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## MCTV Welcomes New Shows!



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Grab your popcorn! Manhattan College TV is adding new shows to their repertoire. Whether it be sports, comedy, reality, or simply illustrating the booming return of campus life, the media production club members are eager to expand their programming this semester.

MCTV will continue producing their current shows, Quadcast and Quad Rewind, but will be adding four new shows. Senior Tommy Courtney, president of MCTV, describes that these new shows will allow for more collaboration between other clubs and organizations on campus.

“One of our biggest goals this year is definitely kind of bringing in every single club and ... collaborating because there [are] a lot of clubs that we know people don’t know,” Courtney said. “It’s enlisting everyone that’s in a club in the Manhattan College community and obviously making content for ourselves and helping out everyone else when we can.”

The first show MCTV has added is the “Manhattan Minute,” which will provide a quick recap of the happenings on campus. Viewers will be able to check out what events and sports games are going on during the week, what food is being served at Locke’s Loft, and what the weather forecast is. MCTV has also aired a student podcast called The B.O.N.E, that discusses topics centered around holistic health.

The club will also add a show called “Jasper Reconnect,” which consists of club members chatting with students about the impact of the pandemic. As Courtney describes, the show will particularly focus on the ‘joy,

but also overwhelming’ feeling students have upon returning to campus fully in-person and reconnecting with their peers and professors.

Other ideas the club has are creating a *Billy on The Street* type reality show, where club members run up to people on the quad and ask them fun, short questions. Lastly, the club has also thought about creating a sports recap show that

features student athlete highlights and goes over sporting events of the week, including ones outside the Manhattan College community. Both of these shows are still in the pre-production phase and are on the club’s horizon for next semester.

To create shows, MCTV begins by brainstorming ideas with the whole club. Once a show has been settled on, the team maps out how to set up the cameras and studio equipment and what they will discuss on the show. Then team members edit the show, but pay close attention to how they want to portray the show, and



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what impact the music and frame selection has on the storyline. However, this process is truly a team effort, as Courtney states that each club member collaborates and shares ideas in order to make the show the best it can be.

“We just get everyone’s ideas,” Courtney said, “We spitball, share what we have, and just kind of just build and build and build until we have hopefully a great idea.”

Junior Chris Plate, field and post production supervisor for MCTV, finds that his experience in creating shows with the club has equipped him with necessary production skills and given him a chance to improve his portfolio. He encourages all students to join the club, even if they are not communication majors.

“Anything that you do on campus, it’s great for the resume,” Plate said. “When I started, I had no portfolio, so this is a great way to build it....even if you’re not a major in communications, you could just have fun with it, and it could still go on your resume. You’re showing that you’re a well rounded person.”

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One of Courtney’s goals of MCTV is to make sure the club is inviting to all who are interested in joining. As a freshman or sophomore, Courtney notes how joining a new club can be intimidating, but it doesn’t have to be. Members of MCTV get to know each other quickly through close collaboration on projects.

“We just want to let everyone feel invited,” Courtney said. “Even though a lot of people didn’t know each other... we kind of just became a team.”

In addition to encouraging students to join the club, MCTV also encourages students and faculty to tune into their new shows because they have content that will appeal to all.

“If you love Manhattan College, and you love being back on campus, check out our channel because we have everything for everyone,” Plate said.

To tune in, check out MCTV’s Instagram account [@manhattancollege](#), or go to [Manhattan College MCTV on YouTube](#). ★

