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Mercer County Community College Foundation

2011-2012
annual report

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The Mercer County Community College Foundation is an independent nonprofit corporation

whose purpose is to establish and carry out enrichment activities

that support the mission of the college and the community it serves.

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who seek to develop community understanding and support of

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Letter from the Chair

The MCCC Foundation has much to celebrate as we partner with the college to expand learning opportunities and success for all students. The 2011-12 year was a banner one by any measure. The Foundation continued its support of the Annual Giving Campaign and hosted numerous special events, including the MCCC Golf Classic, Floyd Fete and our major annual fundraiser, Spring Into Student Success.

This year, we continued to increase our role in support of MCCC's capital projects. These initiatives include working to advance the college's expansion plans at the Trenton campus and bolstering scholarships for students in need.

We enthusiastically embraced the renewed efforts of the MCCC Alumni & Friends Association and committed a Foundation representative to the leadership group. This group, which works to ensure lifelong Mercer connections, serves as we do as an ambassador in the community to promote the important work of the college from those who know it best – our alumni. The Association initiated the popular "Buy A Brick" program, which enables alumni, faculty and others to inscribe a message that is permanently on display in the MCCC Quad while raising funds for the future. The group also oversaw the publication of an Alumni Directory, the first since 1996.

During the Spring Into Student Success event in the spring, I spoke from the heart about the Foundation's hopes and dreams for our students. They are the seeds that will flourish with water and light. We are grateful to all those who help us provide the nutrition they need. Mercer is creating wonderful opportunities for brighter futures for students and the community. I am honored to be part of this effort and I thank everyone who has joined with me to further Mercer's mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "E. Karen Kennedy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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Seated, from left, are David Applebaum, Dr. Gwendolyn Harris, Mark Matzen and Dr. Patricia C. Donohue; standing, from left, are Dr. Samuel Stewart, Robert Di Falco, Rev. William E. Coleman Jr., Marvin Gardner, Esq., Pam Hersh, Kevin Drennan, Shamil Rodriguez and Anthony Inverso.

Annual Giving Campaign

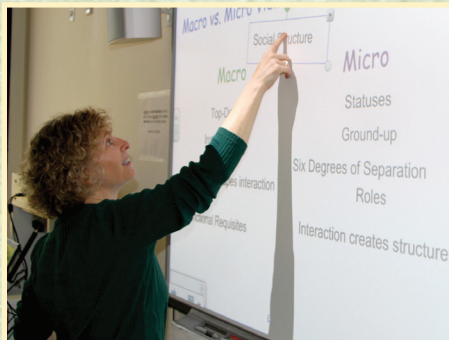
Now in its fifth year, the Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign received generous contributions totaling more than \$43,000. Donors included college trustees, Foundation Board members, administrators, faculty, staff and alumni. In every category, the percent of donors was up from previous years. This year for the first time, students were also asked to give; nearly 100 did so.

A portion of these funds was used for five innovative educational initiatives developed by MCCC faculty and staff that improve what and how students learn. Student Learning Improvement Projects completed this year included:

- Equipping a classroom with “smart” technology that allows students to research and collaborate in new ways.
- Developing the new course “Computational Chemistry” that combines the quantitative and analytical aspects of general chemistry through analysis, interpretation, and presentation of experimental data. (The course will debut in the Spring 2013 semester.)
- Researching new applications to support online student users of the ANGEL 7.4 Learning Management System via mobile devices, including iPads, iPhones and some smartphones. Metrics show that online students are regularly accessing

ANGEL content via mobile devices.

- Improving the advisement process and transfer experience for Education majors by developing an interactive website and improved collaboration across departments to ease transfer for each student.
- Creating an online version of the Foundations of Clinical Development course, the first class in the Clinical Development and Regulatory Affairs certificate program offered by MCCC's Center for Continuing Studies. With the online option, more working professionals in the pharmaceutical and medical device fields have been able to enroll. First offered in Fall 2012, the course filled quickly, with enrollment capped at 20.



Sociology Professor Gianna Durso-Finley uses “smart board” technology funded through the Annual Giving Campaign.



Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Guy Generals, second row, left, is pictured with faculty and staff who were awarded Student Learning Improvement Grants. They include, front row, from left, Carol Clark, Jennifer Cook and Theresa Capra; second row, from left, Savita Bambhrolia, Latonya Ashford Ligon and Laurene Jones.

Dow Jones Continues Its Commitment

Dow Jones & Company continued its commitment to the college and education through another \$10,000 unrestricted gift. The funds are used to support special projects and programs. Dow Jones also continues to contribute generously to the Spring Into Student Success event.

Major Foundation Events

Community Celebrates “Spring Into Student Success”

Friends of the college greeted spring as they celebrated student success during the Foundation’s major fundraising event of the year, “Spring Into Student Success,” held at the Westin Princeton on April 2. The reception and silent auction included original artwork donated by area artists, along with many other donated gift items. The event raised approximately \$60,000 for scholarships and other student needs.

Students were the centerpiece of the celebration. Music was provided by a four-piece jazz band featuring Music students, and Horticulture students created elegant floral arrangements of live orchids floating in water. Many others joined in as student ambassadors.



Taking part in the awards ceremony at “Spring Into Student Success” were: back row from left, honorees Scott Needham, Dr. Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, student Elijah Dixon, honorees Joseph Ridolfi, Kathy Bonazzi (representing the Robert Bonazzi Foundation), MCCC Trustee Chair Mark Matzen and Vice President Mellissia Zanjani; front row from left, event co-chairs Nina Melker and Pat Colavita, and President Patricia C. Donohue. Not pictured: Foundation Chair E. Karen Kennedy.



Floating orchid flower arrangements designed by MCCC Horticulture students added an elegant touch to the evening.

The four-piece band featured Dan Auletta on bass.



Elijah Dixon Represents Scholarship Recipients

Elijah Dixon is a scholarship recipient who graduated this year with an A.S. in Business Administration. A member of Phi Theta Kappa and Phi Theta Lambda, MCCC’s chapter of



FBLA, he is transferring to Rutgers University to study economics. His long-term goal is to establish a non-profit volunteer network of professionals who will give of their expertise to those in need.

“I took part in many community service activities at Mercer and I met other students who did the same – not to add it to their resumes but because they wanted to give back. I really appreciated that experience.”

Grateful for the scholarship assistance, Dixon said, “My scholarship has helped me reach my goal of transferring to a four-year school much faster.”



A large group of students came out to greet donors and assist at the “Spring Into Student Success” event.

“Spring Into Student Success” Honorees

Distinguished Benefactor: Risa Lavizzo-Mourey and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)



As part of her leadership role on behalf of RWJF, Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey has chosen to support several scholarships for MCCC students. This year, the foundation, whose mission is to improve health and health care in America, made a major contribution to the Jim and Fannie Floyd Scholarship, which assists financially needy Mercer students in their quest for a college education. According to Dr. Lavizzo-Mourey, RWJF’s support reflects the large body of evidence that strongly and consistently links education with better health.

Spirit of Education Award: Scott Needham

A college alumnus and member of MCCC’s Foundation Board since 2004, Scott Needham serves on the Golf Classic Committee and annually supports the Foundation’s spring fundraiser and Annual Giving Campaign. His company, Princeton Air Conditioning, also supports MCCC in a variety of ways, including gifts-in-kind. A native of West Windsor, Mr. Needham and his family have been closely connected to education at the college. His sister attended Mercer, and his mother, Joan Needham, taught art for many years. Mr. Needham learned to fly through Mercer’s Aviation Flight Technology program.



Distinguished Corporate Partner: Joseph R. Ridolfi & Associates

Joseph R. Ridolfi has given generously of his time and talent to MCCC’s Foundation Board for more than ten years. Both personally and through his company, Joseph R. Ridolfi & Associates, he has supported the college and its students through the Foundation’s spring fundraiser, Golf Classic, Annual Giving Campaign and Floyd Fete. He has also provided scholarships for students. A real estate professional for more than forty years, Mr. Ridolfi believes in the power of education to change lives. “Education is the key to advancement in life, and I want to help those who help themselves,” he said.



