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Message from the President



*M*ercer County Community College is all about learning and student success.

With these goals in mind, this year the college embarked on creating a new Strategic Plan that will guide future innovation and initiatives. We drew inspiration from each other as we came together to express our best ideas during a community and college-wide effort that led to the plan's seven major visions. We also developed a new Facilities Master Plan, providing a roadmap for growth and expansion at our two locations over the next 20 years. Both plans were approved by our Board of Trustees.

As always, this year our lives were enriched by our outstanding students. We took pride in their academic achievements, graduating our largest number of Honors Program students ever, as well as a large contingent of NJ STARS students. We were inspired by their enthusiasm as they initiated and carried out projects that served our campus and community.

In our continuing effort to offer abundant learning opportunities for our diverse students, we initiated our Winter Session, with online and on-campus classes that demonstrated our students' eagerness to learn year-round. Our Study Abroad program took a very successful inaugural tour to Italy. We expanded our University Center at Mercer with the addition of William Paterson University.

Our services to adult learners of all ages and to the business community have continued to thrive. Innovations in our noncredit programs will help career changers, those who are out of work, and small businesses.

The year ahead will be challenging, with unprecedented budgetary issues. But we are confident that the college community will find a way to address vital educational and infrastructure needs, while we continue to do our part by reducing costs in every way possible.

It continues to be my privilege to work with our dedicated Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, MCCC Foundation Directors and other community members who invest their valuable time, energy and resources to fulfill our vision for learning and student success.

Please take a moment to read through this report and learn more about our 2009-2010 students and our many programs that enrich the community.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Donohue, Ph.D.

President, Mercer County Community College

Reaching Academic Heights



Second Chance Turns Into Stanford Scholarship

“By the end of my first class at Mercer, I almost cried, I was so happy to be back,” said 2010 commencement student speaker David Hoyt, who graduated with a perfect 4.0 average. After excelling in the Honors Program and in a wide variety of challenging classes such as Chinese and Physics, Hoyt was awarded a prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation scholarship, and will continue his studies at Stanford University.

In his remarks to fellow students, Hoyt spoke of overcoming personal challenges. He praised the college and its faculty for giving him a second chance.



NJ STARS graduates

Commencement and Honors 2010

It was a year of academic achievement, with students excelling on many fronts. Mercer conferred 1,013 degrees and certificates in 2009-10, with 239 students receiving recognition for academic achievement. Nursing, Liberal Arts and Business programs provided the largest cohorts of graduates.

Deans and faculty presented 143 special awards and scholarships during the Honors Convocation preceding commencement, with many students recognized more than once. Among the scholars were 20 Phi Theta Kappa students, 32 NJ STARS students and 14 Honors Program scholars. Since the Honors Program's inception in 2007, the number of students taking these academically rigorous classes has soared from 30 to more than 100. Ninety students were fall inductees in the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society; another 97 became PTK members in the spring.

“Think of a Teacher Who Made a Difference”

Nominated by students and faculty alike, Associate Professor of Chemistry Helen Tanzini was awarded the 2010 Distinguished Teaching Award. A faculty member since 1998, Tanzini was praised for “giving endlessly of herself...as she teaches both the art and the science of chemistry.” Tanzini's commitment to promoting science in the community was also noted.

In her remarks, Tanzini spoke of teaching as an honor. She encouraged the audience to think of a teacher who made a difference in their lives and give them a round of applause.



Student Newspaper Wins 21 Awards

MCCC's student newspaper, The College VOICE, continued its winning ways, garnering 15 awards from the New Jersey Collegiate Press Association, including four first-place awards. For the second year in a row, The VOICE took the prize for General Excellence.

The VOICE also won six Mark of Excellence awards in a competition sponsored by The Society of Professional

Journalists. Selected as a national finalist in the Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper category, The VOICE racked up regional awards encompassing two-year schools from New England to the New Jersey tri-state area. The publication took first place for Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper.

Sara Gatling, editor-in-chief of The College VOICE, graduated in May and will continue her studies at Columbia University.



Top Pilot Prize for Aviation Student

After winning the "Top Female Pilot" award last year, Aviation student Judy Galayda took the "Top Pilot Award" at the National Intercollegiate Flying Association Region VII SAFECON Competition in 2009, besting 34 male and three other female contestants from two- and four-year schools. Mercer finished second in the overall team rankings. A Phi Theta Kappa and NJ STARS student, Galayda graduated from Mercer in May.

