



Wednesday,
October 22, 2008

5:30 pm

John P. Hanley
Student Center,
West Windsor
Campus

Recognition Ceremony for Continuing Students

Fall 2008

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Program

Master of Ceremony	Dr. Donald Generals, <i>Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Musical Selection provided by	Peter Fretwell, <i>General Manager, WWFM, the Classical Network</i>
Welcome	Dr. Patricia Donohue, <i>President</i>
Introduction of Award Recipients	Dr. Donald Generals,
Refreshments	





Academic Awards

Science and Health Professions Division

Linda Martin,
Dean

Ornamental Horticulture Awards

Bonazzi Foundation Scholarship

Olga Gervasoni

Olga is an Education major who has taken 19 credits in biology and chemistry courses while at Mercer. She eventually plans on transferring to Rider University and would like to become an elementary school science teacher.

Clarence and Lena DiDonato Memorial Award

Christopher Marshall

Christopher is currently pursuing his Associate Degree in Horticulture as a full-time student. He works at Kale's Nursery and Garden Center in Princeton on the weekends.

Dogwood Garden Club of Princeton Scholarships

Catherine Ahmad

Catherine is a mother of four who has been waiting for her youngest to start school so she could go back to college. Even though she already has a Masters Degree, Catherine has returned to college so she can pursue her Associate Degree in Horticulture with the goal of transferring to Rutgers.

Erin Giffin

Erin is an evening/weekend student pursuing her Associate Degree in Horticulture. She currently works full-time as an assistant grower at Kube Pak Greenhouse in Allentown, NJ.

Sheri Kurdakul

Sheri is an evening/weekend student who works full time as a manager for Starbucks. She is currently pursuing her Associate Degree in Horticulture with a goal of either being a nursery manager or an agronomist.

Daniel Loch

Daniel will graduate with his Associate Degree in Horticulture in January of 2009. He would like to continue his education at Rutgers and eventually start a hydroponic greenhouse operation.

Rachel Marano

Rachel is currently pursuing her Associate Degree in Horticulture.

Joseph Nosker

Joe will graduate with his Associate Degree in Horticulture in January 2009. While a student at Mercer, Joe interned with the Brickman Group. He now works for them full-time as a supervisor while he is finishing his degree as an evening student.

Mary Monroe Doerler Scholarship

Karen Dauphars

Karen is pursuing her Associate Degree in Horticulture. She and her husband own and operate their own landscape maintenance business in Hamilton.

Diane Sanders-Gomez

Diane will graduate with her Associate Degree in Horticulture in May of 2009. She is currently doing a tree survey of the MCCC campus as a special project, and enjoys landscape design.

Marquand Park Foundation Scholarships

Shelley Breece

Shelley is pursuing her Associate Degree in Horticulture as an evening/weekend student. She is currently the manager of the Music Together warehouse where she is a caretaker of their butterfly garden. She also oversees the vegetable garden at the Princeton Pre-school.

Jesse Crivello

Jesse is pursuing his Associate Degree in Horticulture. His goal is to work in the industry for a few years to gain experience and then eventually own a landscaping company and greenhouse.

Andrew Lindstrom

Andrew is an evening/weekend student who is currently working in the Horticulture industry. He is pursuing his Certificate of Proficiency in Horticulture with the hope of continuing for his associate degree.

Mary Ellen Quinn-Zikos

Mikki was an evening/weekend student for several semesters while she taught art full-time at Trenton Central High School. Since she retired, she is now able to take more Horticulture classes as she works towards her Associate Degree in Horticulture.

Charlotte Newcombe Scholarship

JoAnn Abdelwahabe

JoAnn is a single mother raising three children. In addition to her nursing studies, she enjoys singing.

Dawn Stillwell

Dawn lives on a farm with her husband and three children. She is a phlebotomist and a very good student.

Roma Bank Scholarship

Heather Markel

Heather is currently in our Nursing 201 program and works very hard at her studies.

Biology Awards

Biology Scholarship in memory of Jodi Fessler

Scott Pecaric

Scott graduated from MCCC in 1995 with a degree in Criminal Justice and then completed his BS degree at the University of Delaware. Scott currently works at Princeton University in the Telecommunication Department. He has returned to Mercer to pursue a degree in biology and chemistry and would like to continue his education in the forensics field.

Science Health Professions Awards

Dr. Paul Janssen Scholarship

Teodora Baltaretu

Teodora is originally from Romania and has a B.S. degree. She is married and currently lives in Princeton.

