

First President, Dr. Richard Greenfield, Speaks at Commencement



Dr. Richard Greenfield

Hundreds of excited graduates lined up on a hot and steamy day May 26, ready to march onto Mercer's quad to be applauded by family members, friends and professors. This year the college awarded 1,098 associate degrees and certificates.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Richard K. Greenfield, who served as Mercer's first president from 1966 to 1975, guided the college through its transition from Trenton Junior College to Mercer County Community College. He spoke about the pioneering vision of the county's leaders as they planned and oversaw the construction of the West Windsor Campus, dedicated in 1972. Greenfield also gave the graduates encouraging words: "As members of the rising generation you will form the core leadership of our country... You have had the personal courage to change your lives in response to your needs and aspirations."

President Patricia C. Donohue acknowledged the many accomplishments of the 2011 graduating class, whose students won regional and



national awards in journalism, video production, athletics and more. She thanked them for their volunteer work in the community and for raising thousands of dollars for local charities.

Preceding Commencement ceremonies, the college hosted an Honors Convocation, where awards and scholarships, including endowed scholarships funded by community donors, were presented to high achieving students. More graduation coverage on pages 4-5.

Students to Soar Through Aviation Program

The college has entered into a partnership with Royal Karina Air Service (RKAS), based at Trenton Mercer Airport, which will operate the flight training component of the Aviation Flight Technology program. Students will be able to begin the associate degree program when classes resume for the fall semester on August 29. RKAS, which has been training pilots for more than 20 years, will provide aircraft, flight instructors, facilities, and other tools and materials for student use.

MCCC's nationally accredited, Part 141 certified program trains students to become professional pilots, and is the only one of its kind in the region, drawing students from throughout New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. According to MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue, the administration and the Board of Trustees engaged in an intensive study of the Aviation program over the past year, exploring all ways to resolve a budget deficit while maintaining an excellent statewide program. "We are very pleased to announce this new partnership," Donohue says. "It's a win for students, the college, a county business, and the airport. Now our program is viable for the long term and costs will be controlled."

MCCC's Aviation Flight Technology program is well known nationally for its high standards and quality instruction. For many years students who participate on the Flight Team have achieved high scores at the annual National Intercollegiate Flying Association's regional event.

For more information visit www.mccc.edu/aviation, e-mail maddoxw@mccc.edu, or call 609-570-3867.

MCCC Dedicates Richardson Learning Center



Dr. Beverly A. Richardson, right, with Learning Center Coordinator and alum Joann Mia, left, and JKC Provost Monica Weaver. (See story on page 2.)

Solar Farm Coming to MCCC

Construction will begin this fall for a 50-acre solar farm, estimated to provide 70 percent of the power needs at MCCC's West Windsor Campus when fully operational by 2013. The farm will also provide learning opportunities for students in a variety of disciplines.

The solar farm is made possible by the Mercer County Improvement Authority (MCIA), which has entered into an agreement with the college as part of the Mercer County Renewable Energy Initiative. The solar farm will have berms that will hide the system from view, and perimeter fencing for security as discussed at a meeting with the neighbors.

Kicking off the solar farm project, from left, are MCCC Trustee Chair Mark Matzen, MCIA Executive Director Philip S. Miller, MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Mercer County Freeholder Pat Colavita, and MCIA Board Chair John P. Thurber, vice president of Thomas Edison State College.



SHORT TAKES

U.S. Representative Rush Holt Hosts Town Hall Meeting at MCCC



Pictured with U.S. Representative Rush Holt, third from left, are MCCC students Ashley Minter, Pam Prather, Jose Rodriguez, Alex Henry and MaryLou Llapa.

Making higher education more affordable was among the key issues U.S. Representative Rush Holt (D-Hopewell) and U.S. Education Under Secretary Martha Kanter addressed with MCCC students during a town hall meeting May 18 at the college's Conference Center. Holt spearheaded the forum to provide students and faculty an opportunity to voice their views on higher education policy.

MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue, Holt, administrators and faculty shared a slice of Mercer life with Kanter during a campus tour that included stops at the Culinary Center and Game Design lab. They discussed new initiatives such as MCCC's solar farm and the Fashion/Apparel Design program that begins this fall.

"What an impressive place you have chosen to pursue your studies," Kanter said. "I have spoken to bright and motivated students."

Student Talent on Display at MCCC Gallery

The annual Visual Arts Student Show, which ran at the MCCC Gallery April 26-May 12, was an alphabet soup of works by 80 student artists — from those just finishing their freshman year to others who have studied art for a lifetime. The show featured 160 works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, print, collage, illustration, photography, and foam core, and 24 three-dimensional works in wood, ceramics, plaster and mixed media. Subjects ranged from the comic to the profound, including portraits, photographs, abstract pieces that experimented with light, color and texture, as well as commercial art.

Says Gallery Curator Tricia Fagan, "We welcome the opportunity to introduce these emerging artists to our community. This was one of our largest shows ever, and was still just a sampling of the art created by students in our Fine and Visual Arts programs. Viewers were amazed by the breadth and depth of this exhibit."



Guadalupe Reyes is pictured with her painting "Blue Vida," a portrait of her sister that took four months to complete.

MCCC Trains YWCA Princeton in Latest Computer Technology



Staff members of the YWCA Princeton learn new Microsoft Office software with Robert Usdin (far left), an instructor for MCCC's Center for Training and Development. The training is offered free to employers through a multi-year grant from the N.J. Department of Labor and Workforce Development in partnership with the New Jersey Business & Industry Association and the Community College Consortium. For more information, call 609-570-3530.

JKC Learning Center Dedicated to Dr. Beverly Richardson



Trustee Chair Mark Matzen reads a proclamation from the MCCC Board declaring the naming of the James Kerney Campus Learning Center in Richardson's honor.

At a festive community tribute on February 25, MCCC dedicated the Learning Center at the James Kerney Campus to a much-admired former administrator, Dr. Beverly A. Richardson.

Dr. Richardson, who retired from MCCC in 2009, chose to dedicate her career to community colleges, which were the focus of her doctoral dissertation at Boston College.

A driving force behind the expansion of services at JKC, where she served for many years as provost, Richardson made it her personal mission to ensure that minority youth in Trenton were afforded the same opportunities to pursue higher education as their suburban counterparts.

The Learning Center — her brainchild — serves as the hub for educational services at the campus, providing 70 computer work stations, tutoring services, academic testing, faculty advisement offices, media services, traditional and "smart" classrooms, and a classroom with interactive technology that enables professors to teach students at both campuses simultaneously.

