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MCC Spring Open House Events!

MCC Bradenton - Tues, Feb. 26th, 5 - 7 p.m.

MCC Venice - Tues, Mar. 4th, 5 - 7 p.m.

All are invited to attend!

Event will include:

- Academic and Student Club displays
- How to get started and College Funding Presentation
- Campus tours
- Scholarship drawing

We hope to see you there!

The MCC application
can now be
completed ONLINE!

Visit

[www.mccfl.edu/
admissions](http://www.mccfl.edu/admissions)



Coming Soon...Math Scholarships!

Each spring the Math department offers a full-tuition scholarship to one student in both Manatee and Sarasota counties. For more information about the application process and deadline, please contact Dr. Stacie Williams, willias@mccfl.edu Mathematics Scholarship Coordinator.

College Goal Sunday

MCC Financial Aid staff will be available to help students and parents complete the FAFSA on-line. Assistance will be provided in English and Spanish.
For more information call (941) 752-5037

MCC Bradenton
Sunday, Feb. 24th, Noon - 4:30 p.m.

The Foundation for MCC has *hundreds* of scholarships for students!

The deadline for applications is March 14th, 2008
If you have any questions, please refer to our website at www.mccfoundation.net/scholarships.

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The Foundation for Manatee Community College

College Funding Update

Greetings from the MCC Financial Aid Office!

We want to give your students every opportunity to apply for scholarships that will enable them to realize their educational goals. The annual MCC scholarship materials will be distributed to the high schools during the month of February. Each public high school in Manatee and Sarasota County will have the opportunity to nominate one student for the MCC Academic Scholarship. Details of this scholarship will be included in the mailing along with two other scholarship announcements. Students applying for MCC scholarships must complete the FAFSA by March 15, 2008.



Career and Technical Corner

Why Career & Technical Education (CTE)?

Some important reasons your students should consider a career and technical education degree at Manatee Community College...

- Career and technical education provides students with hands-on experiences that reflect the job tasks in many demanding career fields. Technical education graduates are “career ready”.
- Graduates of career and technical education programs earn significantly more money than high school graduates. (Salary.com)
- Rewarding, in demand careers, specifically regarding skilled occupations, do not necessarily require a 4-year college degree.
- Within Sarasota and Manatee County, many of the fastest growing jobs and the occupations gaining the most new jobs require a career and technical education. For example, an average of 8,096 job openings is predicted in the State of Florida for registered nurses in 2008-2009. (source: Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, www.labormarketinfo.com)
- Career and technical education at Manatee Community College is a great choice for many students. MCC offers over 32 career and technical education programs that can be completed in two years. These programs give our students the job-related skills they need to be successful in their future careers.



The Associate in Science (A.S.) This degree is designed for students who want to enter a professional or technical field in nearly half the time it takes to earn a bachelor’s degree. In addition, some A.S. degrees are also transferable to State Universities. Students should see an MCC advisor for more details regarding university transfers.

The Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) This degree is similar to the A.S. degree. However, A.A.S. general education requirements are not as rigorous as those in the A.S. program. This degree is a fast career track for students who know what field they would like to work in. The primary difference between this option and an A.S. degree is that an A.A.S. degree is not transferable to a university.

Career and Technical Awareness

A Career and Technical Education Recruiter is available for classroom presentations to your students throughout the year. We have a variety of presentations designed to fit the needs of your students. We also welcome your students to MCC for an on campus tour with hands on presentations. For more information on our services, programs or presentations please contact:

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Dual Enrollment Update

Summer - Application deadline: April 11th, 2008

Fall - Application deadline: June 16th, 2008

For more information regarding Dual Enrollment, please contact:

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MCC is participating in the FACTS.org

Go Higher - Get Accepted! Campaign!

Please click on the link to visit the campaign [home page](#) to view the activities available to students at your school.

Math ACES Test Information

The Math ACES test will be given on
Thursday, March 6, 2008.

This is an exam that is given to seniors in Manatee and Sarasota County who are chosen by their math teachers for excelling in mathematics. The winner in each school receives \$100 and a plaque. The exam is sponsored by the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Manatee Community College Foundation, the Education Foundation of Sarasota County, and the Sarasota Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

For more information, please contact
Cathy Panik at (941) 408-1491 or panikc@mccfl.edu

Mark your calendars for these Spring Events!

College Goal Sunday.....	Sun., Feb. 24 th , 12 - 4:30 p.m.
MCC Bradenton Open House.....	Tues., Feb. 26 th , 5 - 7 p.m.
MCC Venice Open House	Tues., Mar. 4 th , 5 - 7 p.m.
Admission Workshop - all MCC locations.....	Tues, Apr. 1 st , 6 p.m.
Jump In! MCC Bradenton.....	Wed, Apr. 2 nd , 10:30 - noon
Jump In! MCC Venice.....	Thurs, Apr. 3 rd , 10:30 - noon
Admission Workshop - all MCC locations.....	Tues, Apr. 15 th , 6 p.m.
Admission Workshop - all MCC locations.....	Tues, Apr. 29 th , 6 p.m.
Admission Workshop - all MCC locations.....	Tues, May 13 th , 6 p.m.

