

from the president

I have spent time reflecting as we approach my two-year anniversary of joining Montcalm Community College. So much has happened over the past two years. I could not have anticipated the skills necessary to navigate a global pandemic. As we worked on this magazine, I became more and more proud of what our MCC team and our students have accomplished. I am also incredibly grateful for our MCC community including our Board of Trustees and Foundation as they continue to provide unwavering support.

Throughout this magazine you will read about students who have excelled despite the challenges, alumni that have accomplished great things, and staff who continue to inspire us. Also in this issue is a tribute to our long-serving Board of Trustees member and chairperson, Karen Carbonelli. Karen is a servant leader, who has given 40 years of her time and endless energy to MCC.

Our 40th anniversary of the MCC Foundation is also highlighted. The lives changed as a result of our Foundation are too many to count. Not only have our MCC graduates been touched by the generosity of so many Foundation supporters, but generations after them have experienced changed lives as a result of an MCC graduate.

We continue to experience growth in our dual enrollment program, and students in our Early College program continue to outperform state



averages for SAT testing. In addition, our workforce development efforts remained strong, with high-value programming to meet the training needs of our business and industry partners.

As we look to the future, we are excited about the renovation of the Kenneth J. Smith Instructional Building and hope you will consider supporting this important initiative. The renovated building will feature an entire floor dedicated to educating students in our nursing program and will provide a training location for area health care partners. Another floor will provide

state-of-the-art science labs and math classrooms, as well as more spaces for our students to study and meet.

There are so many things for which to be grateful. Thank you for your continued support of Montcalm Community College. We appreciate you. ■

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacy H. Young". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Stacy H. Young, Ph.D.

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