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RORY PERRODIN NAMED TOP AUTOMOTIVE EDUCATOR IN NORTH AMERICA

Rory Perrodin, MCC-Longview automotive instructor, was named 2009 Educator of the Year by Automotive Service Excellence/National Automotive Technical Education Foundation (ASE/NATEF). Rory received his award on Nov. 19 in New Orleans.

"We're proud of Rory. And, of course, that is a feather in our cap that one of our instructors is educator of the year," said Stan Abrahamson, automotive director. "It is an honor that Rory was selected. But more important than that particular honor is the fact that he has been involved with the board that helps develop the criteria for training certification for many years."

Rory was selected for the honor because he scored highest of all educators in North America taking a series of eight exams required for ASE/NATEF certification. Rory completed the series along with an optional ninth test.

"It's nice to hear somebody say you're a good instructor," said Perrodin. "But, it's really a testament to the group of instructors I work with. We're always pushing each other to know more, to teach in a way that is best for the student."

ASE/NATEF certification is required by the majority of the automotive industry and is conducted for instructors, technicians, and technical programs. 185,000 educators and technicians took the set of exams in the past year. The MCC-Longview Automotive Technology program and all instructors are ASE/NATEF certified.

For more about Rory and his award, see the feature on the MCC home page at www.mcckc.edu.



MW SOFTBALL WOMEN TEAM UP TO AID SALVATION ARMY

The MCC-Maple Woods softball women recently teamed up with the Salvation Army to help out with Project Warmth. The team members volunteered their time to sort blankets and coats and deliver them to local agencies for distribution to those in need.

Project Warmth was started by KCTV 5 and *The Kansas City Star* in 1982 and has since collected more than 2,200 tons of coats and blankets and more than \$7 million for area children, families and the elderly. All donations are sorted and distributed by the Salvation Army to local agencies and shelters.

If you have old coats or blankets in good condition that you are no longer using, please consider donating them to Project Warmth.

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December 14 will be the last issue for this year. If you have a story, please submit to *MCC Weekly News* before Dec. 9.



MCC-BLUE RIVER SOCCER PLAYERS EARN ALL-REGION XVI HONORS

MCC-Blue River soccer players received All-Region XVI honors for the 2009 soccer season.

Michele Smith, a sophomore defender from Lee's Summit North High School, was voted to the All Region XVI First Team. Smith led the Trail Blazers as captain of the team. She was a strong player on the field and is an excellent student in the classroom. Smith plans transfer to UMKC next fall with the goal of becoming a nurse anesthetist.

Zane Christenson, a freshman midfielder from Blue Springs South High School, was voted to the All-Region XVI First Team. Christenson had 9 goals and 9 assists for the Trail Blazers. His game winning goal in the second overtime of the regional quarterfinal game against STLCC Forest Park propelled the Trail Blazers into the semifinals. His major is undecided at this time, but said he is "looking forward to an even better sophomore campaign next season."

Men's and Women's Region XVI Second Team

Men

Michael Brennan (So - Oak Park HS) - Brennan had 8 goals and 3 assists.

Yacine Hamchaoui (Fr - Van Horn HS) - Top goal scorer with 10 goals and 5 assists.

Women

Cecilia Perez (Fr - Smith-Cotton HS)

Allison Hugill (So - Raytown HS)

Lauren Meinke (Fr - Christ Prep)

Cathryn Berrera (Fr - Shawnee Mission East)



Michele Smith



Zane Christenson

MAPLE WOODS VET TECH PROGRAM UP FOR RE-ACCREDITATION

The MCC-Maple Woods Veterinary Technology program, the only vet tech program in Missouri west of Columbia, is currently being reviewed for re-accreditation by the Committee on Veterinary Technology, Education and Activities (CVTEA).

Members of the CVTEA just completed a site visit of the Maple Woods vet tech program – everything from curriculum and finances to facilities and staff. The CVTEA evaluated programs on 11 criteria: institutional accreditation, finances, organization and communications, physical facilities and equipment, resources for clinical instruction, library and informational resources, admissions, students, faculty and staff, curriculum and outcomes assessment.

Results of the site visit will be submitted to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) Council on Education. The council will decide in April 2010, based on the findings of the site team, to fully re-accredit the program.



CVTEA site team meets with MW administrators during the vet tech program re-accreditation process.

PTK STUDENTS GET INVOLVED WITH OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Each holiday season, instructional services coordinator Rebecca Waner picks a project to help those less fortunate. This year she chose Samaritan's Purse, Operation Christmas Child (OCC).

OCC is a program that distributes shoe boxes filled with personal gifts, toys, school supplies or necessity items to children around the world. Waner heard about OCC while listening to the radio and was stirred emotionally. She asked a few co-workers to get involved, but when word got out, a group of MCC-Blue River Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) students joined the effort.

Waner's initial goal was to have 20 shoe boxes filled and donated. Once PTK got involved, her expectations were greatly exceeded; a total of 49 shoe boxes were gifted.

"They thought they had enough [items] to fill four or five boxes, but had to go retrieve more boxes to fill," said Waner of the PTK students. "The students were very creative in putting together their boxes and did such a great job of picking out items."

Sheri Price, a PTK officer, was one of the students involved in the project. "It's amazing to see people come together and want to help," said Price. "It makes you feel really good."