West Speaks at MCCC

Princeton University Professor, Dr. Cornel West (at podium), a noted scholar, civil rights activist and author, shared his vision in a talk entitled "Hope on a Tight Rope" at MCCC's Conference Center March 24. In recognition of West's visit, student leaders Paul Parham, left, and Brittany Ross presented him with a certificate and gift basket. Also pictured is English Professor Noreen Duncan, far right. Faculty member, Dr. Eric Watson, was instrumental in bringing West to campus.



MCCC Partners with Mercer County Technical Schools

For high school students who already have their sights set on careers in health care, the Health Science Academy at the Mercer County Technical Schools' Assunpink Center is proving the ideal place to earn a high school diploma — as well as prepare for the rigors of college. Through a partnership with MCCC, students are benefitting from a challenging curriculum and will be taking college classes at Mercer by the time they are high school juniors.

According to MCCC Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Guy Generals, this collaborative program reflects a growing movement in education to help high schools better align their curriculum with what students will encounter at the college level.

With the first class of 28 students having completed ninth grade, MCTS Principal Lucille Jones reports that these self-motivated students are "achieving, growing and getting the kind of intensive health care focus that would not be possible in a traditional school setting."

In addition to specialized classes in the health care field, students will take up to seven college classes, including psychology and sociology, anatomy and physiology, nutrition, and medical terminology.

Says MCCC Dean of Health Professions, Dr. Linda Martin, "We look forward to serving these students, who have identified their commitment to the health care field so early. They are likely to be our future doctors, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, radiographers and more."

MCCC's Mel Leipzig Prolific as Ever Here



The art of MCCC Professor Mel Leipzig was much in demand over the past year, featured at four area galleries, on New Jersey Network, and in a special show at MCCC's Gallery, which exhibited Leipzig's numerous paintings of his MCCC colleagues in June. Pictured with Professor Leipzig is MCCC Gallery Director and Curator Tricia Fagan, who, with her husband, musician Wilbo Wright, was the subject of the painting at left.

Mercer Offers Online Classes to High School Students

Through a new collaboration with the Lawrence and East Windsor school districts, MCCC now offers online classes to carefully-selected, high-achieving high school students, who can earn college credits while meeting requirements of their high school curriculum.

Beginning last fall, Mercer's Virtual College worked with Assistant Professor Ken Howarth and adjunct faculty member Dana Lopes to offer Philosophy 102 and Psychology 101 as online courses to the high school students. Orientations were held in person right at the high school so that the students would be well-prepared. As with most online classes, students access web-based resources and communicate with their instructors and fellow students online via discussion boards, wiki and/or e-mail.

According to Deborah Kell, Dean of Instructional and Institutional Effectiveness, "This first experience was very successful, with most of the high school students earning very high grades for their work." Plans are in place to offer additional online classes during the 2011-2012 academic year.

New Developmental Studies Department to Foster Preparedness

Consistent with the college's Strategic Plan, a new Developmental Studies Department has been established to help ensure student success. "We believe that by providing incoming students with an engaging and robust curriculum at the foundations level, their chances for success increase significantly," says Vice President Guy Generals. Some of these incoming students are adults who have been away from school for many years.

The department will focus on effective advising, curriculum innovation and best practices, coordinated support services, data-driven analysis and decision making, and greater curricular coordination among writing, reading, mathematics and "College Success" courses.

The new department will be chaired by Assistant Professor of Mathematics Betty Peterson.

Mercer Begins New Programs in Fashion Design, Engineering Science

Mercer's new program in Fashion/Apparel Design, to begin this fall, will prepare students to enter the dynamic world of fashion, or to transfer to a four-year college.

Program Coordinator Tina LaPlaca says, "Our tri-state region is one of the nation's largest for this industry, where skilled students can find employment as assistant fashion designers, stylists, visual display artists, product and merchandise managers, and fashion illustrators." LaPlaca is coordinator of Mercer's Advertising and Graphic Design and Illustration programs.

The new program is being offered at the college's James Kerney Campus in downtown Trenton, with shuttle service available from the West Windsor Campus. The curriculum will draw from numerous disciplines, providing a foundation in art and design, along with technical skills

in sewing and computer applications, and will incorporate business aspects of the industry. Those interested in transfer will find that the MCCC curriculum parallels the first two years at several four-year institutions in the region.

A new associate degree program in Engineering Science will meet the expected demand for engineers projected by the U.S. Department of Labor. It expands on Mercer's certificate in Engineering Science, and will prepare students to enter their junior year at baccalaureate institutions, majoring in biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, industrial, mechanical or architectural engineering.

Students will develop a strong foundation in mathematics, physics, and chemistry, with emphasis on engineering applications and use of the computer as a problem-solving tool.

Professor Emeritus Angela McGlynn Looks to Higher Education as Solution

There is much documented evidence that America is falling behind educationally. According to Angela Provitera McGlynn, MCCC professor emeritus of psychology, the solution lies with higher education.

In her new book, "Envisioning Equity: Educating and Graduating Low-income, First-generation, and Minority College Students," McGlynn sees the need to educate America's traditionally underserved populations as "the right thing to do -- for these students as individuals and for our nation as a whole." The book is published by Atwood Publishing.

Among the critical questions McGlynn addresses: What can college professors do to promote academic success? And what can college administrators and public policy makers do to get more students through the educational pipeline to a college degree?

McGlynn, who retired in 2006 after 35 years at Mercer, is the author of three others books. For more information, visit www.atwoodpublishing.com.



Author Angela McGlynn

"College Voice" Student Newspaper Wins National Awards

Mercer's student newspaper, *The College VOICE*, earned the "Best All-Around Non-Daily Two-Year Newspaper" award, plus two additional first place awards, from the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) this spring. The paper was also recognized as a finalist for three stories from 2010. The first place winners, CJ Harker and Daniela Rocha, will receive awards at the SPJ conference in New Orleans in September.

Three additional students took "National Finalist" awards. This spring *The College VOICE* also earned ten "Mark of Excellence" awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, Region 1, including eight first-place and two second-place awards.



From left, Editor-in-Chief Jason Pomerantz, faculty member and Voice adviser Michael Dalton, and Editor/Reporter Anna Bosted display recent awards for MCCC's student newspaper.

Academic Programs Reorganized

Through a plan developed with faculty input and support during the course of the spring semester, the college will consolidate its academic divisions from four to three. The move will produce cost savings and greater efficiency.

According to MCCC Vice President Guy Generals, "The reorganization results in program and disciplinary alignments that are much more traditional. They will strengthen our academic organization, in part, by fostering more opportunities for interdisciplinary course and program development."

CELEBRATING

Multiple Awards for High Achiever Patrick Puliti



NJ STARS graduate Patrick Puliti was truly a star at Honors Convocation, receiving multiple awards for achievement in science. He received the Dowd/Fessler Memorial Scholarship for Achievement in Biology and the Rick Rednor AIDS Foundation Scholarship. He was also recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Organic Chemistry. He will attend Rutgers University in the fall, with plans to become a physician specializing in infectious diseases.

