Welcome from the Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment

The Office of Admissions and Student Recruitment at Middlesex Community College is excited to work with you, your students and their families this spring! At Middlesex we strive to provide our students with multiple pathways to success. Whether the goal is to pursue a career opportunity or to transfer to a four year university, we have over 75 different associate degree and certificate offerings to ensure the skills and training necessary to achieve any goal. Here are just some of the advantages for high school students to attend Middlesex:

- Open Admission to most programs
- Affordable tuition
- Flexible course offerings
- A jump start on college level courses through our Dual Enrollment program
- Two unique campuses

MCC also participates in Mass Transfer. This state-wide program allows students to complete an associate degree at MCC and transfer into a linked bachelor’s degree program at a Massachusetts state college or University of Massachusetts campus, saving both time and money. We make the process easy; all you need to do is complete a MassTransfer application form in your final semester. If you have a 2.5 grade point average, your admission is guaranteed, and if you earn a 3.0 or higher GPA, you are eligible for a 33% tuition waiver on your instate tuition costs. Some universities even offer a 100% tuition waiver!

Our Admissions staff is ready and willing to assist you with questions or to set up informational meetings with your students. Please utilize the contact information at the end of this letter if you would like to reach out directly to our staff. We also have some exciting events coming up this spring including our two open houses. Keep reading for more information. We thank you for your continued support of your students and of Middlesex Community College.

Sincerely,

Jillian Freitas-Haley
Director of Admissions

Meet Our New President

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment would like to welcome our new President, Dr. James Mabry. “I want all community college students to have an opportunity to learn and to succeed. Whether working or raising a family, or both, whether right out of high school or coming back or just starting out, I want higher education to be accessible to them and I want to create learning environments that are welcoming and promote their success,” Mabry said after being voted in by the Board of Higher Education.

Dr. Mabry comes to us from Mesa Community College, Mesa Arizona, where he served as the Vice President of Academic Affairs. He holds a Ph.D. in U.S. History from Columbia University and a Master of Science degree from The London School of Economics. Mabry has lived in New York, Germany, Tokyo, London, Florida and Arizona before coming to Massachusetts.

Dr. Mabry will focus on access and success for all students while working with the college to provide excellent services throughout our diverse community. His goal is to make everyone proud of MCC and he is committed to providing progressive and visionary leadership. Dr. Mabry is ready, willing and able to engage and inspire, lead and serve, as well as challenge and support.

Please join us in welcoming our fourth president of Middlesex Community College!

MCC Offers

- Academic, Career and Personal Advising including disability support and veterans resources
- Honors programs for students to learn at advanced levels
- Fitness, recreation, and sports teams and clubs for students to be involved, learn a new skill, get some exercise and meet new people
- Civic and Community Engagement including community service and alternative spring break
- Transfer to MA State Colleges and Universities in addition to many other opportunities with articulation agreements both in and outside of Massachusetts
- Fellowship Study Abroad – an academic opportunity for MCC students to study a country’s culture, literature, and history and then visit that country
- Monthly CPR courses on campus certified through the American Heart Association
The Engineering programs offered at MCC have two exciting options, Civil/Environmental or Mechanical Engineering. These programs, designed in a special relationship with the School of Engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, comprise two full years of a four year Bachelor of Science degree program in Engineering. They serve as a pathway for students who intend to transfer to complete a bachelor’s degree in Engineering. Some of the courses in these programs will even be offered at the UMass Lowell campus, allowing students to experience the university while benefitting from what the community college has to offer. This program will also satisfy most General Education requirements of the B.S. degree.

Students who enroll in the Mechanical Engineering option will learn to apply their skills in the design of machinery and products, system integration, testing, analysis, research and development. Student in the Civil/Environmental option will learn to design, construct, operate, and maintain facilities and systems that serve the basic needs of society. Applicants to these selective Engineering options will need to meet additional admissions requirements and should visit the MCC website for more information or schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor.

New Programs for Fall 2015!

**Liberal Arts - Math Concentration**

An associate degree in Mathematics serves as the foundation for a bachelor’s degree in Mathematics. This program provides the technical and general education courses and additional support necessary for a successful transfer to bachelor’s degree programs in mathematics or related disciplines. It also qualifies a student for Mass Transfer, which guarantees credit transfer to Massachusetts state universities.

A bachelor’s degree in mathematics prepares a student for many well-paying jobs and careers in a variety of fields from business to computer programming to engineering, and especially in the fields of actuary, budget analyst, economist, financial analyst, mathematicians, educator, operations research and statistician. The U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics lists four high-paying careers in particular: Actuary, Mathematician, Operations Research Analyst, and Statistician. Applicants to this selective program will need to meet additional admissions requirements and should visit the MCC website for more information or schedule an appointment with an admissions counselor.

**Liberal Arts - History, Politics, & Global Studies**

This revised program consolidates three concentrations into a single, stream-lined program in an effort to better accommodate the needs of our students. The concentration will prepare students for transfer into bachelor’s degree programs in any one of a number of Social Science and related disciplines such as History, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Public Policy, Education (grades 7-12), Global Studies, and Business. The program challenges students to critically evaluate the commonalities and differences within various cultural and social frameworks, and looks at relationships between national and international systems that influence the world community. This program is also eligible for Mass transfer and aligns particularly well with related programs offered at UMass Lowell.

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**At Middlesex Community College**

**Everyone teaches, everyone learns.**

Join us for an

**Admissions Open House**

**Lowell Campus**

9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 28

33 Kearney Square

**Bedford Campus**

5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28

591 Springs Road

Learn more about ...

