

## A Devilishly Good Time

MCC was one of the top five colleges and universities honored in January at a dinner and New Jersey Devils hockey game sponsored by New Jersey Blood Services. The College was cited for organizing blood drives that netted 256 pints of blood. From left: Marie Forrestal, director of recruitment, New Jersey Blood Services; Jessica Gulutz, coordinator of the College's Democracy House; Steve Rudalf, Democracy House student; Jessica Soto, president of the College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges; Judi DiMaio, manager of health and safety; College President Joann La Perla-Morales; and Jeffrey Jacob, chief of strategy & corporate planning, New York Blood Center. The other colleges honored were Rutgers University, Kean, Seton Hall and NJIT.



## Array of Activities Highlight Black History Month

The College will be holding a number of activities to celebrate Black History Month. These include:

### Thursday, February 2

\* Theatre Trip: "Porgy and Bess," bus Leaves Lot 2 at 5 p.m.

### Monday, February 6

Black History Month Opening Ceremony, featuring a lecture by Jessie Epps, a civil rights and labor rights pioneer. College Center, Café C, 11 a.m.

### Tuesday, February 7

Film: "Invictus," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. College Center, Main Lounge.

### Thursday, February 9

Film: "Pride," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. College Center, Main Lounge.

### Monday, February 13

Lecture and Workshop: "A Journey Through Stereotypes," College Center Corral, 11 a.m.

### Tuesday, February 14

Film: "Valentine's Day," 11 a.m.  
Film: "Why Did I Get Married?" 2 p.m. College Center, Main Lounge.

### Wednesday, February 15

Film: "Madea's Family Reunion," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. College Center, Main Lounge.

### Thursday, February 16

Jazz Performance featuring Keith Marks, Noon College Center, Main Lounge.

### Saturday, February 18

\* Bus Trip to Philadelphia to the Johnson House and the African American Museum. Bus Leaves Lot 2 at 11 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, February 21

Film: "Ghosts of Mississippi," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. College Center, Main Lounge.

# Studio Theatre Gallery Exhibit – Self: Scape

An art exhibition, “Self: Scape,” will be held at the College Studio Theatre Gallery from February 2 to March 8. The gallery is open weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A reception for the artists, which is open to the public, will be held Thursday, February 2 from 5 to 7 p.m.

“Self: Scape is an exhibition that conceptually questions the metaphoric redefinition of the environment

through the artist’s perspective,” said Jen Blazina, a professor at Drexel University and the curator of the show. “Whether it is a self-portrait or an occupied space, the artwork depicts a new viewpoint on how your surroundings affect how you see yourself. Media does not define the show but rather the artists’ take on what does Self: Scape mean to them.”

The exhibition includes international

and national artists: Mayumi Hamanaka, Lena Lapschina, Ron Saunders, Tatana Kellner, Kim Owens and Anda Dubinskis.

Professor Blazina is a working artist in Philadelphia and has shown her work all over the nation and world, including California, Florida, Maryland, Texas and New York, in addition to the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Italy.

## NJCCs, NJBIA & Labor Department Training for Vets Launches Here

New Jersey’s community colleges, through the NJ Community College Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development, the New Jersey Business & Industry Association (NJBIA), and the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development (NJDLWD) announce a new training program to help qualified New Jersey veterans get back to work.

The pilot program will initially be launched at Middlesex County College in February. The 12-week program will prepare New Jersey veterans for entry into careers at New Jersey fabricated metal product manufacturing companies. The training was developed by experienced community college faculty and companies representing the

NJBIA Manufacturing Network, which comprises more than 3,000 New Jersey manufacturers.

Successful graduates of this program will receive a College Certificate of Competency and sit for the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS) Certification Exam.

Interested candidates should contact Veronica Jones, NJ state veterans representative, at (732) 418-3359, or e-mail [veronica.jones@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:veronica.jones@dol.state.nj.us), for a complete list of admission requirements, a program description and prescreening. The admission requirements are also available via [www.njworkforce.org](http://www.njworkforce.org) – just click on “New Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing Training Program.”

