From the Director

Greetings,

First off, I would like to thank Tammy Alvaro, Coordinator of Student Advancement at MMCC, for allowing us to spotlight her for the month of February. In the short time Tammy has been with the college, she has done an outstanding job leading and promoting student centered groups here at MMCC. Tammy was gracious enough to take some time out of her busy schedule to give us some insight concerning her area of expertise. Thanks again Tammy for contributing to this month’s Library View. I also would like to announce that in a continued effort to promote and enhance the information literacy skills of our students body, the library will soon begin the early phases of building a full-fledged web based research tutorial for students. With the continued increase of enrollment and online course offerings, the need for web based tutorials is at an all time high. As we move closer to building these tutorials and placing them online, I welcome any suggestions and input from members of the faulty. As usual I appreciate your time. I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming spring break, and takes the opportunity to recharge as we move closer to winding down the academic year.

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Tammy Alvaro Guest Writer

Tammy Alvaro started as the Coordinator of Student Advancement here at MMCC, on September 15, 2008. She oversees Mid’s Campus Council MC² (all clubs, student activities and events), Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and the MMCC Foundation Students of Promise program. Tammy has been planning events for over 15 years, sometimes calling herself an "Event Junky." Her favorite event was the festival she created in Petoskey, Michigan -- Festival on the Bay. Creating a signature festival to help define the area has been in the City’s master plan for more than 9 years, but no one had ever done anything with it. She took it, established a committee, and built the festival around sunsets and waterfront activities. “Festival on the Bay has become very successful, it does just what it is supposed to do, define a community and bring local residents together to share their pride, and to draw visitors to the area. I just love planning and programming activities, then watching people enjoy the experiences,” stated Tammy. Currently there are several MMCC student clubs and club sports, including: Business Professionals of America, Chess Club, Cross Country Club, MC², One Way Ministry Club, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Political Science Club, and Soccer Club. We are in the process of forming a Mountain Biking Club and working on getting permission to build the trails. Some of the many activities that have been going on are a Student Center Lock-In, Blood Drives, Black History Month activities, a trip to Chicago is being planned, and 157 students and families enjoyed Winter Festival at Snow Snake recently. Students of Promise have experienced hands-on activities like CSI Crime Lab, building Roller Coasters, team building, and trips to the Wharton Center for a Magic Show, to Midland Center for the Arts for the Lizards and Snakes Exhibition, and more. This summer the ninth grade group will travel to Bay City and take a tall ship out for Science Under Sails, to Cheboygan to help restore a lighthouse, and they will join Phi Theta Kappa at the Disney movie premier of Earth on Earth Day, April 22, 2009. Tammy tells every student that she advises and works with, that getting involved with activities, clubs, and groups on campus and in the community really enhances their education. Students will grow as individuals, as well as, through the eyes of others. People they network with will help students to see things in themselves that they might not know is there. "I tell students every chance I get, that when they get involved in student groups and activities, they become passionate about what they’re doing and what they have learned from the experience. When they go out into the workforce, and they are in an interview for the job they want, I tell them it is that passion that will set them apart. When they tell a potential employer that they helped with an activity on campus, how they grew from it, the friendships made and how the community as a whole benefited, they will feel more confident ... and the employer will take notice."

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**Jared’s DTV Transition Tips**

**Law has changed on DTV**

Did you know that the transition to Digital Television over broadcast-only households has now officially been changed? Federal law now dictates that all full-power television stations must switch to all-digital broadcasting by June 12, 2009. But are you ready for the transition? If you have a TV that uses an antenna or rabbit ears you will need a DTV conversion box. You can pick one up at any major retailer such as Wal-Mart, or Meijer’s. If you get a converter box now you will be able to install it and watch higher quality DTV right now. More than 500 channels broadcast via analog are already converted to digital so even before June you can start watching now.

For more information visit the following URL: [http://www.nab.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home](http://www.nab.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home)

**ASC Upcoming Workshops**

Need advice on studying? Don’t know how to start researching? Could you use help figuring out those confusing calculators?

**THE ASC IS HERE TO HELP!**

The ASC will be offering workshops throughout the semester to help students master a variety of useful study skills. Topics will include, but are not limited to:

- **CALCULATOR TRAINING**
- **FINDING RESEARCH MATERIAL**
- **AND CONSIDERING YOUR AUDIENCE**
- **WHEN WRITING AN ESSAY**

Be sure to look for fliers on the bulletin boards or stop by the ASC for more information.

**Special Collection in Pickard ASC**

Professor Jim VanderMey has generously allowed the MMCC Library to showcase a temporary collection of books detailing the intriguing secrets of Asian Philosophy. This collection allows an in-depth look at the writings of Confucious, Tu Wei-Ming, Lama Surya Das, and Mencius. Titles include *The Democracy of the Dead*, a collective comparative work discussing issues in both Western and Chinese thought; *A Chinese Mirror*, a sharp and intriguing essay discussing moral reflections on the Chinese political economy and society; *Being and Ambiguity*, an engaging tome challenging the reader to question Western Philosophy and ideals through philosophical experiments with Tiantai Buddhism; and *Sun-Tzu: The Art of Warfare*, an English translation of the Yin-ch’ueh-shan’s military texts.

*These books are from a private collection and are not available for check out.*

**Laptop Checkout**

Laptops are available for 48 hour checkout at the Harrison and Pickard campuses. Stop in today!

**Black Workers Remember:**

*An Oral History of Segregation, Unionism and the Freedom Struggle*

The labor of black workers has been crucial to economic development in the United States. Yet because of racism and segregation, their contribution remains largely unknown. Spanning the 1930s to the present, this book tells the hidden history of African American workers in their own words. It provides striking firsthand accounts of black southerners living under segregation.

**ASC Testing Hours:**

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**Midterms are Right Around the Corner!**

The Library Staff would like to send a heartfelt Thank You to Mr. VanderMey for this wonderful opportunity. For more information, contact Melissa A. Rohen, mrohen@midmich.edu

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