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### **New truck increases student safety, learning in MCC program**

OMAHA, Neb. — To better train its students in preparation for today's workforce, Metropolitan Community College received a new, modern tractor trailer for its CDL Class A Truck Driving program yesterday as part of the alternative fuels grant that was awarded to the College previously.

The truck, manufactured by Kenworth, is one of three new trucks that will enhance the student experience at MCC. Featuring five seats, the truck has four doors and has the ability to increase student safety as well as the learning environment. In addition to running on cleaner fuel, the truck includes increase sightlines for vehicle inhabitants.

"These new trucks will give our students and our instructors a great learning atmosphere due to its spacious cab and modern technology it comes with," said Daryl Partner, CDL Class A truck driving instructor at MCC. "Safety is very important to us as well. With four doors, students are able to enter and exit the vehicle in a timely manner in case of an emergency, making this the perfect truck for our program."

The CDL Class A Truck Driving program at MCC also features an eight week learning program where students learn the safety, mechanical and driving techniques essential to earning a job in today's transportation industry. Additionally, the program has incorporated the Truck Drivers Against Trafficking curriculum, helping future drivers be part of the solution to stop the growing human trafficking problem.

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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.