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John P. Hanley
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West Windsor
Campus

Recognition Ceremony for Continuing Students

Fall 2011



Mercer County Community College Recognition Ceremony for Continuing Students

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Program

Master of Ceremony

Dr. Donald Generals,
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Welcome

Dr. Patricia Donohue,
President

Introduction of Award Recipients

Dean Judith Ehresman,
Business & Technology

Dean Robin Schore,
Liberal Arts

Dean Linda Martin,
Math, Science, Health Professions

Donald Generals,
Vice President

*Musical selection provided by
Peter Fretwell, General Manager, WWFM, the Classical Network.*

*Refreshments provided by
the Mercer County Community College Campus Eatery.*





Business and Technology Division

Judith Ehresman, Dean

Accounting

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

Michael A. Bucci

Michael, who started at MCCC in foundation courses, has obtained a GPA of 3.6. He plans to transfer to American University and major in international business.

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

Purvi Dogra

Purvi is a hardworking and goal oriented person. She has good support from her family who motivates her to be strong and focused.

Ashley M. Robinson

After graduating from MCCC, Ashley plans to continue her accounting studies at William Paterson University.

Architecture

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

Hossam Abostate

Hossam carries a GPA of 3.56. He plans to transfer to the New Jersey Institute of Technology to further his studies.

Carlos Bernabe

Carlos' dedication to his studies has earned him a GPA of 3.47. He hopes to transfer to Cooper Union, the University of Miami or the New Jersey Institute of Technology upon graduation from MCCC.

Gabriela Culak

Gabriela maintains a GPA of 3.69. In the future, she would like to attend Carnegie Mellon University, New Jersey Institute of Technology or the Southern California Institute of Architecture.

Bradley N. Dewey

When he completes his studies at MCCC, Bradley would like to transfer to a four-year school.

Joan E. Doremus

Joan enjoys studying the architectural styles of different buildings. Her future plans include studying abroad and obtaining a position in an architectural/engineering firm.

Cecilia J. Mauro

Upon graduation, Cecilia plans to attend a four-year school on the west coast such as the California Institute of Technology. She hopes to one day work in South America.

Tai Anh Phan

Tai has a GPA of 3.56. He looks forward to attending an architectural college in the northeast to further his studies.

Roy Church Memorial Scholarship is given in his memory to a student enrolling or enrolled in the Architecture program.

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Andrea B. Pesantez

Andrea enjoys photography, drawing and researching the history of architecture. She would like to transfer to a four-year college and work in New York City.

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

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David R. Fraytak Scholarship Endowment is awarded to an exemplary Architecture student in honor of David R. Fraytak and his many years of service with FVHD Architects.

Julio D. Bravo

Julio is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Upon graduating, he hopes to attend the New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Aviation

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

Michael J. Hawkins

Michael graduated from Old Bridge High School where he played four years of varsity lacrosse and spent two years in the Air Force ROTC program. He is a member of our Aviation program with a GPA of 3.3. After obtaining his degree, he plans to pursue a career as an airline pilot. He is also planning to continue his education at a four-year college and earn a bachelor's degree.

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

Nicholas P. Biondo

Nick is finishing his flight training and hopes to graduate in the spring. He is a member of the competitive flight team and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

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.

Frederick J. Alvarez

Fred is currently enrolled at Mercer in the Aviation Flight Technology program. He has made substantial progress throughout the summer and hopes to earn his commercial certificate and instrument rating by the end of this semester. He is taking his final classes to graduate in June 2012. Fred has followed through with all the goals he has set for himself.





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Patrick S. Jaeger

Patrick is approaching his 100 hour mark in flight training and is working toward his Commercial/Instrument Rating License. He is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and also is employed full-time as a shift manager at CVS.

Jakub J. Rusek

Jakub was born in Poland and moved to the U.S. in 1995. He had his first flight at the age of 16 and has been flying ever since. He earned his Private Pilot License at 18. In 2010 he enrolled in Mercer's Aviation Flight Technology program. He has 150 hours of flying time and works part-time at the Trenton-Mercer Airport. His future goals are to obtain an Instrument Commercial License and become a flight instructor.

