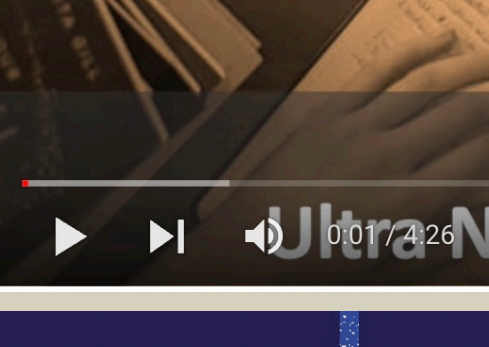


Welcome to 2023!

But before we start the spring semester, take a look back at the 2022 Holiday Party



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MLK Day of Service

On Monday, January 16, the James Kerney Campus will host the 6th annual MLK Day of Service. Throughout the day, individuals and groups can participate in a variety of service activities that support local nonprofits such as The Rescue Mission, Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, HomeFront and patients at Capital Health. Lunch will be served and a celebration and performance will take place afterwards.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at 3:30 p.m. Students, alumni, and community members are welcome to participate. Donations of personal care items are also welcome (see [link](#) for items needed).

Anyone interested in participating may register here:
[Registration – MLK Day of Service.](#)

MLK Day of Service

“Faith is taking the *first step* even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
– Martin Luther King Jr.

DAY OF SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- **Personal Care Items** to benefit Capital Health patients
- **Coat Drive** to benefit The Rescue Mission
- **Utensil & Toiletry Wrapping** to benefit TASK
- **Community Clean-up**
- **Crochet for a Cause** to benefit HomeFront

AGENDA

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Registration in JKC Front Lobby
9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Welcoming Remarks in Kerney Hall
9:30 a.m. Service Projects Begin
12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch (in JKC cafeteria, provided by the MCCC Foundation)
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Service Celebration Performance (in Trenton Hall, 137 N. Broad St.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2023
James Kerney Campus, 102 N. Broad St., Trenton, NJ
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Professional Development

SPRING 2023 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Morning Sessions

MercerOnline is pleased to present the following training sessions to prepare for the Spring 2023 semester.

Track #1

9:00 AM Remote Teaching I (AD121) Vicente Erazo
For faculty who never taught a remote course or are unsure about where to start, this session introduces remote teaching tips and tricks. We will review what remote teaching is and is not, technology set-up recommendations, use of Blackboard to communicate and additional resources.

10:00 AM Remote Teaching II (AD121) Chinaza Onyile
This session will take Part I a step further. It will introduce faculty to best practices in teaching a remote class. We will discuss common barriers students face in remote classrooms and how instructors can address those barriers using evidence-based and inclusive teaching methods. If you have ever struggled with your remote class, this session is for you!

11:00 AM Creating an Inclusive and Equitable Classroom (AD121) Chinaza Onyile
This training will introduce faculty to best practices in inclusive and equitable teaching with a focus on technology. Learn about helpful resources, tools, and tips to help you leverage technology to provide a safe and equitable classroom where your students can thrive.

Track #2

9:00 AM Impactful Presentations (AD223) Robert Obermeier
Wonder what you can do in PowerPoint to create more impactful presentations? We will look at advanced and new capabilities you can use. We will explore items in the software loaded on your computer and how you can use the online version in Microsoft 365 to engage new capabilities.

11:00 AM Microsoft Teams and the Classroom (AD223) Robert Obermeier
With the pandemic, Microsoft Teams quickly evolved its capabilities to support learning. Let’s explore how you can use capabilities in Teams Meetings and throughout the environment to enhance learning in the classroom and online.

Afternoon Sessions

The Instructional and Professional Improvement Committee (IPIC) is pleased to present the following training sessions to prepare for the Spring 2023 semester.

Track #1

1:00 PM It is OK to be WEIRD! (AD121) - Dr. Yannick Lason
It is OK to be WEIRD. Odd. Weird. These words are used to describe people who don't fit into societal norms. Students that exhibit odd behaviors tend to be identified as a "students of concern" to counseling, even when they do not pose a threat to the community nor violate conduct policies. Is being weird a mental illness? Has being weird become pathologized in HE? These questions will be explored in this interactive, collaborative, and EDUtraining session!

2:30 PM How to Teach Writing When You Don't Teach Writing (AD121) - Professor Carol Bork

Track #2

1:00 PM Teaching with Empathy: Revisited (AD125) - Chinaza Onyile
This training is a follow-up to last semester's Teaching with Empathy training. It will re-introduce instructors to the practice of empathy-informed instruction. Come learn what the research says about the benefits of empathy in instruction and how to realistically apply it to your teaching practices.

