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MCC program helping first-generation students receives grant totaling \$1.7 million

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College has received a five-year grant award from the U.S. Department of Education totaling \$1.7 million for MCC's TRiO Student Support Services programming.

MCC's TRiO/Student Support Services programming provides academic and personal support for low-income, first-generation college students as well as students with disabilities. The grant renewal will extend MCC's TRiO programming into 2020, providing 400 students each year access to academic tutoring, coaching, financial literacy and career exploration opportunities—helping students meet basic college requirements and motivating students toward successful completion of their associate degree and transfer to a four-year institution.

“MCC's TRiO program is an essential component of our comprehensive student services and academic support systems,” said Mark Patten Sr., director of student support services at MCC. “We are proud to help our students reach their academic goals through this program. The grant will help us continue to advance this mission.”

For more information, visit mccneb.edu/trio.

MCC's first year award totals \$346,742, approximately 80% of the total program cost, with remaining costs funded by MCC. Funding for subsequent years will be confirmed annually based on appropriations by the United States Congress.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, 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 unique credit and noncredit students.