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Chillin'

It was (fortunately) a warm day in July as the MCC women's basketball coaches and assistant athletic director got doused with ice water as part of Chillin4Charity, a phenomena that is sweeping the nation. Started by the University of Arizona women's basketball coach, participants get soaked before donating money to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. They then challenge others to do the same. If they decline, they must donate \$250. Getting wet, from left to right: Tracey Napoleon, assistant basketball coach; Carey Monkowski, assistant athletic director; and Michel Powell, head coach. Doing the drenching: Quorea Pearyer, Annette Stacknick, Charles Powell, and Bob Edmonds.

Welcoming New Faculty and Staff

Middlesex County College is welcoming many new employees this fall to campus, including 10 tenure track faculty members. The new faculty include Terrence Corrigan, Cristóbal Espinoza, Melissa Luis and Crystal Quillen of History and Social Science; Kimberly Fouad, Brian Lavey and James Martiney of Natural Sciences; Patricia Luck of Radiography; and Anna DeMers and Richard Thompson of Visual, Performing, and Media Arts.

New administrators include Mark McCormick, vice president for Academic and Student Affairs; Bradley Morton, executive director

of Information Technology; Laura Callahan, Police director; Mary Jo Tivenan-Mackintosh, Child Care Center director; Kelly Hogan, advancement services manager; Hema Patel, student development specialist in the Educational Opportunity Fund; Kayleigh Maklary, MCC Foundation assistant; Jacob Queener, Bookstore course materials manager; and Charita Green, operations and systems manager in Continuing Education.

New police officers include Brendan Coutu, Kevin Luckenbach, Samuel Miranowic, Michael Puetz and Shawn Wilson.

Staff appointments include Elice Brewer in Hospitality, Culinary Arts, & Dietetics; Jake Ciesez and Maura Frischmann, Admissions; Matthew Capurso, Alejandro Colon, Shaun Lockwood, Michael Motika, Christopher Huddleston and Ivette Torres in Facilities.

In addition, several MCC employees have taken on new roles. They include Roseann Bucciarelli, dean, Continuing Education; Donna Coyle, assistant to the vice president for Academic & Student Affairs; Alice Picardo, dean of Enrollment Management; and Til Dallavalle, director of Grants Development.



Lynda Zapoticzny, the principal of James Monroe Elementary School, Dr. Richard O'Malley, superintendent of Edison Schools, and Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, the president of MCC, received the Leadership Disaster Recovery Award from the Edison Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Awards Reception in June. When fire destroyed the Monroe school, it relocated to Middlesex County College; the students only missed two days of classes as the buildings were being readied. The trio were honored for their leadership and partnership in responding. From left: Dr. O'Malley; DeAngelina Inman, Chamber board member; Dr. La Perla-Morales; Robert Weeks, chairman of the Chamber board; Mrs. Zapoticzny; New Jersey Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin '74; and Senator Peter Barnes III.

Notables

Emanuel di Pasquale, professor of English and poet in residence at MCC, was named poet laureate of Long Branch, NJ. The honor was presented at the Inaugural Ceremony for Mayor Adam Schneider and the city council on July 1. Professor di Pasquale read a poem he had written for the mayor. Noted poet Robert Pinsky, who

is a native of Long Branch, sent his congratulations and praise for Professor di Pasquale's work.

Mark Thompson, Library director, was a panelist at the New Jersey Library Association career day, "Managing Your Librarian Career," held at the Kenilworth

Public Library in June. He addressed issues of the library profession, career strategies, training, and jobs. Current college students, library graduate school students, and those seeking a mid-career change were in attendance from around the state.

Jane Jiang, reference librarian, has translated a Spanish thriller into Chinese. The book, "Contrato de Dios," or "The Moses Expedition," is by Juan Gómez Jurado. She is the first to introduce the author to China, where the book was recently published to great success.

"It is really exciting to introduce western culture and literature to China," Ms. Jiang said. "It is the most meaningful thing to do."

Evelyn Rosa, director of the New Brunswick Center, was the recipient of the 2014 Patricia C. Donohue Leadership Award presented by the Mercer County Community College chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges. The award was presented in May.

