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MCC student named 2014 New Century Scholar

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College student Xavier Shiu recently received the prestigious recognition of being named a 2014 New Century Scholar. He was one of just 51 students nationwide to receive the honor.

Shiu, 18, was selected based on his nomination for the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society All-USA Community College Academic Team. More than 1,700 students from more than 900 community colleges were nominated for recognition.

Judges consider grades, leadership, activities and, most important, how students extend their intellectual talents beyond the classroom. As Nebraska's only New Century Scholar, Shiu represents the highest scoring student from the state.

Shiu will receive a \$2,000 scholarship and will be recognized at the American Association of Community Colleges Presidents Breakfast in Washington, D.C., on April 8. The New Century Scholars Program is sponsored by The Coca-Cola Foundation, Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Phi Theta Kappa and the American Association of Community Colleges.

Shiu, a home-school student, is enrolled in MCC's CollegeNOW! program, which offers half-price tuition for Nebraska high school students. As an MCC student ambassador, he represents the College on campus and in the community. In May, he will graduate from MCC with an associate degree. Shiu plans to continue his education at a four-year university and study biomedical engineering.

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About Metropolitan Community College

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.

About Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, headquartered in Jackson, Miss., is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1,285 chapters on two-year and community college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, Peru, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions. Nearly 3 million students have been inducted since its founding in 1918, with approximately 135,000 students inducted annually.