From the President

The Year in Review
This publication will acquaint you with College programs, services and people. The 2011-2012 Academic Year was significant for Middlesex County College in many ways. Importantly, we took an assessment of our 2009-2012 Strategic Plan and began to develop strategic goals for 2012-2015. To plan further out, we also engaged in a Master Plan to look ahead to 2022.

In November 2011, the College Board of Trustees approved a contract to conduct the Master Plan. In January 2012, we began an environmental scan of state, federal and local resources. Meetings were held across campus with faculty, staff and students. Community and business leaders including alumni and agencies with ties to the College also informed the demographic review and projections for jobs and an educated workforce. By the end of March a space analysis was completed and in April the consultants presented a draft of the Master Plan to the Board of Trustees that included three major components: a facilities plan to accommodate programs and services, an educational plan to expand degree and certificate offerings, and a facilities condition assessment to plan for the maintenance and future use of more than 25 buildings on the campus.

The Master Plan will be shared during the early months of 2013 and I look forward to further discussion and implementation as we begin our work on the 2012-2015 Strategic Plan. Here are the five strategic goals that have been set. I welcome your suggestions and involvement in helping to attain them.

**Goal 1:** Expand and modify educational offerings to meet the changing needs of the job market/industry and the increasing non-traditional student population.

**Goal 2:** Explore, identify and implement different delivery systems and teaching modalities

**Goal 3:** Monitor demographic and economic changes to provide quality educational opportunities responsive to the changing needs of the community.

**Goal 4:** Provide a physical and virtual environment that supports changing student needs.

**Goal 5:** Provide a physical and virtual environment that assists College employees in meeting the needs of the campus community.

Thank you for your interest and support of Middlesex County College.

Joann La Perla-Morales
President

SUCCESS STARTS HERE
Phil Levenfus ’03

When Phil Levenfus was 13 years old, he came down with mononucleosis. Complications set in and he was housebound for a year.

What’s a 13-year-old to do when he has nothing to do and no energy with which to do it? He watches TV. Phil developed an infatuation with the Cooking Channel.

“I was hooked,” he said. “Since then, that’s all I really wanted to do.”

Phil came to Middlesex and took classes while working at several Hilton Hotels. He graduated in 2003 and continued working there, joining Wegmans two years later.

“I was lucky,” he said. “I got the chance to work at the Woodbridge store.” He transferred to the Bridgewater location and was promoted a few times. He was then selected for the company’s management training program and is now executive chef there.

Phil has 600 people who report to him – 100 of them directly.

“It’s not easy; you really have to love what you do,” he said. “And I absolutely love it.

“I’d like to stay here for my career. Wegmans is great to its employees. It’s a really caring environment. That’s how they do things here.”

He credits his education at Middlesex with preparing him well.

“I have friends who went to big-name culinary schools,” he said. “They are saddled with debt. Me? I got a great education from teachers who really care and I didn’t have to pay a million dollars for it. I took every class I could with Professor Debbie Lynch. You can tell she loves food and she loves helping people. I try to show the same dedication to the folks here.”
From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, Middlesex County College was a hub of activity. These entries, covered in more detail in “Middlesex Now,” the College’s magazine, give a taste of what happened last year. It was a busy, productive, exciting year.

**July 2011**
6204 students enroll in six different summer sessions.

**July**
Middlesex County Senior Art Exhibit and Contest opens.

**August 18**
Kids in the MCC childcare center enjoy Field Day, including pony rides and a petting zoo.

**September 6**
First day of fall semester.

**September 12**
The Alumni Association and Democracy House, the College’s Service Learning program, combine to collect food for M.C.F.O.O.D.S. (Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services) during the Student Activities Fair.

**September 15**
MCC begins Hispanic Heritage Month celebration.

**September 22**
The Center for the Enrichment of Learning and Teaching (CELT) offers a workshop for faculty, the first of 31 programs it would run during the academic year.

