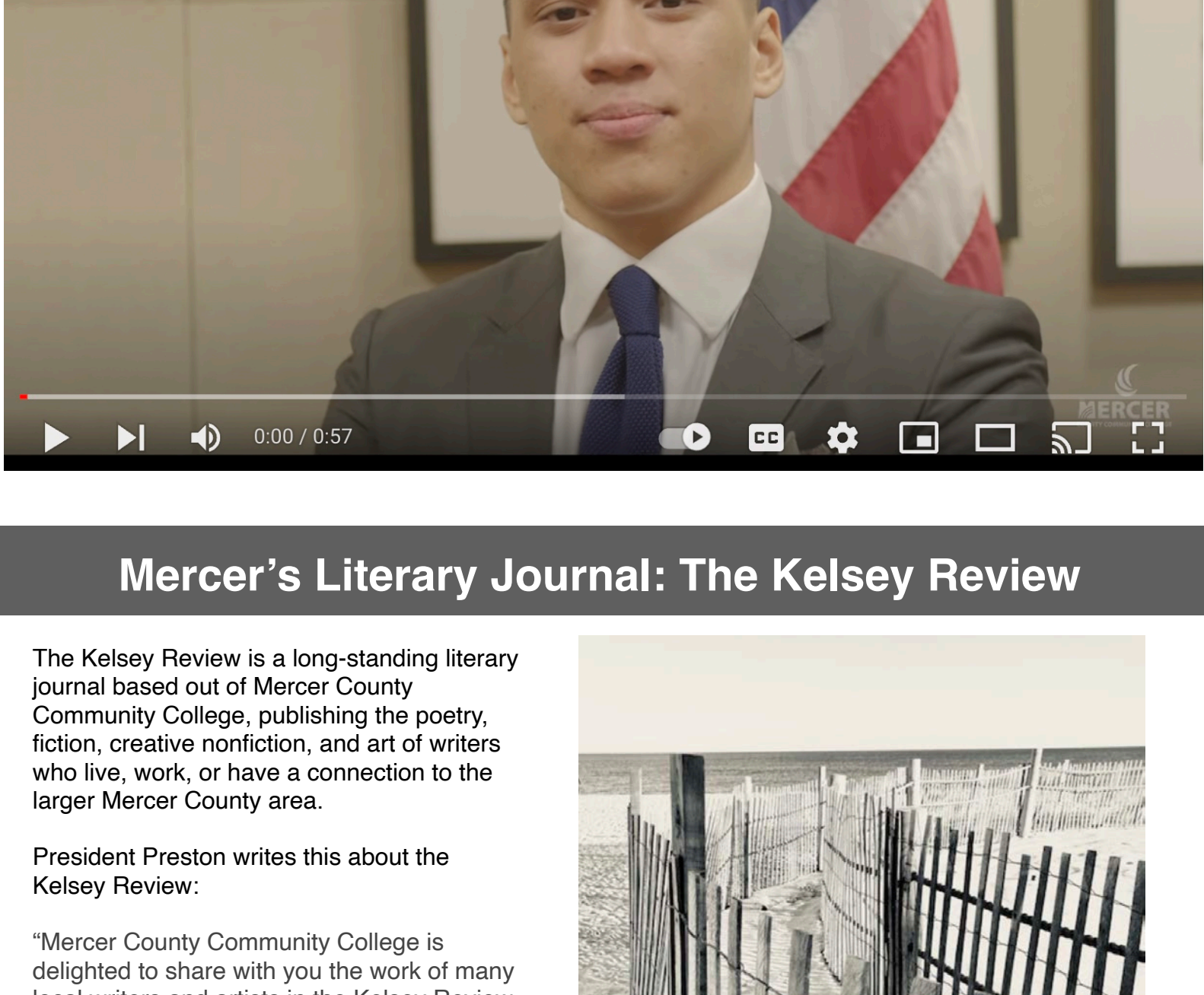


## Student Success Story Carlos Raziel Rodriguez



### Mercer's Literary Journal: The Kelsey Review

The Kelsey Review is a long-standing literary journal based out of Mercer County Community College, publishing the poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, and art of writers who live, work, or have a connection to the larger Mercer County area.

