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MCC receives Nebraska Diplomats award for community partnerships

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College is the recipient of the Power-In-The-Partnership award, an honor given by the Nebraska Diplomats organization. MCC was awarded for its investment in the community, corporate citizenship and volunteerism.

The award was given to MCC on Friday, Sept. 11, as part of an awards dinner held at The Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, Nebraska. The annual awards were presented by Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts. To qualify for the award, MCC was nominated for its work in economic development through its \$90 million Fort Omaha Campus expansion and other alliances with area businesses. Also highlighted was the College's volunteerism in initiatives like SkillsUSA and Books by the Busload.

"We are grateful to be recognized by the Nebraska Diplomats organization, which does so much to grow our state's economy. Metropolitan Community College understands that partnership is the key ingredient to lasting economic development efforts. It is our privilege to work together with so many talented and committed people and organizations to strengthen our workforce," said Randy Schmailzl, Metropolitan Community College president.

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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.