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Learning Opportunities
For A New Economy*



**MERCER COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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*A vital college, engaged with its community,
and dedicated above all else to student success.*

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Abundant Learning Opportunities for a New Economy

Message from the President

Mercer County Community College has never been more keenly aware of the importance of our mission. In this difficult economy, we are providing an abundance of new opportunities for students of all ages. In addition to serving higher numbers of traditional students, we have welcomed many who seek retraining for new careers or new skills to enhance their employability.

Responding quickly to changing times – a task community colleges do particularly well – our talented faculty and staff have designed new majors and concentrations, planned a Winter Session and a Study Abroad program, and worked with partners from four-year colleges to bring additional bachelor's degree programs to campus.

This year we welcomed 205 NJSTARS students, some of the county's best. We graduated 998 students, our highest number ever, and welcomed Governor Jon Corzine to campus as our commencement speaker. Many of our graduates transferred to top colleges throughout the state and country.

With the assistance and patient cooperation of staff, faculty and students, we undertook a major facilities upgrade that is now nearing completion. The One-Stop Student Center and Library construction and renovation project has enabled us to greatly improve services to students.

We hosted numerous cultural events for county residents through Kelsey Theatre, The Gallery and our Distinguished Lecture Series. We offered student musical performances, dramas and dance. We welcomed high school teams and community leagues to our athletic facilities.

We were energized as President Obama announced new initiatives to bolster community colleges. We agree with educator Jill Biden, who said in a recent Forbes magazine article, "By supporting community colleges and by encouraging them to improve their graduation rates, the Obama-Biden administration is helping millions of Americans gain skills and confidence to lift the nation out of hard times. I can't think of a better investment."

I invite you to read through this report, and learn more about our investment in learning and student success this year.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Donohue, Ph.D.

President, Mercer County Community College



Planning New Academic Initiatives

BACK TO SCHOOL

Wendy Mantz first came to Mercer in 2004 and completes her degree in Accounting in fall 2009. She has worked her way up in a banking career that she began as a teller, and is now assistant vice president for First Constitution Bank. A top student, she plans to continue her education toward a BA and CPA. She said, "I enjoy school, and I am continuing to move up in my profession."



To provide ever-increasing options for students, Mercer's administrators and faculty members have planned exciting new initiatives.

The Winter Session

Utilizing downtime during winter break, the college will offer a new Winter Session, with online classes to run for six weeks beginning Dec. 21, 2009, and on-campus classes to run for three weeks starting Jan. 4, 2010. Nearly 30 courses from across the curriculum will be offered.

Study Abroad Program

With the goal of broadening the global exposure of MCCC students, new Study Tours will be offered in May and June of 2010 to Italy and Germany/Switzerland. The faculty-led tours will be part of three different classes studying architecture, business, and food and culture. Students may enroll on a credit or noncredit basis and the tours are open to the public, including students from other colleges.

Nursing Program Offers "Hybrid" Option

In order to fit the schedules of nurses who work full- or part-time, a hybrid Nursing option offers professional nursing classes online, and the clinical/lab component in a 12-hour session one day per week.

Degree and Certificate Options

An associate degree in Physics was designed for students who wish to transfer into bachelor's degree programs in physics and engineering.

A certificate program in Solar/Energy Technology prepares students for jobs in these rapidly growing fields.

Planned to begin officially in Spring 2010 are new associate in applied science degree programs in Culinary Arts, Digital Film, and Game Design.

New Concentrations in Business

Working with industry professionals to plan programs for careers in demand, Mercer developed a new Global Business option under the Business Administration program and an Insurance / Financial Services option under the Business Management program.



Focus on Faculty and Staff

The Dr. Beverly A. Richardson Learning Center

In recognition of the accomplishments of Dr. Beverly Richardson, who retired this May after 28 years of service, MCCC's Board of Trustees has renamed the James Kerney Campus Learning Center the "Dr. Beverly A. Richardson Learning Center." Dr. Richardson was instrumental in conceiving and designing the center.

Dr. Richardson most recently served as vice president for College Advancement, and for many years was provost at the James Kerney Campus in downtown Trenton. During her tenure there, the student population more than doubled, and Dr. Richardson secured grant funding for numerous new initiatives to better serve an urban population.

