Message from the President

The 2014-15 Academic Year marked an exciting milestone for Morton College – the 90th anniversary of serving the community on September 15, 2014. Faculty, staff, students, and the community celebrated the College’s rich history, while also looking ahead to a bright future. In April, we broke ground on a two-story, ten classroom addition to Building C. This is the first addition since the campus opened in September 1975 and serves as a testament to the College’s commitment to meeting the educational needs of our community in the 21st Century.

Morton College is now better able to serve our students and community thanks to the campus going completely wireless. The College has (71) access points throughout the entire campus, providing a strong and consistent wireless connection. In part, thanks to these efforts, Morton College was ranked in the top 10 for small colleges in the Digital Community Colleges survey.

Here at Morton College we recognize the role we play in an increasingly global society and have made notable strides to internationalize the College’s educational experience. Language Arts professor, Karolis Zukauskas, and Student Activities and Workforce Director, Marisol Velázquez had the opportunity to participate in International Studies and Programs in May 2015. They traveled to Utrecht, Netherlands to learn about the universal challenges in higher education in a globalized economy, the Dutch educational system, and challenges specifically faced by vocational programs. Dean of Arts & Sciences, Derek Shouba, presented his experiences to the College community this year on his visits to nine (9) universities, and four (4) cities in Russia as part of a Fulbright international program.

Not only was Morton College recognized nationally for enhancements to our technology infrastructure, the United States Secretary of State, John F. Kerry, notified us that Morton College was one of the Fulbright Program “top producers”, awarded by the U.S. Department of State and showcased in The Chronicle of Higher Education. Morton College is among the top producers of institutions for Fulbright grantees, enabling us to contribute to the next generation of global scholars and leaders.

On behalf of the Morton College Board of Trustees, the administration, faculty and staff, it has been a privilege serving the community for the last 90 years through our adult and continuing education programs, workforce development and career programs as well as our transfer programs that help make a bachelor’s degree an affordable reality. Additionally, our theater, music and community education programs enrich the lives of many in our community; and, of course, our high quality child care program nurtures the youngest members of our community.

It is with great anticipation as we look to the future and plan for even more exciting opportunities in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dr. Muddassir Siddiqi
Interim President
2014-15 STUDENT PROFILE (Community College District 527)

7,475 students
7,162 credit
313 non-credit

Gender
58.6% Female
41.4% Male
82.7% Hispanic/Latino
85.9% District 527 residents

Age
Average 27.1 years

Academic Profile
26.4% Transfer Programs
21.8% Associate in Applied Science/ALS
7.5% Certificates
20.3% Course Enrollees
23.9% Adult Education and ELA

Degrees Offered
41 Career Certificates
16 Associate in Applied Science Degrees
4 Transfer Program Degrees
(774 degrees/certificates awarded in 2015)

College Employee Profile (as of 10/1/15)
460 employees
5.2% (24) administrators
38.9% (179) staff
55.9% (257) faculty, full-time and part-time
40% full-time
60% part-time
32.6% of full-time employees are Hispanic/Latino
**2014-2015 COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS**

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- Project Care adult literacy program served 143 students with 53 volunteers donating a total of 2,523 hours of volunteer service


- Morton College was awarded 8th place in the small college category by the Center for Digital Education

- Morton College hosted the National Alliance of Community & Technical Colleges Summer 2014 national conference, which 20 community colleges from across the country attended

- Dr. Magda Banda presented “The Unsettling Impact of Migration on Education” at the Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference

**State of Illinois Economic Impact Study** noteworthy findings include:

- Morton College completers nearly doubled from 2000 to 2012

- On average, students who finished their community college coursework in FY 2011 saw a 25% increase in earnings

- A Morton College graduate can expect a total lifetime gain of about $308,000 (24%) increase over average lifetime earnings of those not completing

- Nearly 9 in 10 community college students stay in Illinois for employment over the 5 years after graduation, generating millions of dollars in local, state, and federal tax revenues

- Over the past 12 years:
  - 74% of Illinois employers hired a community college student
  - 1.7 million Illinois workers participated in credit courses at an Illinois community college
  - 1.4 million Illinoisans enrolled in non-credit, short-term business and industry training or professional and vocational development courses
2014-2015 STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

• At the Automotive Instructor’s Association 79th Spring Conference, hosted by Morton College, student Couviere Camargo was the recipient of the Illinois College Automotive Instructors Association Student Scholarship award.

• Student Estavao Campos Merlo was the co-winner of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association Gandhi/King Peace Scholarship.

2015 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Revenues by Source

Operating Expenses by Function
FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

- Denise Bellezzo was inducted to the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference Hall of Fame in the co-curricular area on June 11 during ceremonies at Waubonsee Community College. Bellezzo taught Fine Arts at Morton College for 29 years from 1985 to 2014.

- George Fejt inducted into Skyway Hall of Fame for Athletic Administration.

- Dr. Magda Banda, Director of Institutional Research, and Mr. Michael Nedza, Instructor – Speech and Theatre Art were League of Innovation 2015 Rouche Excellence Award Recipients.

George Fejt, Academic Advisor

Skyway Hall of Fame Friends of Sport Inductees:
Art Belanger, Public Address Announcer, Home Basketball Games
Jim Lazansky, Official Timer, Home Basketball Games
Ray Konrath, Official Scorer, Home Basketball Games

Denise Bellezzo
Fine Arts Instructor (1985-2014)
SKYWAY ART COMPETITION

March 6–April 2, 2015

Morton College had the privilege of hosting this event, and eight schools participated with two outside jurors selecting winners.
Mission
To enhance the quality of life of our diverse community through exemplary teaching and learning opportunities, community service, and life-long learning.

