

Governor Jon Corzine Speaks at MCCC Commencement



New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine encouraged Mercer's 998 graduates to achieve their dreams as he spoke at commencement ceremonies May 21. Citing that education is at the heart of all that we achieve, he said, "Whatever your dreams are, it's possible. Today brings you a step closer, and it represents the fact that you worked hard to achieve your objectives." He named several successful MCCC graduates and encouraged

all to set their goals high, not only for themselves but for their children and their children's children.

Speaking on behalf of the student population, Information Technology major Rodney Hargis elicited cheers with his uplifting message and rousing delivery. Hargis was a returning student who overcame many hardships to achieve President's List status and a national technology award. "Each of us, in our own way,

is the embodiment of the 'never say die' spirit from which greatness is born. So I challenge each of you to search your heart, find your dreams, chase them down, and don't give up NO MATTER WHAT." Hargis currently works as an analyst for Mercer's Virtual College.

For more graduation highlights, see pages 4 and 5.



Student speaker Rodney Hargis delivered an uplifting message.



MCCC to Host National Soccer Tournament! See page 11.

Photo by Michael Dalton



Exuberant staff members from The College Voice

MCCC's College Voice Earns Six State Awards

The College Voice, MCCC's student newspaper, earned six awards from the New Jersey Collegiate Press Association in its annual statewide competition judged by news professionals. The awards include First Place for General Excellence for a two-year college and Second Place for Layout and Design. Awards for individual contributions included First Place for Feature Writing to Editor-in-Chief Susana Sanchez; Second Place for Newswriting to Managing Editor David Hoyt; First Place for General Photography to Mike Kay; and Honorable Mention for General Photography to Kendra Yu.

According to *Voice* advisor Holly-Katharine Mathews, an associate professor of English, winning the award for overall excellence is "huge for us. We beat out some really well-established papers."

Mathews notes that the awards reflect the incredible commitment of the 18-member staff.

Read *The College Voice* online at www.mcccvoice.org.

SHORT TAKES

Announcing the Winter Session

Students will now be able to fit another semester into their academic year through MCCC's new three-week Winter Session. Still in the planning stages, the Jan. 4 through 22 session will include courses in business law, economics, specialty food preparation, nursing and more. Visit the college website for details.

New Study Tours Program

Mercer students will have an opportunity for an enriched college experience through European study tours in spring 2010. As part of the "Food and Culture" class, students will have the option to travel to Italy. Those in an "International Business" class will be able to tour Germany and Switzerland. Each ten-day trip will cost approximately \$3,000, in addition to tuition and fees.

Become a Facebook Fan!

Connecting in another way with our alumni, students and friends, the college now has a "Page" on Facebook where we post upcoming events, photos and news. Everyone is invited to join our Fan list. To find our page, visit www.facebook.com and type Mercer County Community College in the search box, then click on "Pages" and look for the big green M.



New Reception Center Opens; Construction Project Progresses

Mercer's new Reception Center, which connects the Student Center and Library, is open for through traffic and will be fully staffed by late summer. The center houses a security office, information desk, elevator and staircase. Student Center and Library renovations are progressing on schedule. The ground floor of the Student Center and the second floor of the Library are now completed, including the Bookstore, Learning Center, Academic Testing Center and Office of Special Services. The Library's first floor and the remainder of the Student Center's second floor are expected to be completed by October. Short-term parking will be available outside the Center.

The Virtual College Wins National Award

Creativity, enthusiasm and a team approach describe MCCC's Virtual College, recognized this year with the Outstanding Technical Support and Service in ELearning Award from the Instructional Technology Council.

According to Assistant Dean and Virtual College Director Debbie Kell, the judges commented on the staff's innovative approaches, such as the multimedia game show format for student orientation to online courses, and the unique features and personality of the unit's website, especially its streaming videos of college faculty members.

Mercer's Virtual College offers credit classes online and through cable TV. Students interact with faculty members via e-mail, in real time, and through chat and discussion forums in a user-friendly "virtual classroom." For more information visit www.mccc.edu/programs_tvc.



MCCC's award-winning Virtual College team members are pictured with President Patricia C. Donohue. From left are Alexander Mathew, Assistant Dean Debbie Kell, President Donohue, Michael Sullivan and Rodney Hargis.



V.P. Beverly Richardson Retires

Dr. Beverly A. Richardson, vice president for college advancement at MCCC since 2005, and long-time provost at the James Kerney Campus in downtown Trenton, retired May 31 after 28 years of service. During her tenure the James Kerney Campus student population more than doubled, and Dr. Richardson secured grant funding for numerous new initiatives to better serve an urban population.

In recognition of Dr. Richardson's accomplishments, Board Chair William E. Coleman Jr. announced during the college's commencement ceremonies that the James Kerney Campus Learning Center will be renamed "The Dr. Beverly A. Richardson Learning Center."

Dr. Richardson has worked actively in efforts to revitalize Trenton, and serves on many boards and commissions. She will continue her service on the national College Board and on the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital Board, and plans to teach education and sociology classes as an adjunct faculty member at Mercer.

MCCC Celebrates Black History Month



Rev. Michelle Bazin, center, presented a talk about the role of the church from slavery to the present. Pictured with her are students Zadewine Kemah, left, and Mai Toe, right.

Galvanized by a dynamic African-American Student Organization, the entire college community participated in the celebration of Black History Month at both campuses in February.

A series of lectures included Sidney Taylor, a descendant of Harriet Tubman, civil right activist Jesse Epps, and Assemblywoman Bonnie Watson Coleman, who spoke on the challenges for women in politics.

Events included a jazz café and a poetry contest judged by faculty and staff.

Mercer Is Career Central

Back to School Through The Center for Continuing Studies

• Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)

This 90-hour course prepares students to take the NJ State Certified Nursing Assistant exam for careers in senior care, senior housing and rehabilitation. Classes begin Oct. 3.

For those who already have their CNA, a 10-hour program to qualify students for the Certified Home Health Aide exam will be offered on Saturday mornings in November.

• Introduction to Pharmacovigilance

This new eight-session noncredit course, beginning Sept. 10, provides an introduction to the key components of clinical and drug safety surveillance. The program is designed for those who work in clinical research, regulatory affairs, risk management, quality assurance, labeling, and related areas.

• Dental Radiologic Technology

This new 14-session noncredit program is approved by the New Jersey Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners and prepares graduates for the license examination. A high school diploma or its equivalent is required. While suitable for all ages, students must be at least 18 years of age by the time they complete the course. The program is scheduled to begin Sept. 9.

Back to School Night for Adults

Thursday, August 13, 5 p.m.

