

# MCC focuses on program *and curriculum* enhancements

In 2019, MCC continued to partner with several area businesses to provide customized training through the Michigan New Jobs Training Program (MNJTP). Designed as an economic development tool, the MNJTP allows community colleges to provide free training for employers that are creating new jobs and/or expanding operations in Michigan. Training for newly hired workers is paid by capturing the state income tax associated with the new employees' wages. By providing this training, the college plays an instrumental role in advancing employment opportunities in the communities it serves. MCC professionals work with each employer to design customized training based on what the companies need to help them be successful in the marketplace.

## **New MNJTP agreement as of November 2019:**

- Aquest Machining, in Greenville, was granted \$111,515.04 to support training of 12 employees in industrial training.

**B**ased on workplace demand and industry projections, a continued focus of the college during this past year was to enhance and create high-value programming tied to progressive advancements in a variety of career areas, as well as fulfilling customized training needs for its business and industry partners.

Curriculum and equipment enhancements to support programming in industrial technology, industrial automation maintenance, technical drafting and design, digital arts, nursing and business are just a few examples of how MCC is working to prepare students for careers in high-demand, high-wage fields.

In collaboration with K-12 partners, and business, industry and health organizations, MCC is continuing its efforts to support a countywide, coordinated focus on career exploration, advising and development, where students receive needed support as they investigate and develop their unique interests.

The college hosted its second "Discover Your Tomorrow" in May on its Greenville campus. "Discover Your Tomorrow" featured demonstrations in skilled trades, advanced manufacturing, health careers, agricultural science, digital arts, business, computer science, education and psychology. It also focused on the types of in-demand jobs that are available in these fields and featured local businesses and manufacturers to discuss training options and career attainability.

MCC also continued to take its high-tech manufacturing show on the road this year with its Advanced Technology mobile unit. The enclosed utility trailer is set up with various pieces of advanced manufacturing equipment. Students and community members can see the college's 3D printer work; receive items from the college's Baxter and Sawyer robots; and see FANUC and ABB robots in action. The lab is taken to area elementary, middle and high schools, as well as a variety of community events, where visitors learn about potential career opportunities while experiencing first-hand how the equipment functions. ■