

September 21, 2022

COLLEGE COMMUNITY WELCOMES STUDENTS TO CAMPUS

Middlesex College was buzzing with activity as we welcomed our newest students with an entire week of activities during New Student Week. Faculty and staff of the Student and Enrollment Services Division hosted this multi-day event, providing campus tours, and helping new students learn about academic programs and student support services.

The new academic year officially began with Fall 2022 Convocation, where we welcomed new full-time colleagues, congratulated colleagues who were promoted, and celebrated colleagues who earned a doctorate during the past year.

In his speech to a packed audience at the College's Performing Arts Center, President Mark McCormick paid tribute to late Board Chairman Dorothy ("Dot") Power and her devotion to Middlesex College and passion for our mission.

He also reflected on accomplishments during the last year, where we are at this moment, and what lies ahead for this academic year.

Dr. McCormick noted the College's admirable performance in consistently ensuring access, especially as it relates to affordability.

And while the College has made great strides in improving student outcomes, he also lauded the efforts of faculty and staff to continue to improve student outcomes such as retention and graduation, with graduation rates increasing steadily over the last five years.

The entire College community gathered at noon on the Quad for the All-Campus Barbecue, enjoying hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments, and enjoying seeing one another in person.



WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS



In collaboration with U.S. Sports Camps, Middlesex College Head Women's Soccer Coach Adrienne Giordano hosted the Nike Girls Soccer Camp as part of Camp Middlesex offerings. The College's youngest group of athletes played soccer, made friends, and had fun.



Middlesex College has a new food service vendor. Students and employees can choose from a variety of dining options at the Colt Café or a shot of caffeine or a quick bite to eat at the Pony Express kiosk serving Starbucks beverages.



WELCOME BACK EVENT FOR ADJUNCT FACULTY

The Council for Adjunct Faculty Development welcomed new and returning adjunct faculty during Welcome Back Night. An adjunct orientation session at the end of the event helped prepare our newest faculty for their first semester of teaching at Middlesex College.



The Middlesex College Foundation held a fundraiser for the Alumni Association Scholarship at a Somerset Patriots/Zorros game at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. Proceeds from ticket purchases benefited the Alumni Association Scholarship. Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning and Admissions staff provided information about the College at the game.



LET'S GO COLTS!

The Colts are gearing up for an exciting year of competition. The men's soccer team and the women's volleyball team look ready to start the new season.



EOF ASPIRE PROGRAM

EOF sponsored a new summer program in collaboration with the ESL, Languages, and Cultures Department to provide intensive support for ESL students. Eleven students participated in the ASPIRE program and engaged in educational workshops, English conversation practice, and structured study and tutoring sessions.

Europastry (New Brunswick)	Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning staff	Met with Europastry staff to explore opportunities for training
Hackensack Meridian Health	Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Executive Director Coffaro, Lifelong Learning Director Waldon-James, and Recruitment and Program Manager Schamberger	Met with HMH staff to discuss development of new training program for Mental Health Technicians
International Flavors and Fragrances (Dayton)	Natural Sciences Acting Chairperson Ansonoff and Outreach and Program Manager Roche	Met with IFF staff to explore opportunities for development of apprenticeship opportunities for students in Chemical Process Technology students at IFF
RWJBarnabas	Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning staff	Met with RWJBarnabas staff to discuss data entry job opportunities for Middlesex College students and graduates

Monday, July 18	Rose Charity Walk	Metuchen
Thursday, July 21	Sayreville High School	Sayreville
Saturday, July 23	Edison Family Fun Day	Edison
Tuesday, August 2	Edison Police Night Out	Edison
Wednesday, August 10	Amazon Career Fair	Edison
Thursday, August 25	Edison Back-to-School Fair	Edison
Friday, August 26	Somerset Patriots Game	Bridgewater
Multiple times	Admissions Information Session*	Virtual events
Multiple times	Paying for College Info Session*	Virtual events
Multiple times	FAFSA on Demand Workshop*	Virtual events
Multiple times	Health Programs Information Session	Virtual events
On an ongoing basis	Live chat appointments*	Via the web
On an ongoing basis	Admissions Applications Assistance appointments*	Via the web

*in English and Spanish

Monday, October 10	College closed in observance of Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples' Day	
Wednesday, October 12*	Board Committee meetings	On Zoom
Wednesday, October 19 8:30 a.m.	Board meeting	Chambers Hall and on Zoom

*All morning (to be determined)