Mercer's Aviation Flight Technology program is one of only two in New Jersey, and the only one with a fleet of airplanes, which are housed at Trenton-Mercer Airport in Ewing.



"Top Pilot" Judy Galayda

Offerings Grow, Achievement Rewarded for Students of Foreign Languages

In recognition of our increasingly global society, Mercer has made the study of languages a high priority. The college now offers 11 foreign languages, with Arabic, Chinese and Japanese as the newest additions. Spanish continues to be the most popular, followed by French, Italian and German.

In an April 30 ceremony, 19 high-achieving students were inducted into Kappa Iota, MCCC's chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, the national collegiate foreign language honor society. This marks the largest group ever for the college's chapter, which celebrated its 26th anniversary this year.



Pictured at their induction ceremony are foreign language students with Professor Steven Richman, Kappa Iota Chapter advisor, far left.

James Kerney Graduates Applauded

Cheers greeted each award recipient at Trenton's War Memorial theater on May 11, when MCCC's James Kerney Campus hosted its Celebration of Academic Achievement. Receiving awards and recognition were students who completed credit or noncredit programs at the downtown Trenton campus. Four successful students, one from each of the programs, spoke about how MCCC changed their lives.

Linda Barlow, a social science graduate, spoke for credit graduates of the James Kerney Campus. She plans to transfer to Rutgers for a degree in social work.



Opportunities Abound at Mercer

Study Tour to Italy an Unforgettable Learning Experience



Study Tour participants at Pompeii

An intrepid group of 23 students journeyed to Italy in May as Mercer's first Study Abroad initiative in a decade. Led by three faculty members and local Italian guides, the students visited the Vatican, the Coliseum, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast and more, soaking up culture, history, food, and art. Students returned to campus with photos galore and memories to last a lifetime.

Plans to expand the Study Abroad program were underway throughout the year, with four Study Tours and a Semester Abroad option to be offered during 2010-11.

Online Option Begins for Nursing Students

In its ongoing effort to serve more students, Mercer's Nursing program began offering its professional lecture coursework online last fall. Clinical rotations are completed at Mercer County hospitals 1½ days per week. This convenient option was opened to out-of-county and out-of-state residents in the spring.

This year Mercer's Nursing program graduated 74 students ready to make a caring difference in the community. Hailing from many different life paths, several began the program right out of high school, while for others it was a dream deferred as they juggled the demands of raising children, working and studying. Noted Debra Goehrig, who served as valedictorian at the January pinning ceremony, "If you bring a smile to a face of a patient, you have done well. The rewards are never ending."



Five Nursing graduates celebrate at the May pinning ceremony. From left are Daniel Gbardoe, Megan Garriga, Maureen Gallagher, Tiffany Flemming and Czarina Edrosa.



New Winter Session Proves Popular

Making good use of their winter break, 428 students enrolled in MCCC's new Winter Session. The divisions of Liberal Arts, Business and Technology, Arts and Communication, and the Science and Health Professions offered nearly 30 courses, both online and on campus. While many enrollees were current MCCC students, some were from other colleges who earned transferable credits.

Students Learn Leadership At Rutgers



MCCC students Pam Prather, left, and Shelly Djoufack were among 33 students statewide who explored their potential for leadership at Rutgers in June. NEW Leadership™ New Jersey is a six-day residential program hosted by the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) of Rutgers' Eagleton Institute.



Students entering Felician College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at MCCC.

The University Center at Mercer

Three colleges now offer bachelor's degrees at MCCC's West Windsor campus, giving community college transfer students more choices for continuing their education close to home. In September 2009, William Paterson University launched programs in Elementary Education, Psychology and Liberal Studies, with 42 students enrolled in the inaugural semester and six more who began in the spring. Two-thirds are pursuing double majors in Early Childhood Education combined with either Psychology or Liberal Studies.

Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU), which counted 54 students in its four-year program at MCCC, expanded its options this year. In addition to degrees in Business & Technology and Hospitality Management, FDU now offers Communication Studies and Criminal Justice. FDU also offers a master's in Hospitality Management at MCCC.

In Felician College's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, 13 students began in January 2009 and 15 new students began in September 2009. Fifteen of the 28 are MCCC graduates.

New Transfer Agreements Increase Opportunities for Students

This year MCCC signed two new articulation agreements that will ease the transfer process for graduates who wish to continue their education at La Salle University in Pennsylvania or Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island.

