Five Moberly Area Community College (MACC) students were recognized in the **Breaking Traditions Awards** contest this year. **Breaking Traditions** is a state-wide contest that recognizes exemplary students pursuing careers and programs of study that are nontraditional for their gender.

**Associate Degree Nursing student Micah Graviett,** Moberly, received top honors in this contest as State Postsecondary/Adult Male winner this year. He was nominated by Assistant Professor of Nursing Shelli Dougherty.

**Stephanie Ley,** Moberly, majoring in Welding and Metals Technology, was the State Postsecondary/Adult Female winner. She was nominated by Patricia Twaddle, Director of Career and Placement Services.

MACC students also won both male and female Regional postsecondary awards.

**Left to right:** Diana Reynolds, Career Education Coordinator, Kirksville; Pat Twaddle, MACC; Stephanie Ley, Female State winner; Micah Graviett, Male State Winner; Shelli Dougherty, MACC; Ruth Jones, MACC

**Practical Nursing student Reynald Lachhman,** Columbia, was nominated by Terry Bichsel, Practical Nursing Coordinator, and **Andrea Wilson,** Keytesville, Industrial Technology Power Plant, was nominated by Patricia Twaddle. **Christina Zeagler,** Columbia, Drafting Design Technology student, received recognition in the Honorable Mention category. She was nominated by Deanna Blickhan, Drafting Design Instructor.

**Left to right:** Diana Reynolds, Career Education Coordinator, Kirksville; Pat Twaddle, MACC; Andrea Wilson; Region II Female Regional Winner; Kristi Zeagler, Honorable Mention Winner; Rey Lachhman, Region II Male Winner; Terry Bichsel, MACC

**IN THIS ISSUE:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MACC students win Breaking Traditions Awards</td>
<td>1-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Micah Graviett</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stephanie Ley</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Traditions Scholarships</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Traditions Career Focus Workshop and Off-campus schedule</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**CAREER AND PLACEMENT SERVICES CENTER**
Moberly Area Community College
101 College Avenue
Moberly, MO 65270-1304
Rooms C02 and C21
MACC Career Center
(660) 263-4100
(800) 622-2070
Patricia Twaddle
Ext. 11232
patricit@macc.edu
Elaine Avery
Ext. 11319
elainea@macc.edu
BREAKING TRADITIONS AWARD WINNERS

For the past 18 years the Breaking Traditions Awards contest has honored outstanding students who have chosen specific nontraditional career and technical education programs based on their interests and abilities, and who have not let their gender influence their career decisions. Nontraditional programs are defined as those in which individuals from one gender comprise less than 25 percent of the individuals employed in that field. Outstanding educators who are teaching in a nontraditional career program and who are supportive of nontraditional students are also recognized. The contest is open to students in Missouri’s 12 community colleges and 52 career and technical schools. To qualify for entrance into this competition, students must be nominated by their instructors or a school administrator.

It is extremely unusual to have two state winners from the same school, considering that so many students compete for these awards. Although MACC students won many top awards in Region II in the first 17 years of the contest, MACC students had only won a total of three state awards up until this year. MACC’s career and technical program faculty and staff are very proud of their students’ achievements.

State winners Graviett and Ley were honored on April 20 at a ceremony at the Governor’s Mansion in Jefferson City, with the awards presented by Dennis Harden, Coordinator of Career Education for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. State winners will receive $500 scholarships from Moberly Area Community College. In addition, this year each winner will receive a scholarship from the Friends of the Missouri Women’s Council on behalf of the Missouri Women’s Council.

Regional and honorable mention winners were recognized in a local ceremony on the MACC campus on March 21. Each of the five winners is eligible for an MACC scholarship. All five winners also received monetary awards from the Region II Career Education Coordinator, who wrote, “Micah is able to skillfully blend both the art and science of nursing in a way that far exceeds expectations...The quality and extent of thought and research that Micah puts into his assignments makes his work the best I have seen in several years. He actively seeks learning experiences and questions how he can gain the maximum benefit in clinical experiences.” Nominators answer five questions about their candidates. Student nominees also respond to five questions, plus draft a 500 word essay.

Although he was successful in a stable career with financial stability, Micah decided to enter the field of nursing following a conversation with his daughter a few years back. Her dream was to become a doctor, but her friends were telling her to choose a more traditional and easier career path. He encouraged her to pursue her dream despite the challenges she might face and told her to choose a career that would make her happy. At that point she asked him if he was following his dream. This prompted him to make the decision to go back to school and pursue his own dream of becoming a registered nurse. He wrote, “For all I have given up to pursue this career, I have gained so much more...Only those who love what they do and completely dedicate themselves to helping others can truly call themselves nurses. I have seen it written many times that to save a life you are called a hero, but to save a thousand lives, you are called a nurse.”
Stephanie Ley was nominated for the Breaking Traditions award by Pat Twaddle, Director of Career and Placement Services, who wrote, “Stephanie successfully juggles many roles and makes it seem almost effortless...She is actively parenting six children ranging from toddlers to teenagers. She is a model college student in a nontraditional program...Her dedication to her studies, her enthusiasm, the clarity of her dreams, aspirations and goals, and her eagerness to learn make her stand apart from most.”