- FREE TUTORING SERVICES
- ACADEMIC, CAREER & TRANSFER COUNSELING
- PLACEMENT TESTING
- DUAL ENROLLMENT
- DISABILITY SUPPORT

... and much more.

**REGISTER NOW!**

To learn more or to RSVP visit:

www.middlesex.mass.edu/OH

or call 1-800-818-3434
Health & STEM PATHWAYS CENTER AT MCC!

For students interested in a Health or STEM major at Middlesex, The Pathways Center offers academic support and is focused on achievement and career outcomes. When asked what the Center was a pathway to, the Director, Audrey Frater replied, “Success. Students come in with a myriad of goals, but it’s our job to help them achieve them.” Academic pathways start before new STEM students even begin their first semester at MCC, with the Summer Math Booster. MCC’s Pathways Center has designed a month-long Math Booster program targeting graduating high school seniors to prepare them for college-level math courses.

In addition to the Math Booster, the Pathways Center also runs the Summer Bridge program, for incoming students interested in pursuing a career in Health and/or STEM. The Summer Bridge program focuses on lab and course success skills. Students participate in workshops each day to explore different areas of health and science. The goal is to help these students find their passion. Students completing the Summer Bridge program will benefit from career planning strategies, resume development, study skills, time management training, and simply from getting involved on campus from the start. Students will be connected with a Peer Mentor and will learn about research opportunities, internships, and externships.

Beyond the summer programs, MCC Health and STEM students benefit from a Peer Mentor program, tutoring, group study sessions, and supplemental instruction. Throughout the year, there are various special Pathways events for its students. Last February, students took a field trip to the UMASS Lowell Baseball Research Center, where students use “experimental and analytical methods to study the equipment of America’s [favorite] pastime,” such as baseball bat performance and durability. Last March, MCC hosted the 10th annual Women in STEM luncheon. Every week students can take advantage of another career oriented workshop focused on resume critique, networking, or career fair preparation. In addition, the Pathways Center hosts Health and STEM career fairs specifically for its students. Lastly, students are guided towards various internship opportunities and Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU’s) held during summer months at UMass Lowell. Students working with the Pathways Center will develop the excellence they need to succeed in these fields and the professional skills necessary to land these positions.

Commonwealth Honors Program

The MCC Commonwealth Honors Program is a great opportunity for students to work at a more advanced level while learning with like-minded students in seminar style classrooms. Entering students with a minimum high school 3.2 GPA who place into Honors English Composition I on the College Placement Test can join the program. Current Middlesex students with a minimum 3.2 GPA and 12 or more college level credits are also eligible for membership.

Membership increases opportunities for scholarships, offers opportunities to participate in special events and activities, develops leadership skills, enhances applications for admission to four year colleges, and provides students with recognition as Commonwealth Honors Scholars at graduation.

To learn more, VISIT the MCC Honors Office, Building 9, Room 107, Bedford campus, CALL David Kalivas, Ph.D., Honors Director and Donna Colella, Administrative Assistant at 781-280-3553, or EMAIL honors@middlesex.mass.edu.
Dual Enrollment Summer Registration Begins in March

The Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy allows qualified high school students the opportunity to earn college credit while satisfying their high school graduation requirements. Students may select courses that are offered through MCC online or on campus, during the day, at night, or on the weekend. Our summer course schedule will be posted in March and registration will be ongoing. Please note that Dual Enrollment students must be enrolled in time to attend the first day of class and our summer schedule offers multiple start dates.

Dual Enrollment courses are well suited for high school students who:

- Want to take the general education courses that are required by most colleges and universities.
- Are seeking to distinguish themselves in the competitive college application process by demonstrating success in college courses and/or by demonstrating interest in their identified field of study.
- Want to save money on college tuition costs. (Middlesex offers Massachusetts dual enrollment students a reduced tuition rate.)

Also, students will begin registering for fall 2015 courses this spring. Fall courses begin on Wednesday, September 9th. Please encourage any student who is interested in enrolling for the fall to begin the application process as soon as possible.

Please visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/dualenroll to learn more and to access the dual enrollment application, or call 978-656-3207 to speak with a dual enrollment advisor.

Student Service Highlight—Financial Aid

Now’s the time to start planning for Financial Aid!

Financial aid can help students afford the costs of attending MCC, as well as books, living expenses, transportation and personal expenses. Many MCC students receive some sort of financial aid including grants and scholarships, loans and work study. Grant and scholarship aid does not need to be paid back, loans must be repaid, and work study takes the form of part time employment. Some Massachusetts grants and the federal Pell Grant program can be awarded to students who are enrolled less than half time.

The 2015-2016 FAFSA must be submitted for terms beginning with the Fall 2015 semester before the **MAY 1ST deadline** to qualify for the most financial aid available! Please encourage students and their families to file their income tax returns as soon as possible. Estimated information can be used to complete the FAFSA. **PLEASE NOTE:** Students wishing to enroll in the summer 2015 semester should file the 2014-2015 FAFSA for financial aid consideration in addition to the 2015-2016 FAFSA for the fall 2015.

**FAFSA workshops for the 2015-16 application process are now being offered on Wednesdays on both the Bedford and Lowell campuses during the months of March and April.**

Call to make a reservation in Bedford 781-280-3650.

For Lowell appointments, please call 978-656-3242.

The MCC federal school codes for the FAFSA are as follows:

- Lowell: 009936
- Bedford: E00562

Questions?

Please contact MCC’s Admissions and Recruitment Department at 978-656-3207 or email at admissions@middlesex.mass.edu

“We look forward to hearing from you!”