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Ex-Sox slugger Ortiz should be a big hit for MCC Celebrity Forum

By Rick Sebey
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LOWELL — One by one, Red Sox superhero David Ortiz high-fived and hugged the dozens of kids his foundation helped save it was the final weekend of Big Papi's regular-season career, and Middlesex Community College's Dennis Malvers get to take it all in from the stands.

"It was very, very moving," recalled Malvers on Monday driving to Fenway Park for the Red Sox season opener. "What he does to change lives is just so inspirational."

Malvers, MCC's dean of college advancement, had previously thought that Ortiz would be the perfect fit for MCC's annual Celebrity Forum. Then witnessing that at Fenway Park last season helped "lock it in," Malvers said, and the college pursued Ortiz as the featured guest.

On Monday, a few hours before the first pitch at Fenway Park, MCC announced that Ortiz and his infectious smile will headline the 19th-annual Celebrity Forum on June 8 at 8 p.m.

The retired Boston Red Sox designated hitter will be interviewed Please see MCC/8

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by Dan Roche, award-winning sports anchor and reporter for WBZ-TV News.

Tickets go on sale this Friday for the June fundraiser at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. "We're very, very excited," Malvers said. "We finalized it late last week and have been sitting on it for a couple of days. We thought it'd be perfect to roll it out Monday for Opening Day. "He's obviously such an icon, an inspiration to young athletes and people everywhere," Malvers added. "His philanthropic efforts are such an inspiration." Proceeds from the Celebrity Forum support scholarships for Middlesex students. Since 2004, $269,000 in Celebrity Forum Scholarships has been awarded to 104 MCC students. In addition, the MCC Foundation annually awards more than $100,000 in student scholarships.

A proud Dominican-American, Ortiz smashed clutch hits for the Sox from 2003 to 2016. Ortiz is a 10-time All-Star and three-time World Series champion. He currently holds the Boston Red Sox single-season record for home runs with 64, and is the all-time leader in Major League Baseball history for home runs, RBIs and hits by a designated hitter.

"The MCC Foundation is excited to welcome David 'Big Papi' Ortiz, retired Boston Red Sox slugger, to headline this year's Celebrity Forum," MCC President James Mabry said in a statement. "This is the college's signature community relations and scholarship-fundraising event, and we hope to attract a whole new audience to this extraordinary evening."

Dan Roche has been a leader in Boston sports coverage for two decades. Roche won a New England Emmy Award for Outstanding Sports Series for "Red Sox This Week."


Last year's speakers were television personalities Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb.

MCC had never featured a guest from the sports world, Malvers said. "We always want to bring in someone with a name and a message of philanthropy and goodwill," he said. "Looking at the sports world, we immediately thought of Papi, and thought that would be a home run, pun intended."

Tickets range from $34 to $100.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Lowell Memorial Auditorium Box Office at 978-732-8881; online at www.lowellauditorium.com or in person at the LMA Box Office, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. For group sales of 15 or more, contact Jocelyn Prieto at 978-334-5751 or email jocelyn.prieto@comcast.net.

For information about Celebrity Forum sponsorships, opportunities, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/CPIT/ or contact Malvers at 781-299-3541. Follow Rick Sebey on Twitter @rsobeysun.
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Originally developed as part of a $500,000 Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund Grant awarded by the state to the North Shore Workforce Investment Board, the advanced manufacturing training program funded by a Sector Partnership National Emergency Grant. The grant supports partnerships between the Northeast Advanced Manufacturing Consortium and the region’s education and workforce organizations. Those include community colleges and vocational technical schools, career centers, workforce investment boards and local employers, and provide training and assist participants in finding jobs within the manufacturing industry. Graduates of the advanced manufacturing training program completed more than 400 hours of training in basic machining or electronics. They gained hands-on experience to begin careers in the high-demand manufacturing industry, including working in aerospace, defense, medical devices, computers and electronics.

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MCC named one of best for online programs

Middlesex Community College has been ranked No. 3 on the 2016-17 list of Best Online Colleges in Massachusetts by Affordable College Online.

"Middlesex is honored to be named one of the best online colleges in the state," MCC President James Habry said. "We have been a leader in online education for more than 15 years. At MCC, we are dedicated to helping students overcome obstacles and transform their lives through education by offering high-quality online courses and programs that fit into their busy lives."

MCC offers 10 Associate Degree programs and five certificate programs that can be completed entirely online. Hundreds of online course offerings — as well as hybrid courses, which combine online and face-to-face instruction — are also offered.

Students who take courses online at Middlesex complete the same high-quality coursework as those who take courses on campus. And online students earn the same course credits, which are transferable to Bachelor’s Degree programs.

For more information about online education at Middlesex, visit: www.middlesex.mass.edu/online or call 1-800-818-3434.

Affordable College Online collected and analyzed data from every accredited postsecondary institution in the United States to determine which colleges offer the most notable balance of academic rigor, student support, and affordability for online learning.

To see the complete 2016-17 rankings, visit: www.affordablecollegesonline.org/online-colleges/massachusetts.

Middlesex Community College's Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology degree programs have been recognized for excellence by the Community for Accredited Online Schools in its 2016-17 national rankings.

"These top national rankings underscore the quality of the faculty, curriculum and hands-on instruction in MCC's Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology degree programs," said Katherine Gehly, Dean of Nursing, Allied Health, "Middlesex provides graduates of these nationally accredited health programs with the technical skills and educational knowledge they need to be eligible for national certification and state licensing."

In addition to Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology, MCC offers degree programs in Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Lab Technology, Medical Assisting and Nursing. Certificate programs in Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting are also available.

To learn more about MCC's Health Career Programs, call 800-818-3434. Prospective students may also attend a Health Career Program Information Session offered throughout the year on the Bedford and Lowell campuses. To register for an info session, visit http://bit.ly/mcchealthinfo.

The Community for Accredited Online Schools is a comprehensive, accreditation resource that provides prospective students and families the tools to make well-informed decisions about their education. To see the complete 2016-17 rankings, visit: www.accreditedchoolsonline.org/medical-and-health/ultrasound-technician, or www.accreditedschools.online/vocational-trade-school/radiology-technician.
“Our whole mission at MCC is to provide access to education and how to make it accessible for everyone,” Malvers said. “Ortiz has done remarkable work providing money to children to get the access to proper medical care.” At the Celebrity Forum Ortiz will discuss his playing career as well as his charity and the impact the city of Boston has had on him. He will be interviewed by WBZ-TV broadcaster Dan Roche. The event will take place at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on June 8 beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.lowellauditorium.com.
Middlesex To Host Award-Winning Poet Lloyd Schwartz

As part of its Visiting Writers Series, Middlesex Community College will host award-winning poet Lloyd Schwartz who will be reading and discussing his work at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Square, on the Lowell campus. The event is free and open to the public.

Schwartz has published four books of poetry, including his most recent, "Little Kisses." His poems, articles and reviews have appeared in the New Yorker, the Atlantic, Varity Fair, the New Republic and the Paris Review. His poetry has been honored with a Pushcart Prize and with publication in "The Best American Poetry" series.

Schwartz is a professor of English at UMass Boston, where he has served as director of the Creative Writing Program and helped establish a new MFA program in creative writing. He is an internationally recognized authority on the work of poet Elizabeth Bishop.

An award-winning classical music critic for NPR's "Fresh Air," Schwartz is also senior editor of classical music for New York Arts, and served for many years as the classical music editor of the Boston Phoenix. He was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Criticism in 1994.

MCC's Visiting Writers Series is co-sponsored by the Creative Writing Program, and the Center for Leadership & Engagement. For more information, contact Steven Rossi, Director of Leadership Development & Student Activities, at 978-656-3363 or StudentEngagement@middlesex.mass.edu; or Tom Laughlin, Professor of English, at 781-280-3839 or laughlin@middlesex.mass.edu.

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Middlesex Community College To Host Bedford Campus Open House

Middlesex Community College will host a Bedford Campus Open House at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, in the Bedford Campus Center, 591 Springs Road.

Prospective students and their families, as well as adult learners interested in continuing their education, will have the opportunity to learn about MCC's more than 70 degree and certificate programs, noncredit courses, and online and flexible-learning options.

The Bedford Campus Open House will feature a series of breakout sessions tailored to meet student needs and interests. Students can explore specific areas of academic interest, meet with faculty and academic deans, learn more about the admissions process, and take a campus tour.

"This open-house format gives students an opportunity to learn about everything Middlesex has to offer," said Marilynn Gallagher, Dean of Admissions.

Advisors and administrators will be available to answer student questions and provide information about how to be successful at Middlesex. Students can learn about MCC's many support services, such as academic and career counseling, dual enrollment, tutoring, disability support, and other special programs.

Students can also learn about the statewide MassTransfer program, which is designed to ease the transfer process, allowing a student to specifically plan a curriculum that will fit a chosen bachelor's degree program.

Attendees can also meet with financial-aid representatives to get information about financing their education. Students can even turn in college applications and schedule appointments for placement testing.

For more information, or to RSVP for MCC's Bedford Campus Open House, visit www.middletex.mass.edu/oh or call 1-800-818-3434.

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Colleges can get free Narcan Program targeting opioid epidemic

By Amaris Castillo acastillo@lowellsun.com

LOWELL — As the United States continues to grapple with the opioid crisis, a new program is targeting college campuses with an effort to deliver 40,000 doses of Narcan in an effort to save more lives.

The program was initiated by the Clinton Foundation and Adapt Pharma, the maker of Narcan nasal spray.

And the battle against the epidemic in Greater Lowell and surrounding communities rages on.

Just last month, public safety officials issued a warning to the region about a particularly dangerous batch of heroin that was blamed for six near-fatal overdoses over a 15-hour period on March 16, according to Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan. In all six overdose cases, the individual was saved by the administration of Narcan.

Further evidence of the crisis is the jar full of 669 needles found last year in an eight-mile river stretch from Lowell to the city of Lawrence.

Narcan for colleges

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by Rocky Morrison, who heads the Clean River Project based in Methuen.

Local colleges and universities have caught wind of the new initiative by the Clinton Foundation and Adapt Pharma.

"I think it's a great program, as is the program that the District Attorney's Office currently has," said Karen L. Kolimaga, Chief of Police and Public Safety at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner. "Any of these programs that help any of the police departments, whether college or municipal, I think it can only help.

Narcan is the only FDA-approved nasal form of naloxone for the emergency treatment of a known or suspected opioid overdose, according to the spray's website. It counteracts the life-threatening effects of an overdose.

The effort, announced Monday by Mike Kelly, the U.S. president of Adapt Pharma, and former President Bill Clinton, expands upon an earlier initiative that has given out more than 3,000 free doses of NARCAN Nasal Spray to high schools in 33 states.

"It's going to be a catalyst to get it into colleges and high schools across the country," Kelly said. "If you give it to people for free, they’ll say, 'I want it'... Long term, I hope every school in America has Narcan each equipped with a dose of Narcan, made possible through a grant program by the Office of Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early, Jr.

"We wanted it on their person so that we would have the quickest response," she told The Sun on Tuesday. "I think we realized that any college really is a microcosm within a community and there certainly is an opioid crisis nationally. I know the local PD is quite often using Narcan. Our main campus sits in Gardner and we also have campuses in Leominster and Fitchburg... all of those communities are regularly dealing with opioid overdoses so, although we haven’t had to administer it on campus, we want to be prepared in the case that that were to happen.

According to Kelly of Adapt Pharma, the recently announced program has three goals: Education, awareness and expansion of naloxone.

There’s a stigma about the disease, he said, “and getting people to talk about it in an open forum, in schools, is a good place to start. There is an antidote. People don’t have to die... There’s a simple, ready, easy-to-use product on the marketplace.

Christine Gillette, director of media relations at UMass Lowell, said in an email to The Sun that the university “does not at this time plan to apply to the program.”
MCC Theater Department Stages Musical ‘Little Shop Of Horrors’

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Middlesex To Host Dual Enrollment Orientation Session

Middlesex Community College will host a Lowell campus orientation session for the Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy, which allows qualified high school and homeschooled students to earn college credit while satisfying their high school graduation requirements.

A Lowell Campus Dual Enrollment Orientation Session will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 20, in the Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Keaney Square.

As part of MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy, qualified students may enroll in college-level courses offered online during the day, evening or weekend on MCC’s Bedford or Lowell campuses. Flexible options are available to focus on science and math, engineering and technology, health professions or business administration. Also welcome are students who just want to get a head start on completing the general-education courses required by most colleges and universities.

A Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy advisor will be assigned to work with each applicant, their parent/guardian, and high school guidance counselor to design a program based on the student’s academic skill level and educational goals. To maximize success, MCC offers academic counseling, tutoring, computer labs and library services, and encourages students to participate in on-campus events and student clubs.

