This Month @ MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

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Camp Middlesex ended a triumphant season as hundreds of kids had a great time during the summer. The programs included science, sports, crafts, plus, of course, the famous theater camp.

Goin' for Gold: New Student Services Building Planned

A new building at MCC that will house student services is in development, creating a one-stop location for Admissions, Financial Aid, the Scholarships Office, Student Accounts, Advising, the Registrar and First-Year Experience. Called the Center for Student Services, it will also include a student lounge, a large multipurpose room, a central lobby area with online admission kiosks, a conference room and office space.

"This building will be a wonderful gateway addition to our campus," said College President Joann La Perla-Morales. "It will provide a new level of service for students and their families, plus serve as a central location for all enrollment needs. It'll be our headquarters for student success."

Alice Picardo, interim dean of enrollment management, said the Center for Student Services will allow MCC to bring all enrollment support services together to create more productive communication for those areas that admit, advise and register students.

> *Providing a new level of service: it'll be the home of student success.*

"It'll combine areas that are critical to student success, including Student Accounts and Financial Aid," she said. "We recognize how important Financial Aid is to our students so this will assist in delivering those services in an optimal way.

"This project shows our students that Middlesex County College values their academic experience, but also the processes that support academic achievement. We want to make the procedures smoother, from their first contact with the College to the time they walk across the stage at graduation. The building will be located at the perimeter of the campus, allowing for easy access from both the parking lots and the interior of the campus. It'll be a wonderful addition to MCC."

Middlesex's most recent building, Crabiel Hall, received a LEED® silver rating from the United States Green Building Council, signifying its environmental attributes. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and

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MCC was presented with a Hurricane Sandy Relief Award at the Edison Chamber of Commerce Gala in June. Shortly after the hurricane struck, the Physical Education Center was turned into a medical facility to house vulnerable people who needed more care than a regular shelter could provide. More than 70 people from the College community came out to help the patients. Volunteers included students from Democracy House, the service-learning program; students from the radiography program; and students and faculty from the nursing program. From left: nursing student Lynn Cassino; Nancy Berger, director of the nursing department; Pam Hicks, nursing faculty member; Raychelle Grooms, nursing student; and College President Joann La Perla-Morales.

Alumnus named an Outstanding Senior at NJIT

Keith Davis, who graduated in 2011 from Middlesex County College, was named the 2013 Outstanding Senior in the Department of Engineering Technology at the Newark College of Engineering, which is a division of the New Jersey Institute of Technology. The two schools have a strong transfer agreement and he transferred to NJIT after graduating with high honors from Middlesex.

Mr. Davis came to Middlesex as an adult student following work as a machine operator for a concrete preparation service and an asbestos abatement company. His work with the former got him interested in engineering and construction.

"I had a very good experience at MCC," he said. "The professors were knowledgeable and approachable, and it prepared me very well for NJIT. I made lots of friends, some of whom transferred with me to NJIT."

Keith Davis

Mr. Davis now works as an estimator for a company that does site work and paving. He anticipates taking the exam to become a Certified Professional Engineer.

Thomas Sabol, chair of the Department of Engineering Technologies, said the relationship between Middlesex and NJIT makes transferring easy.

"We're very proud of Keith," Professor Sabol said. "He was an outstanding student at MCC and it is great to see he has continued his excellent work at NJIT."

Mr. Davis is the fourth Middlesex graduate in six years to earn Senior of the Year honors from NJIT. Owen Fitzgerald '06 received this award in 2008; Walter Vittitoe '09 won it in 2011; and Tia Montalto '10 in 2012.

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Today's Table at MCC: Learn to be a Great Cook

This fall, you can learn how to be a great amateur chef. "Today's Table" will be held in Crabiel Hall's state-of-the-art culinary lab. Come hungry and enjoy tastings of food prepared by the chef. Recipes are distributed.

"This program is for cooks and non-cooks, and it is instructive, entertaining and fun," said Lynn Lederer, director of Professional and Community Programs at the College. "You will develop techniques to enhance your recipes. This is a wide-ranging cooking program that is both enjoyable and educational."

Except where noted, you may register a la carte at $35 for each class or choose any three classes for $75. The savings are available to anyone who registers with payment for the three classes at the same time. Except where noted, classes meet from 6:30-9 p.m. For more information visit middlesexcc.edu/profcom or call 732-906-2556.

