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# Council is Active

*Division Council is actively filling seats and looking for voices*

By Trinity Dunn, Managing Editor

The Liberal Arts Division is working on filling student seats until all open positions are occupied, as college governance requires student voices.

Rebecca Deally, first-year student, said, "As a student, the ability to serve as a member of a governing body is both liberating and validating. Knowing that I can have a chance to contribute to my college's community and use my experiences as a student, makes me feel safe and more heard."

Theresa Orosz, Assistant Dean of the Liberal Arts Division, said, "The Liberal Arts Division Council is still in need of two student alternates. They need to be in a major that's within the Liberal Arts division."

Orosz said students can contact her via email at [torosz@middlesex-cc.edu](mailto:torosz@middlesex-cc.edu).

Orosz said, "Division Council meets on the first Tuesday of the month during the College hour at 2 p.m. The Liberal Arts Division Council meets in L'Hommedieu Hall, room 165."

"A lot of the business that is conducted in Division Council is curriculum related but it also kind of has something to do with student affairs," said Orosz. "We will likely have a lot of curriculum items, whether it's new courses or maybe some revisions to existing degree programs."

Orosz said that during these meetings for the Division Council, the conversation either ends or continues to be discussed in the other parts of the college governance body.

"It's kind of the second step in the governance structure. A lot of the discussion starts at the department level and then it moves to the Division Council to College Assembly," said Orosz.

Orosz said that the Division Council is a part of the college's governance body.

"Each Division Council membership is made up of a faculty representative from each of the academic departments within the divisions, and then there's alternates and student representation. Students who are majoring in a degree program within that division are members of the Division Council. The Assistant Deans are voting members of the Division Council," said Orosz.

Orosz said the Division Council has a Chairperson, Chair-elect and Secretary and Treasurer that unifies the executive team for the Division Council.

Orosz said there are eight academic departments within the Business, S.T.E.M. and Health Professions Division.

"You have Nursing, Radiography, Dental Hygiene, Engineering Technologies, Hospitality, Culinary Arts and Dietetics, Business and Professional Studies, Computer Science, Natural Sciences and Mathematics," said

