



Oct. 1, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT:

Sheila O'Connor

Executive Director, Office of Public Affairs

402-457-2733

[soconnor7@mccneb.edu](mailto:soconnor7@mccneb.edu)

[mccneb.edu](http://mccneb.edu)

### **MCC faculty member receives NDCS Partnership Award**

OMAHA, Neb. — Diane Good Collins, MCC's re-entry program manager, was recently honored as the 2015 recipient of the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Partnership Award. She will be officially recognized at a ceremony held Oct. 1 at the State Capitol Rotunda in Lincoln, Nebraska.

NDCS director Scott Frakes cited for her outstanding work as a liaison between MCC and the Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility and for her work over the past several years coordinating educational services and resources for inmates paroling or discharging from state correctional facilities.

Frakes said, "Collins encourages inmates to be accountable to themselves and to make positive changes in their lives."

MCC's re-entry program currently serves more than 600 individuals, including inmates at state and county facilities as well as those who have been recently released or paroled. Program services include one-on-one coaching, workshops on reintegration planning, career exploration, and life skills, and coordination of educational services offered both inside Omaha area prison facilities and to individuals once they are released.

###

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.