Dual Enrollment students pay reduced tuition costs. State funding is available to cover tuition and fees for a limited number of admitted Massachusetts residents enrolled in college-level courses that are transferable to an associate or bachelor’s degree program.

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An Evening
With David Ortiz
Interviewed By WBZ-TV’s Dan Roche

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MCC’s Celebrity Forum is an annual event that presents well-known personalities for the educational and cultural enrichment of area residents. Presenting Sponsor of all 19 Celebrity Forum events is The TJX Companies, Inc.


Tickets to An Evening with David Ortiz range from $34 to $100 and go on sale Friday, April 7.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Lowell Municipal Auditorium Box Office at 866-722-8881; online at www.lowelmunicipal.com; or in person at the LMA Box Office, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell. For group sales of 15 or more, contact Jocelyn Prieto at 978-934-5751 or email jocelyn_prieto@comcast.net

For information about Celebrity Forum sponsorship opportunities, visit http://www.middlesex.mass.edu/CF17 or contact MCC Dean of College Advancement Dennis Malvers at 781-280-3314.

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1st-generation collegians learn to navigate unfamiliar waters

Event organizer Muna Mohamed (right) talked with Vivianna Alvarez, a first-generation college graduate.

By Nicole Fleming | GLOBE CORRESPONDENT APRIL 08, 2017

MEDFORD — Samuel Joseph said he’d never forget the day he Googled “Canada Goose jacket” and discovered that the parkas he saw so often on the Tufts University campus cost $900.

The classroom of fellow first-generation college students broke into laughter. In the safe space of the fifth annual First Generation College Student Summit on Saturday, they acknowledged that such shock is an uncomfortably common feeling.

“Class is an elephant in the room — but it’s only an elephant in the room to the students who don’t come from upper classes,” said Muna Mohamed, a Tufts sophomore who organized the student-led conference.

The conference, hosted this year at Tufts, brought together more than 200 first-generation college students from across the nation. Participating schools included the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Middlesex Community College, Virginia’s George Mason University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Michigan.
MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Middlesex Community College is one of 63 campuses statewide — and one of two campuses in Massachusetts — to be designated a Voter Friendly Campus by Campus Vote Project, a national non-partisan organization, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) — Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. This designation recognizes institutions for planning and implementing practices that encourage students to register and vote in the 2016 general election and in coming years. MCC is one of five U.S. community colleges selected to participate in a national initiative supporting civic learning and demographic engagement by NASPA.

"Middlesex abides by — and exceeds — the requirements of the Higher Education Act of 1965 that mandates availability of voter registration forms to all students," said Sherri Denk, Civic Engagement Specialist. "We are especially proud to have developed meaningful civic engagement programming that helps our students explore their political beliefs, engage in the democratic process, and establish participatory habits to last beyond their college experience."

Throughout the recent election cycle, MCC hosted and participated in a number of civic engagement events. Events included a special event for Constitution Day, titled "The Supreme Court: Appointments and Decisions," a student visit to the Edward Kennedy Institute of the United States Senate; organizing and participating in a number of campuswide voter registration events; participating in National Voter Registration Day; and hosting a special event on election day.

In addition to numerous civic engagement opportunities, MCC has developed a comprehensive website where visitors can learn more about local and national elections and get access to other important voting information from nonpartisan sources. To learn more, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/everyvotermatters

To learn more about MCC's Voter Friendly Campus designation, contact Sherri Denk, Civic Engagement Specialist at denks@middlesex.mass.edu.

Middlesex Community College will host a Lowell campus orientation session for the Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy, which allows qualified high school and home-schooled students to earn college credit while satisfying their high school graduation requirements.

A Lowell Campus Dual Enrollment Orientation Session will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016, in the Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Square.

As part of MCC's Dual Enrollment Academy, qualified students may enroll in college-level courses offered online, during the day, evening or weekend on MCC's Bedford or Lowell campuses. Flexible options are available to focus on science and math, engineering and technology, health professions or business administration. Also welcome are students who just want to get a head start on completing the general-education courses required by most colleges and universities.

A Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy advisor will be assigned to work with each applicant, their parent/guardian, and high school guidance counselor to design a program based on the student's academic skill level and educational goals.

To maximize success, MCC offers academic counseling, tutoring, computer labs and library services, and encourages students to participate in on-campus events and student clubs.

Dual Enrollment students pay reduced tuition costs. State funding is available to cover tuition and fees for a limited number of admitted Massachusetts residents enrolled in college-level courses that are transferable to an associate or bachelor's degree program.

For more information about the Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/dualenroll/ or contact MCC's Academic, Career & Transfer Center at 1-800-818-3454.

The Middlesex Community College Humanite Center will host La Guaguas Community Poetry Festival: Voices in Translation. This unique two-day event will be held Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, in MCC's Federal Building on the Lowell campus, 50 Kearney Square. The festival is free and open to the public, but reservations are required.

A reception to honor the legacy of Rhina P. Espiallat, poet and translator, will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21. Espiallat was born in the Dominican Republic under the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo. Her family was exiled to the U.S. and settled in New York City.

She began writing poetry as a young girl — in Spanish and English — and has published in both languages. She has published 11 poetry collections and has garnered numerous awards.

The all-day poetry festival will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22. It will feature readings by 20 local, regional and international poets, including Harvard Scholar-at-Risk Jorge Castro. Readings will include public dialogue about the aesthetic, social, and cultural aspects of each poet's work. The day will end with a session integrating artistic expression and musical performance. Lunch will be provided.

For complete Poetry Festival program information, visit: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/poetry.aspx

This event is supported by grant funds from Mass Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

For more information and to RSVP for MCC's La Guaguas Community Poetry Festival, contact Donna Colella at honors@middlesex.mass.edu
**MCC Events**

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MCC opens Asian American Center in Lowell

LOWELL — Middlesex Community College recently celebrated the opening of its new Asian American Connections Center on the Lowell campus.

MCC President James Mabry cut the ribbon to open the center, along with special guests state Sen. Eileen Donoghue; state Rep. Rady Mom; Bopha Malone, vice president, regional business adviser for Enterprise Bank and a member of the MCC board of trustees; Virak Uy, director of MCC’s Asian American Student Advancement Program; and other members of the MCC community.

MCC’s Asian American Connections Center was made possible by a recent five-year, $1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution program.

Under the grant, Asian-American students attending Middlesex will receive a range of support services and co-curricular activities designed to improve their college-going experience, as well as their completion and transfer outcomes.

In addition to the Asian American Connections Center, the college will create a peer-support program, titled The Asian American Student Advancement Program, to increase a sense of connection and belonging to the college.

The program will also include personalized support to better navigate college processes; interventions focused on continued support for writing skills to aid ELL students as they transition to college; and the development of academic curricula related to the cultural heritage of Asian-American students.

More than 11 percent of MCC credit students are Asian American, primarily Southeast Asian. Among that group, 70 percent apply for financial aid, and the majority are also from families in which they are the first to attend college.
Middlesex Community College
To Host Career Fair
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“Students are excited about opportunities to find work related to their field of study,” said Audrey Frater, Director of the STEM & Health Pathways Center. “Every employer present at the fair has available openings for students, whether through internships, research positions, or full- and part-time job opportunities.”

Students can meet and interview with representatives from more than 45 area employers, including Massachusetts Life Science Center, Proctor & Gamble, Lawrence General Hospital, People Ready, LogixHealth, Albany Molecular Research Inc., National Engineering, Randstad at Entegris, Lahey Health Behavioral Services, Expedient, CareWell Urgent Care, PlumChoice, and Lowell General Hospital, just to name a few.

For more information about the Career Fair or MCC’s Health & STEM Pathways Center, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/pathways or contact pathwayscenter@middlesex.mass.edu.

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Middlesex To Host Precision Machining Certificate Information Night

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Free and open to the public, this information session will help participants explore career opportunities in the field of advanced manufacturing. Participants will meet MCC's Precision Machining Program Coordinator, take a tour of the state-of-the-art Machining Lab, and meet and network with industry representatives. MCC admissions representatives will be available to provide information on how to enroll in the program. Refreshments will be served.

MCC’s new Engineering Technology Precision Machining Certificate Program prepares students for in-demand entry-level jobs in advanced manufacturing. Classes are offered 4 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and begin Sept. 5. Enrollment is now open and seats are limited.

In this nine-month, 27-credit certificate program, students will gain skills in mathematics, communications, technical problem-solving, and general machining. Students will also complete 300 hours of hands-on precision machining training at Nashoba Valley Technical High School's Machining Lab.

To RSVP for MCC's Precision Machining Certificate Information Night, or to learn more, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/precision or call 1-800-818-3434.

This program is funded, in part, by a $20,000,000 grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration, Grant # TC-26450-14-60-A-25.

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Join us for a Health Programs Info Session.

Start an exciting career in health care at Middlesex Community College. Learn about MCC’s Health Career degree and certificate programs at a Health Programs Information Session.

A Bedford Campus Health Programs Information Session will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 3, in Bedford Campus Library’s Alcott Room, 591 Springs Road.

A Lowell Campus Health Programs Information Session will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 16, in MCC’s Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Square, Lowell. To register, visit http://bit.ly/mcchealthinfo

Middlesex offers degree programs in Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Lab Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Medical Lab Technology, and Radiologic Technology. We also offer certificate programs in Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting and Medical Lab Technology.
MCC's Associate Degree in Nursing is offered as a full-time day program, or a part-time evening/weekend program. Prospective nursing students must attend a mandatory Overview of the Nursing Program Information Session, to be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Lowell Federal Building Assembly Room.

To register for a Health Programs Information Session, visit: http://bit.ly/mccnursinginfo

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Three programs that deserve your attention as you're making summer plans for your family

Compiled by The Bedford Citizen

College for Kids at Middlesex Community College

College for Kids 2017

Summer Programs for Ages 8 to 15

July 10 - August 17
College for Kids summer programs offer one-, two- and three-week summer programs for children ages 8 to 15 that run July 10 through Aug. 18, on the Bedford and Lowell campuses. College for Kids offers fun and engaging summer programs to provide children with unique opportunities to explore careers, learn new skills, meet new friends, and boost self-confidence. Programs are taught by public-school teachers or by professionals who are experts in their field.

Click to read the 2017 College for Kids brochure

Most College for Kids programs run Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year, programs explore film production, aviation, computer coding, writing, science, veterinary medicine, technology, culinary arts, fashion design, Minecraft, web design, LegoMindstorms, fitness, and more.

For the complete MCC College for Kids schedule and registration information, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/collegeforkids/ or call 1-800-818-3434.

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An Evening With David Ortiz: 2017 MCC Celebrity Forum will Benefit Student Scholarships

Submitted by Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum

The 19th annual Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum will feature David Ortiz, retired Boston Red Sox designated hitter, interviewed by Dan Roche, award-winning sports anchor and reporter for WBZ-TV News, at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8, in the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Tickets go on sale Friday, April 7. Proceeds from Celebrity Forum support scholarships for Middlesex students. Since 2004, $269,000 in Celebrity Forum Scholarships has been awarded to 104 MCC students. In addition to Celebrity Forum Scholarships, the MCC Foundation annually awards more than $100,000 in student scholarships.
MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWS

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Bedford volunteers to package 60K meals for kids

Over 300 people will gather on the Bedford campus of Middlesex Community College to package 60,000 nutritious meals which will be shipped to schoolchildren around the world on April 8.

The program, known as Meals for Kids, is a combined effort between The Rotary Club of Bedford, their partner Rise Against Hunger and hundreds of packaging volunteers all working toward the shared goal of ending world hunger.

Rise Against Hunger bulk-purchases the raw materials consisting of rice, soy, vegetables and 23 essential vitamins and minerals and delivers them to the packaging site along with the equipment needed to put everything together. Rotary raises 29 cents per meal, finds a place to do the work and collects the hundreds of volunteers needed to make it all happen. Rise Against Hunger then takes over again and ships the meals to schools around the world.

Significant support has come from Middlesex Community College who for the past few years have opened their doors to the meal packaging event. Financial support has come from local corporations such as BAE, Anika Therapeutics and others. In addition, several local restaurants like Flatbread Pizza and Ken’s NY Deli & Brick oven Pizzeria have held fundraisers for the even.

Finally, there are the hundreds of volunteers, from 4 to 94 years old, from church groups, local businesses, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, other Rotary Clubs, school groups and individuals and families.

In the four years that the Rotary Club of Bedford has been doing this, over 257,000 meals have been packaged, shipped and consumed by children who need it. This year’s effort will package another 60,000 meals.

