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Giant Steps

**Also: MCC Founding father
wins L'Hommedieu Award**

**College turns 50: Check out
the anniversary events**

Thevan Theivakumar landed in the U.S. with \$67 in his pocket (which was promptly stolen). He found a room in New Brunswick and walked two hours to MCC's Edison campus each day for class. And now he's set up a scholarship fund to help others. Here's why. See page 8.

CAMPUS NEWS



The Child Care Center ended the summer with a special day of fun in August. The children enjoyed face painting, crafts, pony rides and a petting zoo featuring ducks, chickens and goats. From left: Jason Wu, Nicole Correa and Gianna Martinez. Open to the public, the Child Care Center is a full-day educational program for those age 2-5 years old that supports the children's total development. Learn more on the MCC website, under Campus Life.



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L'Hommedieu Award

Frank Deiner's family joined him at the ceremony. From left: daughter Mary O'Toole; son Matthew; Mr. Deiner; his wife Joan; and son James.

Kudos for a Founding Father

Frank Deiner, a Middlesex County freeholder in the 1960s, received the L'Hommedieu Award from Middlesex County College on August 25. One of the founding fathers of MCC, Mr. Deiner led the contingent of Middlesex County officials who traveled to Washington in 1964 to lobby for the land that would become MCC. He was also instrumental in selecting MCC's first Board of Trustees.

The Paige D. L'Hommedieu Award is the highest honor given by the College. It is presented annually at the Fall Convocation to a person who embodies the citizenship, leadership and humanity of Paige D. L'Hommedieu, the founding board chair of the College. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of MCC, so it is fitting that the College honor someone who did so much to create Middlesex County College.

Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the College's Board of Trustees, presented the award.

"What a special time it is to recognize Mr. Deiner, who was here 50 years ago and has remained an advocate to this day, as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our county college," she said. "Thank you, Frank, for your foresight and work those many years ago to bring us to what and where we are today."

Then 33 years old, Mr. Deiner was the youngest Middlesex County freeholder and he was also the chair of its Education Committee. 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, 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.

"I'm very honored to receive the Paige L'Hommedieu Citizenship Award," Mr. Deiner said as he accepted the plaque. "To be with an institution at its birth and to see it grow gives me unending pride. It's amazing to me how many people have improved their lives; it's mind-boggling. The College continues to grow and has a great future."



A Golden Anniversary

Middlesex County College is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. See page 5 for a list of activities and note the two major events:

**MIDDLESEX GOLD: A Community Salute
50th Anniversary Gala
Saturday, March 28, 2015 • Edison Campus**

**OPEN HOUSE/COMMUNITY DAY
Sunday, April 19, 2015
Edison Campus**



From left: Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs; Ronald Goldfarb, special assistant to the president; Susan Perkins, vice president for administration and finance; Brad Morton, executive director of information technology; Thomas Tighe, vice chair of the Board of Trustees; Diane Conboy, MCC Foundation treasurer; Brian Daugherty, chair of the MCC Foundation; Middlesex Freeholder Charles Kenny; Congressman Frank Pallone; John Mulkerin, Board of Trustees; Eileen Palumbo '78, Board

of Trustees; College President Joann La Perla-Morales; Obi Agudosi, senior vice president, DMR Architects; Robert Sica, secretary of the Board of Trustees; Carol Barrett Bellante, Freeholder deputy director; Robert Oras, Board of Trustees; John Hoffman, College counsel; Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Elizabeth Garlatti, chief of staff to the New Jersey secretary of higher education; Patrick Madama, vice president for institutional advancement; and State Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin '74.

West Hall Construction Begins: New Enrollment Center in 2016

Middlesex County College held a groundbreaking to kick off construction on one of two new buildings scheduled for completion in 2016. West Hall, which will consolidate enrollment services, was introduced at the groundbreaking September 24. Scheduled to open in the spring of 2016, the two-story building will transform student enrollment procedures.

“Thank you for joining us on this wonderful day as we begin another addition to our campus,” said College President Joann La Perla-Morales at the groundbreaking. “Our goal is to bring the services of several departments under one roof to meet the needs of students and their family members for admission, financial aid, advising, registration, orientation, scholarships and student accounts.”

College officials are excited about the new building.