Spirit of Education Award: Robert Bonazzi

Through the Bonazzi Foundation for the Promotion of Science Education, Mr. Robert Bonazzi provides an annual Foundation scholarship for MCCC students interested in pursuing careers as science educators. A former biology teacher and former president of the New Jersey Education Association (1991-2007), he currently serves as an executive partner with Princeton Organizational Advisors and is an active member of many nonprofit and community groups. Mr. Bonazzi believes strongly in science education. “The more science young people know, the more they will be able to make good decisions when they become leaders in our world,” he said.



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Major Foundation Events

Great Day of Golf Supports Student Athletes

The clouds cleared out just in time for a great day of golf for 76 enthusiastic Mercer supporters. The 20th Annual Golf Classic, hosted by the MCCC Athletics Department, went off without a hitch at Mercer Oaks Golf Course on Oct. 4. The event raised more than \$10,000 for the MCCC Student Athlete Scholarship Fund. The tournament is held in memory of Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, who served on the MCCC Foundation Board and was deeply committed to youth sports.

Prior to the shotgolf start, MCCC President Patricia Donohue welcomed and thanked the assembled golfers. Pointing to the 16 student athletes who volunteered at the tournament, she said, "You see here today representatives from our nine athletic teams. Virtually every year some of our teams are regional or district finalists, or advance to national tournaments. They represent Mercer with distinction and they couldn't do it without your support. So we thank you



At the tournament, from left, MCCC's Athletics Director John Simone and President Patricia Donohue with Golf Committee members Scott Needham, Dave Fraytak, Nina Melker, Steve Ritzau, Victoria Baldwin and Jeff Perlman. Not pictured: Tom Kull.

for being part of this effort."

Athletics Director John Simone joined with Dr. Donohue to acknowledge the more than 30 generous sponsors who contributed to the proceeds total. He noted, "We see the life-changing impact of students' involvement in athletics. This is a cause well worth supporting."

Following the tournament, guests gathered in the Mercer Oaks ballroom for a banquet. The celebration included the presentation of awards, as well as a silent auction of sports items and other valuables. Representing the MCCC



Student athletes came out to assist.

Foundation Board was Chair E. Karen Kennedy, who expressed her appreciation to the assembled group for making MCCC athletes a special priority.

Student Athlete Success Is in the Stats

- 126 students participated on athletic teams.
- Second place national finish for women's tennis and second national title for tennis player Alison Noll at no. 1 singles, a first for an MCCC female athlete.
- Men's tennis placed fourth at nationals.
- Men's soccer and baseball teams advanced to Region 19 tournament finals.
- Women's cross country sent four runners to nationals.
- Three athletes were named NJCAA Academic All-Americans.
- Twenty athletes are transferring to four-year schools this fall, many with athletic scholarships.

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“Floyd Fete” Draws Outpouring of Support

With education as its theme, 150 friends, family members and elected officials gathered on a high note at Princeton’s Nassau Inn Sunday, Oct. 16 for MCCC’s second “Floyd Fete for Education.” It was a celebration to honor the rich legacy of long-time Princeton area community volunteers Jim Floyd and his late wife, Fannie, the catalysts for the Jim and Fannie Floyd Scholarship Fund. Mr. Floyd has been a member of the college’s Foundation Board for more than 30 years.

The first Floyd Scholar, Gwendolyn Alexander, a Funeral Service major, received her award from funds raised through the first Floyd Fete, held in 2010. This year the event netted close to \$75,000 for the endowed scholarship.

Princeton resident Hendricks Davis and MCCC Foundation Board member Robert Humes co-chaired the Floyd Fete Committee, which included members of the college Foundation Board and community volunteers. “We are honored that so many have come out to build upon Jim’s and Fannie’s good names and good will,” Davis said. “The money raised will help students utilize all the college’s resources to be all that they can be.”

The first African American elected to the Princeton Township Committee and the first to serve as mayor of Princeton, Jim Floyd has been an active volunteer for decades. He and his wife, Fannie, who passed away in 2008, worked throughout their lives to foster educational opportunities and combat discrimination in housing. Jim was a charter member of the Princeton Community Housing group and continues to serve on many boards in the nonprofit sector.

