Welcome to our 121st year!

Welcome to all of the families of our students at Manchester College! We used the summer to prepare for the new school year, and we are ready. Campus seems more normal now that your students have rejoined us.

Like all of you, at the College we continue to work with the extra constraints the economic recession presents to us. In many ways, that national challenge forces us to think creatively about reaching our goals in different ways.

On campus, we are reducing energy consumption when we can. We are combining mailings to reduce postage. We have stopped non-essential travel for professional development. We are holding positions open longer than we usually do.

However, we are directing any spending increases to students, because we want their experiences here to be rich and full. We have made:

- Renovations in East Hall
- Expansions to food service, including a new “grab and go” Chartwells program
- Changes in financial aid for our neediest students

Manchester College students do amazing jobs of becoming active learners. Most of them arrive at their classes ready to engage in discussions about things they are learning. Many arrange to have a learning experience abroad, whether it’s a short class during January session or a semester or year with BCA Study Abroad. Most of them make friends with other students who are very different from them in national background, race, religious belief, and more. In all these experiences, they find their places.

We are glad your students are at Manchester College. Some of them are finding opportunity. Others are finding challenge. I have found the best students anywhere!

Jo Young Switzer
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Please join us for Homecoming and Family Weekend!

The weekend of Oct. 2-4 is packed full of activities for all members of the MC community – students, their family members and, of course, alumni, who love to return to campus to see what's new and reminisce about what's still the same.

For parents and families, it's an opportunity to share a weekend together, tour campus and get a taste what campus life is like for your student.

Come on Friday to enjoy dinner in Haist Commons and a concert in Cordier Auditorium by the Symphonic and Jazz Bands and A Cappella Choir, followed by a reception in the lobby.

Saturday's activities include an all-day carnival for children, campus tours, open houses at residence halls, and athletic events, including football and men's and women's soccer. In the evening, enjoy mind reader/hypnotist Banacek or Antigone, the Homecoming play.

Antigone will be performed again on Sunday afternoon, and the Spartan volleyball team takes on Transylvania.

For a complete listing of events, visit our Homecoming page.

Look what's new for MC diners!

In response to student feedback, Chartwells is serving up exciting improvements:

**Pizza Pizza Pizza**
The top request from a spring survey was "More pizza!" Students now can enjoy even better pizza made of fresh ingredients for lunch and dinner – every day of the week.

**Outtakes**
This new Grab & Go offers a quick, healthy meal option for students on the go.

**New Oaks menu**
The Oaks snack bar features a new, upscale healthy and low-cal menu, including chopped salads, wraps, Au Bon Pain soups and Pura Vida coffee and teas.

**Trayless dining**
Optional trayless dining reduces food waste, saves water and energy, and reduces pollution. Students are encouraged to carry their filled plates and drinks without a tray, contributing to good stewardship of resources and a more sustainable world.

**Extended food service schedule**
Extended meal transfer hours better accommodate students' busy schedules, with continuous food service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays and from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays. Visit the Chartwells Dine on Campus web page for more about food service at Manchester College.

Happy Grandparents' Day!
Sept. 13 is National Grandparents Day. We wish all the best to our students’ grandparents, and if they haven’t already, welcome them to sign up to receive Family Connections e-newsletter each month. It’s a great way to stay connected with their grandchildren and Manchester College!

Questions? Feedback? E-mail familyconnections@manchester.edu.
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