“It’s going to revolutionize how we admit and register students,” said Kasey Drennen, director of the

College’s First-Year Experience. “We’ve been looking at Montgomery County Community College, which is in the vanguard of enrollment services, to create a true one-stop process.”

Students could take care of most of their enrollment process by visiting one counter.

“The idea is you can get through the process quicker and more conveniently,” Mr. Drennen said.

Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the MCC Board of Trustees, noted the construction was taking place during the College’s 50th anniversary.

“We are pleased in this golden anniversary year to be adding another fine facility to our learning environment,” she said. “This new enrollment services center will provide improved assistance to our students and their families.”

Carol Barrett Bellante, deputy director of the Middlesex County Freeholders, lauded the College and its trustees.

“For 50 years, utilizing some buildings from the former

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Celebrating 50 Years of Service, Scholarship, Success

Middlesex County College is now 50 years old and the College is planning a celebration. Events will take place this academic year. For a complete list visit www.middlesexcc.edu. You can also add your story to the timeline. Click on the 50th anniversary logo for details.

Time Capsule Opening

A time capsule was sealed near the Chambers Hall flagpole in 2001 containing items deemed important to MCC then. College officials will unseal the capsule, and then insert a new time capsule that will be opened 50 years from now. The event will take place November 17 at 10 a.m.

12 Ophelias

November 20-23, 2014 • Performing Arts Center
By Caridad Svich. Directed by new faculty member Anna Sycamore DeMers

Shakespeare's Ophelia rises up out of the water dreaming of Pop-Tarts and other sweet things. She finds herself in a neo-Elizabethan Appalachian setting where Gertrude runs a brothel, Hamlet is called a Rude Boy, and nothing is what it seems. In this mirrored world of word-scrapes and cold sex, Ophelia cuts a new path for herself.

The Swan Studio Theater

February 26-March 1, 2015
By Elizabeth Egloff. Directed by Professor DeMers

Dora Hand lives by herself in a suburb on the Nebraska prairie. She's gone through three husbands and now seems destined to play the lonely mistress to her married milkman, Kevin — until a swan crashes into her living room window, setting Dora on a harrowing journey. Fierce in its poetic treatment of love, *The Swan* provides a mysterious gloss on whether or not we descended from the beasts ... and what we may feel when we find them lurking in our truest selves.

Middlesex Gold: A Community Salute

Saturday, March 28, 2015 • 7:30-11 p.m. • College Center
A gala to celebrate the 50th and salute those who advance the College. For details visit www.middlesexcc.edu/foundation or call 732-906-2564.

Fiddler on the Roof: 50th Anniversary Production

April 16-19, 2015 • Performing Arts Center
Music by Jerry Bock; Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick; Book by Josephy Stein
Directed by Peter Loewy

Set in the village of Anatevka, the story centers on Tevye, a poor dairyman, and his five daughters. With

the help of a tight-knit Jewish community, Tevye tries to protect his daughters and instill them with traditional values in the face of changing social mores and the growing anti-Semitism of Czarist Russia. The play is a classic, and, along with MCC, is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Community Open House and Expo

Sunday, April 19, 2015 • 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Edison Campus

Free and open to the public: MCC's recruitment open house will also include an opportunity to enjoy the day on the campus. Plans include games for children, mini-golf, alumni activities, an art exhibit and auction, classic car show, entertainment, performances, giveaways and more. Refreshments at 1964 prices.



Lynda Zapoticzny, the principal of James Monroe Elementary School, Dr. Richard O'Malley, superintendent of Edison Schools, and Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, the president of MCC, received the Leadership Disaster Recovery Award from the Edison Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Awards Reception in June. When fire destroyed the Monroe school, it relocated to two buildings at Middlesex County College; the students only missed two days of classes as the buildings were being readied. The trio were honored for their leadership and partnership in responding. From left: Dr. O'Malley; DeAngelina Inman, Chamber board member; Dr. La Perla-Morales; Robert Weeks, chairman of the Chamber board; Mrs. Zapoticzny; New Jersey Assemblywoman Nancy Pinkin '74; and Senator Peter Barnes III.

New Program in Gaming and Animation Launching Soon

A new program in Gaming and Animation is being introduced at Middlesex County College. Graduates will be prepared for jobs in this growing field or to transfer to a four-year university to obtain a Bachelor's Degree.

