



# MAXIMIZING SUCCESS

2023-2024 Annual Report



# MCCC Mission Statement

Mercer County Community College is a comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution focused on learning and student success. The college welcomes students of all ages from a wide variety of backgrounds, abilities, interests, levels of education, and economic circumstances to a challenging and supportive environment dedicated to meeting the educational needs of 21st century global citizens and lifelong learners. Mercer responds to a broad array of community needs, offering programs and services for employers, continuing education and training for the workforce, enrichment for youth, and cultural opportunities for people in the region.

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- Hon. Dan Benson  
*Mercer County Executive*

# A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Students, Colleagues, Friends, and Community Members,

This annual report, the second of my presidency, is a symbol of the opportunities and growth that occur when an institution not only works together to open doors for its students, but prepares them to flourish on the other side. As I look back on the many exciting accomplishments of 2023-2024, I could not be more proud of the shared commitment and dedication that continue to set the precedence for the future of Mercer County Community College.

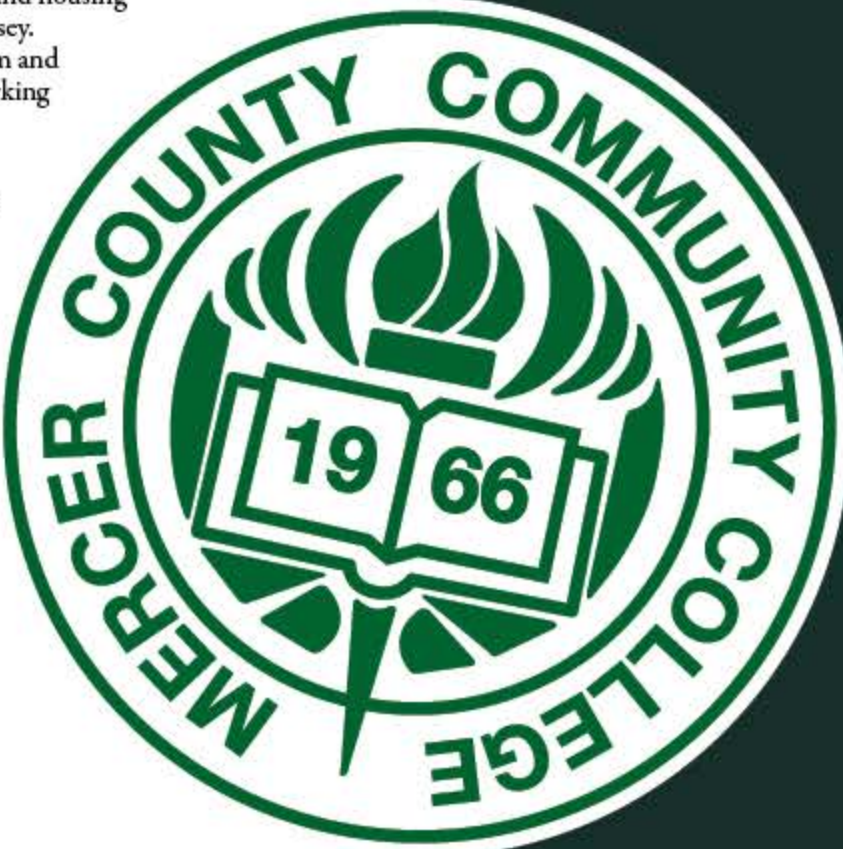
Remaining focused on educational equity, the College created new signature experiences including the inaugural Mercer 1st Summer Success Institute, to prepare first-generation college students to transition to college and maximize their success. In addition, ninety-three new students joined the ranks of 700 students who had previously graduated from the Educational Opportunity Fund program, many of whom took on Peer Leader roles. MCCC also earned the designation of Hispanic-Serving Institution, providing opportunities to apply for grants and other important resources that expand educational opportunities.

Additionally throughout 2023-2024, we worked tirelessly to expand partnerships with nearby colleges and universities, establishing first-of-its-kind housing agreements with Rider University and The College of New Jersey. More winning athletic teams and awards for student journalism and horticulture once again made headlines, and we have been working diligently on new cutting-edge programs that will keep our students ahead of industry job trends.

As we continue to focus our efforts on student retention, I am very pleased to say our graduation rate is on the rise and is expected to keep climbing. Capital improvements on both campuses are underway, a College brand refresh is in the works, and we are investing in resources and technology that support organizational effectiveness and student success. I invite you to come see for yourself and become a part of the legacy!



