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Marvin Echols started at MATC in 1987 after spending years working for MPS, The City of Milwaukee and the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Greater Milwaukee.

Marvin spent just shy of 30 years working at MATC retiring in 2016. Most of his career he served as the Associate Dean of Professional Development. He helped provide and facilitate training and classes to help instructors maintain their certification (now FQAS formerly known as the Magnificent 7), many enrichment and personal growth classes for all employees – free of charge.

Marv, as most people called him, along with Carol Spain, former Director Judicial Affairs and Assessment at MATC started the Black Employees Association which is now the AAN – African American Network. One of their most famous events, the Holiday Raffle, still lives on to this day. It helps raise money to provide scholarships for students of color.

Marv was also instrumental in helping bring in and fund ER&D (Educational Research & Dissemination) which is now called the CTE – Center for Teaching Excellence.

Something that he is very proud of is starting the Just One Mentoring program which was started as an intervention program for students on academic suspension. He believed in this program so much, during the last years when it was written out of the college's budget, Marv was creative and found ways to keep the program afloat, including continue to pay then employee and also continue to pay Rose Massey a salary as she continued to do the work well into retirement.

Marv left a legacy of showing the importance of investing in MATC employees and students. Many of the initiatives he and other Black employees began have laid the framework for many of the initiatives and programs we have today.

Let's pay honor and recognize Mr. Marvin E. Echols!



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