Patrick Puliti with MCCC retiree Marcy Beck, who presented him with the Dowd/Fessler Memorial Scholarship.

Trevilia Hodge Gains Skills and Confidence

Becoming an author and owning her own television production company are goals of Trevilia Hodge, who graduated with honors with an A.A. in Communication and a minor in Spanish. Recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in Communication, she served as producer of the weekly student news show, MCN Live. Confronting much adversity earlier in life, Hodge was initially nervous about returning to college, but says, "Mercer is a great school. Now I have confidence to go on to a four-year school." She plans to transfer to either Rutgers or Temple.



Trevilia Hodge, right, with Dean Judy Ehresman and faculty member Mitch Canter.

Two Selected for Scholar-Athlete Awards

Soccer players Mark Pratico and Jessica Villalba are MCCC's 2010-11 Scholar Athletes. They are pictured with Assistant Dean and Athletics Director John Simone. Each received a Dr. Cynthia Schaffer Memorial Scholarship and an MCCC Athletics Scholarship. Villalba also received the MCCC Faculty Association Scholarship in honor of Professor Emeritus David E. Collier.

Youngest Grad Max Skula Transformed



Max Skula, right, with Dean Linda Martin and Associate Professor of Chemistry Helen Tanzini.

For Max Skula, 18, Mercer has been a transformative experience, one that has exposed him to the joys and rigors of academia. Homeschooled throughout his primary school years, Skula first took courses at Mercer to fulfill requirements for a high school diploma via the New Jersey Department of Education's 30 College Credit Route. Moving on, he earned his A.S. in Chemistry with Highest Honors, receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award in Chemistry at Honors Convocation. Interested in working in the pharmaceutical industry, Skula will continue his studies at the Rutgers University School of Engineering, where he will major in Chemical Engineering.



Mother and Daughter Achieve Goals



Paulette Wright-Parham, left, with fellow grad and daughter Ashley Parham.

Mother-daughter Education majors Paulette Wright-Parham and Ashley Parham recall how hard they worked in their Mercer classes — sometimes as study buddies. Paulette, an administrative specialist at the James Kerney Campus who spoke at JKC's Celebration of Academic Achievement, plans to complete her bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education through the William Paterson University program on the Mercer campus. Her ultimate goal is to become a school principal. Ashley will also continue her studies in the education field with hopes of becoming a sociology or psychology professor.

Colleagues and Friends Honor MCCC's First President

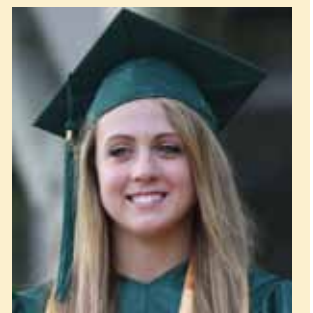


Pictured at a reception on May 27 in honor of MCCC's first president, Dr. Richard Greenfield, are, from left, MCCC Trustee Chair Mark Matzen, former Mercer County Freeholder and State Senator Richard Coffee, Dr. Greenfield, MCCC Foundation Board Chair Karen Kennedy, and MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue. During his tenure as president from 1966 to 1975, Dr. Greenfield oversaw the college's transition from Trenton Junior College to Mercer County Community College, and the construction of the West Windsor and James Kerney campuses. He returned to deliver the keynote address at this year's Commencement

Soccer Captain Marissa Segal Delivers Student Address

Presenting the student address at Commencement ceremonies was Marissa Segal, who credits athletics with helping her become the person she is today. "I do not accept failure," she said. "Mercer has put me in a place where I'm ready to move on. I blossomed here."

Captain of the women's soccer team, Segal was selected to represent the college at the 25th Annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day in February. A Dean's List student, she earned her degree in Liberal Arts and plans to transfer to West Chester University this fall to study Biology, with the goal of becoming a physician's assistant.



PASS Grads Saluted



MCCC's Programs for Academic Services and Success (PASS) recognized student achievement at an annual Honors Banquet April 29. Pictured are some of the 23 students who are members of the 2011 graduating class. PASS also honored two students named to the President's List and 32 named to the Dean's List. Forty others were named to the Academic Achievement List.

ACHIEVEMENT

Yvonne Greenbaun Is Distinguished Teacher



For Yvonne Greenbaun, teaching mathematics at MCCC is not a job, but a calling. Her devotion to teaching was recognized at the college's Commencement ceremonies on May 26, when President Patricia C. Donohue presented her with the 2011 Distinguished Teaching Award.

Selected by students and her colleagues for the honor, Greenbaun is herself a graduate of MCCC. She was a nontraditional student who returned to college while working full-time and raising her children. She says she loves teaching. "When I teach I want my students to see the power and the beauty of mathematics in everyday life, and I try to convey to them more than the nuts and bolts of mathematics."

In introducing her to the graduates and guests, Dr. Donohue noted that Greenbaun "goes out of her way to try to ensure that students are comfortable with the material before going further. She makes time available before and after class, is honest, ethical, and a true professional." A member of the MCCC faculty since 2003, Greenbaun is described by her students and peers as totally dedicated to her profession. They note that her personality and positive attitude encourage students to do better.

Accepting the award, Greenbaun said that she began her studies at Mercer with a calculus class taught by Professor Art Schwartz. "I thought 'Wow, this stuff is great, and that guy is having way too much fun doing this!' Not one to be shy, I went up to talk with Professor Schwartz. From that class I found a friend, a mentor, now a colleague, and I learned a really important equation. Work does not just equal making a living. Do what you love and you won't work a day in your life."

Greenbaun says she chose to study at Mercer back in the 1970s because it was convenient and economical. After earning dual degrees in Mathematics and Chemistry, she transferred to Trenton State College (now The College of New Jersey) and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees.

Greenbaun is actively involved in statewide efforts to align curriculum content and improve transferability between two- and four-year colleges. She served on the N.J. Community College Big Ideas project to improve college and career readiness.

Before beginning her teaching career, Greenbaun worked in research at Johnson and Johnson, then was a faculty member at Middlesex County College, where she chaired the Mathematics Department.

"Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care," Greenbaun said to the graduates. She also praised her Mercer colleagues. "Whatever your reason for attending Mercer, you have received an education with perks, and one of those perks is the faculty at this college."

Honors Grads Continue to Shine



Nine May graduates were recognized at the Honors Convocation for completing their degrees as part of the Mercer Honors Program. Pictured, from left, are Honors Program Coordinators Dr. Carol Bork and Dr. Gianna Durso-Finley, Vice President Dr. Guy Generals, Honors students Sarah Dodge, Judy Henry, Rebecca Lewark and Kyle Walsh, and MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue. (Not pictured: students Victoria Covert, Sarah Fodor, Andrew Gerrard, Thomas Ryan and Jessica Snyder.)