Business

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

Adrian Colon

Adrian, who has a GPA of 3.4, is proud to be the first in his family to attend college. He hopes to earn a bachelor's degree in finance and open his own business.

PNC Bank Scholarship is awarded to a full-time student who demonstrates academic excellence in the Business program.

Michael A. Bucci

Michael, who started at MCCC in foundation courses, has obtained a GPA of 3.6. He plans to transfer to American University and major in international business.

Alena Pelesh

Alena, born in Belarus, has a GPA of 3.6. After graduation from MCCC, she would like to attend a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree.

Jana Wolf

Born in Germany, Jana is very focused and hardworking. She has a GPA of 3.9. She would like to earn a bachelor's degree in finance with a minor in international business from William Paterson University.

Business Administration

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

Jonghyun Phoenix

Jo, who has a 4.0 GPA, plans to earn a bachelor's degree in accounting and become a Certified Public Accountant. She would like to eventually obtain an MBA.

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

Hee Jin Choi

Hee maintains a GPA of 3.87. She would like to earn a bachelor's degree at Rutgers University in economics and/or finance.

Melody N. Hicks

Melody is an NJ Stars student. Her future plans include earning a bachelor's degree in accounting and a career as a Certified Public Accountant.

Chukwuemeka C. Okpala

Born in Algeria and raised in London, England, Chukwuemeka has a GPA of 3.6. He hopes to earn a bachelor's degree in economics and become a banker.

Yae Na Yoon

Ellie, as she is known, has a GPA of 3.9. She hopes to continue her studies after Mercer at NYU and earn a bachelor's degree in marketing.

Engineering

Charles Russell Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of MCCC alumnus Charles Russell to an outstanding student in Civil Engineering Technology or Electronics Engineering Technology.

Micah R. Jones

Micah maintains a 3.0 GPA. After completing an A.A.S. in Civil Engineering Technology, he plans to obtain a four-year degree.

Professional Engineers' Society of Mercer County Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding student in the Engineering program.

Joanne M. Gusweiler

Joanne has a GPA of 3.9. She plans to get a Bachelor of Science degree after leaving MCCC.

Funeral Service

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

Clifford Bitecola

Clifford will be graduating from Mercer in the spring with an Associate Degree in Funeral Service. He is currently working as an apprentice at a funeral home in Denville, New Jersey. After completing his internship, he will become a licensed funeral director.

Columbia Bibbo-Petrolle Scholarship is given in her memory to a continuing student enrolled in funeral service.

Toni M. Ford

Toni has found her studies in the Funeral Service Program at Mercer both rewarding and productive. After graduating she plans to work in the field and eventually own her business.





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.

Antonio R. Monroe

Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management

Chef Anne Lumberger Memorial Scholarship is awarded in her memory to a continuing Baking/Pastry Arts student whose cake design has been selected by our Chef Instructors to lead the preparation of our annually donated cake for the "In the Pink" charitable event to raise money for the YWCA Princeton Cancer Resource Center. This scholarship will be awarded each year to keep Chef Anne's spirit alive and encourage students to take part in this charitable cause.

Amanda Bair

Amanda is both an excellent student and excellent baker. She now has over five years of hands-on baking experience combined with her classroom education. She has proven herself as a hard worker with both intellect and the ability to learn and adapt quickly to the fast-paced world of Pastry Arts.

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

Christiana Redondo

Christiana has demonstrated her skills in a positive and professional manner and represents our programs well. Recently selected as the chef for our restaurant class, she is actively pursuing her A.A.S. in Culinary Arts.

Merrill Lynch Hospitality Scholarship is awarded to a continuing student in the Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management Program.

Bonnye Randolph

Bonnye has taken both non-credit and credit classes in our HRIM and Culinary Programs. She has been extremely helpful as an assistant for several non-credit classes and always promotes our programs within classes and the community.

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

Blue Bottle Café

Camillia L. Thomas

Camillia is currently pursuing her academic goals through our Hotel, Restaurant & Institution Management program. She has gained valuable hospitality experience by working at such fine restaurants as the Blue Bottle Café in Hopewell.