Ms. Ley wrote, “Mechanical ability has run in my family for generations...I want to show the way for my daughters that I can work toward achieving my own dream of learning to weld so that I can repair and build things out of metal...My career goal is to help local farmers and ranchers by setting up a local repair shop to repair and mend broken machinery and tools...With six children at home to care for, I think I may be a role model for my family and other students simply by trying something new...

I have stretched and grown in ways I cannot measure, and stepping outside my comfort zone was just the first step.”

Twenty eight MACC students were honored in the Spring 2011 New Traditions and Breaking Traditions Scholarship Awards ceremony held in the Blue Room on March 21, 2011. Over $5,000 in scholarships were dispersed from the Department of Elementary and secondary Education, MACC, and nine private donors. Congratulations to the awardees, and many thanks to the donors!

**G.E. Capital Corporate Citizenship Committee**
Dr. Mosier, Leslie Redding (representing GE), Kristina Zeagler, Julia Browning, Katherine Hopper, Heather Kindle, Dr. Jorgenson. Not pictured: Amy Sparks, Tara Thomas

**Business Women of Missouri, Huntsville chapter**
Dr. Mosier, Fannie Lou Wilhite (representing BWM-H), Jamie Birge, Dr. Jorgenson
NEW TRADITIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

Moberly Area Community College has a long and proud history of supporting and encouraging students to be successful in pursuit of their career goals and dreams. MACC sponsors the New Traditions program, administered by the Director of Career and Placement Services, to assist students who face significant barriers to achieving their goals and may have additional financial and family responsibilities that most students do not face, or be pursuing a career that is nontraditional for their gender.

New Traditions administers institutional scholarships provided by the college, a statewide fee waiver program for displaced homemakers, and donations from community groups. Over many years, New Traditions has developed relationships with a variety of civic organizations, businesses, and private individuals who support the program by funding scholarships that are allocated semi-annually.

Recently several individuals and the Business Women of Missouri-Moberly chapter donated a special fund in memory of Ruth Lawrence, a long-time member of the New Traditions Advisory Committee, who recently passed away. That special scholarship will be awarded at the fall New Traditions Scholarship ceremony at 2 p.m., November 7, in the Blue room, on the Main campus in Moberly.

The college is very appreciative of the community support for our scholars!
Congratulations to New Traditions Scholarship Awardees for Spring 2011

Interested students are encouraged to apply for New Traditions scholarships by phoning the Career and Placement Services office at 660-263-4100 ext 11232 or 11319.

If you have an application on file in our office, but some information has changed since you first applied, please call our office to report any changes in address, family status, income, or other changes, such as cost of child care or commuting distance.

Above: **Displaced Homemaker Fee Waivers**
Dr. Mosier, Deborah Drummond, Nika Gordham, Dr. Jorgenson. Not pictured: Amy Sparks

Above: **MACC Institutional New Traditions Scholarships**
Dr. Mosier, Amy Bland, Marcia Dodd, Dr. Jorgenson. Not pictured: Melissa Minnis

Above: **Business Women of Missouri, Moberly Chapter**
Dr. Mosier, Jo Ancell, Moberly (representing BWM-M), Angela Ancell, Dr. Jorgenson

Right: **Beta Sigma Phi – Laureate Eta**
Dr. Mosier, Jeanie Gelski (representing Beta Sigma Phi – Laureate Eta), Andi Swetnam, Donesha Woods, Dr. Jorgenson
Career and Placement Services serves residents within the service district served by Moberly Area Community College. Free career counseling and vocational assessment services are available to anyone seeking assistance: high school students, adults in career transition, etc. Here are the dates that the Director will be at the following MACC sites:

- Columbia: 9/8 10/13 11/22 12/13
- Hannibal: 9/15 10/18 11/17 12/15
- Kirksville: 9/1 10/20 11/3 12/1
- Mexico: 9/22 10/27 11/29 12/8

Please call for an appointment: (660) 263-4100 ext 11232

Career and Placement Services serves residents within the service district served by Moberly Area Community College. Free career counseling and vocational assessment services are available to anyone seeking assistance: high school students, adults in career transition, etc. Here are the dates that the Director will be at the following MACC sites:

- Columbia: 9/8 10/13 11/22 12/13
- Hannibal: 9/15 10/18 11/17 12/15
- Kirksville: 9/1 10/20 11/3 12/1
- Mexico: 9/22 10/27 11/29 12/8

Please call for an appointment: (660) 263-4100 ext 11232

Students who attend the Moberly campus are always welcome to visit C-02 and C-21. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are accommodated whenever possible.