Deborah E. Preston, Ph.D.  
President  
Mercer County Community College





# MCCC AT A GLANCE

## Student Profile

- Approximately 9,000 credit-earning students
- Approximately 3,000 non-credit students
- Mercer County residents comprise three-fourths of the student population
- More than 50% of Mercer's graduates transfer to senior colleges or universities

## Community Offerings

- Two convenient campuses – West Windsor and downtown Trenton
- Kelsey Theatre – award-winning, semi-professional performing arts center
- WWFM The Classical Network – listener-supported public radio offering classical music programming throughout the region (89.1, Trenton; WWNJ 91.1, Toms River, NJ) and JazzOn2 broadcasting on HD2
- Conference Center – state-of-the-art accommodations for meetings and events
- The Gallery – award-winning venue hosting series of art exhibits
- Youth Programs – serving children, teens, and young adults
- Fitness Center – open to public memberships
- Athletic Facilities – public rental of courts and fields
- The University Center – earn bachelor's and master's degrees on-site at MCCC's West Windsor campus through programs offered by:
  - Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

## Athletics Teams

- Baseball
- Soccer
- Basketball
- Softball
- Lacrosse
- Tennis

## Educational Advantages

- Choice of more than 100 degree and credit certificate programs
- Dual enrollment and guaranteed transfer agreements with nearly 50 colleges and universities
- MercerOnline – Internet-based learning anywhere
- Average student-to-faculty ratio: 16 to 1
- Free academic advising, tutoring, transfer services, and career counseling
- Honors Program – an enriched college experience
- Total number of academic computer labs (54) with a total of 1,328 computers
- Workforce Training – A wide range of over 30 certifications and custom programs
- Jump Start – college classes for high school students
- Youth College – designed to prepare youth from middle school through high school (7th - 12th grade) with college and workforce preparedness.
- Personal interest and non-credit classes

## Unique Academic Programs

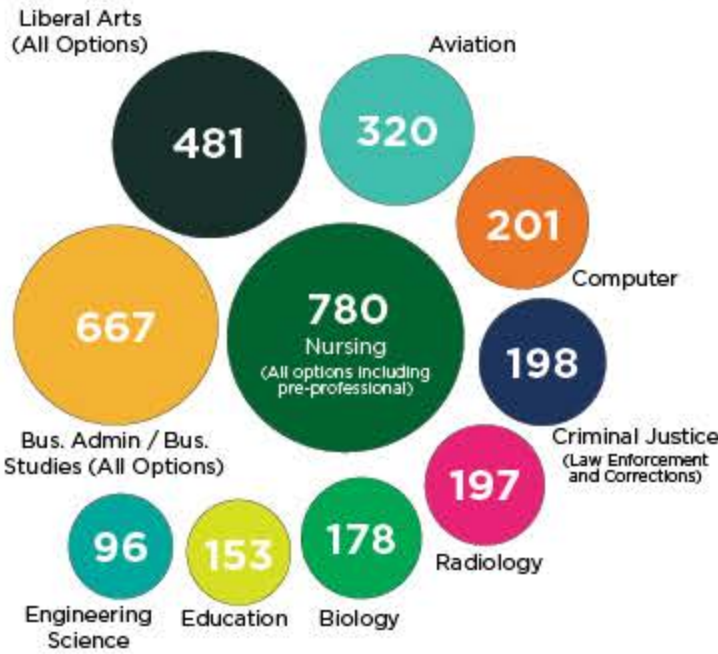
- Aviation Flight Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Entertainment Technology
- Funeral Service
- Ornamental Horticulture

## Scholarships

The Mercer County Community College Foundation makes more than \$1,000,000 of scholarship support available annually; \$8,000 being the largest individual award to date, \$1,200 the average.

# MCCC BY THE NUMBERS

## TOP DEGREE PROGRAMS



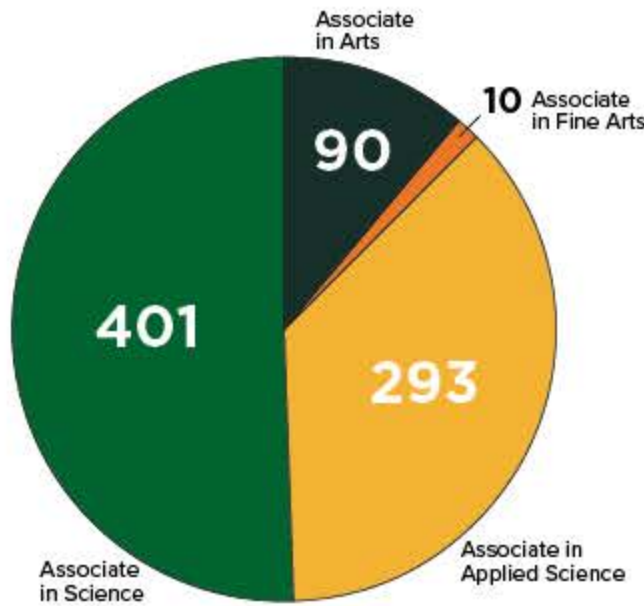
## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Degrees	69
Certificates	34

