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2009 Annual Report



Your First Choice for a Lifetime of Learning

At McHenry County College, we value learning, and we put the interests of our students and community first. By providing high quality, affordable and accessible learning opportunities, we enable students to meet their educational, career and personal goals. By sharing our knowledge and resources, we support our community's educational, social, cultural and economic vitality.



It is clear that McHenry County College experienced exceptional opportunity and growth in 2009. The College responded to record increases in enrollment, implemented new programs and educational offerings, expanded scholarship opportunities, and executed system-wide improvements, enhancing service to our students and community.

In this report, you will find our recent successes and plans to address opportunities that we see on the horizon. The College will continue to offer high-quality, accessible and affordable educational experiences that meet the ongoing needs of our District. Above all, we remain passionately committed to serving as our community's first choice for a lifetime of learning.

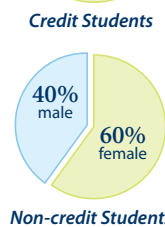
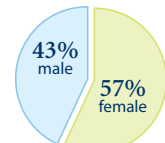
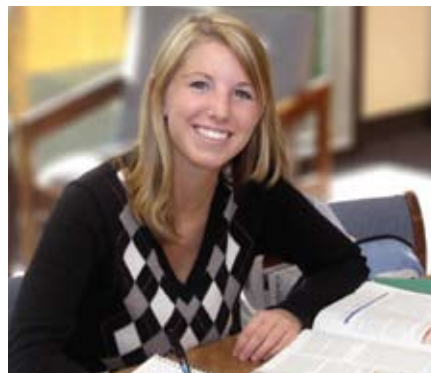
This is merely a glimpse of why MCC is the premier choice for higher education in the McHenry County area. Thank you for your continued support.

Kathleen Plinske
Kathleen Plinske, Ed.D.
 Interim President

Kathleen Plinske, Ed.D. was named one of 24 Emerging Leaders in the world by Phi Delta Kappa (PDK) International, a global association of education professionals.

Our District

- Covers **600 square miles**
- **97%** of the district is in **McHenry County**
- Includes small parts of Boone, Kane and Lake Counties
- Serves nine public high school districts, one private high school and multiple home schools



Our Students

- **10,452** credit students enrolled in FY 2009¹
- **27,174** non-credit students enrolled in FY 2009
- **124,629** total credit hours taken in 2008-2009
- Fall 2009 increase in enrollment by a record **29.4%**²
- Fall 2009 increase in headcount by a record **26.7%**²
- Median age of credit student: **23**
- Median age of non-credit student: **36**
- **55%** full-time; **45%** part-time (Fall 2009)

¹Summer 2008-Spring 2009 ²Compared to Fall 2008

Our Employees

- Approximately **650** full-time and part-time employees
- Nearly **80%** of our faculty hold a **master's degree**, and **15%** hold a **doctorate degree**
- Close to **70%** of our administration hold a **master's** or **doctorate degree**



Our Programs

- Transfer Programs – seven associate's degrees and 48 certificate programs
- Occupational Programs
- Workforce and Economic Development
- Community and Professional Education
- Adult and Developmental Education
- Community Outreach



Ensuring a Safe Campus

MCC values every student, employee and community member. A healthy and safe learning environment is our top priority. In 2008, MCC became one of the first community colleges in Illinois to implement an emergency mass notification system. Since then, a number of additional efforts have taken place:

- Video surveillance camera system at building entrances and throughout parking lots
- The development of a Comprehensive Emergency Response Plan and an Emergency Operations Team
- Digital LCD monitors and LED displays throughout campus and the Shah Center
- Two emergency response drills conducted by the Crystal Lake Police Department and SWAT from across the county

To top it all off, the addition of a new director of Campus Public Safety with a goal to strengthen overall campus safety and heighten officers' visibility on campus through enhanced patrol procedures will continue to improve overall safety and security at MCC.

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Regular board meetings are held monthly in the MCC Board Room – all are welcome to attend. For more information and the meeting schedule, visit www.mchenry.edu/board.