The Conference Center at Mercer

Learn more about all noncredit programs at 609-570-3311 or www.mccc.edu/ccs.

Nursing Program Offers Online Option

Beginning this fall Mercer's Nursing program will offer online courses designed to fit the schedules of those who work full- or part-time. In addition to the online lecture portion, all students will be required to attend a 12-hour session one day a week at hospitals and other clinical settings. For more information visit www.mccc.edu/nursing or call (609) 570-3391.

Automotive Technology Program Retools

As today's automotive technology becomes increasingly advanced, graduates of associate degree programs such as Mercer's are becoming more valuable in the job market. The MCCC Automotive Technology program has expanded to include two paths of study – the Comprehensive Automotive Program and the Chrysler College Automotive Program. All students are required to complete internships as apprentice technicians at an approved facility.



Asst. Prof. Colleen Courtney, back row, far left, with students in her Medical Assistant class. Mary Mognancki is pictured front row, third from left.

William Paterson University to Offer Bachelor's Degree Programs at MCCC

Through a new agreement signed in June, Mercer graduates will now be able to earn their bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education/Elementary Education, Liberal Studies and Psychology from William Paterson University on the MCCC campus. The program will begin this fall, with William Paterson faculty. To accommodate working adults, classes will be scheduled during late afternoons, evenings, Fridays, weekends and online. Student teaching placements for Education majors will be in the Mercer County area.

Students pursuing William Paterson University degrees will have access to the university's library and information technology resources, as well as other benefits. For more information contact Laurene Jones, MCCC director of Transfer Services, at 609-570-3307.

New Programs Expand Career Options

• Global Business

As part of the Business Administration program, Mercer's Global Business concentration enables students to tailor their general education electives toward international topics. Coursework addresses issues of a globalized world and gives students a foundation to pursue further studies in international business.

• Insurance and Financial Services

Part of the Business Management program, the Insurance and Financial Services option is a joint program between the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of New Jersey and MCCC. Students will be prepared for entry-level positions in the insurance field.

• Physics

The Physics option in Liberal Arts and Sciences is designed for students seeking to transfer to four-year colleges to study physics or engineering. The program conforms to the provisions of the New Jersey Statewide Transfer Agreement, so students will be able to enter their junior year at any of New Jersey's public four-year institutions.

• Solar/Energy Technology Certificate

A new one-year certificate program in Solar/Energy Technology offers a foundation in construction basics and an introduction to a wide range of energy sources. Students will prepare for entry-level positions in energy auditing, weatherization, basic circuitry and electronics, solar installation, and building construction.

Jobs Await Grads from MCCC's PTA Program

As 16 students prepared to graduate from the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) Program in May, they had a luxury that few grads are experiencing these days – the opportunity to pick and choose among job offers. PTA Program Coordinator Barbara Behrens observes that job prospects in health care continue to be strong. "That is especially true in the physical therapist assistant field," she said. Behrens notes that typical starting salaries can be as high as \$47,000.

Following graduation, PTA students are required to take a national licensure exam. According to Behrens, all of Mercer's licensed grads have found employment since the program began in 1997. Behrens noted the program's success is due in part to some 50 community facilities that have served as clinical training sites, and the many clinicians who serve as mentors.

Physical therapist assistants provide a range of treatment interventions and patient care services under the supervision and direction of a physical therapist. They are employed in acute care hospitals, rehabilitation hospitals, skilled nursing facilities and outpatient facilities.



PTA graduates with Program Coordinator Barbara Behrens, far left.

Medical Assistant Program Prepares Grads for Careers in Demand

Working as a registrar in the emergency department at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital at Hamilton, Mary Mognancki is learning first-hand what goes on behind the scenes. An aspiring nurse, she decided to acquire insight and training through the one-year Medical Assistant Program (MAP), a partnership between Mercer County Technical Schools' (MCTS) Health Careers Center and MCCC.

Mognancki, with a perfect 4.0 average, is one of 10 high-achieving students who completed the program in May. "All my instructors are excellent," she said. "They definitely want everyone to succeed and they work hard to help make it possible."

The medical assistant profession has been identified as one of the fastest growing in the health care industry. Classes equip students with the clerical and clinical skills necessary for employment in a physician's office or related settings. Students earn 30 college credits and are certified to administer basic procedures such as venipuncture (blood drawing) and electrocardiography. Graduates are also eligible to take national certification exams.

Spotlight on MCCC's 2009 Graduates

Mother-Daughter Share Passion for Helping Others

Sharon Merkel and her daughter Heather graduated from two different programs in the Health Professions. Sharon is an adult student who had worked as a manager in a dental office for many years before returning to school to earn her associate degree in Radiography. Heather is a Dean's List student who graduated from the Nursing program. Sharon says that attending school at the same time as her daughter was great. "We supported each other. Heather gave me study strategies." Job prospects for both grads are bright.



Sharon and Heather Merkel



Colin Stewart, right, a high honors graduate who won the Aviation Flight Technology Award, is pictured with Professor Joseph Blasenstein, Aviation Program Coordinator. Stewart will serve as an MCCC flight instructor while continuing at Thomas Edison State College.



Scholarship winner Susana Sanchez

Fulfilling a Dream for Education

Susana Sanchez, originally from Costa Rica, graduated with highest honors in Liberal Arts. An Honors Program student and member of Phi Theta Kappa, she received several generous scholarships that will enable her to transfer to Hampshire College. She was one of 20 students chosen from a national pool of 400 applicants as a PTK Guistwhite Scholar. Sanchez was editor-in-chief of MCCC's award-winning student newspaper, *The College Voice*. Off-campus she mentors Latino students through the Latino Reform Youth Council.

A Special Kind of People Skills

Graduating with degrees in Funeral Service and Business Management, Harry Watson will continue at Montclair State University. He believes his degrees have prepared him well for a future career that combines business with a special kind of people skills. While completing a funeral home internship, Watson spent many hours talking with families. "You do a lot of hand holding. You don't sleep much." But, he says, the reward comes from knowing you've made a difference for a grieving family. Watson also served as president of the NJ Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America.



Harry Watson with Prof. Robert Smith



Honors Grad Kelly Wittkop

Realizing Potential at MCCC

Kelly Wittkop notes that Mercer gave her the chance to realize her academic and social potential. A Liberal Arts major and Honors Program student, she was co-vice president for leadership for Phi Theta Kappa, a copy editor and reporter for *The College Voice* newspaper, and a member of the Go Green Club. She served as a mentor for students with cognitive disabilities in the DREAM program, and volunteered with Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics. As a dual admissions student, she will continue at The College of New Jersey in Special Education.

