

28th Annual Scholarship Open



The MCC Foundation's annual Scholarship Open offers one of our area's finest and most rewarding golf experiences. Known for its exceptional tee gifts and enjoyable pace of play, the Scholarship Open is returning to The Country Club of Rochester for the second year in a row. Reserve your foursome now!

Exclusive Oak Hill Golf benefit for Bronze, Silver and Gold underwriters!

Monday, June 25, 2012
The Country Club of Rochester

Impact the lives of the students at MCC! Over the past four years, participants have helped the MCC Foundation raise over \$385,000 to support student success.

Tournament co-chairs: Jay Judson, principal, SWBR Engineering; and Gary Squires '76, president, Manning Squires Hennig Co. Inc.

To reserve your foursome or explore underwriting opportunities, contact Gretchen Wood at 585.262.1500 or gwood9@monroecc.edu.

Students, Alumni Plan for Career Success with MCC Career Coach



Monroe Community College has made it easier for community members to determine which jobs are in demand locally and the educational requirements of specific occupations through MCC Career Coach, a free web-based, career-exploration tool that the college launched in February. Built by Economic Modeling Specialists, Inc., MCC Career Coach uses high-quality, up-to-date career information to help people find and pursue careers in fast-growing industries in our region.

MCC Career Coach (www.monroecc.edu/go/careercoach) provides up-to-date local employment data, such as current and projected job openings, estimated earnings, and the number of people employed in a particular field, as well as specific MCC educational programs that will prepare an individual for a given occupation. Students, alumni and others are able to make a clear connection between a particular program of study and tangible opportunities in the job market.

Anyone — students, alumni, parents, counselors, current workers and employers — can access the data using this interactive tool anytime and at any place, including via mobile devices! The data cover communities within a 100-mile radius of MCC, stretching from as far west as Buffalo and Niagara Falls, as far south as Ithaca and Painted Post, and as far east as Syracuse and Brewerton.

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Making a Difference through Scholarships

Meet M&T Presidential Scholar Diana Chiley



Diana Chiley

To say freshman Diana Chiley was excited when she learned of her acceptance

into MCC's nursing program is an understatement. Inspired by her older sister, Chiley set her sights on MCC's nursing program long before her senior year at Hilton High School. She excelled academically to increase her chances of acceptance.

"I researched the college's results on the NCLEX-RN (state licensure exam for registered nurses) and knew to get into the program I would need high grades," says Chiley. "It's a very prestigious program and very affordable. My goal in high school was to get a good GPA." Her sister, Tatyana, will graduate this June from MCC with an associate in applied science degree in nursing. Diana Chiley plans to graduate in 2014.

A member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Chiley is taking prerequisite courses and exploring her co-curricular options this semester. She looks forward to learning in clinical settings next fall. She also works at Abbott's Frozen Custard in downtown Rochester and volunteers at her church.

"I'm eager to see the different parts of the hospital during clinicals...I'm most eager to work in pediatrics and with the elderly. She plans to earn a bachelor's degree after MCC and dreams of one day being a nursing professor.

Earning scholarships like the **M&T Bank Presidential Scholarship for Academic Excellence** is helping Chiley make the most of her MCC experience. "It was very encouraging to know that I could come here with extra money to afford a car. It's made everything easier."

"Donors should know that they really do make a difference and have a huge impact on someone's life. We're so thankful. People are so generous."

"Ms. Chiley is exactly the type of student envisioned when the Presidential Scholarship for Academic Excellence was created," according to Diane Shoger, executive director, MCC Foundation. "MCC is attracting a growing numbers of students who 'raise the bar' for all students and help spark dynamic cycles of academic improvement. For example, since 80 percent of liberal arts graduates transfer to local colleges and universities, there is a high certainty that students who attend MCC will choose to live, work in and benefit the local economy."

The MCC Foundation's annual Scholarship Reception in May gave Chiley an opportunity to meet representatives of M&T Bank. To date, M&T Bank has provided more than \$536,000 in support of student scholarships and educational excellence at MCC.



Working Together to Ensure Access to a Quality Higher Education



As chair of the Monroe Community College Foundation Board, I am proud to work with my fellow directors to provide as many deserving students as possible the scholarships they need to achieve their educational goals. Your support has made a tremendous difference in our efforts to ensure access to quality public higher education in our community.

With more than 4,500 MCC students applying for scholarships each year, **it is clear that MCC students need our help to succeed**, overcome financial barriers and complete their studies.

The Foundation looks forward to celebrating our most successful fundraising year yet, awarding more scholarships than ever before and continuing our legacy of support for Monroe Community College. Thank you for making those achievements possible! If you have yet to make your gift to the MCC Annual Fund, please do so today or by June in order to be included in this year's annual report. To date, we have achieved 72 percent of our \$552,000 annual fund goal. We need your support to make our goal and help students in our community realize their potential. Give online at www.monroecc.edu or contact the MCC Foundation at 585.262.1500.

Together we are making a difference for MCC students and our community.

David J. Mack
senior vice president of corporate relations, The Lifetime Healthcare Companies and chair, MCC Foundation Board of Directors

Reversing the Brain Drain



Thank you for believing in and supporting the Monroe Community College Foundation. In our community, pursuing the American dream starts here at Monroe Community College, and you make that dream a reality for deserving students when you make a contribution to the MCC Foundation.

