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# Outstanding Professors Receive Awards for Teaching, Scholarship

Three outstanding professors at Middlesex County College were recently honored: Benjamin Marshall, professor of English, was selected as the 2015 Faculty Scholar; Barbara Bogner, of the Natural Sciences Department, received the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award; and Sabrina MisirHiralall, of the History and Social Sciences Department, received the 2015 Excellence in Teaching Part Time Award.

Professor Marshall is an excellent teacher who has a long, impressive history of artistry and scholarship.

"While he has written poetry, fiction, and has conducted several academic presentations, what most impressed the selection committee was that he is an award-winning playwright," said Christine Harrington, director of the College's Center for the Enrichment of Teaching and Learning and the chairperson of the committee.

Professor Bogner has a passion for teaching that is evident through her innovative pedagogical methods.

"There's no one like Professor Bogner," Dr. Harrington said. "She does whatever it takes to excite and engage her students, including using costumes and music. There's no doubt that her students are extremely fortunate to have such a dynamic, caring professor. Professor Bogner is an inspiration to all of us!"

Dr. MisirHiralall spends endless hours preparing lessons that promote critical thinking and works with students outside of the classroom on many high-level projects.

"She is an amazing adjunct professor who challenges, engages, and supports her students in and outside of the classroom," Dr. Harrington said. "Her expertise and commitment are a true value to our college."

From left: College President Joann La Perla-Morales; Benjamin Marshall, scholar award winner; Ronald Goldfarb, special assistant to the president; Sabrina MisirHiralall, adjunct award winner; Barbara Bogner, teaching award winner; Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs; and Christine Harrington, chairperson of the selection committee.

# Program in Public Health to Begin in the Fall

MCC will be offering a new program in Public Health starting in the fall of 2015. The Associate of Science Degree will allow students to transfer to Montclair State, Rutgers and William Paterson University under articulation agreements being developed.

"This is a growing field that leads to good-paying jobs," said Jeffrey Herron, interim dean of professional studies at Middlesex. "The implementation of the Affordable Care Act has created a demand for professionals in this field. Public health professionals investigate and contain disease outbreaks, manage environmental hazards, educate children and adults about healthy lifestyles, analyze data and policies

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A total of 124 students were recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges. In addition, five administrators were named honorary members at the ceremony. From left: PTK student officer Anissa Bousellam, with honorees John Kruszewski, director of Advising; Fannie Gordon, assistant dean and director of Counseling and Career Services; David Edwards, dean of Arts and Sciences; Susan Perkins, vice president for Administration and Finance; Mark McCormick, vice president for Academic and Student Affairs; with PTK officer David Turner.

# Free Health Care Training for Low-Income Individuals and Vets Offered

A new, free program to train low-income individuals as well as military veterans to become Certified Nursing Assistants will begin at Middlesex at the end of June. The program will be held in Roosevelt Care Center's vacant hospice center in Edison with clinical rotations at the center itself.

"This is a wonderful way for veterans and low-income people to start a career in this high-demand field," said Martin Schamberger, allied health grant site coordinator in Professional and Community Programs in Middlesex County College's Continuing Education Division. "We have employers calling us already. This is a great program for a variety of reasons. It is a pathway to the health care world. It's an in-demand field and we offer a job development specialist to help graduates find employment. And we can typically cover all the costs."

For those interested in advancing, Certified Nursing Assistants can go on for a Licensed Practical Nurse or Registered Nurse certification, or for a career as a medical assistant.

The 90-hour program can be completed in five weeks, and will prepare graduates to assist nurses and doctors in caring for patients in nursing homes, hospitals and other institutions. It is funded by two federal grants, the Health Professions Opportunity Grant and the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training grant.

While class size is limited to 10 for the summer, that may grow depending on demand. JFK Hospital's Hartwyck centers have also been enlisted as a site for clinicals should the need arise.

Mr. Schamberger praised the Roosevelt Care Center for its partnership in developing the program, as well as the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, which approved the agreement. He also credited Jane Brady, former executive director of the County's Workforce Investment Board, who served as a liaison to the improvement authority.

"There was no available space on the Edison campus that could be dedicated for this program," Mr. Schamberger said. "She suggested the Roosevelt site and made contact with the improvement authority. I don't think the program would exist without her contributions."

The Certified Nursing Assistant program is approved by the New Jersey Department of Health. Those interested in participating should attend an information session. For dates and times, please email NNJHPC@middlesexcc.edu or call 732-906-7735.


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## Expo = Smiles

Blue skies met smiling faces at MCC's Community Open House and Expo, the signature event of its 50th anniversary celebration. Kids enjoyed the pony rides and petting zoo, bubble soccer, face painting, carnival games and story time. Activities aimed at adults included the classic car show, British Invasion Tribute Band, academic and continuing education demonstrations, poetry readings, and much more. About 3,000 people visited the campus and had a great time.

The Festival of Arts and Sciences, an annual event highlighting the contributions of music, history, science, sociology, theater, poetry and more to society, included a lecture by acclaimed photographer Jordan Matter. The best-selling author visited campus a few weeks before his lecture to create photos that he would discuss at the lecture. Here, he is photographing Michael Korner in the art studio.

Photo by Nicole Kazar

Two MCC students received Alumni Association Scholarship Awards this spring. Lia-Victoria Vega received the $750 scholarship for academic excellence, and Edward Zubrowski was awarded the $500 Alumni Association Scholarship for a dependent of an alumnus. Ms. Vega, a nursing major, volunteers with the Dunellen Rescue Squad. Mr. Zubrowski is the son of Christine (Hanson) Zubrowski who graduated from MCC in 1998. His older sister Lisa also graduated from MCC last spring. He is majoring in Criminal Justice-Police Option and hopes to become a State Police Officer.

# New Public Health Program

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to inform the public about health issues, and respond to public health emergencies. It is a field for those who want to help others."

Job prospects are expected to increase rapidly over the next few years, particularly in positions such as health educators, epidemiologists, environmental technicians and medical and health services managers.

The program was developed in concert with Brookdale Community College, the County College of Morris and Mercer County Community College. Dean Herron said creating the consortium made it less expensive to develop the program and easier to negotiate the articulation agreements with the four-year schools.

At Middlesex, the program combines several existing courses with a new one, Principles of Public Health.

# Outstanding Student

Jennifer Stein Aumack, a student in the Dietetic Technology program, will be receiving the Outstanding Dietetics Student Award at the New Jersey Dietetic Association Annual Meeting on May 13. The award recognizes student achievement in accredited programs. They must have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and professional participation in a student dietetic association and community service activities.