## RETENTION *(cohort 2022 FTFT) Degree Seeking*



## AWARDS BY DEGREE TYPE *2023-2024*



## AWARDS BY CREDENTIAL *2023-2024*

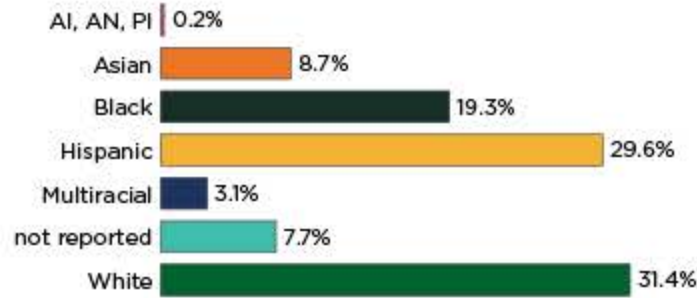
Degrees	794
Certificate	54

## ATTENDANCE *Fall 2023*

Part-Time	67%
Full-Time	33%



## STUDENT ETHNICITY *Fall 2023*



## STUDENT GENDER *Fall 2023*

**Female** 3,353 (54%)    **Male** 2,866 (46%)

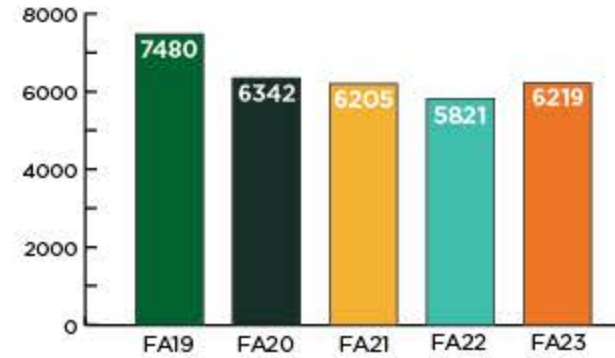
## TUITION & STUDENT FEES *(Per Credit)*

In-County Resident	\$221
Out-of County Resident	\$325
Out-of-State Resident	\$382
International	\$382

## RESIDENT STATUS *Fall 2023*

<b>In-County</b>	4,464 <b>(72%)</b>
<b>Out-of-County</b>	1,098 <b>(18%)</b>
<b>In-State</b>	5,562 <b>(89%)</b>
<b>Out-of-State</b>	264 <b>(4%)</b>
<b>International</b>	393 <b>(6%)</b>

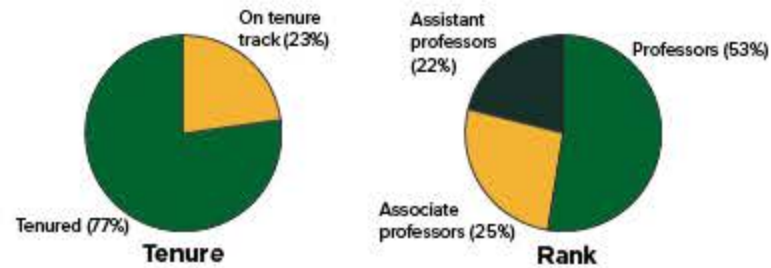
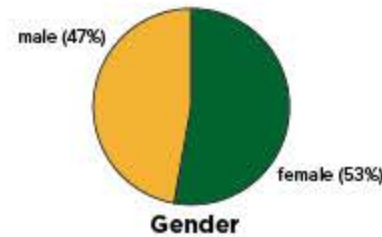
## HEADCOUNT *(Five-Year Trend)*



## FULL-TIME FACULTY

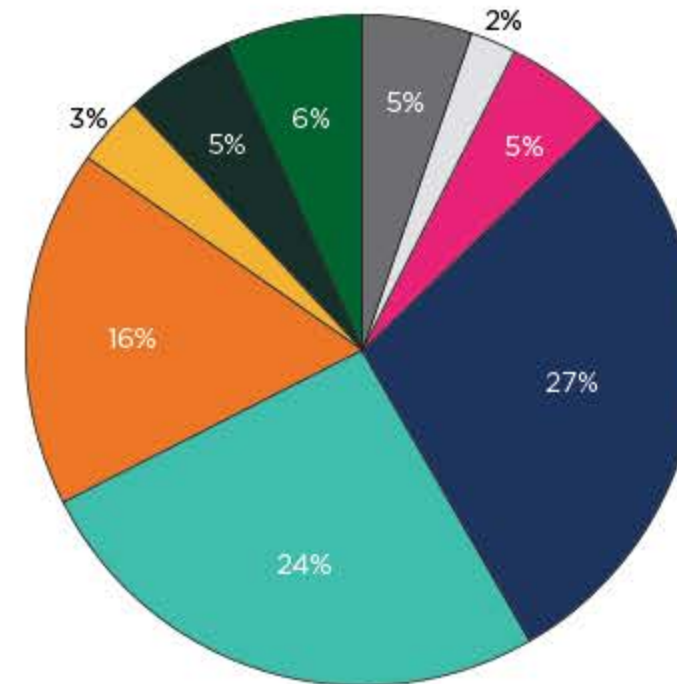


Ranked #1 for "Best Faculty"  
among New Jersey Community  
Colleges by Intelligent.com (2023)