Special guests included Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Princeton Township Mayor Chad Goerner, and Princeton Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman, who reminisced about the Floyds’ impact on the community at large. “Jim and Fannie have truly been the voice for the voiceless,” Trotman said. “They have provided much-needed stepping stones for educational advancement.”

The college’s Advertising Design students created posters to depict the mission of Floyd Fete, and their submissions were judged by several committee members and members of the local arts community. Other highlights included music provided by a jazz quartet composed of MCCC students and an alumnus, with vocal accompaniment by William Carter III, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Princeton.

Floyd Fete



Co-chairs Hendricks Davis, left, and Bob Humes with the winning Floyd Fete poster, designed by MCCC Advertising Design student Jignesh Patel.



Mr. Floyd, second from left, with friends Joseph Ridolfi, E. Karen Kennedy, Bob Humes, Ruth Rosser, Dr. Patricia C. Donohue and Debby D’Arcangelo.

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Capital Support for Facilities and Equipment

Growing in Trenton

In keeping with the college's Strategic Plan and Master Plan, the MCCC Foundation made a major commitment to renovations and expansion of the college's Trenton campus this year. With the philanthropic support of two leadership donors – the Scheide Fund and The Clarence G. Weber Estate – the Foundation purchased the Home Furnishings Building across the street from the existing buildings on North Broad Street.

In Fall 2012, the college opened the first two floors of Trenton Hall, with additional classrooms to be completed in the second phase. Housed on the first floor are a multi-media classroom featuring “smart technology” that engages students in an interactive learning process and a computer lab featuring the latest Mac computers for Graphic Design, Fashion Design and other classes. On the second floor, a

Fashion Design lab provides the next level of coursework for students enrolled in the A.A.S. degree program in Fashion/Apparel Design that began in Fall 2011, as well as a light-filled art studio where Fine Arts students can work in a professional setting as part of Trenton's thriving arts community. Other facilities in Trenton Hall include a student lounge and storefront galleries for fashion and art students to display their work.

With new space comes the opportunity for program expansion. Trenton Hall gives Mercer the ability to offer more classes and more degree completion options in the city.

Support for Capital Projects from Corporate Partners

Janssen Pharmaceuticals Focuses on Health Care

Janssen Pharmaceuticals awarded the college \$20,000 to equip a new Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) laboratory at the Trenton campus. The Center for Continuing Studies at the West Windsor campus has offered this highly successful program since 2008 and will now replicate the curriculum in Trenton. The program prepares students for high demand jobs as aides in long-term care, pediatric care and hospital settings. Classes in Trenton are expected to begin in Spring, 2013.

Bristol-Myers Squibb Adds to Science Education

The Foundation received a second consecutive \$20,000 gift from Bristol-Myers Squibb to expand science education at MCCC's Trenton campus. New labs provide opportunities for more students to take core science classes and provide highly motivated science students with the facilities they need to excel.



Investing in Trenton is a major focus of capital fundraising. Pictured at the campus are Trenton campus Provost Monica Weaver, left, and President Patricia Donohue.



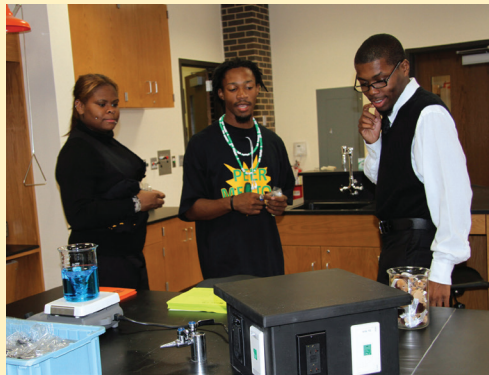
Foundation support helped with the purchase of Trenton Hall.



The new Mac lab in Trenton Hall.



The new Certified Nurse Assistant lab will be ready to train front-line health care workers in Spring, 2013.



Students visit the new Chemistry lab at the Trenton campus.



The new Biology lab in Trenton.

Leipzig Puts Paint to Canvas for Fine Arts Students

Long-time Fine Arts Professor Mel Leipzig and the college co-hosted an event for the community to raise awareness and dollars for a new Fine Arts Gallery, to be located in Trenton Hall at the downtown campus. As part of this March fundraising event, Professor Leipzig unveiled three new paintings featuring MCCC faculty, staff and students.