Courtney Kite

Courtney is a Certified Nursing Assistant. She is a single mother of a five-year-old and resides in Lawrenceville.





Nursing Awards

Area PRO VII Physicians Scholarships

Nicole Giddens

Nicole is a Trenton resident who graduated from Trenton Central High School and has a four-year-old child.

Christopher Randolph

Chris is a tutor working at the MCCC Learning Center. Although he trained as an ER technician, he is currently focusing solely on school.

Nicole Scarborough

Nicole is a Trenton resident who graduated from Trenton Central High School. She is married with two children and is a Certified Nursing Assistant and Dialysis Technician.

Latoya Rutherford

Latoya is a Trenton resident who graduated from Ewing High School.

Tyeakiejia Santiago

Tyeakiejia is a Trenton resident who graduated from Trenton Central High School. She is a Certified Medical Assistant and is married with two children.

Daniel Gbardoe

Daniel is a Trenton resident who, after receiving his GED, became a Licensed Practical Nurse. He is married and has four children.

Jessica Hernandez

Jessica is from Puerto Rico and currently resides in Yardville with her husband and child. While in the Army Reserve and Army National Guard, she did Mortuary and Dental Assistant work. Jessica is fluent in Spanish and English.



Advertising

Gerald Klein Memorial Scholarship

Meghan R. Casale

Meghan hopes to continue her education either at FIT or TCNJ. She plans on coming back to Mercer after she receives her bachelor's degree to keep up with changes in the field of Advertising Design.

Dorian J. Vanterpool

Dorian plans on transferring to a four-year college in New Jersey and subsequently getting his master's degree. He then plans to work for a firm where he can design logos, brand names and much more.

Architecture

Architecture Scholarships

Sylvester Agyei

Sylvester has had a natural curiosity about his surroundings since childhood and this led him to study architecture. His goal is to provide solutions that meet peoples' needs and to find the right blend of inspiration and practical design for each client's budget. After graduation from Mercer, Sylvester plans to transfer to a university to continue his architectural education.

Charles M. C. Bacalla

Charles entered high school thinking he would become a video game designer and left knowing that he wanted to be an architect. Charles plans to earn a bachelor's degree, become a licensed architect, and design beautiful buildings in the "Big Apple."

Candace Gregory

Candace sees architecture as a broad field with many aspects to explore. She looks upon her study of architecture as a perfect foundation from which she can pursue related design fields, such as environmental design and historic preservation. After Mercer, Candace plans to continue her architectural education at NJIT.

Michael J. Smith, Jr.

Michael's interest in architecture was sparked when he was in the sixth grade after seeing some of his uncle's architectural renderings. The support and encouragement of an inspiring high school teacher led him to study architecture. After graduating from MCCC, Michael plans to pursue both a bachelor's and master's degree in architecture at a university in the tri-state area.

Asya O. Oztan Uysal

Asya was delighted to find MCCC where she could learn English and study architecture after coming to the USA from her native Turkey three years ago. Her goal is to combine the knowledge she is gaining here with her Turkish culture to create modern eastern architecture. After graduating from Mercer, Asya plans to move to New York City where she will work in an architecture office while continuing her education.

Roy Church Memorial Scholarship

Sebastian Compagnucci

Sebastian has always been interested in the fine arts, particularly the creative aspect of design. After completing his freshman year, he found that architecture enabled him to use his creative mind in a more dynamic and thought-provoking way. Sebastian plans to transfer to a school of architecture at a university in the tri-state area.



Jamil E. Faridy Scholarship

James Piccone

James realized early in life that whatever he did for a living would have to encompass his strong interests in drawing, math, and science. In his senior year in high school he realized he wanted to work in architecture. After graduating from Mercer, he plans to transfer to the School of Architecture at NJIT to continue in the New Jersey Stars Program.

Construction/Civil Engineering

Gus Anselmi Civil/Construction Engineering Technology Scholarships

Derek McClung

Derek maintains a 3.81 cumulative grade point average and is planning to transfer to NJIT and major in Construction Engineering Technology. He is presently employed part-time with Perini Engineering Corporation.

Naveed Zaki

Naveed works for S.T.V. Inc., a civil engineering firm where he assists in road and highway design. Married with two children, Naveed plans to continue his education and attain his B.S. in Civil Engineering from Thomas Edison State College.

