

# centurion athletics

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Centurion athletics at Montcalm Community College made its comeback this fall after more than 40 years.

“We have had an amazing fall season,” said Interim President Connie Stewart. “The addition of athletics has really contributed to the sense of community on our campus. It has been fun to watch our athletes and to feel the excitement.”

This fall, MCC athletes competed in women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s cross country, clay target shooting and men’s golf.

“We have a lot of talented individuals both as student-athletes and on our coaching staff,” said MCC Athletic Director Hunter Redman. “They have all worked hard and competed well this fall.”

MCC’s women’s volleyball finished the season strong, completing the 2023 season with an overall record of 7-15 and a Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Northern Conference record of 3-9. In addition, two players earned all-conference recognition.

The men’s and women’s cross country runners competed in seven meets this fall, with some individuals posting personal bests and making consistent improvements in their overall performances.

“We have had a great season this year,” said Head Coach Kevin Sweeney. “Our runners support and cheer for each other and really came together as a team.”

The college’s clay target shooting team competed in five meets at the Flat River Conservation Club in two disciplines – trap and skeet shooting – as well as a tournament at Hillsdale College where they competed against teams from other

colleges and placed third overall in the skeet discipline giving them a podium finish.

MCC’s men’s golf played in eight non-league invitationals, with one player twice being named MCCAA Western Conference Golfer of the Week. The team ended the season with a first and second-place finish and is gearing up for its regular season to kick off in April 2024.

Men’s and women’s bowling is also set to start its regular season in January 2024 and recruiting is under way for men’s and women’s basketball, which will debut fall 2024.

Stewart said she is happy to see so much support in the community for athletics.

“Athletics offer life-learning lessons on the field and through teamwork that our students may or may not be able to discover in the classroom,” she said. “Athletics contribute to characteristics such as good sportsmanship, persistence, completion and work ethic – all of which are crucial to personal and professional success. Being part of an athletic

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