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## 2 New Buildings Poised to Open: Science and Enrollment Services

Middlesex County College will open two new buildings this fall. West Hall, a one-stop enrollment center, will open with a dedication and a reunion of MCC retirees on September 29, and South Hall, which will feature 14 sciences labs, will have its formal opening ceremony October 21.

“These are two state-of-the-art buildings that will benefit generations of future students,” said College President Joann La Perla-Morales. “I am thrilled with the way the construction has turned out. West Hall will consolidate all of our enrollment departments into one location, which will streamline the process. And the new South Hall will substantially improve the level and breadth of hands-on science instruction and allow us to offer new programs.”

West Hall, which cost \$12.7 million, was built through Chapter 12 funding, the traditional way that county colleges in New Jersey are able to construct buildings. The county sells bonds, and the state and county then split the debt service. West Hall will house the offices of Admissions, Academic

Advising, Career Services, Financial Aid, Registration, Student Account Services, Veterans Services, and the deans of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. The offices are scheduled to open in October.

It is 30,000 square feet and is nearby two large parking lots.

“We’re very excited about this new building because we will serve students in a more efficient manner,” said Brian Clemmons, dean of enrollment management. “Students can sign in from anywhere – home, their mobile phone, or inside West Hall. They will then go to one terminal to get assistance with any type of enrollment issue. Most of them will only need to see just one MCC representative. Wait times should improve dramatically.”

South Hall, which cost \$18.2 million, was funded through the State of New



West Hall

Jersey’s Building Our Future Bond Act, along with a 25 percent match from the County. The two-story, 36,000 square foot facility includes 14 science labs dedicated to general biology, chemistry, organic

chemistry, genetics, microbiology and general science. Classes will begin in January of 2017. “We’re all excited about the new facility,” said Parag Muley, chair of Natural Sciences. “It looks spacious and inviting. Students and faculty are going to find it to be state-of-the-art, and a really good educational space. It’s going to be equipped with the latest and the greatest equipment for training. We are eager to get started. We can’t wait.”

Donald Drost, executive director of facilities management, said the College will submit the two buildings for LEED certification. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized mark of excellence that provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions. Crabiell Hall, which was completed in 2011, received a Silver ranking and Mr. Drost expects West Hall and South Hall to earn a Silver or Gold mark.



South Hall



From left: Mark McCormick, MCC’s vice president for academic and student affairs; Middlesex President Joann La Perla-Morales; Anne Prisco, president, Felician University; and David Turi, associate dean, Felician School of Business.

## Business Program Transfer Agreement Signed with Felician University

MCC and Felician University signed an agreement that will allow MCC business students to complete their Bachelor of Science degree in Business, and, if they choose, a Master of Business Administration from Felician.

The Bachelor’s-level and graduate classes will be held on the Middlesex campus.

“We are excited to partner with Middlesex County College to create this clear and convenient pathway for MCC students to earn their undergraduate degree in business and even go on for an MBA,” said Robert Evans, dean of the Felician University School of Business. “This agreement will allow students to continue their education at Felician without distance as an obstacle.”

Jeffrey Herron, dean of professional studies, lauded the agreement.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for MCC business students,” he said. “They can transfer the 64 credits required for our Business Administration Transfer degree directly to Felician’s Business program, which means that they will not need to repeat courses completed at Middlesex. We have a very good relationship with the Business Department at Felician, and we believe the opportunity to expand our existing agreement to include the ability to pursue an MBA degree is an exciting development for our students, something we hope they will explore.”

Dr. Herron noted the two schools already have an agreement linking the Nursing programs.

“I’ve been able to observe our Nursing graduates participating in Felician’s program,” he said. “The way Felician has supported our students is very impressive and demonstrates its commitment to our partnership. I feel that this opportunity to grow the already strong relationship between our institutions will be very beneficial to MCC students looking to pursue Bachelor’s degrees.”

MCC currently hosts bachelor’s-level classes taught by faculty from Kean, Jersey City University, as well as the Felician nursing faculty.

## Notables

A paper written by Professor Susan Altman, of the Visual, Performing and Media Arts Department, has been accepted into the Art Museums and Foundation Studies at the 2017 Foundations in Art Theory and Education (FATE) Conference in Kansas City. The paper, “Gallery Adventures: Going, Seeing, Thinking and Doing,” discusses the relevance of MCC art department’s field tips to Chelsea and museums to support student learning within an art foundations program. She will also be chairing a panel at the conference, “Draw and Repeat: Reconsidering the Sketchbook.” The presenters she chose will be presenting new and innovative ideas related to the sketchbook with both digital and analog applications.

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# College Welcomes 22 New Faculty and Staff

Middlesex County College greeted 22 new faculty and staff this fall.

Christopher Drew is a new faculty member in History and Social Sciences. His expertise is in homeland security, civil security and law enforcement. He holds a B.S. from New Jersey City University, an M.Ed. from Seton Hall University, and a D.Sc. from New Jersey City University.



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Daniel Grek is a new faculty member in Engineering Technologies. He holds a B.S. and M.S. from Rutgers University. His area of specialization is in civil/structural engineering.

