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New MCC trustees sworn in at Lowell ceremony

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito swears in the new chair of the Middlesex Community College Board of Trustees, James Campbell, and new trustees Basha Malone and Annie O’Connor on Friday on the Lowell campus.
Leaders say nation has long way to go to fulfill MLK’s vision of harmony

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LOWELL — As 76-year-old Arleen Wolterding remembers her trip to the March on Washington in 1963, a mystical look comes over her face.

She was just about 24, and traveled down from New York City with her family to hear Martin Luther King, Jr. speak.

“It was the most mesmerizing, fantastic experience I’ve ever had in my life,” she said, sitting amongst a celebratory crowd at the 18th annual Lura Smith Fund MLK celebration on Monday. “All those thousands of people coming together for this one man. And he was everything they said he was, he was wonderful.”

She recalls his “I Have a Dream Speech” with equal adoration.

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Middlesex Community College President James Mabry has a good laugh with Lura Smith at the 18th Annual "The Lura Smith Fund" celebrating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell on Monday. Next to them on the left is Smith’s husband, Robert Smith.

By Elle Torres
Sun Correspondent

LOWELL — Lura Smith rarely stops moving. She glided through the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell Monday afternoon to check on last-minute details, sing with the choir, and greet guests who came out to support her annual event, the Lura Smith Fund Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.

But in her bursts of a spare moment, Smith said the event, now in its 18th year, is still just as rewarding as when it started in 1998.

It’s “a little more (rewarding) every year,” she said. “The spirit heights every year.”

This year drew more than 100 people, and honored the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Lowell, Inc. with the 2016 Living the Dream Award.

The honorary celebration and scholarship fund began, though, after she and her family moved from New Orleans to Lowell in 1973. They wanted to do what they could for their new community.

“As an African-American family, we didn’t feel that we should just be in this city and not try and make a difference around peace and reconciliation,” Smith, 68 and still living in Lowell, said.

So came the Martin Luther King, Jr. affair and the $1,000 scholarship, which she started to honor Dr. King and assist African-American students pursuing an associate’s degree at Middlesex Community College, where she is an assistant to the college’s president.

“We have a chance to celebrate Dr. King’s legacy and his life. We celebrate the fact that he lived and because he did, we can do this,” Smith said. “(Young people) are going to grow up in a better world because we can come together.”

Smith said she’s optimistic about the future, despite the growing reports of police brutality across the country.

“It only says that: we need to keep doing more,” she said. “That we need to keep doing more like this. All of our lives make a difference, and Dr. King’s legacy, ultimately, was about everybody.”

Donna Corbin, executive administrator to the president of MCC, called the last seven years she’s worked with Smith “amazing... She has so much energy and she loves Lowell.

“She is really well-loved in the city,” Corbin added.
ENROLL NOW

Middlesex Community College offers Fire Protection, Safety Technology Program

Enrollment is open for Middlesex Community College's Fire Protection and Safety Technology Program. Spring semester begins Jan. 25.

"Students who graduate from MCC's Fire Protection and Safety Technology Program and become full-time firefighters can expect an annual income five times the one of one year of school," said Michelle Bloomer, MCC's assistant dean of education and public service. MCC's Fire Protection and Safety Technology Program provides hands-on coursework for individuals seeking employment or presently working in a firefighting occupation. The program provides training for various careers in this field, including firefighters working at city, town and state level; firefighters working in military and airport facilities; and opportunities to work in fire investigation or the state fire marshal's office.

There are also opportunities within the business and industrial area, including fire insurance-claim investigation, fire protection engineer, hospital fire safety, fire prevention inspector and work with the National Fire Protection Association in fire investigation.

For information: 781-280-3911; bloomerc@middlesex.mass.edu.

SHORT-TERM TRAINING

Middlesex Community College offers programs in health care field

Middlesex Community College's Academy of Health Professions offers short-term training and college-credit programs to help students obtain an entry-level health care job.

Classes start Jan. 25. Programs offered include certified nursing assistant, medical assisting, medical receptionist, medical office administration, clinical laboratory assistant and phlebotomy. AHP offers three levels of study and a flexible schedule that includes day, evening and weekend courses. All classes are held on the Lowell campus. Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

AHP offers a variety of traditional and nontraditional courses, career counseling and support, as well as tutoring. Two new clinical laboratories provide students ample space and the lab equipment necessary for hands-on training. Small class sizes ensure students receive individualized attention and support throughout the program.

In addition to credit courses, AHP offers a series of free, noncredit professional development career readiness seminars. Open to all health care students, these seminars help students improve skills such as team building, professionalism, diversity awareness and conflict resolution.

Enrollment for MCC's AHP program is offered on a rolling basis, and courses run throughout the year. For information: 800-818-3434.

COURSE BEGINS SOON

Middlesex College to offer photography certificate program

Middlesex Community College will offer a non-credit digital photography certificate. This program is designed to meet the needs of those interested in photography, portraiture, digital-image editing or selling photos or services on the web.

Courses begin Jan. 26 and include:

"Digital Photography I" (CAR 612 30) This class is an introduction to digital photography. Students need an SLR digital camera.

"Digital Photography II" (CAR 612 30) This class is a continuation of "Digital Photography I." Through assignments, critique and guidance, students will work toward developing their own personal style of photography.

"Adobe Photoshop CS6" (CAR 610 30) Photoshop has become an essential tool for professional and amateur photographers. This course will cover batch processing images, advanced masking techniques, special effects and filters, High Dynamic Range Photography and the current trend in image manipulation.

"Business of Photography" (CAR 615 30) Students will learn how to present, price and market their photography. Topics include: portfolio preparation, marketing, freelance photography, working for a photographer and opening a photography studio.

"Studio Lighting" (CAR 613 30) Through classroom instruction, in-studio photo assignments and critique, students will learn how and when to use different types of lighting. They will gain confidence in using strobe-lighting equipment. Three of the classes will take place off-campus at a studio in Littleton; all other classes will meet on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road.

For more information or to register for these and other noncredit courses, call 800-818-3434 or visit middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining.
ACHIEVING SUCCESS

Middlesex College to provide free tutoring

Middlesex Community College’s Academic Centers for Excellence provide free and flexible individual and group tutoring on the Bedford and Lowell campuses. Staffed by professional and peer tutors, ACE is open for walk-in help and by appointment Monday through Saturday throughout the fall and spring semesters. Enrollment is now open for MCC’s spring semester courses, which begin Jan. 25.

The goal of ACE is to help students “learn how to learn” and achieve academic success by gaining an understanding of their personal learning styles. ACE provides a challenging and supportive environment, in which students can work independently or collaboratively to master learning strategies they can apply to their courses.

Tutoring is available in most subjects, including writing, reading/study skills, math, science, computer applications, accounting, business, economics, nursing and English Language Learner courses.

In addition to professional and peer tutoring programs, ACE offers free eTutoring online 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students can access online tutoring services by visiting the ACE website middlesex.mass.edu/tutoringservices or at etutoring.org. To learn more about MCC’s Academic Centers for Excellence, or to schedule a tutoring appointment, visit middlesex.mass.edu/tutoringservices.
Middlesex 3 Coalition, Burlington chamber team up to host restaurant job fair Saturday

By Rick Sobey
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BURLINGTON — At one end of the Middlesex Route 3 corridor, restaurants have more than 400 job openings.

But where's everyone to fill these jobs?

That solution (people) is found on the opposite end of the Route 3 corridor.

As a result, the Middlesex 3 Coalition has partnered with the Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce to host a restaurant job fair on Saturday, in hopes of filling more than 400 restaurant job openings in Burlington, Bedford and Lexington.

The coalition and chamber are looking at Greater Lowell residents and students to fill these job openings.

"We're very excited for this. It's such a great example of regional economic development and collaboration," Middlesex 3 Coalition Executive Director Stephanie Cronin said. "We've been getting great feedback, and hopefully we'll have a great turnout of job-seekers.

"We've been working with the city of Lowell, the high school, Middlesex Community College, UMass Lowell and other groups to get interest in this event," she added.

Hopefully, this job fair will provide jobs to students in Middlesex Community College's culinary program, Cronin said.

Also, Lowell has numerous community groups that have residents interested in the restaurant industry, including the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, Lowell Housing Authority and Coalition for a Better Acre.

"We hope this is another opportunity for employment for Lowell residents," said Allison Lamey, Lowell's economic development director. "It's a good example of collaboration along the Route 3 corridor, where there's a problem in one area and a solution in another."

Twenty restaurants are expected at the fair on Saturday from 8:30-11:30 a.m., at 8 New England Executive Park in Burlington.

Restaurant positions include line cooks, prep cooks, servers, hosts/hostesses, bartenders, dish washers, bakers, bus people, sous chefs, executive chefs and more.

Among the restaurants attending include Besito Mexican, Bonefish Grill, Chopp's American Bar & Grill, Kings Bowl, Osteria Nino, Papa Razzi Metro, Redstone American Grill and Uno Pizzeria.

For job-seekers needing transportation, the Middlesex 3 Coalition is providing shuttles from Middlesex Community College at 33 Kearney Square in Lowell.

"We're working with the restaurants to continue this service long term to provide people with transportation when the LRTA is not running," Cronin said. "If you get out of work in Burlington at 2 p.m., you're fine with the LRTA, but you'll be stuck there if you get out at 10 p.m."

Lamey said this transportation aspect is a key component for job-seekers.

"There are shifts that are not currently served by public transportation, so the fact they're trying to accommodate people to get there goes a long way," Lamey said.

The shuttles will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday and leave every hour. Shuttles will return from Burlington every hour.

Registration is required for Saturday's shuttle service. To sign up, visit www.baccma.org and select the Jan. 16 Restaurant Job Fair in the events calendar.

For more information on the job fair, email jobs@baccma.org or call 978-808-5281.

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Finish Your Degree
At Middlesex Community College

Want to finish your associate degree or add a credential to your resume? Looking to enter a new career field? Middlesex Community College is the place to start. Spring classes begin Monday, Jan. 25, 2016.