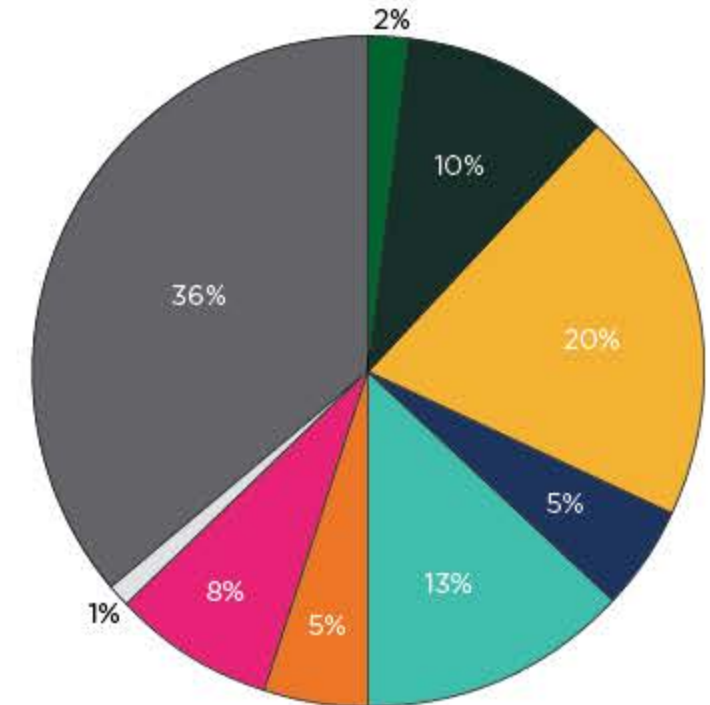
# COLLEGE FINANCIALS FY24

## Expenses



- Academic Support
- Auxiliary Enterprises
- Capital Grants
- County Appropriations
- Federal, State, and Local Grants
- Federal, State, and Local Non-operating Grants
- Other
- Public Service
- Scholarship and other Student Aid
- Student Services

## Revenue



- Auxiliary Enterprises
- Capital Grants
- County Appropriations
- Federal, State, and Local Grants
- Federal, State, and Local Non-operating Grants
- Other
- Public Service
- Scholarship and other Student Aid
- Student Services

**TOTAL BUDGET: \$64,000,000**



# 2023-2024 SNAPSHOTS

JULY

## Grant Boosts Access to Engineering and Technical Degrees for Underrepresented Populations

Funded through an \$87,479 grant from The National Science Foundation, the newly developing Transforming Engineering Access for Mercer Students (TEAMS) program at MCCC intends to foster collaboration among high schools, colleges and universities, and the engineering industry. The initiative will be facilitated largely through four conferences, college engineering tours, engineering project field trips, and a presentation of findings at a national engineering conference.

“TEAMS will broaden participation in engineering, especially among underrepresented individuals, by establishing mentoring opportunities, increasing student engagement and motivation, and by creating a partnership with engineering stakeholders,” asserts Dr. James Maccariella, professor and coordinator of the Engineering Science and Civil Engineering Technology degree programs at MCCC, and collaborator for the grant. “Our aim is to identify barriers to the engineering profession for those who are traditionally underserved and promote participation among an array of student and industry stakeholders.”

MCCC’s previous National Science Foundation-funded project, S-STEM, increased the retention, graduation, and transfer rates of 98 low-income diverse STEM students.



“Increasing the number of undergraduate students who earn degrees in engineering and technology will create a future workforce prepared to support a healthy economy,” noted MCCC President Deborah E. Preston, Ph.D. “Training a new generation of engineers in the U.S. is paramount and, among the top 35 percent of community colleges nationally, MCCC’s STEM programs position us to play a leading role in further developing New Jersey’s next generation of engineers and technicians.”

## NJ Humanities Grant to Bolster Community Journalism

Building on a statewide and national reputation of quality journalism, MCCC was one of four community colleges statewide to receive a New Jersey Council for the Humanities grant to support the development of community journalism. The \$40,000 award will be used to develop curriculum and fund tuition-free, noncredit certificates in community journalism at MCCC.

The grant award speaks volumes regarding the quality of the school’s journalism courses and New Media academic program, with a dedicated faculty and staff and a long list of alumni who have launched successful careers with major media organizations after graduating from MCCC.

“The track record of journalism at Mercer speaks for itself,” MCCC President Dr. Deborah E. Preston said. “With its impressive list of awards and recognitions, you can’t speak of journalism education at the community college level without mentioning MCCC. This grant will enable us to expand that reach throughout the community.”

*The College VOICE*, MCCC’s student newspaper, is a frequent recipient of top honors in state and national college journalism competitions. This year alone, it garnered 13 awards from the New Jersey Press Association.

AUGUST

## Student Journalist Wins Top Honor in National Competition

The accolades continue for MCCC student journalists, with an editorial cartoonist for the student newspaper, *The College VOICE*, earning highest honors in a competition that included students from top universities in the Northeast.