"People understand and react to messages much better if there is a visual attached to it," said Professor Richard Thompson, who will teach the gaming and animation courses. "Creating video games is huge, but is only one aspect of this field. Graduates may also be employed by pharmaceutical companies, engineering firms, hospitals, the military, museums and film studios. There are lots of applications. It is a competitive, but growing field. It's also very exciting and a lot of fun."

Students will take five gaming and animation courses: 3D modeling & Animation Foundations; Game Design

Foundations; Animation Workshop; Game Design Workshop; and a Portfolio class, in addition to art, photography and general education classes. The program can be completed in two years, and would likely include some classes during the summer or winter session.

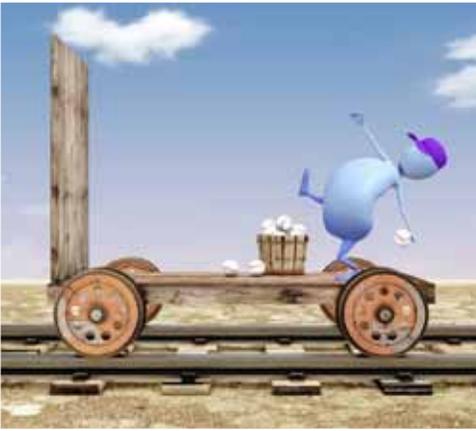
Professor Thompson said he will be using a software program called Maya to create graphics and Unity to develop the games.

While Professor Thompson teaches the technical side of animation, he emphasizes the success of an animation or game rests largely with the story.

"Ultimately, it's the story that sells," he says. "Visual narration is very important to me."

He suggests the field will only grow.

"There is an ever-increasing demand for visual solutions," he said. For additional information, email rthompson@middlesexcc.edu.



Images from Richard Thompson's website, RichardThompson3D.com, examples of his animation work. Applications range from the whimsical to the practical.





Claire Castillo (Carteret) discusses her project with Professor Richard Thompson.

FACULTY PROFILE

Richard Thompson: The Only Limit is the Imagination

The computer screen shows a chubby cartoon figure tossing a ball. The music starts. Then a lone eyeball flops into the foreground. In succession, you see a catapult firing, blue blood traveling to a blue heart, a cooking range, skaters, and an old-fashioned car. Bizarre disparate images that link together flawlessly.

Welcome to the world of Richard Thompson.

Perhaps a little explanation is in order. Professor Thompson is teaching courses in Gaming and Animation, a new program at Middlesex County College. The scene comes from his website, RichardThompson3D.com. It is, in just 2 minutes, an example of what animators can do. The computer screen sparkles with energy.

“You can create almost anything with this,” he says. “There are lots of applications.”

The son of an American diplomat, Professor Thompson was born in the Congo and grew up in Algeria,

Belgium and Italy and went to high school in England. His background was in theater but he loved playing board games as a kid. Along with his brother, he even designed his own.

He took a course in Flash animation and learned about a computer program called Maya, which is 3D animation software.

“As soon as I started working with Maya, I loved it, particularly as it allowed me the utmost creativity,” Professor Thompson said. “In a sense, I was no longer just the actor, but the director, the screenwriter, the set, costume and lighting designer. It was amazing.”

That’s what his students say about his class.

Claire Castillo hopes to open her own business creating websites. She’s taking a class with Professor Thompson to hone her animation skills.

“He’s an awesome teacher,” she says.

Giant Steps

By Chuck O'Donnell '91

The rain stung like needles, the wind felt like the snap of a whip and the snow would amass in a calf-high quagmire. The temperatures dipped and soared and didn't seem to want to settle somewhere in the middle.

The elements were often cruel to Thevan Theivakumar as he made his 2-hour, 20-minute trek to Middlesex County College each morning and hiked back home another 2 hours and 20 minutes each afternoon.

The walks to and from the YMCA in New Brunswick, and later a run-down hotel across the street, gave Mr. Theivakumar a lot of time to think. But rather than curse his lot in life – and how his nightly dinner consisted of a can of LaChoy warmed a little past room temperature by a small heater – he shoved his hands into the pockets of his \$8 rust-hued jacket that he had bought at Kmart and journeyed on.