MCC will host two Finish Your Degree Walk-in Planning Sessions on our Bedford and Lowell campuses. These special information sessions are designed specifically to assist adult students interested in returning to college.

The Bedford Campus Finish Your Degree Walk-In Planning Session will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, on the Bedford Campus, North Academic Hall Room 102, 591 Springs Road.

The Lowell Campus Finish Your Degree Planning Session will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016, in the Lowell Campus Cowan Center, Room 213A, 33 Kearney Square.

Have you previously attended college? Bring your transcripts and meet with an admission counselor who can review them to award credits for previous coursework. MCC can accept up to 45 credits from other colleges and universities. (While we will need an official transcript to formally award credit, counselors can review unofficial transcripts to help get you started.)

Are you a former Middlesex student? Attend a Walk-In Planning Session to determine what classes you need to finish your degree. You may be closer than you think! MCC offers more than 70 degree and certificate programs, including accelerated programs. Courses are offered during the day, evening, weekend and online.

At the Walk-In Planning Sessions, counselors can complete on-the-spot admissions, help you register for classes, and discuss how to finance your education. At Middlesex, you CAN fit education into your busy life!

To learn more about MCC’s...

Middlesex Community College Offers Many Ways to Learn

Middlesex Community College provides students with many flexible course options to fit a variety of schedules and learning styles. In addition to traditional courses, MCC offers online, hybrid and Flextreme (Flexible Studies) courses, as well as a number of Learning Communities. Spring semester begins Monday, Jan. 25, and it’s not too late to register.

Traditional courses enable students to meet in a classroom, laboratory, clinic or external setting for an established number of hours per week on a regular weekly schedule. Learning occurs through lectures, presentations, discussions and other classroom activities.

Online courses enable instructors and students to interact online with a course management system and email. Students can complete assignments online and during hours they choose. MCC offers 12 programs of study that can be completed entirely online, as well as many other programs that are 80 percent online.

Hybrid courses combine face-to-face classroom experience with online instruction. These courses are a good option for students who may be hesitant about taking an entirely online course, or who may also want the traditional classroom experience. Flexible Studies courses enable students to select convenient class hours from many available course-meeting times, and allow them to learn at their own pace—accelerating or taking extra time, as needed. Students work with an instructor who specializes in the subject.

Learning Communities consist of two highly interactive courses with the same students and the same instructors. By enrolling in one Learning Community, students earn credits for two courses, and can study a topic or theme in depth.

For more information about MCC’s flexible learning options, visit us online at www.middlesex.mass.edu/academic/. For registration information, call 1-800-818-3434.

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Workplace violence summit draws crowd

By Rick Sobey
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LOWELL — Brian Shanley has no reason to think his work environment is dangerous.

As the COO of PrideSTAR EMS in Lowell, he feels safe at work every day.

But in a day and age when workplace violence is frequently in the news, it's critical to be proactive, according to Shanley.

"Given the San Bernardino incident, and other things that have been going on, many organizations like us have made workplace safety a priority," Shanley said. "It's extremely important to be prepared. These situations are happening far too often."

And it appears that numerous businesses, organizations and agencies across Greater Lowell are taking workplace violence seriously.

More than 300 attendees from 140 employers attended Thursday's Workplace Safety Conference.

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Workplace violence summit draws crowd to Cross Point

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dence at Cross Point in Lowell, hosted by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Middlesex Community College (MCC). All sorts of industries were represented at the conference, including education, health care, banking and police.

The event addressed best practices and training methods for effective prevention, response and intervention with potential crises in the workplace.

"Violence is increasingly spilling over into the workplace," said Terrence Downes, executive director of the MCC program on Homeland Security. "This is a vital aspect of every business and organization, and it sometimes may keep you up at night worrying.

"The idea here is to help agencies be better prepared to handle a problem," he added.

Middlesex County is no stranger to these workplace violence situations. Last February, a 30-year-old man was shot dead by police after he allegedly stabbed two employees outside the Slater School in Tewksbury.

Also, five years ago on the day after Christmas, two individuals robbed a Kohl's in Woburn. Police Officer Jack Maguire was shot and killed responding to the robbery, which is considered workplace violence, according to Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan.

She also pointed to the Wakefield incident 15 years ago when Michael McDermott killed seven of his co-workers.

"People may have thought at the time that this will probably never happen again, but so many incidents have happened since," Ryan said. "There have been a series of incidents over the last few years."

"There are steps to take to address these issues," she added. "We can be more prepared. I want you to take the ideas you learn today back to your workplace."

Like Shanley of PrideSTAR, Brian Delaney of Raytheon says he feels safe at work.

There are no threats there, but smart organizations are the best prepared, he stressed.

"We all want to find better ways to be prepared," Delaney said. "In today's environment, you just never know what's going to happen."

He said that Raytheon already has plans in place to deal with any troubled employees. The company has a "Threat Management Team," consisting of human resources, security and legal.

"We will immediately pull a group together if there's a problem," Delaney said. "We take appropriate action and address it moving forward."

Conference attendees received a "Best-In-Class" checklist to take back to their organization.

Ryan developed the Workplace Safety Program in response to escalating reports of violence in the workplace. This public/private partnership is designed to train employers, managers and employees about intervention, prevention and response to safety concerns.

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Middlesex to offer computer skills courses, certificates

BEDFORD Middlesex Community College’s Corporate and Community Education & Training offers a variety of noncredit computer applications courses for those interested in building their computer skills. Courses begin Jan. 26, on the Bedford and Lowell campuses, 591 Springs Road and 33 Kearney Square. Courses include:

Business Computer Applications Certificate (TEC 748 30): This certificate course will prepare residents for a position in offices where proficiency in software such as Microsoft Office Suite is used. These positions include administrative assistant, customer service or data entry. Students will become proficient in computer skills, including file and folder management, system backup, device/printer setup, Internet basics, password management, word processing, creating spreadsheets and presentations, and mail and calendar software packages.

Google It (TEC 749 80): This eight-hour course will help residents learn how to use Google Applications tools in businesses. This course will teach residents how to effectively set up and use Google Docs, Google Calendar, Gmail/Inbox, Chrome, Google Maps, Google+ and Blogger.

Microsoft Word 2013 Certificate (TEC 751 30): This 24-hour course provides the necessary skills for creating professional documents by using both basic and advanced techniques. Topics include designing and formatting documents, page layout features, use of mailing features, viewing documents side-by-side, print layout mode and web layout mode. Participants should bring a flash drive to class.

To learn more about these or other Corporate and Community Education & Training programs, visit middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining.

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Middlesex Community College offers programs in health care field

Spring programs include:
- Academy of Health Professions
- Education programs
- Paralegal programs
- Criminal Justice programs
- Fire protection

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Charities have always taken center stage

The Lowell Sun
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LOWELL -- The John Harrington-Mary Costello family owned The Sun for more than 100 years and were always mindful of being good corporate citizens.

The Sun was founded in 1878 by John H. Harrington and his newspaper was to be the voice for Irish Catholic Democrats.

He had one daughter, Mary Harrington, who married a man named Costello, who was a major plumbing contractor in the rapidly growing city of Lowell. Her husband died at a young age, leaving her to raise three young boys.

Her sons Thomas, John and Clement joined the family business, but Mary Costello was involved for many years and felt The Sun should be a major supporter of community causes and families in need.

She privately took on many personal cases when she heard of a family who needed help with medical bills or basic needs.

When The Sun got the franchise to run the Golden Gloves in New England, the company created Lowell Sun Charities to begin a formal structure in helping individuals and community causes.

All the net proceeds were deposited to Sun Charities and distributed to community groups.

Between Sun Charities and The Sun Santa Fund, we estimate that $14 million has been donated.

The fourth generation of the Costello family continued the tradition of Sun Charities until they sold the newspaper and charities has continued under the MediaNews Group ownership.

Last year alone, Sun Charities donated to 65 community organizations and helped hundreds of families enjoy the Christmas holidays.

Lowell has a strong history of companies giving back and The Sun is proud to join with folks like Enterprise Bank, Lowell General Hospital, Trinity EMS, The Lowell Five, Watermark, the Demoulas Foundation, Anton Cleaners, the Behrakis Foundation, Eastern Bank, the O'Connors, McCallums, Pride Star, Washington Savings and so many others who continue to make good things happen.

The Gloves have been a winter tradition in Lowell for 70 years. We all owe a lot to loyal fight fans who for decades have come out in freezing weather, some times in snow storms, to enjoy some good boxing and raise a lot of money for charity.

Several local businesses are helping to boost the Gloves this 70th anniversary year, by being a "Sponsor for the Night". Some of the sponsors will be linked to a charity and the sponsor and the charity will have tickets for 100 fans to attend the Gloves.

Some of the agencies supported by Sun Charities this year include: Boys and Girls Club of Billerica, Lowell High School scholarship fund, Chelmsford July 4 parade committee, Lowell Festival Foundation, Nashoba Valley Technical High School, Lowell General Cancer Care Walk, Lowell Community Charter School, Community Teamwork, Lowell Catholic High School, Caring Partners Inc., Grotonfest, Lowell Humane Society,
Merrimack Valley Food Bank, the Lowell Plan, The Paul Center, Women Working Wonder's Fund, March of Dimes.

Also, Ironstone Farm, Middlesex Community College Foundation, Salvation Army, House of Hope, LGH Auxiliary, UMass Lowell, LHS Distinguished Alumni, Special Olympics, Middlesex 3 coalition, Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council, St. Patrick's School, Lowell Community Health Center, Greater Lowell Family YMCA, the American Textile Museum, Girls Inc., Chelmsford High School, Open Pantry, Dracut Scholarship Foundation, We Share a Common Thread.

Begin A Health Career At Middlesex Community College

Interested in a career in health care? Come to a Health Programs Information Session at Middlesex!