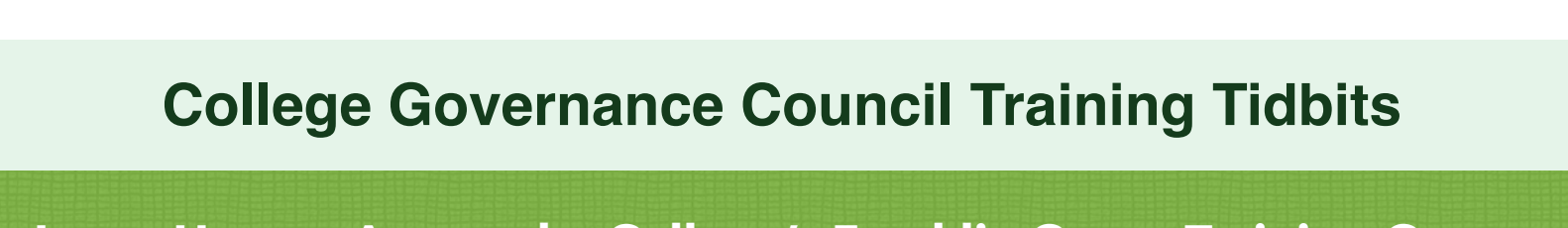
President Preston writes this about the Kelsey Review:

"Mercer County Community College is delighted to share with you the work of many local writers and artists in the Kelsey Review, the College's county-wide literary journal. This year marks Kelsey Review's 41st issue, and it is a pleasure to see how this journal continues to serve the community by sharing the work of talented individuals who live and work in the larger Mercer County area. This journal is just one of the many ways the College highlights and shares the cultural wealth of our area."

You can read the most recent issue now at [kelseyreview.com](http://kelseyreview.com)



### At The Gallery at West Windsor



#### CAPITAL CONNECTION WAVES

a 5Rhythms® DANCE meditation happening @ The Gallery at Mercer County Community College FACILITATED BY MEGAN KELLEY

Friday  
December 9  
7:30-9p

in collaboration with  
  
House of Robot

[Click for More Info](#)

### College Governance Council Training Tidbits

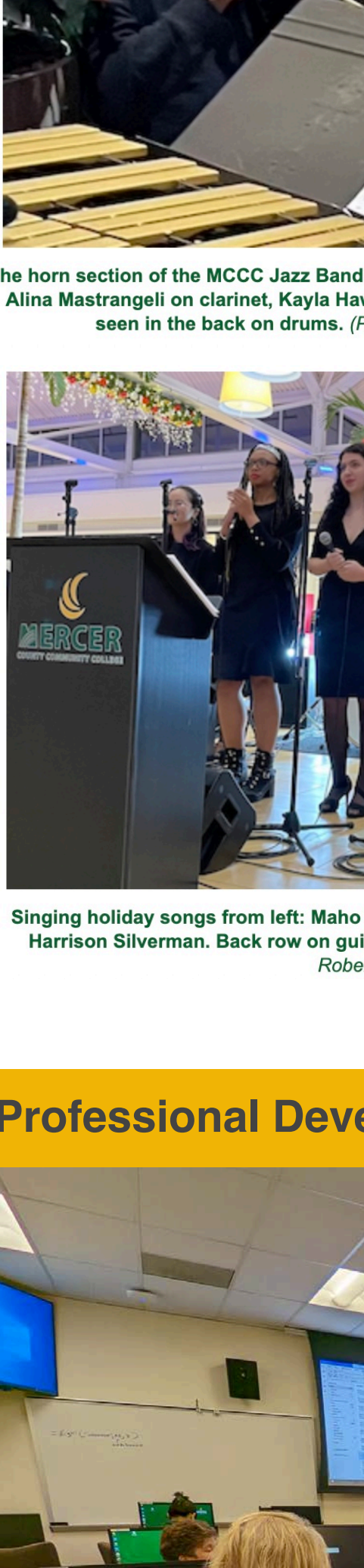
#### Learn How to Access the College's Franklin Covey Training Center

Barbara Basel, Vice President, Human Resources  
Friday, December 2, at 12:15 p.m.  
[Zoom link](#)

#### Jumpstart Your Understanding of Microaggressions

Katina Lindsay and Ed Avery-Natale, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion  
Friday, December 16, at 12:15 p.m.  
[Zoom link](#)

