

Gala Celebrates Golden Anniversary and Community Partnerships

Middlesex County College will hold a gala to celebrate its 50th anniversary and to honor all those who have contributed to its success. It will be held Saturday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the College Center on the Edison campus.

“The 50th anniversary is a good time to reflect on the College’s history and acknowledge all the many people and organizations that have made MCC a special place for the past five decades,” said Patrick Madama, vice president for institutional advancement. “Many,

of course, come to mind immediately: the faculty, staff and students, county leaders such as the freeholders, and donors to the Foundation. But we are also grateful to the business community, who hire our alumni, and for our graduates, who obtain jobs in local industries, contributing to the economic vitality of the region.”

The program includes a cocktail hour, dinner, a brief program saluting those who advance MCC, and dancing with the Brookdale Big Band, which is conducted by Joseph Accurso, and features vocalist Barbara Baron. A display of College memorabilia and photos will be set up in a nearby alcove.

Tickets to the gala are \$250 and sponsorship opportunities are available as well. Call 732-906-2564 for details.



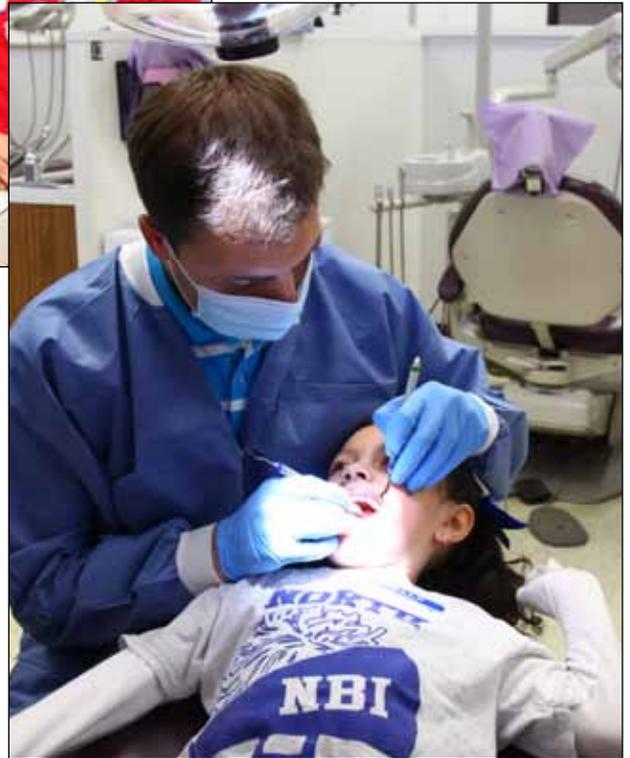
Another 1000-Point Scorer

MCC guard Bryant Webb scored his 1000th career point in a game against Atlantic Cape Community College February 18. The game was stopped and he was presented with a ceremonial basketball; a banner was given to him at a home game three days later. He joins Quorea Pearyer of the MCC women’s team in the 1000 point club. It is believed that they are the first male/female tandem in the nation to break 1000 points in the same year at a two-year college. He is in the center, holding the ball and he is flanked by College President Joann La Perla-Morales and head coach George Jackson. At right, going in for two points.





Smiling Faces



The Middlesex County College Dental Clinic was the home of bright smiles on Friday, Feb. 6 as about 60 children from all over the area visited for free dental care during “Give Kids a Smile Day,” a national effort to ensure children have access to quality dental care. Local dentists, hygienists, and MCC dental students and alumnae volunteered their time and talents as they treated kids who received an exam, cleaning, fluoride treatments, sealants, as well as education on how to brush and floss. Above, The Tooth Fairy, otherwise known as Kayla Guido, and dental student Kimberli Heman teach Nityaa Dave the proper way to brush. At right, Dr. Bryan Graye, a dentist in Shrewsbury, treats Isabella Leon.

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Community Open House and Expo

Sunday, April 19
11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Classic Car Show • Fiddler on the Roof • Activities for Children
• Carnival Games • Mini-Golf • Alumni Art Exhibit and Auction • Academic and Non-Credit Program Demonstrations • British Invasion Tribute Band • Blood Drive • Poetry Reading • Step Dance Performance

Visit www.MCCOpenHouse.com for a schedule of events and to register.

