarantee that you will get the holiday spirit if you do.



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