A student who completes an MCCC degree with at least a 2.5 grade point average in Business Administration, Computer Science, Criminal Justice, Liberal Arts or Biology will be granted admission to La Salle. At Johnson & Wales University, graduates can enter programs in Culinary Arts and Food Service Management, Hotel and Lodging Management, or Restaurant, Food and Beverage Management.

The statewide NJ Transfer program gives community college graduates the opportunity to seamlessly transfer to bachelor's degree programs at New Jersey's public colleges and universities. MCCC also has agreements with additional colleges to provide more transfer and dual admissions opportunities.

Administrators from La Salle and MCCC, from left, are LSU Dean Joseph Ugras, MCCC Vice President Don Generals, LSU Provost Richard Nigro, MCCC Acting Dean of Business Winston Maddox, MCCC Transfer Director Laurene Jones, and LSU Associate Director of Recruiting William Kline.



Virtual Learning Embraced by Students and Faculty

For motivated self-starters, courses offered through The Virtual College are proving increasingly popular. With accreditation from Middle States Commission of Higher Education as a provider of distance education, MCCC's Virtual College counted more than 5,500 enrollments in its distance learning courses this year. In a number of Mercer's academic programs, students are now able to complete many or most of their required courses online.

The number of courses offered by The Virtual College increased by 7.5 percent this year, and work proceeded on the development of nine additional courses. Another big growth area was "add-on" courses, where MCCC faculty members supplement their traditional classroom curriculum with online components such as class dialogues, web links, homework submissions, group projects and more. The number of classes providing such options nearly doubled – from 48 to 93.

The Virtual College also provided training and online teaching certificates to 37 MCCC faculty and staff members. Three instructors' courses earned stamps of approval for course development from Quality Matters, an inter-institutional initiative that supports and certifies quality assurance in online instruction.



NJ PLACE Spells Success

Two 2010 MCCC graduates proved without a doubt that work experience counts. William Dargan and Donte Boyer, both of whom earned their associate degrees in Technical Studies, have taken full advantage of NJ PLACE (New Jersey Pathways Leading Apprentices to a College Education).

Working with the state's 19 community colleges, NJ PLACE was established in 2004 to enable skilled trade workers to utilize their apprentice education for college credits – from three up to 25 – toward their associate degrees. That was a huge boost for Boyer and Dargan, who were both awarded the full 25 credits and are now continuing their studies at four-year schools. The two are among 84 students statewide participating in this innovative initiative.



MCCC Student Advocate Dee Smith-Johns with 2010 graduate Donte Boyer.

Expression Through Dance

The Dance program gave students multiple performance opportunities this year. In January, the college invited professional dancers from Battery Dance Company (BDC), based in Lower Manhattan, to present an intensive three-day workshop for students at MCCC and from the Mercer County Performing Arts High School. The workshop culminated in day and evening performances at Kelsey Theatre in early February that featured an original student piece as well as performances by the BDC troupe.

In May, the Mercer Dance Ensemble (MDE) celebrated the 30th anniversary of its choreographer, Janell Byrne, with an inspired modern dance performance at Kelsey Theatre. Drawing on the talents of current students, dance alumni and special guests, “MDE – Legacy” included ten original numbers that resonated with the power and passion of self-expression through movement.

MCCC students worked in collaboration with teaching artists from Battery Dance Company in preparation for a February performance.



Celebrity Chef Cat Cora, middle row, right, with students and MCCC Associate Professor Doug Fee, far left, and Teaching Assistant Frank Benowitz, far right. In front is Maddie Benowitz.

Culinary Students Cook with Celebrity Chefs

Mercer's culinary students are up to all challenges when it comes to testing their myriad kitchen skills. On the local scene, students prepared one of Food Network Chef Cat Cora's recipes during her appearance and book signing at Hamilton Manor in June. More than 200 attendees had an opportunity to sample grilled flank steak with pineapple salsa served in a tortilla. Proceeds were donated to MCCC's Hospitality Club and other nonprofit organizations.

On June 15, several students traveled to New York City to prep for Chef Emeril Lagasse's pilot cooking game show for possible airing on CBS. They spent the entire day chopping herbs, piping cream puffs and doing a bit of food styling.