Liam Simonelli won the national Mark of Excellence Award (MOEy) for Editorial Cartooning in the Society of Professional Journalists competition for collegiate journalists, this year involving students from 37 colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada.

The MOEys -- considered by many to be the Oscars of college journalism -- does not have a separate category for two-year colleges,





meaning Simonelli competed with student journalists from powerhouse programs at Harvard, Syracuse, Tufts and many others. He accounted for one of only two community college winners at the national level.

“Liam’s work and recognition on a national level are emblematic of the quality of Mercer’s journalism courses and New Media academic programs,” commented President Dr. Deborah E. Preston. “And I am proud they are getting the attention they deserve. Liam has a bright future ahead, and I am pleased Mercer will have played an important part.”

## SEPTEMBER

### ***Princeton University Partnership Initiatives Progress***

A new academic year inspires reflection on accomplishments as well as looking toward continued progress with the College’s “Princeton Partnership.” Now in its roughly third year, this collaboration with Princeton University yields innovative faculty and student engagement through a number of initiatives.

The GradFellows program allows Princeton graduate students to shadow MCCC faculty mentors in their academic fields. Participants fully immerse in the role of a community college professor and the overall MCCC community, not only eventually teaching courses themselves but attending meetings and events, and assisting with curriculum planning.

With the Teaching Transfer Initiative, recent Princeton Ph.D. graduates serve as MCCC adjunct faculty for one semester, working with MCCC faculty to learn community college teaching methods and to ensure student success in their courses. In the semester following, participants have the unique opportunity to offer Princeton courses on MCCC’s campuses for Mercer students to attend.

The Transfer Student Initiative allows successful MCCC students to participate in a fully funded eight-week summer program at Princeton University. In addition to taking two Princeton accredited courses, students participate in transfer success workshops and co-curricular programming to assist in exploring pursuit of a four-year degree at a high-achieving university.

Through the Prison Teaching Initiative, anticipated to commence in the Fall of 2025, volunteering Princeton Ph.D. students will assist MCCC faculty and staff in teaching courses at the Federal Correctional Institution Fort Dix campus. Inmates participating in this program can take advantage of a newly legislated “Second Chance” Pell Grant to pursue an MCCC accredited Liberal Arts associate degree.

## OCTOBER

### ***Men’s Soccer Region 19 Champions with “Coach of the Year”***

Both the men’s and women’s soccer teams set their sights on championship seasons, entering the postseason as the #1 seed in their respective Region 19 tournaments.

Following a 3-0 win over Essex in the tournament semifinals, men’s soccer (9-6-2 on the season) defeated Massasoit 3-0 in the Region 19 championship game, advancing to the Northeast District Championship. There -- losing 0-2 to host Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan -- the celebrated men’s soccer season came to an end one win shy of reaching the NJCAA Division II National Championship.

Winning his sixth Region 19 championship in 12 seasons, Head Coach Widmarc Dalce was named Region 19 Coach of the Year – also for the sixth time.

The women’s soccer season (4-6-2), meanwhile, came to a heartbreaking end with the team’s 2-1 loss to Essex in their Region 19 championship game.

“Mercer has a long tradition of excellence, be it in the classroom or on the court or field, and this year is no exception,” said President Dr. Deborah E. Preston. “While our student athletes are all students first, their commitment extends to the field of play. We couldn’t be prouder.”



## NOVEMBER

### ***MCCC Earns Accreditation Reaffirmation from Middle States Commission on Higher Education***

The Middle States Commission on Higher Education, an institutional accreditor recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, voted to reaffirm the accreditation of Mercer County Community College through 2030 -- the culmination of an extensive, rigorous process involving self-study, assessment, and a site visit by the Middle States team.



Accreditation is a means of showing that MCCC's programs, policies, and priorities align with the institution's mission and goals. Affirmation ensures access to federal and state funds for programs and facilities as well as financial support for students.

"This positive outcome, following a thorough review and examination by Middle States, is a testament to the high-quality educational experience offered at Mercer County Community College as we continuously evaluate, improve and innovate," said President Dr. Deborah E. Preston.

"The absence of any warnings," observed Mercer County Executive Daniel Benson, "is a testament to the College's commitment to excellence in education, and this recognition underscores the important role the College plays in our community. This is indeed a proud moment for all of Mercer County."



## DECEMBER

### ***Health Profession Programs Prove Healthy and Well***

Medical Laboratory Technology program coordinator Lisa Shave received notable recognition this month, honored as an American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Board of Certification (BOC) Lab Superstar for her exceptional service and contributions to laboratory medicine.

Also in December, MCCC class of 2004 alumna Rebecca Horton, PTA, BSPTA, was honored with the prestigious Outstanding Physical Therapist Assistant Award by the American Physical Therapy Association. Her achievement reflects the high caliber of professionals MCCC's health programs produce, and underscores the profound impact graduates have on their communities and the profession as a whole.

MCCC's Radiography program made a significant leap forward with the installation of state-of-the-art, cutting-edge equipment including advanced



digital radiography systems and high-resolution imaging tools.

