

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT FAIR AND REVEAL OF NEW MASCOT HIGHLIGHT THE START OF THE FALL SEMESTER

The "Quad" was the place to be on a beautiful Tuesday afternoon, September 20, when the College community came out in force for the Stay Connected Fair coordinated by the Office of Student Life.

The in-person fair gave students an opportunity to engage with faculty, staff and upper-class students to learn about student clubs and organizations as well as the wide array of campus resources available to them. Tables representing more than a dozen departments along with every student organization were spread across the Quad.

Adding to the excitement was the unveiling of the College's new mascot, who arrived in style in a sleek convertible driven by Athletic Director Rocco Constantino.

The mascot's introduction to the community also revealed the results of a survey sent out to the College community to help name the mascot.

The name chosen by students, faculty, staff and alumni?

Bolt, the Colt!









### WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

### **COLLEGE MOURNS A BELOVED COLLEAGUE**



Shannon Williams, the College's long-time Athletic Equipment Aide, passed away September 12. A military veteran, Shannon joined Middlesex College in 1987. Throughout his 36 years of service to the College, he treated every student and colleague as if they were family. As his colleagues in the Athletics Department know, Shannon was the





face of the department, warmly greeting everyone who entered the Physical Education Center. He supported generations of our student-athletes as well as coaches and fellow Athletics Department staff members. We will miss Shannon's generous spirit and positive attitude toward life. He is survived by his wife, mother, children, and grandchildren.

# AHMED SHAH NAMED A 2022 COCA-COLA LEADER OF PROMISE SCHOLAR



The business administration student and Phi Theta Kappa member will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholars are selected based on outstanding academic achievement and demonstrated leadership potential. This year's recipients were selected by a panel of independent judges from more than 1,300 applicants. Shah, a resident of Edison, attended both JFK Memorial and Edison High Schools. After completing his studies at Middlesex College this winter, Shah plans to transfer to Rutgers University in the spring to pursue his bachelor's degree and, ultimately, an MBA.

## MENTORING NEW EDUCATORS



Middlesex College signed on to help the next generation of Princeton-educated academics to teach the wide range of undergraduates in New Jersey seeking certificates and two-year degrees.

The College is the fourth community college partner to join Princeton University's Community College Teaching Partnership under an agreement signed by representatives of Middlesex College and Princeton University last month at Princeton.

The program offers community college instructors opportunities for continuing education and professional development at Princeton. It also sends graduate students to community colleges to learn from experienced community college professors.

"We look forward to connecting our community college faculty, who have years of experience as effective and engaging faculty, as mentors to Princeton University graduate students," President Mark McCormick said.

"The community college sector is uniquely positioned to provide opportunities for Princeton University graduate students to engage with a diverse population of learners, with whom they can share their expertise and passion for their fields."

## TRAMMELL CROW GIFT ASSISTS STUDENTS



The College received gifts totaling \$100,000 from Trammell Crow Company, a global real estate development firm that employs 700 professionals across the U.S. and Europe.

Fifty-thousand dollars is intended for scholarships for Middlesex College full-time students majoring in architecture and engineering, construction, supply chain, or logistics. The other \$50,000 is a workforce grant for students seeking certificate training in construction, supply chain, or logistics.

Funds for both the scholarship and the grant will be awarded over a four-year period to students demonstrating financial need.

The formal announcement took place September in Sayreville, at the Trammell Crow groundbreaking of what will be the Arsenal Trade Center, an industrial complex spanning more than one million square feet. Construction on the three-building project is scheduled to be completed in late 2023.

Middlesex College representatives who attended the groundbreaking included Michelle Campbell, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Lisa Kelly, Executive Director of the Middlesex College Foundation; and Joananne Coffaro, Executive Director of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning.



#### THE START OF A SWEET PARTNERSHIP

Executive Director of Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Joananne Coffaro visited the Nestlé plant in Freehold along with Director of Corporate Education and Training Aileen Vega and Outreach and Program Manager of the Career Advance USA Grant Yarelis Figueroa. Middlesex College will be training Nestlé's apprentices in Machining, Welding and Electrical.

Bruker (Carteret)	Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning staff	Met with Bruker staff to discuss employee training needs
City of New Brunswick	Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning staff	Met with staff in Mayor Cahill's office to discuss training needs for City employees
Princeton University	President McCormick, Vice Presidents Campbell and Scherr, Executive Dean Laureano, and Acting Dean Howell	Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony for Princeton's Community College Teaching Partnership Program

Saturday, September 24	Harbortown Family Fun and Bike Fest	Perth Amboy
Thursday, September 29	Carteret High School College and Career Night	Carteret
Saturday, October 1	North Brunswick Heritage Day	North Brunswick
Thursday, October 6	East Brunswick High School Admissions Presentation	East Brunswick
Thursday, October 6	Piscataway High School Admissions Presentation	Piscataway
Friday, October 7	High School Equivalency Programs Information Session	Edison Campus
Saturday, October 8	Edison Fall Festival	Edison
Tuesday, October 11	South River High School Instant Decision Day	South River
Wednesday, October 12	Old Bridge High School College Fair	Old Bridge
Thursday, October 13	New Jersey Association for College and Admission Counseling College Fair – Middlesex County	Edison Campus
Saturday, October 15	Monroe High School Green Fair	Monroe
Tuesday, October 18	South Plainfield High School Admissions Presentation	South Plainfield
Wednesday, October 19	North Brunswick High School College Fair	North Brunswick
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

<sup>\*</sup>in English and Spanish

Wednesday, November 9*	Board Committee meetings	Via Zoom
Friday, November 11	College closed in observance of Veterans Day	
Monday, November 14 8:30 a.m.	Annual meeting followed by regular monthly Board meeting	Crabiel Hall and via Zoom

\*All morning (to be determined)







