Growing Opportunities
Investing in the Future
Our Mission

The MCCC Foundation is an independent nonprofit corporation whose purpose is to establish and carry out enrichment activities that support the mission of the college and the community it serves. The Foundation’s volunteer board members are college ambassadors who seek to develop community understanding and support of the college, its programs and services. They help to identify, screen and cultivate contributors, and to solicit donations.
Letter from the Chair

We live in challenging times, to be sure, but in my first year as chair of MCCC’s Foundation Board, I am energized by our dedicated members, and optimistic about our community’s support of education.

The Foundation serves to help students from all walks of life realize their dreams for a better life through affordable education. The Foundation Board supports the college by raising funds for student aid, cultural and athletic programs, and other campus needs that align with the college’s comprehensive mission.

It is a pleasure to be guided by the visionary leadership of MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue, who, with the Board of Trustees, is investing in the future of the college with significant improvements. I welcome our new Vice President for College Advancement, Mellissa Zanjani, whose wealth of experience and proven methodology and track record will help us develop a strategic fund plan that enhances the fundraising programs already in place today, and provide the tools to cultivate new supporters.

Throughout the year our generous donors, both individuals and corporate sponsors, have made investment decisions to support our students and our mission. Our donors understand the tremendous impact of their gifts, and how their generosity can completely change the life of a student.

This year we hosted a very successful Scholarship Dinner Dance and Golf Tournament, and with the proceeds we awarded scholarships to many deserving students. It was rewarding to see their smiling faces as they accepted their awards. We also initiated our Annual Campaign, to which the college’s faculty, staff and boards contributed generously.

At Mercer we are motivated by the fact that students can get an affordable, quality education that lays the foundation for career and life success. Our graduates become part of the region’s workforce and economy.

To all of our supporters, thank you for investing in the future of our students. As we continue to move out of the current recession, new doors will open and the MCCC Foundation will work to tap into the spirit of generosity that I see throughout our community.

Sincerely,

E. Karen Kennedy
Chair
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Foundation News

Foundation Chair E. Karen Kennedy is Ambitious for the Cause

A member of the MCCC Foundation Board since 1999, E. Karen Kennedy took the role of chair in January, 2009. She is inspired by seeing students succeed. “I am pleased to support opportunities for students, whether it’s in a degree program, the GED, or English as a second language. The college’s programs benefit the county and its workforce as well as its individual citizens.”

Kennedy said Mercer’s Foundation Board members are great ambassadors for the college, and they share its mission and values. She credits a strong team that includes corporate and individual sponsors, community partners, and a supportive college staff. “All of us come together to help fulfill our mission,” she said.

Major goals for 2009-10 include taking a more strategic look at all of the college’s funding needs. “We continually broaden or expand our goals to align with the college mission. When the goal is to enhance programs and facilities, the Foundation can help in those pursuits in addition to providing scholarships.”

Giving donors more choices for how their gift will be used is another major goal, as is recognizing the generosity of donors in appropriate ways.

Initially joining the board as a representative of Dow Jones, Kennedy honed her skills by serving as chair of the Scholarship Committee and as chair of the 2005 Dinner Dance Committee. A Trenton native, Kennedy has a bachelor’s degree from Villanova University, an MBA from Regis University, and Project Management certification from George Washington University. She was employed at Dow Jones & Company for many years, and worked in a variety of management positions within the consumer media publishing group.

Kennedy looks forward to building new momentum in support of students and the college. “I have a great deal of energy and ambition for the cause.”

Vice-Chair Lynne Cannon Wants to Build a Tradition of Giving

Lynne Cannon views her service on MCCC’s Foundation Board as an integral part of her life. Originally appointed as the representative of Bristol-Myers Squibb, she has served the college for 15 years. She has also established an endowed scholarship for Funeral Service students in memory of her mother, Columbia Bibbo Petrolle, who was in the funeral service business.

In her new role as Foundation Vice-Chair, Cannon’s goals include building on the MCCC Foundation’s history of success. “I think we need to retain what we do well – providing scholarships – and to broaden our base to include greater funding sources.”

One area of interest to Cannon is to encourage a broad base of donors from the college’s alumni.

“What we want to put in place and recognize is that gifts of $5, $10 or $25 are meaningful. We want to build a tradition of giving among those who got their educational foundation at Mercer.”