Outreach Upcoming Events

Jump In! Spring Break 2008

MCC would like to invite all High School Seniors to spend a day with us! The day will include a campus tour, application workshop, career presentation and refreshments!

All guests will have a chance to win a scholarship for the upcoming 2008-2009 school year.

MCC Bradenton - Wed, Apr. 2nd, 10:30 - noon
 MCC Venice - Thurs, Apr. 3rd, 10:30 - noon
 For more information call (941) 752-5422.



Spring Admission and College Funding Workshops

The workshop will include an informational presentation on MCC Degree programs and services while offering assistance in completing the admissions application. Financial aid opportunities and college funding options will be discussed. An optional campus tour will be available on the Bradenton and Venice Campuses. For more information call (941) 752-5422

Date	Time	Location
4/1	6 p.m.	Bradenton, Venice, LWR
4/15	6 p.m.	Bradenton, Venice, LWR
4/29	6 p.m.	Bradenton, Venice, LWR
5/13	6 p.m.	Bradenton, Venice, LWR

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MCC News...



MCC on National Hispanic Magazine's Publisher's Picks List

Manatee Community College (MCC) is one of 10 community colleges in the state of Florida on a nationwide 2007 Publisher's Picks list that appeared in the Nov. 19 issue of *The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* magazine. Twenty-two community colleges and universities were named in Florida.

Publisher José López-Isa said the annual list recognizes colleges and universities across the country where Hispanic students can "thrive and persist." He applauds the institutions named for enabling a 67 percent enrollment increase of Hispanic students in higher education between 1994 and 2004.

"The sheer number of Hispanics persisting to graduation and earning degrees is rising and very heartening, especially when graduation represents a family first. The positive ripple effects of college education are well documented," said López-Isa.

Student Competitors' Work Featured in Pentangle Exhibit

An exhibit of artwork submitted by Manatee Community College (MCC) students in the annual *Pentangle* humanities magazine competition will continue through Jan. 17, on the west wing first floor of the new Art and Design Building, number 10, at MCC Bradenton, 5840 26th St. West. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Two-dimensional works on display include drawings, designs, paintings, photography and printmaking. Awards included a \$125 Best of Show and three judge's choice awards of \$25 each. The award-winning magazine is published annually in the spring.

Works may be viewed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call (941) 752-5225.

MCC Honor Society Chapter Wins State Awards

For the fourth consecutive year, the Manatee Community College (MCC) Bradenton chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society has won a Distinguished Chapter Award, ranking number six out of 75 chapters in the Florida region. The MCC Nu Zeta chapter also won Leadership and Service Hallmark awards and the chapter president and faculty advisor won number one rankings in the state.

Awards were presented at the Annual Florida Phi Theta Kappa Regional Convention held Nov. 9 through 11 in St. Petersburg. Each of the Hallmark awards recognized Nu Zeta as being one of the top three programs in the state.

Nu Zeta President Sean Abene was named number one officer in the Florida region and faculty advisor Dr. Joni Pirnot was named Paragon Advisor for the Florida Region. The MCC chapter is an International Five Star Chapter, which is the highest recognition bestowed on chapter programs by Phi Theta Kappa.

Student officers who attended the convention included Abene, Wesley Pitts, Jami Worley, Whitney Lavoie, Kaje Housman and Christine Heng.

MCC Spring Sports Update

MCC baseball and softball are now into their spring seasons. Baseball will host Palm Beach CC February 1st at 5 p.m. in the home opener at Robert C. Wynn Field. The Lancers are searching for their 13th consecutive State Tournament appearance.

Softball will take to the road before hosting the first home game in March. Lancer softball will open the season at Santa Fe CC on February 2nd. Former Lancer standout Meredith Headings is in her first-season as head coach of the softball team. The Lancer softball program has won 50 or more games in three of the last four seasons.

MCC basketball is in the middle of its Suncoast Conference schedule. The Lancers' next home game will be against St. Petersburg College on Wednesday, January 30th at 7 p.m. at Hal Chasey Gymnasium. All MCC Athletic events are free to MCC students, faculty and staff.

Should the Lancers win the conference championship, they will automatically move on to the state tournament in Marianna in March. If MCC does not win the regular-season title, they will play in the conference tournament February 25th-26th. Stay tuned to see what happens.

There are plenty of spring games to see on the Bradenton Campus over the next three months. Check our athletic website at mccfl.edu for complete schedules of all of our teams.