For information: http://www.bedfordmarotary.org/mealsforkids.cfm.
BEDFORD

COLLEGE GETS SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY GRANT

Middlesex Community College has received a $490,000 Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant to improve science, technology, engineering, and math classrooms and programs. The college will use it to provide updated equipment — including new computers, workstations, projectors, servers, regular and 3-D printers, and wiring and router updates — in five computer-science and four engineering and computer-aided design classrooms on its Bedford and Lowell campuses. Governor Charlie Baker’s administration awarded grants to 32 vocational schools, community colleges, and traditional public high schools. Funding will be used to purchase vocational technical equipment and expand skill-training programs for careers in growing industries. “Having access to optimal learning environments and equipment will ensure our graduates are better prepared to meet the needs of employers in high-demand STEM fields,” said Kathleen Sweeney, the school’s dean for those fields. To learn more about these programs, e-mail sweeneyk@middlesex.mass.edu.

JENNIFER FENN LEFFERTS
MCC's free spring concert series begins with music for guitar

A World of Music, Middlesex Community College's 2017 spring concert series begins with "Melodies Through Ages & Places: Music for Solo Guitar and Two Guitars and Tenor" is set for 8 p.m. March 31, in MCC's Concert Hall on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road.

Middlesex music faculty member Raley Beggs, guitar, will be joined by Austin Burns, tenor, and Jonas Kublickas, guitar and melodica, for a concert of trios by Samuel Barber, Charles Ives, Cole Porter and songs from the Traditional American Songbook. Beggs will also perform solo guitar pieces by Francesco da Milano, Enrique Granados and Claude Debussy.

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A native of Vilnius, Lithuania, Kublickas won the Baltic States Guitar competition. Recent performances include recitals of solo and chamber music repertoire at the New England Conservatory, Boston University and throughout Massachusetts.

Other upcoming concerts in the A World of Music series include an MCC Faculty Composers Concert at 7 p.m. April 23, in the Bedford campus concert hall; "Exploring LGBT Issues Through Music" at 3 p.m. April 29 in MCC's Federal Building Assembly Room on the Lowell campus; and Trios for Flute, Cello and Piano at 8 p.m. May 12, in the Bedford campus concert hall.

Two student recitals will also be held "Student Instrumentalists and Singers" at 12:30 p.m. May 1, in the Bedford campus concert hall, and Voice and Guitar Students at 11:15 a.m. May 2, in the Federal Building Assembly Room on the Lowell campus.

For information: 781-280-3923 or peralta@middlesex.mass.edu. For directions, visit: http://www.middlesex.mass.edu. This concert is free.

MCC nursing student named Hurst Review NCLEX Scholar

Middlesex Community College Nursing student Diane Vazquez-Baez, of Lowell, was named a Hurst Review NCLEX Scholar.

This scholarship is designed to assist nursing students who are also members of Phi Theta Kappa — the national honor society for two-year colleges — prepare for and take the National Council Licensure Examination nursing exam.

Vazquez-Baez was one of 10 students selected from 470 applicants to receive this scholarship. She will receive free access to the Hurst Review study materials for the exam (a $300 value), as well as a $250 scholarship award to pay for the NCLEX exam fees.

"I am very grateful to have received this award," said Vazquez-Baez. "I made a commitment to become a nurse because I know it's the best choice for myself and my family. My time at Middlesex has been life changing — I have never felt out of place, even as an adult learner. The teachers here have pushed me to become the best student, and the best nurse, I can be."

After graduating in May, Vazquez-Baez plans to continue her education at a four-year institution for a career as a critical care nurse.

MCC's Nursing Program is designed to prepare students to take the NCLEX-RN. The program provides a sound background in field-related science, technical skills and general education with learning experiences in the classroom, nursing laboratory and clinical practicums.

Middlesex Community College news.

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Middlesex Community College awards foundation scholarships
The Middlesex Community College Foundation awarded 53 scholarships totaling $48,450 to 47 Middlesex students for the 2016-17 academic year.
The scholarships range from $500 to $2,500 and are funded by a variety of sources, including memorial donations, local businesses, private foundations and private donors.
"At Middlesex, we recognize the accomplishments of our students, and the strong and generous commitment from our donors who provide financial assistance to our students as they work hard to achieve their dreams of higher education and meaningful careers," said Dennis Malvers, dean of college advancement.

Three new scholarships were established and awarded this year, including the David F. Beauchemin Music Scholarship established by Jennifer Aradhya in memory of her father; the MCC Performing Arts scholarship, established with funds raised at the Murder at Nesmith House fundraiser; and the MCC Foundation Board of Directors Founder's Award, through which five scholarships were awarded to students traveling on the China and Ireland International Education Fellowships and other study abroad programs.

Middlesex Community College releases fall merit, dean lists
To be acknowledged on the MCC Merit List, students must be enrolled in at least six but less than 12 credit hours, and earn a 3.2 GPA or above without "D, F, I" or "IP" grades. The notation is made on the permanent record of each student named.
Developmental education course credit will not be calculated in determining total semester hour credit for merit list eligibility. The merit list is published in the fall and spring semesters.
To view MCC's entire 2016 fall semester merit list, visit: http://bit.ly/Fall2016MeritList.
In addition to the merit list, MCC published the fall 2016 dean's list: http://bit.ly/Fall2016DeansList. For information: movniband@middlesex.mass.edu.

MCC receives skills capital grant to upgrade STEM classrooms
Middlesex Community College was awarded a $489,750 Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant to improve science, technology, engineering and math learning environments and academic pathways for its computer science, engineering technology/CAD programs.

MCC will use the grant to provide updated equipment — including new computers, workstations, projectors, wiring and router updates, new servers and regular and 3-D printers — in five computer science and four engineering/CAD classrooms on the Bedford and Lowell campuses. The grant is part of $11.8 million awarded as part of the Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant Program, an initiative of Gov. Charlie Baker's Workforce Skills Cabinet, which seeks to align education, workforce, and economic development strategies across the state.
The Baker administration awarded grants to 32 vocational schools, community colleges and traditional public high schools. Funding will be used to purchase vocational technical equipment
and expand skills training programs for careers in growing industries.
"These investments have a major impact for the educational institutions training our workforce
and the students who stand to benefit from enhanced skills and career paths," said Baker.
"Strengthening relationships between educational institutions and local industry, as this program
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For information: sweenevk@middlesex.mass.edu.
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programs, noncredit courses and online and flexible-learning options.
The Lowell Campus Open House will feature a series of breakout sessions tailored to meet
student needs and interests. Students can explore specific areas of academic interest, meet with
faculty and academic deans, learn more about the admissions process and take a campus tour.
Advisers and administrators will be available to answer student questions and provide
information about how to be successful at Middlesex. Students can learn about MCC’s support
services, such as academic and career counseling, dual enrollment, tutoring, disability support and
other special programs.

Students can also learn about the statewide MassTransfer program, which is designed to ease the
transfer process, allowing a student to specifically plan a curriculum that will fit a chosen
bachelor’s degree program.
Attendees can also meet with financial-aid representatives to get information about financing
their education. Students can even turn in college applications and schedule appointments for
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EDITORIAL -- Chelmsford agency sheds light on needs of disabled

Mary Petricone of Chelmsford, mother of Eric, a 20-year-old man on the autism spectrum, speaks at a legislative breakfast at Middlesex Community College on March 10. The breakfast was sponsored by LifeLinks, Inc. of Chelmsford.

On an early Friday morning, care providers, professionals, advocates and parents gathered to hear updates on the latest version of the state fiscal 2018 budget. This topic in the best of times, with vaulting facts and figures, can be daunting. But for those gathered, the dollars and cents mean something very literally close to home. The legislative breakfast, held at the Lowell campus of Middlesex Community College, was sponsored by the Chelmsford-based LifeLinks, an agency that assists developmentally and intellectually disabled individuals and their families through programs and services.

Lawmakers from throughout the region, as well as Disabilities Commissioner Elin Howe, were among those speaking in clear, factual terms about Gov. Charlie Baker's budget, and line items affecting services for this population. Budget time always means crunch time, and to a degree, competition time for resources across a very broad spectrum of services and populations served. The outcomes are never as certain as the debate that follows.

In short, there are many needs. But the breakfast provided an insight to a world that may remain invisible in plain sight to many. Individuals with these disabilities -- often, with more than one diagnosis, and with accompanying physical challenges -- aren't only the recipients of these services. They are participants and part of a continuum. They are not a monolithic, segregated population, even if they have distinctive needs defined by the challenges with which they live.
The honesty in the conversation is important. Talking in specifics, rather than terms such as "differently-abled," help the lay person understand, and draw everyone into that conversation. The honesty of language also points to another key aspect of the discussion at the breakfast -- the needs of adults making the transition from services for school-age children and youth.

Disabilities such as the autism spectrum may be more present in popular culture, but that does not mean it is more understood.

For those living with the challenges of developmental and intellectual disabilities, there is no one road map, no fixed set of rules. There may be hallmark signs and symptoms, but each person has his or her individual fingerprint of individuality and experience. Funding is one part of the discussion -- how much, for which services, and to what benefit.

There is also the outreach, and broader conversation. It's time to have that dialogue, so everyone knows just how close they really are, and how much their lives affect one another as part of the same community.

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The following students, of Wilmington, were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Merrimack College: Jessica Arbeely, Summer Beals, Nora Brown, Emily Burke, Julie DiCarlo, Janelle Engrem, Brian Godfrey, Kevin Goncalves, Thomas Gorman, James Hill, John Lynch, Samantha McCune, Brianna Moran, Nicole Neville, Matthew Novello, Maureen Onessimo, Taylor Perella, Alexandra Polcari, Melanie Reagan, Nicole Rege, Michael Semonelli, Joseph Tavanese, Emma Tkachuk and Daniel Valerio.

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Local students awarded MCC scholarships

WOBURN — The Middlesex Community College Foundation recently awarded 53 scholarships totaling $48,450 to 47 Middlesex students for the 2016-2017 academic year. Local recipients were Deborah Bennett and Jesse Godin, of Tewksbury, and Heather Laguerre, Tayaba Naz, Randy Nguyen and Fiaba Zakarian, of Woburn.

The scholarships range from $500 to $2,500 and are funded by a variety of sources, including memorial donations, local businesses, private foundations and private donors.

"At Middlesex, we recognize the accomplishments of our students, and the strong and generous commitment from our donors who provide financial assistance to our students as they work hard to achieve their dreams of higher education and meaningful careers," said Dennis Malvers, dean of college advancement.

Local recipients
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Middlesex Community College wins $490k grant for science, technology programs

By Jennifer Fenn Lefferts GLOBE CORRESPONDENT MARCH 21, 2017

Middlesex Community College has received a $490,000 Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant to improve science, technology, engineering, and math programs. The college will use it to provide updated equipment — including new computers, work stations, projectors, servers, regular and 3-D printers, and wiring and router updates — in five computer science and four engineering and computer-aided design classrooms on its Bedford and Lowell campuses. Governor Charlie Baker’s administration awarded grants to 32 vocational schools, community colleges, and traditional public high schools. Funding will be used to purchase vocational technical equipment and expand skills-training programs for careers in growing industries.

“Having access to optimal learning environments and equipment will ensure our graduates are better prepared to meet the needs of employers in high-demand STEM fields,” said Kathleen Sweeney, the school’s dean for these fields. To learn more about these programs, e-mail sweeneyk@middlesex.mass.edu.

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The Philadelphia Tribune

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Some of the best small college and junior college men and women's basketball players will participate in the Sam Cozen Small College All-Star Showcase Games on Sunday. The games will be played at Valley Forge Military College, 1001 Eagle Road in Wayne. Three games will feature male and female sophomore basketball players from member institutions in Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey Region #19 and senior men are from area NCAA Division II and Division III programs.

The first game will start at 1:30 p.m. with the senior men players from Division II and III programs against sophomore men from area NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) junior and community colleges. The second game will have sophomore women from area NJCAA schools against sophomore women from area NJCAA schools. The third contest will have sophomore men from area NJCAA schools versus area NJCAA schools.

There will also be two community service awards presented to former Temple women's basketball star Dawn Hoover and former Community College of Philadelphia head basketball coach Robert “Dondi” De Shields. Hoover and De Shields will be recognized for their efforts with youth basketball in Philadelphia.

Here are the rosters for senior (men) vs. junior college stars at 1:30 p.m.

Gray Shirts: Khalief Tinley, Valley Forge Military College; Dominick Morales, Valley Forge Military College; Justin Similiblo, Middlesex Community College; Zachary Torres, Middlesex Community College; Zahir Robinson, Johnson College; Michel Valentin, Middlesex Community College; Josh Kirchner, Johnson College; Chinue Mesena, Union Community College; Jevon Allen, Union Community College; Brandon Villa, Union Community College; John Armstead, Mercer Community College; Nasir Akran, Union Community College; Gemil Holbrook, Delaware County Community College; Mike Alston, Union Community College.