Professor Dori Seider Honored with Distinguished Teaching Award

Professor Dori Seider was selected by her colleagues to receive the college's 2009 Distinguished Teaching Award. She was cited for excellence in teaching, as well as her compassion, wisdom and optimism. Dr. Seider has taught a range of subjects at Mercer for 37 years, including psychology, French and education. She earned her doctorate from the University of Vermont and is the author of three books.

The Virtual College Wins National Award

With its creativity, enthusiasm and team approach, MCCC's Virtual College was recognized this year with the "Outstanding Technical Support and Service in ELearning Award" from the Instructional Technology Council.

The judges commended the staff's innovative approaches, such as the multimedia game show format for student orientation to online courses, and the unique features and personality of the unit's website, especially its streaming videos that highlight college faculty members.



Dr. Beverly A. Richardson



Dr. Dori Seider



Pictured from left are staff members Alexander Mathew, Assistant Dean Debbie Kell, MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue, Michael Sullivan and Rodney Hargis.

Partnerships for Success

New Transfer Agreement in Culinology/ Food Science

Mercer and Rutgers University have signed a transfer agreement that enables students who complete Mercer's Associate in Science degree in Culinology™ to transfer up to 74 credits to Rutgers University toward a B.S. in Food Science. Graduates will also have the opportunity to earn their certification with the Research Chefs Association. Culinology blends the disciplines of food science and the culinary arts.

Career and Transfer Services

For many, Mercer is the first important step toward earning a bachelor's degree. Recent New Jersey legislation ensures that community college credits will transfer easily to most public New Jersey four-year colleges. Mercer also holds dual admissions and transfer agreements with other colleges in New Jersey and nationwide. This year the college signed new agreements with Kaplan and Carlow Universities.

Mercer's Transfer and Career Services Office hosted more than 40 informational sessions for students and potential students in addition to providing individualized advisement.

A Healthy Partnership:

MCCC and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Hamilton

The college honored Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) University Hospital Hamilton with its "Partner in Learning Award" in the fall.

Each year RWJ Hamilton opens its doors wide to Mercer's students, providing a key health care site for the required clinical component of programs in Nursing, Medical Laboratory Technology, Radiography, Physical Therapist Assistant and Exercise Science. RWJ Hamilton also offers paid summer externships for Nursing students that provide invaluable hands-on experience.

The hospital counts many MCCC students among its employee ranks, and many receive tuition support from the hospital.



Mukund V. Karwe of the Rutgers School of Environmental and Biological Sciences, and MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue sign a new transfer agreement. Standing, from left, are MCCC Professor Dong Fee, Jeffrey Cousminer of the Research Chefs Association, and MCCC Dean Mark McCormick.



From left are 2009 Nursing graduates Deddeb Mellich, Charnel Williams-Lopez, Stacey Novak, Lois Passave, Josephine Torre, Henry Quoi, Lisa Rago, and Kayabri Sudbakar.





The University Center at Mercer — Bachelor's Degree Programs on Campus

William Paterson University

Through a new agreement signed in June, Mercer graduates will be able to earn their bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education, Liberal Studies and Psychology from William Paterson University (WPU) without leaving the MCCC campus.

Beginning in Fall 2009, the WPU program accommodates working students, with classes scheduled during late afternoons, evenings, Fridays, weekends and online. Classes are taught by William Paterson faculty members. For those in the Education program, student teaching placements will be in the Mercer County area.

Felician College

Mercer welcomed 15 students this spring under a new agreement with Felician College of Lodi, N.J., that makes it possible for nurses to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree right on MCCC's campus in West Windsor.

The students will remain together as a cohort throughout the "fast track" 19-month program, which meets for a full day of classes every Tuesday. Admission requirements include licensure in New Jersey as a registered nurse, an associate degree, or a nursing diploma plus additional college credits.

Most of the new students work full-time in a variety of health care settings, and bring with them a wide range of experience.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Initiated in 2006, a partnership with Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) expanded this year to include two new programs: Communication Studies and Criminal Justice.

FDU enables MCCC graduates from specific programs to enter its bachelor's degree programs, taught by FDU faculty members at Mercer's West Windsor campus. In addition to the new programs, FDU offers programs in Business and Technology and Hospitality Management.

Those who complete FDU's Hospitality Management program can also continue at FDU on the Mercer campus in graduate courses that lead to a Master of Science degree in Hospitality Management Studies.



MCCC President Patricia C. Donobue and William Paterson University President Arnold Speert sign a new agreement. Standing, from left, are MCCC Vice President Guy Generals and WPU Provost and Senior Vice President Edward Weil.



