



**M**ontcalm Community College celebrated its 55th commencement on May 6 during a celebration in the gymnasium on the college's Sidney campus. A total of 234 degrees and certificates were awarded to graduates for the 2021-2022 academic year.

The 2022-2023 academic year marks the tenth year for Early College at Montcalm Community College. This year, 23 students are expected to graduate with a certificate or degree, 14 are on track to graduate in 2024 and 24 in 2025. Early College at MCC is a free program that allows students to leave their home high school to attend MCC for three years starting their junior year. Upon graduation, they receive their high school diploma and an associate degree or certificate from MCC. Schools participating in the Early College program include Belding, Carson City-Crystal, Central Montcalm, Greenville, Lakeview, Montabella, Saranac, Tri County and Vestaburg.

This fall, 521 high school students are also dual-enrolled in classes at MCC. Dual enrollment at MCC allows students to take college-level courses while still in high school and receive both high school and college credit. Through dual enrollment, students can take up to 10 college classes, and their high school helps pay tuition and fees up to

an approved dollar amount. Schools participating this fall include: Algoma Christian School, Alma High School, Belding High School, Berrien Springs High School, Carson City-Crystal High School, Cedar Springs High School, Central Montcalm High School, Fellowship Baptist Academy, Fulton High School, Greenville High School, Hamilton Community Schools, iCademy Global, Ionia High School, Lakeview High



Scott of Greenville and Noelle Kyes of Belding.

A total of 973 students were named to MCC's honors lists during the academic year, including 491 during the 2021 fall semester and 482 during the 2022 spring semester.

MCC's ever-popular summer camps for youths offered a variety of opportunities in areas such as arts, health careers, animation, agriculture, Legos®, law enforcement, drones, STEM learning, puppetry, fishing, welding, computers and more.

The college maintains accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission through its participation in the Open Pathway component, which affords institutions the opportunity to pursue improvement projects that meet their current needs and aspirations. In addition, MCC's nursing program maintains accreditation through the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA). [n](#)

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