Established in spring 2007, the Mercer Honors Program has grown steadily in course offerings and student enrollments, becoming a valuable option for the college's most fully engaged students. In addition to those who enroll in Honors classes once they are already at Mercer, in fall 2010, the college began inviting qualified high school graduates to start taking Honors classes as early as their first semester.

David Hoyt Soars One Year after Mercer Graduation



David Hoyt at the Great Wall of China.

Mercer Honors graduate David Hoyt '10 epitomizes the possibilities open to community college graduates who are highly focused and academically ambitious. Only a year ago, Hoyt delivered the student address at Mercer's Commencement ceremonies. Today he is a student at Stanford University who just completed a semester at Beijing University in China. Hoyt, who is fluent in Chinese, noted, "My ability to speak Mandarin enables me to have some unique experiences for a study abroad student."

In an e-mail update to President Patricia Donohue, Hoyt wrote, "MCCC prepared me well for the rigors of Stanford's seminar classes."

Hoyt has been chosen as a member of Stanford's Traveling Model United Nations

James Kerney Campus Celebrates Success



Recipient of the Arthur J. Holland Scholarship is continuing MCCC student Alfonso Rosado, second from left. He is pictured with, from left, MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue, Foundation Board member and adjunct instructor Tom Kull, and Vice President for College Advancement Mellissia Zanjani.

In an event that has come to exemplify the extraordinary role of MCCC in the lives of so many, the James Kerney Campus (JKC) recognized student accomplishments at its Celebration of Academic Achievement May 10.

Said JKC Provost Monica Weaver, "Tonight is for the graduates and also for the graduates to thank their family and friends who have helped to make their education possible." Honorees included 60 degree students who started or completed many of their courses at JKC, 32 students earning their GEDs (High School Equivalency), 42 students completing programs of the Career Training Institute, and 39 earning certificates from the English Language Institute (ELI) for non-native speakers. Clients from Home Front and the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, who received instruction at JKC satellite sites, were also among those honored. Eleven students were presented with scholarship awards by the MCCC Foundation.

Keynote speaker was faculty member, Dr. Eric Watson, who shared advice from his grandmother. "Don't wait to be discovered and don't be afraid to take risks. It doesn't matter how many times you fall down; it's how many times you get up."

MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue had her own words of congratulations. "We are thrilled that you are taking your place as productive members of Mercer County. You've worked hard and learned a lot. But after the celebration, continue learning and never stop. You can always count on Mercer to be your home."

Team, receiving an Outstanding Delegate Award at Yale's Model UN Conference. He is a constitutional judge for Stanford Student Government and an editor of the Stanford Journal of International Relations. Recently he was named Stanford's 2011-2012 Presidential Fellow to the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress in Washington, D.C., and is spending the summer working at the Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration.

"I hope my story will continue to inspire other nontraditional students," Hoyt said. "Thank you for all you and the wonderful MCCC faculty did for me, as well as the opportunities Mercer afforded me. Without all of that help, I would have been unable to achieve success at Stanford."

FOUNDATION AND

“La Bella Notte” Raises Scholarship Dollars; Honors Supporters



Honorees and committee members gather at MCCC's Dinner Dance Gala. From left, seated, are Anna Lustenberg representing honoree Verizon, honoree Eleanor Horne, and student speaker Robert Sacks. Standing, from left, are Foundation Board member and Gala Co-Chair Nina Melker; MCCC President Patricia C. Donohue; Foundation Board member and honoree Robert E. Humes; Foundation Board Chair Karen Kennedy; honorees Carol Rosenthal and Dr. Albert Rosenthal (who passed away in April); MCCC Vice President Mellissia Zanjani; MCCC Trustee Chair Mark Matzen; and Gala Co-Chair Pat Colavita, chair of the Mercer County Freeholders.



Students dance to the music of the Kenny i Orchestra.

Supporters of MCCC and of student success celebrated at the MCCC Foundation Board's annual Dinner Dance Gala, “La Bella Notte,” on March 26 at the Hyatt Regency Princeton. The gala event included dinner, dancing and a silent auction with original artwork donated by area artists. Serving as co-chairs of the committee were Nina Melker, senior vice president of The Bank of Princeton, and Pasquale Colavita, chair of the Mercer County Freeholders. This year's event raised more than \$64,000 for scholarships and other program needs.

Each year, proceeds from the gala support hundreds for scholarships to high-achieving and financially qualified students, including part-time students and single parents. Many students benefit from endowed or named scholarships established by donors through the Foundation.

2011 Gala Honorees:

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Rosenthal, Distinguished Benefactor Award: Carol Rosenthal and the late Dr. Albert Rosenthal are the generous donors of four art sculptures by the renowned artist Richard Kemble, which now grace the grounds of MCCC's West Windsor Campus for the enjoyment of the college community. In addition, the Rosentals have donated a painting by renowned artist and MCCC Professor Mel Leipzig.

Verizon, Distinguished Corporate Partner Award: A valued corporate ally, Verizon focuses its philanthropic efforts on education, safety and health, and has been a steadfast and generous supporter of the MCCC Dinner Dance Gala, Annual Giving Campaign and Youth College's SMILE program. SMILE is designed to stimulate the interest of minority youngsters in mathematics, science, and data processing. Students receive personal, academic, and career counseling and participate in field trips.

Robert E. Humes, Spirit of Education Award: A long-time member of the MCCC Foundation Board of Directors, Mr. Humes has generously given of his time, talent and treasure to support students and programs. In particular, he is committed to initiatives that create scholarships and financial assistance, making higher education accessible and affordable to many MCCC students.

Eleanor V. Horne, Spirit of Education Award: Ms. Horne has dedicated more than 40 years of service to educational causes, culminating with her position as vice president of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Social Investment Fund. Now retired, Ms. Horne focuses her efforts on community-based projects that improve access to educational opportunities and boost the quality of our schools.



Tickets On Sale for the MCCC Golf Classic

The date is set for the MCCC Athletics Department's 20th annual Golf Classic on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at Mercer Oaks Golf Course in West Windsor, NJ. Proceeds will benefit Mercer's Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund. The tournament is held in memory of local physician, Dr. Cynthia Schaffer, an MCCC Foundation board member who supported youth athletics.

Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. For ticket and sponsorship information, contact MCCC Athletics Director John Simone at 609-570-3741 or email simonej@mccc.edu.

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If you are interested in participating in the MCCC Alumni Association, please e-mail alumni@mccc.edu or call Development Associate Alicia Plaag at 609-570-3659.



