



Frank M. Deiner (center, foreground) at Deiner Drive, surrounded by family, friends and Middlesex County College officials.

Campus Street Name Honors a Founding Father

A street on the campus of Middlesex County College has been named in honor of Frank Deiner, who was a freeholder in 1964 and one of the founding fathers of MCC.

Mr. Deiner was a 33-year-old freeholder and the chairman of its Education Committee when the College was being created in 1964. He led the contingent of Middlesex County officials who traveled to Washington, DC to lobby for the land that would become MCC. He was also instrumental in selecting the College's first Board of Trustees.

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,

Board of Trustees recognizes longtime supporter

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.

The newly named Deiner Drive runs parallel to Mill Road and by the Middlesex Academy High School, Billy Johnson Hall and Edison Hall.

"I was happy that the Board of Trustees unanimously adopted a

resolution to recognize Frank Deiner's longtime support for this institution as a freeholder and county resident," said Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the MCC Board of Trustees, at a ceremony unveiling the sign Nov. 5. "He was instrumental in creating this college, including negotiating with the federal government for this large parcel of land. It is appropriate that his name on this drive will honor his many contributions."

College President Joann La Perla-Morales noted the location of Deiner Drive is symbolic.

"The line of that magic marker was somewhere near that fence along Mill

Top College for Veterans Awarded by 3 Media Outlets

Middlesex County College is one of the most veteran-friendly colleges in the United States, according to lists developed by three media companies: Military Times, Military Advanced Education, and Victory Media. This is the second year MCC has been named to the Military Times list, the third time for Military Advanced Education, and the fourth year for Victory Media.

MCC President Joann La Perla-Morales credited the MCC Veterans Services Center for the rankings. Established in 2011 with support from the Willard T.C. Johnson Foundation,

the center's mission is to assist with quality education and comprehensive support services.

"The center has done a great job in assisting military veterans as they transition to civilian life," she said. "They make sure veterans receive all the entitlements for which they are eligible, coordinate services they need to be successful, and create an environment where they can socialize with other military veterans."

Richard Feldman, the coordinator of the Veterans Center, said he was also grateful for the support of the Willard

T.C. Johnson Foundation.

"We are proud to give back to these Middlesex County vets who have given so much of themselves," he said. "We are honored to be recognized by these prestigious organizations, because it is validation that we are giving our student-veterans every opportunity to succeed. I love watching these students prosper in their transition back into civilian life by doing well in the classroom and receiving their degrees from MCC."

Military Times publishes magazines for members in the branches of military service. It called its survey "Best for Vets." More than 600 colleges took part in this year's detailed survey. Middlesex was ranked eighth in the nation among two-year colleges; it was the only community college in New Jersey to make the list.

"It's been amazing to witness how colleges all across higher education have embraced service members and their families," said Amanda Miller, editor of Military Times' Best for Vets rankings and special editions. "Over the past six years of our surveys, we've seen so many schools first begin to foster – through new policies, services and dedicated facilities – and then nurture these wonderful communities."

Military Times' annual Best for Vets survey asks colleges and universities to document an array of services, special rules, accommodations and financial incentives offered to students with military ties; and to describe many aspects of veteran culture on a campus. Military Times also factors in data from the Veterans Affairs and Defense Departments, as well as Education Department.

"We award the Best for Vets designation to the very best – the colleges that really are setting the example," Miller said.

The rankings are published in full in the issues of Army Times, Navy Times, Air Force Times and Marine Corps Times.



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Veterans Week at MCC, November 9-13, started with a flag raising by the Middlesex County Department of Corrections and a speech by New Jersey Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Raymond Zawacki; the next day, the MCC community boxed donated supplies going to service members overseas; the student-vets marched in the Highland Park-New Brunswick parade (opposite page photo); and then watched a documentary, "The Hornet's Nest," about a nine-day firefight in Afghanistan. At left, MCC student Barbara Roberts packs supplies.

Middlesex Cited as Top College by Military Publications

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Military Advanced Education (MAE) named MCC a Top School in its 2016 MAE Guide to Colleges & Universities, measuring best practices in military and veteran education. It will be released in the December issue of MAE, and available online at www.mae-kmi.com.

The guide presents results of a questionnaire of the military-supportive policies enacted at more than 600 institutions including private, public, for-profit, not-for-profit, four-year, and two-year colleges. From community colleges to state universities, online universities and nationally known centers of higher learning, MAE's 2016 Guide to Colleges & Universities arms students with information about institutions that go out of their way to give back to the men and women in uniform.

"We believe the guide serves as an invaluable tool for both education services officers and transition officers when advising service members about their educational opportunities," said Kelly Fodel, MAE's editor. "We used strict criteria to individually evaluate the submissions of respondents."

Victory Media, the premier

media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named MCC to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list. The list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and

spouses and ensure their success on campus.

The Military Friendly Schools website, www.militaryfriendlyschools.com, also features interactive and search tools to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences.



Halloween Fun

Kids in the Child Care Center enjoyed a Halloween parade in front of Johnson Learning Center in October.

Notables

Nancy Berger, the Nursing Program director, received the 2015 Woman of Valor Award from the women's organization of her synagogue, the Congregation Sons of Israel in Manalapan. It was presented in November in recognition of many years of hard work and devotion to the synagogue. An active member of the Board of Trustees, Ms. Berger has served in multiple capacities at the synagogue. She was president of the Hebrew School Parent-Teacher Organization; a member of the Strategic Planning, Rabbi Search, Family Picnic, Fundraising, and Dinner-Dance Committees; and vice president of Membership, Programming, and Education. She was also the Sisterhood president on two separate occasions.

Deiner Drive

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Road," she said. "That this campus road, which parallels that line will now be named for Frank M. Deiner brings honor to the man and all those who have followed him in support of higher education at Middlesex County College.

"Today, more than 52,000 alumni have earned a Middlesex County College degree or certificate and an additional 330,000 county residents have participated in our training and education programs in child care preschool, summer camps, high school scholars and adults in continuing education for job and career advancement."

After the unveiling ceremony, Mr. Deiner spoke at a reception in his honor.

He marveled at the growth and development of MCC, and praised Dr. La Perla-Morales for continuing MCC's success that was started over 50 years ago.

"I think a lot of the success of this college can be attributed to that first Board of Trustees," he said. "They got this place off to its start and it's never stopped."



France Cabactulan, left, and Frankie Bell.

2 Alums Named Outstanding New Nurses

Two Middlesex County College alumnae from the nursing class of 2014 received new nurses awards from their respective hospitals in 2015. Frankie Bell was presented the New Nurse Award at Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel. She is on the medical-surgical unit.

"I love it there," she said. "It's because of my fellow nurses – it's like a family, and every day is different. It's never boring."

Ms. Bell said her education at Middlesex prepared her well for the rigors of nursing.

"They gave us the skills to go right

out on the floor and take care of patients," she said.

She received an all-expense paid trip to Atlanta for the American Nurses Credentialing Center conference in October.

France Cabactulan received the First Year as a Nurse Award from St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She works in the Oncology Department.

She also loves her job there and feels the faculty at MCC prepared her well for her career. "The hands-on training was a key factor in my development," she said.



PTK Names Honorary Members

From left: Phi Theta Kappa Co-Presidents Sharanya Sivakumar and David Turner flank new honorary members Donna-Marie Gardner (center left) and Charlotte Quigley.