Questions/comments for the Board of Trustees? Email us at mcctrustees@mchenry.edu.



Excellence is Our Destination

The heart of MCC is indeed its students – whether they come here to start an educational journey, finish a dream that got sidetracked, or try something new. Of the 60,000 people who pass through MCC’s doors every year, everyone gains the benefit of infinite possibilities.



Quality Learning Starts Here

MCC’s course catalog reveals **the breadth of our offerings** that cover **traditional college curricula, technical programs, English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED (General Educational Development) classes, online courses and more.** Subjects cover the spectrum from foreign languages to environmental science to automotive technology. Spend a few minutes on campus and you’ll also quickly realize there is no “average” student at MCC either. Eighteen and 19 year olds cramming for a biology exam share the hallways with business people advancing their careers and retirees exploring their creative sides in our many art classes. Of course, some MCC regulars have never set foot on campus, taking advantage instead of our **distance education program**, which brings MCC classes wherever your computer is, day or night.

A Culture of Continuous Improvement

In November 2009, MCC submitted its Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) Systems Portfolio to the Higher Learning Commission for review. This 100-page document, required for continued accreditation through the Higher Learning Commission, outlines the College’s key processes and performance results.

AQIP allows the College to evaluate its strengths and opportunities for improvement in areas such as student learning, institutional leadership, strategic planning and partnerships. The goal: to help MCC become more effective. The College should receive feedback in spring. The summary will be one key resource to help the College update its strategic plan in 2010.

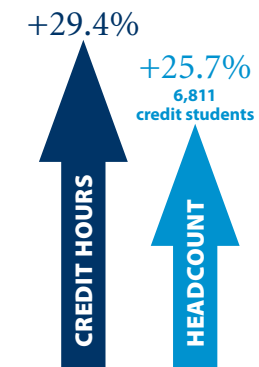
Record Enrollment - A Testament to MCC’s Quality

According to Illinois Community College Board fall enrollment numbers for community colleges across the state, MCC was the statewide leader in terms of our percentage increase in credit hours from last fall (**29.4%**). We also had the second highest percentage increase in headcount (**25.7%**), reaching 6,811 credit students. Total FY09 credit enrollment for fall, spring and summer was **9,018**. Unduplicated non-credit enrollment for the year was approximately **25,000**.

There has been a large increase in enrollment in blended/hybrid courses, online courses and learning communities in the past five years, though the proportion of total credits generated by these delivery methods has remained relatively stable.

All divisions show net increases in credit hour enrollment relative to last year and five years ago. The largest growth from last year was seen in Mathematics and Sciences (33%) and Humanities (33%).

Compared to five years ago, there are more students enrolled in Transfer/Baccalaureate (14%), Business (20%) and Human and Professional Services (112%) programs, while there are fewer students enrolled in Technology (-8%) programs. The **large increase in Human and Professional Services majors** is driven by the advent of the Registered Nursing program as well as growth in the Fire Science program.



In October, MCC also saw its highest demand for registration in one day. By the end of the day on October 29, more than 3,000 students had registered for Spring semester. That figure represented nearly half of our currently enrolled students. By the next morning, students had registered for more than **33,000 credits** for Spring semester. In a single day, students registered for more than half of the semester’s total credit hours.

Because of the increasing enrollment trend, the College has been proactive, taking several steps to enhance the student experience. First, parking lot improvements have been made, including sealing and re-stripping lots to increase the number of parking spaces. A mathematical model was used to predict peak parking demands and shift class sections to eliminate the need for overflow parking. Also, an action team was formed to address the need for priority registration, which would reduce wait times in line. This new model is being piloted for Summer 2010 registration in March.



American Heritage Preservation Grant

McHenry County College received a \$3,000 American Heritage Preservation grant from the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which will allow the College to preserve a community treasure of fine art prints created by such famous artists as Andy Warhol, Leonard Baskin and Mauricio Lasansky. The grant will fund the installation of light filters and humidity data loggers in the College’s library, where the works are displayed for the public to enjoy. MCC received one of 53 grants nationwide out of a total of 202 applications.