Jason Snyder

Jason is presently employed with Hopewell Valley Engineering Company. He plans to attend Temple University for a four year degree in Civil Engineering Technology.

Dance

Dance Scholarship

Molly Beth Restine

Molly is very active in the Mercer Dance Ensemble. In the fall of 2007, she took part in 7 Sins where she danced the concluding solo in Janell Bryne's "Envy." She has a GPA of 3.44.

Digital Media Arts Theatre

John Boorsch Memorial Award

Megan J. Flynn

Megan plans on transferring to the College of New Jersey where she will attain her bachelor's degree in Graphic Design with a minor in Web Design.

Taylor M. Smith

Taylor started a business over the summer called Universitee Apparel where she designed new and unique college wear for East Carolina University of North Carolina. She will soon be releasing several designs for Rutgers University of New Jersey.

Marie Julia Pezik

Upon graduation, Marie would like to do commercial photography and web design work in the culinary arts industry. She has maintained a GPA of 3.89.

Journalism

David West Memorial Scholarship

Susana Sanchez

Susana has brought a passion for research and social justice to her work as Managing Editor of the College Voice this semester. Her high standards and attention to detail will ensure that the Voice flourishes in the upcoming year.

Music

Instrumental Award

Kevin Gunther

Kevin is an outstanding student academically and is an indispensable member of our college jazz band. His soaring and fickle trumpet playing has become one of the signature sounds of the band's style. Upon graduation from MCCC, Kevin will matriculate at The College of New Jersey to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Music Education with plans to teach music in the public school system.

Thomas Longobardo

Tom is not a music major; however, he continues to be a force to be reckoned with as a member of our college jazz band. He has been one of our featured soloists for two years and his infectious energy serves to ignite the entire band. Tom has a degree in Liberal Arts from MCCC and is pursuing an additional degree in Automotive Mechanics.

Timothy L. Rura

Tim is an excellent student and a fine musician. His propulsive bass playing helped power the college jazz band through its most recent performance and we look forward to his continued contributions during the coming year. After attaining his degree in Liberal Arts, he plans to pursue further study at the baccalaureate level.

Photography

Louis Draper Memorial Scholarship

Rachel F. Dubrow

Rachel is planning to transfer to a four-year college to continue her degree in photography. After graduating she would like to work as a sports photographer.

Eva Meyer

Eva would like to transfer to Rutgers University where she will explore different areas of photography and eventually find work as a fine arts photographer.

Marie Julia Pezik

Upon graduation, Marie would like to do commercial photography and web design work in the culinary arts industry. She has maintained a GPA of 3.89.

Visual Arts

Visual Arts Scholarship

Ian Alexander Camp

Ian would like to continue working toward his bachelor's degree and hopes to one day work as an artist or illustrator in his own gallery.

James M. Hettler

James plans on transferring to a four-year college and would like to study abroad. Eventually he hopes to earn a living as an illustrator.

Hyun Min Kim

Hyun is interested in TV advertising, fashion design, and display. She would ultimately like to work for a fashion magazine.

Georgia Lalla

Georgia would like to obtain a bachelor's degree in 3D Animation and further her studies by earning her master's degree. Her goal is to work in an animation studio for a company like Dream-Works Animation SKG.



**Harold G. Osorio**

Harold is working towards a degree in Advertising Design and would like to continue on for his bachelor's degree. He sees great opportunity in the field of advertising design for enterprising individuals with the proper education.

Susan Phelan

Susan returned to Mercer focused on learning to retouch and edit photographs. Once here, she was exposed to fine arts and discovered she liked working with her hands, as well as her computer. She plans on exploring both computer graphics and fine arts.

Charleston Sutton

Charleston would like to get a dual degree in Teaching and Architecture. He plans on transferring to the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA.

James J. Colavita Memorial Scholarship**Jarrett M. Courtney**

Jarrett enjoys the art program at MCCC immensely and has gained confidence in his abilities and skills since he arrived. Because of Mercer's fine teachers and staff, he feels he will be successful.

Kathryn Elizabeth Fox

Kathryn plans to attend a four-year college to attain her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts and Education. Her goal is to teach art at the high school level and hopes to open her own art studio after she has completed her master's degree.

Enrique G. Guerrero

Enrique plans on transferring to a four-year college. He hopes that as an artist he will leave an imprint in the art world and the world in general.