Goals
• Maximize the college’s resources to support student learning
• Conduct ongoing assessment of student learning to discover new ways to help students succeed
• Develop responsive curricula and programs to serve community needs
• Encourage community families to embrace the educational opportunities Morton College provides
• Ensure the enrichment of its educational programs and student-support services by making a commitment to ongoing self-study and assessment

Core Values
Compassion  •  Fairness  •  Respect  •  Responsibility  •  Tolerance
“Coming to Morton College was a life-changing decision. If not for Morton College, I never would have fulfilled my goal of being a Division I player.”

Nick Dixon
Men’s Basketball Player – received scholarship to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

“Not only did the college provide me with an opportunity to extend my athletic career, Morton provided me with an opportunity to earn my associate’s degree, which provided more opportunities for advancement in my formal education as well as success professionally and in my life in general.”

Dr. Kerry Foderaro ’77
Grade school superintendent
“I was very happy with all my instructors. They all wanted to see me excel.”

Alejandro Escobar
2015 Robert M. Hale Award for Academic Excellence

“It’s because of Morton College that I’m an attorney. The instructors I had set high expectations, challenged students, and yet were concerned about us as individuals. They were willing to take the time truly help students.”

Raquel Martinez ’79
Attorney

“With the GI Bill, I could have gone anywhere. I always wanted to go to Morton Junior College. Two of my three brothers went there. I wanted to stay at home, so I picked MJC. I look back at MJC as two great years and some of the most fun I’ve ever had.”

Paul Sisco ’48
Retired journalist
Morton College belongs to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). MC offers nine intercollegiate sports—men’s and women’s cross country, volleyball, men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, and softball—comprised of 153 student-athletes, 83 men and 70 women. All nine programs placed players on Skyway All-Conference teams and the Region IV teams in their respective sports.

HIGHLIGHTS

Men’s Basketball
Men’s basketball team, for its second consecutive year, finished the season as champions of the Illinois Skyway Collegiate Conference (ISCC)

Men’s Soccer
Men’s soccer team finished with the college’s best ever record (17-2-4) and advanced to the Great Lakes District Championship for the first time in the college’s history. They won the Region IV title for the first time in the college’s history.

Women’s Volleyball
Women’s volleyball team won the University of Wisconsin-Marinette Tournament and the New Hampshire Technical Institute Tournament
UPDATE: Building C Addition

On April 19, 2015, Morton College broke ground on a new two-story classroom building along the west side of Building C.

The addition (to be completed prior to Fall Semester 2016) will mark the first new facility construction since the campus opened in 1975.

The new, approximately 15,000 square foot facility will consist of and will accommodate the following spaces:

- Five (5) Learning Studios
- Allied Health Classroom Early Childhood Education Classroom
- Two (2) Adult Education Classrooms
- Student Lounge Space
- Conference Space

The building exterior will be consistent with the aesthetic of the existing campus, and sustainable design strategies will be incorporated throughout in order to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification.
The Morton College Foundation (MCF) is an independent, 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization dedicated to educational advancement. The MCF’s mission is to provide financial support to Morton College and individuals in the college community who seek to reach their fullest potential through quality education.

In the past 38 years, the MCF has disbursed approximately $750,000.00 – by awarding scholarships to over 1,300 students, recognizing outstanding service through faculty and staff awards to almost 100 awardees, and contributing to capital development projects at Morton College.

To serve diverse student interests, the MCF administers 28 distinct scholarships and grants, each with unique selection criterion. They range from awards to women who need immediate assistance with living expenses (in order to stay in college) to those studying physical therapy. Additionally, the MCF has scholarships for students embarking on a college career after obtaining a General Education Diploma (GED) and for students who are studying the fine arts. The MCF not only supports students who enjoy writing but those who love baseball too.

The MCF’s Board of Directors and Officers are unpaid and participate on a completely voluntary basis. The Board is comprised of dedicated alumni, active community leaders and successful local business owners. They intend to continue with the “Give a Million to Make a Million” Fundraising Campaign (i.e., studies have shown that individuals with a college degree earn one million dollars more during their working lives than those who have a high school diploma) and hope that the MCF becomes one of your favorite charities.

The following staff members were selected as the 2014-15 recipients of the Morton College Foundation Outstanding Service Awards: full-time faculty member Michael Nedza; part-time faculty member Emily Stortz; classified staff member Lillian Cienfuegos.

The MCF can be reached easily by using any one of the following methods:
By mail at 6625 26th St., Berwyn, IL 60402
By phone at 708-450-8212
By e-mail at mail@MortonCollegeFoundation.org
On the web at mortoncollegefoundation.org
The Friends of Morton Foundation supports the mission, programs, and activities of Morton Community College District #527. The Foundation offers such support by being a source of additional revenue through attending to small capital needs for resources under $25,000 for the College. The Foundation also raises funds on its behalf and distributes those funds non-discriminatory to the College, College programs and College students to help improve and enhance the quality of the educational experience. The Friends of Morton Foundation prides itself in helping support the students of the College, which has the highest percentage of Hispanic students of any two year public college east of the Mississippi River.

A majority of the donations the Foundation receives come from individuals through Major Gifts, scholarships and the Foundation’s Annual Giving Campaign.

**3rd Annual Economic Summit**

The Friends of Morton Foundation organized the 3rd Annual Economic Summit – Sustaining Our Future. The keynote speaker was former Chicago Bear, Dan Hampton, who was inspirational and shared insights into his career.