Prescreened candidates will be invited to an information session with the employers, college and NJDLWD.

## Softball Star Honored

Kristen Mickley, a pitcher and shortstop for the MCC softball team, was honored during halftime of the Seton Hall-Syracuse women’s basketball game on January 22. The program was part of the National Women and Girls in Sports Day, sponsored by the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women. She was one of 16 female New Jersey Athletes honored. Ms. Mickley was a 2011 All American, All Region 19 and All Garden State Athletic Conference recipient. She led the softball squad in almost every offensive category.

## Spring II Begins Feb. 13

Spring II, a special concentrated semester, is being offered at the College in areas such as psychology, science, mathematics and social sciences. Most of the classes run from February 13 through May 8.

Courses offered include criminal justice, government and politics, public speaking, tennis, golf, psychology, intercultural communication, dimensions of prejudice, genocide and the Holocaust, and English composition. For more information, visit the website, [www.middlesexcc.edu](http://www.middlesexcc.edu).

### THIS MONTH AT MIDDLESEX

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Fifteen area business and community leaders gathered at the College in January to discuss economic trends and the job picture with MCC administrators. The meeting, part of the Phase I analysis and data collection for the College's new Master Plan, was facilitated by the consultant from Paulien & Associates, Inc. Career opportunities, internships, degree and course development were some of the topics covered in planning for the coming decade. Here, Alex Hollywood, executive director of the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce, makes a point during the discussion.

## Black History Month Events Scheduled in February

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### **Wednesday, February 22**

Black History Month Trivia Game Show, 11 a.m.  
College Center, Café B.

### **Thursday, February 23**

Film: "The Great Debaters," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
College Center, Main Lounge.

### **Monday, February 27**

Black History Month Closing Ceremony featuring music by Valerie Adams and Smooth Productions.  
College Center, Café C.

### **Tuesday, February 28**

"Film: Cadillac Records," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
College Center, Main Lounge.

### **Wednesday, February 29**

Film: "This Is It," 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.  
College Center, Main Lounge.

### **Saturday, March 3**

\* Bus Trip to NJPAC, Soweto Gospel Choir.  
Bus Leaves Lot 2 at 6:30 p.m. and returns by 11 p.m.

\* For ticket information, contact Student Activities at 732-906-2569. Other activities are free and open to the public.

## Fair to Showcase Marketing Field for Students and Educators

The Career and Technical Education Partnership (CTEP) of New Jersey will present a College and Career Readiness Fair on Wednesday, February 8 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. to familiarize high school and college students, parents, and educators with the growing field of marketing. The Fair will be held in the Brunswick Room of Crabiel Hall.

Hosted by CTEP's Marketing Project at Middlesex County College, the fair will feature exhibits and presentations on marketing, a poster contest for students, and a chance to talk with marketing professionals about

the many different and interesting jobs available in marketing.

"Attendees will be able to talk with marketers and professors about preparing for a marketing career," said Til Dallavalle, coordinator of the project. "They'll learn what skills marketing firms are looking for, the role of marketing in promoting products and services across our economy, and the many opportunities for a career in different areas of marketing."

For more information, visit [www.ctepmarketingtoolkit.org](http://www.ctepmarketingtoolkit.org).

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**You're Invited**  
The Middlesex County College  
Alumni Association

**An Afternoon of Bowling**  
Sunday, February 19  
3 p.m.

Woodbridge Bowling Center  
346 Main St. Woodbridge

\$15, includes shoe rental. Call 732-906-7732 or e-mail [alumni@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:alumni@middlesexcc.edu) to RSVP by February 13



## Winter Sports Update

Winter sports are in full swing. In their only home match of the season, the wrestling team beat Bergen Community College and narrowly lost to Gloucester. At left, Tom Broderick battles for position.

The men's basketball team is also doing well: currently the squad is 9-10 overall and 7-8 in the region. Below, Manny Omowole drives to the basket in action earlier this year. The women's team has four players averaging in double figures in scoring and the squad is 8-7 overall and 7-5 in the region. Below left, Cristina Jordan takes a shot.