Green Shirts: Austin Carroll, Eastern University; Carl Wallace, Neumann University; Deshaun Lowman, Neumann University; Greg Boyd, Eastern University; Jason Cavell, Gwynedd Mercy University; Kane McGovern, Cabrini; Don Sloan, Penn State Abington; Ryan Charity, Cabrini; Benn Hills, Rowan University; Shawn Wilson, Rowan University; Arron Goodman, Gwynedd Mercy University; Cedric Elleby, Gwynedd Mercy University; Darian Barnes, Neumann University.

Here are the rosters for the women’s sophomore college game at 2:45 p.m.
Red Shirts: Lauren Chambers, Harcum College; Lynn Brown, Cumberland Community College; Francesca Cherasaro, Union Community College; Nia Trusty, Cecil County College; Alyscia Johnson, Cape Atlantic Community College; Acestra Robinson, Union Community College; Kadesha Dix, Delaware County Community College; Aaliyah Mercante, Delaware Tech; Alejandra Serrara, Cape Atlantic Community College Cherise Carter, Captie Atlantic Community College; Afeni Richardson, Union Community College; Imani Quinn, Cecil County College; Jade Porter, Cecil County College; Drazana Vulić, Harcum College.

Gold Shirts: Mayah Kitchen, Valley Forge Military College; Tkeera Murray, Valley Forge Military College; Evangelia Morris, Union Community College; Nancy Wilmore, Union Community College; Sydney Barrow, Valley Forge Military College; Diamon Bankine, Cecil County College; Asia Timmons, Harcum College; Kanessa Forster, Cumberland Community College; Jasmine Boone Alexander, Union Community College; Carolyn Hill, Cecil County College; Shawn Dowd, Manor College; Simone Small, Cecil County College; Etreesce Adams, Manor College; Victoria Abbondanza, Bergen County Community College.

Here are the rosters for sophomore men’s junior college game at 4 p.m.

Black Shirts: Khalief Tirley, Valley Forge Military College; Drew Heller, Bucks County Community College; Derek Ross, Rowan Gloucester County College; Jivreeese Thomas, Community College of Philadelphia; Calil Moultrie, Manor College; Kevin Raymond, Bucks County Community College; Keyvon Myers, Stevens College; Damire Smith, Community College of Philadelphia; Anthony Harris, Community College of Philadelphia; Jeff Schenk, Bucks County Community College; William Pierce, Steven College; Brew Ward, Rowan Gloucester County College; Ameer Staggs, Valley Forge Military College; Jordan Lomax, Manor College; Robby Pierre, Manor College; Damian Archer, Rowan Burlington County College.

White Shirts: Brandon Watson, Montgomery County Community College; Sean Havik, Delaware County Community College; Jordan Cole, Valley Forge Military College; Bryan Mellen, Stevens College; Jordan McDay, Valley Forge Military College; Taahir Hutching, Valley Forge Military College; Dominick Morales, Valley Forge Military College; Kendall Stewart, Stevens College; Michael Dudley, Delaware County Community College; Anferre Brice, Valley Forge Military College; Saleem Chisholm, Delaware County Community College; Carry Saturne, Rowan Gloucester County College; Seiquann Kearney, Delaware Tech; Ray Koba, Rowan Gloucester County College; Xavier Purnell, Delaware Tech; Dominick Morales, Valley Forge Military College.

Lincoln U. pitcher Terence Berry honored

Lincoln University baseball standout Terence Berry was named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division II Baseball Pitcher of the Week for his performance during the week ending March 19. Berry, a senior right-hand pitcher, was outstanding in his only start of the week, needing just 86 pitches to toss a complete game, four-hit shutout against St. Augustine’s University Sunday as the Lions defeated the Falcons 2-0.

He struck out six hitters in the win. He now has a 2-1 record on the season. Berry has 37 strikeouts on the season, which is second best in the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association).
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Kathleen Sweeney, dean of STEM at MCC, believes the grant is proof of the state's commitment to her department's programs.
"This grant shows that the state is taking STEM very seriously," Sweeney said. "Throughout the years there has been an in-state pipeline of STEM students through the state school system and this is a wonderful way to continue to make sure they get the necessary education."
More Video: A new year for the Bedford Board of Selectmen means new inductions for the returning Mike Rosenberg and for newcomer Ed Pierce.
The money from the grant will target technology programs. Sweeney said plans for the grant would be to update and reconfigure the schools nine computer labs including new computers, workstations, wiring and router updates, regular and 3-D printers and new servers.
"The money will be used to look at resources for our computer classrooms, we have nine in total for both our Bedford and Lowell campuses," Sweeney said. "We have five dedicated to computer science and four dedicated to computer engineering and CAD (computer aided design), we want our students to have the technological skills that they will need in the workplace."
In the changing fields of technology, understanding what is necessary now and what is necessary in the future is unpredictable. According to Sweeney, MCC has an strategy for dealing with those issues, particularly when it comes to updating technology in their computer labs.
"We discuss with our advisory board, but also teachers, industry professionals, finance and budgeting and other departments to figure out what is out there in the world," Sweeney said. "The goal is to keep up with trends, we talk with our IT program as well as our career center, four-year schools that are students are going to transfer to and local vocational schools."
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The Boston Globe

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By Jennifer Fenn Lefferts  Globe Correspondent  March 07, 2017

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In an effort to give self-service capabilities to students and reduce paper touchpoints between offices at its two campuses, Middlesex Community College (MCC) and Softdocs today announced the successful deployment of Etrieve by Softdocs, an enterprise content management, e-forms and workflow platform. Bridging operations including financial aid, admissions and enrollment management between two campuses in Lowell and Bedford, Mass., MCC required a solution that could digitize processes and alleviate the growing amount of paperwork.

“Up until now, all of our business processes have relied on an intensive amount of paper and multiple touchpoints. After a comprehensive business process review, we determined Softdocs was the right partner based on its education focus and willingness to work with us to address our challenges,” said Scott O’Neil, MCC’s Assistant Dean, Enrollment Management. “Following the deployment of Etrieve Content in December, our staff is already seeing a return in terms of increased productivity and less time spent retrieving paper records. Regardless of technical experience, each staff member has been able to easily utilize Softdocs’ web-based interface and access student documents from their desktops.”

In the late spring, Softdocs will deploy its Etrieve Forms and Flow solutions, enabling students and administrators to access, track and complete web-based e-forms from any device, significantly decreasing time to completion and increasing efficiency. This will ultimately support the college’s goal of increasing the persistence, retention and completion rates of its students. MCC will also implement Etrieve throughout its Finance and HR operations later this year.

The Etrieve platform offers ERP-integrated applications that store and organize content, as well as redefine common business processes, reducing the need for paper and improving productivity across the entire organization. For more information, please visit softdocs.com.

About Softdocs:

Softdocs develops enterprise content management, e-forms and workflow solutions exclusively for the higher education and K-12 markets. The company’s Etrieve platform redefines business processes, reducing the need for paper and improving student service and employee productivity by providing educational institutions complete control over how content is captured, processed and distributed. A privately held company founded in 1998, Softdocs is headquartered in Columbia, South Carolina. For more information, visit http://www.softdocs.com.
Upcoming Events » MCC Free Spring Concert Series: Music for Guitar

Posted by Elliot Silver on Mar 13, 2017

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To see video clips of previous MCC concerts, visit:
http://www.youtube.com/user/MCCmusicOnline2#g/a
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Lowell Sun

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MCC's Heather Conti Clark with the award she won for best comic actor at the recent Kennedy Center Theatre Festival. COURTESY PHOTO

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Last year, a representative from the Kennedy Center Theatre Festival attended the MCC Theatre Department's production of "Little Women, the Musical." From that performance Heather Conti Clark and Ashley Jeffers were chosen to compete for the Irene Ryan Award, with Leo Jordan attending as an alternate.

Since 1972, the Irene Ryan Foundation of Encino, Calif., has awarded scholarships to the outstanding student performers at each regional festival. The scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the late Irene Ryan, who is best remembered for her portrayal of Granny Clampett in "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Conti Clark was also nominated for the Richard Maltby award for Musical Theatre Excellence.

Attending the festival were Conti Clark, a Chelmsford resident, and her scene partner, Victoria Tham of Lowell, along with Jeffers, a Lowell resident, and her scene partner, Kelly Maglio of Pelham, N.H., and Jordan, a Chelmsford resident, and his scene partner, Kaitlyn Crockett, also of Chelmsford.

Conti Clark advanced to the semifinals, one of 36 of the 220 nominees to do so. At the final awards ceremony, Conti Clark was awarded the New England Theatre Conference award for best comic actor.
LIFELINKS AND LEGISLATORS: LifeLinks Inc. recently held a Legislative Breakfast at Middlesex Community College’s Federal Building. Greater Lowell’s Statehouse delegation addressed members of the DDS Citizens Advisory Board and members of the LifeLinks staff and families regarding continued support to those individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. From left at the event are state Rep. Rady Mom; Gary Blumenthal, CEO of the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers; state Sen. Barbara L’Italien; Jean Phelps, CEO of LifeLinks; state Sen. Eileen Donoghue; James Mabry, president of Middlesex Community College; Nancy Cadigan, legislative aide to state Rep. Marc Lombardo; Elin Howe, commissioner of the Department of Developmental Services; Patrick Kenney, legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas; and Tom Marshall, Lowell area director of the DDS.
College releases fall merit, dean lists

To be acknowledged on the MCC Merit List, students must be enrolled in at least six but less than 12 credit hours, and earn a 3.2 GPA or above without “D,” “F,” “I,” or “IP” grades. The notation is made on the permanent record of each student named.

Developmental education course credit will not be calculated in determining total semester hour credit for merit list eligibility. The merit list is published in the fall and spring semesters.

To view MCC’s entire 2016 fall semester merit list, visit: http://bit.ly/Fall2016MeritList.

In addition to the merit list, MCC published the fall 2016 dean's list: http://bit.ly/Fall2016DeansList. For information: moynihan@middleshx.mass.edu.

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For information: 800-818-3494; http://www.middleshx.mass.edu/OH.
Arlington, Bedford police chiefs discuss modern policing

Arlington police Chief Frederick Ryan and Bedford police Chief Robert Bongiorno met with a group of criminal justice students March 8 on the Lowell campus of Middlesex Community College.

The students, men and women with diverse backgrounds and a shared interest in public service, had the opportunity to hear from two leaders in municipal law enforcement about some of the key topics and programs in modern policing.

The chiefs discussed the civil service process and the hiring process for police officers, and offered test and interview preparation advice for the students.

“We seized an opportunity to recruit a diverse group of men and women to take the police entrance exam,” Ryan said. “The face and practice of municipal law enforcement has changed greatly over the past generation, and it is very encouraging to hear from this group of young people who bring energy, enthusiasm and open-mindedness to the field of criminal justice.”

The chiefs also lectured on key topics that are changing the day-to-day life of a police officer, including the concepts of police legitimacy, fair and impartial policing, and procedural justice.

Ryan and Bongiorno have championed a number of progressive law enforcement causes during their careers, including restorative justice, mental health, police-led responses to addiction and recovery, and domestic violence services.

“Police departments in 2017 are recruiting an educated workforce and a diverse range of interests and a willingness to adapt,” Bongiorno said. “I appreciate the opportunity to discuss some of the challenges and opportunities in municipal law enforcement with the next generation.”

The presentation is part of a longstanding partnership between Middlesex Community College and area police departments. MCC also has a campus in Bedford.

“Middlesex Community College is always honored to collaborate with our partners in law enforcement, particularly the departments in our host communities as well as the Northeastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council,” said Patrick Cook, MCC’s executive director of public affairs. “The partnerships provide our students, staff and faculty with direct linkages to the experts in the field who are keeping our extended communities safe.”
MCC awarded substantial grant for STEM programs

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The computer labs at Middlesex Community College will see a boost in technology thanks to a near $500,000 grant the college received from the state.

The Massachusetts Skills Capital Grant was awarded to MCC March 9. The grant is worth $489,750 and is part of $11.8 million awarded to 32 different community colleges, vocational schools and public high schools as part of an initiative by Gov. Charlie Baker’s Workforce Skills Cabinet, which seeks to align education, workforce and economic development strategies across the state. The grant was given out to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs.

“These investments have a major impact for the educational institutions training our workforce and the students who stand to benefit from enhanced skills and career paths,” Baker said in a press release. “Strengthening relationships between educational institutions and local industry, as this program seeks to do, is crucial to the success of our communities and commonwealth as a whole.”

Kathleen Sweeney, dean of STEM at MCC, believes the grant is proof of the state’s commitment to her department’s programs.

“This grant shows that the state is taking STEM very seriously,” Sweeney said. “Throughout the years there has been an in-state pipeline of STEM students through the state school system and this is a wonderful way to continue to make sure they get the necessary education.”