Aviation Flight Technology Program Receives Grants for New Planes

New funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Buehler Foundation will enable the college to purchase several new airplanes for its Aviation Flight Technology program. Further grants and donations are now being sought to replace the remainder of the fleet.

The program has been under review by the college's Board of Trustees for the past year because of its high operating costs. New funding was sought to replace airplanes in the college's aging fleet while a new, cost-saving business plan was developed.

The plan requires students to complete general education classes before they begin flight training. (Previously, many students pursued flight training without completing their AS degree.) Not only does earning an associate degree help students find employment, it also qualifies them for transfer programs.

Mercer's Aviation Flight Technology program is one of only two such community college programs in the state and the only one that owns a fleet of airplanes. Known for its excellence, the program attracts students from throughout the tri-state region.

Last fall the college's Flight Team took first place in the Region VII Safecon competition of the National Intercollegiate Flight Association (NIFA), including awards for Top Pilot, Top Male Pilot, and Top Female Pilot. Over the past 28 years Mercer's Flight Team has come in first 15 times at regional competitions, where they competed against two- and four-year colleges. The team has also taken home several national awards in NIFA's community college category.

The college is now actively recruiting Aviation students. For more information visit www.mccc.edu or call 609-570-3489.

James Kerney Campus Student Achievement Recognized

At a ceremony on May 12, Mercer's James Kerney Campus celebrated the academic achievements of 209 students completing both credit and noncredit programs. Awardees included 56 associate degree graduates who began their studies at the James Kerney Campus or took most of their classes there, 45 graduates of the Career Training Institute, 50 graduates of the GED program, and 58 English Language Institute graduates from 20 different countries.

Twenty-two students were presented with scholarships. Donors include the Urban League Guild, the Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce, the Arthur J. Holland Scholarship Fund, named for the former mayor of Trenton, and anonymous donors.

Adren Paul-Coker, a graduate of the Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management program, speaks on behalf of James Kerney Campus associate degree graduates.





Professor Dori Seider Receives Distinguished Teaching Award

During commencement, MCCC Professor Dori Seider was presented with the college's annual Distinguished Teaching Award. She was selected by colleagues and students for her excellence in teaching, compassion, wisdom and optimism. Dr. Seider has taught a range of subjects at Mercer for 38 years, including psychology, French and education. She earned her doctorate from the University of Vermont and master's degrees from New York University and the University of Rochester. "I am very grateful and deeply honored," she said.

Dr. Seider is the author of two books.

Crew members for the award-winning basketball broadcast included, from left, announcers Craig Coenen and Ben Stentz, students Adam Jayszyn, Vibha Patel, Suha Gur, Chrysti Neuman, Chris Ghaffoor, Joshua Nulman, and faculty member Steve Voorhees.

Grad Grateful to PASS Staff

Bradley Butler, who graduated with an Associate in Fine Arts degree, recalls that before starting at Mercer people told him he was not college material. He was determined to prove them wrong. "They suggested vo tech, but my goal was always to go to college," he said. Brad's mother earned her master's degree in her 30s and she encouraged him to accomplish his goals.

Deciding to stay close to home to help out his family, Butler chose Mercer for its convenience and affordability. Two weeks after his high school graduation, he proceeded straight to Mercer's PASS (Programs for Academic Services and Success) program, which works with students to help them overcome barriers to success.

Securing loans and financial aid, Butler enrolled as a full-time student while working two part-time jobs. He says the PASS staff recognized his determination to succeed. "I was ready to do whatever they said I needed to do. If I needed help, they were there for me. They gave me a chance to achieve. I am thankful for everyone involved with PASS."

Butler will transfer to Kean University this fall to study Business Management, planning to draw on his arts education as he pursues coursework in marketing and advertising.

With a desire to help others, he has returned to his high school to talk to younger students. "I let students know that you really can be successful in college if you put your mind to it. I wasn't sure if I believed it at first myself, but I believe it now."



Brad Butler, center, with PASS staff members Al-Lateef Farmer, left, and Charles Weatherspoon.

Lights, Cameras, Awards! Student Productions Win Two Aegis Honors

Mercer students won two Aegis Awards this year. Aegis is an annual television production competition for professional companies and schools in the United States and Canada. A First Place award in the Student Production category went to the MCTV Club for its live coverage of the 2009 Mercer County High School Basketball Championships in February. Twenty student volunteers produced a four-hour broadcast of boys and girls title games that aired live throughout Mercer County on channels 20 (Verizon) and 26 (Comcast). It was the club's longest and most demanding project of the year. Faculty member Steve Voorhees served as advisor.

The second award-winning production was a marketing video for the MCCC Automotive



Technology Program, which earned an Aegis Finalist Award in the Student Production category. The 11-minute video provides high school students with an overview of Mercer's program, and includes interviews with faculty, current students and successful alumni. It has been a highly useful marketing tool, reports Automotive Program Coordinator Fred Bassini.



Eugene Marsh

MCCC Foundation Board Member Enjoys Student Life

For Eugene Marsh, returning to college was an exciting, yet daunting, prospect. "After being out of school for so long, I was not certain if I could balance running my own business with class work," said Marsh, who is president/CEO of Construction Project Management Services, Inc., based in Princeton. "But at Mercer, I've received nothing but support. I have been able to succeed due to great teachers and advisors as well as flexible course options." Studying on a part-time basis, Marsh's goal is to graduate from MCCC with an AAS in Architecture in spring 2010.

Because he has worked closely with architects on construction projects over the years, Marsh decided to return to school to learn more about the architectural side of the business. A decorated Vietnam War veteran,

he earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration at the University of South Carolina under the GI Bill and then earned certification in Construction Management from Cornell University. He has earned certifications from the N. J. Department of Education and the State Board of Examiners for Construction Technology, Drafting and Design Technology.

This lifelong learner felt right at home at MCCC. "Along with learning from faculty, I am learning from many wonderful young people who are my classmates," Marsh said. "They have truly opened my mind to new things. We are all energized from each other's insights."

Active in community service, Marsh gives his time to the college through membership on the MCCC Foundation Board, whose mission is to raise funds for scholarships and college needs.

The 2009 Dinner Dance Cruises for Scholarships

MCCC students are fortunate to have a large base of support from the community. More than 300 guests gave generously to make the 2009 Scholarship Dinner Dance a success. All dollars raised go directly to scholarships for students who might not otherwise have the opportunity for a college education. This year the event raised \$77,029 in net receipts.