Opening New Doors

At MCC, there is no limit to what students can experience. The journey may begin in grade school with our Kids & College and Sports Camp programs, it may begin with a transfer baccalaureate program, or it may begin further down the road in our Retired Adult Program (RAP). The possibilities are endless.

The Value of Community Input

In 2009, MCC hosted community engagement sessions to obtain residents' feedback, ideas and input on the College's current and future plans. Topics included responding to educational, cultural and social need, emerging technologies, safety and security, new programming, and diversity. Participants learned about MCC's role in the community, how MCC educates students from pre-school through retired adults, and how the College allocates tax dollars.

Three broad trends emerged from the engagement session: identifying how MCC supports the influx of new students based on the MCC Promise scholarship, how to further engage non-traditional students and how to develop new programs as a result of the state of the economy. Ongoing efforts will continue through 2010, and results will contribute to the development of a new strategic plan for MCC.

Read more about this exciting initiative on the MAP website: www.mchenry.edu/community.



MCC Promise: An Accessible Education

In 2009, MCC welcomed more than half the county's graduating seniors who attended college after high school. With more students pursuing higher education in the area, a ripple effect is expected to continue, creating a more professionally vibrant and educationally-focused community. For details, visit www.mchenry.edu/promise or www.supportmcc.org.

2009 Program Success Stories

Culinary Management

Our new Culinary Management classes were completely filled, proving the field and the **demand for training is hotter than ever**. MCC's culinary students can earn a professional certificate in either chef assistant I or baking and pastry assistant I in 32 weeks. Our first class of Culinary Management students received their certificates of completion in 2009. Most of these students stayed at MCC to continue their college education.

Nursing

The county's first registered nursing degree program will award diplomas to its first class of graduates in May of 2010. Twenty eight students enrolled in the fall of 2008, and our **classes continue to fill with waiting lists**.

Traffic Safety School

The National Safety Council named the McHenry County College Traffic Safety School a Best Practice Award Winner. Located at the Shah Center in McHenry, the program received the honor as a result of their exemplary Defensive Driving Course training. The award is presented to those training centers that lead the field in training safer motorists in their service area. In addition, MCC Traffic Safety Instructor, John Small, was selected as Instructor of the Year. He was selected from a field of nominees representing programs throughout the country.

Growing and Upcoming Programs

- Last year we saw **record enrollment** in many of the courses we offer toward an Associate in Applied Science, particularly in Fire Science, Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical Services and Digital Media.
- Responding to industry growth and survey demands, MCC will soon offer an **Occupational Therapy Assistant Program**. Driven by community need, the new OTA (Occupational Therapy Assistant) program will be a strong addition to MCC's career and technical education division.
- In late 2009, new federal funding totaling \$100,000 secured by U.S. Rep. Don Manzullo (R-16th District) helped McHenry County College and the Special Education District of McHenry County (SEDOM) expand the **Education and Careers Pathways Program** to provide assistance for young adults ages 18-21 with intellectual disabilities, including those on the autism spectrum. The program was established in 2004, and in 2009, the Pioneer Center also became a partner to assist with the new Autism Social Communication Pathway. This program has grown, and Spring 2009 marked the first graduating class with eight graduates. Seven of these graduates have since acquired regular employment.
- MCC was awarded \$387,187 to implement non-credit, entry-level training programs for the unemployed and underemployed in the areas of manufacturing, CNC machining and bilingual nurse's aide training. The **F.A.S.T.** (Flexible and Sustainable Training) project is the result of a partnership with the McHenry County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC), Workforce Investment Act (WIA), MCC and the McHenry County Board and provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor, secured through U.S. Congresswoman Melissa Bean's office.