For no matter how long the journey, he knew he was on the right path.

“It teaches you to be tough,” Mr. Theivakumar said. “It was freezing, it was cold, but I knew that my hard work would take me somewhere, someday. I always knew that one day I would be successful and that this was the price I had to pay.”

“I didn't let that bother me. I just kept on doing it. I was numb to be successful. I numbed myself.”

But he's not numb to the plight of others who may be – albeit not literally – trying to trace his footsteps. As the sun burst into Mr. Theivakumar's corner office one recent morning at New York Life in Edison where he is a senior partner at the Fortune 100 company, he talked about trying to pave the way for others who share that insatiable

desire to get an education at MCC and get ahead in life.

That's why he's established an endowed scholarship fund at the Middlesex County College Foundation. The Theivakumar Family Endowed Scholarship Fund is a generous and long-term gift that will generate a scholarship award for deserving, qualified students in perpetuity. He anticipates it will reach \$100,000. It is his way of saying thank you to MCC.



“I will give all my credit to them because they gave me the education, they gave me a life, they gave me a stepping stone in this country,” Mr. Theivakumar said. “Everything I learned is connected to there.”

Veronica Clinton, director of the MCC Foundation, said, “His generosity not only honors his family, but affirms how much he recognizes Middlesex County College as the place where his success began.”

MCC was a lifeline when Mr. Theivakumar needed one. His native Sri Lanka was embroiled in a bloody civil war that would drag on for decades. At one point, his family left their home to move to a safer area.

An acceptance letter to MCC was his ticket out. He landed here one day, and started attending classes the next. He was alone and lonely. The \$67 he was allowed to bring with him into this country was promptly stolen from his briefcase.

But MCC became a refuge for him. He set his sights

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Ground Broken for West Hall Enrollment Center

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Raritan Arsenal, the beauty of this campus has been maintained and extended,” she said. “I’m proud of the quality, accessible and affordable educational opportunity we offer our residents.”

West Hall will be approximately 26,000 square feet, at the corner of Parkside Drive and College Drive East. The project includes improvements to the ecological park behind the building – a more defined path, new lighting and benches – as well as upgrading two parking lots and increasing the number of spaces in them.

Donald R. Drost Jr., executive director of facilities management, said the design has been completed and construction is scheduled to start at the end of 2014 or early 2015. It is expected to cost \$12 million and will be funded by Chapter 12, a program in which the county government sells bonds, and the state and the county then split the debt service.

Middlesex’s most recent building, Crabiel Hall, received a LEED® silver rating from the United States Green

In Memoriam

The College mourns the passing of three members of the MCC community.

Darryl Foyuth, adjunct faculty member in the Mathematics Department since 2001, died August 25. He was struck by a car as he walked across a street in Elkhart, Indiana. His wife Maryann, who was also struck, was injured.

He will be remembered as a caring instructor and kind person who was always there to help a student or colleague in need.

Betsy Rosen, administrative assistant in the Department of History and Social Science, passed away September 18 at home after a brief illness.

Her service to the College spanned 14 years, first as administrative assistant in the Department of Accounting and Legal Studies.

In 2009 she brought her considerable expertise, energy and commitment to students and colleagues in History and Social Science.

Gregory Burnham ’76 passed away on February 27, 2013. He went on from MCC to graduating from NJIT. He had a successful engineering and management career, most recently as a general manager for Sandvik, LLC, in Totowa, NJ.

Building Council, signifying its environmental attributes. LEED, or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is an internationally recognized mark of excellence that provides building owners with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.

Mr. Drost said the College is attempting to attain a gold rating for this building.

Thevan Theivakumar

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on hotel and restaurant management classes. The school gave him a job scrubbing pots and washing tables in the cafeteria.

“The job was great,” he said, “because it allowed me to buy a cup of coffee every morning and that kept me warm on my walk to school.”

He continued to work at MCC long after he graduated in 1982. He did some food prep and some cooking, working his way up to a supervisor role and helping run the catering arm.

His career trajectory took a left turn and he’s traded in cuisine for the corporate world. At New York Life, he focuses on recruiting new talent. But beyond that, he draws a parallel between his job and his time at MCC, where his professors and bosses gave him chances to succeed.