### Complimentary Pass to Local Wellness Conference



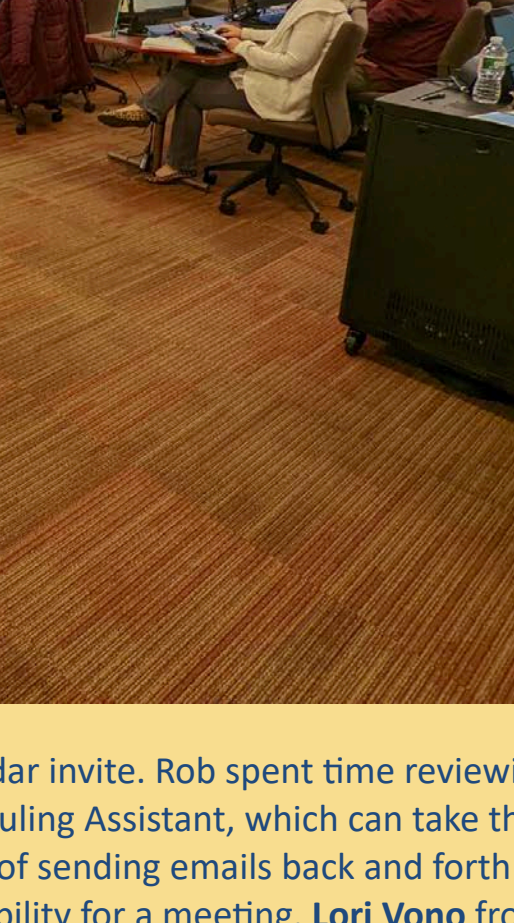
## Wellness Conference with Emmy-nominated actress Amy Brenneman

Supported by the generosity of Penn Medicine Princeton Health longstanding donor and leader, Dr. Pamela Mills and the Bradford Mills Preservation Fund.

Emmy-nominated actress **Amy Brenneman** will be the keynote speaker at the Penn Medicine half-day wellness conference that offers something for people in every stage of life who are looking for practical advice on better health and better living.

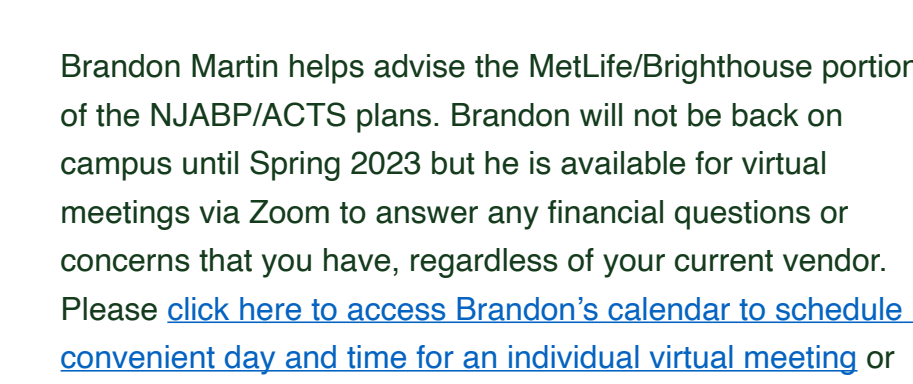
Saturday, December 3 at 8 a.m.  
Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village, 201 Village Blvd., Princeton, NJ  
Registration includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch.

Through our community partnership with Penn Medicine, all Mercer students, staff, faculty, and alumni receive free registration: use the promo code GIHEALTH2022 to sign up for FREE.

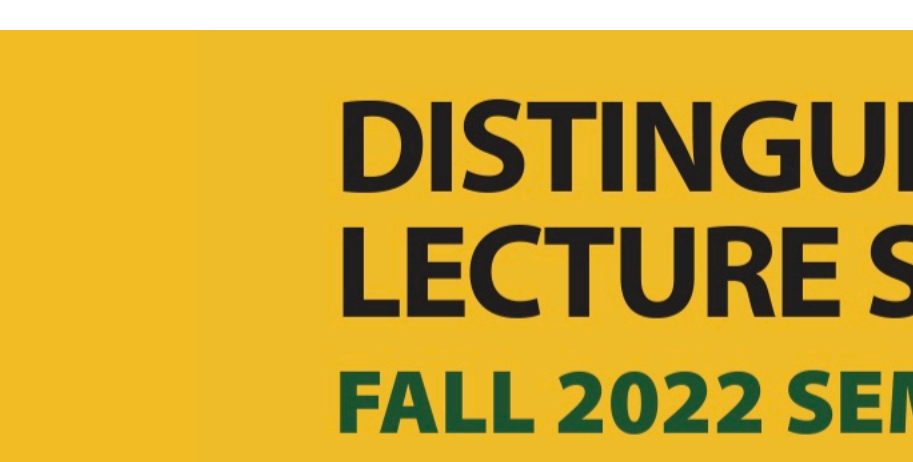


**Register at**  
[www.eventbrite.com/e/449823182247](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/449823182247)