In a resounding example of connecting his life's passion with student success, Professor Leipzig's efforts will help to provide students with a storefront space to showcase their artwork as they learn the skills of hanging and curating gallery shows.

Pictured with Professor Leipzig, second from right, and President Patricia C. Donohue are Leipzig's models, from left, Professor of Mathematics Art Schwartz, student-model Tierah Goodman, and long-time student Jeanne Calo.



Professor Mel Leipzig, fourth from right, is pictured with MCCC student artists.

Scholarship Highlights

Continuing Students Recognized at Fall Ceremony

At an event that brought together MCCC's high-achieving students and the donors who help to make their education possible, there were smiles, handshakes and applause all around. Approximately 240 guests filled the cafeteria on the West Windsor campus for the annual Continuing Student Recognition Ceremony in October. A total of 146 scholarships were awarded by generous supporters.

Chef Jacket Partnership Is Unique Tradition at Mercer

In 2011-12, nine restaurants and food service companies contributed to the success of MCCC's culinary students through a scholarship program that has become a tradition in the Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management program. The scholarships cover the cost of chef whites, as well as additional college expenses. Each jacket is inscribed with the donor's logo and the student's name. Participating companies included Blue Bottle Cafe, Duncan Hines, Elements, Mercer Oaks Catering, RC Fine Foods, Sysco Foods, Terra Momo Restaurant Group, Wegmans Food Markets and Vlasic. Merrill Lynch and several private scholarship funds provided support for four additional hospitality students.



Student chefs are pictured with hospitality faculty members and President Patricia C. Donohue, far right.

The First Jim and Fannie Floyd Scholarship

Continuing student Gwendolyn Alexander, who is pursuing her associate degree in Funeral Service, is the first recipient of the Jim and Fannie Floyd Scholarship. A returning adult student, she accepted her award accompanied by her proud grandson. The endowed scholarship, funded by the Floyds' large network of friends, honors the couple for their charitable activities related to social justice and educational opportunity. Mr. Floyd formerly served as chair of the MCCC Foundation's Nominating and Governance Committee.



Pictured, from left, are Vice President Guy Generals, student Gwendolyn Harris (with grandson Kevin), Jim Floyd and President Patricia Donohue.

Building on Architecture Students' Success

Architecture students benefitted from the major generosity of multiple donors. Ten students earned Architecture scholarships, an endowment effort spearheaded in the 1990s by retired architect and Foundation Board member Jamil E. Faridy and MCCC's former Dean of Arts and Communications, Dr. David Levin. Mr. Faridy also funds a scholarship awarded annually in his name. The David R. Fraytak Scholarship, established by alumnus John Veisz, honors Mr. Fraytak for his many years of service with Fraytak Veisz Hopkins Duthie P.C.

Pictured, from left, are Vice President Guy Generals, students Carlos Bernabe and Andrea Pesantez, and President Patricia Donohue.



Honors Convocation Recognizes Academic Excellence for Graduates

Mercer continues to reward its top-performing graduates with scholarships to support them as they continue their academic journeys at four-year schools. More than 120 scholarships made possible through the MCCC Foundation were awarded to the Class of 2012 in May. Among the honorees were 21 members of Alpha Theta Gamma, MCCC's chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, 15 NJ STARS graduates, and eight Honors Program graduates.



NJ STARS graduate Michael DiPersio received the Fred Anker Memorial Scholarship in Business and the Robert Harris Memorial Scholarship. He is transferring to the Rutgers University School of Business. He is pictured with Vice President for Academic Affairs Guy Generals, President Patricia C. Donohue and Professor of Business Administration Laura Sosa.

PTK grad Sean Lerch received the Outstanding Achievement Award in Electronics Engineering, as well as scholarships from the Abrams Foundation and Kahn Foundation. Lerch will attend the New Jersey Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology. He is pictured with Vice President for Academic Affairs Guy Generals, President Patricia C. Donohue and Professor of Electronics Engineering Technology Dominick T. DeFino.