2:00 PM Engaging Generation Z Students in the College Classroom (AD125) - Professor Katie Carnavale
Generation Z (born 1997-2012) will be higher education's biggest customer for at least the next 15 years. We will explore generational differences in regard to upbringing, interaction with technology, and perception of higher education. The goal is for each attendee to leave with a method that they will be excited to implement in their own teaching.

3:00 PM Enhancing Online Learning: A Faculty Panel Discussion (AD125) - Professors Ed Avery-Natale and Ellen Genovesi, and Chinaza Onyile
Chinaza will moderate a discussion with Ed and Ellen as they discuss their experiences developing their fully online and hybrid courses: Bio 106 Human Anatomy Hybrid and SOC 209: Racial, Ethnic, and Minority Groups Fully Online. Learn about the resources and tools they used to help create these dynamic and engaging courses.

Pre-Class Week

Date	Time	Activity	Location	Participants
Monday, Jan 16th	College Closed	Martin Luther King Holiday		
Tuesday, Jan 17th	8:30am - 9:45am	Presidential Welcome Back and Morning Mixer	Student Cafeteria	MCCC Employees
	10:00am - 12:15pm	Academic Affairs Convocation	Student Cafeteria	Faculty & Staff
	12:15pm - 1:00pm	Mix & Mingle	Student Cafeteria	Faculty & Staff
	4:30pm - 5:30pm	Adjunct Faculty Union Meeting	Student Cafeteria	Adjunct Faculty Union & Adjunct Faculty
	5:30pm - 7:15pm	Adjunct Faculty Convocation	Student Cafeteria	Adjunct Faculty
Wednesday, Jan 18th	7:15pm - 8:00pm	Adjunct Faculty Coordinator Meeting	Student Cafeteria	Faculty Coordinators & Adjunct Faculty
	9:00am - 12:00pm	Individual Academic Divisional Meetings Special Guest President Preston	CM 108 CM 109 CM 156 In Person	BTP Faculty & Staff MSHP Faculty & Staff LA Faculty & Staff
Thursday, Jan 19th	9:00am - 12:00pm	MercerOnline Training Sessions	In Person	Faculty & Adjunct Faculty
	1:00pm - 4:00pm	IPIC Workshops	In Person	Faculty & Adjunct Faculty
Friday, Jan 20th	9:00am - 9:45am	Coffee & Conversation	JKC Cafeteria Lower Level	Faculty & Staff
	10:00am - 12:30pm	“This is the Way” - DEI Workshop For the first time, we will be doing an immersive, interactive DEI workshop. In this experience, we will work to grow our understanding of our student experience and how we can be intentional in lowering access barriers across the college system.	JKC Campus Room 229 Shuttles will be provided	Faculty & Staff

Athletics Alumni Spotlight

Casey Murphy, Softball and Anajae Register, Women’s Cross Country

Our first alumni athletes in the spotlight are two female athletes who joined the Air Force following their time at Mercer. With Veterans Day falling in November, we would like to recognize the service of these former athletes.

One of these athletes is former women’s cross country runner **Anajae Register**, who graduated from MCCC in 2013 with an Associates in Business Administration.

Register spent eight years in the Air Force before ending her time with the service last year. During her years of service, she was stationed in Germany, Korea and Japan. Register became interested in the Air Force when one of her cousins joined. “The Air Force offered free education and a chance to travel and hearing about the experience my cousin had, made me want to enter as well.” Register said that the best part about the Air Force was meeting and connecting with so many other people.

While at Mercer, Register was a member of the women’s cross country team in 2011, which was the first full-scoring team for the Vikings in twenty years, as the program restarted in 2010 after a long hiatus. Register earned All Region 19 honors with a 10th place finish at the Region 19 Championships that season.

When asked if running cross country helped her with the Air Force, Register said “Absolutely. It helped so much. I was able to develop endurance from daily cross country that was necessary for the training we did.” Register shared that running training runs were a part of the Air Force and if you didn’t finish or struggled, you would get written up. “You could be asked to leave the service, if you were written up a certain number of times. Register said pushing herself in cross country helped her with the training she had to do and she was able to get even stronger during her time with the Air Force.

When asked what her favorite memory of her time running cross country at Mercer, Register said “I loved when we would stop to eat after meets (usually at Panera) and hang out with the run riders meets were fun. We were all close and that’s what I liked most about running at Mercer.”

The close relationships Register was able to form through her time on the cross country team and while in the Air Force helped her after she left the service. She briefly worked in Human Resources for Senior Always Best Care and learned the importance of being able to understand people. She noted how military life is very different, but “I learned to pay more attention to people through the service, which was very helpful when I worked in HR.”

Last month, Register opened her own tax business, Divine & Truth Tax Services, based out of Trenton. Register provides tax services for those who qualify as low to moderate income. Register said “you would be surprised that some people don’t even understand or realize they need to file taxes each year.” And that is one thing she is focused on, helping to educate these people about taxes and finances.