The money from the grant will target technology programs. Sweeney said plans for the grant would be to update and reconfigure the school’s nine computer labs, including new computers, workstations, wiring and router updates, regular and 3-D printers and new servers.

“The money will be used to look at resources for our computer classrooms, we have nine in total for both our Bedford and Lowell campuses,” Sweeney said. “We have five dedicated to computer science and four dedicated to computer engineering and CAD (computer aided design), we want our students to have the technological skills that they will need in the workplace.”

In the changing fields of technology, understanding what is necessary now and what is necessary in the future is unpredictable. According to Sweeney, MCC has an strategy for dealing with those issues, particularly when it comes to updating technology in their computer labs.

“We discuss with our advisory board, but also teachers, industry professionals, finance and budgeting and other departments to figure out what is out there in the world,” Sweeney said. “The goal is to keep up with trends, we talk with our IT program as well as our career center, four-year schools that are students are going to transfer to and local vocational schools.”
Spring Concert Series Begins with Music for Guitar

A World of Music. Middlesex Community College’s 2017 spring concert series, begins with Melodies Through Ages & Places: Music for Solo Guitar, and Two Guitars and Tenor, to be held at 8 p.m. Friday, March 31, in MCC’s Concert Hall (Building 6), on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road. The concert is free and open to the public.

Middlesex music faculty member, Raley Beggs, guitar, will be joined by Austin Burns, tenor, and Jonas Kublickas, guitar and melodica, for a concert of trios by Samuel Barber, Charles Ives, Cole Porter, and songs from the Traditional American Songbook.

Beggs will also perform solo guitar pieces by Francesco da Milano, Enrique Granados and Claude Debussy.

Beggs earned a bachelor of music at Florida State University, and a master of music from New England Conservatory of Music. He teaches and performs widely throughout the greater Boston area as a soloist and chamber musician. He joined the music faculty at MCC in fall 2016.

Burns, tenor and songwriter, started performing live upon settling in Austin, Texas, in 2010. A young songwriter with a seemingly ancient soul, his genre-defying music bows to no convention.

A native of Vilnius, Lithuania, Kublickas won the Balitie States Guitar competition. Recent performances include recitals of solo and chamber music repertoire at the New England Conservatory, Boston University and throughout Massachusetts.

Other upcoming concerts in the A World of Music series include an MCC Faculty Composers Concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 23, in the Bedford campus Concert Hall; Exploring LGBT Issues Through Music at 3 p.m., Saturday, April 29, in MCC’s

Federal Building Assembly Room on the Lowell campus; and Trios for Flute, Cello and Piano at 8 p.m. Friday, May 12, in the Bedford campus Concert Hall.

Two Student Recitals will also be held: Student Instrumentalists and Singers at 12:30 p.m. Monday, May 1, in the Bedford campus Concert Hall; and Voice and Guitar Students at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 2, in the Federal Building Assembly Room on the Lowell campus.

For more information, contact Carmen Rodriguez-Penalta, director of A World of Music, at 781-280-3923 or peraltae@middlesex.mass.edu. For directions, visit: www.middlesex.mass.edu

To see video clips of previous MCC concerts, visit: http://www.youtube.com/user/MCCmusicOnline2a

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Middlesex Community College to Host MILES Opening Session

Middlesex Community College will host local author Stephen O'Connor at the spring Opening Session of the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education for Seniors (MILES) at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 23, in the Bedford Campus Center's Café East, 591 Springs Road. The event is free and open to the public.

O'Connor is a native of Lowell, where much of his writing is set. He is the author of "Smokestack Lightning," a collection of short stories, and the novels "The Spy in the City of Books," and "The Witch at Rivermouth."

His short stories have appeared in The Massachusetts Review, The Houston Literary Review, Aethlon, Sobotka Literary Magazine, and elsewhere. His short story, "Work, Music and Love," recently won the Helen Literary Award, while "St. Lucy's Day" received honorable mention in a short story contest in the British journal, Open Road Review.

MCC's MILES program offers stimulating, interactive daytime seminars and workshops — with no term papers, tests or grades — for active, older adults. This informational and entertaining Opening Session provides community members an opportunity to learn more about MILES and the courses being offered, and is a good opportunity to meet instructors and peers. Light refreshments will be served.

The spring session of MILES runs from March 27 through May 4 on the Bedford campus. The two-hour study groups meet from 2 to 4 p.m., in one-, two- or five-week sessions, and are facilitated by individuals with expertise in their field, including some MCC faculty and staff. The workshops and seminars focus on a variety of topics, including movies, nature, art, literature, technology, health and environmental issues, and history.

Each MILES course is $15 up to a maximum of $95. All MILES participants enjoy free use of the MCC Fitness Center and library. For the complete schedule of MILES courses, contact Lauren Ellis at 781-280-3669 or visit middlesex.mass.edu/MILES. To register for MILES courses, call 1-800-818-3434.

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“Open House format gives students an opportunity to learn about everything Middlesex has to offer,” said Marilynn Gallman, Dean of Admissions. Advisors and administrators will be available to answer student questions and provide information about how to be successful at Middlesex. Students can learn about MCC’s many support services, such as academic and career counseling, dual enrollment, tutoring, disability support, and other special programs.

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Explore Art History With Middlesex Community College

This spring, Middlesex Community College College’s Corporate and Community Education & Training Program is offering a series of art exploration seminars. Courses begin Saturday, March 24, on the Bedford campus.

Courses in the series include:

“Henri Matisse” (PER 774 30) - A master of 20th century modernism, the artistic career of Henri Matisse proves his boundless creativity and energy. This seminar presents an overview of Matisse’s life and art, beginning with his powerful Fauvist work. Matisse’s style continued to change and evolve as we see his subject matter gravitate around the female form, leading to his mature style focusing purely on color and form. Finally, Matisse’s experimentation with reduction of space and simplification of form set the stage for the incredible cut-outs series.

“Vincent Van Gogh” (PER 780 30) - Vincent Willem Van Gogh was a Dutch post-impressionist painter who is among the most famous and influential figures in the history of Western art. This seminar presents an overview of Van Gogh’s life and art. His work is characterized by bold, symbolic colors, and dramatic, impulsive and highly expressive brushwork that contributed to the foundations of modern art.

To learn more about these noncredit courses, or to register, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining or call 1-800-818-3434.

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Baker delivers $12M in skills capital grants

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TYNGSBORO — All Gov. Charlie Baker could think of was that pesky white stuff.

It was the crippling winter of 2015, and he was attending the National Governor’s Association meeting in Washington, D.C. Baker talked to other governors about snow being a major hurdle to job growth and economic development in Massachusetts.

But the vast majority of governors didn’t talk about weather; they said the single biggest issue to growing their economies was “skills, making sure that people have the skills they need to be successful for the jobs of today and tomorrow,” according to Baker.

Returning from that meeting, Baker continued to think about skill-building in Massachusetts, and ever since, there have been a series of initiatives addressing this need across the state.

On Friday, the governor and other members of the administration continued this series at Greater Lowell Technical High School in Tyngsboro — awarding almost

Area technical schools catch $12M windfall

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$12 million in skills capital grants to 32 vocational schools, community colleges and traditional public high schools.

The funds will be used to purchase capital equipment and expand skills training programs for careers in growing industries.

“We believe we can leverage what you already have to do great things for kids and young adults,” Baker said at the grant ceremony.

“We’re thrilled to be here to be part of an opportunity to build the kinds of skills that people here in the commonwealth need to build lives, build careers and be successful,” he added.

Area vocational schools that received grants were Greater Lowell Tech, Shawmut Tech in Billerica, Nashoba Tech in Westminster, Minuteman Tech in Lexington, and Monty Tech in Fitchburg.

“These grants will undoubtedly impact our future success and our economies,” said Greater Lowell Tech Superintendent-Director Roger Bourgeois. “We’re so fortunate to have a governor who’s working to close the skills gap.”

Area community colleges that received grants were Middlesex Community College in Lowell and Bedford, and Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner.

“This will continue to help us provide a first-class education, and help our students prepare for a 21st century economy,” MCC President James Malloy said.

The Baker administration created these skills capital grants last year. The grants are awarded to educational institutions that partner with industries, as well as align curriculum and credentials with the business’ demand — in order to maximize opportunities across the state.

The goal of the grants is to update equipment at schools and colleges that create career pathways for young people and adults.

“There are great careers for you as long as you keep on pushing forward and working hard,” Jay Ash, the state secretary of housing and economic development, told students. “We’re going to make sure that there are great jobs for you.”

At the end of the event, Baker and other state officials handed out the grants to educators and students representing the schools and colleges.

Here is how much the area vocational schools and community colleges received, and for what purpose:

- Greater Lowell Tech: $4,952,747 — The school will create an Agile Digital Fabrication/Maker Space, where high school and adult education students will engage in technologically advanced experimentation, hardware development, and idea prototyping. The space will provide high production, finish level and product design 3D printing capability.

- Monty Tech: $500,000 — The high school will purchase equipment needed for a simulated veterinary technician training program.

- McGann-Mercy: $500,000 — The school will purchase equipment needed for a simulated veterinary technology program.

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She had endured so much ... then came the order

Iraqi refugee built a life in Lowell.
Travel ban threw it all in doubt

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LOWELL — Reem Niyazi had been visiting relatives in her native land for 18 days when she tried to return to her Lowell apartment in late January. Her seven-hour layover in Dubai wouldn't end.

"You can't go to the United States," they kept saying," Niyazi, 31, recalled in her downtown apartment on Middle Street last week.

"Why? I have a green card. Why are you stopping me?" the Middlesex Community College student responded to the airport official.

"Because you're from Iraq," the official told her. Even though she has a green card, President Donald Trump's executive order from January banned Niyazi from entering America.

It could take hours, it could take days, she was told. Niyazi made herself

Reem Niyazi, 31, a former Iraqi journalist, now makes her home in Lowell. President Trump's travel ban in January upended her world.

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A life in Lowell, then travel ban left her sleeping on an airport floor

Executive order

While Niyazi had waited months to walk again, she had never experienced the empty feeling from lingering in the airport for a few days. Niyazi didn’t have anything and was all alone, she repeated six times in her apartment last week.

“It’s your life, and you can’t go anywhere,” Niyazi said.

The layover went from seven hours to seven days. Finally, she heard that the travel ban was lifted. She took a deep breath on her couch.

“Like heaven,” she said, remembering the feeling. “I’m going back to heaven.” She could see her family again.

She could go back to classes at MxCC.

She could open the door to her Lowell apartment and see the photograph of the Statue of Liberty.

“When Trump didn’t allow me in,” she said, “then there’s something about that statute.” She said, “That statute is freedom for me, I love it.”

First time leaving Iraq

After getting shot and falling into a coma for months, most people may think about a new, less-risky profession. But Niyazi kept pushing on.

She returned to journalism for a few more years in Baghdad.

“I was dying for six months. For what? For what?” she recalled. “I want all the women of the world to know this: Never give up, no matter what happens to you.”

Five years ago, she moved to America, she couldn’t picture herself raising her future children in Iraq. It took her three years to go through the refugee process. Her father and two brothers also live in Lowell now.

She arrived in Lowell knowing only two words of English.

“Yes and no,” Niyazi recalled.

“I can understand you now,” she added.

Community college

She learned how to read, speak and write at MxCC — her second home, she said. Because of the travel ban, she had to start the semester two weeks late, but her professors were understanding.

“I’m very lucky to have them,” said Niyazi, who’s studying graphic design.

“They always support me.”

Pat Demaras, assistant dean of international and multicultural affairs at MxCC, has known Niyazi since she started at MxCC more than three years ago.

After hearing Niyazi’s life story, many students are inspired to overcome their obstacles, Demaras said.

“After going through all that, she still has the courage and determination to continue to be a journalist,” the assistant dean.

“She’s pretty amazing. Just very, very determined.”

After college, her plan is to work in graphic design at first; she wants to continue learning English before switching over to journalism.

“On CNN one day,” Niyazi said. “A big dream of mine.”

Her Lowell home

Walking through the hallway to her bedroom in Lowell, there are ceramic wall decorations of Iraqi women wearing head scarves. Niyazi speaks as if the women are her friends from long ago.

“They’re working hard but they’re just ignored,” she says. “They don’t have the same rights.”

On her fridge, however, the Iraqi woman is no longer wearing the scarf.

Niyazi did not wear a head scarf as a journalist in Iraq.

“She’s not afraid anymore,” the refugee said. “That woman, she’s looking for the freedom.”