### Holiday Music from the Jazz Band and the Music Club



The horn section of the MCCC Jazz Band featured Jalen Johnson on trombone, Alina Mastrangeli on clarinet, Kayla Hawkins on flute, David Meriny on saxophone, and seen in the back on drums. (Photo credit: Marcy Roberts)



Singing holiday songs from left: Maho Kurisu, Ave Corbitt, Isabel Pluchino, Harrison Silverman. Back row on guitar Kyrie Miller. (Photo credit: Marcy Roberts)

#### See the MCCC Jazz Band live on the following dates:

**Wednesday, December 7 from 6:30 - 8 p.m.**  
Indoors at Quakerbridge Mall at 3320 US-1 in Lawrenceville.

**Wednesday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.**  
Final fall performance at Kelsey Theatre, 1200 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor. This event will also be livestreamed.

**Admission is free!**

#### And More MCCC Music Is Coming to Kelsey Theatre During the Month of December

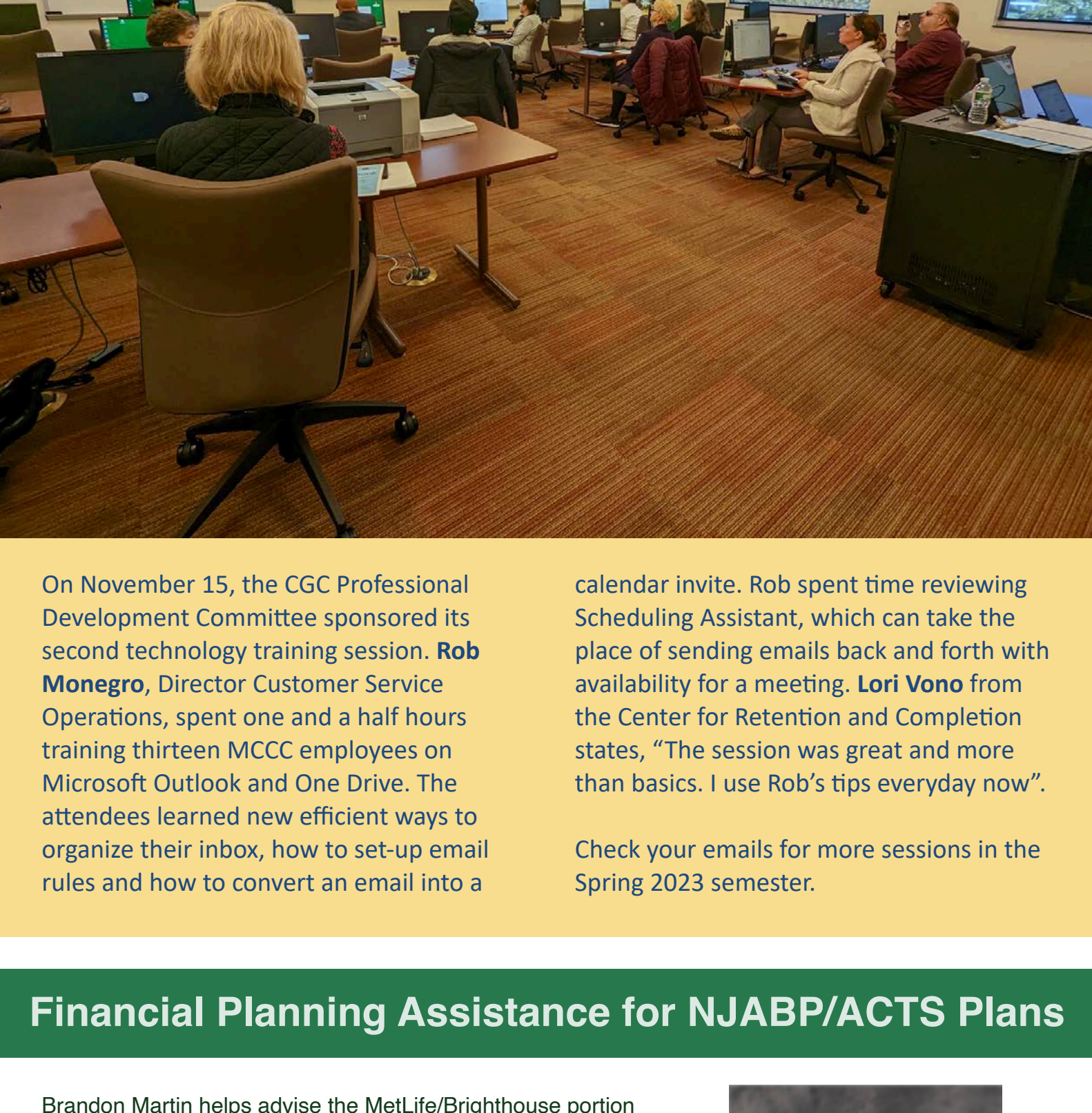
On December 13 at 7:30 p.m. MCCC Faculty in conjunction with the MCCC Music club will perform at Kelsey Theatre as part of a scholarship fundraiser for music students. The event will be livestreamed and donations will be accepted both in-person and online.