Building Skills for Success

MCC's **Sage Learning Center** provides full-service, student support services, including tutoring in math, English, writing, chemistry, earth science, physics and computer science. Sage accepts appointments, as well as drop-ins – and because it is open 49 hours per week, the center meets students' scheduling needs. It has a variety of tutoring options, small group possibilities and technology-based learning assistance. And a recent study indicates that students who take advantage of the center's services outperform their peers.

The state of the economy has caused the need for adults to return to college and enhance their skills – or even build new skills. In 2009, MCC saw growth with our adult student population, both in credit and non-credit programming:

- **The Academy for High Performance** provides a flexible learning environment for adult credit students to take class one evening per week and complete a certificate in two years or less, or earn an associate's degree in three or four years. More at <http://www.mchenry.edu/academy>.
- Need professional training and development without the degree? The **Shah Center for Corporate Training and the Illinois Small Business Development Center** specialize in workshops, seminars, assessment and onsite workforce training to help local businesses stay ahead of the competition. A quarterly schedule of programs may be found in the quarterly publication, Catalyst, at www.shahcenter.mchenry.edu.



The MCC Experience

Whether students are attending full or part time, days, evenings, or weekends, they'll find MCC's campus is seldom quiet. With 25+ clubs, multicultural activities, a variety of leadership opportunities, and a thriving athletics program, students can also find plenty of ways to get involved in campus life outside of the classroom. We're proud of the fact that learners of all ages, interests and backgrounds feel at home here.

Benefits to the Community

Even if you don't attend classes at MCC, there's a wealth of social, cultural, and community-focused resources and programming that have made MCC one of the best-kept secrets in the county. From free concerts, health fairs, and lectures to exciting college-level athletic events and a professionally staffed fitness center, there's something for everyone (often happening simultaneously) on the MCC campus. The MCC library is also available to all McHenry County District residents 16 and over and offers free use of its resources, including computers, audio visual materials and wireless Internet.

For those a little more focused on personal enrichment, MCC is also the county's number one resource when it comes to continuing education, professional advancement and workforce training. Visit the College website to learn more about:

- Over **500 non-credit classes and workshops** for lifelong learners in topics ranging from music, art and dance to finance and investing.
- The Shah Center and Illinois Small Business Development Center, offering **customized on-and off-site training**, assistance and resources for small-business development, and corporate events.
- **Continuing Professional Education** programs designed to meet the continuing education needs of professionals who are required to have a certification or license to carry out the work of their profession.
- Trips and tours, lectures, speakers series and a thriving **Retired Adult Program (RAP)**.

2009 Academic & Extracurricular Highlights

Academic Achievements

- Data over the last five years showed that full-time MCC freshmen complete a degree or certificate or transfer to a four-year college or university within three years at a rate higher than the statewide average.
- Data from the Illinois Shared Enrollment and Graduation Database also showed that MCC students who transfer to four-year colleges tend to be **more successful than students transferring from other community colleges**, and in many cases are more successful than students who start their higher education at a four-year school.



Voices Receives National Award

- *Voices*, MCC's literary magazine, received national recognition by winning **first place** in the design category through its printer, CL Graphics.

Forensics (Speech) Team Wins Big

- Last year, MCC's Forensics team placed students in final round competition at all seven invitational tournaments attended, **winning a total of 47 individual awards**.
- MCC's six-member team took home a bronze award and three individual students won one gold and two bronze awards at the Phi Rho Pi (a national organization for the community college forensics programs) 75th National Tournament in Portland, OR.
- MCC student Lauryn Lugo was state, regional and national champion in dramatic interpretation.
- In its 7th year, the program has produced two national team sweepstakes awards (gold and bronze), and, individually, MCC students have won **five gold awards, three silver awards and seven bronze awards**.
- The team has continued to win a number of tournaments in 2010 and will attend the 2010 nationals in New Orleans this April.

2009 Skyway Jazz Festival Honors

- Several MCC students received **Outstanding Musician Awards** at the 2009 Skyway Jazz Festival, an annual showcase that features several of the area community college jazz ensembles.