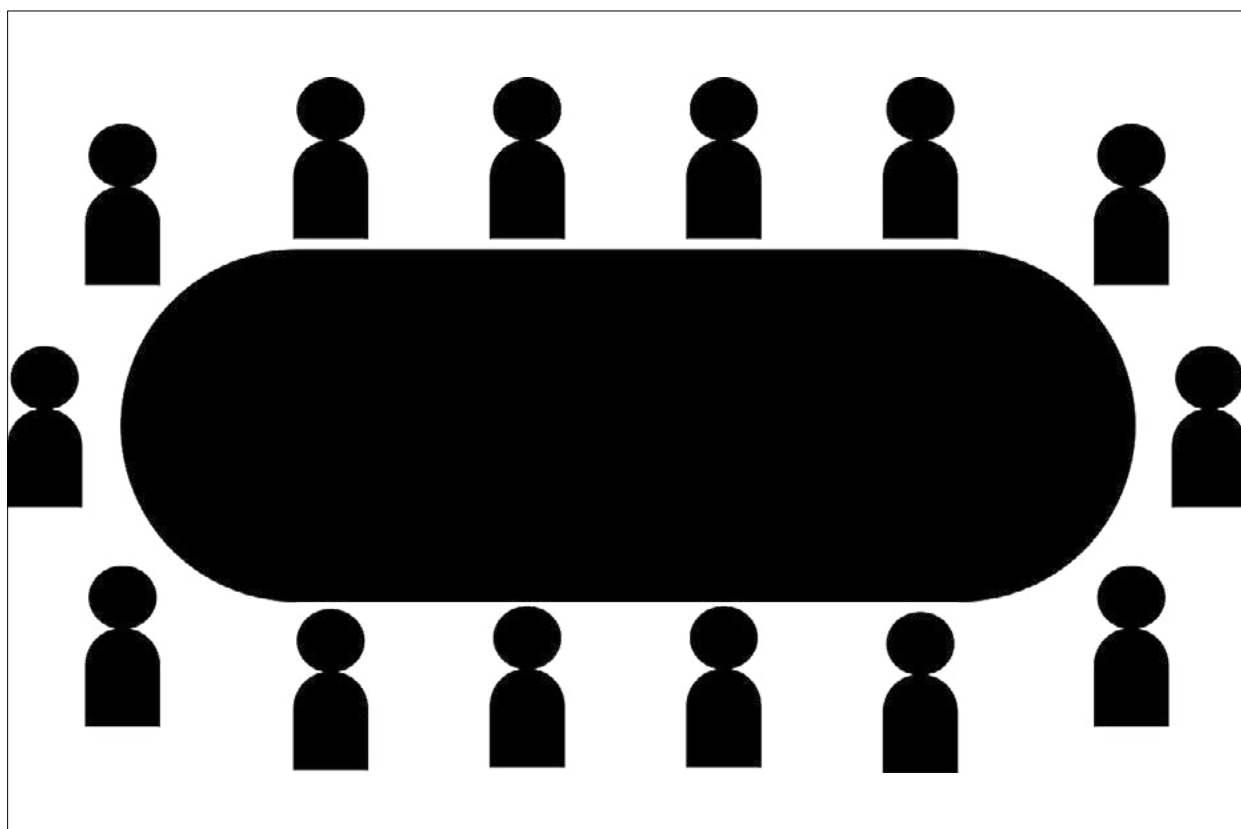


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An illustration of people in a meeting

Orosz.

Orosz said being on the Division Council provides an opportunity for the college community to voice their concerns.

"Like College Assembly, it's an opportunity for students, faculty and administrators to come together to discuss matters of importance whether they're academic or student affairs related. It's a smaller organization than College Assembly so students can serve Division Council, College and a Task Force if they want to," said Orosz. "It's an opportunity for all of the constituencies within an academic division to come together to have a meaningful conver-

sation and then either make decisions at the Division level or develop a charge to put forth to the College Assembly. For instance, determine what's the appropriate venue for addressing a concern or change in a process or procedure."

Orosz said the Liberal Arts Division Council is looking to plan a joint festival for the next academic year due to the resumption of the Division Council.

"We have this annual festival committee. They're joint committees between the two divisions and they work on collaborating to hold an academic type of festival that highlights the programs in both divisions. It is open to the public and students. As we're getting every-

thing back up and underway, there's just not enough time to do that this year. So we'll look at doing something for next year," said Orosz.

Raymond Dademo, Composition Coordinator of the English Department, said, "Shared governance is the most important pillar of any student-serving institution. I'm thrilled to see our Division Councils reactivate. It's crucial to have students, faculty, staff and administrators collaborating on campus-wide initiatives and serving the community together. Personally, I would love to see our Board of Trustees taking a page from the Division Council playbook; creating seats for student and faculty representatives and inviting workers to vote on initiatives that directly affect them."

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*- Theresa Orosz*

### Division Council Meeting Locations:

The Liberal Arts Division  
L'Hommedieu Hall  
Room 165

Business, S.T.E.M. and Health Professions Division  
Main Hall  
Room 155

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#### **Parking on Campus**

<https://middlesexcollege.edu/visit/parking/#:~:text=There%20is%20no%20fee%20for,zones%2C%20loading%20areas%2C%20etc.>

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 Library: M-Th 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
 Computer Center: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Testing Center: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Cafeteria: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Counseling Services: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Food Pantry: <https://www.middlesexcc.edu/student-life/food-pantry/>

**Emergency Phone:**  
 732.906.2500

**Non-Emergency Phone:**  
 732.548.6000 x3500

**School Info Line:**  
 732.906.2555

**Police/Fire:**  
 911

**Suicide Prevention:**  
 800-273-8255

**Edison Campus:**  
 732-548-6000

**New Brunswick:**  
 732-745-8866

**Perth Amboy:**  
 732-906-7755

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Starbucks Café: Main Hall  
 Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Colt Café: ground floor of College Center  
 Mon - Fri 7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



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## Police Department and Replenish Program Hosts Food Drive

By Jack Cortez, Staff Writer

Middlesex Borough Police Department is partnering with Middlesex County's hunger eradication program, Replenish, to host their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive beginning Nov. 4.