Last year the MCCC Foundation awarded \$158,300 in General Scholarships to 213 students with financial need, including part-time students and single parents. In addition, more than 100 students benefitted from endowed or named scholarships established by donors through the Foundation.

Among the generous donors to the Silent Auction were area artists who contributed their original artwork. As part of a raffle drawing, the American Automobile Association donated a \$500 gift certificate for use on any of its trips.



Pictured with MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue, center, are the 2009 "Spirit of Education" awardees honored at the dinner dance. From left are Jim Faridy, John Veisz and David Fraytak of the architectural firm Faridy Veisz Fraytak; Katie Reilly-Gauvin representing Janssen, a Division of Ortho McNeil Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; and Richard Kisco, owner of Le Fleur, The Princeton Flower Shop. All have supported the college for many years, either financially and/or through volunteer service.



Jill Whelan, left, a cast member from the TV show "Love Boat," is pictured with Nina Melker of The Bank of Princeton, who served as 2009 Dinner Dance chair. As a special guest, Whelan greeted guests and added her charm to the theme, "On a Sea Cruise."

Mellissia Zanjani Joins MCCC as Vice President for College Advancement



Mellissia Zanjani has joined the college's administrative team as vice president for college advancement. She comes from Tacoma Community

College in Washington State, where she served as vice president of institutional advancement.

Originally from Baltimore, Ms. Zanjani was director of development and alumni relations at Harford Community College, and program director for the American Lung Association of New Jersey. Currently completing her Ph.D. in Adult Higher Education and Administration at Oregon State University, Zanjani earned her MS in Human Resource Development from Towson University and her BA in Political Psychology from Chatham University. She is a Certified Fundraising Executive through the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Dear MCCC Alumni and Friends,

Over the past year Mercer County Community College has been able to continue its essential mission – providing quality education and opportunity for students of all ages and backgrounds.

The country's economic turbulence has forced us to work harder than ever to balance our budget. Many critical projects have had to be delayed.

As an alumnus of Mercer County Community College, you are a part of our college community. Now we ask you to help us continue our mission by donating to our Annual Campaign. This is a fund that serves as a foundation for all basic needs of the college. It covers essential technology for our classrooms, instruments for our laboratories and scholarships for deserving students. If you were a scholarship recipient, you know how much of a boost that can be.

Every contribution makes a difference in the lives of our students, and helps maintain the quality of our learning environments. By working together, we will ensure that MCCC's mission continues to thrive.

You can make your tax deductible donation by using the enclosed envelope, or go to our secure online giving form at www.mccc.edu/give (click on the "Annual Fund at Mercer" link).

More information is available by calling College Advancement at (609) 570-3607.

Sincerely,

Patricia C. Donohue, Ph.D., President

P.S. Any amount is appreciated, large or small. Why not make a difference by giving a \$5 gift for every year since you graduated?

To donate online,
go to
www.mccc.edu/give

Save the Date for Golf



The MCCC Athletics Department hosts its 18th annual Golf Classic on Tue., Oct. 6, 2009 at Mercer Oaks Golf Club in West Windsor, NJ. Proceeds will benefit the Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund. The tournament is held in memory of local physician Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, an MCCC Foundation Board member who supported youth sports.

Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. For ticket and/or sponsorship information, contact MCCC Athletics Director John Simone at 609-570-3740 or e-mail simonej@mccc.edu.

WWFM Benefit Concert Showcases Region's Musical Talent



At a reception following the concert are WWFM on-air host David Osenberg, left, with guest host Bill McGlaughlin.

WWFM, the 24-hour classical radio network of MCCC, hosted a benefit concert, "Celebrating Our Musical Community," on June 7 at the Trenton War Memorial's Patriots Theater. With *Exploring Music's* Bill McGlaughlin serving as guest host, the concert featured vocal, orchestral and choral numbers by Julianne Baird, Palisades Virtuosi, Parthenia Viol Consort, Rutgers Collegium Musicum under the direction of Andrew Kirkman, Princeton Pro Musica under the direction of Frances Fowler Slade, Lile Piano Trio and Cordus Mundi.

According to WWFM General Manager Peter Fretwell, "The talent under one roof was quite extraordinary. The event allowed us to get out of the studio and into the community, doing what we love most – sharing classical music with the public. Bill McGlaughlin loved what he was doing, and the crowd loved it too." The concert was recorded and will become the fourth CD in WWFM's series.

Fretwell said all funds raised through the concert will provide much-needed programming dollars for the station. "The arts are suffering along with the rest of the economy. Those who listen to us and love classical music should support the station's mission of delivering the best in classical music programming." Fretwell adds that WWFM can now be accessed online and through iTunes.

The station is already planning a fall concert. Learn more at www.wwfm.org.

State Treasurer Treasures His Mercer Roots

New Jersey State Treasurer R. David Rousseau has spent his entire professional career in public service. Working on the state budget at the highest levels of the legislative and executive branches of government, his goal has always been to meet the needs of people. A community college advocate, he believes that these institutions play a critical role in providing an educational gateway to success. Twenty-one years ago, he chose Mercer County Community College to begin that process for himself.

"I was not certain what I wanted to do after high school," Rousseau said. "At Mercer, the overall coursework was very challenging, and provided the start I needed to build a great career."

After studying one year at MCCC, Rousseau transferred to Temple University, where he discovered his love for politics after working on several campus political campaigns and completing an internship with the New Jersey

Forensic Scientist Tested the Waters at Mercer

After Deborah Cole graduated from high school, she had to convince her parents that she was determined to succeed at the college level. "I did not excel in high school but I did get 100s in biology," she recalls. It was, in fact, a favorite biology teacher who had gotten a degree in medical laboratory technology who inspired Cole.

With her parents' endorsement, Cole decided to test the waters at Mercer, enrolling in the Medical Laboratory Technology program. "I loved the program because I was challenged every step of the way," she says. Graduating with an AAS in 1982, Cole heartily recommends Mercer to anyone coming out of high school. "The caliber of Mercer's education is on par with a four-year college and beyond."

Cole was able to transfer all of her Mercer credits to Juniata College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in Biology in 1984. From there, she moved on to earn her master's degrees in chemistry and biology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1988. She subsequently worked at various scientific companies. Today, Cole is a forensic scientist III at the NJ Department of Law and Public Safety. Certified in the analysis of controlled dangerous substances and arson analysis, she is the supervisor and quality assurance coordinator for the Drug Unit in the state-of-the-art Office of Forensic Science's Central Laboratory in Hamilton.

Cole attributes the building of her strong scientific acumen to natural curiosity, the discipline she acquired at Mercer, further study, and work experience. "I love evaluating new scientific technology," Cole said. "I have to keep current in all the techniques and procedures available. It requires quite a bit of research."