Cannon is president of the Princeton Management Development Institute, Inc., which provides human resources and organization development to pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and healthcare companies. She has over 25 years of corporate and consulting experience in strategic human resources management, executive search and selection, organization development/teambuilding, leadership development, and executive coaching and counseling. In addition, she has held the position of global vice president of human resources both for Novartis and Bristol-Myers Squibb, and was corporate director of leadership and organization development for Becton Dickinson, Inc. Currently she is vice chair of the board of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton.

Cannon was a principal and a founding member of The Leader’s Edge, an executive development service for executive women. In addition, she has been an instructor in the Executive Program in Organization Development at the University of Michigan Business School, and worked as consultant in a Management of Organization course at Columbia University Business School. She holds a BA from Beaver College and an M.Ed. and ABD from Columbia University.

Cannon said her service on the Foundation is important to her personally. “I love the Foundation. It is part of my blood.”
More than 300 friends and supporters of MCCC gave generously to make the Foundation Board’s 2009 Scholarship Dinner Dance a success. In keeping with the theme, “On a Sea Cruise,” the event featured an elegant dinner, dancing and a silent auction. Jill Whelan, a cast member in the TV show “Love Boat,” greeted guests.

All dollars raised go directly to scholarships for students who might not otherwise have the opportunity for a college education. This year the event raised $77,029 in net receipts for student scholarships.

A popular Silent Auction included original artwork donated by area artists, including MCCC Fine Arts faculty members who coordinate this portion of the auction. Other donated auction items included jewelry, gift certificates, wine sets, glassware, appliances and much more.

Nina Melker of The Bank of Princeton served as committee chair, assisted by community volunteers Ehab Abousabe, Jeff Cafiero, Anthony Cimino, Pasquale A. Colavita, Jr., Jamil Faridy, E. Karen Kennedy, Richard J. Kisco, Timothy J. Losch, Maureen Lucido, Anna Lustenberg, Thomas S. Perrino, Marie A. Puca, David Reina, Ruth Rosser and Donald Tretola.

**Major 2009 Dinner Dance Sponsors**

**Platinum Sponsor**
Janssen, Division of Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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Former Princeton Township mayor Phyllis Marchand, left, enjoys a moment with Assemblyman Rush Holt and MCCC student Harry Watson.

Members of the 2009 Dinner Dance Committee during a meeting are Jeff Cafiero, Ruth Rosser, Jamil Faridy, Ehab Abousabe and Nina Melker, chair.
The architectural firm Faridy Veisz Fraytak, P.C., has been a loyal supporter of MCCC for more than 40 years. The firm designed the college’s striking Conference Center and the addition to the Physical Education building. Many MCCC architecture students have gained experience at the firm. Former company president Jamil Faridy has served on Mercer’s Foundation Board for the past 18 years and is a major fundraiser for the college. He endowed a scholarship for architecture students 12 years ago. The firm’s current president, David Fraytak, also a member of the Foundation Board, serves on the MCCC Golf Tournament Committee and is a major supporter of scholarships. John Veisz, the company’s corporate secretary/treasurer, is a Mercer graduate and has served as a member of the adjunct faculty.

Janssen, Division of Ortho McNeil Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a part of the Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies, has been a long-term partner with MCCC. Through a special grant in support of programs in the health professions and science, the company renovated and retrofitted science labs at the James Kerney Campus. Janssen has been a corporate sponsor of the Scholarship Dinner Dance since 1989. In 2004 the company endowed the Dr. Paul Janssen Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to students in allied health fields. In 2000-2001 Janssen executives mentored pre-teens and teens in youth programs at the James Kerney Campus.

Richard Kisco, owner of Le Fleur, The Princeton Flower Shop, is a 1969 graduate of MCCC and a community ambassador for the college. Along with a group of other committed community volunteers, he was a charter member of the Scholarship Dinner Dance Committee, which began in 1990. Each year since then he has served as the creative consultant and florist, working to create a compelling visual atmosphere for Mercer’s gala. He has involved Mercer’s students in the creative process whenever possible.

Kisco is a member of the college’s Foundation Board and volunteers with numerous other community organizations. His shop has employed many MCCC students over the years. He credits Mercer with giving him a good start on his education, which he continued at Waynesburg and Ohio State universities.

Three Long-time Supporters of MCCC Honored

Katie Reilly-Gauvin, vice president of sales and marketing for Janssen Pharmaceuticals, left, accepts the “Spirit of Education Award” on the company’s behalf. She is pictured with MCCC Foundation Board member Nina Melker.

