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State Announces Expansion of Food Assistance Programs

Representatives of New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy's Administration were joined Monday by anti-hunger advocates, MCC students, higher education officials and legislators to announce it has expanded the state's food assistance program to career and technical education students at community colleges.

During a visit to Middlesex County College, Human Services Commissioner Carole Johnson said the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, is now available to students enrolled in community college career and technical education programs.

In 2017, 67,000 students were enrolled in such programs, with an estimated 45 percent considered

low-income based on financial aid records. Through this initiative, Ms. Johnson said students who meet SNAP income and other eligibility criteria will receive a student exemption if they are enrolled in career and technical education, making them eligible to apply for SNAP.

"SNAP is the first line of defense against hunger, and that must include everyone," Ms. Johnson said. "Governor Murphy is committed to building a stronger New Jersey for everyone, including those working hard to improve their lives. They should not be left behind when it comes to this crucial nutritional assistance program. I'm thrilled that we're able to expand this program, which is a win for everyone."

Ms. Johnson noted that the Department of Human Services earlier this year met with advocates from Hunger Free NJ to discuss how to expand SNAP eligibility for college students and raise awareness of food assistance on college campuses. The

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Last Issue

This is the last issue of "This Month at Middlesex." The College's magazine, "Middlesex Now," has also ceased publication. Please visit www.middlesexcc.edu and follow the College on social media to keep up with MCC happenings.



Military Appreciation Day

MCC saluted military servicemembers and veterans in November. The College community learned about military life and honored veterans, and had fun.

State Announces New Food Eligibility Requirements

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Department also engaged with the Council of County Colleges and the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education to increase college student participation in SNAP.

SNAP has been available to students ages 18- to 50-years-old enrolled at least half time in higher education, including colleges; universities; community colleges; or business, technical, trade or vocational school requiring a high school diploma. An

individual also has to meet at least one of these conditions:

- Employed at least 20 hours per week and paid at least minimum wage;
- Participating in a federal work study program during the school year;
- Participating in an on-the-job training program;
- Responsible for the care of a member of the household who is a dependent under the age of 6;
- A single parent enrolled full-time and responsible for a dependent under the age 12 years-old, or
- Unable to work due to a physical or mental disability.

The Murphy Administration is now designating all approved Career and Technical Education Programs at a New Jersey community college as equivalent to the SNAP Employment and Training Programs which are exempt from work requirements to increase student access.

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Thank You!

Thank you to the many members of the MCC faculty and staff who supported the mission of the MCC Foundation by donating to scholarship and program funds, purchasing tickets to fundraising events, or making a contribution to the Annual Fund in fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018). Many of those listed below are supporting the Foundation

in the current fiscal year through payroll deductions. If you are interested in making a tax-deductible contribution to assist MCC's deserving students, please contact the MCC Foundation at 111 Hof Road, telephone 732-906-2564, email: foundation@middlesexcc.edu. You may also make a gift online at www.mcc-foundation.org.

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Notables

Brad Morton, executive director of Information Technology, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of NJEdge, a technology consortium of public and nonprofit academic and research institutions in New Jersey that serve communities in the fields of K-12 education, higher education and healthcare.

Nancy Berger, director of the Nursing Program, was honored by the New Jersey League for Nursing with a Nurse Recognition Award at its annual gala in November. The organization noted that she "exemplifies what it means to be a nursing leader."



Nineteen children from the Acelero Head Start Program were treated to a dental cleaning, dental education and lots of smiles from the MCC dental program in November. Here, Lauren Cram, left, and Julianne Juzefyk teach a young child the proper way to brush.

The MCC Library, along with Student Life, sponsored a photo contest this fall. Student photographers were asked to portray what the word “community” means to them. The winners were announced at a reception in November. From left: Interim President Mark McCormick, Matthew Cassisi (1st place), Samantha Cheng (2nd place), Justine Enriquez (honorable mention), Roi Saint-Vil (fan favorite), and Library Director Marilyn N. Ochoa. Not pictured: Yonaira Ferreiro (3rd place).



MCC celebrated Diwali, India’s most important holiday of the year, with dance, food and fun.