Affirming the College's commitment to a top-tier education preparing students to excel in a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape, the investment enhances the educational experience by simulating real-world clinical environments, affords students hands-on experience using the latest technology in the field, and supports proficiency in the most current techniques and practices of modern radiology.

## JANUARY and JUNE

### ***Women's Basketball Bounces Back; Athletics Hall of Fame Inducts Standouts***

The College announced next year's return of women's basketball, for the 2024-2025 season, following a two-year hiatus. New coach Bob Fusik leverages an impressive 93-9 record as coach at Trenton Catholic Academy, where he helped claim one of the top girls' basketball programs in the state.

Beginning in 1975-76 as a club team, women's basketball at Mercer has a strong history, boasting more than 600 wins (608 to be exact). It had great success under longtime coach Mike Tenaglia, who tallied more than 400 career wins in 30 years, from 1990 to 2020. The program had 14 consecutive winning seasons between 1998 and 2005, with seven Region 19 titles.

One of five MCCC women's basketball All-Americans -- including Terry Dorner, Mary Smith, Patti Foley, and Jeanette Bell -- two-time All-American Kenya Taylor was inducted into the MCCC Athletics Hall of Fame in June.

Dorner, a 2021 Hall of Fame inductee, helped lead Mercer's women's basketball to its first national tournament appearance in 1980.

During her first year at Mercer, she became the College's first women's basketball All-American, and later the first player to top 1000 points while at Mercer, and set a national single-game scoring record with 49 points.





## MCCC Athletics Initiates Student Athlete Leadership Council

Mercer Athletics formed its first Student Athlete Leadership Council (SALC), meeting with Athletics Department staff monthly during the academic year to discuss various issues.

Comprised of student athletes from each MCCC sports team, the SALC allows participants to express and address concerns and issues among Viking teams, affords them leadership opportunities, and also serves as a way to get to know those from other MCCC teams.

Inaugural members included baseball players Joe Gmitter (Hamilton, NJ / Steinert) and Slade Harrill (New Egypt, NJ / Allentown); softball players Maya Patel (Burlington, NJ / Burlington Township) and Makenna Spak (Hamilton, NJ / Steinert); men's lacrosse players Liam Halloran (Yardley, PA / Pennsbury) and Braden Travaglini (Berlin, NJ / Eastern Regional); men's soccer players Dillon Du Toit (Johannesburg, South Africa / Waterstone College), Omolemo Matla (Vereeniging, South Africa / Waterstone College), and Erik Carchipulla (Hightstown, NJ / Hightstown HS); and men's tennis players Jack Wolfarth (Ewing, NJ / Ewing HS) and Joseph Wong (Lawrence, NJ / Lawrence HS).



## MARCH

### ***“Bridge to Completion” Connects MCCC With Statewide Initiative Supporting Degree Achievement***

According to state data, more than 790,000 New Jersey residents have some college credit without earning a degree. Among more than a dozen New Jersey institutions of higher education participating, Mercer joined a statewide initiative to provide outreach, opportunities, and support for such adult learners.

“We are thrilled to participate in this important program,” said MCCC President Dr. Deborah E. Preston. “There are many reasons why a student may have to take a break from achieving their dream of obtaining a college degree and, as educators, we want to provide every opportunity to make attaining that goal possible.”

“We are here,” adds Al-Lateef Farmer, Director of MCCC’s Educational Opportunity Fund, “not just to help students earn their degrees, but to give them the resources necessary to evolve as well-rounded individuals.”

Support at Mercer includes financial assistance, dedicated re-engagement specialists, credit eligibility for prior learning, study support including tutoring, and more. Students can choose to finish a program previously begun or enroll in any of MCCC’s 60-plus in-demand degree programs.

“[The program] provides the tools and resources to improve outcomes and boost economic opportunities for our students,” said MCCC’s Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Marvin Carter. “By helping students navigate their return to postsecondary education and making it accessible and affordable for everyone, we are overcoming barriers to equity in education.”

## ***MCCC Partners with NJ Black Women’s Collective for Inaugural Leadership Institute***

Toward cultivating and developing the next generation of Black women leaders, MCCC collaborated with the New Jersey Black Women’s Collective (NJBWC), the state’s first comprehensive advocacy organization solely dedicated to the proliferation of Black women leaders in New Jersey.

Geared for emerging leaders in any sector, the new NJBWC Leadership Institute benefited participants with strategies and skills to address current problems, actualize their skilled vision, and build effectiveness, while developing a talent pipeline for Black women leaders in New Jersey.

Guest presenters and enrolled participants spent their Saturdays from March through June engaged in 14 intensive curated sessions on MCCC’s West Windsor campus. Designed through the partnership of MCCC leaders and Tennille R. McCoy, NJBWC co-founder and Institute chair, the curriculum tapped experts in numerous fields including business and finance, corporate strategy, marketing and communications, and politics and government.

“I applaud the NJBWC,” noted MCCC President Dr. Deborah E. Preston, “for launching this exciting new initiative, which aligns perfectly with our own mission, values, and emphasis on inclusive leadership.”