An All-American Year in Athletics

This was an exceptional year by any measure for MCCC's eight athletic teams, which earned five Garden State Athletic Conference titles and three Region 19 championships. Competing at national tournaments were men's tennis, women's softball and, for the first time since 1998, men's basketball. Four students were named NJCAA All-Americans and three were named Academic All-Americans. Thirty-one student athletes prepared for transfer to four-year schools, many with athletic scholarships, making it the college's largest athlete transfer group ever.

For the first time in a decade, the college hosted the NJCAA Men's Soccer Tournament from Nov. 18-22. More than 300 players, coaches and supporters from across the country traveled to MCCC for the exciting four-day event. Hundreds of local fans filled the stands to enjoy this soccer showcase.

In coaching news, Larry Povia, long-time assistant coach for men's soccer, assumed the role of head coach for Mercer's highly successful soccer program, which has earned five NJCAA titles and 12 Final Four appearances since he joined the coaching staff in 1986.

The Athletics Department announced plans to add women's cross country as its ninth intercollegiate sport with coach Erin Cahill at the helm. Cahill began recruitment efforts during the spring semester. The Vikings will compete in Div. I against other regional community colleges, as well as Div. II and III schools in the tri-state area.



Pictured, from top, are softball ace pitcher Jenna Berger; soccer players, from left, Kasey Kenny, Sheila Frank, Kelsey Capuano, Angelica Modica, and Carolyn Walters; and men's tennis champ Jason Bielski. They were among Mercer's standout athletes; 123 students participated on MCCC teams.

Entering the Region 19 tournament as underdogs, the men's basketball team won the title in dramatic fashion and advanced to the NJCAA National Tournament. The coaching staff includes head coach Howard Levy and assistant coaches Miles Smith and Tom DeStephano.

Students Serve Campus and Community

Raising Funds for Charities

Mercer County Community College students demonstrated their commitment to a better world through a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year.

Student clubs and organizations at both campuses hosted and participated in events that raised more than \$5,000 for charitable organizations, including the March of Dimes, WomanSpace and the Haitian Center in Trenton for January earthquake victims. They also collected food for the United Way of Greater Mercer County and the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



Student volunteers prepare lunches for the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen.



Students participating in a charity flea market at the James Kerney Campus, from left, Ashley Minter, Ronald Johnson, Shayla Wise and Tynisha Ames.

Black History Month Events Celebrate Heritage

A full slate of activities marked Black History Month in February, including an intergenerational discussion with six community leaders who shared their vast experience with students, and emphasized the importance of education. Additional events included a Jazz Café, an opera singer, African dance performers, a life coach presentation, a heritage luncheon and more.



Participating in an intergenerational discussion, from left, back row, are East Windsor Twp. Council member Walter Daniels; MCCC Foundation Board members James Floyd and W. Ruth Rosser; MCCC Professor Emerita Jeanette Purdy; retired director of Trenton's Division of Community Development Rebecca Rousseau Mitchell; and retired Trenton police chief Ernest A. Williams. In the front row, from left, are MCCC students Thomas Pittman, Andre Thompson, Brittney Ross, Monica Rentra and Munab Manneh.

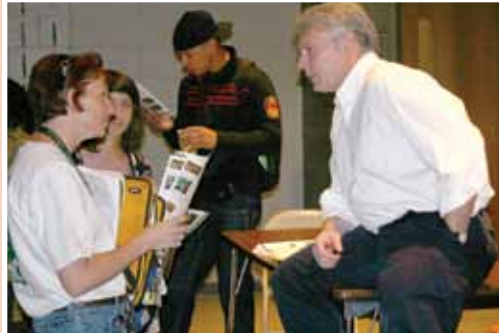


Universal African Dance and Drum Ensemble perform at Kelsey Theatre as part of Black History Month activities.

Distinguished Lecture Series: Expert Voices from Outside the Classroom

The college hosted 12 lectures on a wide range of topics as part of its Distinguished Lecture Series, a free program open to students and the public during the academic year. Prominent leaders in state government offered their perspectives on subjects ranging from the U.S. Census and careers in senior services to innovations in HIV testing. Representatives from major area nonprofit organizations included Mary Inzana of LifeTies, Inc., Martin Johnson of Isles, Inc., and James McCloskey of Centurion Ministries. Artists Hanneline Rogeberg and MCCC's own Mel Leipzig, along with photographer Thomas Roma, added both art and art history to the mix.

Martin Johnson, founder and president of Isles, Inc., right, speaks with students following his lecture "Rethinking Environmentalism."



