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## Casino Night Fundraiser to Support College Scholarships

Middlesex County College is offering an enjoyable night of make-believe gambling on Thursday, October 18 at the Rosewood, 2863 Woodbridge Avenue in Edison. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; the games begin at 6 p.m.

“This event will be a lot of fun,” said Veronica Clinton, director of development and alumni affairs at the College and executive director of the MCC Foundation. “In an exciting casino atmosphere, attendees will get \$50 in fake chips that they can use to ‘gamble’ to win tickets to put in the tricky trays for terrific prizes and prize packages. Besides offering a wonderful time, this fundraising event will help the College continue its mission to support deserving students through greatly needed scholarships.”

The admission fee of \$75 includes \$50 in fake chips and a buffet with desserts, as well as one drink per person



Winners enjoying last year's Casino Night event.

(cash bar is available). Participants must be 21 years of age. The event is business attire.

For questions or additional information, please contact Venetta

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You can register online at [www.mcc-foundation.org](http://www.mcc-foundation.org).

## Express Yourself: MCC's Tri-State Writers' Workshop Set for Oct. 27

A writers' workshop open to the public will be held at MCC on Saturday, October 27. The program mixes sessions on writing skills with practical tips on selling what you have written. There is also a spoken word contest; the winner will receive \$100.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to spend the day with published writers and learn their secrets,” said Professor Melissa Edwards, who is coordinating the workshop. “It promises to be an excellent program – and very valuable for writers and aspiring writers.”

Public school teachers may earn five Professional Development Credits at the workshop.

The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees may take part in a “spoken word/essay” contest, in which they present their own work. The winner will receive \$100.

Lunch is provided. Workshops are still being added, but they include: Writing about the Law, Writing the Research Paper, Journalism in the Digital Age, Poetry Workshop, Writing for the Stage and Screen, Writing

About Nature, Blogging, The Memoir, and Teaching Creative Writing to Children.

Express Yourself is being offered as a fundraiser to support the publication of the Middlesex County College literary journal. The registration fee is \$75 (same day registration is \$80); students are \$35. Teachers who enroll five students may attend for free.

For a flyer or to enroll, please visit [www.middlesexcc.edu/express](http://www.middlesexcc.edu/express), email [lfriedman@middlesexcc.edu](mailto:lfriedman@middlesexcc.edu) or call 732-906-4250.

# Free Training for Health Careers Offered at New Brunswick Center

Unemployed and underemployed people may be eligible for free training in the allied health care field at MCC's New Brunswick Center. Programs include Medical Office Specialist, Pharmacy Technician, Medical Assistant, EKG Technician, and Phlebotomist.

Information sessions will be held at the New Brunswick Center on Wednesday, October 3 and Wednesday, November 7 from 3 to 6 p.m. The center is at 140 New Street, at the

corner of Joyce Kilmer Avenue.

Some programs may be completed in as little as four weeks; others go for 10 months.

"We have a little bit of everything depending on how much time you have," said Martin Schamberger, the coordinator. "And the grant covers all fees and most expenses: books, child care if you need it, uniforms and supplies, and even public transportation to get to the campus. President Obama has recognized that health care is a

growing industry and crucial to the economic recovery. Plus, with an aging population, we'll need more qualified professionals to fill those roles."

The program is aimed at individuals who are unemployed or underemployed; students must have a high school diploma or GED.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for those who are now unemployed or underemployed to start fresh and begin a new career," Mr. Schamberger said.

This is the third year of the five-year grant. It was awarded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families to the Northern New Jersey Health Professions Consortium, which consists of nine community colleges in the state. Middlesex will receive \$2.4 million over the five years.

For more information contact Mr. Schamberger at 732-548-6000, ext. 3813.



Martin Schamberger works with two students in the program.

## Today's Table: Learn to be a Great Cook

This fall, you can learn how to be a great chef. "Today's Table: Classes for Contemporary Cooks" will be held in the Crabel Hall culinary lab and include tastings of food prepared by the chef and a copy of the recipes.

"This program is for cooks and non-cooks, and it is both instructive and entertaining," said Lynn Lederer, director of Professional and Community Programs at the College. "You will develop techniques to optimize your recipes. For example, you'll learn how to slice a tomato for maximum flavor, and why one omelet tastes better than another even though they have the exact same ingredients. This is a comprehensive cooking program that is both fun and educational."

Classes include soups, Italian, Spanish, Asian, vegetarian and many more. For details and a complete list, visit [www.middlesexcc.edu](http://www.middlesexcc.edu).

## THIS MONTH AT MIDDLESEX

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David Brimmer, director of the Center for Veterans Services (left), and David Lazaro, an MCC student and a member of the New Jersey Air National Guard.

## MCC Awarded Military Friendly School Title from G.I. Jobs Magazine

G.I. Jobs, the premier magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has named Middlesex County College to the coveted Military Friendly Schools® list. The list honors the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America's military service members, veterans and spouses and ensure their success on campus.

"Inclusion on the 2013 list of Military Friendly Schools shows Middlesex County College's commitment to providing a supportive environment for military students," said Sean Collins, director of G.I. Jobs. "As interest in education grows we're thrilled to provide the military community with transparent, world-class resources to assist in their search for schools."

The Military Friendly Schools website, [www.militaryfriendlyschools.com](http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com), features the list, as well as interactive and search tools to help military students find the best school to suit their unique needs and preferences. The 1,739 colleges, universities and trade schools on this year's list exhibit leading practices in the recruitment

and retention of students with military experience.

David Brimmer, director of MCC's Center for Veterans Services, said inclusion on the list is an honor.

"Our center is committed to providing student veterans with all the tools they need to succeed at MCC," he said. "Our purpose is to help our student veterans make a smooth transition to college life, to make sure they use the educational benefits to which they are entitled, and to make

their college experience rewarding and productive. We offer various methods of support to student veterans and current service members alike. And the center is a place where veterans can relax between classes and socialize with each other."

The list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 12,000 schools approved by the Veterans Administration.

*You're Invited*

**Middlesex County College Alumni Association Art Exhibit**

**Join us at a reception for the artists**

**Thursday, October 4, 6:30-8 p.m.**

**College Gallery**

**Top Floor of the College Center**

**The exhibit will continue  
throughout the month of October.**





Fahreta Kolenovic kicks the ball in a hard-fought contest against Raritan Valley Community College, a 4-3 loss.



MCC prevailed in a thrilling 3-2 overtime win against Northampton Community College. Middlesex trailed 2-0 at the half but then scored twice to tie. Diego Moretta (in white) scored the winning goal.



Megan Moast (#14) taps the ball so Racheal Wernoch (#11) can slam it in a 3-0 win over Atlantic Cape Community College.

## October Home Games

- 2 Women's Soccer vs. Sussex, 3:30 p.m.
- 3 Volleyball vs. Bergen, 7 p.m.
- 4 Men's Soccer vs. Camden
- 10 Women's Soccer vs. Gloucester, 3:30 p.m.
- 13 Men's Soccer vs. Ocean, Noon
- 16 Men's Soccer vs. Bergen, 3:30 p.m.
- 16 Volleyball vs. Union, 7 p.m.

Soccer games are played in David B. Crabiell Park, Elkins Lane in Milltown. Volleyball is played in the Physical Education Center on campus.