Ryan Lawyer

Ryan plans on transferring to the Maryland Institute College of Art, then continuing on for his master's degree. He plans to draw and create digital pieces as a solo artist defining and executing his own style.

Chris T. Maslowski

Chris plans on transferring to a college in New York City and studying abroad as a fine arts major. He is interested in all types of art forms from painting and sculpture to photography and printmaking. Chris is undecided as to his concentration.

Eva L. Surany

Eva plans to transfer to a four-year college. She is currently working full-time with her father and receives opportunities to review and test drive cutting edge imaging technology. Her intent for the future is to utilize the stability of a full-time digital imaging position to support freelance based illustration.

CYBIS Art Award**Chelsey Marie Homan**

Chelsey plans to attain her Bachelor's Degree in Advertising Design. She hopes to have a career in advertising that incorporates web design.

Michelle K. Mott

Michelle plans to continue her education in Advertising Design after Mercer. She believes Advertising Design is the best venue for her to incorporate her creativity and imagination. More importantly, she would like to work at something she enjoys.

Theatre

James Tolin Memorial Scholarship

Stephanie Ann Landau

Stephanie has appeared in five shows with MCCC's Academic Theatre Company. She was the First Witch in Macbeth, Margret in Woyzeck, in 7 Sins ("Acedia's Sunshine") as Laura, and in Iphigenia in Aulis she played Iphigenia. When not performing, Stephanie contributes to the Theatre Program by helping build sets, aiding the faculty with maintaining the Studio Theatre, and also acting as a role model to her peers. She has a GPA of 3.19.





Fred Anker Memorial Award

Harpreet Kaur

Harpreet earned an Associate Degree in Management from Mercer in May 2008 and is now a student in our Business Administration Program. Upon graduation from Mercer, she plans to transfer to Rutgers University to major in Accounting.

Robert Blanchard Memorial Scholarship

Ryan Buckland

Ryan enrolled in the Funeral Service Program at Mercer after having attended Brookdale Community College. He is employed by the Anderson Funeral Service in New Brunswick and Trenton.

Steven Brown

Steven hails from Blackwood, NJ. He is enrolled in the Funeral Service Program and is employed by the Bradley Funeral Home in Marlton, NJ.

Tiffany Virginio

Tiffany is employed by Funeraria Alvarez in Passaic. After graduation, she plans to join her father, who is also a funeral director and Mercer graduate.

Ed Blissit Memorial Scholarship

Yohana Gutierrez

Yohana plans to transfer to a four-year college or university after she completes her Associate Degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management. She would like to return to her native Costa Rica to open a business and become a teacher.

Timothy Burns Memorial Scholarship

Luis Nazario

Luis is originally from Puerto Rico and has long dreamed of flying. His dedication and passion has been demonstrated in his attaining his Commercial Instrument rating and recently his Flight Instructor's certificate. He plans to continue his aviation studies at Thomas Edison State College. Luis is also the recipient of this year's Lance K. Hansen Memorial Scholarship.

Columbia Bibbo Petrolle

Valentine Miele

Val attended the Funeral Service Preparatory Program at Mercer ten years ago. Then he established his own business. He returned to Mercer last year to complete his Associate Degree in Funeral Service and prepare to sit for his state license as a funeral director. Val is a resident of Freehold and works for the Flock Funeral Home in Long Branch.

Lance K. Hansen Memorial Scholarship

Luis Nazario

Luis is originally from Puerto Rico and has long dreamed of flying. His passion for aviation is demonstrated in the attainment of his Commercial Instrument and Flight Instructor's certificates. He plans to continue his aviation studies at Thomas Edison State College. Luis is also the recipient of this year's Timothy Burns Memorial Scholarship.

Robert Harris Memorial Scholarship

Tatana Cepkova

Tatana is majoring in Business Administration with the goal of earning a Master's Degree in Economics and working for the United Nations. She is glad to have the opportunity to study in the United States.

Yu Fu

Yu, who is better known as Hannah, is a Business Administration major who plans to attend Rutgers University after graduation from Mercer. Hannah is a member of PTK and Treasurer of PBL here at Mercer. She plans to become an accountant.

Laurenti Charitable Trust Scholarship**Lara Orner**

Lara is an extremely hard worker and an excellent student. She has been very active with our Hospitality Club. She is pursuing her Associate Degree in our Pastry Chef Apprenticeship Program maintaining a 3.82 GPA.