Learn about MCC’s 15+ Health Career degree and certificate programs. Sessions are held throughout the spring semester, on the Bedford and Lowell campuses. The next Health Programs Information Session will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016, in MCC’s Bedford Campus Center’s Café East, 591 Springs Road. To register for a Health Career Info session, visit: http://bit.ly/mchealthinfo

Middlesex offers degree programs in Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Lab Technology, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Assisting, Nursing and Radiologic Technology. We also offer certificate programs in Dental Assisting and Medical Assisting.

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 info session, to be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016; or at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2016, in MCC’s Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Square, Lowell. To register for a Nursing Program Overview, visit: http://bit.ly/mccnursinginfo

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To learn more about MCC’s Health Career Programs, call 1-800-818-3434.

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MIDDLESEX

Criminal justice program ranked top 15 in nation

Middlesex Community College's online Administration of Justice Associate in Science degree program is the 14th best online criminal justice program nationwide, according to OnlineColleges.net.

“The online Criminal Justice Program at Middlesex offers flexibility to students who are looking to complete a degree online or complete a degree with a combination of in-class and online courses,” said Lynda J. Pintrich, chair of the program. “It is a rigorous program, taught predominantly by full-time criminal justice faculty, who take a great deal of pride in their work, both online and in the classroom.”

With a focus on emerging trends and developments in online education, OnlineColleges.net has been informing prospective students on leading programs since 2009. MCC's online Administration of Justice degree program is designed for students interested in working in areas such as probation, parole, corrections, victim and witness advocacy, and related occupations. Students are able to develop a strong foundation in criminal justice and also study topics such as victimology, juvenile justice and corrections.

The curriculum emphasizes academic and practical approaches to three major areas of criminal justice: police, courts and corrections, while providing students with basic knowledge of legal issues facing practitioners in these fields. Students can also learn important skills including oral and written communication, interpersonal skill building and developing an understanding of multicultural issues necessary for working with diverse populations.

Students who take courses online at Middlesex complete the same high-quality coursework as those who take courses on campus; online students earn course credits that are transferable to bachelor’s degree programs.

To learn more about MCC’s Criminal Justice Programs, visit middlesex.mass.edu/criminaljustice. For more information about Middlesex online, visit: middlesex.mass.edu/online or call 800-818-3434.
Middlesex Community College hosts Chinese administrators

Middlesex Community College hosted members of the Vocational Education Leadership Training Program on the Lowell campus. The VELT group is a Chinese delegation of high-level academic administrators interested in learning how American community colleges bridge the talent gap by providing educational and workforce needs.

"Middlesex has a variety of robust corporate-training programs and community education course offerings that ensure the region's employers have the well-trained, well-educated workers they need to thrive and grow," said MCC President James C. Mabry. "I'm pleased to be able to share our best practices with the VELT group educators and continue to build partnerships within the global community."

VELT is a professional development program for presidents and vice presidents at Chinese vocational and technical institutions of higher education. The program is financed by the Chinese government and carried out by the China Education Association for International Exchange, American Association of Community Colleges and AACC member institutions. To learn more about the VELT delegation, visit: en.ceaie.edu.cn/velt_program?columnid=79.
MIDDLESEX COLLEGE

Dual courses for high school students

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 satisfying their high school graduation requirements.

The Lowell Campus Dual Enrollment Orientation Session will be held 5-6:30 p.m. Jan. 7, 2016, in the Lowell Campus Cafeteria, 33 Kearney Square. The Bedford Campus Dual Enrollment Orientation Session will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. Jan. 20, 2016, in the Bedford Campus Center’s Cafe East, 591 Springs Road.

“At Middlesex, we want to help more high school students become college-ready before they graduate,” said Ellen Grondine, associate dean of Educational Pathways. “Our Dual Enrollment Academy students can graduate with three to 15 college credits, which helps them complete a college degree more quickly and can reduce their student-loan debt.”

MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy has partnerships with more than 10 regional high schools and technical and vocational schools, according Grondine. Currently, more than 500 high school students are enrolled in a wide variety of MCC courses each semester.

Dual Enrollment Academy students may enroll in college-level courses offered online or during the day or evening on the Bedford or Lowell campuses. To maximize success, MCC encourages students to participate in on-campus events and student clubs and offers academic counseling, tutoring, computer labs and library services.

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

For more information about MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy, visit: middlesex.mass.edu/dualenroll/default.aspx.

EDUCATION

Middlesex College offers college prep courses for adults

The Middlesex Community College Adult Learning Center offers free college preparation courses for adult learners, ages 16 and older, who live and work in Massachusetts. Students are admitted throughout the year on a space-available basis. The next registration will be held Jan. 5, 2016.

“Our experienced and professional instructors help returning-adult students develop and improve their computer, study and job skills,” said Kathy Innis, MCC’s Adult Learning Center director. “The program helps prepare students for success in college, at work and in the community.”

Adult Learning Center classes are small and range from adult basic education to High School Equivalency Test preparation. The program meets from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, September through June, on the Bedford campus.

Students participate in two classes a day, one focused on reading and writing skills, the other on mathematics. Students also attend a daily college- and career-readiness seminar. Other topics, such as science and social studies, are also covered. Students have access to computer labs with specialized software to supplement classroom learning.

Middlesex Community College’s Adult Learning Center is a free program supported by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. For more information, visit middlesex.mass.edu/adultlearning or call 781-280-3662.
Middlesex College to host walk-in planning sessions

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BEDFORD
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The Bedford Campus Finish Your Degree Walk-In Planning Session will be held 4-7 p.m. Jan. 13, 2016, on the Bedford campus, North Academic Hall, Room 102, 591 Springs Road.

The Lowell Campus Finish Your Degree Planning Session will be held 4-7 p.m. Jan. 14, 2016, in the Lowell Campus Cowan Center, Room 213A, 33 Kearney Square.

Those who have previously attended college may bring their transcripts and meet with an admissions counselor who can review and award credits for previous coursework. MCC can accept up to 45 credits from other colleges and universities. While they will need an official transcript to formally award credit, counselors can review unofficial transcripts to help students get started. Former Middlesex students may attend a Walk-In Planning Session to determine what classes they will need to finish their degrees. MCC offers more than 70 programs for degrees and certificates, including accelerated programs. Courses are offered during the day, evening, weekend and online. At the Walk-In Planning Sessions, counselors can complete on-the-spot admissions, help students register for classes and discuss how best to finance education. To learn more about MCC’s Finish Your Degree Walk-In Planning Sessions, visit middlesex.mass.edu/FINISH or call 800-818-3434 to meet with an adviser.
Middlesex College to offer health career degrees, certificate

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Residents may learn about Middlesex Community College’s 15 health career degree and certificate programs at an upcoming information session on the Bedford and Lowell campuses during the spring semester. The next Health Programs Information Session is set for 3 p.m. Jan. 13, in MCC’s Bedford Campus Center’s Café East, 591 Springs Road. To register for a Health Career Info Session, visit: /bit.ly/mcchealthinfo.

Middlesex offers degree programs in dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental lab technology, diagnostic medical sonography, medical assisting, nursing and radiologic technology. They also offer certificate programs in dental assisting and medical assisting. MCC’s Associate Degree in nursing is offered as a full-time day program or a part-time evening and weekend program. Prospective nursing students must attend a mandatory overview of the nursing program information session, to be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 7; or at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 28, in MCC’s Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Square, Lowell. To register for a Nursing Program Overview, visit: bit.ly/mccnursinginfo. The MCC Academy of Health Professions offers short-term training and college-credit courses that could lead to an entry-level position in a health care field. Explore career opportunities such as nursing assistant, medical receptionist, medical secretary, phlebotomists, clinical laboratory assistant or medical assistant. For more information, visit: bit.ly/mccahp. To learn more about MCC’s Health Career programs, call 1-800-818-3434.
$46G grant will help MCC grow

Dual Enrollment

Middlesex Community College has received a $46,000 Common-wealth Dual Enrollment Partnership grant from the state Depart-ment of Higher Education to expand dual-enrollment programs, which allow high-school students to take college courses and earn credit for free or at a reduced cost.

The grant will enable MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy to increase college participation — especially among under-repre-sented, low-income, minority and first-generation-to-college students — by increasing financial support for eligible students, according to Ellen Grondine, associate dean of educational pathways.

Grondine said MCC Dual Enrollment Academy students can graduate with three to 15 college credits, “which contributes to college-degree completion and can reduce student-loan debt.”

The grant will also support increasing Dual Enrollment Acad-emy outreach to parents, and assist in creating curriculum-alignment workshops between Middlesex and participating high-school faculty.

The Dual Enrollment Academy currently has partnerships with more than 10 regional high schools and vocational-technical schools. It currently enrolls more than 500 high-school students in a wide vari-ety of Middlesex courses each semester.

MCC will host two orientation sessions for the Dual Enrollment Academy.

The Lowell Campus session will be held Thursday, Jan. 7, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria, 33 Kearney Square. The Bedford Campus session will be held Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., in the Campus Center’s Café East, 691 Springs Road.

Dual Enrollment students pay reduced tuition costs, and 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, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/dualen-roll/default.aspx.
Middlesex College ranked top school for veterans
Posted Dec. 27, 2015 at 10:41 AM

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Middlesex Community College has been designated a top school in the 2016 Military Advanced Education & Transition Guide to Colleges & Universities, which measures best practices in military and veteran education. “The number of veterans enrolled at MCC continues to grow,” said Maryanne Mungovan, director of Multicultural and Veterans Affairs. “This award recognizes all the work Middlesex does to create a welcoming and supportive environment for our student veterans.”

Now in its ninth year of publishing the guide, MAE&T evaluated more than 600 institutions nationwide based on their military culture, financial aid, flexibility, on-campus support and online support services. MAE&T’s ratings enable prospective students to quickly target schools that follow best practices in military education and then put these in context with other academic or career considerations.

MCC’s Veterans Resource Center has been established to serve as a place where veterans can receive information about educational programs, assistance with accessing college resources and answers regarding eligibility for government, state and community-sponsored services. Resource advocates are available to assist military service members and their families in finding answers to help aid in the transition from military service to higher education through support and guidance during the application, admissions and academic process. The VRC also provides a support system where veterans meet other veterans as they become members of the Middlesex College community.

