

Accomplished Alum and NJCCC To Be Honored at College Gala

David Brogan, a 1993 graduate of Middlesex County College and the first vice president of economic development and taxation for the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, will be honored as Alumnus of the Year at the 44th annual Scholarship Gala. In addition, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges will be recognized for 25 years of service to the community college sector.

The Gala will be held Saturday, March 1 at the Imperia, 1714 Easton Ave, Somerset, NJ. The event begins at 6 p.m. The entertainment includes “The Best of Broadway” starring Barbra Russell and Ron Sharpe, stars of Broadway’s “Les Misérables.”

“This is going to be a wonderful evening of music, fellowship and fun,” said Veronica Clinton, director of development and alumni relations

A wonderful evening of music, fellowship and fun, honoring David Brogan and the New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

Nurturing Leadership



The Joint Leadership Collaborative held its first training session of the semester as 50 students got to know each other. The program is designed to develop leadership skills among students, and to help them learn that no matter what level they are in an organization, they can be leaders.

at the College, and the executive director of the MCC Foundation. “We’re thrilled to be able to recognize such a distinguished alumnus as well as a wonderful organization that does so much for community colleges. By participating in this event, you will not only help us celebrate their accomplishments, but you will also be supporting scholarships for deserving Middlesex County College students.”

Mr. Brogan attended MCC from 1991 to 1993 before transferring to Rutgers University, where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1985-1989.

The New Jersey Business and Industry Association represents more than 21,000 member companies, with over 1.5 million employees making it the largest employer-representative association in the nation. It provides information and services for its members, but it is also known as the premier lobbying association for business.

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The Theater Camp is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Camp Middlesex is a great place for kids to learn and grow, and also have fun.

Camp Middlesex Means Summer Fun for Kids

Twenty-one new programs have been added to Camp Middlesex for the summer of 2014. The camp, located on the Middlesex County College campus in Edison, is for kids 6 to 18 years old. It runs from June 23-August 15.

An open house, at which prospective campers and their parents can meet staff, learn about all the programs and register, will be Sunday, March 2 from 1-4 p.m. in Crabiell Hall. A raffle will be held for a \$100 gift certificate toward camp.

Camp Middlesex is actually many special interest camps. Campers can

pick their activity from a list of dozens, including theater, robotics, chess, magic, sports, video game creation, art, cooking, fashion, computers, and many more. Each session runs for one week, mornings or afternoons, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. Most kids pick two camps for a full-day experience.

There is also a pre-camp option starting at 7:30 a.m. and an after-camp program that goes until 6 p.m.

The cost varies by program but most are \$175 per half-day camp.

“Parents love the variety of programs,” said Elaine Berlin, the

Camp Middlesex coordinator. “They tell me ‘Who else offers theater, painting, sports, science and cooking, all in one place?’ This is a great option for working parents who want their children to be doing something fun and fulfilling. It’s affordable, and all our instructors are certified classroom teachers who care about each child. We have a full-time nurse should the need arise. Plus, the classrooms are air-conditioned and the campus is beautiful. It’s a wonderful experience. This is an especially exciting year because it is the Theater Camp’s 25th Anniversary.”

New programs include Code Breakers, Model United Nations, Relays, Games and Races, Strings and Things, Lego® WeDo Robotic Challenges, Minecraft Designers, Ultimate Claymation, Lego Friends and for Girls, Study Skills for Junior High School Students, Lego Architecture, Recycle Arts and Scraps, Rubber Band Bling, Blogging for Beginners, Camp Zombie, Hip Hop and Street Jazz, Video Game Animation, Amusement Park Physics, Video Game Odyssey, X-Games: Ultimate Video Game Experience, Comedy Camp, and App Adventures.

For a brochure that details all the camps, or for more information, call 732-906-2556 or visit www.middlesexcc.edu/camp.

THIS MONTH AT MIDDLESEX

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MCC Honors Black History Month With Music, Exhibits, Lectures

MCC will celebrate Black History Month in February with an array of programs, lectures, trips and films. Most are free and open to the public.