**September 23**
TSC is named Billy Johnson Hall; Betty Wold Johnson presented L’Hommedieu award.
October 4
More than 100 students interested in volunteering meet with nonprofit organizations at Democracy House’s Service Fair.

October 5
Professor Emanuel di Pasquale signs copies of his new book, “Harvest.”

October 13
Smiles mix with learning as the Edison Fire Department promotes fire safety at the Health and Safety Fair. The annual program at the College features human service and safety agencies that visit campus to help students, faculty and staff learn about how to make their lives healthier.

October 19
Democracy House hosts forum on poverty.

October 28-29
Lustig Dance Theatre performs.

November 6
College holds open house.

October 31
The MCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, organizes a walk to support breast cancer research.
November 7
Mary Tutalo, assistant director of the Blue Colt Bookstore, is elected president of the Middle Atlantic College Stores, an organization of more than 100 school stores and 120 vendors in New Jersey, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

November 9
Vice President Karen Hays named Central Jersey Woman of the Year.

November 9
Career Services holds job fair.

November 14
Board of Trustees annual reorganization meeting.

November 16
Phi Theta Kappa inducts 95 students.

November 17
The MCC Foundation annual meeting, which includes revised bylaws.

November 17
A reception to celebrate the opening of “Reframe: New Compositions for Old and Found,” an art exhibition in which four internationally known artists incorporate items they have found into their work.
November 29
Celebrity Chef Tod Wilson, owner of Mr. Tod’s Pies, visits Professor Ralph Tellone’s class to tutor the students on the best way to make delicious pies.

November 29
Fourth edition of the MCC literary journal is published.

December 1
Professor Shirley Russak Watchtel signs copies of her new book, “My Mother’s Shoes,” at the Blue Colt Bookstore.

December 8
The MCC faculty and staff holiday party includes a food drive that collected hundreds of pounds of food, which is donated to M.C.F.O.O.D.S. (Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Distribution Services).
Mansur President ’03

Mansur President uses both sides of her brain.

Ok, ok, we all do. But in her case maybe it just seems more pronounced. Her day job is as director of the North American Corporate Action Team for Morgan Stanley. She deals with mergers and acquisitions, securities and the like. She can crunch numbers with the best of them. But she’s also spent much of the past 10 years working in the social work field, helping people in need. And now, she volunteers every chance she gets.

Mansur was a campus leader when she was at MCC. Along with fellow student and friend, Neesa Joseph, she founded the MCC chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers, the first chapter at a community college in the nation. She worked in the Minority Access to the Professions Program, and served as a mentor to younger students. She also received the MCC Foundation’s Sam Landis Endowed Scholarship.

After graduation, Mansur went to NJIT and took a double major in business and finance. All this time she was working as a social worker at Franklin House, a sanctuary for homeless single mothers. She graduated in 2007 and went to work for Morgan Stanley in Manhattan. She was recently promoted and is now working in Baltimore.

“It’s extremely interesting work,” Mansur says. “I really felt MCC prepared me very well. I received lots of support and the classes were excellent. If MCC ever offers graduate degrees, I’ll be back in an instant.”
December 14
Center for Veterans Services officially opens with a ceremony.

December 15
The College fashion club, called “We Set the Trends,” holds its fashion show.

December 27
840 students enroll in Wintersession, a concentrated semester over the break.

January 19, 2012
College honored by New Jersey Blood Services and New Jersey Devils: various departments and clubs ran drives that collected 256 pints of blood.

February
Professor Ben Marshall receives a $10,000 grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.
February
College celebrates Black History Month with lectures, films and trips.

February 2
Dental Hygiene Department helps give kids a smile with free dental care.

February 5
Self:Scape art exhibit opens.

February 7
“Pink Day,” in which the MCC and Ocean County College basketball teams support Breast Cancer Awareness, is held at Middlesex.