“In so many ways I have helped so many people here,” said Mr. Theivakumar. “I help them have a career. They’ve come after failures in life, whether they lost their business or couldn’t find a job and I give them hope.

“So my job is to find the talent and then to coach them, mentor them and find the right people for the company. So it’s almost like college.”

Life has come full circle for the man who once had to wait in line to use the bathroom at the YMCA. He and his wife, Rudy, live in Princeton in a 5,000-foot, Mediterranean-style home he designed.

Mr. Theivakumar says he’s planning on expanding the scope of the endowment, saying, “There’s more coming.” He also hopes his three children, Surein, Tharani and Kirrupane, eventually contribute to it because his education at MCC has contributed to their lives.

“Even though they did not go to that school, their lives were better because their father went there,” he said.

Scholarship Grants to Students Up 40 %

Middlesex County College will award \$780,000 in scholarships this academic year, a 42 percent increase over last year. To date, the Scholarships Office has granted 396 awards to 306 students, with spring 2015 still incomplete.

“There’s two reasons for this great news,” said Pam Hedberg, MCC’s scholarship specialist. “First, based on a three-year average of returns, the Foundation authorized that 5 percent of the endowment corpus be distributed as scholarships, 2 percent higher than last year. Plus we have \$130,000 for a new program called the Presidential Scholars to help students complete an Associate Degree.”

For many students, an MCC scholarship means the difference between continuing their education and

dropping out. For others, it alleviates the need for part-time work and allows more time devoted to study.

“We are seeing more urgency and need for scholarship awards,” Ms. Hedberg said. “Stories are heartbreaking in some instances because students understand the importance of a good education in order to succeed in life but financial problems are keeping them from moving forward. More and more applicants are coming back to school after a lapse in education or needing to change career paths and they may not qualify for federally funded financial aid. MCC allows applicants to explain their circumstances and they are then carefully considered for scholarships.”

Notables

Emanuel di Pasquale, professor of English and poet-in-residence, was named poet laureate of Long Branch. The honor was presented at the Inaugural Ceremony for Mayor Adam Schneider and the city council on July 1. Professor di Pasquale read a poem he had written for the mayor. Noted poet Robert Pinsky, who is a native of Long Branch, sent his congratulations and praise for Professor di Pasquale’s work.

Jane Jiang, reference librarian, has translated a Spanish thriller into Chinese. The book, “Contrato de Dios,” or “The Moses Expedition,” is by Juan Gómez Jurado. She is the first to introduce the author to China, where the book was recently published to great success.

Evelyn Rosa, director of the New Brunswick Center, was the recipient of the 2014 Patricia C. Donohue Leadership Award presented by the Mercer County Community College chapter of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges.

Professor Louis Dell’Omo, in Visual, Performing and Media Arts and the station manager of Blue Colt Radio, is also an on-air personality (Gino D.) with 94.3 The Point. His live broadcasts included a variety of interviews with business owners and event planners promoting the small shops and activities in the Asbury Park community. Recent graduate Melissa D’Agostino ’14 was interviewed on the air, promoting her involvement in the New Jersey Ghost Hunters Society. She talked about

the organization, her paranormal experiences and ghost hunting investigations. Current Student Government President Michael Spadaro arranged a brief radio interview with Senator Cory Booker during his appearance on the Asbury Park boardwalk. The videos are available on Blue Colt Radio’s Facebook page.

Mark Thompson, Library director, was a panelist at the New Jersey Library Association career day, “Managing Your Librarian Career,” held at the Kenilworth Public Library in June. He addressed issues of the library profession, career strategies, training and jobs.



From left: Professor Louis Dell’Omo, Senator Cory Booker and Melissa D’Agostino.

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Alumni Notes

Joseph R. Pepitone '77 studied in the Marketing Art and Design program and worked as a production artist at Pastore-DePamphilis-Rampone, NYC's leading typography firm in the 80s. He also worked with top designers of the day: Paul Rand, Jim Miho, and Bradbury Thompson, and from 1989 to 2010 was art director at Archie Comics. After being featured in "Hemmings Classic Car" magazine in October 2009, Joe began working for himself as an illustrator of classic cars. His most recent commercial work was with the Antique Automobile Club of America at Hershey, PA. "The teacher who educated me about the real world of marketing art and design in the 70s and what to expect in the future was Professor Frank Schultz," Joe wrote.