Cole says while television has made forensic analysis easier for the public to understand, the reality is that scientists can't analyze evidence in the time frame that television would lead one to believe. "Test results are not always instantly possible," she said.

Looking back, Cole stresses that Mercer was the best place to start her college career. "The faculty was extremely knowledgeable and very helpful. The preparation for my other academic pursuits was priceless. I continue to work hard to strive to better myself every day."



Deborah Cole '82

Nursing Grads to Make a Healthy Difference



During a pinning ceremony for Nursing graduates, valedictorian Teodora Baltaretu is pictured with MCCC Vice President Donald Generals and President Patricia C. Donohue. The 43 May Nursing graduates join 34 who completed the program in January, bringing the year's total to 77. Baltaretu, a native of Galati, Romania, was a doctor in her country before emigrating four years ago.

Election Law Enforcement Commission during his senior year. He earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1982.

Following graduation, Rousseau's internship turned into a full-time job with the Elections Commission. Eventually he was hired by the New Jersey Senate Democrats to work on budget issues. He earned an MBA from Rider University in 1993 and then took on a number of key roles in state government.

Gov. Jon Corzine appointed Rousseau as state treasurer last spring. Under Rousseau's watch, the New Jersey legislature has passed a constitutional amendment requiring voter approval of new debt, altered the system of funding for public schools, and oversaw mid-year spending cuts. "I always seek to construct a budget that meets the needs of families and to help set priorities for where limited resources should go, especially in this time of shrinking dollars," Rousseau said. "The economic challenges of the last few months have been

unprecedented. We have to make tough choices to restore our fiscal house to order."

Despite the recession, Rousseau remains optimistic about advancement for those who seek a quality education and possess the will to succeed. "Education is what you make of it," he said. "I never thought I'd be where I am today."



R. David Rousseau



Members of the Mercer Dance Ensemble with singer/songwriter Vanessa Daou, middle row, center.

Acclaimed Performer Collaborates with Theatre/Dance Program

This spring, internationally renowned singer/songwriter Vanessa Daou extended her hand to MCCC's Theatre and Dance students. In a Q&A session in March, she shared her experience in the music business, stressing that it's not who you know; it's how good you are. "In the end it's the quality and intrinsic value of your work that matters," she told a capacity crowd.

Daou advised students to branch out intellectually. "Explore art and science. Appreciate things that have nothing to do with you. I listen to artists that I'm nothing at all like," she said. Daou approaches her music as a synthesis of sight, sound, written word and song with influences from jazz, blues, rock, folk, electronica and poetry.

Daou shared another gift with students in May when she gave permission for the Mercer Dance Ensemble to use selections from her just-released album, "Joe Sent Me," as the sultry, stylish and innovative accompaniment for its annual concert. Entitled "Joe Sent MDE," the show recalled the underground scene from the Prohibition era, when the code phrase "Joe sent me"

helped people gain access to speakeasies. The performance was videotaped by Television students and faculty member Barry Levy.

According to adjunct faculty member Alex DeFazio, who initiated contact with Daou via e-mail, "It was clear to me from the beginning that she would be a very special artist for our students to work with. Here is a woman who has achieved both professional and critical respect. I told her about our students' talent and dedication, and she didn't hesitate for a moment to offer her music and full spirit to the project."

Featuring 21 dancers, the show was choreographed by MCCC faculty members Janell Byrne and Jody Person, and Dance alumna Jennifer Gladney. After seeing the students perform, Daou wrote on her blog of "their absolutely stunning, scintillating performance of Joe Sent MDE."

DeFazio observes, "Daou is sharing her belief in our students with everyone who follows her music. People are talking about Mercer who had never heard of us before." Daou is expected to post video from the concert on her website and incorporate the footage into multimedia projects associated with her album.

A Tribute to Artist and Professor Mel Leipzig Kicks Off Fund for Student Art Gallery

Friends, colleagues, students and alumni turned out in large numbers April 29 to pay tribute to artist and long-time MCCC Professor of Art and Art History, Mel Leipzig. The special event also kicked off a fundraising drive for a student art gallery.

As part of the tribute to Professor Leipzig, former student Mike Dill, a photographer and MCCC staff member, presented a special gift to the college – a framed photographic portrait of Leipzig, along with a collage of Dill's photography and a line drawing by MCCC student Ryan Lawyer. Both prints are now on permanent display at the college. Copies of the artwork are also available as donor gifts for those who contribute toward a proposed student art gallery.

A much-heralded realist painter, Leipzig has garnered a multitude of awards and honors. Currently he is featured in two concurrent shows at the New Jersey State Museum entitled "Selected Works" and "Artist as Curator," which will run through September 6. For the latter exhibit, Leipzig has selected paintings from the museum's collection of American art.

For more on donating to the student art gallery and acquiring a copy of the Leipzig portrait or collage, call Barbara Prince at the College Advancement Office, 609-570-3607, or e-mail princeb@mccc.edu.



Pictured during a special presentation at Mercer's Gallery are, from left, Professor Mel Leipzig (holding his grandson), President Patricia C. Donohue, Director of Facilities Mike Dill, and student Ryan Lawyer.



MCCC faculty member Kyle Stevenson received an Honorable Mention at the Mercer County Artists show.

MCCC Artists Well-Represented in Countywide Show

MCCC is a vital engine for the wealth of art talent in the region, says MCCC Gallery Director Tricia Fagan. While accepting work for the annual Mercer County Artists (MCA) exhibit, Fagan invariably meets exciting new artists. But she also greets many familiar faces as artists drop off their work to be judged. Each year, faculty, alumni and current students from the MCCC Visual Arts program are well-represented at the show.

Fagan says Mercer's key role in the visual arts is not surprising. She notes that throughout its history, the college has remained loyal to its historic roots as the Evening Drawing School, established in Trenton in 1890. "MCCC was created to train artists and technicians for the then-burgeoning ceramics industry in Trenton," she said. "Visual arts remained a major focus for the institution, even during the Depression years, when it was designated as a junior technical college."

When construction of the West Windsor campus began in the late 1960s, the college continued its commitment to arts education by constructing a dedicated Visual Arts building and separate state-of-the-art ceramics studio. "To this day, MCCC continues to attract outstanding faculty that elevate the experience of our students," Fagan said. She also observes that long-time faculty members like Mel Leipzig, Anne Bobo, and the late Jimmy Colavita and Lou Draper were critical to the evolution of the region's dynamic visual arts community, assuming leadership roles in the early days of TAWA (Trenton Artists Workshop Association), the Princeton Art Association, and ARTWORKS, as well as in arts events like Eyes on Trenton.

