Today begins Fall Semester 2016 for all MCC’ers – students, faculty and staff.

From calling rolls, reviewing syllabi, and a multitude of other activities that have to be done before the second day of Fall Semester 2016 starts, there’s no discounting the importance of the first day of class.

Campus Life is offering several events for students to get acquainted and to ease into the fall. Today and Tuesday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, bags of popcorn and calendars will be handed out outside of Ivy Hall. On Tuesday, there will ice cream treats and popsicles at Club Eagle while on Wednesday, the back-to-school pool party will get into the swim of things from 5:30. To cap it off, a cookout at noon on Thursday at Club Eagle will be held.
The College’s Diversity Committee is in the planning stages of creating a book club for the upcoming academic year, said Dr. Angie Carraway, committee chairman.

“The committee plans to sponsor a book club if interest is sufficient among MCC employees. Those who choose to participate are responsible for obtaining their own copies of the books at their own expense,” she said.

The initial plans are to meet three Fridays per semester for guided discussion of the books. “Please feel free to bring your lunch to these meetings,” Carraway noted.

With the location to be determined, the fall dates are Sept. 18, Oct. 16 and Nov. 20. Spring meetings will be Feb. 12, March 4 and April 8.

“MCC faculty members who choose to participate and who attend all three meetings each semester will receive one professional development credit per semester,” Carraway noted.

For individuals wishing to participate in the book club, please complete a survey (which can be found by going to this link: (https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/696ZT6D ), by Thursday, Aug., 20 at noon. The survey asks your preferences concerning meeting time and book choice. Carraway asks if you do not plan to participate, please do not complete the survey.

The most popular book choice will be the selection for Fall 2015, and the runner-up will be the spring read.

For this year, participation in the book club is limited to MCC employees. If the inaugural year goes well, the committee may expand the club in subsequent years, she added.

For more information, contact Carraway at extension 660, or email at acarrawa@meridiancc.edu

Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide
By Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn
From two of our most fiercely moral voices, a passionate call to arms against our era’s most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world. With Pulitzer Prize winners Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn as our guides, we undertake an odyssey through Africa and Asia to meet the extraordinary women struggling there, among them a Cambodian teenager sold into sex slavery and an Ethiopian woman who suffered devastating injuries in childbirth. Drawing on the breadth of their combined reporting experience, Kristof and WuDunn depict our world with anger, sadness, clarity, and, ultimately, hope. They show how a little help can transform the lives of women and girls abroad. That Cambodian girl eventually escaped from her brothel and, with assistance from an aid group, built a thriving retail business that supports her family. The Ethiopian woman had her injuries repaired and in time became a surgeon. A Zimbabwean mother of five, counseled to return to school, earned her doctorate and became an expert on AIDS. Through these stories, Kristof and WuDunn help us see that the key to economic progress lies in unleashing women’s potential. They make clear how so many people have helped to do just that, and how we can each do our part. Throughout much of the world, the greatest unexploited economic resource is the female half of the population. Countries such as China have prospered precisely because they emancipated women and brought them into the formal economy.

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Unleashing that process globally is not only the right thing to do; it’s also the best strategy for fighting poverty.

The Big Picture
By Dr. Ben Carson
Dr. Ben Carson is known as the originator of ground-breaking surgical procedures, a doctor who turn impossible hopes into joyous realities. He is known as well as a compassionate humanitarian who reaches beyond corporate boardrooms to touch the lives of inner-city kids. What drives him? The Big Picture. A vision of something truly worth living for, something that calls forth the best of his amazing talents, energy, and focus. In The Big Picture, Dr. Carson shares with you the overarching philosophy that has shaped his life, causing him to rise from failure to far-reaching influence. This book is not about HOW to succeed—it’s about WHY to succeed. It’s about broadening your perspectives. It’s about finding a vision for your own life that can reframe your priorities, energize your efforts, and inspire you to change the world around you.

Unbowed
By Wangari Maathai
In Unbowed, Nobel Prize winner Wangari Maathai recounts her extraordinary journey from her childhood in rural Kenya to the world stage. When Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement in 1977, she began a vital poor people’s environmental movement, focused on the empowerment of women, that soon spread across Africa. Persevering through run-ins with the Kenyan government and personal losses, and jailed and beaten on numerous occasions, Maathai continued to fight tirelessly to save Kenya’s forests and to restore democracy to her beloved country. Infused with her unique luminosity of spirit, Wangari Maathai’s remarkable story of courage, faith, and the power of persistence is destined to inspire generations to come.

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
By Rebecca Skloot
Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, and more. Henrietta’s cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can’t afford health insurance. This phenomenal New York Times bestseller tells a riveting story of the collision between ethics, race, and medicine; of scientific discovery and faith healing; and of a daughter consumed with questions about the mother she never knew.
Introduction to HAVEN

Meridian Community College is committed to creating and maintaining a community in which students and employees can learn and work together in an atmosphere free of the threat of sexual assault. Every member of the college community should be aware that the College considers personal physical safety of students and employees to be a minimal prerequisite for the establishment of a quality learning environment.