Duncan Hines

Amber Hinshaw

Amber is an excellent student working towards her degree in Culinology. She represented our programs well when working on campus as part of a select team for a Duncan Hines project. In addition to school and work, Amber has also made time to serve as our first Culinology Club President.

Elements

Pamela Ballard

In addition to her to full-time studies and work responsibilities, Pam has proudly represented our culinary programs in her internship at Elements Restaurant in Princeton.

Mercer Oaks Catering

Ericka M. Diaz

Ericka is a very hardworking student who has also recently taken on the role of Vice President of our Hospitality Club. She has demonstrated her baking and pastry talents in both our Artisan Breads and Restaurant Desserts classes. Her excellent GPA combined with her hands-on culinary and pastry skills, will make her an excellent candidate for any hospitality organization.

RC Fine Foods

Michael E. Rabenowitz

Michael is working towards his A.A.S. in Culinary Arts. In addition to his full-time class schedule, he has gained extensive knowledge outside of the classroom by working in the kitchen at a country club.

Sysco Foods

Benjamin S. Dela Pena

Ben is working towards his A.A.S. in Culinary Arts and Pastry Arts. He has demonstrated his skill level with the MCCC Hospitality Club – serving as a club officer last year and recently elected as President. Hopefully Ben will soon have the opportunity to demonstrate his knowledge and skills in the restaurant industry.

Terra Momo Restaurant Group

Margaret DeGennaro

Margaret has taken both non-credit and credit classes in our HRIM and Culinary Programs. She has been extremely helpful as an assistant for several non-credit classes and for our Summer Kids in the Kitchen program. She is a dedicated student who is pursuing her A.A.S. Degree in Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management.

Wegmans Food Markets, Inc.

Laquon D. Meyers

As a current Wegmans employee, Laquon is receiving the Wegmans Sponsor Partnership Scholarship to continue his studies in Culinary Arts.

Vlasic

Raymond Montero

Ray is a talented culinary student. He demonstrated his excellent skills as the chef of our restaurant class last semester. He seems to have found his academic niche by pursuing his A.A.S. in Culinary Arts and hopefully will soon showcase his skills in one of our partner restaurants.

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

Amber Hinshaw

Amber is a former pastry chef pursuing her love of math and science in the Culinology field. She hopes to use her education to attain a career in research and development with a leading dessert company.





Information Technology

Robert Negron Memorial Scholarship is given in his memory to a first-year student studying in the Information Technology field on the basis of financial need.

Wilfredo N. Arroyo

Karen Procaccini Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a continuing female student with a GPA of 3.0 or better on the basis of financial need.

Kimberly A. Ferguson

Kimberly is continuing her paralegal studies at Rutgers University and hopes to obtain a bachelor's degree with a major in management and labor relations law.

Liberal Arts Division
Dr. G. Robin Schore, Dean



Advertising

Gerald Klein Memorial Scholarship is awarded in memory of Gerald Klein, former faculty member, to a continuing student in the Advertising or Digital Media Arts Programs.

Jigneshkumar Patel

Jignesh would like to transfer to Rutgers University's Mason Gross School of the Arts when he leaves MCCC. He wants to pursue a career in graphic design.

Digital Media Arts

John P. Boorsch Memorial Scholarship is given in his memory to a continuing student studying visual arts.

Juhi Bharat

Juhi will continue her studies after MCCC at a four-year art school. Eventually she would like to work for or own a design studio.

English

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.

Brandon Castro

A Liberal Arts major, Brandon is looking forward to transferring to the College of New Jersey, where he will pursue a major in English Education. He has a passion for literature and hopes to further his studies with a Master's degree in Literature.

ESL

Vicki Seltzer ESL Scholarship is given in memory of Vicki Seltzer, an ESL adjunct instructor at MCCC, to students enrolled in ESL classes on the West Windsor Campus.

Shiva Soheili Arassi

Originally from Morocco, Shiva earned a Master's Degree in French Linguistics from her native college. After she perfects her English, she would like to continue her studies at a university to earn her Ph.D. in French Linguistics and later teach French in this country.

