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MCC Foundation delivers impact on students' lives

OMAHA, Neb. — The Metropolitan Community College Foundation awarded \$151,708 through 265 different scholarships this past year. The MCC Foundation recognized the scholars and donors at this week's fourth annual scholarship reception, bringing the total to more than \$1.1 million and 1,900 scholarships awarded in the past decade.

With more than 300 guests in attendance at the MCC Institute for the Culinary Arts' Swanson Conference Center, the reception saw 20 MCC Foundation scholar graduates walk the stage to receive honor cords for Friday night's graduation ceremony. Reception attendees also heard from keynote speaker Jack Kawa, president of the Omaha Restaurant Association Foundation and former owner of Johnny's Café.

"Every year we look forward to this event as an opportunity to say thank you and celebrate student success," said Mike Abramson, MCC Foundation board president. "It is a special day each year when we bring together people who are the most critical to our work — students who receive MCCF scholarships and the donors who make them possible."

Donors such as the Omaha Restaurant Association Foundation, who Kawa noted in his keynote address as having donated \$200,000 this past year to the MCC Foundation to be used exclusively for students attending the Institute for the Culinary Arts.

Since 1977, the MCC Foundation has been the College's trusted partner in philanthropy, helping community investors connect with giving opportunities at MCC.

"I started school late in life, and scholarships have been such a blessing to me," said Amber Woolf, MCC Scholar recipient. "I didn't know where to start, and the process was easy. I can't thank everyone enough for all the encouragement and assistance they gave me."

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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.