The January 2009 incoming class of Felician College's BSN program at Mercer. At center are Felician Vice President William Morgan and MCCC President Patricia C. Donobue.



Frank Benowitz, left, who teaches for both FDU and MCCC, is pictured with his FDU class in "Hospitality, Supervision and Labor."

Celebrating Student Success



Student reporters and editors of The College Voice, seated from left, are: Mabel Duran-Sanchez, Katrina Brophy, and Kento Watanabe; standing from left are: Susana Sanchez, Jason Braum, Matt Williams, Mike Kay, Caroline Fling, David Hoyt, Brian Edgeworth, Sandy Issac, and Eva Surany.

Student Newspaper Cited for Excellence

Mercer's student newspaper, *The College Voice*, was recognized with six awards from the New Jersey Collegiate Press Association in an annual statewide competition judged by news professionals. Awards included First Place for General Excellence for a two-year college and Second Place for Layout and Design. Awards for individual contributions included First Place for Feature Writing to Editor-in-Chief Susana Sanchez; Second Place for Newswriting to Managing Editor David Hoyt; First Place for General Photography to Mike Kay; and Honorable Mention for General Photography to Kendra Yu. Holly-Katherine Mathews is the newspaper's advisor.

Television Production Students Win Aegis Awards

Mercer's Television students were recognized with two Aegis Awards in the student production category this year. Aegis is an annual television production competition for professional companies and schools in the United States and Canada.

A First Place Award went to the MCTV Club for its live coverage of the 2009 Mercer County High School Basketball Championships in February. Advised by faculty member Steve Voorbees, 20 student volunteers produced a four-hour broadcast of boys and girls title games that aired live throughout Mercer County.

Earning an Aegis Finalist Award was a marketing video for the MCCC Automotive Program, designed and produced by four students.

Theatre Students Stretch Their Wings

Continuing to raise the bar for students, the Theatre program staged three major productions this year. In the fall, students performed two great works by Henrik Ibsen, "*A Doll House*" and "*Hedda Gabler*." In the spring, they turned to contemporary issues with "*Angels in America, Part I*." Embracing complex material, their performances were stunning in both dramatic depth and technical skill. Students from the Entertainment Technology program managed lighting and sound.



The production team for the award-winning basketball championship broadcast, from left, are faculty member Craig Coenen, Ben Stentz, Adam Jayszyn, Vibha Patel, Suba Gur, Chrysti Neuman, Chris Ghaffoor, Joshua Nulman, and faculty member Steve Voorbees.



Students Deena Jiles and Solomon Mason in "Hedda Gabler."



New Planes, New Plans for Aviation Flight Technology

New funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Buehler Foundation gave the Aviation Flight Technology program new wings this year, enabling MCCC to purchase several new airplanes. Known for excellence, Mercer's program attracts students from throughout the tri-state region.

Last fall the college's Flight Team members took first place in the Region VII Safecon competition of the National Intercollegiate Flight Association, and also earned individual awards. Over the past 28 years Mercer's flight teams have taken the first place award 15 times at regional competitions, competing against two- and four-year colleges, and have taken home several national awards in the community college category.



Aviation Technical Assistant Judith Stillwagon holds one of the trophies won by the MCCC Flight Team. At left is Marc Schambers, who took the "Top Male Pilot" award; at right is Judy Galayda, winner of the "Top Female Pilot" award.

Celebrating James Kerney Campus Student Achievement

This spring Mercer's James Kerney Campus celebrated the academic achievements of students completing both credit and noncredit programs. Awardees included associate degree graduates who began their studies at the James Kerney Campus or took most of their classes there, graduates of the Career Training Institute, graduates of the GED program, and English Language Institute graduates from 20 different countries.

Twenty-two students were presented with scholarships from generous donors, including the Urban League Guild, the Metropolitan Trenton African-American Chamber of Commerce, the Arthur J. Holland Scholarship Fund and anonymous contributors.

Student Radio Reaches Broadcast Status

Mercer's student radio station is, for the first time, a true broadcast station, operating on the college's HD3 channel under WWFM (89.1), and reaching most of Mercer County. Students in the Radio Club operate the station live on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., working as general manager and program director in addition to on-air hosts. Students are now learning in a newly renovated "Viking Radio" lab in the MCCC Student Center.