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HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN GET COLLEGE CREDIT

Middlesex Community College will host two orientation sessions for the Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy, which allows qualified high school and home-schooled students to earn college credit while meeting their high school graduation requirements. The Lowell campus session will be held on Wednesday, March 15, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Square. The Bedford campus session will be held on Wednesday, March 29, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Alcott Room in the Bedford Campus Library, 591 Springs Road. Dual enrollment students pay reduced tuition costs. State funding is available to cover tuition and fees for a limited number of students; the college-level courses that are transferable to an associate or bachelor’s degree program. For more information, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/dual enroll/ or contact MCC’s Academic, Career & Transfer Center at 1-800-818-3434.

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Middlesex Community College in Bedford allows high school and home-school students to earn college credits.
School head dives into location debate

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LOWELL — Keeping Lowell High School downtown offers its student body a rich, urban campus environment that a new high school at Cawley Stadium in Belvidere would not, Head of School Brian Martin said in the latest edition of Sun Spot, the newspaper's contribution to the Lowell Telecommunication Corp.'s weekly news magazine, LTC News.

The show airs every Thursday at 6 p.m. on LTC Channels 8 and 99.

Martin, the former city manager and city councilor, described the Belvidere site as "isolated," and said it would not offer the vibrancy of the downtown campus where students mingle with UMass Lowell and Middlesex Community College students, walk to internships and conveniently utilize centrally located amenities like the Pollard Library, Lowell National Historical Park and Tsongas Industrial History Center.

He said there's an "enormous synergy" between the high school and those agencies.

In terms of economic impact, Martin said downtown merchants would miss Lowell High's 400 staffers and 3,000 students. When pressed on the degree on economic impact, Martin said the high school community generates as much economic impact on the downtown as Enterprise Bank.

Martin also defended his unabashed advocacy of renovating the high school buildings. As a member of the School Building Committee appointed by City Manager Kevin Murphy, Martin and Murphy agreed that Martin wouldn't go public with his feelings until a short-list of options emerged.

As advocates for the Cawley Stadium site became more vocal, advocates for downtown asked Martin "where are you?" So, he took that as a prompt to get involved, publicly.

Some public officials have grumbled Martin has crossed the line. Martin shrugs that off, saying he's merely advocating for the building he's overseen for nearly six years.

The 30-minute show is anchored by different personalities and features other local content. It is rebroadcast at different times during the upcoming week. Check the LTC website for times and channels.

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MCC program assists budding local gardeners

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Middlesex Community College will be offering a pair of courses in gardening this spring, allowing prospective planters will work with professionals on what goes into maintaining a healthy garden.

For the last several years MCC has been offering a class entitled “Mastering Garden Skills” which instructs gardeners on different techniques on all things involving their garden, from when to lay certain seeds to what tools to use. This year, MCC has added a special seminar “Sustaining Your Garden During Climate Change.”

“I was speaking with Peter Coppola who has taught the Mastering Garden Skill course for the past several years about new courses that could be taught and something that came to mind was gardening and the changing climate,” MCC’s Caitlin Campopiano said.

Campopiano is coordinating the two courses as part of MCC’s Personal Enrichment programs. The classes are aimed at gardeners of all skill levels and Campopiano stated that each class would be shaped around the individual student and their personal abilities. The program begins with the three hour Sustaining Your Garden During Climate Change seminar on Saturday, March 25.

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looking at ways to increase economic development in our communities,” Reed said. “That was really how it began and then later it became more of a formal group.”

The Middlesex 3 Coalition is an economic agreement between the cities and towns around Route 3 including Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Chelmsford, Lexington, Lowell, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough and Westford.

“Economic development functions in a way that is well beyond the border of individual municipalities; it is much better for the towns to work together,” Reed said.

Reed, who serves as the President of Middlesex 3, said the organization began to assist economically; and the main success of Middlesex 3 so far has been in transportation.

“Transportation has always been directly tied into economic development, we have been able to work with local businesses to get a shuttle system going that connects with the Alewife MBTA Station,” Reed said.

Middlesex 3 offers a series of shuttles that are funded through local businesses that connect the towns of the area to the major transportation hubs. According to Reed, the Middlesex 3 is located in between two major transportation organization; the southern towns are under jurisdiction of the MBTA while the northern towns are under the jurisdiction of the Lowell Regional Transit Authority. Part of the goal of the transportation program is to streamline transportation in between the two larger organizations.

When it comes to serving local businesses, Reed expressed the need to bring in young professionals from communities close to Boston, and that since they often rely on public transportation, it is important to give them that option working further outside of Bedford.

“A lot of young people who live in places like Cambridge and Somerville and they don’t have access to a vehicle,” Reed said. “By connecting with the MBTA station in Alewife, we give them a transportation option to work in the communities that make up the Middlesex 3.”

Original costs for the transportation program were paid for by a grant given to the towns but after the grant expired, employers began paying for the program. Reed noted that some employers would charge employees who use the service.

Middlesex 3 also offers economic services beyond supplying transportation.

“Transportation was never the sole focus of the Middlesex 3, it was all about assisting economic development along the corridor,” Reed said. “One of the things we do is promote forums where CEOs speak and are attended by local politicians and congressmen. In the spring we are going to have a regional forum on healthcare and the costs of healthcare for employers.”
MCC makes most of grant

Asian-American Connections Center to help students succeed

A Sun Staff Report

LOWELL — The doors officially were opened Thursday on a new community center aimed at streamlining and supporting Southeast Asian students attending Middlesex Community College.

More than 100 students, staff, faculty and community partners turned out on Thursday for the ribbon-cutting, which officially opened the College’s new Asian American Connections Center, located in showcase space on the ground floor of the college’s Cowan Center in Lowell.

MCC received a $1.7 million grant spanning five years, through the U.S. Department of Education’s Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institution (AANAPISI) program, which provides grants and related assistance to institutions to expand and improve their capacity to serve, among other groups. Asian Americans. With its burgeoning Southeast Asian population, the city of Lowell provided a natural backdrop for MCC to apply for the program to serve its student population.

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MCC opens Asian American Center

Middlesex Community College held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open its new Asian American Connections Center on Thursday. Taking part in the event were, from left, Director Virak Uy, Sen. Eileen Donoghue, Rep. Rady Mom and MCC President James Mabry.

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Under the grant, Asian-American students attending Middlesex will receive a range of support services and co-curricular activities designed to improve their college-going experience, as well as their completion and transfer outcomes. More than 11 percent of MCC credit students are Asian-American, primarily Southeast Asian. Among that cohort, 70 percent apply for financial aid, and the majority are also from families in which they are the first to attend college.

Speakers at Thursday’s ribbon-cutting included MCC President James Mabry, Dean of Students Pam Fisherty, who will oversee the program, Virak Uy, the center’s new director, state Sen. Eileen Donoghue, state Rep. Rady Mom, himself an MCC alumnus, MCC Trustee Bopha Malone, and Russell Fun- ders, representing Congresswoman Niki Tsongas, who was in Washing- ton.

Mom fondly remembered his time at MCC, new more than 25 years ago, and said the connections he made through the college’s international programs helped him pave the way for his future. He said he expects the new center will help integrate hundreds more students who want to do their part to better their communities.

“Growing up as a refugee, I never thought I would have the opportunity to attend and complete college,” said MCC Trustee Bopha Malone. “However, through the support of caring mentors, I was able to achieve the American dream. As a college trustee, and as a community activist, it’s an honor to be part of the planning process. But I am even more excited to continue to advocate and guide Asian-Americans to attain success.”

The project will include personalized support to help students better navigate college processes; interventions focused on continued support for writing skills to aid ELL students as they transition to college; and the development of academic curriculum related to the cultural heritage of Asian-American students.
MCC student wins award for best comic actor at New England theater event

MCC's Heather Conti Clark with the award she won for best comic actor at the recent Kennedy Center Theatre Festival.

MCC student wins best comic actor

Members of Middlesex Community College's Theater program not only attended a recent national theater festival but took home top honors as well.

Last year, a representative from the Kennedy Center Theatre Festival attended the MCC Theatre Department's production of "Little Women, the Musical." From that performance Heather Conti Clark and Ashley Jeffers were chosen to compete for the Irene Ryan Award, with Leo Jordan attending as an alternate.

Since 1972, the Irene Ryan Foundation of Encino, Calif., has awarded scholarships to the outstanding student performers at each regional festival. The scholarships are made possible by the generosity of the late Irene Ryan, who is best remembered for her portrayal of Granny Clampett in "The Beverly Hillbillies."

Conti Clark was also nominated for the Richard Maltby award for Musical Theatre Excellence.

Attending the festival were Conti Clark, a Chelmsford resident, and her scene partner, Victoria Tham of Lowell, along with Jeffers, a Lowell resident, and her scene partner, Kelly Maglio of Pelham, N.H., and Jordan, a Chelmsford resident, and his scene partner, Kaitlyn Crockett, also of Chelmsford.

Conti Clark advanced to the semifinals, one of 36 of the 220 nominees to do so.

At the final awards ceremony, Conti Clark was awarded the New England Theatre Conference award for best comic actor.

Karen Oster, MCC's Theatre Department chairwoman, and the cast of "Little Women," also received a Merit Award for excellence in music direction and musical performance.
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Middlesex Community College Celebrates Nursing Program Graduates

Middlesex Community College recently celebrated the achievements of 26 graduates of the Nursing Program in a pinning ceremony held on the Bedford campus. MCC President James C. Mably, Provost Phil Sismon, Dean of Nursing and health Kathleen Gehrke, and faculty and staff from all areas of the college joined family, friends and supporters to honor the new graduates.

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Middlesex Community College Awards Foundation Scholarships

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President James C. Mabry (center, back) and some of the recipients of the Middlesex Community College Foundation scholarships awarded to deserving Middlesex students for the 2016-2017 academic year. The ceremony took place recently on the Bedford campus – Courtesy image (c) 2017 all rights reserved – Click to view larger image
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The Middlesex Community College Foundation recently awarded 53 scholarships totaling $48,450 to 47 deserving Middlesex students for the 2016-2017 academic year. Among the recipients was Fatou Sidibe of Bedford who received the Ray Shea Memorial Scholarship for International Studies.

The awards range from $500 to $2,500 and are funded by a variety of sources, including memorial donations, local businesses, private foundations and private donors.

“At Middlesex, we recognize the accomplishments of our students, and the strong and generous commitment from our donors who provide financial assistance to our students as they work hard to achieve their dreams of higher education and meaningful careers,” said Dennis Malvers, Dean of College Advancement.

Three new scholarships were established and awarded this year, including the David F. Beauchemin Music Scholarship established by Jennifer Aradhya in memory of her father; the MCC Performing Arts scholarship, established with funds raised at the Murder at Nesmith House fundraiser; and the MCC Foundation Board of Directors Founder’s Award, through which five scholarships were awarded to students traveling on the China and Ireland International Education Fellowships and other study-abroad programs.

About Middlesex Community College

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As part of MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy, qualified students may enroll in college-level courses offered online, during the day, evening or weekend on MCC’s Bedford or Lowell campuses. Flexible options are available to focus on science and math, engineering and technology, health professions or business administration. Also welcome are students who just want to get a head start on completing the general-education courses required by most colleges and universities.

A Middlesex Dual Enrollment Academy advisor will be assigned to work with each applicant, their parent/guardian, and high school guidance counselor to design a program based on the student’s academic skill level and educational goals. To maximize success, MCC offers academic counseling, tutoring, computer labs and library services, and encourages students to participate in on-campus events and student clubs.

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For more information about the

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Help Your Garden Grow With Middlesex Community College

Middlesex Community College’s Corporate and Community Education & Training program is offering a number of noncredit spring courses for those interested in learning more about gardening. Classes begin Saturday, March 25 and include:

“Sustaining Your Garden During Climate Change” (PER 781 30) – Climate change is forcing gardeners to question their understanding of plants and gardening. This class offers an organic approach to achieving green, healthy plants, lawns, and gardens that are safe for children and pets, and less harmful to the environment. Topics covered include plant nutritional needs, soil dynamics, water conservation, plant selection and propagation, landscaping and garden design, and organic pest solutions.

“Mastering Garden Skills” (PER 800 30) – This course is designed for those seeking a more balanced gardening approach by improving their skills and understanding of plant care. Class sessions will include discussions about soil preparation, plant selection and propagation, proper use of fertilizer and pesticides, landscaping and garden design, lawn care, pest management, yard maintenance, and tool selection.

To learn more about these or other noncredit personal enrichment course offerings at Middlesex, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining/personenrich.aspx or call 1-800-818-3434.

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Middlesex 3 Coalition continues to grow its board of directors, membership and economic development initiatives throughout the Route 3 region.

On Jan. 27, the Middlesex 3 Coalition board of directors voted to expand and add three seats to the current 13 member board. Middlesex 3 Coalition President and Bedford Town Manager Richard Reed welcomed the newest directors Dean LaMothe, Katie Enright and Curt Bellavance.