National Westminster Bank Scholarship**Barbara Morales**

Barbara is a Business major with a goal of earning a four-year degree in Marketing. She is very proud of her two children.

Robert Negron Memorial Scholarship (IT)**Sarunas Simkus**

Sarunas, better known as Shaun, is completing his Associate Degree in Information Technology and has begun working on an Associate Degree in Business Administration. He plans to transfer to NJIT to complete a baccalaureate degree in Business and Technology.

Anthony & Sophie Prassas Memorial Scholarship**Samantha Torrey**

Samantha actively represents our programs as a Hospitality Club member and has been extremely helpful with our catering efforts. She is pursuing her associate degree in our Chef Apprenticeship program.

Harry Trought Memorial Scholarship**Dora Amoah**

Dora came to Mercer from Ghana where she was a teacher. She has longed to fly for a number of years. Her classroom achievements are quite remarkable. This scholarship will allow her to continue her flight training. Dora is also the recipient of this year's The Sky's the Limit scholarship.

Chef Jacket Partnership***Big Tomato*****Anthony M. Lopez**

Anthony is being honored a second time this evening. His amazing chili was the winner of this year's Big Tomato Scholarship recipe contest.

Blue Bottle Café**Minerva DeCarlo**

Minerva is one of our brightest stars. She is an active member of our Hospitality Club and an accomplished baker. Affectionately now known as the "Queen of Clean," Minerva is well on her way to earning her Associate Degree in Hotel, Restaurant Management.

Firmenich – Savory Foods**Barbara Spalding**

Barbara has an outstanding attitude and commitment to her studies. Recently she was elected Vice-President of the newly founded Culinology Club. She is pursuing her associate degree in our Culinology Program and she is maintaining a 4.0 GPA.





Flavor Dynamics, Inc.

Anthony Lopez

Anthony has been extremely involved with the Hospitality Club over the past year, serving as President and participating in many of the Club's catering events.

Nassau Inn Princeton

Brian Massa

Brian is a dedicated student who had the opportunity to demonstrate his skills as Executive Chef of our Food Preparation II class restaurant in the spring of 2008. He is pursuing his associate degree in our Chef Apprenticeship Program maintaining a 3.53 GPA.

The Original Soup Man

Kathryn Koutsouradis

In addition to her studies, Kathryn has been active with our Hospitality Club. She is pursuing her associate degree in our Hotel, Restaurant Management Program.

Princeton Marriott Hotel

Bonnye Randolph

Bonnye began her studies at Mercer by enrolling in a non-credit culinary course. She is now pursuing her Associate Degree in Chef Apprenticeship and regularly assists as a volunteer in non-credit culinary courses.

RC Foods

Ketlindo Bullard

Ketlindo, who is better known as Johnny, probably has the longest commute of any of the students being honored tonight. Within moments of meeting Johnny, he will invariably tell you that he's from the Bahamas. In recognition of all his efforts on behalf of the Hospitality Club, Johnny was recently elected as this year's President.

Sysco Foods

Margaret DeGennaro

Margaret has taken both non-credit and credit classes in our HRIM and Culinary Programs. She has been extremely helpful as a volunteer for several classes. She's a very quick cleaner. It is said that she'll have your fork cleaned for you in between each bite. She is a dedicated student who is pursuing her Professional Cooking Certification.

Trenton Marriott

Eva Rayo

Eva has been an active Hospitality Club member who has helped with a variety of events. She has demonstrated her skills in a positive and professional manner and always represents our programs well. Eva is pursuing a Chef Apprenticeship degree and currently holds a 3.43 GPA.

Whole Foods

Amanda Urick

In addition to her culinary and hospitality classes, Amanda works full-time in the Whole Foods bakery (where they bake from "scratch"). Additionally, she served as our Hospitality Club Treasurer and was extremely active in our numerous catering, fundraising and community service events.

NJ Society of CPA Scholarship

Wendy Mantz

After graduating from Mercer, Wendy plans to pursue a baccalaureate degree at one of New Jersey's four-year colleges or universities. Wendy works during the day as the Branch Manager and Assistant Vice President of the Plainsboro Village office of First Constitution Bank. In May of this year, Wendy was inducted into the New Jersey Collegiate Business Administration Association (NJCBA) Honor Society at the State House in Trenton.

The Sky's the Limit

Ricky Vetick

Ricky has worked diligently to attain his Private Pilot License. He is completing his commercial instrument training. He plans on working as a commercial pilot.