Adren Paul-Coker, a May graduate of the Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management program, speaks on behalf of associate degree graduates at the James Kerney Campus.





Rev. Michelle Bazin, center, with students Zadewine Kemah, left, and Mai Toe.

MCCC Celebrates Black History Month

Galvanized by a dynamic African-American Student Organization, the entire college community participated in the celebration of Black History Month at both campuses. Rev. Michelle Bazin presented a talk about the role of the church from slavery to today. Bazin's lecture was part of a series that included Harriet Tubman descendant Sidney Taylor, civil rights activist Jesse Epps, and Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman. Other events included a jazz café and a poetry contest judged by faculty and staff.



Nursing student Angela Onyinke.

Seventy-Seven New Nurses Ready to Help and Heal

In this era of nursing shortages, MCCC is helping to fill the need. During pinning ceremonies in January and May, Mercer conferred 77 Associate in Science degrees in Nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the certifying exam for registered nurses.

Many of Mercer's diverse Nursing graduates were career changers, including a former food scientist, a former environmental engineer, and a former bartender. These motivated students came together like a family during their challenging academic journey. As January class valedictorian Dawn Bates said, "We are all so different, but we have one thing in common – our love for nursing, for making the future better and for helping people in their time of need." Mercer's programs in the health professions also include Health Science, Exercise Science, Medical Laboratory Technology, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiography, and Pre-Med Biology.

Governor Jon Corzine Speaks at Commencement; Graduate Numbers at an All-Time High

In May, Mercer granted diplomas to 998 students, the highest number in the college's history. Citing several successful MCCC alumni, guest speaker Governor Jon S. Corzine encouraged the grads to set their goals high, not only for themselves but for their children and their children's children.



Speaking on behalf of the student population, Information Technology grad Rodney Hargis elicited cheers with his uplifting message and rousing delivery. Hargis was a returning student who overcame many hardships to achieve President's List status and a national technology award. He challenged the grads not to give up, "no matter what!"





Sports Highlights

With a combined record of 137-68-1, 122 student-athletes contributed to a stellar year in athletics. The men's soccer and women's tennis teams advanced to national tournaments, coming in third and fifth respectively. The baseball, men's soccer and softball teams earned Garden State Athletic Conference championships, and the men's and women's soccer teams won Region 19 championships.

Players excelled individually as well. Twenty-six athletes received All-GSAC honors, 24 received All-Region honors, and two were named All-Americans. Nineteen second-year students transferred to four-year schools.

In coaching news, Howard Levy assumed the post of head coach for men's basketball and long-time women's tennis coach Marc Vecchiolla added the men's team to his duties.



MCCC sophomore Antoine Rogers, right, drives to the basket.

MouthWorks Comedy Troupe Hits the Road for Charity

Students and alumni who participate in Mercer's "MouthWorks" comedy troupe began a special mission this spring to help area nonprofit organizations raise funds during a down economy. To much acclaim, the group gave benefit performances at four area firehouses and one VFW Hall. Their PG-rated show was modeled after traveling theater troupes of Medieval Europe. Troupe advisor is MCCC Communications faculty member Kathi Paluscio.



MouthWorks cast members, from left, back row: Jim O'Boyle, Adam Politis, Heather Roman and Yiraldi Reyes; front row: Suraj Bajaj, Kristen Branchizio, Hayley Kimmel and Rob Liedtka.

Design Students Share Talent with Community

Each year Mercer's Advertising Design students choose a nonprofit or governmental organization that can benefit from their efforts. As part of this real-world work experience, students must integrate their design concepts with the client's mission and goals.

As the final project capping four semesters of study in Advertising Design, six teams of students developed marketing campaigns for the Mercer County Workforce Investment Board (WIB). Their work was judged by a panel of experts on May 4. Each student team presented a complete design campaign including logos, slogans, posters, print ads, brochures, billboards, press kits, websites and promotional items.

In a separate project, Mercer's Advertising Design students designed wine labels for Terhune Orchards, a Princeton farm that recently planted a vineyard.

Ad Design students display their award-winning work. Seated, from left, are Michael Labno, Dorian Vanterpool, Christiana Cortes and Lindsey Weigand. Standing are MCCC Senior Graphic Designer and adjunct faculty member for the winners Francis Paixao, Associate Professor and Ad Design Program Coordinator Tina LaPlaca, WIB Director Beverly Mills, and MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue.