Women's Volleyball

- Our women's volleyball team was **nationally ranked #13** in the final NJCAA Division II Poll and finished 11th in the nation at the 2009 NJCAA D II National Championships. The Lady Scots went **undefeated** to again win the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference regular season and NJCAA Region 4 District B Championship. The team qualified for nationals in each of the past five seasons and in six of the past seven years.
- Head Coach Chas Kennedy was named District B, Region 4 and Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference **Coach of the Year** for the third consecutive year.
- Outside Hitter Danielle Smith was named **ISCC Player of the Year**.
- Five of the team's players were named to the **2009 NJCAA All-District team**.



Financials



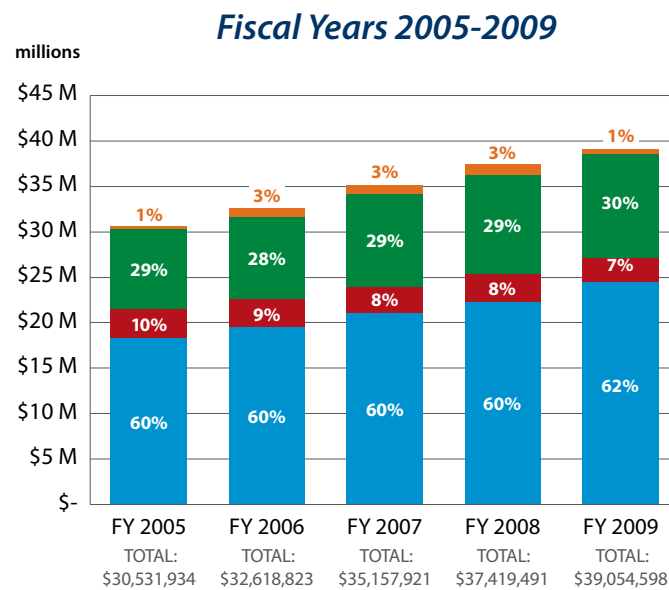
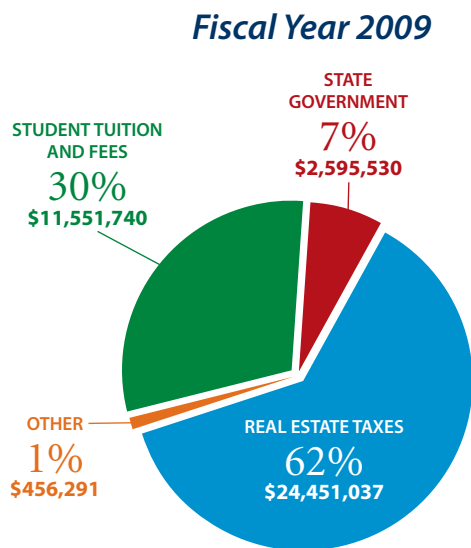
This financial information is from McHenry County College's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), or audit, for FY 2009 (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009). The information, generated by financial

statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), is for MCC's General Fund.

The General Fund is the College's main operating fund and is used for all revenues except those required to be accounted for in another fund. In FY 2009, the General Fund accounted for 78% of total college revenues.