MCC’s Veterans Resource Centers are located in Room 206 of Bedford Campus Center or in Room 117 of the Lowell City Building. For more information about MCC’s Veterans Resource Center, contact Maryanne Mungovan, director of Multicultural and Veterans Affairs, at mungovanm@middlesex.mass.edu or call 978-656-3267. For more information about MAE&T’s 2016 Guide to Colleges and Universities or to access it online:

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Malden education

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Middlesex to host dual enrollment orientation
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 satisfying their high school
graduation requirements.
The Lowell Campus Dual Enrollment Orientation Session will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 7, 2016, in the Lowell Campus Cafeteria, 33 Kearney Square.

The Bedford Campus Dual Enrollment Orientation Session will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20, 2016, in the Bedford Campus Center’s Café East, 591 Springs Road.
“At Middlesex, we want to help more high school students become college-
ready before they graduate,” said Ellen Grondine, associate dean of Educational
Pathways. “Our Dual Enrollment Academy students can graduate with three to
15 college credits, which helps them complete a college degree more quickly
and can reduce their student-loan debt.”
MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy has partnerships with more than 10 regional
high schools and technical/vocational schools, according Grondine. More than
500 high school students are currently enrolled in a wide variety of MCC
courses each semester.
Dual Enrollment Academy students may enroll in college-level courses offered
online, or during the day or evening on the Bedford or Lowell campuses. 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, and 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 MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy, visit:
middlesex.mass.edu/dualenroll/default.aspx.
Middlesex Online
Criminal Justice Program Ranks 14th in Nation

Posted by Elliot Silver on Dec 17, 2015 | Community Updates | ShareThis

Middlesex Community College’s online Criminal Justice – Administration of Justice Associate in Science degree program is the 14th best online criminal justice program nationwide according to OnlineColleges.net.

“The online Criminal Justice Program at Middlesex offers flexibility to students who are looking to complete a degree online or complete a degree with a combination of in-class and online courses,” said Lynda J. Pintrich, chair of MCC’s Criminal Justice program. “It is a rigorous program, taught predominantly by full-time criminal justice faculty, who take a great deal of pride in their work, both online and in the classroom.”

With a focus on emerging trends and developments in online education, OnlineColleges.net has been informing prospective students on leading programs since 2009. MCC’s online Criminal Justice – Administration of Justice option degree program is designed for students interested in working in areas such as probation, parole, corrections, victim/witness advocacy and related occupations. Students are able to develop a strong foundation in criminal justice and also study topics such as victimology, juvenile justice and corrections.

The curriculum emphasizes academic and practical approaches to three major areas of criminal justice – police, courts and corrections – while providing students with basic knowledge of legal issues facing practitioners in these fields. Students can also learn important skills including oral and written communication, interpersonal skill building, and developing an understanding of multicultural issues necessary for working with diverse populations.

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 transferrable to bachelor’s degree programs.

To learn more about MCC’s Criminal Justice Programs, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/criminaljustice/. For more information about Middlesex online, visit: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/online or call 1-800-818-3434.
Middlesex To Host
Financial Educator
Peter Bielagus

The Middlesex Community College Center for Leadership 
& Engagement will host financial educator Peter Bielagus, 
in a special presentation at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, in 
the Federal Building Assembly Room on the Lowell campus. 
The event is free and open to the public.

Known as "the go-to guy for young people and their money," 
speaker, author and former financial advisor Peter Bielagus will 
share how he accrued $5,000 in credit-card debt his freshman 
year of college. He now tours the country hoping to prevent 
students from making the same mistakes with their own finances. Following the presentation, 
Bielagus will answer questions.

To learn more about this event, contact studentengagement@middlesex.mass.edu or 
call 978-656-3394.

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and online. MCC offers more than 70 degree and certificate 
programs, plus hundreds of non-

credit courses. At Middlesex, 
everyone teaches, everyone learns.
Middlesex College welcomes new trustees

Three community leaders have joined the Middlesex Community College Board of Trustees.

James J. Campbell and Annie O'Connor, of Lowell, and Bopha T. Malone, of Waltham, were appointed to the board by Gov. Charlie Baker, and Campbell was named chairman. The three new trustees were sworn in by Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito during a recent ceremony on the Lowell campus.

As city manager of Lowell during the late 1980s and early '90s, Campbell led the city's revitalization and spearheaded construction of 14 new schools. He left the city to become commissioner and CEO of the Massachusetts Department of Industrial Accidents, overseeing the $2 billion workers' compensation system. He also serves on the Massachusetts Bar Association's Workplace Safety Task Force. Campbell is currently employed as a client relations advisor to the Boston law firm of Tentindo, Kendall, Canniff and Keefe, the largest firm in New England that handles insurance-and employment-related matters.

O'Connor is an attorney and mediator who specializes in conflict resolution and mediation of civil matters. She has been an adjunct professor at the Massachusetts School of Law since 1994, and also previously served as an adjunct professor at MCC. She is founder and principal of the Center for Negotiation and Mediation. O'Connor has a lengthy history in the legal system, including being founder and director of the Civil Conciliation Program at Lawrence District Court in the early 1990s. She earned a juris doctor from Suffolk University.

Malone is vice president, regional business advisor, of Enterprise Bank in Lowell. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Lesley University. Malone is active in many community organizations and currently serves as chairwoman of the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association. She is also a member of Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell and Women Working Wonders.

Campbell, Malone and O'Connor join current MCC Trustees James G. Hicks, of Framingham; Stephanie J. Cronin, of Dunstable; Oscar S. DePriest IV, of Bedford; Tami Distiliaris, of Dracut; Timothy Glaser, of Wilmington; Steven Iem, of Lowell; Elia A. Marnik, of South Orleans; and Student Trustee Maranda S. Fahie, of Millbury.
EDUCATION

Middlesex Community College offers online courses

The Middlesex Community College spring semester begins Jan. 25, 2016, and it's not too late to register for courses. MCC currently offers 12 associate degree programs and six certificate programs that can be completed entirely online, plus hundreds of online course offerings, as well as hybrid courses, which combine online and face-to-face instruction. Students who take courses online at Middlesex complete the same coursework as those who take courses on campus. Online students earn the same course credits, which are transferable to bachelor's degree programs. Some of the most popular online degree programs include criminal justice, business and liberal arts.

For information about Middlesex online: middlesex.mass.edu/online or call 1-800-818-3434.

MIDDLESEX COLLEGE

Students join national honor society

Middlesex Community College inducted 66 students, with GPAs of 3.7 or higher, into Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges.

Recognized during the PTK Induction Ceremony on the Bedford campus, the new honor society members were welcomed by Steven Rossi, PTK adviser and director of Leadership Development and Student Activities.

"Many members of PTK work full time in addition to taking classes full time. Earning a 3.7 GPA is no easy feat," Rossi said. "The PTK Induction Ceremony is a great way to recognize the academic and individual achievements of these exceptional students."

Leading the induction of new members were PTK vice president Marie Aaronian, secretary Diana Ordonez and Honors in Action chair Kevin Hau.

During the ceremony, students were called on stage individually to receive their PTK certificate from MCC president James C. Mabry. As a group, the members recited the PTK Initiation Pledge. A reception with friends and family followed the ceremony.
MCC’s Free Fall Concert Series Concludes with Student Recital

Middlesex Community College’s fall concert series concludes with an MCC Student Recital, featuring student singers and instrumentalists, to be held at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in MCC’s Concert Hall (Building 6), on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road. The concert is free and open to the public.

To see previous A World of Music performances, visit http://www.youtube.com/user/MCCmusicOnline2#g/a

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

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New MCC trustees sworn in at Lowell ceremony

Former City Manager Campbell to chair board

By Rick Sobey rsobey@lowellsun.com

LOWELL — James Campbell is no stranger to challenges in the Mill City. As the Lowell city manager during the late 1980s and early 90s, he helped lead the effort to build 14 schools, and the city began its revitalization of urban renewal.

Now Campbell is yet again at the head of a Lowell institution and looking forward to making progress in the city.

“I’ve had a wonderful public career and am looking forward to this challenge,” Campbell said on Friday before getting sworn in as chairman of the Middlesex Community College (MCC) board of trustees.

“I look forward to working with you (President James Mabry) on the future of this great institution,” he added. “What an honor to be sworn in here in the city I was born, where my mother and father were born, and where my grandparents immigrated from Ireland.”

Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito swore in Campbell along with Bophna Malone and Annie O’Connor as MCC trustees during a ceremony at the Cowan Center in Keeney Square.

“There is a lot of energy in this city and an enormous amount of pride here,” Polito said.

“Community colleges are an integral part of our communities,” she added. “It’s all about workforce development here.”

Malone, a vice president at Enterprise Bank in Lowell and chairwoman of the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association, said that becoming a trustee “means so much to me.”

“I’m so honored to have this opportunity to help and provide access to people in this community,” she said, adding that O’Connor, an attorney and founder of the Center for Negotiation and Mediation, said she was very excited to work on making MCC “the best school in the state.”

“Being from Lowell, I just love this school,” said O’Connor, previously an adjunct professor at MCC.

Mabry added that it was a significant day for the college.

“We are getting some tremendous members with deep roots in the community, and that helps with achieving our goals at the college,” he said.

Outgoing members of the board of trustees Duane Taylor and Paul Menna received commemorative bricks for their service.

Trustee James Hicks received a certificate of service for his time as interim chairman. Hicks will continue to serve as a trustee.

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MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Polito to preside over trustees swearing-in

By Christopher Scott
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LOWELL — It's not ordinary for new members of the Middlesex Community College Board of Trustees to be feted during an event featuring the lieutenant governor.

But these aren't ordinary times at the college with campuses in Bedford and Lowell.

The ceremony is scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday in the Cowan Center's Lower Cafeteria on the Lowell Campus.

Gov. Karyn Polito will preside as new chairman James Campbell and trustees Bopha Malone and Ann O'Connor are sworn into office.