December 21 at 7:30 p.m. is the MCCC Symphonic Band Winter Concert, directed by Dr. Lou Woodruff. This show will round off the concert series at MCCC's Kelsey Theatre. The 45-member ensemble will present classics by Vivaldi, Sousa and Strauss, a variety of pops and seasonal favorites. A traditional holiday sing-along will also be orchestrated! Reservations are required.

For information about these Mercer County Community College events and more visit <https://kelsey.mccc.edu/events>.

For livestreaming information visit [kelsey.mccc.edu](http://kelsey.mccc.edu) close to the date of the event.

### Professional Development Sessions are In-Person Again!



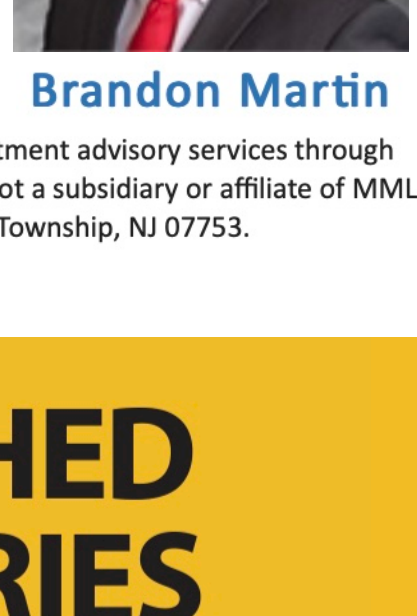
On November 15, the CGC Professional Development Committee sponsored its second technology training session. **Rob Monegro**, Director Customer Service Operations, spent one and a half hours training thirteen MCCC employees on Microsoft Outlook and One Drive. The attendees learned new efficient ways to organize their inbox, how to set-up email rules and how to convert an email into a

calendar invite. Rob spent time reviewing Scheduling Assistant, which can take the place of sending emails back and forth with availability for a meeting. **Lori Vono** from the Center for Retention and Completion states, "The session was great and more than basics. I use Rob's tips everyday now".

Check your emails for more sessions in the Spring 2023 semester.