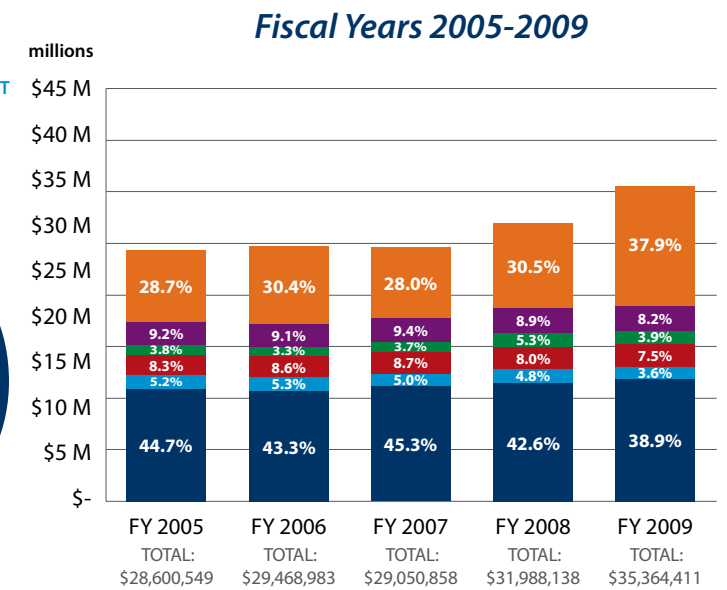
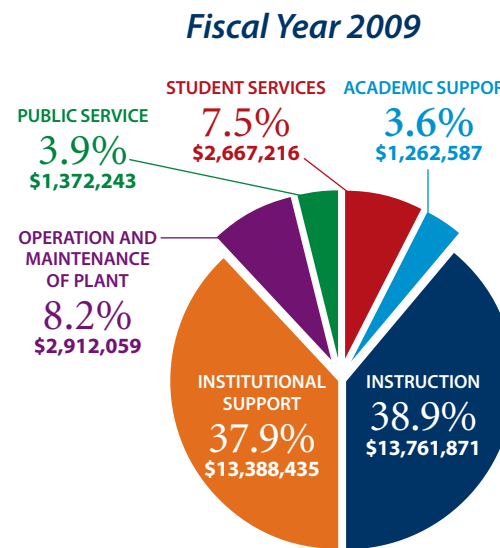
WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM:

2009 REVENUES BY SOURCE



WHERE THE MONEY GOES:

2009 EXPENDITURES BY PROGRAM



REAL ESTATE TAXES

This is the College's largest revenue source, collected by the County Collector in each of the four counties that contain part of the College district—McHenry, Kane, Lake and Boone. These taxes are sent to the College by the County Treasurers. Real estate taxes levied in one year become due and payable in two installments during the following year, generally on June 1 and September 1. Due to the tax cap legislation passed in the early 1990s, the College's tax rate has declined from 36.0 cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation in 1990 to 26.9 cents per \$100 of equalized assessed valuation in 2008—a decline of 24% during this period.

STUDENT TUITION AND FEES

This is the College's second largest revenue source. The cost per credit hour for tuition in FY 2009 was \$77. In addition, there was a \$9 per credit hour technology fee. This line item also includes course fees, The Shah Center and Continuing Education revenue.

STATE GOVERNMENT

State funding is the College's third largest revenue source but has been steadily declining, dropping from 15% in FY 1998 to 7% in FY 2009. The College continues to keep a close eye on this trend. As state funding continues to fall, the burden for funding college operations shifts from the state to local taxpayers and students.

OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

This line item includes interest, sales and service fees, and miscellaneous revenue.

INSTRUCTION

Instruction includes activities dealing directly with the teaching of students, such as baccalaureate/transfer, occupational/technical career, general studies, developmental and adult basic education (ABE)/GED programs (associate's degree or certificate programs). It also includes expenditures for department chairpersons, administrators and support staff for whom instruction is an important role.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Academic Support includes services for the institution's primary focus on instruction, public service and research, such as the operation of the MCC library, educational media services, instructional materials center and academic computing used in the learning process.

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services includes assistance in the areas of financial aid, admissions and records, health, placement, testing, counseling, and student activities.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Public Service includes noncredit classes and other educational opportunities, such as workshops, seminars, forums, exhibits, and the provision of College facilities and expertise to the community.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

Operation and Maintenance of Plant includes the housekeeping activities necessary to keep physical facilities open and ready for use, including efficient operation of grounds, buildings and equipment. This area also manages and encompasses campus public safety and plant utilities.

INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

Institutional Support includes expenditures for central, executive-level activities and support services that benefit the entire institution. This category also includes activities in the form of grants to students, prizes and awards, charge backs, and aid to students in the form of state-mandated and institutional tuition and fee waivers.

For additional financial information, please refer to MCC's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR): www.mchenry.edu/finance



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