The Middlesex 3 Coalition's board of directors also reappointed three board members at the meeting including Lowell City Manager Kevin Murphy, Robert Buckley and Michelle Davis. The Coalition now comprises 16 board of directors, including senior representatives from the following municipalities and businesses: Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Chelmsford, Lowell, Tyngsborough, CBRE-New England, E Ink, Enterprise Bank, The Gutierrez Company, Howard Stein Hudson, Lahey Health, Lowell General Hospital, Middlesex Community College, Riemer & Braunstein and UMass Lowell. The Middlesex 3 Coalition is a regional partnership of nine Middlesex County communities including Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Chelmsford, Lexington, Lowell, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough and Westford with the support of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development. The Coalition communities share a common goal of fostering economic development, job growth and retention, diversification of the tax base and enhancement of quality of life. To effectuate positive change in the Corridor, the Coalition identified top regional priorities, including improving transportation, workforce development, health care and infrastructure and utilities and promoting the Middlesex 3 resources and businesses. The Coalition currently has approximately 60 members who represent local government, business, finance, education, health care and real estate who have combined resources to promote the competitive advantages of the region and advance the economic vitality of the corridor. For information: http://www.Middlesex3.com.
MCC IT program offers degrees

Cybersecurity program offers students a chance to work in one of the fastest growing fields in America

By Jesse Collings jcollings@wickedlocal.com

Middlesex Community College will graduate their first class of cybersecurity majors in May, marking the fulfillment of an important initiative in the Information Technology department.

"In the short term future, all IT positions are going to require a knowledge of network security, there isn’t going to be such a thing as a network administration position that does not involve securing the network," Don Brady, Assistant Dean of STEM at MCC said. "This is a field that I absolutely expect to continue to grow over time."

The program enrolled its first class in Sept. 2015, with the two-year program set to hand out the first degrees to the original class following the Spring 2017 semester. Brady said that there are about 100 students currently enrolled in the program with many more students taking classes in the field.

According to Brady, the program came into fruition during a time when employment was down during the Great Recession.

"There were a lot of unemployed people with degrees and when we did research about local jobs that were available we noticed thousands of jobs in the area for people with cybersecurity skills," Brady said. "Local employers were crying out for people with those skills."

The program is designed to prepare students for a transfer to a bachelor’s degree program at a four-year university, or for employment in a variety of entry-level information-security analyst positions. Students will graduate with a skill-set that will allow them to detect weaknesses in a security system and to diagnose the degree of system penetrations.

"If you are securing your own PC, the way someone is going to steal information from you is not because they are going to go into your house and use your computer," Brady said. "The way people are going to get private information is by hacking into the network."

According to Brady, the federal government has indicated that cybersecurity is going to become the biggest threat towards national security over the next several years. The U.S. Department of Labor projects that computer-security-specialist’s employment is going to increase by 22 percent—up to approximately 65,700 new jobs—by 2020.

"Our students are learning the latest IT cybersecurity topics, including writing secure scripting using Python, and implementing secure networking, virtualization and cloud computing," Syeda Ferdous Begum, Associate Professor of STEM at MCC stated in a recent press release. "After completion of this degree, students will be able to find jobs—and also transfer to a four-year degree programs with the most current knowledge."

Three years ago, the government launched the National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education (NICE) to increase education, training, and workforce development in cybersecurity.

"What NICE did was break down cybersecurity into 17 different focus areas," Brady said. "The program at MCC is about Network Security Administration, so our program addresses the frameworks set up by NICE for that area. That is design, create and manage a secure network."

The school also recently began offering two certificates, one at the entry level and one advanced certificate, that professional IT workers can enroll in and learn more about the field.

"I’ve been in IT for 20 years. 20 years ago nobody knew what cybersecurity was," Brady said. "Now professionals can stay ahead of the game and get certified in such an important field."
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"We are always upgrading our curriculum," said Begum. "To develop frameworks, we use guidelines established by the National Security Agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance/Cyber Defense."

MCC's Cybersecurity curriculum was also created with guidance from the college's Information Technology Advisory Board, which includes cybersecurity professionals from organizations such as Mitre Corp. and MIT Lincoln Labs, said Brady.

Program development was funded by a grant from Broadening Advanced Technological Education Connections, a national center of excellence for computing and information technologies, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Students who graduate from MCC's innovative IT Cybersecurity Program should be well positioned for the future, Begum said.

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Middlesex Community College Opens Asian-American Student Center

Middlesex Community College celebrated the opening of its new Asian American Connections Center on the Lowell campus. MCC President James C. Mabry cut the ribbon to open the center, along with special guests State Senator Eileen Donahue, State Rep. Rady Mom, Bopha Malone, Vice President, Regional Business Advisor, for Enterprise Bank, and member of the MCC Board of Trustees, Virak Uy, Director of MCC’s Asian American Student Advancement Program, and other members of the MCC community.

MCC’s Asian American Connections Center is made possible by a recent five-year, $1.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education’s Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution (AANAPISI) program. Under the grant, Asian-American students attending Middlesex will receive a range of support services and co-curricular activities designed to improve their college-going experience, as well as their completion and transfer outcomes.

In addition to the Asian American Connections Center, the college will create a peer-support program, titled The Asian American Student Advancement Program, to increase a sense of connection and belonging to the college.

The program will also include personalized support to better navigate college processes; interventions focused on continued support for writing skills to aid ELL students as they transition to college; and the development of academic curriculum related to the cultural heritage of Asian-American students.

More than 11 percent of MCC credit students are Asian American, primarily Southeast Asian. Among that cohort, 70 percent apply for financial aid, and the majority are also from families in which they are the first to attend college.
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—"Home Solar Electrical Energy Systems." Electrical energy costs in New England have risen substantially and are expected to continue to increase. Learn how to assess the economic feasibility of installing a solar photovoltaic system in a residence to help reduce electrical energy costs.
—"Home Electrical Repair." An instructor will demonstrate and explain practical methods to repair or upgrade small and simple residential electrical problems that generally do not require a permit. Topics covered include electrical code requirements, safety issues, equipment and tools, materials fixtures, receptacles and switches.
—"History of Hand Tools & Repair." Discover inner crafting skills by learning how to repair, restore and use woodworking hand tools designed and used during the industrial revolution.
MCC offering summer sessions.
Registration is now open for MCC's QuickStart Summer Session, as well as day and online/evening summer sessions.
Students can keep momentum going by completing a course in three weeks with new QuickStart Summer Session. QuickStart runs May 22 through June 9. Classes meet five days per week in Bedford, Lowell and online.
MCC's regular Day Summer Sessions run May 30 through June 29 and July 10 through Aug. 9. Classes meet four days a week in Bedford and Lowell.
Online/evening summer sessions run June 5 through Aug. 1 or June 19 through Aug. 15. Classes meet two evenings per week or online.
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MCC minds its own business

Middlesex Community College students enrolled in an Introduction to Entrepreneurship class not only learned what it takes to think entrepreneurially but also got out of the classroom and actually did it.

Teams of students launched seven businesses, selling products that included T-shirts, bracelets, sunglasses, heart-healthy coffee, foot cream, hats, and cellphone wire protectors.

Students pitched their businesses and presented commercials at the MCC Shark Tank competition in front of special guest judges Lydia Blanchard, founder of Sweet Lydia's in Lowell and Boston, and Angela Mastrogiacomo, MCC alum and owner of Muddy Paw Public Relations. Students then presented a donation of their profits to local organizations.

Overall, the students earned $1,313 in profits that were donated to organizations. The winning Shark Tank team, LaBel, will donate $536 to Disabled American Veterans of Tewksbury.

Other donations include: Heal Me Softly, $365 to D'Youville Senior Center;

Lowell General Hospital's David Hall, center, accepts a check for TeamWalk for Cancer Care donated by MCC students, from left, Jake Anzer, Patrick Fournier, Christin Wistof and Marlena Chau.

Bandzz & Shadezz, $97 to Lowell General Hospital Team Walk; Secure Shrink, $46 to Lowell Makers; Heart Healthy Coffee, $140 to Lowell General Hospital Team Walk; and Local Culture, $90 to the United Teen Equality Center of Lowell.

"This course is about providing students the space to try without a whole lot of risk," Professor Stacie Hargis said. "That trying turns into doing, and my hope is that this experience will provide valuable new skills, lessons and confidence to continue doing in the future."

Local Culture group members, from left, Jack Conlon, Gilberto Matos and Bill Ross present a T-shirt and a check to Dimitrios Booras of the United Teen Equality Center.
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Go On A Culinary Adventure With Middlesex Community College

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"Love 'N Cake" (PER 678 33) – Give your Valentine a sweet treat with this fun multi-dimensional fondant cake-decorating class. No experience needed. Each student will take home a fully decorated cake.

"Intro to Cake Decorating for Teens" (PER 803 33) – From frosting a cake perfectly smooth, to piping intricate borders or making frosting roses, students will have fun learning the tricks of the cake-decorating business. Each student will take home a fully decorated cake.

"Frosting Fun for Easter" (PER 818 33) – Learn how to decorate an Easter-themed cake using frosting and piping bags. You'll create a three-dimensional cake that tastes as good as it looks!

"Cupcakes Galore" (PER 674 33) – Learn how to create and decorate cupcakes for any occasion and see how to build your own cupcake cake perfect for any event.

"A Little Bit of Everything" (PER 684 33) – This class will teach you all the tricks to decorating any dessert – from chocolate covered treats, to cookies and cupcakes. Each student will take home a selection of fully decorated desserts.

To learn more about these or other noncredit personal enrichment course offerings at Middlesex, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining/personrich.aspx or call 1-800-818-3434.

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Mental Health
Stability In College

According to a 2012 survey done by NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 73% of college students reported having a mental health crisis while in college. Many colleges are not prepared to help effectively but some institutions are addressing this need with care and innovation. What are some mental health-friendly signs to look for in a college? NAMI Central Middlesex will offer a panel presentation entitled "Mental Health Stability in College" on Monday, February 13, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at Bedford High School on 9 Mudge Way. Panelists will include a former student sharing her personal college story and administrators from three area colleges, Boston University, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Middlesex Community College. These professionals will address such topics as what some colleges are doing to intervene and support students who have mental health difficulties and what happens if a student has to withdraw for a period of time. There will be a Q&A session following the presentation. The event is free and open to high school and college age families. No registration required. It is co-sponsored by Bedford High School. Call Jennie at 978-692-2908 with questions or inquiries about potential cancellation due to weather.
Learn Home Improvement Skills
With Middlesex Community College

Middlesex Community College's Corporate and Community Education & Training program is offering a number of noncredit spring courses for those interested in learning home improvement skills. Classes begin Tuesday, March 7 and include:

"Home Solar Electrical Energy Systems" (PER 788 30) - Electrical energy costs in New England have risen substantially and are expected to continue to increase. Learn how to assess the economic feasibility of installing a solar photovoltaic system in your residence to help reduce electrical energy costs.

"Home Electrical Repair" (PER 787 30) - An instructor will demonstrate and explain practical methods to repair or upgrade small and simple residential electrical problems that generally do not require a permit. Topics covered include, electrical code requirements, safety issues, equipment and tools, materials fixtures, receptacles, and switches.

"History of Hand Tools & Repair" (PER 782 30) - Discover your inner crafting skills by learning how to repair, restore, and use woodworking hand tools designed and used by our forefathers during the industrial revolution.

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Keep Kids Engaged This Summer With MCC's College For Kids

It's not too early to start planning your summer! Middlesex Community College will open enrollment for College for Kids 2017 beginning Monday, March 6.

College for Kids summer programs offer one-, two- and three-week summer programs for children ages 8 to 15 that run July 10 through Aug. 18, on the Bedford and Lowell campuses.

College for Kids offers fun and engaging summer programs to provide children with unique opportunities to explore careers, learn new skills, meet new friends, and boost self-confidence. Programs are taught by public-school teachers or by professionals who are experts in their field.

Most College for Kids programs run Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This year, programs explore film production, aviation, computer coding, writing, science, veterinary medicine, technology, culinary arts, fashion design, Minecraft, web design, LegoMindstorms, fitness, and more.

For the complete MCC College for Kids schedule and registration information, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/collegeforkids/ or call 1-800-818-3434.

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MCC offering summer sessions

Registration is now open for MCC’s QuickStart Summer Session, as well as day and online/evening summer sessions.

Students can keep momentum going by completing a course in three weeks with the new QuickStart Summer Session. QuickStart runs May 22 through June 9. Classes meet five days per week in Bedford, Lowell and online.

MCC’s regular Day Summer Sessions run May 30 through June 29 and July 10 through Aug. 9. Classes meet four days a week in Bedford and Lowell.