President Donohue with “Spirit of Service” awardee Richard Kisco.
**MCCC Golf Classic Raises Funds for Student-Athletes**

The Athletics Department welcomed 84 golfers to the Mercer Oaks Golf Club in West Windsor on Oct. 6 for its 17th Annual MCCC Golf Classic. The event raised approximately $15,000 for athletic scholarships.

MCCC President Patricia Donohue praised participants for their commitment to Mercer’s student-athletes, which conveys the message that the community is behind them and provides the dollars to make their college education a reality.

The day of golf concluded with an awards banquet. The winning team included Tom Perrino, Gary Houghton and Phil Voorhees. The second-place team was Bob Klee, Joe Sudol, John Sinagra and Shawn Rooney. A silent auction with gifts donated by many supporters added to the festivities.

Community members who served on this year’s committee were Doug Borden of Borden Perlman Insurance, Dave Fraytak of Faridy, Veisz, Fraytak, Michele Siekerka, Esq., president and CEO of the Mercer Regional Chamber of Commerce, Ken Stout and Steve Ritzau. The event is held in memory of Ritzau’s wife, Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, a local physician who served on the MCCC Foundation Board. A true community leader, Dr. Schaffer was dedicated to giving back to the community, focusing her efforts on children’s health and youth sports.

Student athletes assisted at the event.
**MCCC Kicks Off Fund for Student Art Gallery**

**As Tribute to Professor Mel Leipzig**

Friends, colleagues, students and alumni turned out in large numbers April 29 to pay tribute to artist and long-time MCCC Professor of Art and Art History, Mel Leipzig, and to kick off a fundraising drive for a student art gallery.

The tribute included a presentation by former Leipzig student Mike Dill, who is also an MCCC staff member. Dill’s framed photographic portrait of Leipzig, along with a collage of Dill’s photography and line drawings by MCCC student Ryan Lawyer, are now on permanent display at the college. Copies of the artwork are available as donor gifts for those who contribute toward the student gallery.

A much-heralded realist painter, Leipzig often uses MCCC colleagues as his subject matter. His work has garnered a multitude of awards and honors.

For more information on donating to the student art gallery, contact the office of Donor Relations at 609-570-3607, or email foundation@mccc.edu.

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**Grant Funding Lays Foundation for Student Success**

**GEAR UP Celebrates Ten Years; College-Bound Students Are Testament to Program’s Success**

Since the establishment of NJ GEAR UP in 1999, Mercer County Community College has participated in this transformative college access initiative. Funded by the federal government and administered by the NJ Commission on Higher Education, GEAR UP has provided intensive college preparation in language arts, math, science, and more to thousands of students at five sites statewide. Mercer’s four GEAR UP staff members, based at the James Kerney Campus, taught, mentored and advised 379 students this year.

The program’s success is revealed in the numbers. 86 percent of GEAR UP’s 2009 graduating seniors are now pursuing their dreams in college. Current senior Anya Boynton has been an enthusiastic participant since seventh grade and is on track to attend college next year with the goal of being a lawyer. “It’s been wonderful,” she says. “I can’t imagine my life without GEAR UP.” She adds that her friends from the program are a tight-knit group and “much more focused than other kids our age. The teachers here push us to do our best.”

Parent Alice Burke, treasurer of the GEAR UP Parents Association, is a strong supporter, having seen the benefits for her own daughter, a high school junior. “These children respond to the high expectations that have been set for them. They gain maturity, confidence and a sense of responsibility.” The Parents Association has an important fund-raising role, raising funds for parent workshops, for families in times of loss, and for scholarships to college-bound seniors. In June, the group presented two $1,000 scholarships to college-bound seniors.
Scholarship Highlights

A total of 213 outstanding students were the recipients of scholarships provided by generous companies and private benefactors during 2008-09. In awards ceremonies during the fall semester and prior to commencement in May, MCCC gave students the opportunity to meet with their scholarship donors.

A sampling of these benefactors and the students who received their support are presented here.

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation renewed its $50,000 challenge grant for a second year. The college has again matched the dollars for this endowed fund, in part through a $20,000 gift from the Walter and Louise Sutcliffe Foundation and a $10,000 gift from the Mary Scarano Scholarship, given in memory of this long-time MCCC staff member by her supervisor and friend, HelenMarie Dolton, retired MCCC Dean of Nursing.

