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IMAGE: Photo of Carl D. Mottram

Mottram named to MCC Alumni Hall of Fame

MILES CITY, MONTANA: Miles Community College is pleased to announce that Carl D. Mottram has been named the 2021-2022 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient. Mottram will be introduced at the 82nd Commencement Ceremony at the college on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00 am.

Inductees to the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame are selected for exhibiting high professional achievement, having an established a legacy of community service, and giving evidence of lifetime achievement and service since beginning their educational career at MCC. Candidates must have received an associate's degree from MCC and/or have attended MCC for a minimum of one full academic year.

"We are thrilled to be able to honor Professor Mottram at this year's commencement," said MCC President Ron Slinger. "His distinguished career is a shining example to our students about the amazing heights one can reach with a degree from Miles Community College."

Mottram moved to Miles City at the age of ten from Billings, Montana. He graduated from Custer County High School in 1973 and received a Music/Drama scholarship to attend Miles Community College. During this time, he was accepted into the MCC Nursing Program but then discovered the field of respiratory care. He completed his Associate of Arts degree at MCC before enrolling in the Rochester Community College/Mayo Clinic respiratory therapy program, where he earned an Associate of Applied Science degree. He also received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Winona State University.

This led to a successful professional career, highlighted by reaching the academic rank of Associate Professor of Medicine. He is the only individual to achieve this rank without an advanced or doctorate degree in the 150-year history of Mayo Clinic.

Professor Mottram has served on many community and professional boards, including serving as President of the Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute. CLSI is known as the leading standard and guideline organization for all disciplines in laboratory medicine.

Mottram was also the first non-pathologist or Ph.D. scientist to lead this organization. He also serves on the National Board for Respiratory Care, the organization responsible for credentialing respiratory care practitioners. Professor Mottram is the author and editor of Ruppel's Manual of Pulmonary Function Testing which is recognized worldwide as the definitive textbook in the field of pulmonary diagnostics.

"Miles Community College started me on my academic and professional path," commented Mottram. "My initial time in the drama department helped me become an engaging speaker and the college's nursing program...helped me identify my preferred medical professional career."

A live stream of the 2022 Commencement ceremony will be available on the MCC YouTube page (www.youtube.com/milescommunitycoll).

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