College Community Enthusiastic About Green Initiatives



MCCC faculty member Ron Smith shows students a snake during Earth Week events at the West Windsor campus in April. Green initiatives led by the student "Go Green Club" and the Sustainability Task Force focused on reducing paper usage, promoting recycling, and using natural products for cosmetics and cleaning supplies.

Celebrating Martin Luther King Day

Members of the local community came out in full force to MCCC's James Kerney Campus for "Tribute to a Dream," a celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on January 18. The African American Student Organization (AASO) and the James Kerney Campus Student Activities Board sponsored the event.

The Rev. Michele Bazin, pastor of New Horizon Baptist Church in Groveville, NJ, the Tommy Grice Jazz Trio, the Vessels of Praise Dance Team, MCCC Communication Professor Alwyn Haywood, and Key Arts Productions of Philadelphia presented their perspectives. Speaking of the challenges ahead, Rev. Bazin captured the spirit of the day in her sermon, "We're Not There Yet."

The Trenton Central High School Band entertains at the MLK event at the James Kerney Campus.



Rakima Stokes, assistant director of Youth College's SMILE/GEAR UP, with students and community members during Earth Day April 22 at the James Kerney Campus. Activities included a panel discussion with area experts on sustainability issues, plus speakers, displays and vendors.

Leading in Lifelong Learning

The Center for Continuing Studies

More and more adults are turning to MCCC's Center for Continuing Studies (CCS) to update their career skills, pursue new interests, or train for new careers. Noncredit career certificate programs and short-term classes year-round are targeted to both beginners and experienced professionals. Enrollments for 2009-10 numbered 8,015.

Responding to the growing shift toward clean and efficient energy production, the CCS launched a certificate program in Green Future Management for professionals in architecture, construction, engineering, business and related fields. The 70-hour program has been expanded for 2010-11.

In January 2010, CCS initiated courses targeted to workforce professionals seeking careers in the growing clinical research field. Those who successfully completed the program were eligible for internships in the industry. Made possible by Central New Jersey's Bio 1 Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development grant, these classes continue their successful enrollment in 2010-11.

Responding to the demand for workers in the health professions, the CCS offered programs in gerontology, certified nurse aide, certified home health aide, pharmacy technology, dental radiology, EKG technology, intravenous therapy, medical billing/coding and dental office skills.

The CCS also offers a broad array of personal interest classes in the culinary arts, fitness, fine arts, personal finance, foreign languages and more. Hundreds of convenient online classes run in six-week sessions.

Members of a "New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey" class are pursuing an alternate route to teaching certification.



The Conference Center at Mercer

Well known for its excellent catering services, high quality conference and meeting facilities, state-of-the-art auditorium and the latest technology, MCCC's Conference Center maintained its high client retention rate of more than 90 percent.

A state-approved vendor, the center hosted conferences and training services for numerous governmental agencies, and also catered private social functions. Among the center's new clients were Tyco International Ltd., Wells Fargo/Wachovia, Letup, Social Security Administration, Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, Epocrates, Perceptive Informatics, Eggerts Crossing Civic League, and the Institute of Women Working for Empowerment.

The center's organic herb garden has enhanced quality and reduced costs, and a flower garden, new this year, enabled staff to use fresh flowers for centerpieces.

As part of the college's sustainability efforts, an organic food recycling program is now in place at the Conference Center and campus cafeteria.

Center for Training and Development Expands Reach

Companies turned to MCCC's Center for Training and Development (CTD) to help them improve customer satisfaction, increase productivity, and gain a competitive edge. The CTD worked with 50 companies and almost 4,000 employees, providing training in leadership, communications, language, quality, safety, problem solving, motivation, customer service, and computer skills. The CTD also developed coaching and training programs for companies with an international presence.

The CTD helped numerous companies obtain funding for training through New Jersey's Department of Labor and Workforce Development (LWD). A special grant was targeted to a consortium of 12 nonprofit agencies. Another provides training for businesses that are part of the African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey.

CTD also partnered with the New Jersey Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development (NJCWED) and the New Jersey Business and Industry Association.

Through joint funding by the New Jersey BioTechnology, LWD and NJCWED, the CTD provided training for biotech companies. The center also works with Service Employees International Union 32 BJ, providing English language training for workers.

Through an innovative program called "Mobile Computer Lab On Wheels," MCCC instructors now travel to businesses with laptop computers and other equipment to provide on-site training to employees.