The Links Foundation, Inc. donated a $1,000 scholarship to a first-year student from Trenton Central High School. Links is an organization of professional women of color located throughout the U.S. whose mission includes services to youth.

Two nursing students received scholarships from the Josephine Peiser Charitable Foundation. The Foundation renewed its $10,000 scholarship for continuing students in financial need who are studying nursing and other health professions. This funding will continue through 2010.

Professor Emeritus Charles Perryman, left, with student recipients of the Professor Emeriti Association scholarships. The group of retired MCCC faculty members raises funds each year to assist students entering MCCC.
Special Scholarships for James Kerney Campus Students

Twenty-one James Kerney Campus students were presented with scholarships at the 2009 “Celebration of Academic Success” this spring. The scholarships were given by the Urban League Guild, the Metropolitan Trenton African-American Chamber of Commerce, the Arthur J. Holland Scholarship Fund, and several anonymous donors.

Scholarship recipients are pictured with MCCC Donor Relations Coordinator Barbara Prince, second from left.

The Community Supports MCCC’s Hospitality Programs

Mercer’s Hospitality programs enjoyed the generous support of ten food service businesses and restaurants this year, who gave scholarship dollars and provided chef’s jackets for students.

The following organizations gave $1,000 donations:

- Blue Bottle Cafe
- Firmenich, Inc.
- Flavor Dynamics, Inc.
- Nassau Inn
- Original Soup Man
- Whole Foods of Princeton
- Princeton Marriott
- RC Fine Foods
- Sysco Food
- Whole Foods of Princeton

Donor Rory Philipson, left, owner of Blue Bottle Café in Hopewell, presents a scholarship to Minerva DeCarlo. Associate Professor Doug Fee is at right.

Professor Sandra Kerr presents the Theresa Ann Antinoro Memorial Scholarship in Radiography to Emmanuel Donkor, who also won the Mallinckrodt Medical Recognition Award at the May Honors Convocation. A Dean’s List student, Donkor was raised in Ghana.

Associate Professor Cavit Cooley presents the Criminal Justice Scholarship from the Mercer County Association of Chiefs of Police to honors graduate Michael Virtik.
Mellissia Zanjani Joins MCCC as Vice President for College Advancement

With many years of administrative experience and expertise in College Advancement, Mellissia Zanjani has assumed the post of vice president for college advancement at Mercer. She most recently served as vice president of institutional advancement at Tacoma Community College in Washington state.

Previously Zanjani was director of development and alumni relations at Harford Community College, and served as program director for the American Lung Association of New Jersey. Currently completing her Ph.D. in Adult Higher Education and Administration at Oregon State, Zanjani earned her M.S. in Human Resource Development from Towson University and her B.A. in Political Psychology from Chatham University. She is a Certified Fundraising Executive through the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Annual Campaign Launched in 2009

This year the College Advancement Office kicked off its internal Annual Campaign for the MCCC family. Members of the Board of Trustees, Foundation Board, college staff and faculty members, and members of the Faculty Emeriti Association donated $23,000. These funds were quickly put to use for much-needed items including teaching equipment for the new Solar/Energy Technology Certificate program, voice enabling tools for online courses offered through The Virtual College, and assistive technology for disabled students at the college Library.

In 2009-10 the campaign will be extended to external friends of the college, including alumni and the public.
Ways of Giving

We invite you to invest in Mercer County Community College. Partner with us as we help the college continue to provide the highest quality educational opportunities for our students, train skilled workers, and bring cultural and artistic programs to the community.

There are many ways to participate. Whether you give a scholarship, an annual gift to the area of greatest need, or a specific gift to a program or scholarship, your donation will make a difference to the future of the college and our students.

The Mercer County Community College Foundation is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (Tax ID number 836-930-468). Your gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. You can make an unrestricted gift, which allows the college to have the greatest flexibility in addressing its needs, or direct your support to a specific area, such as innovative curricula, facility needs, student scholarships, athletics, Kelsey Theatre, WWFM The Classical Network and JazzOn2, international study tours or many other programmatic needs. You can also specify whether you would like your support directed to the college’s West Windsor Campus or the James Kerney Campus in downtown Trenton. In addition, opportunities exist for naming facilities and programs.

Please contact us if you have questions or would like to discuss opportunities for giving. All inquiries will be handled with prompt and confidential attention. We suggest that you consult with your financial and tax advisors concerning the specific tax-benefits of your gift.

Listed at right are the ways that you can invest in higher education and make a lasting impact on our community.