Wing Yan Yip

Wing (Henry), who finished high school in Hong Kong, has a remarkable command of the English language. He is an Engineering Science major at MCCC who hopes to transfer to either Rutgers University or the New Jersey Institute of Technology to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and Environment.



Music

Instrumental Awards are given to outstanding students in the Music program.

Sean Christiansen

Sean, who is now a three-time recipient of this award, continues to grow both as a percussionist and scholar. His propulsive drumming continually raises the bar of achievement for MCCC music students.

Tylor Thomas

Tylor is equally adept at bassoon, cello, saxophone and piano. His prodigious talent has already enriched and enhanced the quality of both the chamber ensemble and jazz band.

Ian Howells

A musical chameleon, Ian moves effortlessly from the piano to the vibraphone to the percussion section. His energy, both musical and personal is infectious and he is a major force contributing to the success of the jazz band.

Kurt Moreton

In his third semester as a music major, Kurt's eccentrically brilliant piano playing has been a featured attraction in both jazz band concerts this year. He plans to pursue a career in music, primarily as a performer.

Kevin Rovner

Music Theory wizard and overall excellent student, Kevin embodies the term "musician." His growth as both a guitarist and pursuer of academic excellence over the past year has been astonishing.

Kenneth Hamilton

Kenny, who is currently carrying a 4.0 GPA, is rapidly becoming one of the most dynamic and propulsive bass players ever to grace the stage with the MCCC jazz band. His infectious enthusiasm and energy have become essential ingredients not only to the jazz band's success but to the esprit de corps of the music program.

Photography

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.

Kate L. Roberts

After receiving an A.F.A. from Mercer, Kate will transfer to a four-year school to complete a bachelor's degree. She plans to explore a career in the magazine or advertising industry.

Psychology

Ronald I. Kopcho Memorial Scholarship is given in memory of this 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.

Pamalli E. Prather

Through the psychology courses that Pamalli has already taken, she has come to the realization that it is her calling to help others become mentally and emotionally stable. With this in mind, she plans on completing an advanced degree and pursue a career in counseling.

Social Services

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

Serita B. Lee

Serita worked for the State of NJ for 24 years as a legal secretary. She is now enrolled as a Psychology major at William Paterson University here at MCCC and hopes to pursue a career in the Social Sciences.

Theater

James Tolin Memorial Scholarship is given in his memory to a continuing student enrolled in the Theatre or Entertainment Technology Programs.

Nicole H. Erkoboni

Nicole hopes to transfer to SUNY Purchase to obtain a bachelor's degree. She would then like to audition for parts on the New York City stage or become a theatre professor.

Ned Ianacone

Ned has earned a 3.6 GPA. He would like to pursue a four-year degree at SUNY Purchase and then obtain a master's degree from Yale.

Don Jones Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an incoming student engaged in one of the performing arts and is presented in memory of Don Jones, Assistant Dean at the James Kerney Campus, and his deep appreciation for the arts.

Taylor K. Pickett-Stokes

Taylor does volunteer work at the Trenton Children's Chorus. She plans to attend a four-year university to study theatre.

Visual Arts

James I. Colavita Memorial Scholarship was endowed in memory of this former Coordinator of Ceramics and Sculpture. It recognizes the achievements of outstanding fine arts students who will be ascending to sophomore status.

Ian Z. Eversen

After completing his studies at MCCC, Ian plans to transfer to a four-year school in New York City and major in painting or printmaking.

Ian Murphy

Ian plans to attend an art school such as the Maryland Institute College of Art when he graduates from Mercer.

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

Stephanie F. Mulryne

After graduating from MCCC, Stephanie plans to transfer to the Moore College of Art and Design in Philadelphia. She will pursue a B.F.A. degree with a major in graphic design and a minor in illustration.

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

Katelyn J. Liepins

Katelyn has a great passion for learning whether it be in the field of art or science. She hopes to combine these two interests in a career in education or art therapy.





Math, Science and Health Professions Division

Dr. Linda Martin, Dean

Biology

Biology-Dowd Fessler Laboratory Scholarship is given in memory of William R. Dowd, Sr., an MCCC alumnus and member of the biology faculty and Jodi Fessler, a biology laboratory instructor, to an outstanding biology laboratory student.