At the 2009 MCA exhibit, a new generation of MCCC visual artists continued this tradition. Alumnus Sal Damiano won Best in Show. Faculty member Lucas Kelly, another MCCC alumnus, was awarded the Juror's Choice Award. Faculty member Kyle Stevenson and adjunct professor Matt Lucash (also an alumnus) received Honorable Mentions.

"The independent jurors selecting the work and prize winners for MCA always comment on the quality of art that is submitted. And works by our faculty and alumni are regularly represented among the winners," Fagan said.

Mercer's Career Training Institute Welcomes Students to New Facility

Banks of new computers and spacious, well-lit classrooms greet students at the headquarters of MCCC's Career Training Institute (CTI). Newly relocated to the top two floors of the Daylight-Twilight High School at 135 E. Hanover Street, down the block from the James Kerney Campus, the facility includes seven classrooms and administrative and career counseling offices.

According to Director Bob Estok, CTI, which offers short-term training for office professionals and culinary workers, is all about student success. "We are in the business of teaching students the entry-level skills that get them jobs." He notes that despite the economic downturn, CTI's job placement rate remains high.

The Office Professional curriculum teaches computer concepts and keyboarding competency, and students choose an area of concentration in either general secretarial, medical, accounting, legal or PC applications. According to instructor Daisy Thomas, some students may not know how to turn on a computer when they begin the program. "But by the end, they are typing 50 words a minute. Accounting is tougher, but we work really hard together. I'm the best teacher I know!" she says with a smile. Thomas teaches accounting concepts manually first and then Quick Books and Peach Tree software.

Also included in the curriculum are people skills necessary in the workplace. A placement/career counselor works to place students in appropriate jobs.

Additionally, graduates are offered a free, three-credit course to continue their education at MCCC. "I tell students that education is the key to success," Estok says. "The more you learn, the higher your income will be."

For more information call 609-439-5468 or e-mail CTI@mccc.edu.



Instructor Daisy Thomas in a new computer classroom.

MouthWorks' Firehouse Tour Benefits Local Companies this Summer

Now in its seventh year, MouthWorks, MCCC's incomparable student comedy troupe, is taking its show on the road this summer, performing a unique blend of comedy, song and dance in a two-hour show that advisor Kathy Paluscio has dubbed the Firehouse Tours. Benefit shows took place in June at the White Horse Volunteer Fire Company and Kingston Volunteer Fire Company. A show at the Lambertville-New Hope Rescue Squad is scheduled for August 29.

According to Paluscio, an assistant professor of Communication, the economic downturn is the catalyst for the tour, providing her students with an exciting new challenge and giving community organizations a novel and enjoyable way to bring in revenue. Paluscio guarantees audience members a good time. "We aim high. Everyone feels good after a MouthWorks Show – that's our promise!"

With a PG rating – "practically G," says Paluscio – the show is modeled after traveling theater troupes of Medieval Europe. "The theme is of poor vagabonds who make do with ill-fitting costumes and bad props. The show includes music, puppetry, and comedic skits. The tone is crazy and chaotic. Every moment is planned, but it doesn't look like it," Paluscio explains.

MouthWorks, which has presented shows on campus twice a year since 2003, holds auditions at the beginning of each academic year. Paluscio notes that most of the actors have had no previous training in the performing arts when they audition and none are theater majors.

They get a huge return on their effort. "These students significantly enhance their speaking and presentation skills," Paluscio says. "They learn how to stand out."



MouthWorks cast members include: (back row, left to right) Jim O'Boyle, Adam Politis, Heather Roman and Yiraldi Reyes; (front row, left to row) Suraj Bajaj, Kristen Branchizio, Hayley Kimmel and Rob Liedtka. Not pictured: Tour Manager Chris Ghaffoor.

CTI Provides Life-Changing Training for MCCC Bursar



Lucia Brown-Joseph

When Lucia Brown-Joseph learned that the Coca-Cola plant in Hightstown, NJ, was closing, she was unsure of her next move. With a bachelor's degree in Industrial Chemistry and a long background in management at the plant, Brown-Joseph acknowledged that her skills were not diversified. "I had never typed in my life. I always had a secretary," she said.

So when the Mercer County One-Stop Center made a presentation at the plant and she learned about MCCC's Career Training Institute, Brown-Joseph was listening. "They told us we could change careers through CTI," she recalled. "It sounded like a good idea."

There she met a lot of people like herself, displaced workers seeking new skills. In addition to "hours and hours of typing," Brown-Joseph chose to focus on accounting and learned not only the basics, but also the latest accounting software. CTI placed her in an accounting office in downtown Trenton for three weeks. "It gave me a taste of what I might do on the job," she said.

With a perfect score on her accounting exam, Brown-Joseph came to the attention of administrators at Mercer's James Kerney Campus. "I hadn't thought of working at Mercer, but when I was offered a part-time job in the Bursar's Office, I figured why not?" Brown-Joseph said. Then in 2006, she became the full-time bursar at the West Windsor campus.

Brown-Joseph says she has found great satisfaction as part of the Mercer family. In addition to her work at the Bursar's window, where she emphasizes customer service, she has immersed herself in student life. She now teaches a college success seminar for new students and, this year, took over as advisor for the African-American Student Organization. During Black History Month in February, she oversaw a busy schedule of special events. She was selected as Advisor of the Year by appreciative students.

Acknowledging that she has traded her higher corporate salary to work in education, she couldn't be happier. "I love working with students. I have found a totally new career direction and it's all because of CTI. It can change your whole life. Trust me."

Softball

With a regular season record of 33-6, members of the MCCC women's softball team had high hopes for the Region 19 tournament April 25-27. But Head Coach Ryan Zegarski sounded a cautious note. "It's never easy at the end. Whoever is playing best at the time is the winner," he said.

Four worthy opponents faced off—MCCC, Del Tech, Lackawanna and Burlington. Mercer knew it would have its hands full. The Vikings lost to Del Tech by one run in both of their regular season contests and split with Lackawanna and Burlington.

The team proved its mettle on the first day of the double-elimination contest. In game one, Mailee Pselio hit her twelfth home run of the season as Mercer beat Lackawanna 6-5. In game two against top-seeded Del Tech, Pselio also proved crucial as she hit a single in the eighth inning to drive home Jenna Berger. Mercer won 4-3.

The following day, the Vikings needed just one more victory against Del Tech to earn their trip to the 14-team national tournament. After tying the game in the seventh and going ahead 5-4 in the eighth, Del Tech came back in the bottom of the inning with a grand slam that gave them the win.