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STUDENTS TO HOST COMMUNITY ARTS SALE AND HOLIDAY BAZAAR

MCC-Penn Valley's Hot Topics and ABLE students are teaming up with Horizon Academy to host a Community Arts Sale and Holiday Bazaar. The sale will take place on Dec. 12, from 1-4 p.m. at Horizon Academy. The sale will feature art, crafts and other products created and sold by the artists: talented youth between 15 and 25 years of age with learning or neurological differences.

"This is to give the students practice in conducting business as well as to make a little extra money for the holidays," said Kate Duffy, adjunct faculty and learning specialist at Penn Valley.

Horizon Academy is a K-12 school providing a respectful, caring environment for students with learning difficulties. Hot Topics is an eight-week educational group designed to help teens and young adults with Asperger's and high-functioning autism, develop their conversational, social and job-readiness skills. While socializing with each other, participants explore and discuss workplace issues as well as talk with mentors who are working in jobs. The group is informal and offers time for participants to talk and visit with each other.

For more information, contact Kate Duffy at 604.4453 or e-mail Kate.Duffy@mcckc.edu.

CERNER RECRUITS AT MCC-MAPLE WOODS

Cerner Corporation, a global supplier of healthcare information technology, recently held a recruiting event at MCC-Maple Woods seeking students for a paid internship program. The program focuses on system administration and networking skill sets. Students selected for the program may have the opportunity to continue the internship or become a fulltime associate.

Cerner plans to hire 12-15 information technology interns from around the MCC district to participate in the beginning phases of the program, with more internships becoming available to MCC students in the summer.

STUDENTS RECEIVE H1N1 VACCINE WITHOUT THE WAIT

People across the country have stood in long lines waiting for the H1N1 vaccine. That was not the case last Wednesday when the Independence Health Department offered the vaccine for free to students, staff and faculty at MCC-Blue River. Click on the link to watch the video, then click *H1N1 offered at MCC-Blue River* on the right:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/MCCBlueRiver#p/a/u/0/WR-jqHCBrcI>



PURPOSE DRIVEN LOVE AT MCC-PENN VALLEY

This holiday season Nu Image Pioneerz (N.I.P.) and Believe A Dream (B-A-D) Foundation present *Purpose Driven Love* at MCC-Penn Valley.

On Saturday, Dec. 12, The B-A-D Foundation will present Dinner for Dreams at 5:30 p.m. The great networking event will feature a full-course savory meal, live entertainment and Lewis Diuguid as the guest speaker. In addition, the Joyce Todd Believing All Dreams Scholarship and N.I.P Achievement Award will be presented. Dinner will be followed by a pre-show at 7:30 p.m., and *Purpose Driven Love: The Love of My Life* will begin at 8 p.m.

"We are going to transform MCC-Penn Valley into the historic trail that our President and First Lady blazed to create history," said Timothy John, event organizer. "This play will tell the story of how their love first sparked in a Chicago office, and their journey to the Oval Office."

On Sunday, Dec 13, Dinner for Dreams will begin at 2:30 p.m. followed by the show at 5 p.m. *Purpose Driven Love*, which features some of Kansas City's most talented actors including Timothy John, La'Pourchea McConico, Nikol Lavender, Ashley Coleman, Douglass Walker and Alex Furlow.

This play is being held in conjunction with the Appreciation 4 Education Tour. "The play marks the beginning of the Appreciation 4 Education Tour and we plan on booking *Purpose Driven Love* and other plays all over the country to raise money for the Joyce Todd Believing All Dreams Scholarship," said John. "We hope to raise enough money so we can give someone an opportunity that he or she might have never had."

RSVP to get an official schedule of this event. Tickets for the play are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. You may purchase a booth at the dinner for your business or organization for \$50. To reserve via e-mail, or for additional information, please email purposedrivenlove@gmail.com or call 913.952.5340.

JOB POSTING

CO# 09-109 BT Computer Science Instructor – Special Contract Faculty

* posted Dec. 4

* will be removed from the Web site at 11:59 p.m. Jan. 3 for the initial screening.

* For more information or to apply:

www.mcckcjobs.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=51047

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YOUTH LEAD CAREERS WORKSHOP AT UMKC

Nov. 21



Ian and Beverly Jennings participated in Youth LEAD, a leadership academy for teens with developmental disabilities. The workshop focus was careers. Ian, who is outreach coordinator at MCC-Business & Technology, shared information about career and technical programs at MCC and the ABLE and ACCESS programs. Youth LEAD is sponsored by UMKC's Institute for Human Development.

Holiday Timesheet Training Session

For those working over the holiday and need help filling out time sheets, payroll will have short training sessions on each campus:

12/10 at 2:00 Penn Valley– PVEC0005 - FEMA building

12/11 at 2:00 BTC - BTC A0102 - Annex building conference room

12/14 at 2:00 MW – MWSC0128 - Private dining room

12/15 at 2:00 BR – BRCC0128 - Private dining room

12/16 at 2:00 LV – LVL0126 - Learning resources building conference room

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Click link below:

<http://mcckc.edu/main.asp?L=BRTtoThePointVideo>

MCC-MAPLE WOODS SAC HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