Campbell, the former Lowell city manager, requested the ceremony to help the college move forward on a positive note in 2016 with its new president, James Mabry, following a tumultuous several months.

"I thought it would be nice to all come together," said Campbell. "But more importantly, to showcase the college and everything it does."

Mabry echoed a similar sentiment: "We all wanted to make this a positive event for all three new trustees. We are all looking forward to working with them."

A strong supporter of Gov. Charlie Baker and Polito, Campbell served in the former Republican administrations of William Weld and Paul Cellucci as commissioner of the Department of Industrial Accidents.

Having cultivated strong Republican ties, he's since been called to participate in roundtable discussions on the economic and educational importance of Gateway Cities, like Lowell.

"The more successful Gateway Cities are, the more successful the surrounding communities will be," said Campbell.

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"I envision Middlesex playing an even more active role in this Gateway City."

Mabry was hired last December to succeed Carol Cowan, who retired after more than two decades as MCC's leader.

Mabry's hiring, however, wasn't without its hiccup.

For example, four trustees unsuccessfully tried to delay the hiring process, upset that the college's long-time executive vice president, Jay Linnehan, didn't make the pool of finalists to replace Cowan.

Soon after Mabry was hired but before he began working in late February, Royall Mack, the trustees' chairman, abruptly resigned over reports his resume was embellished.

Then, in early August, Linnehan found himself out of a job, as Mabry cut his position.

Now, with the swearing-in ceremony just days away, questions about whether O'Connor could actually serve have just been resolved.

A Lowell resident and retired probation officer, O'Connor is the wife of Terrence Downs, who oversees the college's Program on Homeland Security as an independent, contract employee who does not receive state benefits. His annual salary is $75,000.

Initially, O'Connor said, any conflict of interest questions had to be resolved. When her appointment was announced by the governor's office in November, she said publicly that the matter had been vetted and resolved.

But, according to O'Connor's cousin, state Rep. David Nangle, "someone, somewhere" contacted the state Ethics Commission alleging a conflict.

The matter was checked out, O'Connor and Nangle said, and the findings were the same — no conflict.

O'Connor must recuse herself from any matters before the trustees that concern her husband.

"I'm just glad it's been resolved," Nangle said.

So, too, is O'Connor. She received a telephone call from state Education Secretary James Peyser Tuesday morning. According to O'Connor, Peyser told her the matter has been further vetted by the governor's office and the state Ethics Commission and she's got the greenlight to serve.

"I never doubted for a minute it would turn out this way," said O'Connor.

"I'm relieved it's over and I am anxious to serve."

Malone, meanwhile, is a Cambodian immigrant who serves as president of the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association's Board of Directors. The Sun's 2014 Woman of the Year is employed by Enterprise Bank as a regional business advisor.

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Jacquie Moloney Inaugurated As UMass Lowell Chancellor: Jacquie Moloney, a UMass Lowell graduate who has worked at the university for three decades, made history on Oct. 22, 2015 when she was inaugurated as the first woman chancellor in the institution’s 121 years. More than 1,000 members of the UMass Lowell community gathered at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell to celebrate the inauguration of Moloney in the morning and more than 700 attended the evening gala held at the UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center. Inauguration events also raised $1.5 million for student scholarships and applied learning opportunities, including $1 million donated by Charles J. Hoff, class of 1966, in honor of the inaugurations of Moloney and UMass President Marty Meehan. Mr. Hoff has donated more than $11 million to UMass over the past 25 years.
Students from the Paul Sullivan Leadership Institute at Middlesex Community College handed out candy and Sun Santa stickers during Lowell's City of Lights parade, along with President James Mabry, second from left, and Patrick Cook, right, executive director of public affairs.
MCC showcases successful Honors Program

David Kalivas, front row, far right, a History professor at Middlesex Community College and director of MCC’s Commonwealth Honors Program, with recent graduates of the program, which has seen a 27 percent increase in students since 2013. To graduate with honors, MCC students are expected to complete a minimum of three honors courses, one of which must be an interdisciplinary team-taught seminar. Students must also participate in the annual Honors Conference, a public opportunity for students to display and explain their research. For more information, contact Kalivas at kalivasd@middlesex.mass.edu.
Cambodian ceramist Yary Liván, an adjunct professor of art at Middlesex Community College (Mass.), has been awarded a 2015 National Endowment for the Arts National Heritage Fellowship, the nation’s highest honor in the folk and traditional arts. Trained at the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, Liván now lives in Lowell, Mass., and joined the Middlesex faculty in 2012. He is believed to be one of the few ceramists to survive Cambodia’s brutal Pol Pot-era genocide and the only known to be living in the U.S. Liván has helped build a smokeless, wood-fired kiln in Lowell National Historical Park, which he uses to share traditional Cambodian techniques as part of MCC ceramics courses and the national park’s public programs. Since coming to the U.S. in 2001, Liván has also participated as an artist-in-residence at Harvard University, and taught at Youth-Art-In-Action, an after-school/summer program for urban youth at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston. He received a 2012 Massachusetts Cultural Council Artists Fellowship.

U.S. Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., has selected Charmaine and Marcell Rowland as 2015 Angels in Adoption™ awardees for their outstanding advocacy of adoption and foster care issues. Charmaine, an adjunct reading instructor at Community College of Allegheny County South Campus, and Marcell were honored by the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute, which manages the Angels in Adoption program, at an awards ceremony and gala in Washington, D.C. The Angels in Adoption program is CCAI’s signature public awareness campaign and provides an opportunity for all members of the U.S. Congress to honor the good work of their constituents who have enriched the lives of foster children and orphans in the U.S. and abroad.

In July 2015, the couple adopted three young brothers, ages 7, 5 and 4, who had been in their foster care since 2012. The couple was honored for their efforts to ensure that the siblings, some of whom have special needs, would grow up together in a protective and loving environment.

In celebration of Moreno Valley College’s (Calif.) Silver Anniversary, the college’s music faculty held a concert in the Student Services Building. The concert featured singers Jan Lee Keenan, a tenor, and Natalie Mann, a soprano, who performed with fellow faculty members Wayne Hinton on piano, and Don Foster on clarinet. The concert is part of the college’s Musiki MoVtal Concert series. Titled “Lieder, Lieder: Love in Song,” the concert featured faculty members who perform professionally regionally and nationally.

Foster, who has worked on a number of television and movie soundtracks, including the upcoming Star Wars production, performs regularly with the Los Angeles Opera Orchestra and the Pasadena and Santa Barbara symphonies. Mann has performed as a lyric soprano in Europe and Australia. In 2011 she performed in China with the South Shore Orchestra. She is the recipient of a Metropolitan Opera Encouragement Award, and she released her first commercial CD, Experience, in November 2013.

Keenan and Hinton, both hold doctoral degrees from the University of Southern California, bring German love songs of the 19th century to life. Keenan, whom the LA Times identified as “someone to watch,” performed songs by Franz Schubert.
Millionaires club down the road

Concord leads area in top earners. Westford, Chelmsford also up there

By Rick Sobey rsobey@lowellsun.com

Do you live next to a millionaire?
Or maybe in the same neighborhood as one?
Well, within the area, the farther one travels from Lowell, there’s generally a greater chance of stumbling across someone in the millionaire club — those reporting at least $1 million in earnings in a calendar year.

According to the state Department of Revenue’s most recent numbers from 2013, Westford, Bedford, Burlington, Carlisle, Acton and Concord are the communities with the most million-dollar earners in the region, along with the most millionaires per square mile.

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Where the millionaires are

More than 40 percent of people who made more than $1 million in income in 2014 lived in Concord, but other Greater Lowell communities had top earners as well

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Want to meet a millionaire? Head first to Concord

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The DOR's data on income-tax filers reporting at least $1 million in income was first published by the Boston Business Journal.

Concord tops the list in the area with 278 millionaires, followed by Acton (69), Carlisle (66), Bedford (50), Westford (47) and Burlington (28).

With Westford's median household income the highest in Greater Lowell ($124,000), it's no surprise that Westford is the leader for million-dollar filers in Greater Lowell, said UMass Lowell Economics Professor David Turcotte.

"Westford has a combination of factors that make it attractive for living, including its proximity to the highway, with a lot of businesses along the I-495 stretch," he said.

A lot of these folks may be working in industry at high levels. There's also been a lot of large single-family developments, and the schools have a great reputation."

The community's small-town New England character and its proximity to Boston makes Westford an attractive location, according to Town Manager Jodi Ross. The town's public schools recently ranked eighth best in the state, she added, and Westford has a state-accredited police department, well-maintained roads and more.

Amenities including "2,200 acres of conservation land, Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, golf courses, ski area, Kimball Farm, churches, volunteer opportunities... all of this makes Westford a phenomenal place to live," Ross said via email.

It's not surprising for Concord to lead the list for the area and rank 20th statewide, said Turcotte. The history in Concord and its proximity to Boston help attract million-dollar earners, he said. Also, the school system is one of the best in the state.

"Concord has always been attractive to people in a higher-income bracket," said Judy Hogan, dean of business, education and public service at Middlesex Community College. "There's a quaintness to the community. Also, there's a connection between millionaires and highly educated people."

While Lowell falls behind some Greater Lowell towns with the number of millionaires (16), the city ranks higher for the number of millionaires per square mile — 1.2, which ranks 22nd in the state.

"The city's administration has always been pro-business, according to Hogan, and the banking system is community-based, which has been very supportive of entrepreneurs and growing businesses."

"The highway system allows for easy commutes for higher earners, and there are great workforce opportunities in the area," Hogan said. "The higher-education institutions have also been an engine for workforce training in this region. There's also a number of families with 'old money' in the city."

Chelmsford is second-place in Greater Lowell with the number of million-dollar filers (22), but the town soars to the top of the list for the average income per millionaire — $6,684,000.

"It's another municipality with qualities that can attract millionaires," she said. "Chelmsford is a charming town. It's a great commute town with easy access to southern New Hampshire and Boston."