Paul Avery

Paul Avery '79 is president and chief executive officer of World of Beer, a craft beer tavern concept based in Tampa, Fla.

Maureen Bueno '82 is vice president of clinical integration at Meridian Health. An administrator with 30 years of experience in clinical, management and administrative positions in hospitals, faculty practice, managed care and accountable care, Maureen also co-chairs the Quality Improvement Advisory

Committee of the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services.

David Lombardi '83 has been in the hospitality business for more than 32 years and has worked with a number of major hotel chains throughout New Jersey as well as various resorts in the Pocono Mountains. In his current position as director of catering of the Westin Governor Morris in Morristown, he oversees all catered events and assists clients on all phases of their event experience.

Douglas Lieberman '84 resides in Denver, Colorado, and has enjoyed a varied career in hotel, motel and restaurant businesses, including plumbing, electrical and construction work, bookkeeping, fitness training and food and nutrition. He recommends that anyone who is interested in joining the hospitality industry should enroll in a formal program of study such as MCC's Hospitality, Culinary Arts, and Dietetics program.

Lorraine Lopez '87 is a director of inter-carrier agreements for AT&T Mobility's IAI team. She supports AT&T enterprise customers with solutions for mobile services around the globe. Lorraine is also the program director for AT&T Serves, a program aimed at providing job opportunities for U.S. veterans with disabilities, and received a Diversity and Inclusion Champion Award for the development and leadership of the program. She was recognized for her efforts, meeting with the Joining Forces Organization at the White House, and received a Presidential recognition award for community service as a teacher of English as a Second Language. Lorraine received her undergraduate degree and MBA from Kean University where she serves on the Board of Advisors for Business and Public Administration. She enjoys spending spare time with her family, traveling and volunteering. She now has more than 20 years of experience as a leader in the telecommunications industry.

Kenneth Milroy Jr '08 continued his education at Kean University, graduating in 2012. In July he marked his five year anniversary at Gridiron Forwarding Co., Inc. in East Brunswick, where he is a commercial traffic coordinator. On September 12 Kenneth married Kristine Washington at the chapel in the Historic Village at Allaire State Park in Farmingdale, NJ.

Ashley Louder '11 graduated from the Dental Hygiene program and credits the quality of her education at MCC with pushing her to examine and, as a result, help identify a serious condition in a young man before it progressed any further. Ashley wrote to Professors Claire Pean and Risa Levi: "Thank you both and to all of the professors at MCC for not only teaching me well, but providing me with the values and compassion to be the hygienist I can be."

Yvonne Mikalopas, RDH '11 works as a dental hygienist for North Brunswick Dental Group and for the New Jersey Children's Oral Health program giving presentations on dental health to New Jersey school children and community groups. She writes about mouth health on her blog www.mydentalhygienist.blogspot.com.

Tara Marlowe '12 is in the Master of Public Affairs and Politics program at Rutgers' Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Tara coordinated a recent panel entitled "Keeping Public Policy" on the topic of the marketization of public goods and services.

Brothers **Jens** and **Erwin Velasquez** were recognized at the International Frisbee Hall of Fame in Calumet, MI on July 5 for their accomplishments, including seven total World Championships between them. The Velasquez brothers won the freestyle portions of the Wham-O-Frisbee Championships in 1976 and 1977 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, CA, and again in 1982 at Rutgers University. In 1980 Erwin and Jens won titles together at the FPA World Championships in Austin, TX. Although they no longer tour, the brothers took part in the U.S. Open in Fredericksburg, Virginia in July.

FOUNDATION REPORT

The MCC Foundation Says Thank You

Affinity Federal Credit Union Foundation renewed its support with a gift of \$2,500 for the Affinity Federal Credit Union Annual Scholarship in order to lighten financial burdens of non-traditional student recipients. Scholarship recipients will be able to focus on achieving their educational and career dreams.

Understanding the benefit of student exposure to modern research methods and training, **Bristol-Myers Squibb** provided a generous grant of \$20,000 for the Research in Science Education: Scientific Inquiry at Middlesex County College initiative in 2014-2015. The primary focus of this program in biology and chemistry is to provide a foundation in research to help prepare students for successful academic and workplace careers.