BACK TO SCHOOL

Suha Gur worked in the music industry for 20 years as a recording engineer. After accepting a buyout from his employer, he returned to college to pursue a lifelong interest in television production. He expects to complete his program in Fall 2009. "Mercer has worked out great! I'm getting what I need as an older student... I am widening my horizons."



Fostering the Arts

Kelsey Theatre: A Cherished Performance Venue

In 2008-09, Kelsey Theatre counted 51,132 attendees at a variety of performances. Located on Mercer's West Windsor Campus, this popular community theatre hosted 36 shows for a total of 155 public performances, plus 18 performances of six shows for groups of school children.

Kelsey Theatre received 21 Perry Award nominations from the New Jersey Association of Community Theatres and won five, including Outstanding Production and Direction for "Driving Miss Daisy," presented by Maurer Productions OnStage.

For the college community, Kelsey hosted 30 functions, including concerts, fashion shows, talent shows, student orientations and awards ceremonies. Committed to giving back to the community, the theatre hosted charity fundraisers and sponsored a holiday toy drive.

New Support for WWFM The Classical Network

MCCC's WWFM The Classical Network received renewed support from the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation of Summit, N.J. The \$37,500 grant has enabled the station to expand its listener base for five locally produced radio programs through the Public Radio Satellite System, live stream and webcast media formats.

WWFM is licensed to MCCC, and its main studios are located on the college's West Windsor Campus. The network is New Jersey's only classical music network providing programming 24 hours a day.

The station hosted its first benefit concert, "Celebrating Our Musical Community," on June 7 at Trenton's War Memorial Patriots Theater. With guest host Bill McGlaughlin, the concert featured vocal, orchestral and choral numbers by well-known artists. The concert was recorded and will become the fourth CD in WWFM's series.

WWFM's radio talk show, "Views and Voices" with host Rachel Katz, won first place in the radio talk category from the Garden State Journalists Association. The contest is open to all reporters, editors and photographers who live in, work in, or produce stories about New Jersey. All entries were produced in calendar year 2008.





“Jazz On 2” Gets in the Groove

On Sept. 1, 2008, MCCC’s WWFM The Classical Network launched a new jazz station called “Jazz On 2.” The station airs on 89.1 HD2, which is one of 89.1’s new digital channels, and is also available online and on iTunes. Programming is produced locally and in collaboration with WDUQ in Pittsburgh, a partnership made possible by the college’s recently added membership affiliation with National Public Radio.

One of the station’s goals is to encourage students to continue their education and their music involvement after high school, particularly at MCCC’s James Kerney Campus, and to help revive Trenton’s jazz heritage.



“Jazz On 2” Program Manager Winifred Howard and WWFM General Manager Peter Fretwell greet the public at Princeton’s Communiiversity Day.

The Distinguished Lecture Series Fosters Learning

An array of experts brought classroom learning to life in ten stimulating lectures as part of Mercer’s Distinguished Lecture Series this year. Among those sharing their knowledge and expertise before crowds of students, faculty, and community members were Richard Canas, New Jersey’s homeland security director; Joe Szabo, an internationally renowned political cartoonist; Jesse Epps, a civil rights activist whose career dates to the 1960s; and Cherie Castellano, an expert in behavioral health care and crisis intervention for law enforcement professionals. This free program is open to the public.



NJ Homeland Security Director Richard Canas, center, speaks with students following his lecture.

MCCC Gallery Showcases Region’s Best

There were more than 4,700 visits to The Gallery at Mercer this year for five memorable exhibits. Some 100 artists from the tri-state region contributed their work, including four painters who offered visual meditations on familiar objects in “Favorite Things” and three painters working in oils who captured unique qualities of light in “A Light Without – A Light Within.” Fourteen members of the Sculptors Association of New Jersey and three invited guests generously allowed visitors to use touch in exploring their works in “As Seen by Hand.” The reactions of visitors from programs for the sight-impaired and neurologically challenged made this exhibit particularly special.

The season concluded with The Gallery’s two annual group shows. The juried “Mercer County Artists 2009” featured 78 works by 64 artists who live, work or study in Mercer County. Fourteen awards were presented, with MCCC faculty and alumni well-represented among the winning entries, including Best in Show, Juror’s Choice, and several Honorable Mentions. The year concluded with the “Visual Arts Student Show,” showcasing more than 100 works by 60 of Mercer’s outstanding visual art students. Oils, acrylics, mixed media, watercolors, photographs, drawings, prints, sculptures, and ceramics were among the many media represented.