According to the Middlesex County website and flyers handed out, the food accepted for the drive is canned and packaged goods. They also accept toiletries, baby wipes and diapers.

Joleen Auricchio, a police officer of the Middlesex Borough Police Department and co-coordinator of the event, said, "Our youth volunteers will distribute flyers to residents and businesses on Oct. 28 and the following weekend. Then they will revisit and collect donations at doorsteps."

"The food drive first began in Middlesex Borough and was run by a local group of parent and student volunteers," said Auricchio. "The police department joined the event six years ago."

Auricchio said it's the team's mission to help and support others, with the aid of Replenish.

According to the Middlesex County website, the purpose of Replenish is to eradicate hunger with over 150 partner organizations which include local governments, nonprofit agencies, businesses schools and houses of worship that all work together.

Anthony Asuncion, Middlesex College student, said, "It is always good to know that there are organizations collecting food donations to distribute throughout our county."

*"...it's the team's mission to help and support others, with the aid of Replenish"*  
- Joleen Auricchio



Photo by Patricia Duncan

Canned and boxed food

## Breast Cancer Walk Brings People Out to the Edison Campus

By Marro Alphonso Hawkins II, Staff Writer



Photo Courtesy of Marro Alphonso Hawkins II

People swarming at the Breast Cancer Awareness walk at Middlesex College, photo taken Oct. 21



A couple taking a picture and holding up signs, photo taken Oct. 21



A band playing at the Breast Cancer Awareness walk at Middlesex College's Edison Campus, photo taken Oct. 21.



A stand at the Breast Cancer Awareness Walk, photo taken Oct. 21



A family on an inflatable, photo taken Oct. 21

## Fun Page Announcement

Hello Middlesex students, welcome to our Fun Page. Here, you can submit things like vacation photos, your experiences at Middlesex so far, or your favorite places to relax and do work on campus. The list could go on as it's supposed to be a Fun Page, so write what you think should be on there. Feel free to submit as many as you'd like.

Sincerely,  
Quo Vadis

## Advice Letters



Photo by Trinity Dunn

A picture of the first writer's outdoor cat, Freddie taken May 2023

By Trinity Dunn, *Managing Editor*

Dear Jay Jam,

Out of nowhere, my cat has been acting really weird. Sometimes, she sits with me and watches tv like she's a person. She has the point of showing human-like reactions, mimicking me, and wearing little suits. How should I react to this?

Your Buddy,  
Weirded Out Owner

By Patrickia Duncan *Managing Editor*

Dear Weirded Out Owner,

It's uncommon for felines to do this. Your cat thinks she's Puss in Boots or something? I say apply the placebo effect. If your cat is mimicking you, why don't you try going to Spirit Halloween and buying yourself a catsuit? Start purring, rolling around on your carpet, and meowing in front of your cat. I bet you that will set her straight.

Sincerely,  
Jay Jam

## Poem

### *This is me*

By Trinity Dunn, *Managing Editor*

I am anxious, that is me.

I am shy, that is me.

I am emotional, that is me.

I am troubled, that is me.

Yet none of that stops me.

I remain strong,

Like nothing is wrong.

You can be your worst enemy,

So don't sabotage your path to succeed.

I will never give up on me.



Photo by Trinity Dunn

A picture of a Middlesex College student reflecting on herself in the mirror taken Oct. 26 2023

## Men's Soccer Team Ties to End Regular Season

By Marquis Pullins Jr., Staff Writer

The men's soccer team came back to finish the game in a tie against Ocean County at JFK Stadium in Iselin on Oct. 17.