Next came the must-win game for both teams. Down 3-0, Mercer could not muster the hits it needed. The Vikings lost 6-3.

Although they didn't come away with the title, Zegarski is fully satisfied with the team's ac-



Some members of the softball team at the Student-Athlete Breakfast in April include, kneeling from left, Jackie Laird and Jenna Berger; standing from left, Mailee Pselio, Gina Pagano, Kelly Miller, Angela Richter, Heather Lazlo, Sara Thomas, and Samantha Combs. Standing at back is coach Ryan Zegarski.

complishments. "They played good softball all season," he said, noting their commitment to working hard and improving their skills, especially batting. Zegarski was assisted this season by Chris Freihaut.

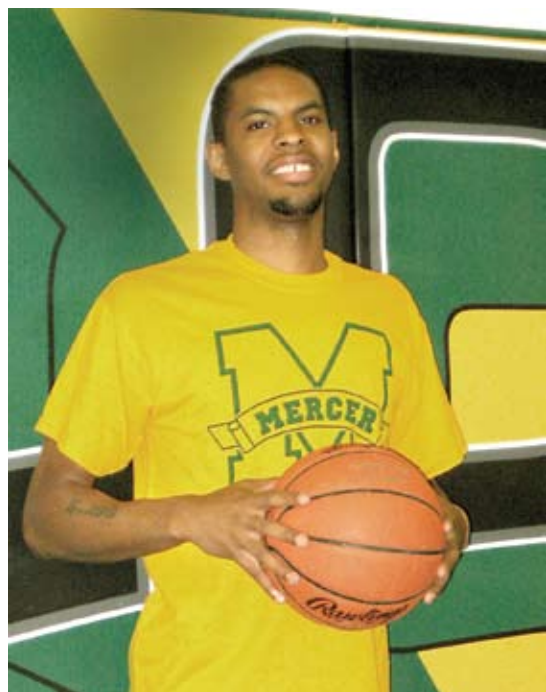
In addition to standout pitchers Jenna Berger (14-1) and Sara Thomas (19-4), key contribu-

tors included sophomore catcher Pselio and outfielder Becky Elliott. All four were named to the All-Region First Team. Infielders Jessica Maciolek and Jackie Laird were named to the All-Region Second Team. Berger, Elliott, Maciolek, Pselio, and Thomas were also named to the All-Garden State Athletic Conference First Team.

Hard Work Brings Major Rewards for Alum Miles Smith, Jr.

Alumnus Miles Smith, Jr., says, "The more positive things you do in the present and the future, the more you can forget the negative things that happened in the past." That message, passed on by his former MCCC basketball coach, Kelly Williams, helped guide Smith from the tough Philadelphia neighborhood of his childhood to MCCC, where he earned his associate degree in 2007, and to Johnson State College in Johnson, Vermont, where he earned his bachelor's degree this spring.

With a passion and talent for basketball, Smith played the game with increasing skill from the time he was young, but lost his motivation in the latter part of high school. Drop-



Alumnus Miles Smith '07

ping out of school in 11th grade, he spent some time on the street before returning to earn his diploma.

Then, a high school coach put him in touch with Coach Williams at MCCC and Smith felt there might be a chance for him to begin again. "Coach Kel [Kelly Williams] told me how it would be and what was going to happen. That's in basketball and life – you work hard to earn your spot," Smith said. Under Williams' guidance, Smith buckled down in the classroom and on the court, earning a starting position as a shooting guard/small forward. During his first season, the Vikings went 22-7 and competed at the District Tournament for the first time since 1998. Smith recalls MCCC as "my hardest two years. Mercer prepared me for a four-year school." Smith decided to study sociology, noting that it was a subject he could relate to from his own experience. "I learned that people adapt to the culture they are in – good or bad. You can adapt to a new culture."

After graduating from MCCC, Smith transferred to Johnson State to play basketball and continue his studies. In 2009, he graduated with a B.A. in sociology/anthropology and a minor in psychology. Learning about different ethnicities, cultures and races, Smith says he was especially influenced by civil rights activist and author W.B. DuBois' concept of double consciousness: "the person you are within your own culture and the way you are seen in the broader world. It was so interesting to me." Smith put the DuBois concept to the test during his time at Johnson State, a rural environment that was unlike any he had ever known. "I was ready for the environment there. I found that I could stay focused," he recalled.

In basketball, he concentrated on con-

tributing to a program in need of a boost.

"Johnson State had a losing program. My first year, we won 12 games and the second year we won 14 games. It was the best record in school history," Smith said. He hopes the positive momentum continues.

Smith also got involved in numerous community service activities. He volunteered with an AAU basketball team for high school players and traveled to other parts of the country with a group that rebuilt a church in Utah and assisted victims of Hurricane Katrina. He also served as president of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, which hosted events to help the less fortunate. Smith recalls the overwhelming community response to the committee's "Drop 'n Swap" clothing drive. "It felt good to be able to help," he said.

Before he embarks on the next chapter of his life, he is spending the summer back in Mercer County, working on the coaching staff for the MCCC Sports Camps. His long-term goals include earning his master's degree in education/counseling and teaching at the college level. He also hopes to stay involved with young people as a basketball coach.

In addition to Coach Kel and his mother, Smith credits two others who have played a critical role in his life – his nurturing girlfriend, an MCCC nursing student, and his former Mercer teammate, Eric Hayes, who now plays basketball at The College of New Jersey. "We will always be close," he said.

Smith says that Mercer changed his life. "The MCCC coaching staff turned me in the right direction. They explained their philosophies and what it takes to be a leader. Wherever I go, my mind is set on that."

Baseball

With a 26-12 record heading into the Region 19 Tournament on May 9, the men's baseball team saw a regional title within its grasp. Seeded no. 3, Mercer's tournament opponents included no. 1 Del Tech Owens, no. 2. Lackawanna and no. 4 Burlington.

The double-elimination tournament started off well for the Vikings as they beat Lackawanna 13-10 in an exciting hitting contest. On day two, Mercer faced Burlington CC in an intense match-up that went 10 innings before the Vikings fell 8-5. In a must-win situation for both teams, Mercer again faced Lackawanna - the same opponent the Vikings had beaten the day before. Unfortunately it was Lackawanna's day as the Vikings went down swinging in a 7-4 defeat.

Still, Head Coach Matt Wolski reports that he is more than satisfied with his team's 27-14 season. His players worked hard at practice and showed a strong will to win. "These players definitely grew as a team throughout the year. We were very young heading into the season, but when the young guys play every day, you can see them learning on the job."