Fall classes include:

Italian Taste Explosion Tuesday, September 10.

Try Thai Wednesday, September 11.

Fungus Among Us Thursday, September 12.

Saving the Farmers' Market Tuesday, September 17.

Popular Thai Dishes at Home Wednesday, September 18.

Meals for Middle Age Thursday, September 19.

Cooking Caribbean Cuisine Tuesday, September 24.

One Dough Recipe, Many Types of Bread (Full-day Saturday class) Cost: $70. This course counts as two of the three courses to receive the discount. September 28, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Celebrate Oktoberfest Tuesday, October 1.

Homemade Mozzarella Madness Thursday, October 3.

You Take the Cake Cost: $70. This course counts as two of the three courses to receive the discount. Saturday, October 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Donut Boot Camp Tuesday, October 8, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

The Spice is Right This course counts as two of the three courses to receive the discount. Fee: $70. Thursdays, October 10 and 17.

The Spirit of Aloha Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m.-noon.

Cuisine of the South Tuesday, October 22.

Passion for Pumpkin Wednesday, October 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Trick or Treat: Halloween Baking For parent and child. Thursday, October 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

More from the Bonefish Grill Monday, October 28.

For a complete description of the classes, as well as the rest of the fall schedule, visit www.middlesexcc.edu/profcom.

Denise Edwards, the culinary lab kitchen coordinator. She will also teach many of the classes.

Notables

Diane Gruskowski, assistant in the Department of Hospitality, Culinary Arts, and Dietetics, received a joint resolution from the New Jersey Assembly and Senate to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Danielle's Law, named for her daughter.

Danielle's Law requires that direct support staff in a facility for the Developmentally Disabled and Traumatic Brain injured dial 911 in a life-threatening emergency.

The resolution was presented by Assemblymen Joseph Cryan and Upendra Chivukula during Disabilities Awareness Day in North Brunswick.

The Child Care Center ended the summer with a special day of fun in August. The children enjoyed face painting, crafts, pony rides and a petting zoo featuring ducks, a chicken, a donkey and goats. Here, Jacob Badilla makes a new friend.

Dental Hygiene Program Re-Accredited by Dental Commission

The Dental Hygiene Program at Middlesex County College has been granted a renewal of accreditation by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission is a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

"We're all very proud of this achievement," said Claire Pean, chair of the Dental Auxiliaries Department at MCC. "This was a strenuous process and we worked very hard on it. I think it shows the high quality of our program. The commission looked at all aspects of our program and approved. We are very pleased. We have wonderful faculty who prepare our students very well. Our graduates score extremely well on their national exams, and many go on for advanced degrees. Our students provide a variety of oral health services in the clinic including oral prophylaxis, x-rays, dental sealants, and oral hygiene instruction. We have many community outreach programs including Give Kids a Smile Day, when children can come in for dental work free of charge."

Middlesex has been granted the accreditation status of "approval without reporting requirements," which means the Commission had no questions or reservations about approving the program. This is the highest rating a program may obtain. The next site visit will be in 2019.

Student Services Building

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Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized mark of excellence that provides building owners with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

The College is attempting to attain a gold rating for this building.

Donald Drost Jr., executive director of facilities management, said the new, two-story building is approximately 26,000 square feet, and will be near the ecological park, at the corner of Parkside Drive and College Drive East. The project includes improvements to the park – a more defined path, new lighting and benches – as well as upgrading two parking lots and increasing the number of spaces in them.

DMR Architects has been selected and the actual construction is scheduled to start in the summer of 2014, with an opening date of October 2015. It is expected to cost $12 million and will be funded by Chapter 12, a program in which the county government sells bonds, and the state and the county then split the debt service.

"This is going to be a fantastic building that will serve many generations of students," Mr. Drost said.

Twenty-one educators from the Chongming region of Shanghai in China visited MCC in July to learn about the higher education system in the United States. The group heard from Terri Orosz, assistant dean of arts and sciences, and then toured the biotechnology and nursing labs. The group also visited educational institutions in Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. during the 10-day tour. Above, Nancy Berger, director of the joint MCC-Raritan Bay Medical Center Nursing Program, demonstrates the simulated patient that students use to practice working with expectant mothers. From left: Professor Berger, Pan Qun, a teacher in the Shanghai Chongming Beibao Primary School, and Tao Li, a teacher in the Shanghai Chongming Yucai Primary School.