



Students who received scholarships enjoyed mingling with donors and other MCC students at the annual Scholarship Reception in November. They also enjoyed taking selfies. More than 300 students, donors and guests attended. The MCC Foundation is providing over \$790,000 in scholarships this year thanks to the generosity of donors. More than 650 students will receive an MCC scholarship in 2015-16.

MCC Signs Reverse Transfer Agreement with Pillar College

Representatives of Middlesex County College and Pillar College recently signed a reverse transfer agreement. This pact allows students attending Pillar College to receive a Middlesex degree for courses they have taken at MCC and Pillar.

“It is really designed for students who started at Middlesex and transferred to Pillar just shy of an Associate Degree,” said Mark McCormick, MCC’s vice president for academic and student affairs. “What we find is students may transfer early, intending to earn a Bachelor’s Degree, but then an unforeseen circumstance prevents them from finishing. This agreement means they could take the credits they have earned from both institutions and apply them to an Associate Degree from MCC. We encourage all our students to graduate before transferring, but we recognize

this doesn’t always happen.”

The agreement with Pillar is the first reverse transfer agreement Middlesex

has signed. Middlesex has numerous transfer articulation agreements

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Seated, from left: Dr. Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs, and Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, president at Middlesex County College; David E. Schroeder, president, and Wayne R. Dyer, vice president of strategic alliances, at Pillar College. Standing: Marla Brinson, dean of student affairs, and Patrick Madama, vice president for institutional advancement, at Middlesex.

3 Students Honored for Posters on Journal Articles

When Professor Christine Harrington published her textbook, “Student Success in College: Doing What Works!,” she decided to take some of the royalties from it and establish a scholarship for students. She invited those taking Student Success 101 classes to create posters summarizing research findings from a peer-reviewed journal article. The winners were honored at a ceremony in December. They were: Carly Adams, who won the \$1,000 first-place prize for her poster on managing stress; Erika Rosario won the \$700 second-place award for a poster on marijuana use and its effect on academic performance; and Mario Perez, who took the \$300 third-place prize for his poster on kids and video games.



From left: College President Joann La Perla-Morales, Christine Harrington, Carly Adams, Erika Rosario, and Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs.

Fire Inspector Class Offered in Online/In-Person Format

For the first time, MCC will be offering its Fire Inspector ICS course in a hybrid format; students will take a portion of the Saturday classes in person at the Edison campus, but will then take the weekday classes online.

“This is a benefit for people with hectic schedules who would like to take some of their classes at home,” said Lynn Lederer, director of professional

and community programs. The course is offered through Middlesex County College in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

The Fire Inspector ICS course is the second of three levels of pre-licensing courses for fire inspectors. Before enrolling, students must be a licensed Fire Inspector RCS, which is a fire

inspector with a specialty in residential and small commercial structures.

They may then take the Fire Inspector ICS course, which will allow them to take the Fire Inspector ICS exam. Attaining this license is a prerequisite to the H.H.S. license – Fire protection inspector with a specialty in high-rise and hazardous structures.

The ICS course is based on the New Jersey Uniform Construction Code and the ICC International Building Code. It covers techniques for plan review, materials testing, field inspection, and report writing.

The in-person classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays: Feb. 20, March 12, April 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7 and 14. The online classes will be Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, and May 3, 10, 17. In addition, there are four online Saturday classes, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.: January 30, Feb. 6, 27, and April 2.

For more information, please visit middlesexcc.edu/profcom or call 732-906-2556.

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Pillar College Agreement

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with colleges and universities all over the nation. In the other transfer agreements, students earn an Associate Degree at MCC, then apply their credits earned to the four-year school where they transfer in as juniors.

In the Pillar agreement, students must have earned at least 30 degree-

eligible, transferable credits from Middlesex; the remainder can be earned at Pillar.

“One of the interesting features of this agreement is that the student could be awarded an Associate Degree from MCC and a Bachelor's Degree from Pillar simultaneously,” Dr. McCormick said.



Both the men's and women's basketball squads are enjoying stellar seasons. The women are 11-1 while the men are 9-5. Ziykara Hicks drives around her opponent, while Berruche Archille goes in for a score.

Old Bridge/Sayreville Rotary Helps MCC Students Succeed

A record number of students, 30, received the largest amount of money – almost \$66,000 – from the Old Bridge/Sayreville Rotary Scholarship at MCC this academic year. The organization was one of dozens recognized at the annual Scholarship Reception at MCC this fall. The event allows scholarship donors to mingle with the students they have assisted.

“It really is a wonderful night,” said Veronica Clinton, director of development and alumni relations and executive director of the College Foundation. “It gives our donors the chance to get to know the students they are helping.”

The Old Bridge/Sayreville Rotary has a long history of helping MCC students. Since 1991, 195 students have received 267 scholarships (many have received renewed scholarships), for a

total of \$358,134.

“We are grateful for their support,” Ms. Clinton said. “They have helped

hundreds of MCC students reach their educational goals and become successful.”



At the Scholarship Reception, from left: students Dillon Meicke, Elizabeth Trelles, Jean Germain, Kelly Walsh, Marc Martinez, Rotary representatives Joseph Juliano and Suzanne Meyer, students Merisa Carroll, Patricia Arpaugh, Veronica Martinez and Louis Pinchinat.