Visual arts students with their work, executed as part of a student/faculty collaboration, from left, are Chad Thompson, Christopher Moore, Jarrett Courtney, Eva Surany, and Ryan Lanzyer.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Shirley Roberts, a community educator for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, wanted to expand her skills in order to better serve the growing elderly population. She is enrolled in Mercer's "Gerontology" certificate program offered by the Center for Continuing Studies. A proponent of lifelong learning who has previously taken classes at Mercer, Roberts has a master's degree in counseling. "Mercer is my comprehensive local resource, giving me just what I need to be more effective in my job," she said.



Serving the Business Community and Adult Learners

The Center for Continuing Studies Responds to Workforce Needs

This year, Mercer's Center for Continuing Studies (CCS) served as an essential resource for people out of work and those seeking to upgrade their skills. The center broadened its slate of course offerings and conducted special workshops to assist the unemployed. Enrollment for 2008-09 numbered 8,015.

New programs include the New Jersey Certified Animal Control Officer certificate and the ServSafe Food Safety Management course, soon to be required for at least one employee at food establishments. Also new is Introduction to Pharmacovigilance for those who work in clinical research and regulatory affairs. A new Dental Radiologic Technology program prepares students for the licensing exam.

The programs offered by CCS begin year-round for adults of all ages, and are taught by professionals in their fields. Some are designed for beginners, such as the Certified Nurse Aide program, which offers training for high school graduates or GED holders wishing to begin a new career. Other programs are designed for experienced professionals, including those who already hold bachelor's or advanced degrees, such as the certificate program in Human Resources. The center's "New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey" is an alternate-route program for college graduates seeking to enter the teaching profession.

The CCS offers a broad array of personal interest choices in the culinary arts, fitness, fine arts, personal finance, foreign languages and more. Hundreds of online courses run for six weeks and may be completed at any time of day or night.

The Conference Center at Mercer Hosts 475 Events

With its high quality conference and meeting space, state-of-the-art auditorium and technology, and much-lauded dining service, The Conference Center at Mercer served 23,547 guests this year at 475 events. Popular with businesses and nonprofit organizations both large and small, the center has again been granted a two-year contract as a state-approved vendor and will continue its relationship with various New Jersey state governmental departments.

This spring, Conference Center staff members planted a highly productive organic garden off the back patio, harvesting herbs and produce that were used by center chefs and enjoyed by guests.



Professional and student chefs serve at The Conference Center.



The Center for Training and Development Offers On-the-Job Results

As businesses deal with the economic recession, many have turned to MCCC's Center for Training and Development (CTD) for solutions to their training needs. The CTD offers expert trainers in fields ranging from pharmaceuticals and finance to publishing, IT and more. A hands-on approach to learning often provides immediate payback on the job, and real cost savings.

This year the CTD created programs for more than 40 organizations, and served more than 1,800 people. Five of these companies and 12 nonprofit organizations received assistance in applying for state grant funding for training needs.

Additionally, for the second year the CTD partnered with the NJ Business and Industry Association, the NJ Community College Consortium, and the NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development to upgrade skills for employees at no cost to their employer. Programs included computer applications, communications, customer service, math, and English as a second language.

Serving Children and Teens

Youth College Provides Productive Path

Mercer's Youth College programs at the James Kerney Campus served 1,359 children and teens through Educational Talent Search, SMILE/GEARUP and Upward Bound programs. Students benefited from tutoring, counseling, field trips, summer academic enrichment, career exploration, college visits, college admissions assistance, and more.

These grant-funded programs focus on urban children and teens in grades 5 through 12, and lay the groundwork for success in high school and college. Of the 262 Youth College students who graduated in 2007-08, 85% have enrolled in postsecondary education, and 151 attend MCCC.

Options Plentiful at MCCC Summer Camps

With its wide variety of summer programs, the college served approximately 2,000 children ages 6 to 17. In Camp College, children chose their own individualized schedules, selecting from 93 classes that ranged from crafts and robotics to sports broadcasting and personal publishing. One-week Specialty Camps provided accelerated study in a variety of subjects. In Sports Camps, children honed their skills and enjoyed friendly competition in ten popular sports. Under the guidance of professional artists, aspiring actors and artists enjoyed Tomato Patch Visual and Performing Arts Workshops. Both Tomato Patch sessions concluded with a performance and exhibit.