The average income per millionaire in Groton and Wilmington is also impressive, coming in at $5,653,000 and $5,049,000, respectively.

On the other end of the spectrum, Dracut (five) and Tewksbury (seven) are at the bottom of the list for the number of millionaires in Greater Lowell.

"They've always been more working-class communities," Turcotte said. "Geography has a big part to do with it in Dracut. You have to cross the bridges in Lowell to get there, and location, location, location is always important."

"There's not a lot you can do about that, but promoting the image of your town is something you can do," he added. "Promoting amenities that people find attractive can go a long way."

Follow Rick Sobey on Twitter and Tout @sobeyLSun.
MCC's inclusion program gets boost

Middlesex Community College is utilizing $105,000 Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Initiative grant it received from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education during the current academic year.

Grant money is being used to continue MCC's Inclusive Concurrent Enrollment Program, a dual-enrollment opportunity in partnership with the Lexington, Arlington, Burlington, Bedford, Belmont Special Education Collaborative and Bedford Public Schools that offers college-level courses to high-school students with severe intellectual disabilities.

"The Middlesex community, faculty and staff have welcomed this initiative demonstrating remarkable and highly inclusive practices for this cohort of students," said Susan Woods, associate dean of Student Support Services. "Through this program, we have seen our students grow and succeed, not only academically, but also personally and professionally."

Grant money will be used to help create a more robust peer-mentoring program, as well as provide paid professional-development opportunities for faculty and staff in preparation for having ICE students enrolled in their classes, Woods said.

ICE program students at Middlesex receive specialized enrollment, registration and academic advising, community-based employment and career support, plus educational coaches and peer mentors. They are also eligible for participation in selected co-curricular events at UMass Lowell, and have full access to MCC clubs, student activities, the Fitness Center and academic resources.

Students enrolled in MCC's ICE Program often experience an increase in independence and confidence, Woods said. Students gain social, employment and communication skills, build friendships and networks, enjoy campus life, and gain a greater sense of wellness and accomplishment, she added.

To learn more about MCC's ICE program, contact Woods at woodss@middlesex.mass.edu, or call 781-280-3641, or Dawn Gross, ICE program coordinator, at grosed@middlesex.mass.edu, or 781-280-3769.

Commonwealth Honors Program

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I probably attend 100 events a year and have the honor of being a member of a number of boards and committees. It always impresses me how dedicated volunteers are in this community.

This past Tuesday I sat in on a “roundtable discussion” with the new leaders of public education in the city.

The meeting was set up as an opportunity for Project Learn to welcome the new UMass Lowell chancellor, Jacqueline Moloney; the new president of Middlesex Community College, James Mabry; and the new Lowell superintendent of schools, Salah Khaledaoui.

Moloney was not able to make the meeting, but was represented by Don Pierson, who has long been involved in advocating for good public schools.

Combined, the three educators serve more than 40,000 students.

The meeting was hosted by Jack and Terry O’Connor in their Belvidere home, where the dining-room table was the perfect location for a very open, honest and sometimes emotional discussion of what amazing things can be done by the cooperation of the three agencies to assure every youngster has an opportunity for a quality education.

In addition to the top three educators sitting around the table were Project Learn board members, who include Chairman John Haley, Ray Anstiss, Michael Gallagher, Carole Cowan, Jack O’Connor, Amy Werner, Luis Fedrero, Brian Martin, George Duncan, myself and Executive Director LZ Nunn.

Also in attendance were Trinity EMS President John Chemaly, Middlesex Provost Phil Sisson and Anne Sheehy of the Lowell School Department.

Seeing young people like Haley, Anstiss, Werner and Sheehy getting involved is quite heartwarming to some of the folks who have been advocates for quality schools for decades. People like Pierson, Gallagher, Martin and Duncan were leaders in the original educational campaign led by the late Sen. Paul Tsongas decades ago.

Cowan helped Project Learn get started and now that she has retired is still volunteering her time and leadership. I have always found her and Gallagher the most articulate spokesmen for quality education.

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HONORS

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To graduate with honors, Middlesex students are expected to complete a minimum of three honors courses, one of which must be an interdisciplinary team-taught seminar. Students must also participate in the annual Honors Conference, a public opportunity for students to display and explain their research.

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Students who complete their degrees through CHP are guaranteed transfer to other Commonwealth Honors Programs at any Massachusetts state college or university or can enhance their applications for other four-year public or private institutions.

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To learn more about Vilagie, follow her blog at allinthefamilywickedgoodbakeshop.com/dani/. For more information about MCC’s Idea Center or Global Entrepreneurship Week, contact Luciano Sappia at sappia@middlesex.mass.edu or Stacie Hargis at hargis@middlesex.mass.edu.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Middlesex College wins ‘Proud of my Selfie’ social media contest

Middlesex Community College has been recognized by regional members of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, an organization for two-year college communications professionals.

MCC’s Office of Marketing Communications was awarded a silver Medallion Award in the category of Social Media Contest during NCMPR’s recent District 1 Conference, held in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The annual Medallion Awards competition spotlights the best work among District 1 member colleges.

The award-winning campaign, titled “Proud of My Selfie,” encouraged graduating students to engage with the college through social media by submitting photos of their proudest MCC moments on Instagram and Twitter. The campaign was designed to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of the class of 2015.

“We are proud to promote the Middlesex mission through our innovative work in social media,” said Jennifer Aradhya, director of Marketing Communications. “To be recognized by regional college marketers is a tribute to the hard work and talent of our team.”
IT ALMOST seemed as if it would have been easier to have Marty Meehan’s inauguration in Lowell than in Boston. That’s how many Lowellians made the trip to the Edward M. Kennedy Institute Thursday for his swearing-in as UMass president.

His replacement as UMass Lowell chancellor, Jacqueline Moloney, was there, of course, as was former UMass President Jack Wilson, who is now on the faculty at UMass Lowell.

It was otherwise virtually a who’s-who on campus at the inauguration: Vice Chancellor of Finance and Operations Joanna Yestramski, Vice Provost for Research Julie Chen, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and University Events Larry Siegel, Vice Chancellor of University Relations Patricia McCafferty, Dean of Student Affairs James Kohl, Dean of Student Affairs & Event Services Brenda Evans, Dean of the College of Health Sciences Shortie McKinney, Dean of Education Anita Greenwood, interim Business Dean Scott Latham, Center for Public Opinion Co-Director Frank Talty, Associate Vice Chancellor for Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Steven Tello, Massachusetts Medical Device Development Center Co-Director Stephen McCarthy, and others.

Several top university supporters were there, too, including Mark Saab and Elisa Saab, for whom the Emerging Technologies and Innovation Center on campus was named.

From Lowell City Hall, Mayor Rodney Elliott, City Manager Kevin Murphy attended. Legislators Eileen Donoghue, Jim Arciero, Tom Golden, Rady Mom and David Nangle were there, as was Lowell U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas. Middlesex Community College President James Mabry was there, and Meehan also gave a shout-out to former Washington colleagues Richard Neal, who he roomed with, and others.

Contributors helping put on the inauguration — which raised $1.6 million for student scholarships — also had a notable Lowell flavor. Donors Charles Hoff and Josephine Hoff, Nancy Donahue and Moloney were among noted supporters, as was Lowell-based Circle Health and two philanthropies with Lowell connections: the Telemachus and Irene Demoulas Foundation, and the Behrakis Foundation.

NO ONE doubts Meehan’s motivational skills, and his Inauguration speech was one of the most inspiring of his career. He noted the impact of the Kennedy brothers — Jack, Robert and Edward — on his life and the hopes and dreams they inspired for a better America.

He noted the sacrifices of civil-rights leaders Martin Luther King Jr. and his friend and former U.S. House of Representatives
Middlesex Community College congratulated for veterans services

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Among those helping MCC achieve its high ranking in a list of military-friendly colleges are, from left, alumnus and former Marine Bruce Weeks, Dean of Students Pamela Flaherty and Richard Reppucci, coordinator of the Veterans Resource Center. COURTESY PHOTO

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IN BRIEFS

Middlesex College to present voice, viola, piano concert

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MCC faculty members Anna Ward, soprano and Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, piano, will be joined by Drew Ricciardi, violist, to perform works for voice, viola and piano.

“A World of Music” concludes with an MCC Student Recital featuring student instrumentalists and singers performing at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14, in MCC’s Concert Hall.

For more information, contact Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, director of “A World of Music,” at 781-280-3923 or pearaltac@middlesex.mas.edu. For directions, visit: middlesex.mass.edu.
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Army veteran Michael Saunders, Peabody
Education helps carve a path out of darkness

Army veteran Michael Saunders awoke in a flash, his knees buckling, his body numb. "It was a blinding rage that I had never felt before," said Saunders, 34, who lives in Peabody. "I thought I was having a stroke."

An emergency room doctor assured him "You're fine," he recalled of that night in 2012. Doctors at the Bedford VA hospital later diagnosed him with post-traumatic stress disorder. Saunders, who served from 2002 to 2006, was deployed twice to Iraq, where his unit raided houses, swept for bombs, and destroyed the enemy's ammunition.

"We'd dig up enemy weapons and blow them out," he said.

He started therapy at the VA outpatient clinic in Lynn, where a counselor suggested he focus on a new mission: going to college.

"She said I would make more money with a college degree," said Saunders, who worked for a lumberyard after his discharge from the Army.

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including mental health counseling, to college campuses. “Some of them have a lot of anxiety about being in a classroom,” said Eunice Kwon, a psychologist at the VA in Bedford who counsels students at Middlesex Community College, which has campuses in Bedford and Lowell. “We work with them on stress management, organizational skills, or anything that will help them reach their educational goals.”

According to Pam Flaherty, dean of students, Middlesex Community College had nearly 600 student veterans in 2014-15. In the last year, 70 who have PTSD have taken part in VITAL and received mental health care on campus, said Alisa Bennett, the program coordinator at the Bedford VA.

“It’s the signature wound of this war,” said Bennett. “We’re here to help them make progress, and give them a boost when they’re having a bad day.”