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DONOR NEWS

Boys Home Society Gives to Scholarship



Cheryl Hicks, center, received the Professor Betty Wallace Cornelius Mathematics Excellence Award at the 2011 Honors Convocation. Pictured, from left, are Dean Robin Schore, Dr. Jeffrey Cornelius, Hicks, President Patricia Donohue, and Vice President Guy Generals. Hicks will continue her studies in Computer Science at The College of New Jersey.

The Boys Home Society of Baltimore, Inc., a nonprofit organization that has disbanded, has made a second donation to the Professor Betty Wallace Cornelius Mathematics Excellence Award. Betty Cornelius taught mathematics at Mercer beginning in 1968. She lost her courageous battle with a lengthy illness in her 39th year of teaching at Mercer. After her death, her family created an endowed scholarship in her name to provide financial assistance to students with outstanding accomplishments in mathematics. The Boys Home Society, after having given \$25,000 to the fund in 2009, has given an additional \$67,000. Interest from the fund will be used each year to provide scholarships for students who excel in math.

Four Sculptures by Artist Richard Kemble Donated to MCCC



Carol Rosenthal and late husband, Dr. Albert Rosenthal, of Princeton, and David and Jo Kemble of Hillsborough, donated four large metal sculptures to the college this spring. The sculptures, by artist Richard Kemble, have been installed in four locations on the West Windsor Campus.

Mrs. Rosenthal and the Kembles were the guests of honor at a ceremony on May 17 at the college's Conference Center, when the sculptures were formally dedicated by MCCC Trustee Bob DiFalco and President Patricia C. Donohue. "This artwork will be enjoyed by our college community and visitors for years to come, and will serve as a teaching tool for our many art and architecture students," Donohue said. More than 40 guests and art lovers attended, along with County Executive Brian Hughes, who thanked the donors on behalf of the county.

Artist Richard Kemble was a Pennsylvania native who spent nearly two decades as an art professor at the State University of New York at Buffalo and New York's Pratt Institute. His work in printmaking, woodcuts and sculpture has made him a significant and highly respected presence in the world of modern art. Kemble passed away in 2007 at the age of 74. His artwork is in the collections of many museums, including New York's Museum of Modern Art, The Smithsonian, and the New Jersey State Museum.

MCCC Professor of Art Mel Leipzig, far left, discusses one of the sculptures donated to the college and installed on the West Windsor Campus.

WWFM Goes HD

This fall WWFM The Classical Network (TCN), a radio station of MCCC, will enter both the Philadelphia and New York City markets with a full-time, full-spectrum, fully digital classical music format. Together, the two radio signals will cover more than 17 million potential listeners. Measured by the number of people under its free broadcast signals, The Classical Network will become the largest full-time classical network in the United States.

According to WWFM General Manager Peter Fretwell, "Digital radio and classical music are made for each other. Only digital radio technology can deliver classical music to a listener's radio in the way that digital producers, engineers, and performers intended it to be heard."

Fretwell says the transition from analog to digital radio can be compared to the struggle of converting New York's then-legendary classical station, WQXR, from AM to FM in the late 1930s. "The dominant role of FM in music broadcasting is taken for granted today," he says.

Save the Date for "Floyd Fest" October 16



Honoree Jim Floyd, left, talks with co-chairs of "Floyd Fest," Debby D'Arcangelo and Hendricks Davis, at last fall's event.

MCCC's Foundation is joining again with community volunteers to plan "Floyd Fest 2011." The afternoon jazz event will honor long-time community volunteers James (Jim) and the late Fannie Floyd, and will raise dollars for the Jim and Fannie Floyd Scholarship Fund, established last year for students in need. The event takes place on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Nassau Inn, Palmer Square, in Princeton.

Jim Floyd, a lifelong community leader and 31-year member of the college's Foundation Board, was the first African-American elected to the Princeton Township Committee, and the first to serve as mayor of Princeton. He and his wife, Fannie, who passed away in 2008, were active volunteers for decades, working to foster educational opportunities and to combat discrimination in housing.

Tickets may be purchased, or donations made to the Jim and Fannie Floyd Scholarship Fund, at www.mccc.edu/give. Tickets are \$50 per person. For further information, e-mail foundation@mccc.edu or call 609-570-3293.

An Investment in Science Futures

The Bonazzi Foundation continues its generous scholarship support of outstanding MCCC students pursuing careers in science education. Says Robert Bonazzi, "The foundation was created because we believe that our society will be more prosperous, humane, and productive as citizens increase their understanding and respect for the role of science. The ability to appreciate and interpret scientific information creates more informed decision making on important economic and policy issues. Encouraging careers in science education is our way to help with this goal."

Bonazzi adds that MCCC has been a wonderful partner in this effort. "We are proud of our continuing partnership with MCCC and salute the work of this wonderful institution."

The college welcomes support from community members seeking to establish scholarships or provide unrestricted funding for college facilities and infrastructure. "It's an investment in students and the workforce of our county," says MCCC Vice President for College Advancement Mellissia Zanjani. For more information, call 609-570-3607.



Robert Bonazzi

FEATURES

Alumnus Omar Vazquez Remembered

Friends and family of 2005 Mercer graduate Omar Vazquez are mourning his death. Described by his friends as a brilliant student, Vazquez was killed in Iraq on April 22 during his first tour of duty with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment based at Fort Hood, Texas. He deployed to Iraq last August. He was 25.

According to those who knew him, Vazquez always wanted to join the Army, and enjoyed playing with toy soldiers as a young child. His academic goals were also clear to him. "Simply put," said Vazquez's friend Elizabeth Sowa, also a 2005 Mercer graduate, "Omar knew what he wanted from the beginning, and was fast on his way to achieving his goals. He was incredibly focused, devoured information, and relished the art of debate. He was a wonderful friend and an accomplished academic."

After Mercer, Vazquez graduated from Rider University with a degree in History, then earned a master's degree in Liberal Studies from Rutgers in 2009. He often spoke of getting his Ph.D., and his friends believe that, had his life not been cut short, he would have done so.

MCCC Associate Professor Kathi Paluscio clearly remembers Vazquez as a student in her public speaking class. "He loved to talk, and there was something about him that was very wise beyond his years. He was more like a peer to me in class. He was a positive spirit."

William Semon, now an adjunct faculty member at Mercer, first met Vazquez when both were students at the college. Semon says that Vazquez could have entered the Army as an officer, but chose to be an enlisted man. "He knew he would have to lead his men, and he wanted a real understanding of what they



Omar Vazquez '05

went through. I was worried about him because he took the role very seriously. I knew if something bad was going to happen, he was going to make sure everyone else was safe."