Rob Usdin, center, an instructor for the Center for Training and Development's Mobile Computer Lab, packs up laptops with help from staff members John Radvany, left, and Leah Pontani, right.

Campers, Campers Everywhere

Mercer once again served the younger set during the summer months with a variety of recreational, educational and skill-building programs. Approximately 2,000 youngsters ages 6 to 17 enjoyed abundant choices through Camp College, honed their athletic skills in Sports Camps, and danced, sang, acted and created artwork in Tomato Patch Visual and Performing Arts Workshops. The youngsters made full use of campus fields, classrooms, athletic facilities and pool.



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Enriching Cultural and Community Life

Kelsey Theatre: The Community's Performance Space

It was another noteworthy year at Kelsey Theatre, which practically never went dark. Companies that perform at the theatre were nominated for a total of 17 Perry Awards from the New Jersey Association of Community Theatres.

In 2009-10 Kelsey Theatre hosted 32 shows for a total of 149 public performances, plus 18 performances of seven shows for groups of school children. The venue counted 46,493 attendees at a variety of events.

Kelsey also hosted 32 functions for the college community, including concerts, dance performances, opera workshops, awards ceremonies, induction ceremonies, and

M. Kitty Getlik, Kelsey Theatre's long-time Artistic Director and Manager, was awarded the 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award by the New Jersey Association of Community Theatres.



Mercer County Police Academy graduations. Committed to giving back to the community, the theatre hosted charity fundraisers and sponsored a holiday toy drive.

Holocaust Center Rededicated in New Home on Campus

The Mercer County Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center marked the move to spacious new quarters with a rededication ceremony in January. Now located on the second floor of the renovated Library building, the center houses educational materials for use by Mercer County teachers. It is one of 24 such centers across the state whose mission is to reduce prejudice and advocate for human rights for all people.



MCCC President Patricia Donohue, right, welcomes visitors to the rededication. From left are violinist Dr. Tamara Freeman and Dr. Paul Winkler, executive director of the N.J. Commission on Holocaust Education.

The Gallery at Mercer: Teaching Through Arts

Known as a hub for artists throughout the region, the Gallery at Mercer is also an exceptional tool for teaching and learning.

The Gallery hosted five major shows mounted from September through May, including Mercer County Photographers '09 and Mercer County Artists '10. Exhibits featured the works of 173 artists, photographers and videographers, and more than 300 individual pieces in a variety of media. Special events included gallery talks, two concerts by the improv duo *Stop Correcting Me*, and a performance by the jazz trio *Shikantaza*.

Fifty of the 2009-10 exhibiting artists were MCCC students who displayed their work during the annual Visual Arts Student Show in May. The Gallery is also utilized by professors in other disciplines who integrate art into their curriculum.



Artist Eve Ingalls shared her insights with students during the "Connect/Reconnect" exhibit in the fall.

Showcasing County Writers and Artists

The varied voices of Mercer County residents were on display in two annual MCCC publications. **Kelsey Review 2009** is a tribute to writers and artists who live, work or study in the county. This year's edition featured poetry, short fiction and drawings by 17 community members. A special section offered observations from the editorial board, whose five members cited character development, a unique voice, unexpected endings and thorough research as key to their selections.

Some of the county's most creative young people revealed themselves in the 2010 edition of **Aspirations**, MCCC's literary and arts journal for area high school students. A recognition ceremony in April brought the teens and their families to Kelsey Theatre to enjoy readings and performances by MCCC Theatre and Music students. This year's *Aspirations* included the works of 87 writers and 23 artists, who were selected from 12 schools.

Both are funded in part by the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Students from Lawrence High School receive recognition for their literary and artistic work featured in Aspirations.



Innovation at WWFM The Classical Network

Energy and innovation defined the year at WWFM The Classical Network. The station began its Sunday Opera broadcasts and now airs David Dubal's piano comparison program, "The Piano Matters." A new weekly program called "Picture Perfect" is devoted to music in film.

This year the station began concert broadcast partnerships with the Institute for Advanced Study, Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rider University's Westminster College of the Arts, and Princeton Theological Seminary. The network also broadcast concert specials in collaboration with St. Olaf's College and St. John's College, Oxford, England. The station collaborated with the Allentown Band to produce a two-disc CD, "A Retrospective: The Golden Age of the American Concert Band."