The Edison Chamber of Commerce supported its Annual Scholarship for an Edison Resident with a donation of \$1,500 to continue the Edison Chamber Annamae Baerenbach Annual Scholarship. Through revenues raised from its Taste of Middlesex food tasting event, the Chamber provides this scholarship to assist an Edison resident majoring in Business, Computer Science, or Engineering Technology.

GMB North America, Inc. Annual Scholarship is renewed with a donation of \$1,500 to assist students majoring in Engineering Technologies to help them fulfill their educational goals.

Highland Park Masonic Lodge provided \$2,000 to renew its support for the **J. Craig Putnal Memorial Masonic Scholarship**. This annual scholarship provides assistance for a student who has entered MCC directly from high school and has financial need.

Generous support of \$250,000 has been received from **Johnson & Johnson Family of Companies Contribution Fund** for the Johnson & Johnson Health Technologies Scholarships and the Summer Bridge/New Brunswick Program. With higher tuition and costs in the Nursing Program, and greater expenses in Dental Hygiene, Johnson & Johnson Health Technologies Scholarships significantly enhance opportunities for students to achieve their career goals and become part of the regional workforce or pursue a Bachelor's degree

or higher. J&J's support for the Summer Bridge/New Brunswick Program provided student assistance, guidance programs, and developmental coursework during this summer's program for recent New Brunswick high school graduates. This support also provides program support and financial opportunities for these students to continue to achieve success during the 2014-2015 academic year. The generosity from Johnson & Johnson has a positive, long-lasting impact on the participants' lives.

Metuchen Savings Bank renews scholarship support with a generous gift of \$3,500 to lighten the financial burden of a qualified recipient who is a resident of Metuchen or Edison. This annual scholarship makes a substantial impact in the lives of deserving MCC students that, in turn, benefits the communities in which they live and work.

Corporate Partnerships Enrich the Community

Corporate Partners enhance the MCC Foundation's resources and help meet the increasing challenge of providing financial opportunities for students to attend Middlesex County College and fulfill their educational and career goals. Through support of annual events, the following corporate partners have renewed their commitment to date to help the Foundation in assisting a growing number of students to create a brighter future:

Corporate Mission Partners (\$10,000)

Investors Bank
Johnson & Johnson
The Provident Bank Foundation

Mission Partner (\$5,000)

Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital

Associate Mission Partner (\$2,500)

Stewart Business Systems, Inc.



Southpole Foundation representatives visited MCC in August. From left, Jonathan Finerty, Southpole Foundation Scholarship recipient; College President Joann La Perla-Morales; Southpole Foundation representatives James Yoo and Na Young Lee; and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Mark McCormick.

Robert Sydney Needham Foundation provides generous scholarship assistance of \$10,000 for a student in 2014-2015 to help alleviate financial burdens and allow the recipient to focus on his or her studies. The Robert Sydney Needham Foundation is managed by Wells Fargo Wealth Management.

Northfield Bank Foundation has provided a generous gift of \$5,000 to support Northfield Bank Foundation Annual Scholarships providing greatly needed scholarships of \$1,000 each to five deserving students who meet the established criteria and who live in Northfield Bank's geographic areas in Middlesex County.

For so many MCC students, the key to accessibility is the financial assistance students receive through scholarship support established by generous donors. The **Southpole Foundation Inc.** has continued its long commitment to MCC students with a gift of \$14,000 to renew the Southpole Foundation Annual Scholarships in 2014-2015.

Trustees of the Walter and Louise Sutcliffe 1990 Foundation, managed by Wells Fargo Wealth Management, approved \$10,000 designated to support Walter and Louise Sutcliffe Foundation Scholarships of \$2,000 each to five deserving, qualified students in the Nursing Program during the 2014-2015 academic year. These scholarships will provide students in need of financial assistance the opportunity to focus on their studies and achieve their educational and career goals.

MCC Retail Services renews support of \$5,000 for the MCC Retail Services/ Blue Colt Bookstore Annual Scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year. This scholarship supports an MCC student who has completed 12 credit hours and has financial need.

Women's Rehabilitation Group of New Jersey provided generous support of \$5,000 to support the Women's Rehabilitation Group of New Jersey Annual Scholarships in 2014-2015. The scholarship support female students of Asian Indian origin with financial need to achieve their educational goals.