New Camp Middlesex Programs; Open House Set for March 8

Twenty-three new programs have been added to Camp Middlesex for the summer of 2015. The camp, located on the Middlesex County College campus in Edison, is for kids 6 to 18 years old. It runs from June 29-August 21.

An open house, at which prospective campers and their parents can meet camp instructors, learn about all the programs and register, will be Sunday, March 8 from 1-4 p.m. in Crabiell Hall. A raffle will be held for a \$100 gift certificate toward camp. Bring the kids to enjoy demonstrations and light refreshments.

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 runs until 6 p.m. to accommodate working parents.

Kathleen Smith-Wenning, the Rutgers-MCC liaison for the Respiratory Care program, is also an MCC adjunct teaching courses in anthropology and sociology. Each summer, she travels to Oaxaca, Mexico, to volunteer with Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of the most impoverished children in the area. She was invited to serve on the Board of Directors and to provide medical oversight for the Arkansas-based organization.

"Most of the children we serve work late into the night selling cigarettes and candy," she told the Home News Tribune. "They are profoundly poor by our standards: They live in homes with cement floors, corrugated walls and



The Theater Camp is a wonderful opportunity for aspiring actors.

Most programs 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."

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Notables

roofs, one light bulb and no running water. Their beds are floor mats. But they have a different type of wealth: A strong, family-centered community."

Susan Altman, associate professor in the Visual, Performing and Media Arts Department, was appointed to the Professional Practices Committee of the College Art Association for a three-year term. The College Art Association is the national group for art history and studio arts. The Professional Practices Committee works on creating the standards for the profession relating to placement and recruitment, scholarly stands and ethics in art history, studio practice, tenure and promotion procedures, and studio health and safety. Professor Altman

has been a member of the association since 1983. In addition, her work was included in an exhibition of the Society of American Graphic Artists (SAGA) held at the Old Print Shop in New York. SAGA is a national organization of contemporary artists who work in a variety of hand-pulled printmaking media.

Mark Thompson, director of the Library, was named to the New Jersey Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Council for a two-year term. The council assists state library staff in establishing annual grant criteria, priorities and categories and in evaluating activities funded through the LSTA programs.



Students, faculty and staff in the Nursing Program participated in the "National Wear Red Day" campaign on Friday, February 6, promoted by the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. They were asked to wear red

on that day, since red is a color that stands out. Everyone was given a Heart Health Information Packet and asked to share it with someone they knew who could benefit from it. This was a wonderful community outreach activity.

Camp Middlesex

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New programs include Code Breakers; Relays, Games and Races; Lego® WeDo Robotic Challenges; Minecraft Designers; Lego Friends and Crafts for Girls; Study Skills for Junior High School Students; Lego Architecture; Blogging for Beginners; Camp Zombie; Video Game Animation; Amusement Park Physics; Digital Storytellers; Blood, Guts and Bones – Discovering the Human Body; Painting with Watercolor; American Folklore and Song; Minecraft Moddlers; Drawing for Beginners; Soap Making and Bubbly Stuff; Bracelets, Bling and Beyond; Party in the USA; Animal Planet; Origami – The Art of Folded Paper; and App Adventures: The Next Level!

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



About 50 MCC students learned about the horrors of human sex trafficking at a showing of the movie "Sex and Money: A National Search for Human Worth." The film is a documentary about domestic minor sex trafficking and the movement fighting to stop it. The program was sponsored by Democracy House, Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey and the Middlesex County Center for Empowerment. The movie's crew traveled to more than 30 states and conducted interviews with federal agents, victims, politicians, porn-stars, psychologists and others. At the screening, from left: Christine Citera, the community educational coordinator for Prevent Child Abuse New Jersey; Fizza Sulaiman, Modupe Bello, both students in Democracy House; Pattiann McMahan, Democracy House's faculty advisor; and Jessica Grollman, intern with the County's Center for Empowerment.