"Views and Voices," WWFM's public affairs show with host Rachel Katz, took first and third place in the 2009 New Jersey Society of Professional Journalists' annual awards. The program airs on Saturdays at 7 p.m. on WWFM 89.1 FM, and is archived online at www.wwfmm.org.

Staff members of WWFM The Classical Network and JazzOn2.



JazzOn2 Reinvigorates Trenton's Jazz Tradition

The sounds of Bebop, Dixieland, Latin Jazz, Modern Jazz and Blues filled the air as Mercer's JazzOn2 radio celebrated its first anniversary in September 2009 at Katmandu in Trenton, with a day-long event featuring local musicians and MCCC students. JazzOn2 airs on 89.1 HD2, a digital channel of WWFM The Classical Network, a station of MCCC, and is available on MCTV Channel 26, FiOS Channel 20, and online at www.jazzon2.org.

With a new antenna, this year JazzOn2 expanded its reach, and now serves Mercer County and surrounding areas, plus Cape May, NJ. The current roster features 19 music hosts, two public affairs hosts and six syndicated National Public Radio programs.

In order to be closer to Trenton's rich jazz heritage, the station plans to move to MCCC's James Kerney Campus in downtown Trenton in fall 2010.



Professor James Kelly, left, and music students Ben Russett and John Gervasoni perform during "JazzOn2 at Katmandu" in September.

Stewards for a Bright Future

Major Facilities Project Completed

Fall 2009 marked the completion of MCCC's One-Stop Student Center and Library renovation project. Undertaken with the goal of improving student services and accessibility, the project brought two of the college's major buildings, constructed in the early 1970s, up to current code standards. Many energy-saving elements were included.

Designed by the Spiegle Architectural Group, the construction added 7,000 square feet to the previous structures, with the total renovated space equaling 70,000 square feet. A new Welcome Center connecting the Student Center and Library creates a visible entrance. A new second floor, added to the existing Library, houses the Bookstore, while The Learning Center, Academic Testing Center and Office of Special Services received major renovation. New short-term parking adds convenience.



The Welcome Center connects MCCC's renovated Library and Student Center.

A renovated Learning Center offers spacious areas for tutoring and computer access.



The Enrollment Services reception area provides a pleasant waiting room.



College Websites Benefit from New Look, Streamlined Navigation

The college's presence in cyberspace took on a new look this year, with a redesigned homepage launched in the summer of 2009. Uncluttered and easy to navigate, the site introduces visitors to all things Mercer. Features include enhanced menus for prospective and current students, and additional menu options for continuing education programs. The "My Mercer" link enables online registration and offers a sign-in area for students, faculty and staff.

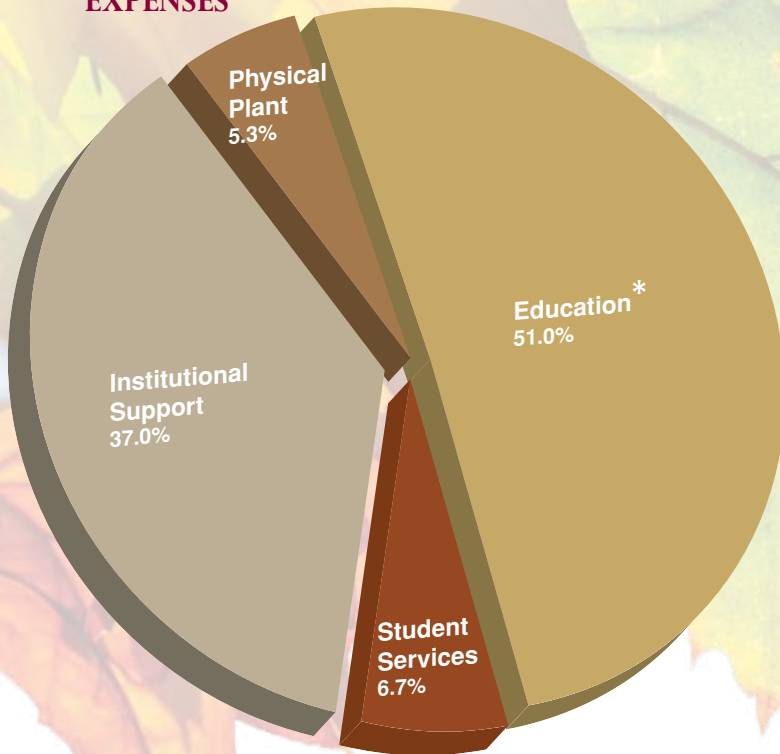
The redesign, completed in-house by MCCC staff, earned an award from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations.