Employees of Hutchinson Industries Inc. of Trenton after a CTD training class.



Youth College teens at Princeton University.



All smiles for "Kids in the Kitchen."

Facilities

Upgrading Facilities, Enhancing Student Services

This year marked tremendous progress toward completion of the One-Stop Student Center and Library at the West Windsor Campus, providing new and renovated facilities that enable students to access enrollment and advisement services in one convenient location.

A new two-story Reception Center now links the Student Center and Library and houses a Security Office and Information Desk. Renovated offices in the Student Center include Enrollment Services, Registration, Financial Aid, Bursar, Career Services, and Student Activities, as well as offices for student government and clubs. A new second floor was added above the renovated Library, in space that was previously open, and now houses the spacious Learning Center, Testing Center, Bookstore and Special Services offices. Adjacent short-term parking is a welcome convenience.

The project, to be completed in Fall, 2009, brings the two buildings, constructed in the early 1970s, up to current code standards. Designed by the Spiegle Architectural Group, Inc., the construction added 7,000 square feet to the previous structures, with total renovated space equaling 70,000 square feet.

New Facilities Promote Learning at the Career Training Institute

In a unique partnership, MCCC moved its Career Training Institute (CTI) to the new Daylight-Twilight High School, located down the street from the James Kerney Campus in Trenton. Sharing key services, CTI utilizes seven classrooms on the top two floors of the building.

With state-of-the-art equipment and instruction, the CTI offers 30-week programs for administrative and culinary careers, providing students with essential job skills and helping them find employment. Despite the economic downturn, the job placement rate for graduates remains high.

For unemployed workers who are referred by the Mercer County One-Stop Center, the training is free. Those not eligible for free tuition can apply for a Pell Grant, which pays 75% of the program costs.



A new Reception Center links the college's Student Center and Library.

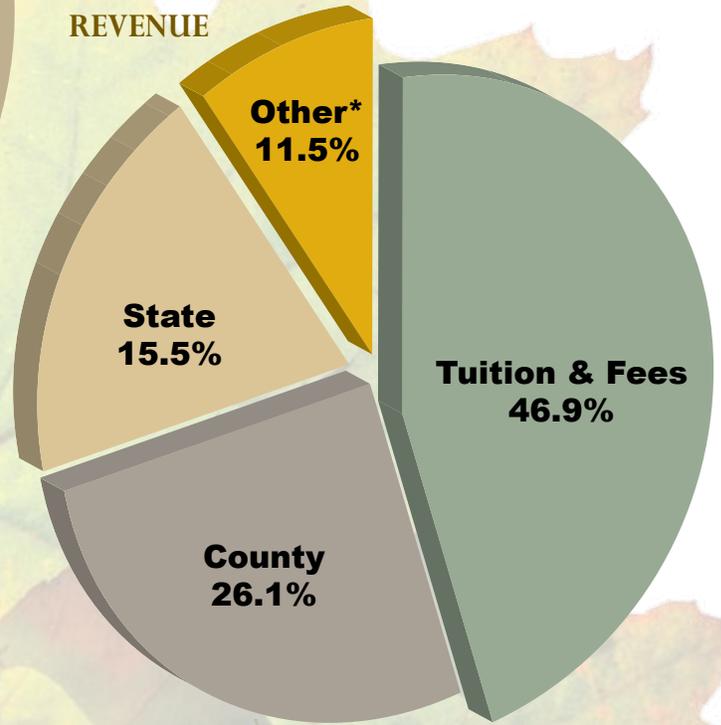
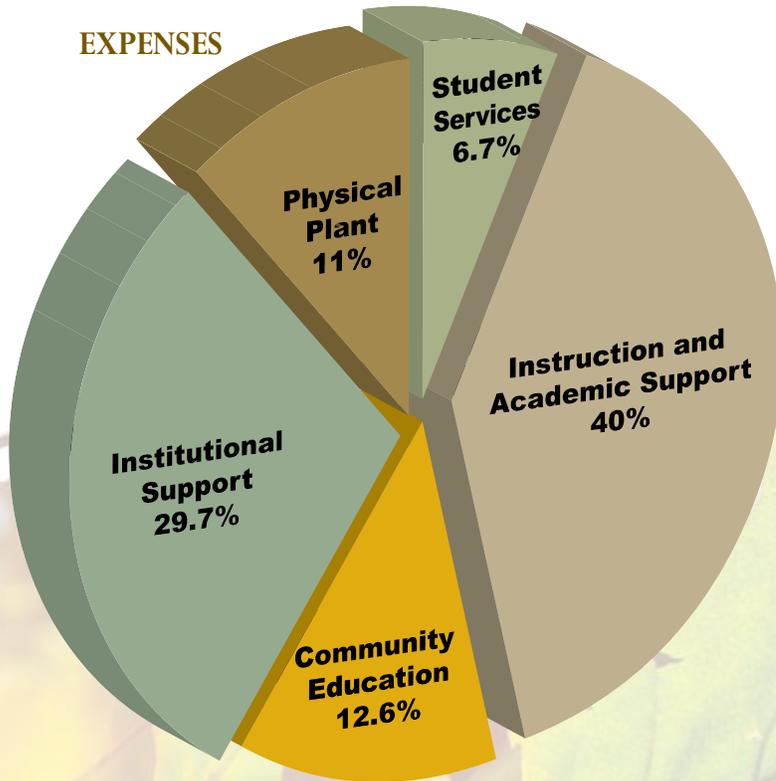