## Horticulture Program Wins Gold at Philadelphia Flower Show for Second Straight Year

Exhibiting for 11 years, MCCC continued to triumph at the Philadelphia Flower Show -- the oldest and largest flower show in the world -- once again taking home the Education category gold medal for its "Two Cities, One Garden" display at the Pennsylvania Convention Center.

"This is our fourth gold medal since 2017," noted Professor Amy Ricco, coordinator of the College's Horticulture, Plant Science, and Sustainability programs. "I am so proud of the hard work, skill, and dedication our students put into this competition. We were up against some very talented schools."



The College's Horticulture students also earned the prestigious Chicago Horticultural Society Flower Show Medal, awarded to an educational exhibit showing outstanding horticultural skill and knowledge in a nationally recognized flower show, and a Special Achievement from the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, awarded for exhibits of unusual excellence in the education category.

This year's Education category participants were challenged to create gardens that evoke a particular neighborhood in a city or town in the region. "Our inspiration was the vibrant community gardens of both Trenton and Philadelphia," said Ricco. "We chose to incorporate elements of both cities including an array of vegetables, pollinator plants, and educational features, such as a tool library, that emphasize the importance and accessibility of urban gardening."

## APRIL

### High School Dual Enrollment Program Resets for Success

Allowing high school students to complete and apply up to 12 MCCC credits toward high school and/or college requirements, the college's Dual Enrollment Program, this year is positioned for even greater success.

Improvement efforts included a comprehensive policy and operations makeover to ensure alignment between MCCC and high school partners, and to streamline processes such as course approval, instructor assignment,



and maintaining academic standards.

Thorough review and operations manual development included implementation of MOU templates to ensure a standardized approach for dual enrollment partnerships. Communication and training with both college and high school stakeholders were enhanced through targeted meetings, presentations, and the creation of internal online resources. In April, the college organized a successful Meet & Greet session to foster collaboration between MCCC faculty and high school instructors.

Through Mercer's renewed commitment to this unique opportunity, area high school students are better served to experience and prepare for the academic rigor of, accelerate, and defray costs of their college careers.

## MAY

### U.S. Department of Education Designates MCCC as a Hispanic-Serving Institution

Eligibility required at least a 25 percent enrollment of full-time students who self-identify as Hispanic or Latino as well as criteria met involving the enrollment of low-income students and college cost per student.

"This federal designation is a significant milestone toward reducing barriers to higher education, and creating an inclusive environment with equitable outcomes for all students," said MCCC President Dr. Deborah E. Preston. "It will allow us to continue providing the tools needed to empower our Hispanic and Latino students, and ultimately the broader community."

In 2023, the Biden-Harris administration awarded more than \$40 million to HSIs around the U.S. to expand educational opportunities, strengthen resources, and improve retention of Hispanic and Latino students and the institutions preparing them for the future.

"Congratulations to the faculty and staff at MCCC for their hard work and continued dedication to meeting the needs of





our growing Hispanic community, and all our students,” said Mercer County Executive Dan Benson. “This national designation, combined with the College’s mission to support lifelong learners, is a huge step on the pathway toward equitable academic opportunities for all students, their families, and the community we are committed to serving.”

## ***Inaugural Presidential Forum on Educational Equity Prioritizes Student Inclusion***

MCCC positioned its inaugural Presidential Forum on Educational Equity as a platform for deep discussion, thought sharing, and collaboration.

This year’s topic, “From Equity Talk to Equity Walk: Moving from Intent to Practice,” focused on building a shared understanding of the importance of educational equity and the collective responsibility for creating a culture of mutual belonging and equal opportunities for success through a more inclusive and equitable learning environment.

Led by renowned speaker and author Dr. Tia Brown McNair, the open-to-the-public session addressed practical strategies for equity goals in higher education based on national projects focused on student success.

Dr. McNair is Vice President in the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Student Success and Executive Director for the Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) Campus Centers at the American Association of Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C.



## ***Vikings Baseball and Softball Seasons a Hit***

Both teams capped victorious seasons with Region 19 championship titles.

In tournament semifinals for baseball, the #1 seeded Vikings won 4-2 against Lackawanna, who they faced again in the championship game. After falling behind 0-7, Mercer rallied to a 10-8 win. Advancing to, but losing in the East District Championship, the team finished with a 34-23 record on the season, including 12 more wins than the year prior.

In just his second season as Head Coach, Russ Stupienski was named Region 19 Division II Coach of the Year.



Mercer softball’s 13-6 Region 19 championship win against Del Tech, meanwhile, proved especially celebration worthy: a milestone 600th career win for Head Coach Ryan Zegarski, and the 42nd team win for the Vikings this season, breaking the MCCC Athletics record for most wins in a season.

In his 20th season as softball Head Coach, Zegarski has led the Vikings to the World Series three times and coached four All-Americans.