Trenton Campus Students Recognized at Special Ceremony

Students at MCCC's Trenton campus had a special evening to celebrate their accomplishments at the Trenton War Memorial in May. Family, friends, staff and faculty shared in their moment as students came forward to be recognized.

Among the honorees were 45 graduates who started or spent most of their time at the Trenton campus, 27 students graduating from Mercer's Career Training Institute, 15 earning certificates from the English Language Institute, and 57 earning their GED high school equivalency, 19 of them from HomeFront, a shelter for the homeless of Mercer County that partners with MCCC. Nine students received Foundation scholarships to continue their pursuit of education at MCCC.



Jermaine McKinley, center, celebrates as he accepts the Metropolitan African American Chamber of Commerce Scholarship. Pictured with McKinley are, from left, Foundation Board members Tom Kull, Kristie Sells, Chamber President John Harmon, guest speaker Tracey Syphax, President Patricia Donohue and Vice President for College Advancement Mellissia Zanjani.



Graduates Melinda Hicks, fourth from left, Hui Young Lee and Hui Yan Lee received the Professor Betty Cornelius Mathematics Excellence Awards. They are pictured with, from left, Vice President for Academic Affairs Guy Generals, President Patricia C. Donohue, Professor of Mathematics Edith Silver, donor Jeffrey Cornelius, and Dean of Math, Science and Health Professions Linda Martin.

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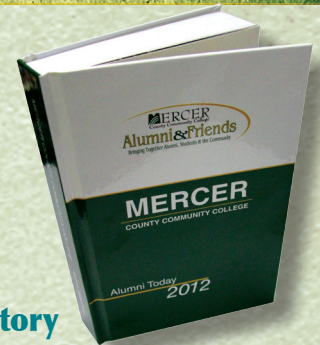
Let the Music Play On

As WWFM The Classical Network continues its expansion into the New York and Philadelphia markets, the station received additional funding support for its varied and eclectic mix of classical music programming. The station received a grant of \$20,000 from the Edward T. Cone Foundation: \$5,000 to be used for general operating funds and \$15,000 in support of the New York City digital radio initiative.



Harris Directory

In order to help alumni stay in touch and informed about each other's life paths, the Alumni & Friends Association contracted with Harris Directory to produce the first alumni directory since 1996. Ready for Fall 2012, the directory includes the latest information on alumni participants. It is available for purchase from Harris Connect, LLC.



Building and Serving Our Alumni Base



The Foundation enthusiastically supported a newly invigorated MCCC Alumni & Friends Association, which this year developed new by-laws and created initiatives that promote Mercer while offering alumni new opportunities to renew old ties.

Some MCCC alumni have achieved a special kind of success, having returned to the college as members of the faculty and staff. They are pictured with President Patricia C. Donohue, front row, second from left.

Pave the Way to Excellence

The Alumni Association's new Pave the Way to Excellence program provides an opportunity to become part of MCCC history. Alumni and other friends can create a lasting tribute to a grad, a program, a professor or a family member. Engraved bricks are located on the walkways around the West Windsor Campus quad.



Vice President for College Advancement Mellissia Zanjani writes: "Success is Key."

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FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012

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| Contributions | 541,022 |
| Support and Revenue | 182,538 |
| *Total contributions | \$723,560 |
| Scholarships/Awards | 295,419 |
| Special Events | 45,584 |
| Programs and Activities | 1,056,292 |
| Total expenses | \$1,397,295 |
| **Changes in net assets | (673,735) |
| Net assets, beginning of year | 8,365,063 |
| Net assets, end of year | \$7,691,328 |

**Funds raised by the MCCC Foundation are used for current students and earmarked for multi-year capital projects and endowments.*

***The change in net assets resulted from the Foundation's purchase of property for the Trenton campus expansion for \$807,641 for subsequent transfer to the college.*

Unaudited figures. Audited reports available upon request.



Established in 1966, Mercer County Community College is a publicly-supported comprehensive educational institution that provides opportunities for higher education through an open-door admission policy. Mercer is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education has authorized Mercer to award the associate degree. The college offers 70 associate degree programs, 30 credit certificate programs and a variety of noncredit programs.

College Annual Report for 2011-12

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