Career Training Institute Director Bob Estok speaks to students in a new classroom.



Financial Overview • July 2008 - June 2009 *(unaudited)*

Total Budget \$54,390,000



*"Other" category includes Conference Center, Kelsey Theatre, WWFM, etc.



Board of Trustees



Seated are Rev. William E. Coleman, Jr. and Anthony Cimino. Standing, from left, are Dr. Samuel B. Stewart, Gwendolyn L. Harris, Mark Matzen, Robert Di Falco, Pam Hersh, Marvin Gardner, Dr. Mary Lou Armiger, David Applebaum, Ernst Renondeau, and Dr. Patricia C. Donohue.

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Rev. William E. Coleman, Jr. was elected chair of the Board of Trustees in November, 2008, replacing Anthony (Skip) Cimino, who served as chair for four years.

A college trustee since 2003, Rev. Coleman is president and CEO of W.E.C. Resource Group, LLC, a human resource, training and development firm, and project coordinator for NHS Parkside Recovery Mobile Addiction Treatment Program in Trenton. An ordained Baptist minister, he serves as associate minister at Shiloh Baptist Church, pastoral visitor/chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, and a teacher and trainer. He is a college trustee ambassador with the Council of Community College's Executive Committee.

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Statistical Overview



Credit Students: 13,333

NJSTARS: 205
Honors Program: 50
Student Athletes on MCCC teams: 122

James Kerney Campus Noncredit Programs:

Career Training Institute: 164
Adult Education and English as a Second Language: 833
Youth College:

- Educational Talent Search: 900
- SMILE/GEARUP: 379
- Upward Bound: 80
- Project Link: 16

Kelsey Theatre:

Tickets sold: 43,404
Individuals attending free events: 7,728
Children in Kelsey Kids Playshops: 145
Theatrical events staged: 36
College functions hosted: 30

Art Gallery:

Major art shows mounted: 6
Number of artists represented: 100
Visits to The Gallery: 4,700

Guest Lectures Through the Distinguished Lecture Series: 10

Center for Continuing Studies:

Students: 4,592
Enrollments: 8,015

Center for Training and Development:

Students: 1,801
Organizations: 40

The Conference Center at Mercer:

Guests: 23,547
Events: 475

Children's Summer Camps:

Camp College students: 1,180
Sports Camp enrollment: 550
Tomato Patch Visual and Performing Arts enrollment: 352

Fire Training Programs at

The Dempster Fire Training Center

Students in noncredit programs: 939
Students in high school Career Prep program: 12

Community Use of Facilities:

Mercer County Police Academy
Groups utilizing athletic fields, gym and pool: 40
Local teams utilizing gym: 140

The MCCC Foundation Annual Report

For information about MCCC's Foundation and its important fundraising efforts, special events, scholarships and more, we invite you to consult our 2008-09 Foundation Annual Report. Visit www.mccc.edu/news_annual-reports, or call 609-570-3608 to request a copy.

Coming November 2009

MCCC will host the 2009 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Men's Div. I Soccer National Championships Nov. 18-22. Visit mccc.edu for details.





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A large, dark wooden sign with the college's name in white, raised letters. The sign is mounted on a concrete base and is surrounded by colorful flowers and greenery. In the background, there are large trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow under a clear blue sky.

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