Key contributors to the lineup were pitchers Anthony Gambino, Mike Alleman and Ryan Krieder. Other standouts were outfielder Chris Cox, who was named to the All-Region and All-GSAC First Teams, and Gambino and infielder Steve Giambrone, who were named to the All-Region Second Team. Gambino and infielder Matt Hill were named to the All-GSAC Second Team.

Wolski has set the stage for success next year. With 15 returning players, there will be plenty of experience on the field. An additional 10 to 15 players are expected to add depth in numerous positions.

Wolski was assisted by Kevin Kerins and Fred Carella.

Men's Tennis

While the men's tennis team finished the season 3-9, Head Coach Marc Vecchiolla says there were noteworthy accomplishments not revealed in the numbers. "These guys were so hungry, they were a joy to be around. They were eating, breathing and living tennis," he said. "There was dramatic improvement in every area of each player's game. They had a great time and recognized that this was a year to learn and develop," Vecchiolla said.

With the strides made this season, Vecchiolla is predicting a return to the win column next year. The roster included Daisuke Katsumata (no. 1), David Wilkes (no. 2), Jason Ciaccio (no. 3), Brendan Belluscio (no. 4), Matthew Romano (no. 5), and Neil Brower (no. 6). Four members of the squad are expected to be on the court again next year.

Vecchiolla was assisted this season by Ralph Bencivengo and Barbara Pleva.

Nineteen student-athletes are set to transfer to four-year schools in the fall.

Visit www.mccc.edu/sports for student names and transfer schools.

Women's Tennis

With a record of 4-3 in the fall, the women's tennis team earned enough points to qualify for the National Junior College Athletic Association tournament May 2-9 in Tucson, AZ. After a two-year rebuilding period, Head Coach Marc Vecchiolla was glad to take his Vikings back to nationals.

But with only two returning players and none with experience at the national level, Vecchiolla was realistic. "They did their best against some fierce competition, an experience that will make a huge difference for those expected to return next year. They learned what it takes to be successful at that level," he said.

A highlight of the tournament was the performance of the team's newest member, Maria Eldridge, who made it to the finals at no. 6 and was named a Second Team All-American. A former field hockey player, Eldridge began concentrating on tennis when she started at MCCC in September. Vecchiolla observed that she spent a lot of time on the court and that her hard work was evident at the tournament. She notched a decisive win in her semifinal match against an opponent she had lost to twice during the fall season.

In other tournament action, Mercer's no. 1 player Hillary Gall and no. 3 doubles partners Eldridge and Emily Dow won their consolation matches. The Vikings finished fifth overall.

In addition to Eldridge, the roster included Gall, Rebecca Wolf (no. 2), Kristina Holsman (no. 3), Katrina Brophy (no. 4), and Dow (no. 5). With all but Gall and Brophy expected to return, Vecchiolla predicts that next year will be one of solid achievement.

Vecchiolla was assisted this year by Barb Pleva and Ralph Bencivengo.



Second Team All-American Maria Eldridge

Scholar-Athletes Achieve in Classroom and on Field

Mercer's 2009 scholar-athletes included Heidi Summers, Jason Zegarski, and Katrina E. Brophy. All three are Dean's List students who excelled both academically and in their respective sports.

Summers was the standout goalie on the MCCC women's soccer team for two years. She served as secretary for the Student Government Association and has been selected as alumni representative on the 2009-2010 MCCC Board of Trustees. She will play soccer at East Stroudsburg University.

Zegarski was a significant contributor on the men's baseball team, starting at short stop for two seasons. He graduates from Mercer with an AS degree in Exercise Science and will continue his education at The College of New Jersey.

Brophy graduates with an AA in Liberal Arts and will continue her education at Rutgers University in the fall. She was the no. 4 player on the women's tennis team for two seasons.



From left, scholarship donor Steve Ritzau, students Jason Zegarski, Heidi Summers and Katrina Brophy, and MCCC Athletics Director John Simone at Honors Convocation May 21.



The Trenton Marriott is a tournament sponsor and will serve as host for the visiting teams. Pictured are, from left, MCCC Athletics Director John Simone, President Patricia C. Donohue and Marriott General Manager Jeff Zeiger.

National Soccer Tournament Returns to MCCC in November

MCCC will be on the national stage this fall when the college hosts the 2009 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I Men's Soccer Tournament. Dates for the tournament will be Nov. 19-22, 2009. An opening night banquet will be held on Nov. 18.

According to MCCC Athletics Director John Simone, eight teams will compete for the title at the MCCC Soccer Complex. "This tournament will provide soccer fans with some top level games right in their backyard," Simone said. Mercer last played host in 1999. The tournament has been held in Texas and Arizona in the intervening years.

MCCC's men's soccer program is recognized across the country. The Vikings have won eight national titles, five of them under Head Coach Charlie Inverso, who begins his 24th season with the Vikings this fall.

Sponsorships, including ads for the program book, are sought. For more information, call (609) 570-3778.

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Kelsey Theatre Fall 2009 Calendar "Hooray for Hollywood"

Full-Length Productions

Alice in Wonderland
Sept. 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13

Jekyll & Hyde
Sept. 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27

Hollywood Arms
Oct. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11

Bus Stop
Oct. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25

Equus
Oct. 30, 31; Nov. 1, 6, 7, 8

The Producers - The Mel Brooks Musical
Nov. 13, 14, 20, 21, 22

A Christmas Story
Nov. 27, 28, 29; Dec. 4, 5, 6

Children's Letters to God
Jan. 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17

Nelson Illusions
Jan. 22, 23, 24

Kelsey Kids Series

Aladdin
Sept. 26

Snow White
Oct. 3

The Three Pigs
Oct. 17

Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing
Nov. 21

'Twas The Night Before Christmas
Dec. 11, 12, 13

Nutcracker Ballet
Dec. 18, 19, 20

Magic with the Nelsons
Jan. 23

Bugsy Malone (Jr.)
Jan. 29, 30, 31

Events at the MCCC Gallery



Visual Arts students display some of their work during a collaborative student-faculty exhibit, "Garden State Project."

A full slate of exhibits will be coming to the MCCC Gallery this fall. View the schedule soon at www.mccc.edu/community_gallery.

Academic Calendar

Aug. 26 Last day to register for most fall semester classes before late fees apply.

Aug. 31 Classes begin for 5-week, 7-week and 15-week sessions.

Additional sessions of 5, 7 and 10 weeks begin Oct. 6, 7, 23, 26 and Nov. 11. Visit www.mccc.edu for the full academic calendar.

For Kelsey events call (609) 570-3333 or visit www.kelseytheatre.net.

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