We appreciate your generosity, and would be happy to discuss your many giving options. Please contact us.

Mellissia Zanjani
Vice President for College Advancement
Call 609-570-3661 or email foundation@mccc.edu
Donors may give online at www.mccc.edu/give

Securities: Gifts of appreciated securities may offer substantial tax advantages. These include forgiveness of the tax on capital gains, and an income tax charitable deduction for the fair market value of the securities.

Bequests: You can elect to remember MCCC with a bequest in your will. Your bequest may have estate tax planning benefits. When you advise us that you have made a bequest, you will become eligible for membership in the Mercer Legacy Society.

Property: The MCCC Foundation will consider accepting gifts of retirement assets, real property, life insurance policies, and tangible personal property.

Tribute Gifts: These gifts provide a special opportunity to honor the memory of a family member or friend, or to recognize an individual or a life occasion.

Matching Gifts: Many employers offer matching gift programs that will significantly increase the value of your donation. Contact your Human Resources Department to find out if your company participates.

Donor Advised Funds: If you have established a Donor Advised Fund through another organization (e.g., community foundation or investment firm), you may recommend the award of a grant to the MCCC Foundation. Please check the guidelines pertaining to your fund.

Please endorse gifts to the Mercer County Community College Foundation.
Financial Overview  FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

Since its establishment in 1976, the Mercer County Community College Foundation continues to grow in its ability to connect with private donors to support student learning success and college programs. The financial health and vitality of the organization is a testament to the expertise, understanding, and commitment the members of the Foundation’s Board of Directors bring to their volunteer roles, and to our ability to respond to the philanthropic wishes of our donors from current and prior years.

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Established in 1966, Mercer County Community College is a publicly-supported comprehensive educational institution that provides opportunities for higher education through an open-door admission policy. Mercer is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education has authorized Mercer to award the associate degree. The college offers 68 associate degree programs, certificate programs and a variety of noncredit programs.

Campuses:
West Windsor Campus
1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, NJ
James Kerney Campus
102 North Broad Street, Trenton
The Virtual College

Profile of MCCC credit students:
More than 300,000 credit students have attended MCCC since its founding in 1966.

More than 13,000 credit students enroll in one or more credit courses each year.
Enrollment includes 62% part-time students, 38% full-time; 43% men and 57% women.
Ethnicity: 45.1% Caucasian; 25.5% African-American; 11.1% Hispanic; 6.5% Asian; .4% Indian/Pacific Islander; 11.4% unreported.

International students represent more than 85 countries and make up 5 to 6% of the student population.

The average age of a full-time student is 22. The average age of a part-timer is 30.

The average class size is 21.
More than 35% of Mercer’s graduates transfer to senior colleges or universities.
The NJ STARS program includes 205 top-performing students.
Our Honors Program served 50 students.
Mercer served 550 students with disabilities.
Mercer offers intercollegiate competition in men’s and women’s soccer, basketball, tennis, men’s baseball and women’s softball. Mercer is a member of the NJCAA Region 19 and the Garden State Athletic Conference.

Cultural enrichment programs offered by MCCC:
• Kelsey Theatre hosts theatrical events year-round for adults and children.
• The Gallery mounts six major art exhibits.
• WWFM offers classical (89.1) and jazz music programming on HD2, and webcast streaming.

In addition to credit programs, Mercer provides community education, training and professional development through a variety of noncredit programs:
• The Center for Continuing Studies
• The Center for Training and Development
• The Career Training Institute
• The English Language Institute
• Basic Adult Education and GED
• Fire Training programs at The Dempster Fire Training Center
• The Mercer County Police Academy shares space on our campus.
• Youth Development Programs and summer camps for children and teens
• Distinguished Lecture Series with visiting speakers

College Annual Report for 2008-2009
Mercer County Community College’s Annual Report details the news and successes of 2008-2009. The report is available online at www.mccc.edu/news_annual-reports or by calling 609-570-3608 to request a copy.

Coming Attractions
In 2009-10 Mercer County Community College kicks off a host of new academic programs including Game Design, Digital Film, Culinary Arts and Physics.
The college will host the NJCAA Men’s Div. I Soccer National Championships Nov. 18-22, 2009.
With the goal of broadening the global exposure of MCCC students, new faculty-led Study Tours will be offered in May and June of 2010 to Italy and Germany/Switzerland. The tours will be part of three different classes in architecture, business, and food and culture.