History of Morton College

Morton College has made a considerable difference in the lives of many area residents since opening its doors in 1924 with 11 teachers and 76 students. Morton was founded as a public junior college to further the higher education aspirations of students from Cicero, Berwyn, Forest View, Lyons, McCook, Stickney and other near west suburbs. The founders had special foresight and determination, as Morton was only the second public junior college founded in Illinois.

For nearly 40 years Morton College prospered as a junior college under the auspices of Morton High School. With the community college movement sweeping through the nation and Illinois in the mid-1960s, the Illinois Legislature passed the Illinois Community College Act in 1965, and Morton College evolved into a more broad and comprehensive role consistent with the intent of the legislature.

Residents of the entire College District elected a governing board of trustees separate from the high school and voted to build a new campus in 1972. The new Morton College campus at Central and Pershing opened the fall of 1975. This transformation was complete as Morton College evolved from a junior college into a comprehensive community college.

In the first decade of the 21st Century, Morton College experienced a physical transformation. The Library, science and computer laboratories were renovated to create state-of-the art facilities rivaling any in the country. A new Student Success Center is home to a number of important student services and the Hawthorne Works Museum pays homage to those who lived and worked in the community.

Morton College continues to move forward in welcoming students wanting to reap the benefits of education.
Did you know?

• Morton College had a book published in 2013, *Hawthorne Works*, a piece by two Morton College employees about the industrial giant in Cicero, with 100% royalties going towards scholarships to MC Art Students.

• The Annual Giving Campaign has helped fund and complete various projects around campus such as the new cafeteria sound system & the high-tech classroom.

• In 2013 the Frances A. & John M. Pechous, and Ann & James J. Zourek Scholarships were formed to fully fund two Morton College Nursing Students for two years.

• Morton College was gifted a generous donation from Koppers Incorporated that funded the new scoreboard.

• Morton College is hosting the National Alliance of Community & Technical Colleges Conference this July.

Goals for 2014

• Raise $15,000.00

• 100% participation by students, faculty & administration

• Team captains will be ready with information for you on campus

Contributions may be directed to:

• Partial Funding - Student Union Furniture

• Digital Technology for Arts & Humanities

• Greatest need for Morton College

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