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Scholarship Awards Up 40%

Middlesex County College will award \$780,000 in scholarships this coming academic year, a 42 percent increase over last year. To date, the Scholarships Office has granted 396 awards to 306 students, with spring 2015 still incomplete.

“There’s two reasons for this great news,” said Pam Hedberg, MCC’s scholarship specialist. “First, based on a three-year average of returns, the Foundation authorized that 5 percent of the endowment corpus be distributed as scholarships, 2 percent higher than last year. Plus we have \$130,000 for a new program called the Presidential Scholars to help students complete an Associate Degree.”

For many students, an MCC scholarship means the difference between continuing their education and dropping out. For others, it alleviates the need for part-time work and allows more time devoted to study.

“We are seeing more urgency and need for scholarship awards,” Ms. Hedberg said. “Stories are heartbreaking in some instances

because students understand the importance of a good education in order to succeed in life but financial problems are keeping them from moving forward. More and more applicants are coming back to school

after a lapse in education or needing to change career paths and they may not qualify for federally funded financial aid. MCC allows applicants to explain their circumstances and they are then carefully considered for scholarships.”

Today’s Table: Become a Great Chef

This fall, you can learn how to be a great amateur chef. “Today’s Table” will be held in Crabiel Hall’s culinary lab on the Edison campus. 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. For more information visit middlesexcc.edu/profcom or call 732-906-2556.

Fall classes include:

Marvelous Mushrooms Thursday, September 11.

Fall Brunch Desserts & Quick Breads Tuesday, September 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

World’s Fair of Food: 1964 Wednesday, September 17.

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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, chickens, and goats. From left: Jason Wu, Nicole Correa and Gianna Martinez.

Today's Table: Cooking Lessons Mixed with Fun

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Late Summer Harvest Thursday, September 18.

The Frosting on Top Note: This course counts as two classes when the discount is applied. Cost: \$75. Saturday, September 20, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Taste Buds Meet Autumn Tuesday, September 23, 6:30-9:30 p.m.



Students and faculty in the Natural Sciences Department have created a community garden, located on the side of Main Hall. They made the garden, which was funded by a grant from the MCC Retail Services Corporation, during the spring semester. Along with Professor Claire Condie, they use rainwater collected in a rain barrel to water the vegetables and herbs. Items currently blooming are blueberries, asparagus and assorted herbs. Here, Diane Vanderhoof tends to some pesky weeds.

Greek Specialties Thursday, September 25.

Fresh from the Oven: One Recipe, Four Types of Bread Cost: \$75. Note: This course counts as two classes when the discount is applied. Saturday, September 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Cooking with Ricotta Tuesday, September 30.

Celebrate Oktoberfest Thursday, October 2.

Fondant and Sugar Paste Cost: \$75. Note: This course counts as two classes when the discount is applied. Saturday, October 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Peruvian Cuisine Tuesday, October 7.

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

Fall Soups Tuesday, October 14.

Casseroles: The Convenience Food of 1964 Wednesday, October 15.

Autumn Pies Thursday, October 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Halloween Cookie Baking & Decorating Tuesday, October 21, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Jerusalem Mix Thursday, October 23.

Healthy Breakfasts Friday, October 24, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Fresh Pasta for Beginners Tuesday, October 28.

Underground Bounty Thursday, October 30.

A Black Tea Journey Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Raising the Bar - Gourmet Bar Foods Tuesday, November 4.

The 1964 Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest Wednesday, November 5.

Main Ingredient, Many Ways: Apple Part I Thursday, November 6.

Cooking for Thyroid Health Monday, November 10.

Vegan Thanksgiving Sides Thursday, November 13.

A Gluten-Free Thanksgiving Tuesday, November 18.

Main Ingredient, Many Ways: Cranberries Part II Thursday, November 20.

Holiday Pies Tuesday, November 25, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Latkes Extravaganza Tuesday, December 2.

Southern Holiday Thursday, December 4.

Chocolate Desserts Tuesday, December 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Hors d'oeuvres Thursday, December 11.

Bake and Take Cookie Workshop Cost: \$75. Note: This course counts as two classes when discount is applied. Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.