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The annual holiday party included a food drive that collected 700 pounds of food, which was donated to M.C.F.O.O.D.S. (Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services). Members of the College community dropped off food as they entered the party. From left: Kimberlee Hooper, director of the Office of School Relations; Anny Gonzalez, assistant in Counseling and Career Services; Max Hill, Office of School Relations; and College President Joann La Perla-Morales.

MCC Selected as Military-Friendly School by Magazine

Military Advanced Education (MAE) has awarded Middlesex County College the designation of a Top Military-Friendly College in its 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities, released in print and available online at www.mae-kmi.com.

From community colleges to state universities, online universities and nationally known centers of higher learning, MAE's 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges & Universities provides potential students with information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to the men and women in uniform.

"Our staff used strict criteria to evaluate the submissions of the respondents, and we had a record

number of schools participating this year," said Kelly Fodel, MAE's editor. "We believe the Guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers (ESOs) and transition officers when advising servicemembers about their educational opportunities. I encourage students and ESOs to check out our searchable database online. We designed this database with the military student in mind. We want to help them make informed choices, so we are giving them access to all the survey questions and answers provided by the schools, as well as explanations about critical issues like the schools' activation and deployment policies, withdrawal policies, scholarship and financial aid information, and support information."

David Brimmer, director of the College's Center for Veterans Services, was very pleased with the honor.

"Our office takes pride in the work we do with our military-affiliated students," he said. "Our goal is to make sure they feel welcome on campus, have access to their educational entitlements, and to ensure they have a positive experience at MCC."

Visit www.mae-kmi.com for online access to the 2014 Guide to Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities.

This is the second military-friendly designation that Middlesex County College was awarded in 2013. Earlier in the year, MCC was named to Victory Media's Military-Friendly Schools list.



Honored for Excellence

When Professor Dr. Christine Harrington published her textbook, "Student Success in College: Doing What Works!," she decided to take the MCC royalties from it and establish a scholarship for students. She invited those taking Student Success 101 classes to create posters summarizing research findings from a peer-reviewed journal article. The three winners were honored at a ceremony in December. From left: Dr. Christine Harrington; Randi Sheehan, first place winner whose poster was on the importance of student-faculty relationships on student success; her professor, Patty McMahon; Patrick Nicklas, the second place winner, whose poster's theme was how video game performance can negatively affect academic performance in college students; his professor, Charlotte Quigley; Joseph Reyes, third place winner whose poster was on the importance of family communication on student success; and College President Joann La Perla-Morales. Ms. Sheehan was awarded \$2,000; Mr. Nicklas \$1,000; and Mr. Reyes \$500.

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Notables

Lynn Somers, manager of information technology support services and Pamela Hedberg, scholarship program specialist, were recently quoted in industry publications. Ms. Somers was interviewed for Speech Technology magazine about Amcom's speech recognition program that is used when callers reach the main phone line and need to be connected to a specific department or person.

"Amcom does meet our needs very well," she said.

The article reports that between 800 and 2,000 calls are received each day on the line, and only 25 percent need to be handled by an operator.

Ms. Hedberg was quoted in a client testimonial for the STARS Online scholarship tracking and review system that the Scholarships Office is now using. Students use the system to apply for scholarships and the review committees use it as they evaluate the applications.

Grant Awarded for Security Cameras

Middlesex is one of seven community colleges in the state that have been awarded funding to install security cameras on campus. Each grant is for \$157,000, and, at MCC, will allow the College to install cameras on interior and exterior common areas of the College Center, Performing Arts Center, Studio Theatre, Library, Johnson Learning Center and the Instructional Resource Center.

"This will provide an additional level of security for students, faculty and staff at MCC," said Ivan Scott, interim director of Campus Police.

The grant, the Urban Area Security Initiative - County College Security Project, was awarded to the County prosecutors of Middlesex, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Bergen, Morris and Union by the New Jersey Department of Homeland Security and Preparedness. Community colleges in each of those counties will benefit.

Denise Edwards, the demonstration kitchen lab coordinator who is teaching many of Today's Table classes.



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

This spring, you can learn how to be a great amateur chef. "Today's Table" will be held in Crabiell 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 Dr. 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 \$40 for each class or choose any three classes for \$99. 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. Below are classes through the middle of February. For a complete schedule and more information, visit middlesexcc.edu/profcom or call 732-906-2556.

Soup's on Discover how simple it is to create your own signature soups from scratch. Tuesday, January 7.

Heart Warming Sunday Dinners Bring back that old time feeling of warmth and community with dishes such as honey glazed ham, candied yam soufflé and BBQ short ribs. Thursday, January 9.

Creole Cooking Uncover the origins of this Louisiana-style cooking with dishes such as mock crawfish salad, Creole style tomato, and jambalaya, pears over sponge cake and Creole-styled beans. Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

One-Pot Meals Learn to make delicious and healthy meals with no fuss and no (or at least fewer) dishes to wash. Tuesday, January 14.

Roasting and Braising Learn the Art of Braising – a simple cooking technique with huge outcomes. Thursday, January 16.

Comfort Foods These are the foods that make you feel cozy and warm. Thursday, January 23.

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In Memoriam: Dr. Frank M. Chambers



Dr. Frank M. Chambers

The College mourns the passing of Frank M. Chambers, the founding president of MCC, who passed away December 23. He had just turned 94.

"As the founding father of one of the first community colleges in New Jersey, Frank Chambers is a member of a small group of dedicated people whose life and work transformed the lives of thousand of students," said MCC President Joann La Perla-Morales.

Dr. Chambers served the College from 1965 to 1975 and was also an administrator at colleges in Ohio and New York. He also served in the Navy during World War II and the Korean War.



Both men's and women's basketball teams are doing very well this season. The women's squad is 7-3 overall and 4-1 in the Garden State Athletic Conference. The men's team is 5-4 overall and 4-2 in the region. At left, Jennifer Shereyka drives to the hoop, while above, Jaquan Pearyer looks to pass.

Today's Table Offers a Multitude of Menus

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Chinese New Year Celebratory Foods In celebration of the Chinese New Year – the year of the horse – this class will explore traditional Chinese New Year foods. Tuesday, January 28.

Super Bowl: Snack Attack Kick off Super Bowl Sunday with an assortment of food. Thursday, January 30.

Jerusalem Gems Join Nirit Yadin, an Israeli-born chef, to sample and learn to prepare unique Mediterranean cuisine from Jerusalem. Tuesday, February 4.

Contemporary Soul Foods This class puts a spin on southern cooking with crispy roast duck, bourbon-braised oxtails, and blue and yellow cornbread muffins. Thursday, February 6.

Royal Icing This sugary icing makes a great topping for cookies, and can also be used to decorate cakes. Saturday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., February 8.

From Russia with Love The Olympics are coming, so get in the mood with Russian food. Monday, February 10.

Cooking for Couples This course provides techniques and recipes for

couples, empty nesters and others who cook for two. Tuesday, February 11.

Sweet Treats for You & Your Sweetie Looking for some sweet indulgences this Valentine's Day? Thursday, February 13.

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Saturday, March 1, 2014
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Alumnus of the Year for Professional and Community Achievement: David H. Brogan '93
Educational Community Honoree:
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