Kathryn L. Kingsley

Kate is a biology major at Mercer who has a true curiosity about the biological world around her. She eventually plans to attend the University of California at Davis, where she would like to enroll in the viticulture or winemaking program.

Mathematics

Avner H. Ferester Mathematics Scholarship is given in memory of Avner Ferester, Professor of Mathematics and Physics, to an outstanding continuing Mathematics student with the highest GPA.

Karyl Jan Vergara Soto

With a degree already in nursing, Karyl would like to pursue studies in biomedical engineering or biochemistry. The mathematics courses Karyl has taken and continues to take will prepare him for either of these mathematically rich fields.

Nursing

Mary Scarano Scholarship is given to a third-semester nursing student with unmet financial need and excellent clinical skills.

Gary S. Wyckoff

Gary, who received an Associate Degree in Law Enforcement in 2010, is in his third semester of nursing. He is the Student Representative to the Nursing Curriculum Committee.

Nursing Scholarship is awarded to outstanding students in the Nursing program.

Jane Plunkett

Jane is in her third semester of nursing and resides in Lawrenceville. She has earned a GPA of 3.76.

Area VII Physicians Review Organization Scholarships are awarded to students from Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, and Somerset counties demonstrating superior academics in nursing, on the basis of financial need.

Edith C. Adieze

Edith is currently a LPN and in her second semester of nursing. She lives in Hamilton with her husband who is also in the Nursing program. Edith is originally from Nigeria.

Beth A. Brobst

Beth, who is in her fourth semester of nursing, has a B.S. in Political Science from SUNY Stony Brook. She maintains a 3.48 GPA.

Chirayu D. Pandya

Chirayu is in his third semester of nursing. He currently lives in East Windsor and is originally from India.

Jeanne A. Wooten

Jean is currently in her second semester of nursing. She holds a B.S. and MBA from Rider University.

Paul Yiacas

Paul, a second semester nursing student, received an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island. He lives in Hamilton with his wife and two children.

Ornamental Horticulture

Clarence and Lena DiDonato Memorial Award is made in their memory for deserving students in the Ornamental Horticulture Program.

Christina A. Gutch

Christina is currently enrolled in the Ornamental Horticulture program and plans to start an internship in the spring 2012 semester. She is an avid gardener and hopes to continue working in nursery management.

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

Jonathan Barrera

Jonathan, a native of Guatemala, currently works in the horticulture industry. He loves his work and studying more about horticulture in his classes here at Mercer.

Cynthia J. Begue

Cynthia is a retired U.S. Air Force veteran with 34 years of service as an Inflight Medical Technician and Superintendent of Medical Administration. She plans to transfer to the Cornell School of Agriculture and Life Sciences after completing her studies at MCCC.

Dogwood Garden Club of Princeton Awards are scholarships awarded to outstanding students in the Ornamental Horticulture Program.

Lauren M. Adilletta

Lauren has always had a passion for the outdoors and enjoyed the many experiences that horticulture can bring. Upon graduation, she plans to continue her education at a four-year institution.

Adam Arent

Adam is enthusiastic about the ornamental and scientific aspects of horticulture. After completing an Associate Degree in Plant Science, he plans to transfer to a four-year school to obtain a bachelor's degree.

Jennifer A. James

The enjoyment Jennifer has experienced gardening in her own backyard has led to a desire to expand her knowledge with a formal education. She is currently pursuing a certificate and plans to continue to earn credits towards an Associate degree.

Michelle A. Koehler

Michelle is majoring in both Ornamental Horticulture and Plant Science here at MCCC. Upon graduation, she plans to transfer to either Delaware Valley College for Crop Science or North Carolina State for Plant Pathology.



**Nicholas K. Stryker**

Nick, who has a B.A. in Psychology from Rutgers University, is now earning credits at Rutgers and Mercer to register as a Horticulture Therapist with American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA). His goal is to obtain a Master's Degree in Horticulture Therapy or Education with an eye towards enabling people to grow fresh food in institutions and hospitals.