## **JUNE**

## ***Demand Drives Business and Technology Education***

The College’s Business, Technology, and Professional Studies academic division finished the fiscal year in gear with Automotive program additions as well as two altogether new program offerings.

Through Perkins grants, the Automotive Technology program expanded its student learning fleet with electric (EV) and hybrid vehicles -- firsts for the college. Additionally, a \$20,000 grant toward equipment for the emerging field of EV repair enables job market advantage for Mercer students gaining the associated credential.

“The move,” reports program coordinator, Jason Evans, “signifies our commitment to remaining at the forefront of innovation and preparing our students for the electric revolution in the automotive industry.”

Business Administration faculty, meanwhile, partnered with NJIT to develop a FinTech concentration – the first of its kind in New Jersey at the community college level. The program combines rigorous core courses with specialized electives focused on financial management, data analytics, and computer science. Completion of this Business Administration A.S. degree concentration affords graduates a competitive edge in both academic and professional pursuits in the dynamic, rapidly evolving, technology-driven financial industry.

Visualizing, navigating, and processing massive digital data – not limited to financial – is served by a new Data Analytics certificate of proficiency. The program prepares for immediate business/data analyst positions and enables Computer Science, Computer Information Systems, and Business Administration students to explore data analytics as a field of study while at MCCC and/or transfer to Data Science or Business Analytics programs at four-year schools.





# A WORD FROM THE MCCC FOUNDATION BOARD CHAIR



As the Chairman of the Mercer County Community College (MCCC) Foundation, I am excited to share the unprecedented accomplishments made throughout the fiscal year 2023-2024. With the steadfast support from our valued donors, advisors, and partners, we continued to have a significant impact on our students and the community – one that strengthens every year.

This year, our collective efforts have produced financial results that speak for themselves, with total revenue of \$2,758,187, including \$842,918 from gifts and contributions and an additional \$1,915,269 from support and revenue. Our total budget of \$1,260,496 has allowed us to expand our scholarship awards, special events, and various programs and activities with a budget of \$95,950. You, our generous donors, are at the forefront of an increase in net assets and financial growth that allows students to take more classes, work less hours at their jobs, spend more time with family, and focus on achieving their dreams.

With your commitment to advancing the MCCC mission, Foundation staff continue to build relationships with students, resulting in careful consideration of scholarships, and events that grow annually. Among this year’s highlights, our 32nd Annual Golf Classic brought together over 100 participants and raised more than \$35,000 for student-athlete scholarships. The MCCC Horticulture program once again brought home gold, supported by a financial boost from the Foundation, and our “Spring Into Student Success” Gala raised \$104,766 for student scholarships. The Foundation’s investment in equipment for MCCC’s Automotive program to service electric vehicle technology led to the donation of Mercer’s first fully electric vehicle, and the Foundation’s contribution to students in the biology and chemistry programs funded summer internships that helped them gain real-world experience at top notch organizations.

The MCCC Athletics Hall of Fame inducted its fourth class further showcasing our commitment to achieving excellence both in the classroom and on the field/court. Most importantly, our students repeatedly share their gratitude for the encouragement they feel from you, our donors. Knowing they have the Foundation’s support is a life-changing factor in helping them overcome obstacles and accomplishing their goals.

Through your generosity, the power of scholarships has fueled hundreds of success stories and set the stage for even more to come. As we look forward to a continuing along this path in the future, I extend my deepest appreciation for your unwavering support. Together, we are fostering a love of learning, connection, and bright future for our students and College community.

Daniel Klim  
Chairman, MCCC Foundation

# FOUNDATION FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

<b>Revenue</b>	
Gifts and Contributions	\$ 842,918.00
Support and Revenue	\$ 1,915,269.00
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Total	\$ 2,758,187.00
<i>*Includes Gifts in Kind</i>	
<b>Expenses</b>	
Scholarship Awards	\$ 722,915.00
Special Events	\$ 95,950.00
Programs and Activities	\$ 441,631.00
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Total Expenses	\$ 1,260,496.00
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Changes in Net Assets	\$ 1,497,691.00
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$15,736,608 .00
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Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 17,234,299.00

*Funds raised by the MCCC Foundation support current students or are directed to multi-year capital projects or endowments.*

## Foundation Mission Statement

The MCCC Foundation is an independent 501c3 Corporation supporting the mission of Mercer County Community College and the community it serves.

The Foundation assists the college and the advancement of public higher education by broadening the base of community and financial support. Through friend raising, advocacy and fundraising efforts, the MCCC Foundation nurtures educational opportunities benefiting the students of Mercer County Community College.

The MCCC Foundation acts to encourage, solicit, receive, hold, invest and award private and public gifts, bequests and donations serving Foundation goals. Such gifts are applied to academic scholarships and other programs not funded through traditional sources. At the same time, the Foundation provides assistance to donors through a comprehensive program of tax-wise gift alternatives through planned giving.

Critical to the success of this mission is board membership of fully committed and participating individuals who represent, are connected to, and can influence the significant constituencies of the community. Areas of representation include business, education, the professions, government and the community at large.

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