According to Semon, Vazquez had a dream that one day, after retiring from the military, he would return to MCCC as a professor. "Omar was one of the brightest guys you could ever meet. His knowledge of history, military history, and politics was amazing."

Vazquez was the recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, as well as several other military awards. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

"I am heartbroken over what has happened to someone with such a brilliant mind and big heart," Sowa said.

Nursing Students Learn Burn Care

Beth Perkins, associate professor of Nursing, was looking for a way to teach her students how to care for burn victims. She searched the Internet to find recipes for "moulage," a French term for the art of applying mock injuries for the purpose of training.

Using women's makeup, petroleum jelly and ashes, Perkins prepared the college's medical manikin to look like a very realistic burn victim. Mercer's simulation lab offers a place for clinical nursing education that mirrors reality, Perkins says, taking away the risks and enabling students to learn from their mistakes. The college's medical manikin can produce lung, heart and bowel sounds, and can even moan, scream and vomit.

The burn "victim" enabled students to learn how to handle such a patient in the emergency room, move him to intensive care and to medical/surgical units, and assist with rehabilitation.

According to Perkins, students benefit greatly from the simulation experience. "Our students are enthusiastic about it," she says. "It is really eye opening for them. Even though it is a simulation, it seems more authentic because they can do more. They are starting IVs, placing nasogastric/oral gastric tubes and Foley catheters. They are doing it all."

MCCC offers an Associate of Science degree in Nursing that prepares graduates for the national licensure exam for registered nurses. In addition, the college works cooperatively with nursing programs at Capital Health and St. Francis Medical Centers, offering math, science and general education courses for students in these hospital-based nursing programs.

Students Participate in Recording Session



Entertainment Technology and Radio students participated in the production of a live recording with a professional singer and pianist, and five MCCC performers, in the college's new state-of-the-art sound lab. Students used Pro Tools computerized software to record the session and produce tracks that are being used by both programs to teach post-production editing and mastering. Pictured, at right, is EnTech Program Coordinator Robert Terrano.



MCCC Nursing students practice caring for a burn victim.

Students Tour Harlem; Visit Reverend Al Sharpton

Twelve Mercer students traveled to Harlem, New York, on May 7 with Assistant Professor Eric Watson to learn more about the political, cultural and literary history that helped shape the Harlem Renaissance. The students took a walking tour guided by 83-year old local historian Andy Owens. Stops included Strivers Row, the upscale Harlem neighborhood where writers Zora Neale Hurston and Langston Huston once lived; Abyssinian Baptist Church, where Congressman Adam Clayton Powell served as pastor; the legendary Cotton Club; Apollo Theater and more.

While in Harlem, the students were welcomed by civil rights activist Reverend Al Sharpton, who is the subject of a forthcoming biography by Dr. Watson. Sharpton urged them to rediscover the history of African American life in the 1920s.

Dr. Watson penned an Op Ed piece about Sharpton and his relationship with President Obama, which was published in the Trenton Times on April 6.

Students met Rev. Al Sharpton, standing fourth from left, during a historical tour of Harlem with MCCC Assistant Professor, Dr. Eric Watson, third from left.



Lifelong Learners Find Success Through The Center for Continuing Studies

Adults who come to Mercer to learn new skills for career advancement or career change often choose to learn through the Center for Continuing Studies (CCS), which offers short-term, noncredit classes, career certificates, and specialized programs. Some programs, such as “New Pathways to Teacher Education” (NPTNJ), even include earning graduate school credits.

Kathy Litman took full advantage of the NPTNJ to change her career, and now teaches science and math at a Trenton middle school. She used credits earned through the program to partially fulfill requirements for her master’s degree in Educational Technology, completed at New Jersey City University last year. Previously in the banking industry, Litman said, “The alternate route program does an excellent job of preparing career-changers.” She appreciated the extensive support she received throughout her first year in the classroom. “I am very happy in this profession,” she said.

Her new career is also enabling Litman to take advantage of an exciting opportunity. She will be flying with NASA in Houston, Texas, this summer as a member of the New Jersey Department of Education’s Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory team. One of five Trenton area teachers joining others from across the nation, she and her team will observe collisions in microgravity — the study of weightlessness.

Another career changer, Cammy Lowe, also started a new career through CCS. Previously the owner of a gourmet takeout business, Lowe was working as executive assistant for a marketing and advertising company when she was laid off. The Trenton One-Stop Career Center referred her to CCS and she decided to pursue the certificate program in Medical Coding and Billing. It seemed a perfect fit, Lowe says. Today she works for an animal hospital and runs a home health care billing department for a pharmacy. She was especially pleased that Mercer’s program included learning about the coming transition to electronic medical records. “Doctors must have this in place,” she said. “I think it is going to be a great career builder and will open new doors for me.”

For author Shobhan Bantwal, CCS gave her a start in the world of fiction writing. In a course called “Get Published,” she learned about the vast and complicated world of publishing, using literary agents, and the challenges of self-promotion. Since then Bantwal has written and published five books that are sold at several area bookstores.

A native of India who moved to America as a young bride in 1974, Bantwal’s stories focus on contemporary women’s issues in India and the Indian-American immigrant experience. “I include a lot of cultural elements like native cuisine, dress, language and religious traditions to make the story more intriguing for non-Indian readers. I like to entertain as well as educate my audience.”

Shobhan Bantwal

A supervisor for the New Jersey Department of Labor by day, Bantwal says her experience at Mercer was exhilarating. “Two of my classmates later became my critique partners and they were my most valuable resource in getting published,” she said. “I still stay in touch with them and receive lots of moral support in my writing endeavors.”

See more CCS success stories at www.mccc.edu/ccs.



Kathy Litman



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Christine Eggert '79
(A.A.S., Office Systems Technology)



John Veisz '77
(A.A., Humanities and Social Science and A.S., Architecture)



Students Enthusiastic for Fun and Fitness



Zumba was a major hit at this year’s Spring Day for students on May 5, which included a variety of recreational activities and a Cinco de Mayo themed buffet lunch. Pictured is instructor Colleen Skillman (foreground), who has led classes at the college all year. With students’ health and fitness as the goal, Mercer also offers conditioning and yoga classes, swimming, and recreation basketball and volleyball.

Cultural Immersion and Community Service During Costa Rican Study Tour

MCCC continued its Study Tours during the spring semester with a faculty-led trip to the small town of Atenas, about an hour west of San Jose, Costa Rica, in March. According to Study Tours Coordinator Andrea Lynch, students’ experiences living with Costa Rican families, learning about the country’s systems and services, and participating in community projects were a glowing success.

“We traveled, studied and returned home safely,” said Lynch, who accompanied the students along with Sociology Professor Gianna Durso-Finley, Assistant Spanish Professor Daniel D’Arpa and Associate English Professor Carol Friend.