Your support of the MCC Foundation supports both our students and our community. Because the majority of MCC alumni stay in Rochester

to work, learn, serve and raise families, an investment in student success at MCC is truly an investment in our community. MCC Foundation scholarships funded by generous donors like you help MCC recruit deserving students and provide them with high quality and rewarding learning experiences. Seventy-six percent of students who start at MCC and transfer to four-year institutions attend colleges and universities in Greater Rochester as well.

“Currently 91 percent of MCC’s career and certificate program graduates stay in Rochester and are employed locally.”

Each time you make a gift to the MCC Foundation, you are doing more than helping shape a bright future for one person or a family. You are helping our region retain its greatest resources: talented, engaged citizens and leaders.

Diane L. Shoger
executive director, MCC Foundation

Brett and Carol Ann Thompson: Pivcon Scholarship



Brett Thompson '91

The Monroe Community College Foundation welcomes MCC alumni Brett '91 and Carol Ann '95 Thompson to the President's Circle. In March 2012, the Thompsons established the Pivcon Scholarship to support the success of passionate students having above average interests in computer science and engineering.

“By the time I was 16, I was already building and supporting professional technology solutions for customers,” said Brett Thompson. “I’m looking to support students like me: atypical who show true passion for technology and engineering outside of the classroom—students who are developing information technology projects and solutions creatively on their own free time.”

Thompson founded Pivotal Connections, a software systems engineering and network engineering firm in 2002. The Webster-based company shortened its name to Pivcon in 2009 and now specializes in custom software development and overall information technology solution engineering. Pivcon solutions help customers develop products and/or achieve improved system integration. Prior to starting the company, the Thompsons both worked for MCC.

“I want to give back and stay connected with MCC, but I also am interested in finding really bright people and helping them find their career paths,” said Thompson.

Two \$1,000 Pivcon Scholarships will be awarded for the first time next fall. Scholarship recipients will also have the opportunity to be considered for paid internships at Pivcon where Thompson hopes to provide the mentoring and career opportunities to the scholarship recipients as he found while a student and employee of MCC.

Making a Connection. Making a Difference:

Viswanathan Dental Studies Clinic

In December 2011, the MCC Board of Trustees honored T. K. Viswanathan, M.D., dedicated husband of Professor Saroj Viswanathan, D.D.S., by naming MCC's dental hygiene clinic the Viswanathan Dental Studies Clinic. The naming was in appreciation of the Viswanathans' generosity and leadership in support of educational excellence and student success at MCC. **The renovated clinic has greatly impacted the teaching and learning experience MCC provides** for future dental hygienists and dental assistants for our region.

Dr. Viswanathan honored his wife's distinguished 37-year career as an educator in MCC's Health Professions Department and Dental Hygiene Program by giving \$220,000 to renovate the dental hygiene clinic rather than through a planned gift so that his wife could see and enjoy the impact of their philanthropy on current students and the community. Their gift inspired members of the Seventh District Dental Society and the Monroe County Dental Society to give gifts of \$15,000 each to complete the vision of transforming the clinic into a 21st century learning environment, and paved the way for MCC to pursue a matching grant from New York State to equip the clinic with advanced technology.

Monroe Community College Foundation's Salute to Excellence: A Golden Celebration

The Monroe Community College Foundation's 22nd annual Salute to Excellence at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center on Thursday, November 17, 2011, celebrated MCC's 50th Anniversary and the success of the newest members of the MCC Alumni Hall of Fame, including MCC's First Class. More than 450 people contributed toward a record-breaking \$52,000 raised (net) for student scholarships and program excellence.

Honorary co-chairs Presidents Emeriti R. Thomas Flynn and Peter A. Spina collaborated to create an evening that both celebrated the history of the college and illuminated the future. In lieu of presenting MCC with the traditional Salute to Excellence Steuben Crystal award to honor the milestone 50th anniversary, a \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to MCC student leader Michael Gray. The Salute to Excellence award was accepted and the scholarship presented by President Anne M. Kress, Ph.D. and Founding Trustee and Board Chair Emerita Alice Holloway Young, Ed.D.

MCC alumnus Lou Gramm '71, of Foreigner fame, closed the celebratory evening with a moving performance of the national anthem.



MCC Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees Anthony Ventura '64 (representing MCC's First Class), Deborah Stamps '97, Dawn Borgeest '76 and Charles Benoit '84.



David Mack, Anne Kress, Diane Shoger and Alice Holloway Young congratulate student leader Michael Gray.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 6

11 a.m. at MCC's Brighton Campus

6th Annual Homecoming

5K Walk/Run for Scholarships

part of

Monroe Community College Foundation
ALUMNIWEEK
and **HOME COMING**
2012
October 4-11

Join us for these and other Homecoming events:

50th Anniversary Tailgate Party, sponsored by Canandaigua National Bank • Tribunes Soccer Games • Cooking Demonstration, Tasting and Wine Pairing • Fall Festival • Homecoming Alumni Classic and Luncheon • Alumni Women's Soccer Game • Sports Hall of Fame Banquet • Faculty vs. Students Basketball Game and Homecoming Headliner.

Visit www.monroecc.edu for details.