Alexander A. Tavlan

Alex has worked with trees as a climber for years and has a love for them as well as all nature. He plans to continue his education after MCCC and become proficient in diagnosing tree and plant diseases.

Marquand Park Foundation Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students entering their second year in the Ornamental Horticulture Program.

Jorge Carrasco

Jorge, who works with his father in their small landscaping business, enrolled at MCCC to gain the experience and knowledge to become a professional landscape designer.

Matthew V. Gelsomino

Matt, who owns his own landscaping business, plans to attend Rutgers University after graduating from Mercer. His long term goal is to continue to be an entrepreneur in the commercial landscaping industry.

Robert Maruska

Robert is looking forward to obtaining a horticulture degree and in the future plans to own his own business.

Maynor E. Ovalle

Maynor has worked in the nursery and landscape industry for 17 years. After graduating from the Ornamental Horticulture program, he would like to continue his education in Landscape Design.

Science & Health Professions

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.

Michael C. Benson

Michael's positive impressions of the work of physical therapists encouraged him to enroll in the program at Mercer. After graduation, he plans to work in either an outpatient physical therapy setting, a skilled nursing facility or a hospital based facility.

Charles J. Bryant

Charles is a veteran who served in the U.S. Air Force as an electrical engineer. He is currently in his first semester of nursing.

Charlotte W. Newcombe Scholarships are awarded to continuing students in the Nursing and Health Professions degree programs.

Crystal A. Brandt

Crystal, who was raised on a small farm, is studying to become a radiographer. After graduating she would like to further her education by obtaining a bachelor's degree to pursue a career as a therapeutic radiology technologist.

Bom Soo Kim

Bom is a student in the Medical Laboratory Technology program where he has exhibited academic and leadership skills. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from South Korea.

Daniel A. Siciliano

After many years in the retail sales field, Daniel decided that a career in physical therapy would be more rewarding. Upon graduation, he plans to move to Boston to work in an outpatient setting.

Roma Bank Scholarships are awarded to full-time students in the Health Professions degree programs.

Paul T. Goldstein

Paul selected the Physical Therapist Assistant program because it is very challenging and a big change from his previous career in finance. Upon graduation, he hopes to work in an outpatient facility where he can help people heal and make a difference in their lives.

Jenna L. Callahan

Jenna, who is a second year radiography student, plans to apply to Cooper University Hospital's MRI Fellowship Program after obtaining her radiography license.

Walter and Louis Sutcliffe Foundation Scholarship is awarded to a student in the Nursing or Health Professions degree programs.

Robert M. Richter

Rob, who holds an Associate Degree in Computer Science, is in his second semester of nursing. He is a Student Representative to the Nursing Curriculum Committee.

Mrs. Edith Zussman Scholarship is given to a deserving student with a 3.0 GPA or better, who is entering his or her second year in one of the Health Profession degree programs.

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Academic Affairs

Dr. Donald Generals, Vice President for Academic Affairs

Special Academic Awards and Scholarships

Scholarships in Honor of Recognized College Employees

MCCC Professor Emeritus Association Scholarships are awarded to outstanding continuing students.

Dana M. Boso
Linda M. Cruzeta
Maria Dasana
Carla M. Fletcher
Jane Plunkett

Staff Recognition Scholarships are awarded to continuing students by faculty or staff members who have received outstanding performance awards in community service and human relations during Mercer's annual Staff Recognition Ceremony. The Distinguished Teaching Award is presented to a tenured faculty member by a committee using student, faculty and staff recommendations.

2010 Staff Recognition Awards

Distinguished Teacher - Helen Tanzini

Kathryn L. Kingsley

Kathryn is confident that the well-rounded education at Mercer has prepared her for the discipline needed to succeed in her field. In another year she will graduate with degrees in both biology and chemistry and intends to continue her studies at Rutgers University.

Community Service - Susan Holman

Vicente Erazo

Vicente stands out among his classmates because of his hard work and dedication to his studies. He has also served his country in the military.

Human Relations - Kathi Paluscio

Nana Y. Osafa

Nana, who is flexible and outgoing, can successfully tackle any challenge set before him. He is sensitive to his peers' diversity of views. He works well independently, as part of a diverse group, or in dealing with the public. In the future he will be a credit to any employer or to any program he chooses to be a part of.