February 25
Wrestler John McArdle wins the National Championship in the 184-pound weight class. MCC came in ninth overall and third among non-scholarship teams.
Ron Rubanick

The call would come in at 3 a.m. It might be the 4th of July, Christmas or Thanksgiving. A groggy Ron Rubanick would wake up, rub his eyes and go to the docks. There he would meet a cargo ship coming in laden with food additives or chemicals. He would test them, send the results to the lab, and wait with the ship, sometimes as long as 48 hours.

“It was horrible,” he said. “I needed a change.”

Ron Rubanick graduated from Woodbridge High School, and right away went to college for a year. He freely admits he partied too much. He then transferred to Kean University. He liked Kean, and did well, graduating in 1999 with a B.S. in business. He worked in retail for a time, and then took the job in the chemical industry, testing imports.

“I woke up one morning and said ‘I don’t want to do this anymore,’” he remembered. “I wasn’t using my degree, and it was a miserable way to make a living. I decided I needed to come back to college. And this time, school would be my first priority.”

He dove into the college experience, joining the MCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. He is now the co-president and has a 4.0 grade point average.

Ron received two scholarships: the Provident Bank Foundation Scholarship and the Jerome and Estelle Katcher Scholarship. He plans to get an Associate’s Degree, go on for a Master’s, as well as a CPA license.

“Everything changed when I came to MCC,” Ron says. “I’m old enough that I’m likely to get only one more chance. I’m going to make the most of it.”
March
College celebrates Women’s History Month.

March 3
MCC holds scholarship gala.

March 5
New Scholarships Office opens.

March 6
Panel of distinguished authors discusses baseball literature.

March 13
The state finals of the Science Olympiad are held on campus. About 1100 middle and high school students took part in dozens of competitions designed to test their abilities in science. The winners are Community Middle School and West Windsor-Plainsboro South High School.

March 20
Graduation Fair provides convenient way to complete graduation procedures.
**March 23**
About 80 young men from area high schools participate in a conference designed to provide the resources, knowledge and tools to help them make good decisions as they become men. The program, "Boys to Men: Decisions Made Today Define My Tomorrow," was sponsored by the Middlesex County Office of Human Services Division of Addictions & Mental Health Planning, along with MCC’s Office of Minority Student Affairs.

**March 25**
College holds open house.

**April**
The College's Fashion Club collects prom dresses to give to high school girls who may not be able to attend their prom otherwise.

**April 2**
The Annual Visual Arts Student Exhibition shows the creative work of students taking studio art courses at the College.

**April 4**
Robert Oras, a retired law enforcement professional, is named to the College Board of Trustees.

**April 9**
Culinary students learn the art of ice carving in the garde manger class.
April 17
The Dental Hygiene Department offers oral cancer screening for the community.

April 18
The MCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year schools, inducts 63 students.

April 19
As a community service project, Democracy House cleans the environmental park on campus and installed birdhouses.

April 19
Two outstanding professors are honored: Maya Aloni, in the History and Social Science Department, is selected as the 2012 Faculty Scholar; and Claire Condie, of the Natural Sciences Department, receives the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award.

April 21
Forty-two students in Professor Claire Condie’s classes volunteered to clean the Laurence Harbor Waterfront Park. The program was organized by Clean Ocean Action, a nonprofit dedicated to improving the quality of marine waters off the New Jersey and New York coasts.
April 25
MCC Alumni Association holds fourth restaurant food tasting, called “An Evening of Good Taste for the Educated Palate.” It is a scholarship fundraiser.

April 26
Students in MCC speech classes compete for cash prizes awarded by Pearson Publishing Company.

April 26
College presents awards to students active in clubs and campus organizations.

May 3
College holds golf outing to raise money for scholarships.

May 10
The men’s basketball team is honored by the New Jersey Red Hawks, an athletic program for young adults with developmental disabilities. The MCC team ran a workshop during the season, in which they taught dribbling, passing and shooting skills. In May, the Hawks returned to the campus to present awards to the MCC squad: autographed team photos. The MCC team also conducted a brief clinic and ran a scrimmage.

