is supported by the activities of MCC and its students.

"When we consider the immense economic impact MCC has on our local and regional economy, we recognize the critical need to continue to be able to provide high-quality, a ordable education to those in the communities we serve," Dr. Young said.

Traditionally, MCC has accepted scholarship applications from January through April and has announced scholarship awards early in May.

"As we continue to focus on growing our enrollments as part of our mission of transforming lives through quality education, we realized that many students were making their college selection before we awarded our scholarships," Dr. Young said. "We are hopeful that the change in our award cycle will be bene cial to MCC as students and their families make their college selection."

Another perk is that unclaimed scholarship dollars will be reawarded. Students will need to register for fall classes by June 1 to keep their scholarship. Those who do not will forfeit their award and it will be reawarded to another potential student.

"This will really allow us to ensure all of the scholarship dollars so generously endowed through the MCC Foundation are used according to the donors' wishes," said MCC Foundation Executive Director Lisa Lund.

"Scholarships are one of the many ways in which the MCC Foundation supports our students as they work to achieve their academic dreams. Through their stewardship of the Foundation's resources, the MCCF Board continues to illustrate their long-term commitment to MCC and its students," Lund added. Q