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MCC invites student, community collaboration for large public art project

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College invites student and community collaboration for one of its largest public art projects to date: a 3,300-square-foot mural at the South Omaha Campus.

The mural will bring life to the Metro bus hub, Connector building and South Omaha Library at the south end of the campus. Two upcoming special classes will give students the opportunity to develop and execute the mural in conjunction with the Kent Bellows Studio and Center for Visual Arts, Joslyn Art Museum and South Omaha community members.

Mural artist and instructor Mike Girón and art history instructor Susan Trinkle will guide students through this hands-on learning opportunity in arts entrepreneurship, community engagement, and art design and execution. The spring class, Art in the Community, introduces students to the ideology of public art. Participants will research, design and collaborate with community members on the project. The summer class, Mural Painting, will focus on the execution of the artwork.

Current students and community members are invited to join the classes. For more information or to register, contact Greeta Barrett, academic affairs associate, at 402-289-1306. The registration deadline for the Spring quarter class, Art in the Community, is March 7.

“MCC is proud to have a home in South Omaha,” Trinkle said. “This collaborative project will create a mural to honor that nearly 35-year relationship. Our goal is to bring students and the community together to create a high-quality mural reflective of the College’s mission and the South Omaha community.”

The project is supported by MCC’s Institute for Cultural Connections, the MCC public art committee and the MCC Foundation.

Photo: Mural artist Mike Girón has led community mural projects at locations throughout Omaha, such as this project at Creighton University in 2013. The mural at Metropolitan Community College's South Omaha Campus will be a collaborative effort among students, faculty and the South Omaha community.



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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable and quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 students annually.