Sean Capiak

Sean has been a member of our flight team. He aspires to be a commercial pilot. He is on the final phase of his flight training for his Commercial Pilot License with Instrument Rating.

Kathleen DeFilippo

Kathleen, who is affectionately known as "Charley," has completed her Private Pilot License and is working toward her Commercial Pilot License with Instrument Rating. She hopes to become a professional pilot.

Christopher Sukhra

Chris is completing his private pilot license training. He has a passion for aviation and aspires to be a professional pilot.

Dominic Boadu

Dominic came to Mercer from Ghana. He is training for his Private Pilot License. One day he would like to own and operate a charter company.

Dora Amoah

Dora came to Mercer from Ghana where she was a teacher. She has longed to fly for a number of years. Her classroom achievements are quite remarkable. This scholarship will allow her to continue her flight training. Dora is also the recipient of this year's Harry Trought Memorial Scholarship.





Avner Ferester Math Scholarship

Alex Savu

Alex started his college career at Rutgers University in the late 1990's with outstanding success. He then went into the service. He started at Mercer in January 2008. Alex is presently working on an honor's contract in Linear Algebra and intends to be a math major.

Ronald J. Kopcho Memorial Scholarship

Hope Stillwell

Hope is currently pursuing an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and would like to transfer to the College of New Jersey in the fall of 2009. She aspires to become a Professor of Psychology.

Anthony J. Mennuti Memorial Scholarship

Kerry Richman

Kerry was home-schooled from grades 7-12 and decided to come to MCCC to help her decide what to study. Kerry has been on the Dean's List every semester, is a member of Alpha Mu Gamma, the Spanish Honor Society and recently inducted into Phi Theta Kappa.

Karen Procaccini Memorial Scholarship

Susana Sanchez

Susana is an international student who has earned a 3.97 GPA. She has enrolled in five Honors Program classes and completed an Honors Research project in biology. Susana mentored for the MCCC Dream program for two semesters and serves both as the editor of MCCC's student newspaper, The College Voice, and as an officer in the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. She has recently demonstrated her commitment to community by starting a mentoring program for Latino students.

Elizabeth Efaw

Elizabeth returned to Mercer as a part-time student and raised her GPA to 3.16. She has recently changed her status to a full-time student while still being employed full time. Elizabeth plans to become a high school English teacher.

Dr. Robert E. Small Memorial Scholarship

Jana Kupec

Jana is majoring in Social Services at MCCC and is hoping to receive her A.A.S. degree in 2009. She plans to transfer to a four-year college for her bachelor's degree. After completing her degree, Jana will pursue a career in social work.

***Special Academic Awards and Scholarships
Scholarships in Honor of Recognized College Employees***

Athletics Scholarship

Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship

Tyler Smith

Tyler was a 2-year starter on the baseball team where he led the team in RBI's this past season. He's a graduate of Nottingham High School and in the NJ STARS program. Tyler will graduate in December and plans to attend either Rutgers University or Stockton College. He achieved the highest grade point average of all male student athletes and has been a positive team leader both on and off the field.

MCCC Professor Emeritus Association

Staff Recognition Scholarships

Distinguished Teacher

Karen Kacvinski

Karen has excelled academically and has consistently contributed her formidable instrumental talents to both our college jazz band and chamber ensemble. Her infectiously positive attitude and spirit have energized our music program. She is a role model for achievement that is the result of hard work and dedication.

Human Relations

Jamie M. Kosul

Jamie has been a student at Mercer for one year and her major is Liberal Arts. She is interested in early childhood education and works at a pediatrician's office. For the past five years, she has also worked as a counselor at Happy Days summer camp which serves children with special needs.

The following eight students were selected by the Professor Emeritus Scholarship Committee

April L. Hughes

April plans on transferring to the College of New Jersey or Rider University after graduation. She has worked full-time since graduating from high school. She was limited to being a part-time student until the Spring 2008 semester. At that time, she registered for six courses and earned an A in five courses and one B minus, making the Dean's List. April is majoring in Business Administration.

Nicole E. Kato

Nicole is a Liberal Arts major who plans to transfer to a four-year college and major in Education. She has been a member of the Princeton Girl Choir and has studied French and Latin at Westerly Learning Center. She is a mentor to seventh and eighth grade Confirmation students at her church and has two part-time jobs while being a full-time student.

