



### Presenting the L'Hommedieu Award

From left: Middlesex County Freeholder Director Ronald G. Rios; Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the College's Board of Trustees; Frank Deiner; and College President Joann La Perla-Morales.

## Kudos for a Founding Father

Frank Deiner, a Middlesex County freeholder in the 1960s, received the L'Hommedieu Award from Middlesex County College on August 25. One of the founding fathers of MCC, Mr. Deiner led the contingent of Middlesex County officials who traveled to Washington in 1964 to lobby for the land that would become MCC. He was also instrumental in selecting MCC's first Board of Trustees.

The Paige D. L'Hommedieu Award is the highest honor given by the College. It is awarded annually at the Fall Convocation to a person who embodies the citizenship, leadership and humanity of Paige D. L'Hommedieu, the founding board chair of the College. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding

of MCC, so it is fitting that the College honor someone who did so much to create Middlesex County College.

Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, presented the award.

"What a special time it is to recognize Mr. Deiner, who was here 50 years ago and has remained an advocate to this day, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our county college," she said. "Thank you, Frank, for your foresight and work those many years ago to bring us to what and where we are today."

Then 33 years old, Mr. Deiner was the youngest Middlesex County freeholder and he was also the chair of its Education Committee. He selected part of the Raritan Arsenal as the land

he wanted for the College, and led the group from the county to Washington to lobby for it. In his pocket was a magic marker, and when Maurice Greenberg of the Government Services Administration took out a map and set it on his office floor, Mr. Deiner boldly circled the acreage he felt was needed for the College. They got it.

"I'm very honored to receive the Paige L'Hommedieu Citizenship Award," Mr. Deiner said as he accepted the plaque. "To be with an institution at its birth and to see it grow gives me unending pride. It's amazing to me how many people have improved their lives; it's mind-boggling. The College continues to grow and has a great future."

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## West Hall Construction to Begin: New Enrollment Center in 2016

Middlesex County College held a groundbreaking to kick off construction on one of two new buildings scheduled for completion in 2016. West Hall, which will consolidate enrollment services, was introduced at the groundbreaking September 24. Scheduled to open in the spring of 2016, the two-story building will transform student enrollment procedures.

"Thank you for joining is on this wonderful day as we begin another addition to our campus," said College President Joann La Perla-Morales at the groundbreaking. "Our goal is to bring the services of several departments under one roof to meet the needs of students and their family members for admission, financial aid, advising, registration, orientation, scholarships and student accounts."

College officials are excited about the new building.

"It's going to revolutionize how we admit and register students," said Kasey Drennen, director of the College's First-Year Experience. "We've been looking at Montgomery County Community College, which is in the vanguard of enrollment services, to create a true one-stop process."

Students could take care of most of their enrollment process by visiting one counter.

"The idea is you can get through the process quicker and more conveniently," Mr. Drennen said.

Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the MCC Board of Trustees, noted the construction was taking place during the College's 50th anniversary.

"We are pleased in this golden anniversary year to be adding

another fine facility to our learning environment," she said. "This new enrollment services center will provide improved assistance to our students and their families."

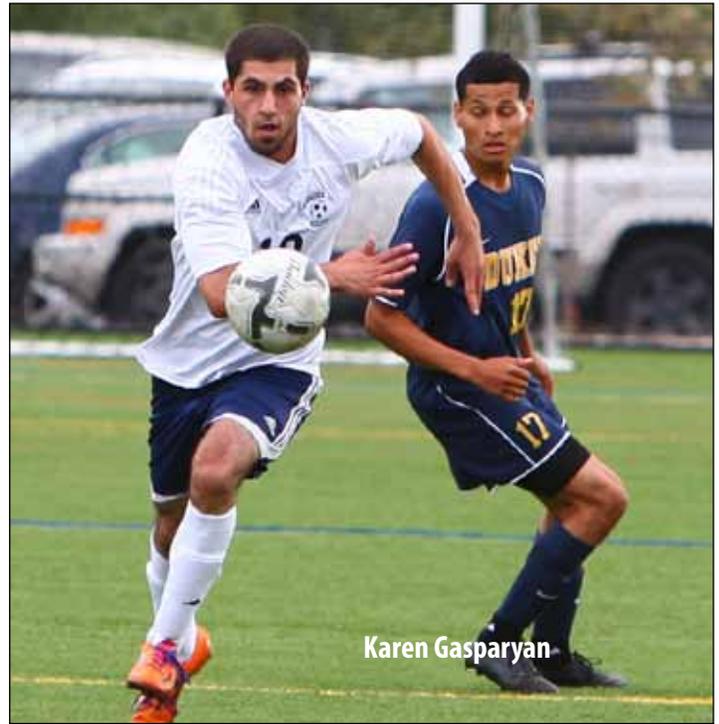
Carol Barrett Bellante, deputy director of the Middlesex County Freeholders, lauded the College and its trustees.

"For 50 years, utilizing some buildings from the former Raritan Arsenal, the beauty of this campus has been maintained and extended," she said. "I'm proud of the quality, accessible and affordable educational opportunity we offer our residents."

West Hall will be approximately 26,000 square feet, at the corner of Parkside Drive and College Drive East. The project includes improvements to the ecological park behind the building



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Fall sports are in full swing and the teams are playing well.

## College Breaks Ground on New West Hall Enrollment Center

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– a more defined path, new lighting and benches – as well as upgrading two parking lots and increasing the number of spaces in them.

Donald R. Drost Jr., executive director of facilities management, said the design has been completed and construction is scheduled to start at the end of 2014 or early 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.

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

Mr. Drost said the College is attempting to attain a gold rating for this building.

A groundbreaking for the second building, South Hall, will be held October 24. That building, funded by the Building Our Future Bond Act approved by the voters in 2012, will be a state-of-the-art science building. It replaces South I and South II, which were demolished over the summer. They had been the temporary home for James Monroe Elementary School last spring.