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MCCC CONTINUES ITS INVESTMENT IN POTTSTOWN

For more than a quarter century, Montgomery County Community College has been dedicated to fulfilling the educational, workforce and cultural needs of the community and region at its Pottstown Campus.

Most recently, construction began to transform the one-acre parking lot at MCCC's North Hall, 16 E. High Street, into a vibrant green space. The area will serve as an outdoor classroom and informal gathering place for students, employees and residents and will be a beautiful venue for community events alongside the scenic Manatawny Creek.

This green space project is part of a series of ongoing developments at the Pottstown Campus. In August 2022, MCCC opened the Challenger Learning Center at 140 College Drive. The interactive STEM experience provides space-themed missions for students in grades 5-8 and is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

In December 2022, MCCC opened its Wellness Center in North Hall — a centralized tiered system of wellness resources to help students with the vital essentials they need to succeed. The Center includes a food pantry, counseling center, sensory room, collaboration space and student support programs. The project was funded by a \$1 million Community Mental Health Services Block Grant from Montgomery County. These funds were marked by the State for community colleges to support the higher education of individuals experiencing mental health challenges.

Further enhancements include the renovation of the first floor of the 25+-

year-old South Hall building at 101 College Drive, which reopened in April 2023. This redesigned space offers flexible areas for study, collaboration, and engagement. Notable features include a Science on a Sphere global display system (made possible by Sylvia and Carl Landis), an esports room for the Mustangs esports team (made possible by Educational Furniture Solutions), fitness facilities, a renovated library, and a student commons/community area.

Meanwhile, at the Blue Bell Campus, MCCC is converting the former bookstore into a 20,400-square-foot Hospitality Institute scheduled to open in fall 2024. This state-of-the-art facility will include a student-operated educational restaurant, a bakery and pastry shop, and pasta and chocolate laboratories providing students with practical experiences in the culinary and hospitality industries.

The Blue Bell Campus also has witnessed the reopening of its newly renovated Science Center and a 563-seat theater. Originally built in 1972, the Science Center has been modernized to offer students hands-on access to the latest science and engineering technology, including robotic arms and 3D printers. The technologically advanced theater is now the focal point of the Montco Cultural Center, encompassing all arts and culture programming and venues across both campuses, including the Black Box Theater and fine art galleries.

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