

Local Dental Community Gives \$30,000 to MCC Foundation towards MCC's Dental Hygiene Clinic Renovation

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On March 8, representatives of the Seventh District Dental Society and the Monroe County Dental Society presented a combined gift of \$30,000 to Monroe Community College Foundation Executive Director Diane L. Shoger and MCC Dental Hygiene Program Director and Associate Professor of Dental Studies David B. Lawrence, DDS. The gift will be directed to help fund the clinic's \$250,000 scheduled renovation to enhance learning, teaching and patient care. The clinic is a primary resource for the education of dental hygienists and dental assistants for Greater Rochester.

"The level of commitment and passion area professionals have in Monroe Community College's dental programs is only matched by the enthusiasm of MCC's dental program faculty," said Shoger. "We thank the Seventh District and Monroe County Dental societies for supporting the vision of a renovated dental clinic for our students, faculty and community."

MCC's dental clinic is an integral part of dental education at MCC. Dental hygiene and dental assisting students work under the supervision of licensed hygienists and dentists in the clinic, where they respond to more than 6,000 patient visits each year. The clinical experience offered at MCC helps prepare students for national and state certification exams.

Design for the renovation will begin in late spring 2010, and will lead to a dynamic new clinic with modern workstations and more efficient plumbing and electric components. Workstations will offer my privacy for client consultations. Technology, such as flat panel screens for the display of digital patient records, will provide more flexibility for teaching and learning.

Construction of the new clinic is slated to begin in June 2011.

The Seventh District Dental Society is a component of the New York State Dental Association, a constituent of the American Dental Association. The society represents over 800 member dentists in the New York counties of Cayuga, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates. For more information, please visit www.7dds.org.

The MCC Foundation is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization. It was established in 1983 to secure private sector support to supplement and enhance public funding at MCC. To learn more, go to www.monroecc.edu/go/foundation.



Pictured above (l to r) MCC Foundation Executive Director Diane Shoger, Seventh District Dental Society President Steven G. Damelio, DDS; Monroe County Dental Society Vice President William Zugner, DDS; Monroe Community College Dental Hygiene Program Director and Associate Professor of Dental Studies David B. Lawrence, DDS; Monroe County Dental Society President Dr. Kimberly A. Richards, DDS; Seventh District Dental Society President-Elect Jay Skolnick, DDS; Monroe County Dental Society Chairman David V. Ramjattansingh, DDS; American Dental Association Trustee William R. Calnon, DDS and Seventh District Dental Society Vice-President Paul R. Romano, DDS.