



## Cool Creativity

Students in the Garde Manger class at the College recently displayed their artistic side as they learned the fundamentals of ice carving. In this course, taught by Chef Walter Leffler, the students used chain saws to mold blocks of ice and then chisels to create the details. The class is part of the Culinary Arts degree and certificate program. Here, Cristina Jordan puts the finishing touches on her creation.

## Scholarship Golf Classic Set for May 3

Middlesex County College will hold its 30th Golf Classic on Thursday, May 3 at Colonia Country Club. Organized by the MCC Foundation, Inc. as a fundraiser, the classic begins at 10 a.m. with lunch. The golf starts at noon.

“This is a great opportunity for golfers of all abilities to have fun while supporting scholarship programs for students,” said Patrick Madama, vice president for institutional advancement at Middlesex. “And for those who don’t

golf, there’s the reception and dinner that follow.

“Each year, the Foundation sponsors events and seeks private support to help the College fulfill its mission of accessible, affordable, quality education for Middlesex County residents,” he said. “By participating in this event, you contribute to student success.”

The golf classic is a shotgun start, scramble format, and includes contests on the golf course. Each participant

receives a goodie bag of gifts and there is a silent auction at the reception and dinner.

“This is a great day for people who like to golf, as well as for people who want to have fun while helping our students,” Mr. Madama said.

The cost for an individual golfer is \$295; \$1180 per foursome, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, call 732-906-2564 or visit [www.middlesexcc.edu/foundation](http://www.middlesexcc.edu/foundation).

## Studio Theatre Gallery

The Annual Visual Arts Student Exhibition shows the creative work of students taking studio art courses at the College. The work is in a variety of styles and formats. At a reception for the artists, from left: artist Sharese Suriel speaks with Anna Palaski about her work.



## Director of Development & Alumni Relations Named

Veronica Clinton was recently named director of development at the College. In this role she also serves as executive director of the Middlesex County College Foundation, Inc.

Ms. Clinton will manage the College's fundraising and alumni relations programs, be the chief executive officer of the Foundation,

and College liaison to the MCC Alumni Association, Inc.

"I am pleased Veronica will be joining us," said Patrick Madama, vice president for institutional advancement at the College. "She has an excellent background and the right skills to expand private support for College programs and services working with

the volunteer leaders of the Foundation and the Alumni Association."

Ms. Clinton comes to MCC from Summit Speech School, for children who are deaf and hard of hearing, where she was director of development. She has also worked for the American Heart Association, Bloomfield College and Union County College. She is a graduate of Union County College and Kean University.

### THIS MONTH AT MIDDLESEX

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## Calling All Alumni Artists

The MCC Alumni Association will be holding an exhibit of alumni artwork in the fall.

It is seeking artwork from alumni: paintings, sculpture or mixed media. If you would like a registration form, please e-mail [alumni@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:alumni@middlesexcc.edu) or call 732-906-7732.

# Student Wins Essay Contest, Lauding “The Great Gaspar”

By most measures, Jennifer Resti is not the model student a professor would like to see walking into math class.

“I hate math,” she says.

She hated math the first day she took Algebra I with John Gaspar. And then a transformation happened.

“When I began his class I was absolutely terrified,” she said.

“But the very first session we had I knew this time it would be very different.”

And it was.

Ms. Resti became inspired, and, while she is still not a big fan of mathematics, she is a fan of John Gaspar. So much so that she wrote an essay that was accepted as one of the top 10 in the *Community College Week/National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development* contest. There were more than 800 entries. She called it “The Great Gaspar.”

“On the first day of class, he said, ‘we are going to question everything,’” Ms. Resti said. “He made everything

simplified and he was always available to help.”

Professor Gaspar taught at Colonia High School for 34 years before starting full time at MCC in 2002. He

says Ms. Resti’s writing touched him.

“I’m humbled by her essay,” he said. “I was really taken off guard. Sometimes as educators, we need a pat on the back. It really energizes you.”

Ms. Resti took Algebra I and Algebra II with Professor Gaspar. An education major, she plans to graduate in January of 2013 and transfer to Rutgers. She’d like to get a master’s degree and teach fourth and fifth graders in Perth Amboy, where she grew up.

“I sincerely hope

I can emulate him in several ways

when I become a teacher,” Ms. Resti

said. “First is his ‘question everything’

philosophy. Second, I learned the importance

of creating a learning environment in which there

are no stupid questions.”

In her essay, she wrote:

“Professor Gaspar motivated me to complete the course; he also provided me with a great deal of motivation to understand that math is not something I am doomed to fail. It’s a lesson I will be forever grateful for learning.”



Professor John Gaspar with Jennifer Resti



## 10 Minutes That Can Save a Life!

Forty-two people – from the College and the community – were screened for oral cancer at the College’s Dental Hygiene Clinic in April. Middlesex dental students assisted dentists and oral surgeons as they did a quick checkup. Here, Judith Sy of the Marketing Communications Department is checked by Dr. Syed Hussain, a dentist currently in residence at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Dental student Bijal Jhaveri observes.

# Two MCC Softball Players Receive National Honors



Morgan Widener



Amanda McCormick

Two Middlesex softball players recently received honors from the National Junior College Athletic Conference.

Morgan Widener was named Division III Player of the Week for March 26-April 1 and Amanda McCormick was named Pitcher of the week for April 2-8.



Widener

Ms. Widener, a catcher, batted .476 in the six games the team played that week. She brought home 11 runs and scored eight of her own. Seven of her hits went for extra bases, including six doubles and a home run.

Ms. McCormick tossed two games that week, winning both, tallying 10 strikeouts and allowing only one run in 12 innings, including a complete game shutout over Camden County College. She also beat Bergen Community College, allowing only two hits as Middlesex won the contest 9-1.



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