### Financial Planning Assistance for NJABP/ACTS Plans

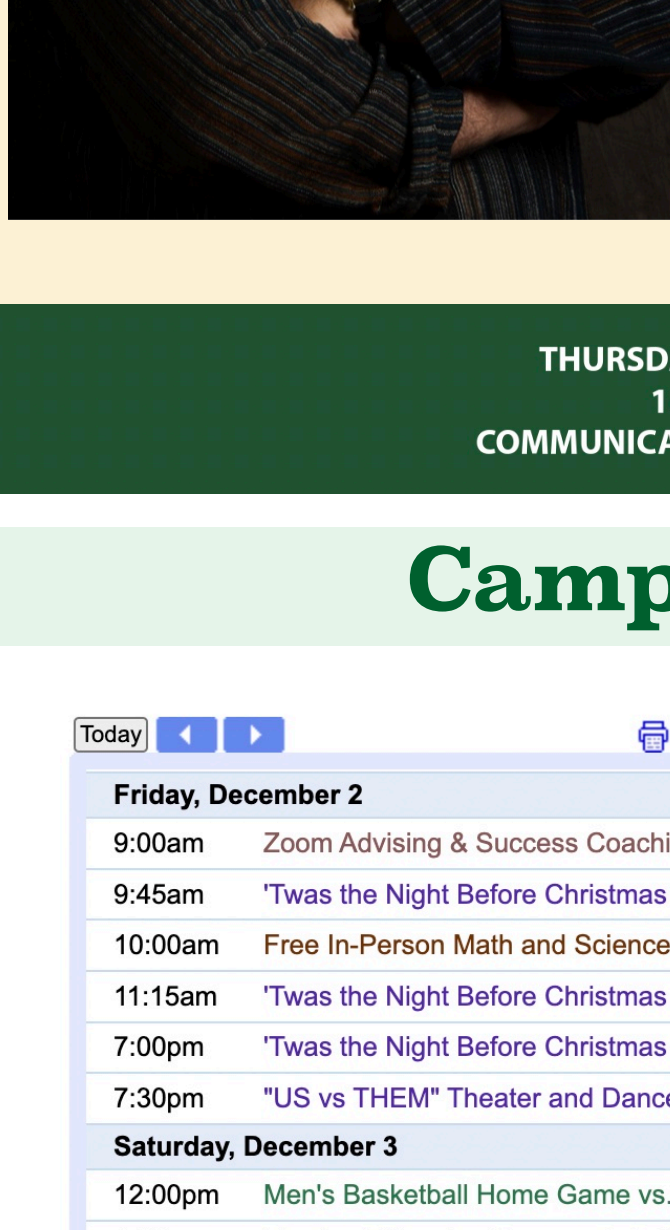
Brandon Martin helps provide the MetLife/BrightHouse portion of the NJABP/ACTS plans. Brandon will not be back on campus until Spring 2023 but he is available for virtual meetings via Zoom to answer any financial questions or concerns that you have, regardless of your current vendor. Please [click here to access Brandon's calendar to schedule a convenient day and time for an individual virtual meeting](#) or contact him at 609-608-0153 or via email at [brandonmartin@financialguide.com](mailto:brandonmartin@financialguide.com)



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## DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES FALL 2022 SEMESTER



### Diaspora Plays A Personal Journey

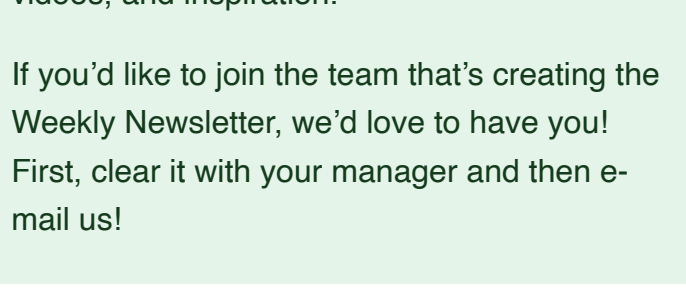
Dr. Sudipta Bhawmik, a bilingual playwright, actor and director, has written several plays in Bengali and English. His works tell the stories of the struggles and contradictions of the first generation Indian immigrants (and their children) with their divided loyalties. Part of the curriculum at multiple U.S. and Indian universities, this unique contribution to Indian Theater has inspired several theater scholars to cite Sudipta's plays in their scholarly work about diasporic theater.

Sudipta is also the writer, director, and performer of the popular podcast "The Stories of Mahabharata." In addition to being an accomplished writer, he is a published cartoonist, a book illustrator, and a regular blogger. With a doctorate in computer engineering and several patents, publications, and awards to his credit, he lives in New Jersey and is a member of the Dramatist Guild of America.

Recommended by Professor Sharmila Sen

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022  
12 NOON - 1 PM  
COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING - CM 107

## Campus Events



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

Examples of calendars listed online:

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

You can view all events and calendars online:

[www.mccc.edu/calendar](http://www.mccc.edu/calendar)

If you'd like to add your event, let us know!  
[communications@mccc.edu](mailto:communications@mccc.edu)

## This newsletter is for you!

We welcome your ideas, information from your department that should be shared with staff and faculty, event listings, and your photos, videos, and inspiration.

If you want to contribute but don't want to be part of the steering committee, we welcome that, too! Ideas, information, and updates can be submitted anytime!

If you'd like to join the team that's creating the Weekly Newsletter, we'd love to have you!

Here's the e-mail address to use to join in the planning or to submit ideas or info:

First, clear it with your manager and then e-mail us!

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