Online/evening summer sessions run June 5 through Aug. 1 or June 19 through Aug. 15. Classes meet two evenings per week or online.

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Posted by Elliot Silver on Feb 17, 2017 |

Middlesex Community College’s Nursing Program has been ranked 14th out of 42 nursing schools in Massachusetts by www.registerednursing.org, an online guide to education, careers and jobs, created by registered nurses.

“We are very proud of our Nursing Program at Middlesex and our ability to contribute to a diverse nursing workforce,” said Katherine Gehly, Dean of Nursing and Allied Health. “A combination of a strong curriculum, dedicated faculty, and collaborative partnerships with our clinical affiliations provides a quality educational experience that prepares our students to not only pass the licensure examination, but also to be successful when employed as a Registered Nurse.”

MCC’s Nursing Program is designed to prepare nurses at the associate degree level and provide eligibility to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses. The curriculum provides a sound background in field-related science, technical skills and general education, with learning experiences in the classroom, nursing laboratory, and clinical settings.

Offered during the days, as well as evenings and weekends, the program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. and approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

To learn more about MCC’s Nursing Program, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/nursing/ or call 1-800-818-3434.
U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas tweeted out this photo the other day, thanking Middlesex Community College reps for attending a higher-education meeting in Washington, D.C. From left, Jennifer Luddy, MCC's director of institutional research; James Campbell, MCC's chairman of the board of trustees; Tsongas, President James Mabry and Patrick Cook, MCC's executive director of public affairs.

PHOTO WITH THIS LESS THAN a week after MCC said travel restrictions would be implemented, three MCC representatives were on their way to Washington, D.C. President James Mabry, Board of Trustees Chair James Campbell and Patrick Cook, MCC's executive director of public affairs, attended meetings with staffers from the offices of Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Rep. Joe Kennedy III. The MCC contingent met with Rep. Niki Tsongas.

MCC's trip from Tuesday to Thursday had been booked for a while, Cook said. He added that the travel restrictions will not result in a "complete limitation."

“It's not going to be a complete and total elimination of travel," Cook said. "These meetings were very productive for us," he added. The MCC representatives talked to federal lawmakers about funding for higher education, the important role of community colleges, cybersecurity funding, college affordability and more.

MEETING WITH Sun editors and reporters Thursday, Gov. Charlie Baker said he read last Sunday's story on Middlesex Community College planning to cut staff due to dwindling enrollment, and immediately sent it to his staff.

"I want to know more about this," he said. "I have questions about demographics, and the state of the economy's impact on this." MCC officials said unemployment has dropped, leading to fewer students heading to college. In addition, birth rates have plummeted, resulting in a smaller pool of community college students.

MCC will reduce staff, restrict travel and overtime, and try to save on energy among other steps.

"We're hoping the governor continues to read The Sun, a fine source for state and local news he will find valuable."

"I'm a big believer in the Fourth Estate," Baker said.

"It's hugey important what you do because in the end, people make decisions based on what they believe to be true," he added.
High marks for MCC Health programs

Middlesex Community College’s Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology degree programs have been recognized for excellence by the Community for Accredited Online Schools in its 2016-17 national rankings.

“These top national rankings underscore the quality of the faculty, curriculum and hands-on instruction in MCC’s Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology degree programs,” said Katherine Gehly, Dean of Nursing & Allied Health. “Middlesex provides graduates of these nationally accredited health programs with the technical skills and educational knowledge they need to be eligible for national certification and state licensing.”

In addition to Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Radiologic Technology, MCC offers degree programs in Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Lab Technology, Medical Assisting and Nursing. Certificate programs in Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting are also available.

To learn more about MCC’s Health Career Programs, call 800-815-3434. Prospective students may also attend a Health Programs information session offered throughout the year on the Bedford and Lowell campuses. To register for an info session, visit http://bit.ly/mcchealthinfo.

The Community for Accredited Online Schools is a comprehensive, accreditation resource that provides prospective students and families the tools to make well-informed decisions about their education. To see the complete 2016-17 rankings, visit: www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/medical-and-health/ultrasound-technician, or www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/vocational-trade-school/radiology-technician.
SATURDAY CHAT

Healthy debate fosters the best decision

LOWELL — Big projects often cause big controversies. The city of Lowell has plenty of both going on right now.

What is happening is very healthy for a city that never quits, a city that for decades has been driven to be the best it can be.

I was pleased to see lots of folks turned out for a meeting in Belvidere to discuss the high school possibly relocating to that neighborhood.

Good discussion, done in a fair and reasoned way, can provide the framework for resolution.

On one side, you have concerned parents, particularly parents who have students who would be attending high school during the difficult years of construction if the new school remained downtown. On the other, you have residents who fear having 4,000 people come into the neighborhood everyday will have a major, negative impact.

Both have legitimate concerns. Both have a right to be heard.

But in the end, elected officials will need to make a decision that is in the best interest of the entire community.

Lots of mid-size cities in America would love to have the events that are going on in Lowell right now.

Massachusetts has committed more than a half a billion dollars to Lowell, to build a new high school, to build a new judicial center and to improve access to the Hamilton Innovation District.

Add in the Sal Lupoli project on Thorndike Street, Dave Daly's upscale high rise proposed for East Merrimack Street, two private dorm projects, two potential private developments in the Hamilton Innovation District, renovation projects at UMass Lowell, and the new performing arts center for Middlesex Community College and you are seeing a major transformation of the city.
EDITORIAL
Declining enrollment forces tightening belts

If you’ve heard about all the exciting developments that have occurred at Middlesex Community College over the past several years, than you obviously felt blindsided by the recent disclosure of its severe budget crunch.

But that’s what MCC President James Mabry dropped on media outlets late in the day on Friday — a popular time to unload bad news heading into a weekend.

According to Mabry, the college, with campuses in Lowell and Bedford, plans to trim staff, reduce energy costs, restrict travel and overtime, and leave a number of job vacancies unfilled. MCC’s belt tightening comes as it seeks to decrease its budget by the end of the current fiscal year by 5 to 7 percent — approximately $3.2 million.

Mabry lays all these draconian measures at the feet of dwindling enrollment — not only at Middlesex, but throughout the state’s higher education system. Officials disclosed that enrollment has declined at MCC by 9.3 percent over the last five years, reflecting a similar trend at most of the state’s community colleges.

It’s the same situation at Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner. Its overall enrollment recently dropped from 4,936 to 4,106 students. But full-time figures are even worse. It’s declined steadily over the last four years, from 2,964 to 2,560.

So what’s the reason for these drastic steps? Certainly, nothing happened overnight to mandate these extreme measures. On the contrary, they’ve been developing over several years, a combination of declining birth and unemployment rates, though employers still must leave many skilled-labor jobs unfilled. That’s the gap MCC and Mount Wachusett have been asked to fill.

So why does it appear MCC officials seemed caught off guard? And more disturbing, why wasn’t there a long-range plan already in place to soften the blow they all knew was coming?

Rather than retrenchment, MCC has continued to expand offerings and capital projects, seemingly oblivious to the challenges it faced.

In December, MCC announced the opening of Cybersecurity Lab on the Lowell Campus. Located in the Pollard Building on Middle Street, this high-tech facility allows MCC to expand in its Cybersecurity degree and certificate programs. It currently serves 100 students.

Last fall, MCC received a $1.7 million grant to help Asian-American students with support services and activities; it’s aimed at students from the area’s Cambodian community. At the same time, it joined a statewide consortium to improve training and education of direct-care workers.

And of course Middlesex is in the process of restoring the former Rialto Theatre/Boston & Maine building in Lowell’s downtown into a new performance venue and classroom space. A project, considering its dire financial straits, that appears even more excessive than its close to $20 million price tag.

It’s difficult for the overwhelming majority of the state’s taxpayers who work in the private sector to understand the lack of foresight exhibited in this one example of what passes as strategic thinking in our state’s higher-education system.

However, it will be instructive to see how MCC and other community colleges function trying to do more — or at least maintain services — with less.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March
What: 1st Annual Distinguished Young Professional Awards
When: March 29th from 12-2 p.m.
Where: Tewksbury Country Club

April
What: Municipal Breakfast
When: April 4th from 7:30-10:00 a.m.
Where: Holiday Inn
What: Mega Mixer with Navigation Brewing Co. and the Greater Merrimack Valley Convention & Visitor's Bureau
When: April 12th from 5-7 p.m.
Where: Navigation Brewing Co.
What: W.I.S.E. Quarterly Event - Dress for Success
When: Tuesday, April 25th, 2017 from 7:30-9 a.m.
Where: Enterprise Bank Community Room
What: Young Professionals Trivia Night
When: April 27th from 5:30-8 p.m.
Where: Wamesit Lanes

May
What: WISE Breakfast
When: May 17th
Where: Vesper CC

June
What: Nonprofit Match Making
When: June 8th from 8-9:30 a.m.
Where: Lowell General
What: Mixer with the Merrimack Valley Food Bank
When: Wednesday, June 14th, 2017 from 12-1:30 p.m.
Where: Merrimack Valley Food Bank
What: Mega Mixer with UMass Lowell and Lowell High School Alumni
When: June 14th from 5-7 p.m.
Where: The UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center

July
What: W.I.S.E. Quarterly Event with the Nesmith House
When: Wednesday, July 26th, 2017 from 12-1:30 p.m.
Where: John Nesmith House

August
What: Multi-Chamber Mixer
When: Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017 from 5-7 p.m.
Where: Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant, Methuen

October
What: Business Expo & Showcase
When: October 17th from 5-7 p.m.
Where: Radisson in Chelmsford

November
What: Annual Meeting
When: November 16th from 6-9 p.m.
Where: Lenzi's

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SPRING OPEN HOUSE
5:30 p.m. - Tuesday, April 25
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JOIN US FOR INFORMATION NIGHT
5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Wed., April 19 - Nashoba Valley Technical H.S.

Precision Machining Certificate Program

- Learn about MCC's new Precision Machining Certificate Program
- Meet and network with industry representatives
- Meet with MCC admissions representatives to learn how to enroll
- Tour the state-of-the-art Machining Laboratory

To RSVP, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/precision or call 1-800-818-3434.

Refreshments will be served.
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- Theatre
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- Cake Decorating

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For more information, call 781-280-3570 / 781-280-3663. To enroll call 1-800-818-3434.

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Affordable & Cost Effective
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--- Deborah Bergkholtz-Boards
Director of Organizational Development, Lowell General Hospital, Lowell, Mass.

"Middlesex Community College was excellent to work with. Prior to starting the in-house course we met with them to give them insight into our specific needs and the employees they would be working with. This ensured the course was tailored to our needs."

--- Greg Sevigny
Chief Operating Officer, Laser Services, Milford, Mass.

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Workforce Training Fund Program: Meet Your Training Goals With State Funds

Attention Businesses: Learn About Accessing Grants to Train Your Employees!

The Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund provides resources for businesses to train current and newly hired employees. Its goal is to help improve employee skills and maintain the economic strength of the Commonwealth’s businesses.

A representative from the Workforce Training Fund, administered by Commonwealth Corporation, will present an overview of the great options and answer any questions in the information sessions. Learn about this valuable training resource and how MCC can become a partner and provide great writing assistance and training to area companies.

Offered in partnership with the Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lowell Workforce Investment Board, and Milford Alliance.

For more information, contact: Erin Resler, (978) 656-3003
Visit the MCC website: development.middlec.edu/corporate/education.cfm or email: corp.education@middlesex.mass.edu

Tuition Reimbursement

Do you work for a business that offers tuition reimbursement?

Middlesex Can Help You

- Use tuition reimbursement funds efficiently
- Invoice your employer directly if requested
- Pay your bill after your employer reimburses you

Employers that offer Tuition Reimbursement:

- CVS Health
- McDonald's
- Gillette
- Lowell General Hospital
- UPS

For more information, please contact the Tuition Reimbursement Office:
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The Middlesex Meetinghouse

A beautifully restored historic home located at 294 Concord Road, Billerica, Massachusetts

Owned by the Middlesex Community College Foundation, The Middlesex Meetinghouse is the perfect venue for corporate events, meetings, and social occasions.

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- Easily accessible from Route 3 and 93: unobstructed parking
- Restrooms, and seminar rooms
- Upstairs Conference Room with natural light, facing; capacity 18
- Off-site and Annual meetings
- Downstairs Board Room, capacity 12; additional chairs may be placed on the patio
- Breakfast/Lunch/Corporate Dinner/Meeting capacity 32
- Holiday/Retirement/Going Away Cocktail Receptions, capacity 40

Social Events
- Girlfriend, Weddings, Rehearsal Dinners, Birthdays, and Anniversaries
- Banquet, Dinner, Cocktail Receptions, capacity 100
- Outside deck with cocktail/patio area, weather permitting
- Free parking throughout
- Event coordinator on site

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