May 11
Three MCC employees are cited for outstanding service to the College during Celebration Day. Evan Swan receives the award for adjunct faculty; Veronica Geruldsen of printing and communications support for staff, and Mary Tutalo of the College Bookstore for administration. In addition, Professor Mat Spano ’88 of the Department of English, is named the 2012 Alumnus of the Year for service to the College.
Adrian Liz fell in love at Middlesex County College.

With economics.

Originally, he had planned to come to MCC, major in business and become an accountant. Then he took economics with Professor Brian de Uriarte.

“I fell in love with economics,” Adrian says. “He was very passionate about the subject and he makes it so clear. He was very influential in my career plans.”

Adrian has worked hard and was accepted into the College’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges. He was also accepted at Rutgers University and began there in January.

“I’ve worked hard, but I’ve had a lot of support at the College,” Adrian said. “I’ve had great professors who really know their subject. I’m definitely prepared to go on to Rutgers and beyond.”
May 15
Sixty-six nursing students receive their pins at a ceremony.

May 17
Commencement: 1458 degrees and certificates awarded.

May 23
College athletes honored at sports banquet.

June
The Center for Veterans Services holds a clothes and food drive to benefit military veterans in the area. They collected more than 100 articles of clothing and 40 pounds of canned goods from the College community, which was donated to the Salvation Army’s Care House Emergency Shelter for Veterans in Perth Amboy.

June 2
College President Joann La Perla-Morales receives Distinguished Alumna Award from her alma mater, the State University of New York College at Oneonta.

June 7
Michelle L. Foley, nursing director, named “fellow” of the National League for Nursing.

June 7
Seize Success, a program to promote the College’s academic programs to the community, is held.
June 14
Alumni Association presents
Recent Alumna of the Year award to Michele Sutera ’08, and scholarship awards to Tara Marlowe and Karina Oddo.

June 12
MCC business student Jessica Jansen receives scholarship from Edison Chamber of Commerce.

June 18
Vice President Karen Hays receives the Spirit Award from New Jersey Council of County Colleges.

June 27
The Edison Arts Society honors MCC for its beautiful campus, with The Gracious Grounds Award. The award is presented annually to an organization that helps beautify Edison.
Kathy Liseno

Annamae Baerenbach was a lovely woman, very personable, with a sharp Irish wit. She was a hard worker and had a way with people that made her well liked and respected in the banking industry. She had joined Metuchen Savings and Loan after her children had grown, and she worked there for 27 years. She was very involved in the Edison Chamber of Commerce and with trade associations.

When she passed away in 2006, her colleagues were devastated.

“You don’t find people like her very often,” said Kathy Liseno, the bank president. “She touched many lives. We felt we wanted to do something special to honor her memory. Annamae cared about people so much and she was always trying to help them start their career. We thought the best way to remember her was to create a scholarship to help MCC students.”

The Metuchen Savings Bank/Annamae Baerenback Memorial Scholarship was born.

Now in its seventh year, the scholarship helps support a second-year business student from Metuchen or Edison pursuing a degree in business.

“I love meeting these students,” Kathy said. “I love their enthusiasm and am so happy we can help. It is heartening to know that you can make a positive difference in someone’s life.”
Middlesex County College Finances

2012 Operating Revenue

- Tuition and Fees 61%
- Middlesex County 22%
- New Jersey 14%
- Other 3%

Middlesex County College's Total Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 was $79,071,662.

2012 Expenditures

- Operation & Maintenance 14%
- Institutional Support 20%
- Instruction 47%
- Student Services 9%
- Public Service 6%
- Academic Support 4%

Middlesex County College Foundation

2012 Contributions

- Foundations and Organizations 46%
- Corporations 39%
- Friends 14%
- Alumni 1%

The Middlesex County College Foundation’s Total Contributions for Fiscal Year 2011-2012 were $916,093.