According to Sociology student Deb Kmetz, initial unfamiliarity turned into a welcoming environment that “almost felt like home. This was so much more than a tourist trip. We met with regional experts and with social activists.”

Indeed, the itinerary redefined the traditional classroom. As part of a discussion of eco-tourism, economics and the environment, the group hiked to Volcan Poas in the Costa Rican Rain Forest and visited an organic coffee farm, learning about cultivation, small business, and the export process.

The students also heard from experts in

health care and immigration, and visited cultural and religious institutions. As part of the community service component, they participated in a river clean-up and assisted with English language instruction in a one-room elementary school. There was also time for fun, including a cooking class, Latin dance class and a 12-stop zip line circuit of the Rain Forest.

Quite striking to all the Mercer visitors was the Costa Rican emphasis on learning English as the path to a better future. In a visit to the INA Language Exchange, the Costa Rican equivalent of community college, Mercer students broke into groups and spoke English with their Spanish peers.

Not surprisingly, the lament of “not-enough-time” was the same sentiment expressed by students returning from last year’s Study Tour to Italy. And then there was the question, “Where to next year?”

The MCCC Study Tours program continued in July with a trip to Paris. More information about Study Tours and Semester Abroad options is available at www.mccc.edu/studyabroad.

MCCC students and faculty hiked to a volcano and sulphur lake as part of their exploration of the Costa Rican ecosystem.



Men's Basketball

If the men's basketball team had managed to play together just another week or two, they might have earned the trip to the nationals they were working towards all season.

A look at their record tells the story. At the mid-winter break, they were 6-9; at the end of January, they were 9-14. But in the final weeks, they came on strong, winning five of their last seven regular season games. One of their special strengths, notes Head Coach Howard Levy, was how many players consistently added to the team totals. That "team first" effort was led by Anthony Obery, followed by Jermaine Emanuel, Rodney Walters, Jonathan Jernigan, and Gary Carthan, who was named to the All-Region and All-GSAC Second Teams.

With a 14-16 record at the end of the regular season, the Vikings entered the Region 19 tournament as the no. 4 seed, but they were clearly ready to exceed expectations. They faced the County College of Morris in the quarterfinal Feb. 21, coming back in the second half for a 60-47 win.

Next were the semi-finals, hosted by Lackawanna Junior College on Feb. 25. Of the four teams still in contention — Salem CC and Del Tech Stanton faced off in the other semi-final — Mercer was pitted against no. 1-seeded Lackawanna.

The Vikings played their best ball of the season when it mattered most. Tied 81-81 with less than a minute to play, Emanuel passed the ball to Jernigan, who sank the shot at the buzzer for the 83-81 win.

The season came to a disappointing end in the final on Feb. 27, as the Vikings lost 76-68 to Del Tech Stanton. With the loss, the Vikings fell just short of repeating as Region 19 Champions.

Levy says he cannot think of a team that improved as much as this one over the course of a season. He was assisted by Miroslaw Babiarcz and Miles Smith.



All-Region 19 forward Gary Carthan, center, during MCCC's upset of Lackawanna in the Region 19 semifinal.



Buzzer-beating comeback versus Lackawanna creates jubilation on the sidelines.

Softball

Ending the season with a 25-16 record, the Lady Vikings softball team has plenty of reasons to be satisfied. There were many hard-fought and decisive victories in a season that will be remembered as uniquely challenging, according to Head Coach Ryan Zegarski.

With four pitchers at the start, "We clearly had enough talent to be competitive," Zegarski said. "But then we had two, and then we had none." He responded by bringing in Brianna Byrne, a solid soccer player who was new to the pitcher's mound. "She helped to keep us in every game, and performed better and better as she got more experienced," he said.

Despite difficulties with the rotation, the team never gave up. "There were no excuses. They had a solid work ethic and they blended well on the field," Zegarski maintains.

The Vikings faced Del Tech Stanton in the best-of-three play-in round April 30 and captured back-to-back wins. Sophomores Ryan Niatis and Kirsten Edinger came up big in the deciding game.

The women next set their sights on repeating as Region 19 champs. But with losses to Del Tech Owens and Burlington early in the tournament, Mercer was forced to concede that the challenges were just too great this season to capture the title.

Freshman Angela Marinos proved an anchor to the lineup, ending the season batting .444 with 40 RBIs, 56 hits, and 35 runs scored.



Angela Marinos

Four other players made major contributions, including Brittany Szafran, Mary Rossi, Niatis and Edinger. Niatis was named to the All-Region 19 and All-Garden State Athletic Conference First Teams.

Zegarski was assisted by Chris Freihaut.

Women's Basketball



Sophomore forward Alexis Sweet, center, celebrated her 1,000th point with teammates, coaches, family and friends on Jan. 23.

Sometimes your best is still not quite good enough. The women's basketball team, minus the nation's leading Division II scorer, forward Alexis Sweet, played its heart out in the Region 19 quarterfinal against Burlington County College Feb. 22. Down by just three points at the half and pulling within two late in the game, in the end, the Lady Vikes just couldn't get the job done, losing 61-55.

The Vikings clearly felt the absence of Sweet, who was averaging 25.7 points per game until a season-ending back injury prior to the last three games. Sophomore Azaria Crews stepped up and other players also contributed, including sophomore forward Marelys Williams, and freshmen guards Allicia Pickett and Natasha Nichols.

The Lady Vikings finished the season 18-12 and were the Garden State Athletic Conference Champions. There were also individual honors, highlighted by Sweet, who became the fourth woman in MCCC history to score over 1,000 points, finishing her career with 1,156 points. Also one of the top rebounders and free throw shooters in the country, Sweet was named to the Region 19 and GSAC First Teams for the second year. Sophomores Crews and Williams were both named to the GSAC Second Team. Freshman forward Kristine Funk made the top free throw shooting list, shooting 83 percent on the season.

Despite falling short of winning the regional title, Head Coach Mike Tenaglia, who completes his 21st season, is full of praise for his team. "We accomplished a lot this season."

Tenaglia was assisted by Jane Berlinger and Tashema Whittaker, and team manager Sam Cobbs.



Men's Tennis



Second doubles winners, All-Americans Travis McCaughan, left, and Juan Ramirez, with the NJCAA's Art Becker.

The men's tennis team came up big at the NJCAA National Tournament in Plano, TX, May 16-20, finishing third in the country in Div. III. According to Head Coach Marc Vecchiolla, each member of the squad contributed to the team total.

Vecchiolla notes that Mercer's third place finish is one of the program's best ever and that the three top teams were all from Region

19 and dominated the tournament, winning all nine flights. (Gloucester CC was the champ and Brookdale CC came in second.)