Coming into the game, Ocean County was ranked No. 5 in the nation. However, the men's team knew that with a win or a tie, they could clinch a playoff berth.

Coach Velasco said, "We need to be sharp, we need to be on our A-game today. The coaches did enough talking, and it is up to all of you to execute what you have been taught."

The first half was as physical and defensive as possible between both teams. Both teams were going at the ball once the other team had possession. When the first half concluded, it was zero-to-zero.

Velasco talked to his team after their performance during the first half. "We had a lot of chances to score in this game, but it was because of defense, and we lacked soccer intelligence," said Velasco.

"Every time we had the ball in our possession, we gave it to the other

team without thought," said Velasco. "Overall, we are in a great position. We just need to take some shots on goal," said Velasco.

The team was in a great position to win until the game reached the 55th minute and Ocean County scored.

As Velasco rallied his players, there was a sense of disbelief on the bench with the players knowing that this game could be over, and so could their season.

After the goal, the team knew that they needed to be aggressive and score a goal before the game ended.

After multiple possessions, with the determination they showed on the pitch, the offense came back empty-handed. However, as the game neared its end and the urgency for a goal became greater, the men's team received a corner kick.

As forward Juan Arboleda kicked the corner, it seemed as if it was going nowhere, but it landed at



Multiple members of the team warming up before the game

Photo by Marquis Pullins Jr.

the feet of another forward, Cesar Silva. When all hope seemed lost, in the 88th minute, Cesar Silva tied the game off the corner assist of Juan Arboleda.

Although the game ended in a tie, the team realized that their playoff hopes had come to fruition. "This team can make a deep run into the playoffs and surprise a lot of people.

We just need to execute," said Velasco. The men's team finished their season with seven wins, six losses, and two ties as they headed into the playoffs.

## Men's Soccer Team Wins in First Round of Playoffs

By Nolan MacFadyen, Managing Editor



Alessandro Sipaque pressures the Sussex defender



Allan Solomon colliding with the Sussex defender after taking a shot



Helius Munoz getting fouled by the Sussex defender



Juan Arboleda dribbles the ball past the Sussex defenders

Photos by Nolan MacFadyen

The men's soccer team beat Sussex County Community College 2-1 in the North Atlantic District A Quarter Finals at David B. Crabiel Park on Oct. 21.

In a fast-paced start, Middlesex took the early lead as sophomore Juan Arboleda scored.

After the game, Arboleda said, "I think it came at a good moment because it was a very early goal. We needed it to keep our confidence and play our game."

Sussex responded quickly with a long freekick to tie the game.

Once the game resumed, Middlesex consistently maintained possession and applied pressure for the remainder of the half before freshman Deandre Lewis scored to make it a 2-1 Middlesex lead.

Middlesex continued to consistently maintain possession and attack throughout the second half finding a multitude of scoring chances but was unable to capitalize on them.

After the game, head coach Javier Velasco said, "The boys came to play today. I thought we were disciplined defensively and that was the key. Sussex didn't really play the quality soccer that we played. They just hoped that we made mistakes in the back; everything was long balls... and the most important part is we kept possession of the ball today, we played quality soccer today."

"Offensively, we should have scored four or five more goals. We had some one-on-ones," said Velasco. "Their keeper did a great job today"

Starting goalkeeper Jhan Paul Hidalgo, who made four saves on five shots, said, "I think the team was really good today. We talked a lot on the field, we moved the ball around, we played our game. So, I think that's why we won today. We really played our game."



Bryan Bonilla battles past the Sussex defender



Juan Arboleda sends a short corner kick to Oti Jara

Nov. Scheduled	
04 SAT.	noon Women's Basketball Vs. Rockland Community College
	2 p.m. Men's Basketball Vs. Borough of Manhattan Community College
10 FRI.	5 p.m. Women's Basketball @ College of Southern Maryland
	7 p.m. Men's Basketball @ College of Southern Maryland