Celes P. King

Celes is a student in the Nursing Program who plans on becoming an Orthopedic Nurse. She is a wife and mother of five, who works a full-time job as a Medical Assistant. She is a part-time student, and Dean's List recipient.



**Jocelyn Kowal**

Jocelyn is a very active student. She volunteers at a nursing home, counsels young teens in peer to peer groups as well as being involved in other organizations. She also has two part-time jobs and has made the Dean's List for the last two semesters with dual majors in Liberal Arts along with Health and Exercise Science. Jocelyn plans to pursue a career in the health field.

Pete Meagher

Pete is a student in the Nursing Program. Having been both a part-time and full-time student, he has earned a spot on the Dean's List for four semesters. He was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Societies. Pete is currently Acting- President of the MCCC chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma. His interest in volunteerism brought him to work with the Trenton Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, local chemists during National Chemistry Week and Super Science Weekend. Pete hopes to work with Doctors without Borders or the Smile Train after he receives his Nursing Degree.

Monika Miletics

Monika emigrated from Hungary without knowing the English language and recently received her permanent residency papers. She is an EMT, and most recently a Licensed Massage Therapist in a chiropractic office. She is a part-time student majoring in Radiography Science and a Dean's List recipient. She plans to continue her studies in Nuclear Medicine Technology after graduation.

Susana Sanchez

Susana is both a President's List and Dean's List recipient. She is currently the Vice-President of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and was a mentor for the Dream Mentor Program. She is the editor-in-chief for The College Voice, and member of the International Student Organization. She has taken five honors courses and was a summer student at Rider University's Honor Research Program in Biology. She plans to transfer to an Ivy League school to pursue a master's degree and then earn her doctorate.

Daniel J. Turkel

Daniel is a full-time student majoring in Business Administration. He has worked, part-time for a local grocery store since the ninth grade to pay for his college education, and was still able to earn a Dean's List certificate in the 2007-2008 academic year. Daniel has had a keen interest in the business world and the stock market since his childhood. He plans to transfer to the Rutgers School of Business and major in finance after graduation.

Urban League Guild Scholarship**Barbara Simmons**

Barbara is a dedicated student majoring in Human Services. She is a returning full-time student with an overall cumulative GPA of 3.21 and is determined to give back to her community.

Natasha Booker

Natasha is a future novelist majoring in Liberal Arts and Science. She is a Trenton Central High School graduate and lifelong city resident.



SCHOLARSHIP DONORS



Fred Anker Memorial Award is given in memory of this Business Division faculty member and dean to an outstanding continuing student in business administration.

Gus Anselmi Civil/Construction Engineering Technology Scholarships are named after Gus Anselmi, a Trustee of CIAP. CIAP awards scholarships to students in Civil/Construction Engineering Technology at the associate degree level. Awards are approved by CIAP on a case-by-case basis and are generally made to construction technology students with an interest in a construction career, entering the second year of a two-year associate degree program.

Architectural Scholarships are endowed scholarships awarded annually to ascending architecture students based on talent and academic achievement.

Area Pro VII Physicians Scholarship. To support nursing education, this scholarship is awarded to students demonstrating superior academics in nursing, demonstrate financial need and who are NJ residents from Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset.

Biology Laboratory Scholarship is given in memory of Jodi Fessler, a dedicated and humanitarian MCCC biology laboratory instructor and is awarded to outstanding Biology Laboratory students.

Robert V. Blanchard Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a student dedicated to learning and entering the final year of the Funeral Service program.

Ed Blissit Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Ed Blissit to students in the Accounting program who demonstrate financial need.

Bonazzi Foundation Scholarship assists a matriculating MCCC student who has both an interest in teaching science and financial need. The Goal is to promote science education.

John P. Boorsch Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of John P. Boorsch to a continuing student in a computer-related field.

Timothy Burns Memorial Scholarship is given to a continuing student enrolled in the Aviation Flight Technology program.

Chef Jacket Partnership Scholarships are given through donation made by several generous supporters, to students enrolled specifically in the Hospitality program.

Roy Church Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Roy Church, awarded to a student enrolling or enrolled in the Architecture Program.

James Colavita Memorial Scholarship was endowed by the family with support from the friends, colleagues and students of this former coordinator of Ceramics and Sculpture. It recognizes the achievements of an outstanding fine arts student who will be ascending to sophomore status.

Criminal Justice Scholarship is given to an outstanding continuing student in the Criminal Justice program from the Mercer County Police Chiefs Association.

