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ALIGNING HIGHER EDUCATION AND BUSINESS TO CREATE PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT

With financial support from the State of New Jersey, the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges (NJCCC) and New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA) have joined forces in developing the New Jersey Pathway and Skills Collaboratives. The NJCCC and NJBIA are committed to creating an aligned education and workforce development ecosystem focused on ensuring that all New Jersey residents have accessible and affordable education and training pathways that lead to family-supporting jobs and careers to create a more equitable and resilient economy in New Jersey.

The Pathways initiative also includes employers, industry associations, chambers of commerce, labor unions, vocational schools and workforce development partners. The Pathways Collaboratives establish talent ecosystems that will expand economic mobility opportunity in four main fields: Health Services, Technology and Innovation, Infrastructure and Energy, and Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management.

Middlesex College is participating in four of the ten Centers of Workforce Innovation and is serving as the lead institution in the Programming and Software Development Center of Workforce Innovation, which falls under the Technology and Innovation Collaborative.

Middlesex College will be enhancing course offerings in computer code languages, offering new non-credit courses, and ensuring that every Computer Science graduate has the opportunity to complete one or more industry-recognized certifications.

As a partner in the Data Science Center, the College is strengthening its curriculum offerings with the



addition of a new program in Data Science and Analytics.

For the Research and Development Center, Middlesex College is expanding our Biotechnology degree program and developing a new non-credit training program in Biomanufacturing that is aligned with the strong Biopharmaceutical sector in Middlesex County. A new cell culture room, that is expected to be completed by Summer 2023, will serve students in both the Biotechnology associate degree program and the non-credit program.

The College is also contributing to the Infrastructure and Energy Collaborative through participation in the Renewable Energy Center. The College will soon be offering a non-credit course in Wind Energy as well as a new credit course, Renewable Energy Principals, that will be open to all students.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS



MIDDLESEX COLLEGE FOUNDATION CONNECTS SCHOLARSHIP DONORS AND RECIPIENTS

On November 17, the Middlesex College Foundation held its Annual Celebration of Philanthropy and Scholarship to honor scholarship donors and recipients. Lisa Kelly, executive director of the Foundation, welcomed donors, students, staff, faculty and special guests to the event, which she described as an important opportunity for donors and recipients to meet face to face.

"It's one thing to get that notice and see the credit on your bill, but it's another to shake the hand and look at the face of the person who made the decision to invest in your future," Kelly explained.



SHOWCASING TALENTED DANCERS

The 21st Annual Fall Dance Concert, held November 17-18 under the artistic direction of dance professor Aimee Mitacchione, featured two general admission performances, as well as a special performance for area high schools that brought hundreds of high school students to the College's Performing Arts Center. The concert featured 19 dancers performing seven works that were choreographed by a variety of students, alumni, and professional choreographers. The hip-hop dance that closed the concert had the audience on their feet and cheering.



RUTGERS

Cancer Institute of New Jersey
at University Hospital

RUTGERS HEALTH

NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR MIDDLESEX COLLEGE NURSING GRADUATES AT THE CANCER INSTITUTE OF NEW JERSEY

A new Nurse Residency program at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey will provide a pathway for graduates of the Hackensack Meridian Health Raritan Bay Medical Center-Middlesex College Nursing Program to gain experience in oncological nursing. This partnership between RWJBarnabas, the Cancer Institute of New Jersey, and Middlesex College is just the latest development in the Cancer Institute's ongoing commitment to the College's educational and training programs, both credit and non-credit.



LEARNING ABOUT TRANSFER

The Student and Enrollment Services Division hosted a day-long Transfer Symposium on November 7. In the morning, students had the opportunity to attend workshops on topics ranging from the array of degree programs offered at Middlesex College and the financial aid process to the transfer process and what to expect after transferring. In the afternoon, students had the chance to meet one on one with representatives from more than 40 four-year colleges and universities from across New Jersey and beyond.

African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey	Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Executive Director Coffaro, Lifelong Learning Director James-Waldon, and New Brunswick Center Director Rosa	Explored partnership opportunities
Chick-Fil-A franchise owner/operators (throughout Middlesex County)	Executive Dean Laureano and Executive Director Coffaro	Explored opportunities for employee training and for employees to enroll as students
Middlesex County	President McCormick, Vice President Campbell, and Executive Director Coffaro	Supported County outreach at the New Jersey League of Municipalities Annual Conference
Vantage Apparel (Avenel)	Corporate Education and Training Director Vega	Explored needs for employee training

Wednesday, November 16	Piscataway Magnet School Admissions Presentation	Piscataway
Thursday, November 17	Middlesex High School Instant Decision Day	Middlesex
Monday, November 21	Perth Amboy High School Admissions Presentation	Perth Amboy
Tuesday, November 29	Edison High School Instant Decision Day	Edison
Wednesday, November 30	East Brunswick Magnet School Admissions Presentation	East Brunswick
Wednesday, November 30	New Brunswick High School Instant Decision Day	New Brunswick
Friday, December 2	John F. Kennedy High School Admissions Presentation	Edison
Wednesday, December 7	Piscataway High School College Fair	Piscataway
Tuesday, December 13	Carteret High School Instant Decision Day	Carteret
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

*in English and Spanish

Friday, December 23 - Monday, December 26	College closed in observance of Christmas	
Monday, January 2	College closed in observance of New Year's Day	
Wednesday, January 11*	Board Committee meetings	Via Zoom
Monday, January 16	College closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day	
Tuesday, January 17	Spring Convocation	8:30 a.m. – Breakfast (Cafeteria) 9:30 a.m. – State of the College (Performing Arts Center)
Wednesday, January 18 8:30 a.m.	Board meeting	West Hall, Parkview Room and via Zoom

*All morning (to be determined)