

Rush Holt aide and **MCCC** alum endorses his alma mater

Matthew Hall, a 2002 MCCC grad,
says his poli-sci classes at the local
college led him to his current career

As a student at Mercer County Community College, Matthew Hall ('02) had no clear career goals until he took his first political science class.

Already a history buff, Hall's class in politics sparked a flame that set his future path. Today, Hall is director of outreach for U.S. Rep. Rush Holt of the 12th Congressional

district in Central New Jersey.

A Liberal Arts major at Mercer, Hall said, "My professors and advisors guided me every step of the way and allowed me to try new things until I found an area that truly interested and challenged me.

As the first in my family to attend college, if I had not started at Mercer, I doubt I would have gotten the individual attention I needed to develop good study habits and goal-setting. They constantly pushed me to achieve more."

Mercer was Hall's catalyst for making things happen. The Steinert High School graduate next transferred to

Matt Hall at work.

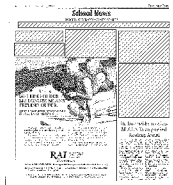
Caldwell College, where he pursued a bachelor's degree in secondary history education with a minor in political science.

While at Caldwell, he participated in the Washington Semester Program at American University in Washington, D.C., serving a semester as an intern in Rep. Holt's Washington office.

Shortly after graduating from Caldwell in 2006, Hall became district scheduler at Rep. Holt's West Windsor headquarters, where he planned the Congressman's daily itinerary. Last June, he was appointed outreach director, a post that entails organizing Rep. Holt's town hall meetings, roundtable discussions with local leaders, and workshops that provide assistance to local governments seeking federal grants.

"I get to meet people from all walks of life from all over the 12th Congressional District. No two tasks are the same. It's very exciting work," Hall said.

Hall endorses MCCC enthusiastically. "If I had to do it all over again I would still choose Mercer without hesitation. I recommend it to anyone, whether they are just starting out or going back to school. I would not be where I am today without MCCC."



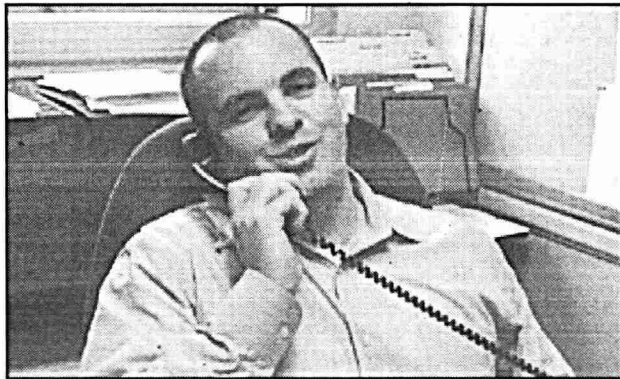


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