2011 Staff Recognition Awards

Distinguished Teacher - Yvonne Greenbaum

Robert F. Albertson, III

Robert F. Albertson, III is from Robbinsville and is pursuing an Associate degree in the field of science. He is an excellent and conscientious student that tutors others in mathematics.

Community Service - Don Davis

Nicole E. Jackson

Human Relations - Marge Archer

Jana Wolf

Born in Germany, Jana is very focused and hardworking. She has a GPA of 3.9. She would like to earn a bachelor's degree in finance with a minor in international business from William Paterson University.

Jim and Fannie Floyd Scholarship is awarded in honor of Jim Floyd and his late wife Fannie to a Mercer County resident with financial need who upholds the academic criteria of the scholarship.

Gwendolyn I. Alexander

Gwendolyn has overcome many obstacles in her life and works hard to balance caring for an extended family and accomplishing her academic goals.

Robert Sydney Needham Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an academically outstanding student who is committed to community service and or campus leadership.

Ayodele P. Kanyako

Ayodele, a survivor of the war in Sierra Leone, is determined to make a difference in people's lives. She acts as a mentor in the Mercer DREAM program and on weekends works as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Her goal is to continue her studies at a four-year institution and obtain a master's degree in social work.

Dwayne Meyers

Dwayne is very active in his community and church. He is seeking a degree in business management and hopes to attend Rutgers University after graduation from MCCC.

Pamalli E. Prather

Through the psychology courses that Pamalli has already taken, she has come to the realization that it is her calling to help others become mentally and emotionally stable. With this in mind, she plans on completing an advanced degree and pursue a career in counseling.

Robert Sacks

An Advertising Design student, Robert is an dedicated volunteer and member of the Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. Formerly in marketing and sales, Rob calls his background and his current studies "the perfect marriage between business and art."

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

Laticia Alston

Willie Vaughan

Latina Women's Council Scholarships are awarded by the Latina Women's Council of Mercer County to students who will be attending MCCC. The Latina Women's Council is the college's partner in the MCCC Foundation's Community Partnership Scholarship Program.

Johanna C. Cando

Rosangel Rivera

Christopher Lopez

Leslie A. Orellana





Boys and Girls Club Scholarship is awarded to a full-time incoming freshman student at MCCC, selected from the program participants at the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton.

Michael G. Coleman

Michael is achieving his dream of attending college. He is a very focused student who has given over 800 hours in volunteer work to his community.

Brianna Terry

Brianna has displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility and leadership in her community outreach projects. Her excellent high school academic record prepares her well for success at MCCC.

Hollingsworth Scholarships are awarded to continuing students and provided through the generosity of Mrs. James Hollingsworth.

Veronica Baffoe

Veronica, who arrived from Ghana in 2010 with her younger sister, has had a very successful first semester and is committed to academic success. She is preparing for a career in health care.

Sasha M. Cox

Linda M. Cruzeta

Linda has persevered in her academic life. After acquiring credentials in the home health program at MCCC, she is working part-time in the field. She maintains a GPA of 3.83 and after completing her associate degree, she plans to transfer to a four-year institution for her bachelor's degree.

Jessica L. Dzbenski

Jessica has been a student at Mercer for two years pursuing a career in health care. She will reach her educational goal in August 2012 when she graduates with a degree in Radiography.

Robin L. Foose

Robin, who has completed a Certificate of Proficiency in Ornamental Horticulture, attributes her success to her teachers in the Science department. She is currently working at Home Depot in the garden center and pursuing her Associate Degree in Ornamental Horticulture.

Joseph J. Hyppolite

Joe, a native of Haiti, lost his father in the recent earthquake. He is a dedicated student whose determination should guarantee his future success.

Freddie Lee Moorer, III

Sekesha N. Pearson

Sekesha is a very committed student who is working toward an Associate Degree in Services.

Ashley R. Wallace

Veronica E. Werner

Hightstown native Veronica is studying Liberal Arts. She hopes to transfer to Howard University to continue pursuing her ultimate goal of becoming an attorney.







