

OFFICE of the PRESIDENT

Dear Employee:

Mercer County Community College (MCCC), United Way and the Employee Charitable Campaign (ECC) share a common focus – to serve the people of our community, and provide them with programs and services they need in order to achieve and maintain a better quality of life. Combined giving campaigns like the ECC and United Way achieve this goal through providing health and human services to the members of our community; MCCC achieves this goal by providing education and training.

MCCC, ECC and United Way share another common bond – we rely on charitable contributions and support to achieve our goals. MCCC asks for and receives support from the community through public tax revenue, while the MCCC Foundation secures grants and private funds from individuals, organizations and other foundations to enhance our programs and services. As a publicly supported institution, we are judged in part by the public on our own support of community giving. I hope you will join with your colleagues in showing the citizens of New Jersey that we do, indeed, support our community by making a contribution to the campaign. The 2014-2015 theme is "Your Gift, Your Passion." We will kick off our campaign on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm in the Faculty Staff Dining Room. Bring your donation or pledge and enjoy treats with us.

I would like to personally thank you for your generous contributions to the many worthy causes in the past. Once again, it is time to assist in addressing the diverse needs of our community. The ECC offers a broad spectrum of agencies to which we can direct our contributions, thereby enabling those of us who have a favorite charity to direct our donations to them.

I am pleased and appreciate that Michael Glass has once again agreed to coordinate Mercer's campaign. I hope that Mercer will continue the tradition of placing our college in the forefront of charitable giving throughout the region. I encourage all employees, full and part time, to contribute in a generous spirit. As President, I have made my Leadership Gift for this campaign. With your help we can make Campaign 2014 our most successful year.

The booklet listing all the different charities is available on-line at http://www.njsecc.org/codebook.cfm and there will also be hard copies of the booklets and the donation forms in all division offices, Michael Glass' office, SC 223, and Monique Richardson's office, KC403. Note that MCCC Foundation is listed in the booklet as #6699. Please forward all contributions to Michael Glass in his office or at lunch any day in the cafeteria or through interoffice mail. Note the special instructions below based on your contribution:

- Donations under \$52: cash or check made payable to "Employees Charitable Campaign"
 - o fill out *Donor Information* on top of pledge card
- Donations over \$52: cash, payroll deduction, or check made payable to the charity of your choice
 - o fill out Donor Information on top of pledge card

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- o fill out Employee Contribution Information to designate a specific charity
- o fill out pink section for Payroll Deduction Authorization

Tear off the pink page of the pledge card; this is your receipt. The deadline for all donations is December 15, 2014. Thank you for joining me in support of our community.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Donohue, Ph.D.

President

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