MCC views any form of sexual misconduct (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking) as a serious offense, and such behavior is prohibited by state law and by college policy. The College will investigate reports of violations of sexual misconduct in an impartial, prompt, and equitable manner. Reporting an incident is a separate step from choosing to prosecute. We are concerned with the victim’s welfare and want to ensure that the appropriate treatment and support is provided.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination based on sex in education programs and activities. The Title IX coordinator (or designee) oversees the College’s investigation and response to incidents of Title IX violations. Meridian Community College has designated Mr. Derek Mosley as the Title IX Coordinator.

MCC has partnered with EverFi to provide employees with a comprehensive sexual assault training program. HAVEN: Understanding Sexual Assault training addresses the issues of sexual assault, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, consent, bystander intervention, and risk awareness. Of particular importance are modules 49-58 which address the issues of Responsible Employee Reporting and Campus Safety Authorities (CSA). All employees should complete the training via Eaglenet within the “faculty/staff intranet & help” tab.

Responsible Employee Reporting:
All MCC employees are considered “responsible employees” with regard to reporting information related to sexual misconduct. Employees must provide the sexual misconduct information reported by a student to the employee immediately to the Title IX coordinator (Mr. Derek Mosley).

Campus Safety Authorities:
The Clery Act identifies a group of people that are required to report all crimes reported to them. This group is called Campus Security Authorities (CSA). Campus Security Authority is a term that encompasses four groups of individuals and organizations associated with the security of the College:

- Meridian Community College Campus Police
- Officials with Significant Responsibilities for Students and Student Activities
- Non-Police Security Staff
- Faculty
Menu

Monday
Chicken Spaghetti, Roast Pork loin, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Vegetable Blend and Bread

Tuesday
Red beans with Sausage, Tomato Basil Chicken, White Rice, Gravy, Butter Beans, Fried Okra and Bread

Wednesday
Country Fried Steak, Baked Pork Chops, Buttered Noodles, Field Peas with Snaps, Mixed Vegetables and Bread

Thursday
Fried Chicken, Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Vegetables and Bread

Friday
Fried Fish, Blacken Fish, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Steamed Broccoli and Bread

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE
Booking it
The Eagle’s Nest Bookstore will have extended hours from Aug. 17-20, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Aug. 21, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Regular store hours resume Aug. 24.

Granted
The deadline to apply for an MCC Foundation Course Grant is Friday, Aug. 21. For details, contact Sally Morgan at extension 704 or email smorgan@meridiancc.edu

Casting call
Auditions for A Time to Kill will be Monday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. in the McCain Theater.
Actors should prepare a serious, one-minute monologue to deliver at audition and should additional come prepared to read from a provided script.
Questions? Contact Dr. Todd Brand, chair of the fine arts and communication division, at extension 678 or email at tbrand@meridiancc.edu

Books for scholarship bucks
The MCC Faculty/Staff Association seeks used, old or unwanted textbooks, student editions, free desk copies and instructor and annotated editions to be used for book sales. Monies garnered will be earmarked for scholarships.
For more information about textbook donations, contact Dr. Constance Bradley at extension 683 or email cbradle6@meridiancc.edu

Click it
The Fall 2015 Workshop Week Evaluation is available now through Friday, Aug. 21. The participate, go to your Eaglenet login, go to Homepage: My Records, Grades, etc.; click on Personal Information; click on Answer A Survey.

For more information, contact Kathleen Edwards, administrative assistant for Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability, extension 822 or email kedwards@meridiancc.edu
### MCC Weekly Schedule
#### 17-AUG-15 to 23-AUG-15

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### CE Classes
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- CRC Certificates 0900 AM - 1200 PM Webb Hall 102
- Fitness - Water Aerobics 0930 AM - 1020 AM Fitness Center
- Fitness - Swimming 0100 PM - 0150 PM Fitness Center
- Fitness - YOGA 0130 PM - 0220 PM Fitness Center
- Adult Detention Officer Trng 0400 PM - 0900 PM Webb Hall 129
- IBEST-System Maintenance FL 0500 PM - 0900 PM Annex D 401
- Pharmacy Technician 0500 PM - 0950 PM Emergency Medical Science Acad 117

#### Tuesday
- CRC Certificates 0900 AM - 1200 PM Webb Hall 102
- Fitness - Water Aerobics 0930 AM - 1020 AM Fitness Center
- Fitness - Power Hour 0230 PM - 0320 PM Fitness Center
- Adult Detention Officer Trng 0400 PM - 0900 PM Webb Hall 129
- Phlebotomy Essentials 0450 PM - 0700 PM Emergency Medical Science Acad 117
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#### Friday
- Forklift Safety Trng 0800 AM - 0500 PM Structural Steel Welding Bldg 101
- CRC Certificates 0900 AM - 1200 PM Webb Hall 102

#### Saturday
- Street Defensive Driving 0800 AM - 0400 PM Workforce Development Center AUDITORIUM
- First Tee of Meridian 0930 AM - 1200 PM Webb Hall GSR