The month kicks off with author Byron Motley, who will discuss African-American baseball before Jackie Robinson cracked the color barrier in 1947. Mr. Motley's father umpired in the Negro Leagues and the two of them wrote a book on the subject. Bryon Motley will offer an insightful, amusing, moving, educational and entertaining program. It will be Monday, February 3 at 11 a.m. in the College Center Cafeteria C.

A musical performance, called "Of Ebony Embers – Vignettes of the Harlem Renaissance," will be held Wednesday, February 5 at 11 a.m., College Center, Main Lounge. It examines the lives of renowned African-American poets Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen and Claude McKay as seen through the eyes of the great muralist and painter Aaron Douglas.

David Brimmer, right, the director of the Middlesex County College Center for Veterans Services, accepts a plaque from Curt Coy, the undersecretary for economic opportunity of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The center was lauded for its efforts in helping military veterans and their dependents complete their educational goals. The citation also noted Mr. Brimmer's role in recognizing the one millionth recipient of the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Steven Ferraro, a Middlesex student. The two of them traveled to Washington, DC in November and met with Dr. Jill Biden, the second lady of the United States, as well as executives from the VA. Mr. Coy traveled to New Jersey in January to meet with representatives of the Rutgers University Office of Veterans Services and Mr. Brimmer.

Inspirational speaker Traciana Graves will talk on legendary African-Americans such as Josephine Baker, Frederick Douglass, Rosa Parks, Harry Belafonte, Maya Angelou and Sojourner Truth. It is scheduled for Monday, February 10 at 11 a.m. in the College Center Corral Restaurant.

A lecture on the history of the Tuskegee Airmen by Eugene Richardson (a Tuskegee Airman) will be Wednesday, February 12 at 11 a.m. in the College Center Corral Restaurant.

An exhibit and lecture, "African American Freedom Fighters and the Underground Railroad," will be held by

Viola Sanders on Wednesday, February 19. Exhibit: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; lecture: Noon, College Center, Main Lounge.

Van Moody, an author, motivational speaker and relationship expert, will lecture on the historical relationship between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. It will be Monday, February 24 at 11 a.m. in the College Center Corral.

There will be a musical performance by Valerie Adams and the Dimensions on Tuesday, February 25 at 11 a.m., College Center, Main Lounge.

For a complete list of all Black History Month activities, visit www.middlesexcc.edu.

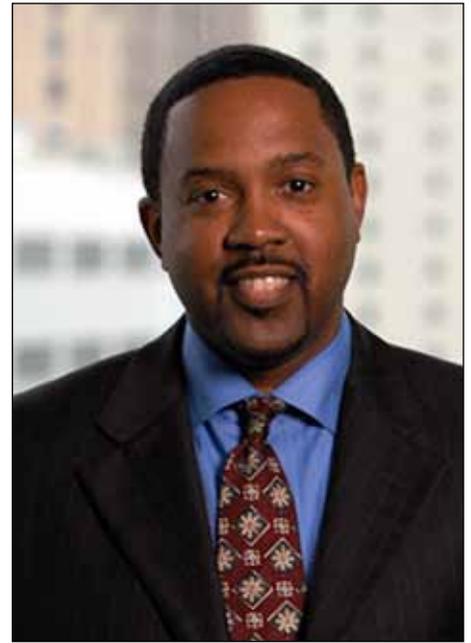




David Brogan '93



Lawrence Nespoli



Bakari Lee

Gala to Support Student Scholarships, Honor Community Leaders

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“We take positions on bills and regulations that will have the greatest benefit for the largest number of our members,” he said.

During his tenure, Mr. Brogan successfully advocated for \$2.3 billion in tax cuts and incentives for business, as well as the largest overhaul of New

Jersey’s economic incentive programs in over two decades.

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges is the state association representing New Jersey’s 19 community colleges. As an independent, trustee-headed organization that joins the leadership of trustees and presidents, the NJCCC is the voice of the community college

sector before the state legislature and other branches of government. The NJCCC was created by state statute in 1989. Bakari Lee is the chairman and Dr. Lawrence Nespoli is the president.

Tickets to the Gala are \$250 each and sponsorship opportunities are available. Please call 732-906-2564 or email foundation@middlesexcc.edu for details.

A Warm Welcome

New adjuncts were welcomed into the College community at an orientation program run by the Council for Adjunct Faculty Development and the Adjunct Faculty Center in January.