2012 Support

- Scholarships and Financial Aid 24%
- Programs and Services 53%
- Development Operations and Events 23%
Spring is a wonderful time to walk around campus: the sun beams low on lawns and buildings, several hundred trees shimmer with new leaves, and the rich diversity of more than 12,000 students invigorates the crisp, cool air. Those of us with office-based positions do well to take a daily walk around our scenic campus – it provides pleasant outdoor exercise and energizes our workflow. But, most importantly, it puts us in close proximity with our students and reminds us that, no matter what our specific role may be, we are all here to help our students achieve their academic and career goals.

The Middlesex County College Foundation (MCCF) is an independent nonprofit organization, authorized by the Internal Revenue Service to solicit and accept private, tax-deductible donations. The Foundation was established in 1966 and, since that time, its assets have grown to over $10 million. This sizeable sum of money is secured and allocated in several ways: in the form of endowed funds that exist in perpetuity to generate specific scholarships; in named annual scholarships that are solicited and awarded each year; and in general unrestricted support brought in from fundraising events and from our annual fundraising campaign, known as the Annual Fund.

Endowed funds and named annual scholarships make it possible for the MCC Foundation to provide consistent scholarship support, but these awards are generally restricted to students who meet highly specific criteria. It is the Annual Fund—the unsung hero of most nonprofit organizations—that helps the Foundation provide scholarship awards for a much wider variety of students. Annual Fund donations—large and small—become part of a general unrestricted fund and make it possible for us to help many deserving students receive much-needed financial support.

We know Middlesex County College students are smart – they have already made the wise decision to complete the first two years of college at a much lower cost than going straight to a four-year institution. But for many men and women, the cost of attending college is increasingly stretching beyond their grasp, and we know that beneath the sunshine and shimmering trees, there are stories of hardship, disappointment and deferred dreams.

Please help us help our students by making a donation to the Annual Fund. You may use the envelope included in this publication, make a gift online at [www.mcc-foundation.org](http://www.mcc-foundation.org) or call 732.906.2564. Or take a walk around campus and visit the MCC Foundation office at 111 Hof Road, where we will be delighted to accept your donation. Thank you!

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The 2012-2013 Annual Fund runs thru June 30, 2013
Johnson & Johnson:
Supporting Students and Building a Workforce

In June 2012, the Middlesex County College Foundation received a generous grant of $219,000 from Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies Contribution Fund. This outstanding support provided $150,000 for the 2012-2013 Johnson & Johnson Health Technologies Scholarships and $69,000 for the 2012 Summer Bridge/New Brunswick Program.

Johnson & Johnson Health Technologies Scholarships provide MCC with the opportunity to assist a growing number of students who wish to pursue their education to become healthcare professionals, specifically in nursing, dental hygiene, medical laboratory technology, and radiography. These graduates become part of our regional workforce or continue their educational pursuits to obtain a Bachelor’s degree or higher. Johnson & Johnson scholarships significantly enhance opportunities for MCC students to achieve their educational and career goals in these health-related disciplines.

J&J’s support for the New Brunswick Summer Bridge Program benefitted recent graduates from New Brunswick high schools, providing funding for student assistance, guidance programs, and developmental coursework for these high school graduates enrolled in the College’s 2012 summer program as well as providing scholarships for participants who attend MCC throughout the 2012-2013 academic year. The generosity from Johnson & Johnson has a positive impact on current students as well as having a long-lasting impact on their future potential.

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Middlesex County College Foundation’s Corporate Mission Partners help to enhance the Foundation’s resources and capability to meet the increasing challenge of providing financial opportunities for students at Middlesex County College. Through support of annual events, our corporate partners help the Foundation fulfill its mission to assist a growing number of students in need of support to reach their educational goals.

The MCC Foundation is tremendously grateful for their loyal and generous support.

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July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

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