Additional website redesigns were completed for Kelsey Theatre, the Athletics Department and the MCCC Foundation. Visitors to all new sites are greeted with colorful animations of campus life.

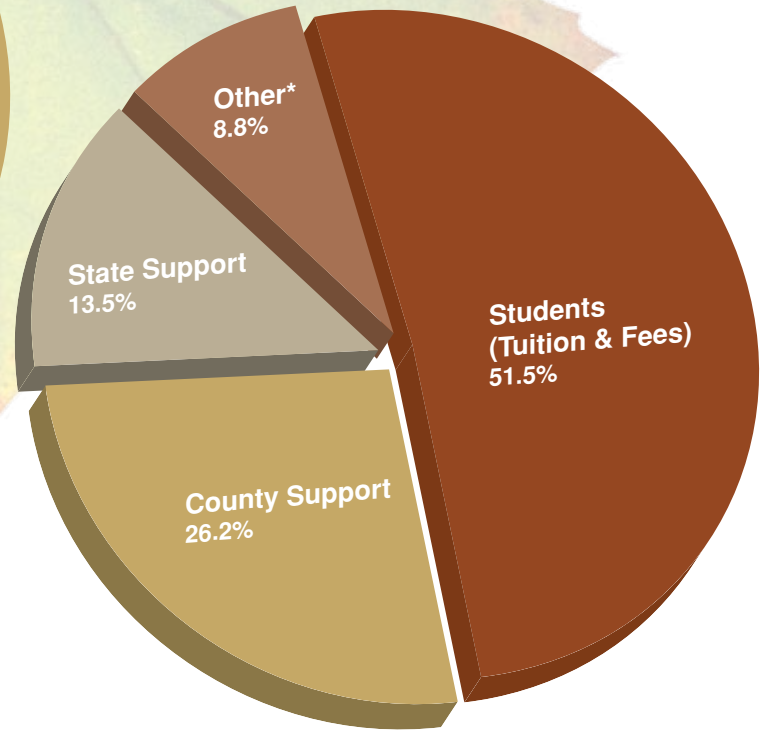
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**"Other" category includes Conference Center; Kelsey Theatre, WWFM, etc.*

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Seated are Rev. William E. Coleman Jr., Mark Matzen, and Mary Lou Armiger. Standing, from left, are David Applebaum, Marvin Gardner, Pam Hersh, Gwendolyn L. Harris, Robert M. Di Falco, Dr. Samuel B. Stewart, Laura Stapperfenne, Anthony J. Cimino and Dr. Patricia C. Donohue.

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Statistical Overview 2009-2010

Credit Programs

Students served through the West Windsor Campus, James Kerney Campus and The Virtual College: 13,785

- Graduates: 971; degrees: 1,013
- NJ STARS: 198
- Honors Program: 100
- Student athletes on MCCC teams: 123
- Special Services: 514

Non-Degree Programs

- Center for Continuing Studies enrollment (WWC): 8,015
- Center for Training and Development (WWC):
 - Organizations: 20
 - Students: 4,000
- Career Training Institute (JKC): 113
- Adult Education and English as a Second Language (JKC): 707
 - Community Work Experience Program: 109
 - GED Testing Center: 420 examinees
- Fire Training Programs (Dempster): 1,133

Programs for Children and Youth

- Youth College (JKC):
 - Educational Talent Search: 900
 - SMILE / GEAR UP: 477
 - Upward Bound: 80
- Summer Camps (WWC):
 - Camp College enrollment: 3,189
 - Sports Camp enrollment: 475
 - Tomato Patch Visual and Performing Arts enrollment: 352
- Kelsey Kids Playshops participants: 112

WWC: West Windsor Campus
JKC: James Kerney Campus



Cultural Offerings for Campus and Community

- Kelsey Theatre theatrical events staged: 32
 - Performances: 149
 - Attendees: 46,493
 - Performances for school children: 18
 - College functions hosted: 32
- Guest Lectures through the Distinguished Lecture Series: 12
- Art Gallery:
 - Exhibitions: 5
 - Artists represented at Art Gallery: 173

The MCCC Foundation Annual Report

For information about MCCC's Foundation and its important fundraising efforts, special events, scholarships and more, we invite you to consult our 2009-10 Foundation Annual Report.

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