The Bedford VA also offers the VITAL program at Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown, Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, North Shore Community College in Danvers and Lynn, Endicott College in Beverly, and Salem State University.

Saunders, who graduated from Everett High School in 1999, is in his second year studying liberal arts at the Middlesex campus in Bedford. He has discovered a talent for writing and hopes to transfer to Emerson College next year.

“It was a rough start, but I’m doing fine now,” said Saunders, who also has a job at the college’s Veterans Resource Center. “Had the VA not had the service in place here, I wouldn’t have come.” The skills he learned in therapy to manage his PTSD have helped him succeed in college, he said.

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He has a lingering fear of crowds, so he adjusted his seat in the classroom.

“I have to be able to see the door and I don’t like anybody behind me,” Saunders said. “If I can’t do that, I can’t focus.”

For one class, Saunders wrote a story called “The Dark Is Afraid of Me,” a fictional account of a military mission in Iraq.

“It was really easy for me to tell the story,” Saunders said. “When the professor read the paper, she was like, ‘You need to go see a publisher, now.’ Maybe I will.”
MCC boasts three All-State academics

Middlesex Community College students Puiyee Lo of Belmont, Kenneth Pike of Lowell, Ageel Saad of Newton and Pisey Teng of Lowell were recently recognized as outstanding two-year college students and members of the 2015 All-Massachusetts Academic team during a ceremony at the Statehouse.

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, community-college presidents and community-college state associations, annually co-sponsors the All-State Academic teams.

Originally from Singapore, Lo is enrolled in MCC’s Paralegal Studies transfer-degree program. She has been an active volunteer for many legal organizations, including Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and the MCC Law Center. She is vice president of the MCC chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, and serves as a student representative for MCC’s Paralegal Advisory Board. After graduation, she plans to transfer to Suffolk University and intends to go to law school.

Pike is enrolled in MCC’s Liberal Arts & Sciences Program with a Concentration in Psychology. He is a member of the Commonwealth Honors Program and has received four MCC Foundation Scholarships. He is considering earning a second degree at MCC in Human Services. For more than 20 years, Pike has served as an active volunteer within the HIV/AIDS community and has served as co-chair of the Lowell Community Health Center’s Consumer Advisory Board.

Originally from Iraq, Saad is enrolled in MCC’s Engineering Program. He serves as a peer tutor in the Math Center and recently received an MCC Foundation Merit Award for the 2014-15 academic year. After graduation, he plans to continue his education in the field of electronic and computer-system engineering.

Teng is enrolled in MCC’s Nursing Program. She serves as a science tutor in MCC’s Academic Center for Enrichment and recently received a Mavis Leno Scholarship from the MCC Foundation. She previously served as secretary for Phi Theta Kappa National, a supplemental-instruction leader and a First-Year Experience Peer Mentor, and was a member for the Paul H. Sullivan Leadership Institute. After graduating, she plans to transfer to UMass Lowell to pursue a Bachelor’s in Nursing.

UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES

Nov. 14

BEDFORD — Middlesex Community College will host an open house at its Bedford campus Saturday, Nov. 14, at 9:30 a.m., in the Campus Center, 591 Springs Road. Prospective students and their families, as well as adult learners interested in continuing their education, will have an opportunity to learn about MCC’s more than 70 degree and certificate programs, noncredit courses, and online and flexible-learning options. For more information or to RSVP, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/oh or call 800-816-3434.
The Miss Massachusetts Pageant 2015

Melanie Chhouy of Lowell, MA - the first woman with Cambodian-American to compete in the Miss Massachusetts Pageant at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium at the 50 East Merrimack Street, MA on November 21st at 8pm and November 22nd at 5 pm.

"Miss Chhouy feels very confident after her orientation on Sunday, she is honored to represent many Southeast Asian women who grew up anticipating that one day a Southeast Asian woman can earn that crown" said Champa Paing of Avent Creators, the organization that sponsored her to enter the pageant. The winner of the Miss Massachusetts Pageant on Sunday November 22nd will go on to compete for Miss USA.

Miss Chhouy attends the Middlesex Community College and studies Biotechnology. She works at Century Pharmacy as pharmacy technician.

Tickets are $80 (for 2 days event) and can be purchased in advance online http://www.missmassachusettsusa.com/, walk-in at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium ticket box, or by calling Avent Creators at 978-337-8644.
MCC Concert Series
Continues With
‘Chamber Music For Voice, Viola & Piano’
A World of Music; Middlesex Community College’s 2015 fall concert series, continues with “Chamber Music for Voice, Viola and Piano,” at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, in MCC’s Concert Hall (Building 6), 591 Springs Road. The concert is free and open to the public.

MCC faculty members Anna Ward, soprano, and Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, piano, will be joined by Drew Ricciardi, violist, to perform works for voice, viola and piano, and voice and piano.

A World of Music concludes with an MCC Student Recital featuring student instrumentalists and singers, performing at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, in MCC’s Concert Hall (Building 6).

For more information, contact Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, 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/MCCmusicOnline2/g/a

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Tully left his mark on Lowell in big way

By Grant Welker

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LOWELL — Joseph Tully, who held several elected offices during his time, will be remembered most in the community for what he was able to do for Lowell in his eight years as city manager.

Tully, who died Sunday, at age 88 and who will be laid to rest today, was also a Dracut selectman and state senator. But as city manager from 1979 to 1987, he made his name most known.

As the city says goodbye, here's a look at Tully's greatest accomplishments as city manager:

- Creation of the Lowell Plan: Tully had recently become city manager when

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Joe Tully made a major impact on Lowell

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be sat down with U.S. Rep. Paul Tsongas to sketch out a vision for what would become the Lowell Plan, an economic-development agency of public and private partners.

"He and Paul got together and talked about if the city was going to achieve it potential, it needed to have the private sector more involved," said Steve Jonas, who became the first head of the Lowell Plan and still serves on its board.

The Lowell Plan shares a staff with a similar agency created a few years earlier, the Lowell Development & Financial Corporation.

"The Lowell Plan is a model that still lives today," said U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas, whose late husband, Paul, worked very closely with Tully when he was in Congress. Other cities, including Pittsfield and Lawrence, have more recently adopted the Lowell Plan model of bringing private- and public-sector officials together, she said.

"It's amazing that a group like that, formed more than 30 years ago, is still around," said City Councilor Jim Milinazzo, who ran the city's planning office then and later became the head of the Lowell Plan.

"Bringing a hotel to downtown: Tully pushed hard for a new hotel despite Lowell apparently not meeting qualifications that would indicate enough demand. What was a Hilton and is now the UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center — the university bought it in 2009 — was a boon for Lowell.

"That really changed the landscape of downtown Lowell at the time," said City Manager Kevin Murphy, who was appointed by Tully as assistant city solicitor in 1983. A downtown development plan called for a first-class hotel, and Tully wanted it to happen. "It certainly was a turning point," Milinazzo agreed.

• Attracting Wang downtown to build a training center: The company no longer exists, of course, but at the time, the training center brought jobs downtown and contributed to positive momentum in the city. It has since turned into a major classroom building for Middlesex Community College, and last year was named after recently-retired MCC President Carol Cowan.

The building also helped create demand for the hotel just across the canal, and its function has lived far longer than Wang.

"What would it have cost them to build that?" said Jim Cook, the current head of the Lowell Plan. "The training center failed, but look at the structure you got, which was perfect for MCC."

• New attitude: "The first accomplishment I'd attach to Joe Tully is not a physical one but a psychological one," said Lowell High School Headmaster Brian Martin, who served as mayor when Tully was city manager.

"Joe was a successful businessman, he knew how to get things done, and once he had a plan for anything, he would relentlessly pursue it," said Martin, whose family has also always been close to Tully's.

The city manager's job changed after Tully's example, Martin said. "The managers after him understood that that was part of the job, you had to get things done."

Tully held close relationships with An Wang, who was just building a new headquarters off Chelmsford Street, among other business leaders. Milinazzo called him a "taskmaster," and Cook compared him to the legendary mayor of Chicago, Richard Daley.

"He gave the attitude of, we can get this done. If you didn't agree with him, get out of the way," he said.

Others described him the same way. "Joe had the ability to provide the leadership," Jonas said. "He wasn't always graceful in the way that he did it but he was certainly strong-minded and determined."

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Three new trustees named to MCC board

LOWELL — Gov. Charlie Baker this week appointed three new members to the Middlesex Community College Board of Trustees.

"I am thrilled to appoint these distinguished leaders to our commonwealth's higher education boards," Baker said in a press release. "Their breadth and depth of experience both in their careers and philanthropic activities will be — and in many cases, continue to be — invaluable to our community colleges and universities."

Former Lowell City Manager James J. Campbell, a top official in both the Weld and Cellucci administrations, was appointed the new chairman of the MCC board.

Also appointed as trustees were Eopha T. Malone, also Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association board president and an Enterprise Bank vice president; and Ann O'Connor, a lawyer and retired probation officer.

Campbell, of Lowell, takes the place of Royall Mack, of Andover, who resigned abruptly late last year after press reports questioned the truthfulness of his resume.

The other two vacancies on the board were created by the departures of Paul Means, of Stoneham; and Duane Taylor, of Littleton.

In a press release, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito said: "We are focused on creating and supporting regional strategies to solve our most difficult challenges, and our institutions of higher education play a central role in making these efforts a success. Our colleges and universities play a central role in helping to improve education at all levels, and I thank these individuals for stepping forward to serve."

