

Campus Update
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 29, 2012

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Accreditation Self-Study Process

A campus kickoff meeting was held on February 16th. The accreditation steering committee and

Lectures and Events

Zainab Salbi presented the spring Public Policy Lecture on March 6th.

Joe Donahue, Vice President of News and Programming for WAMC Northeast Public Radio, was the 2012 Hardman Journalist in Residence from March 27th to 29th.

The Brown Bag Lecture Series featured education professor Dale Fink, on February 3rd with the

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Spring Break Travel Courses

During spring break (March 12th-16th) students and faculty participated in study away trips to Abu Dhabi, China, England, and Japan. Students in the Alternative Spring Break program performed service at the Davis School in

Grants Received

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) awarded MCLA a 3-year, \$250,000 grant to provide professional development courses in mathematics and education to local educators.

MCLA also received \$20,000 to continue the work of STEM Pipeline Network.

Faculty Scholarship

Dr. Liquan Zhang, Associate Professor at the Shanghai

STEM Update

The Massachusetts Region I Science and Engineering Fair for high school students took place March 9th. Over 100 students attended the fair, and 65 judges from across Berkshire County participated.

Library Update

New Digital Services Librarian Pamela Contakos began work at MCLA on March 28th.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Facilities

Foundation work is underway on the Center for Science and Innovation site.

The Campus Center C-Store and Subway officially opened for business on March 19, 2012. In addition, the Campus Center fire alarm system upgrade was completed.

Information Technology

New Chief Information Officer Curt King began work at MCLA on March 1st.

Associate Dean of Assessment and Planning Kris Benidkas and Associate Dean of Information Technology Peter Allmaker attended the first New England Learning Analytics conference on January 13, 2012.

The College is in negotiations with the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI) related to using MCLA as an anchor institution for local broadband services.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Admissions

MCLA in partnership with the Berkshire Compact hosted the first North County 8th Grade Career Fair on January 12th.

Students from Pittsfield's Youth Alive program cwgpf gfvjg"yqo gpøu"dcumgvdcn"icog"on February 12th for a halftime performance. Following the performance, the students went out on tours of the campus and participated in an information session.

A Graduate Program Information Night was held in February for students interested in the Professional MBA and Masters in Education programs.

The Office of Admission hosted an Academic Recognition Scholarship Brunch for prospective students and their families on Saturday, March 3rd.

A Multicultural Overnight program was held March 23rd for accepted students from New York City, Albany, and Hartford. A Multicultural Overnight for accepted students from Boston, Worcester, and Springfield will be held April 19th.

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Updates

A Campaign kick-off event is planned in conjunction with the Taconic Society Reception, to be held in late spring.

The Alumni Office launched the *iSupport* program, aimed at increasing alumni attendance at Trailblazer games.

The Alumni Office in partnership with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee presented a networking event for student-athletes on March 25th.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Students from MCLA and 12 additional colleges participated in the 17th Annual Student Leadership Conference on February 4th.

MCLA students also will be represented at the 11th annual statewide Student Leadership Conference on March 30th.

A team of MCLA student leaders and student affairs staff attended a higher education advocacy day at the State House on March 9th.

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Thirty-nine student-athletes were named to the MASCAC all-academic team for the fall 2011 semester. This represents 45% of MCLA student-athletes.

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The Student Leadership Awards Celebration and Banquet will be held on April 25th.

The Athletic Banquet will be held on May 8th.