Joseph Nesi is a new faculty member in Accounting, Business and Legal Studies. A specialist in tax accounting, he is a certified public accountant and holds a B.S. from Siena College and an M.B.A. from Fordham University.

Mohit Nigam is a new member of the Natural Sciences faculty. He has an M.Sc. from Banaras Hindu University and an M.S. and Ph.D. from University of North Texas. His areas of specialization include particle accelerator-based physics.

Giuseppe Rotolo has joined the History and Social Sciences Department. He holds a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Palermo, and a Ph.D. from the University of Palermo and University of Cosenza. His specialty is the philosophy of the mind.

Andrew Rubin is a new member of the Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Dietetics Department. He has a B.S. and B.A. from Centenary College and an M.B.A. from Western Governors University. His area of specialization is culinary and hospitality management.

Adriana Mamay is the reference and instructional librarian. She holds a B.A. from Rutgers University, an M.A. from New York University, and an M.L.S. from Long Island University. Her specialty is research instruction.

New staff members include Gretchen Heaton, director of lifelong learning, and Nick DeMatteo, director of corporate education and training, in Continuing Education; Justin Fiorenza, Bujar Giyriqi, Jose Otero, Anthony Arena, and John McCauley

in Facilities Maintenance; Antonio Coppola, officer, and Dawn Spinola, dispatcher, in Campus Police; Carolina Ochoa, student records assistant, New Brunswick Center; Diana Sofo, administrative systems analyst, Information Technology; Cheryl Zhang, director of Financial Aid; Lisa Alexander, coordinator, cooperative education and experiential learning in Career Services; Linda Scherr, dean of Arts and Sciences; and Marilyn Ochoa, Library director.



The newest addition to the Child Care Center is a beautiful fire truck-themed playground. From left: Roseann Bucciarelli, dean of Continuing Education; MCC President Joann La Perla-Morales; with (top row) Alana and Athena Asimakis, Nadia Kaminsky, Aidan Magner. Bottom row: Jayahni Alvarez, Thiago Juarez, Raymond Vetter, Mia Izurieta, Aubrey Gomez, and Mary Jo Tivenan-Mackintosh, Child Care director.

## Roosevelt Care Center Honored for Support of CNA program

The College recently recognized the Roosevelt Care Center of Edison for its support of the College's Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Program. The program, approved by the New Jersey Department of Health, is conducted at Roosevelt Care Center's Barbara E. Cheung facility. CNA students study patient care and hygiene, anatomy and physiology, and patient safety and nutrition. The 50-hour classroom component is interspersed with 40 hours of supervised clinical rotations in Roosevelt Care Center's Parsonage Road facility. Roosevelt Care Center and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority supported the College's program from its inception three years ago and have provided the facilities and logistical support since the initial class was conducted in June of 2015. Students received assistance from a TAACCCT grant (Trade Adjustment



From left, Martin Schamberger, allied health grant coordinator at MCC; Frank Damiani, director of patient care at Roosevelt Care Center; and Joann La Perla-Morales, College president.

Assistance Community College and Career Training) provided by the U.S. Department of Labor and coordinated through the New Jersey Health Professions Consortium. College President Joann La Perla-Morales

hosted the event attended by executives of Roosevelt Care Center, members of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, the County Board of Freeholders and the College's Board of Trustees.

## College Promotes 6 Evening Degree Programs

Six academic degree programs can be completed at Middlesex County College in the evening. The six allow

students who work during the day to complete a program without being on campus before 5 p.m.

"Of course, we've always had evening classes," said Brian Clemmons, dean of enrollment management. "But many programs required you to take one or two classes during the day, which could be difficult for those who work or have child care responsibilities. Now you can complete a program completely in the evening hours."

The programs are Business Administration, Criminal Justice-Police Science, Liberal Arts-Business, Liberal Arts-General, Liberal Arts-Social Sciences, and Paralegal Studies.

"We expect to add more programs to this list soon," Mr. Clemmons said. "We have numerous support services to assist you, including tutoring. You can add even more flexibility to your schedule by enrolling in online classes."

For more information on scheduling, financial aid, transfer credits, prior learning assessment, scholarships and using employer benefits, contact the evening degree advisor, John Kruszewski, at 732.548.6000, ext. 3130 or enroll@middlesexcc.edu.



The Veterans Club at Renaissance at Monroe recently provided a \$4,000 donation to continue its support of student-veterans at Middlesex County College. This year's donation of is made in memory of Sandy Cohen (1968-2016), son of Club member Alan Cohen and his wife, Fern. Sandy Cohen passed away April 8, 2016 and, in addition to his parents, is survived by his wife, Sharon, and two children. The Veterans Club at Renaissance at Monroe is proud to celebrate the life of Sandy Cohen with its loyal and generous support of student-veterans at MCC. From left: Alan and Fern Cohen; Richard Feldman, coordinator of the MCC Veterans Services Center; Abraham Adams, president of the Renaissance Veterans Association; and Sharon Cohen.