Columbia Bibbo-Petrolle Scholarship is given in memory of Columbia Bibbo-Petrolle to a continuing student enrolled in Funeral Service.

The CYBIS Art Award provides a scholarship to an outstanding continuing art student with a 3.0 GPA.

Clarence & Lena DiDonato Horticulture Awards are made in their memory by the DiDonato family for deserving students in the Ornamental Horticulture program.

Mary Monroe Doerler Scholarship is given to a female student studying in any field of Ornamental Horticulture and Plant Science

Dogwood Garden Club of Princeton Awards are scholarships to outstanding students of the Ornamental Horticulture program.

Louis Draper Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Louis H. Draper, photography program coordinator, to an outstanding full-time student enrolled in the photography program.

Emeriti Scholarship is presented to continuing students on the basis of outstanding scholastic achievement.

Jamil E. Faridy Scholarship is awarded to a second year, full-time architecture student with financial needs.

Avner Ferester Math Scholarship is given in memory of Avner Ferester to an outstanding continuing math student with the highest GPA.

Joseph Gritz Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Joseph Gritz who entered funeral service as a second career. He always appreciated the encouragement and support that he received as a student at MCCC. He also encountered some classmates who struggled to meet their financial obligations so he created a scholarship to be used to help promising funeral service students fund their academic pursuits.

Lance K. Hansen Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Lance Hansen to a continuing student enrolled in the Aviation Flight Technology program.

Robert Harris Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of this former Business Division Dean and faculty member to an outstanding student in Business Administration.

Dr. Paul Janssen Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Paul Janssen, founder of Janssen Pharmaceutica, Inc., to a continuing student in the area of Science and Health Professions.

Gerald Klein Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Gerald Klein, former faculty member, to a continuing student in the Advertising/Computer Graphics program.

Ronald J. Kopcho Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of the former Dean of the Liberal Arts Division and Professor of Psychology to a continuing student in the Humanities and Social Science program with an interest in psychology.

Laurenti Charitable Trust Scholarship is given to a continuing student enrolled in the Hospitality program.

John M. "Jack" Mainzer III Memorial Scholarships are given in his memory by the Mainzer family to a continuing student in the Nursing or Fire Science Technology program.

Marquand Park Foundation Scholarships are scholarships for outstanding students entering their second year in the Ornamental Horticulture program.

Anthony J. Mennuti Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Anthony J. Mennuti, MCCC Assistant Dean for Institutional Advancement, to continuing liberal arts students studying English.

Merrill Lynch Scholarship is awarded to a continuing student in Hotel Restaurant Institution Management.

National Westminster Bank Scholarship is given to a continuing student in the Business Division.

Charlotte Newcombe Scholarship is awarded to a continuing student in the Nursing/Health Profession.

NJ Society of Certified Public Accountants Scholarship is given to a continuing student pursuing a major in Accounting with a 3.0 GPA.

Robert Negron Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Robert Negron to a student continuing studies in the Information Technology field.





Anthony & Sophie Prassas Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a continuing nursing or culinary student on the basis of academic performance.

Karen Procaccini Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Karen Procaccini, Administrative Specialist II for Camp College/Youth Programs under Organization Development & Community Programs, to a continuing student with a 3.0 GPA.

Roma Bank Scholarship is awarded to a Mercer resident who is a full-time student in the Healthcare program.

Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, former MCCC Foundation Board member, to a continuing student athlete.

The Sky's the Limit Scholarship is given to several deserving Aviation students from funds raised through a golf outing held by Friends of Trenton-Mercer Airport.

Dr. Robert E. Small Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Dr. Robert E. Small to a social services continuing student.

Anastasia Sollner Pilot Scholarship is given to a continuing student who is currently employed as a flight attendant with intent to become a pilot.

Staff Recognition Scholarships are given to continuing students in honor of the current year recipients of the Distinguished Teaching, the Employee Human Relations and Employee Community Service Awards.

James Tolin Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of James Tolin to a continuing student enrolled in the Theatre or Entertaining program.

Harry Trought Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of Harry D. Trought, a former MCCC, employee, to an outstanding aviation student.

Urban League Scholarship is awarded to a continuing student showing outstanding leadership quality.

Visual Arts Scholarship is an endowed fund established by the faculty to recognize outstanding student achievement and awarded annually to an ascending freshman in any of the six visual arts programs.

David West Memorial Scholarship is given to a continuing student from the Journalism program.