Register credits her coursework at Mercer for helping prepare her for both the Air Force and her current work. “At the time, I couldn’t figure out why we had to take some classes outside of Business like several Sociology classes. I later realized how helpful these other classes were as I learned how to understand and interact with other people.”

Another former Viking athlete **Casey Murphy** is still active in the Air Force. Murphy graduated from Mercer with an Associates in Exercise Science. She was a member of the softball team for two seasons.

Murphy earned 1st Team All Region 19 and All Garden State Athletic Conference honors while on the in 2015 and 2016. Murphy had an outstanding sophomore season, finishing with one of the top batting averages (.480) and on base percentages (.543) in the country.

Murphy is still active in the service and unlike Register who stayed stationed in a few countries while in the service, Murphy has been in many countries due to her position with the service. Murphy was a Phoenix Raven. She explained that Ravens “fly with cargo aircraft and provide security in austere environments where there was little to no known security on the flight line.” As a result of this role, Murphy has been to 54 countries.

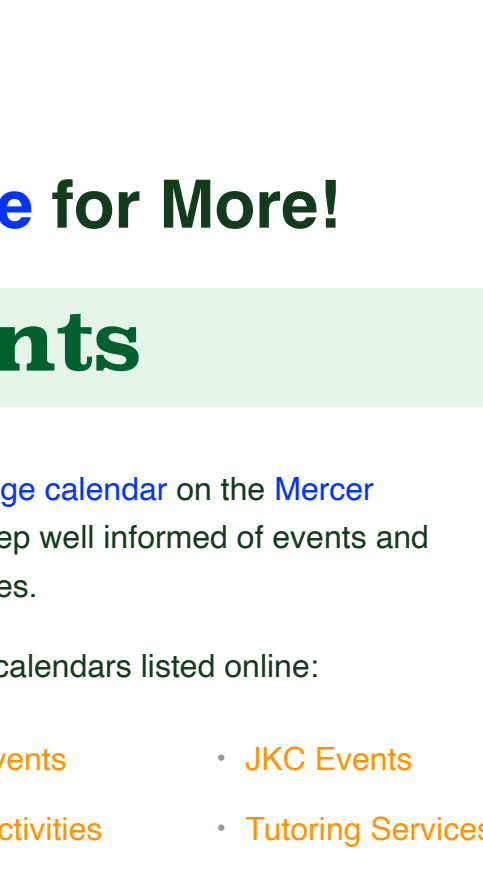
Similar to Register, Murphy was inspired to join the Air Force thanks to a relative in the service. Murphy’s grandfather was in the Air Force. She knew she “didn’t want a typical 9-5 job” and reached out to a recruiter. After finding out more about how they operate and their mission, Murphy knew this is what she wanted to do.

Murphy credits her time playing softball with helping her in the Air Force. “My time at Mercer and my time playing softball there taught me time management, attention to detail and how to operate as a team. Our coaches set very high standards for us on and off the field. They taught us the true meaning of hard work and teamwork. In the Air Force if one person fails, we all fail and being a student athlete at Mercer helped me to look out for my wingmen and operate as a cohesive unit.”

Murphy’s favorite memory from softball at Mercer is was being able to play with her older sister Kelly for one season. Another favorite memory for her was practices. “Being able to both joke around and have a good time with my teammates, but also put in the work and dedication is very memorable for me because the hard work and sweat that we put in on the field during practice led to our success during game day.”

Murphy is currently stationed as an every day I am able to impact brand new Airmen that just got out of BMT (Basic military training). This is the most rewarding job I have had so far. Being able to see the transformation in these young Airmen motivates me every day to be a better leader and follower.”

We thank both Register and Murphy for their service to our country.



Visit the [Athletics Website](#) for More!

Campus Events

Today

Friday, January 13
Winter Session 2022-23 On Campus Classes End
9:00am Zoom Advising & Success Coaching
Saturday, January 14
12:00pm Men’s Basketball Home Game vs. Mo
Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Jr. Day - College Closed
Winter Session On Campus Grades Due by 10 am
9:00am Zoom Advising & Success Coaching
9:00am Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Tuesday, January 17
Spring Pre-Class Activities Begin
9:00am Zoom Advising & Success Coaching
Wednesday, January 18
9:00am Zoom Advising & Success Coaching
12:00pm STUDENTS: Blackboard Information

Google Calendar

Use the [College calendar](#) on the [Mercer website](#) to keep well informed of events and important dates.

Examples of calendars listed online:

- Athletic events
- Student Activities
- Arts & Culture
- Faculty & Staff Development
- JKC Events
- Tutoring Services
- Center for Retention & Completion
- The Testing Center

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