



History professor Frances Jones-Sneed presented a paper at the College Language Association in Atlanta in March, and attended the Organization of American Historians meeting in Milwaukee in April.

Interdisciplinary studies professor Rita Nnodim presented at the African Literature Association in Dallas, Texas, in April.

Members of the MCLA Entrepreneurial Club presented their ideas to a panel of judges at the Orchards hotel in Williamstown as part of the club's first Venture Competition on April 11.

## **ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE**

### ***Facilities***

Foundation and utility work continues on the Center for Science and Innovation site.

### ***Human Resources***

The annual retiree luncheon was held on April 26<sup>th</sup> with retirees Susan Bailey (Career Services), Patricia Flaherty (Administration & Finance) and Susan Wismer (Education) in attendance.

## **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

### ***Admissions***

The Office of Admission hosted two spring open house programs for accepted students. A Multicultural Overnight Program for students from Boston was part of the April open house.

Nearly 400 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from Berkshire County visited MCLA as part of the annual Berkshire County Goes to College program. The College also hosted a campus visit for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Adams in April.

MCLA was accepted for membership in the Common Application, an online and print application that students and school officials may submit to more than 450 colleges. MCLA is the only Massachusetts state university that currently is part of the Common Application.

## **ALUMNI/ADVANCEMENT/MCLA FOUNDATION, INC.**

### ***Updates***

At their April meeting, the Alumni Board participated in the campus-wide Spring Fling event where they had a table sharing news and information about the MCLA Alumni Association.

A kick-off event for the MCLA capital campaign is being planned for September, 2012.

MCLA received notification of two grant awards:

- \$93,500 College Access Challenge grant from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
- \$46,200 Division III Ethnic Minority and Women's Internship grant from the NCAA.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Daniel Peluso '13 was elected Student Trustee for the 2012-2013 academic year. Jason Brown '13 was elected president of the MCLA Student Government Association (SGA).

MCLA student leaders were honored at the annual student leadership recognition ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup>.