Dr. Christine Harrington has renewed her support for the Student Success 101 research poster contest which she conceived and originated last year. This year's contest offers three prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$800.

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Help Us Help Our Students!

Please support the Annual Fund

Your donation to the Annual Fund helps the MCC Foundation fulfill its mission to provide scholarships for MCC students. Gifts of all sizes really do make a difference! Please make your gift online at www.mcc-foundation.org or call 732-906-2564. Thank you!

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Professor Emerita Theresa Holt and her husband, Timothy, have established the Timothy and Theresa Holt Scholarship to benefit African-American students pursuing a degree in the history and social sciences field.

The **Middlesex County Federation of Democratic Women** is generously providing scholarship support to a female student majoring in Political Science who intends to further her studies after MCC.

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen has generously pledged up to \$25,075 to support residents of Unity Square, New Brunswick studying in the EMPOWER program at MCC. The support includes scholarships for tuition and internships.

The **Stephen 'Pete' Dalina Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund** has been established by family, friends

and colleagues of the late Middlesex County freeholder, Stephen 'Pete' Dalina. Freeholder Dalina dedicated his life to the people of Middlesex County, providing outstanding public service for over 50 years on the Woodbridge Township Council, the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and as chief of Fords Fire Company.

Dr. Suseela and Krishna Botlagudur have expanded their support of MCC students with the establishment of a new endowed scholarship fund in memory of Dr. Botlagudur's mother and grandmother. **The Gattupalli Sarojini and Kondapi Radhamma Memorial Endowed Scholarship** will support students in a program of study leading to a career in the medical field. Dr. Suseela and Krishna Botlagudur, together with their son, Sreenivas Botlagudur, and daughter, Rama Botlagudur-Eriksson, have long provided support through the **Suseela D. Botlagudur, M.D. Endowed Scholarship**. This additional endowed scholarship fund is a testament to

the generosity of the Botlagudur family and their commitment to the community and to the success of MCC students.

Trustees of The Marion and Norman Tanzman Charitable Foundation approved generous support of \$100,000 to establish an endowed Marion and Norman Tanzman Memorial Scholarship fund at the Middlesex County College Foundation. Norman Tanzman served as a New Jersey state senator and later as a valued trustee of Middlesex County College, and he understood the need to keep college tuition costs to a minimum. This endowed scholarship fund is a deserving tribute to the memory of Norman Tanzman and his wife, Marion, and it is a lasting memorial that will recognize their compassion and dedication to assist with the financial needs of Middlesex County College students in perpetuity.



The Wells Fargo Foundation provided a \$10,000 gift to support Wells Fargo Annual Scholarships assisting five qualified students with financial need in the 2014-2015 academic year. The check presentation to MCC President Joann La Perla-Morales (center) included Wells Fargo representatives (from left) Linnette Shaver-Johnson, area president, Middlesex County; Kimberly M. White, education and non-profit banking; Carolyn Chircio, vice president and district manager of northern Middlesex; and Renee Miller, store manager, Edison.

SPORTS UPDATE



Brian Zuniga



**Allyson Mazzarella
(in white)**



Erin Stvan

The **Men's Soccer** season is winding down. The team played well at times but also struggled. They are a very young team and are looking for more success with a veteran squad next year.

The **Cross Country** team is getting ready for Region XIX championships that take place this fall and then the national tournament.

Women's Soccer team is having a good season. They turn their focus to the Region XIX tournament which houses two bids to the national tournament.

Volleyball got off to a slow start and couldn't recover. They were a very young squad. Hopefully the experience will get them ready for next season.

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Chillin'

It was (fortunately) a warm day in July as the MCC women's basketball coaches and assistant athletic director got doused with ice water as part of Chillin'4Charity. Started by the University of Arizona women's basketball coach, participants get soaked before donating money to the Kay Yow Cancer Fund. They then challenge others to do the same. If they decline, they must donate \$250. Getting wet, from left to right: Tracey Napoleon, assistant basketball coach; Carey Monkowski, assistant athletic director; and Michel Powell, head coach. Doing the drenching: Quorea Pearyer, Annette Stacknick, Charles Powell, and Bob Edmonds.

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