

Hello Marauder Families,

Happy summer! I hope this email finds you relaxing and enjoying these first few weeks of our students' time away. I'm writing to follow up on information that came out earlier in the year about our direct college courses. I'm excited to announce that Carlson will be offering **three** courses next year through Monroe Community College. We call these courses our direct college courses because they bring college courses to Carlson's campus. All of these courses are free to students, on campus (one course is a hybrid due to the nature of the course), offered during first and second hour (to allow for our students who are involved in extracurricular activities and who have jobs), and were selected because they are the most applicable and transferable courses to an associates or bachelors degree.

The first course we are offering is Intro to English Composition I (ENG 151). This course is an entry level college composition course designed to expose students to the writing that will be expected in all of the college courses they eventually take. It is different from our English courses because our English courses focus more heavily on literature with writing as a support to the literature piece.

The second course we are offering is Intro to Humanities (HUMAN 151). This course is a humanities course designed to expose students to drama, art, music, sculpture, architecture, and philosophy. It is designed to give students the vocabulary to discuss each of these areas and how it is reflective of humanity. Carlson currently does not offer a course in humanities and it is one that is a frequent requirement of many colleges and universities.

The third course we are offering is the Intro to Automotive Service course designed to be the beginning of earning an associates degree in Automotive Service Technology (the overall goal is to have students be certified Automotive Service Technicians). This course is a hybrid course that is offered on Carlson's campus for one class a week and at MCCC's state-of-the-art automotive lab for the remainder of the classes.

My intention is to offer more college courses during the second semester of the 16-17 school year based on the demand for these courses and even more courses during the 17-18 school year with the ultimate goal of having students earn an associates degree or have the most amount of transferable classes towards a student's bachelor's degree for FREE. Stay tuned, as more information will be coming throughout the summer and this next school year.

We have already had over 75 students take the Accuplacer test for admissions into Monroe Community College. If your student needs to take this test or you have any questions, please email me at [shultzj@gibdist.net](mailto:shultzj@gibdist.net). I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thanks,

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