"It's very helpful to have that level of competition during the regular season, because it makes our players so much better," Vecchiolla said. "Of course, we wanted to win the tournament and believe on any given day we could have beaten both those teams."

Sophomores Travis McCaughan and Juan Ramirez achieved their ultimate goal by winning the title at no. 2 doubles. The duo proved their mettle in hard-fought contests. Other doubles highlights included no. 3 doubles partners Adam Czaplinski and Josh Partyka, who made it to the final before being defeated in three sets. No. 1 doubles partners Ben Pinter and Travis Virgil won their consolation final.

In singles action, Virgil (no. 5) lost in the final, while Pinter (no. 1), Ramirez (no. 2), Partyka (no. 3) and Czaplinski (no. 6) all made it to the semis before being defeated. Czaplinski won his consolation final.

Vecchiolla anticipates that his four returning players will be ready for all comers when their season commences next spring. Vecchiolla was assisted this season by Ralph Benavento and Barb Pleva.

Baseball

The Vikings started the season intent on improving on last year's 17-13 record and advancing further in the Region 19 Playoffs than in their 2010 season, when they lost to Burlington County College in the Region 19 semi-final round.

Playing on their home turf May 13 and 14, the Vikings entered the Region 19 Final Four Tournament as the no. 3 seed with a 19-14 record. They accomplished at least one of their goals, beating no. 1-ranked Burlington 9-5. They also beat no. 4-seeded Sussex 6-5, but found a tougher foe in Lackawanna College, ranked no. 2. Mercer lost its opening game against Lackawanna 3-0 and then lost again to Lackawanna in the final by the same score in the double elimination tournament, ending their season with a 21-16 record.

According to Head Coach Matt Wolski, there was lots of talent and energy on the Vikings roster, but the majority of the team was made up of freshmen. "The lack of experience showed in these critical games," he said.

Wolski says the team's all-too-brief run in the post-season doesn't truly reflect the abilities of this group of athletes. Topping the list was freshman pitcher James Pugliese, who was named to the All-Region 19 First Team, selected as the no. 2 player in the region, and named a Third Team All-American. Pugliese ended the season 6-2.

Also singled out for post-season honors was freshman infielder Matt Patterson, who was named to the All-Region 19 First Team and selected as the region's sixth best player. Freshman outfielder Ian Moyer and sophomore infielder Ryan Brydzinski were named to the All-Region Second Team. These three, along with Pugliese, were also named to the All-Garden State Athletic Conference First Team.

Wolski was assisted by Fred Carella and Kevin Kerins.



Ian Moyer

Alison Noll Earns National Tennis Title



Freshman Alison Noll has entered the record books at Mercer.

She is the first woman in school history to win the NJCAA title in women's tennis at no. 1 singles. And, says this First Team All-American, she had a whole lot of fun doing it.

Noll sailed through her quarterfinal match against Ocean CC and her semi-final versus Gloucester at the NJCAA Tournament May 6-12 in Tucson, AZ. In the final, she soundly defeated the no. 1 player from Oxford CC (GA) 6-1, 6-0.

Noll joined the team late in the fall season after initially deciding to take some time off from tennis. By the end of the Region 19 tournament on Oct. 16, she had earned the title at no. 1 singles and a trip to nationals in Tucson, AZ, with doubles partner Katie Courtney.

This Dean's List student notes that an unexpected benefit of playing for Mercer is the connection she has developed with her teammates, who have become close friends. "Tennis opened up a lot of things for me outside the classroom," Noll said.

MCCC Men's Soccer Has New Head Coach

Patrick Snyder is the new head coach for Mercer men's soccer. Most recently, Snyder served as first assistant/goalkeeper coach under former coach Larry Povia during the fall 2010 season when the Vikings won the Region 19 title and finished 15th nationally.



A soccer player at Mercer in 1997 under then head coach Charlie Inverso, Snyder has been an assistant coach with the Vikings for four of the last seven seasons, including 2004, when the team won the NJCAA national title. In 2007, he took the position of head coach at Felician College in Rutherford, NJ, where he served for three seasons before returning to MCCC. Earlier in his coaching career he was a club team coach and then an assistant at Delaware Valley College. Currently he is head coach for U17 Boys for the New Jersey Olympic Development Program.

Snyder earned his bachelor's degree in Communications at The College of New Jersey.

"I welcome the challenge of maintaining the tradition of soccer excellence that Mercer is known for," Snyder said. "We will continue to develop the talents of our players and the teamwork that produces results." His coaching staff will include Tigana Dalce, Bill Daley, John Pietrowski and Artie Taylor.

MCCC to Honor Howie Landa

Mark Your Calendars for June 9, 2012

The date is set for the MCCC Athletics Department to honor legendary men's basketball coach Howie Landa. Landa dedicated 25 years to MCCC and helped the Vikings earn national titles in 1973 and 1974. Be part of this special event and fundraiser for student athletes. Contact Erin Cahill at cahille@mccc.edu or 609-570-3741.



On Their Way

Twenty-two student athletes have announced their transfer plans. See where these talented students are headed by visiting www.mccc.edu/athletics.

Pitcher James Pugliese Is Chicago-Bound

MCCC pitcher James Pugliese can finally stop wondering where he will be suiting up next season. Scouted by the pros during his freshman season at Mercer, Pugliese, of Hamilton, was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 18th round of the 50-round MLB amateur draft.

The 6'3" right-hander will be missed on the mound for the Vikings, says Head Coach Matt



Wolski. During the 2011 season, he allowed just 34 hits and 11 earned runs. He struck out 77 and walked 25, winning six of his eight contests. Pugliese is the second MCCC baseball player to be drafted by the pros in the last ten years.

James Pugliese

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Coming Events

Aug. 18: The Center for Continuing Studies hosts "Back to School Night for Adults," 6 p.m., The Conference Center at Mercer

Sept. 9: Commemoration of Sept. 11, 11 a.m., West Windsor Campus Memorial Garden

Oct. 4: Golf Classic, Mercer Oaks Golf Course

Oct. 16: Floyd Fest for Education, Nassau Inn, Princeton

Oct. 19: Information Session for parents and college-bound students, 6 p.m., Student Center, West Windsor Campus

Nov. 10: Open House and Board of Trustees Report to the Community

For the full calendar, visit www.mccc.edu.

Academic Calendar

Most fall semester classes begin Aug. 29. Additional sessions of five, seven, eight and ten weeks begin Aug. 27, Oct. 4, 21, and 26, and Nov. 9. Visit www.mccc.edu for the full academic calendar.

Events at the MCCC Gallery

A full slate of exhibits will be coming to the MCCC Gallery during the 2011-12 academic year. View the schedule soon at www.mccc.edu/gallery.