"I look forward to working with all trustees as we strive to bring the higher education system in Massachusetts to the next level," said Education Secretary Jim Peyser. "I thank all of the outgoing trustees for their service and contributions to the commonwealth."
More Bedford students join honors program at Middlesex College

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BEDFORD Since 2013, the Commonwealth Honors Program at Middlesex Community College has seen a 27 percent increase in the number of students who elect to study at an advanced level. Registration is now open for spring semester. Classes begin Jan. 25. After receiving accreditation from the State Board of Higher Education in 2010, MCC’s Commonwealth Honors Program became part of an integrated network of honors programs throughout the Massachusetts public college and university system. “The Commonwealth Honors Program is a great place for students who want to be fully engaged in their intellectual enterprise to learn as much as possible about the world around them – and focus on the collegiate experience,” said MCC History Professor David Kalivas, current CHP Director.
To graduate with honors, Middlesex students are expected to complete a minimum of three honors courses, one of which must be an interdisciplinary team-taught seminar. Students must also participate in the annual Honors Conference, a public opportunity for students to display and explain their research. CHP at Middlesex offers a variety of honors course options, as well as opportunities for students to master research and presentation techniques. They can also engage in extra and co-curricular activities, including field trips and guest lectures. Students who complete their degrees through CHP are guaranteed transfer to other Commonwealth Honors Programs at any Massachusetts state college or university or can enhance their applications for other four-year public or private institutions. For more information about the Commonwealth Honors Program at MCC, contact David Kalivas at kalivasd@middlesex.mass.edu.
Middlesex Community College ranked sixth among military friendly community colleges

Key players behind Middlesex Community College’s Veterans Resource Center are Middlesex graduate and former Marine Bruce Weeks, Dean of Students Pamela Flaherty and VRC coordinator Richard Reppucci. Courtesy Photo

By Submitted to the Minuteman
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BEDFORD Middlesex Community College was ranked sixth on a list of military friendly community colleges in the country, with help from the college’s Veterans Resource Center, Veterans Advisory Board and other special veterans services. Middlesex has received a 2016 designation as a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the leader in connecting the military and civilian worlds. The 2016 list of Military Friendly Schools honors the top colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members, veterans and spouses as students and ensure their success both on campus in the classroom, and after graduation. “This award recognizes the work Middlesex does to create a welcoming environment for our veterans,” said Pam Flaherty, dean of students. “Middlesex provides educational opportunities as well as numerous veterans resources to help make the transition from military to civilian life easier.” Veterans at MCC have become more engaged on campus through the Veterans Resource Center on both the Bedford and Lowell campuses, said Flaherty. Students are helping their peers through peer-mentoring programs and through a variety of Veterans Club activities. These activities include Q&A sessions about veterans benefits and “Heroes Among Us,” a speaking program that provides an opportunity for a MCC veteran to tell his or her story about their service. For information: militaryfriendlyschools.com.
Middlesex College to host ‘World of Music’ piano concert

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Fensome will perform a recital of works by Maurice Ravel, Igor Stravinsky and Camille Saint-Saëns.

A graduate of the Juilliard School of Music, Fensome, has performed in major concert venues across the United States and around the world, including Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

She is the director of the Steinert Piano Academy in Natick.

Additional concerts in MCC’s A World of Music include, “Chamber Music for Voice, Viola and Piano,” at 8 p.m. Nov. 20 and a MCC Student Recital featuring student instrumentalists and singers performing at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14. All concerts will be held in MCC’s Concert Hall on the Bedford campus. — For more information, contact Carmen Rodrigues-Peralta at 781-280-3923 or pevaltac@middlesex.mass.edu. For directions, visit middlesex.mass.edu.

ART

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Visitors may purchase raffle tickets to win one of three prize packages, including a ticket package containing two tickets for two separate shows at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Lowell, a wine and cheese basket and a lottery basket containing $100 in lottery tickets.

The Arts & Crafts Fair will include food, music and carolers.

For more information contact Virginia Barrelle at 781-280-3505 or barrellev@middlesex.mass.edu.
Middlesex Awarded State Grant to Expand Dual Enrollment

Middlesex Community College has been awarded a $46,000 Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership (CDEP) grant from the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) to expand dual-enrollment programs, which allow high school students to take college courses and earn credit for free or at a reduced cost.

The grant will enable MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy to increase college participation — especially among under-represented, low-income, minority and first-generation-to-college students — by increasing financial support for eligible students, according to Ellen Grondine, MCC Associate Dean of Educational Pathways.

“The value of dual enrollment is it exposes many first-generation students to the rigor and value of college-level courses,” explained Grondine. “We want to help these students become college-ready before they graduate from high school.

“Our Dual Enrollment Academy students can graduate with anywhere from three to 15 college credits, which contributes to college-degree completion and can reduce student-loan debt,” she said. “This grant will allow us to expand the number of dual-enrollment students, and provide financial support for those who might not otherwise be able to participate.”

The grant will also support increasing Dual Enrollment Academy outreach to parents, and assist in creating curriculum-alignment workshops between Middlesex and participating high school faculty, added Grondine.

MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy currently has partnerships with more than 10 regional high schools and technical/vocational schools, according to Grondine. It currently enrolls more than 500 high school students in a wide variety of Middlesex courses each semester.

For more information about MCC’s Dual Enrollment Academy, visit: https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/dualenroll/default.aspx

For further information about the DHE’s Commonwealth Dual Enrollment Partnership, visit: http://www.mass.edu/strategic/read_cdep.asp

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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 about admissions and financial aid, and take a campus tour.

“This open-house format gives students an opportunity to learn about everything Middlesex has to offer,” said Marilyn Galligan, Dean of Admissions.

Many of MCC’s academic programs allow students to earn an associate degree and then transfer to a four-year college or university through the statewide MassTransfer program, and articulation agreements with private colleges. Transfer agreements are designed to ease the transfer process, allowing a student to specifically plan a curriculum that will fit a chosen bachelor’s degree program.

Advisors and administrators will be on hand 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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For more information or to RSVP for MCC’s Bedford Campus Open House, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/OH or call 1-800-818-3434.
MCC's Free Fall Concert Series Continues with Music from the Middle East

A World of Music, Middlesex Community College's 2015 fall concert series, continues with “Wurud Min a’Sharq – Flowers from the East,” at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, in MCC's Concert Hall (Building 6), on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road. The concert is free and open to the public.

Co-sponsored by MCC’s Interdisciplinary Weekend 2015: “The Middle East.” The concert will feature Nabil Ata, 'ud (Arabic lute) and Tarab Chorus. They will present a selection of Middle Eastern instrumental pieces and songs in the Arabic language, concentrating on the classical genre. MCC faculty member Johannah Segarich, mezzo soprano, will also be on the program. She and Ata will provide commentary on the fundamentals of Arabic music and the different styles performed.

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MCC looks ahead to spring
Registration is now open for spring semester courses at Middlesex Community College. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 25, on the Bedford and Lowell campuses, as well as online.

Middlesex offers more than 70 degree and certificate programs. The college has many transfer options, and enrollment counselors are available to answer questions and get you started on the path to academic success. MCC offers free academic, career and financial-aid counseling, as well as free tutoring and extensive support services.

In addition to traditional courses, MCC makes it easy to enroll in online, hybrid and Flexible Studies courses, offering 17 degree and certificate programs that can be completed entirely online, as well as many other programs of study that are 80 percent online.

A complete listing of spring 2016 course offerings can be found in MCC's Spring Academic Advising Schedule, available www.middlesex.mass.edu/registration/earlyreg.aspx.
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BOLTON Retired Brig. Gen. Oscar DePriest will discuss the U.S. Army Medical Department organization, responsibilities, accomplishments and advances of the AMEDD at 1:15 p.m. Nov. 9 in the lower level Meeting Room, Cary Memorial Library, 1875 Massachusetts Ave. Hosted by the Lexington Veterans Association, the event is open to the public, where there will be coffee and conversation at 12:45 p.m. before the program. AMEDD provides medical care to soldiers injured in combat through field medical units. It also provides a range of medical care to nearly 4 million service members, retirees and family members in fixed hospitals throughout the U.S., Europe, Korea and Japan. AMEDD is commanded by the surgeon general, who serves as the army’s top healthcare provider and medical expert and the commanding general of the Army Medical Command, which oversees the fixed hospitals. This “dual hatting” process combines in one leader’s hands the ability to develop policy and budgets as well as execute them. “It’s like a giant Partners Healthcare,” DePriest said about the AMEDD system.
DePriest, a senior medical commander in the U.S. Army Reserve who has held a dual-hatted position, recently retired after a 33-year career. DePriest served for four years as a general dental officer at Fort Devens after his graduation from the Boston University School of Dental Medicine in 1979. He moved to the reserves in 1983, where he rose to positions of senior command, including commander of the 455th Medical Company at Fort Devens and the 309th Combat Support Hospital at Hanscom Air Force Base. Following his promotion to brigadier general in 2006, he was dual hatted as assistant surgeon general for Force Management, Mobilization, Readiness and Reserve Affairs in the Office of the Surgeon General and as deputy commanding general, readiness, at the Army Reserve Medical Command in Pinellas Park, Florida. "Every one of the wounded, my people saw," DePriest said. DePriest currently serves on the army surgeon general's former Senior Strategic Leader Council. He is an Army Reserve ambassador (one of only two state appointees) whose duty is to promote awareness of the U.S. Army Reserve and to build community support. In civilian life, DePriest maintains a dental practice in Bedford. A trustee of Middlesex Community College, he is on the professional staff at Emerson Hospital and is a clinical externship instructor at Middlesex Community College and Minuteman Vocational High School.
EDUCATION

Middlesex College to host Bedford campus open house

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MCC’s new wintersession courses offer students a way to complete degree requirements and stay on track toward graduation during the break between the fall and spring semesters. Classes are offered in a three-week format and cover the same content, maintain the same academic standards and contain the same number of in-class instructional hours as courses scheduled during the traditional 15-week semester.

Wintersession classes run Jan. 4-22, 2016, on the Bedford campus or online. Students can earn credits in various subjects, including humanities, science, social science, history, English, math and more.

For information: middlesex.mass.edu/registration/earlyreg.aspx
State visits Lowell for ‘Capital Conversation’

DOT, MBTA officials answer questions at MCC

By Robert Mills
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LOWELL — If you have an opinion on how the state should prioritize transportation projects and spending over the next five years, the Department of Transportation is all ears as it crafts a five-year capital spending plan.

The DOT and the MBTA sent representatives from a variety of departments to Middlesex Community College Tuesday night for one of 16 planned “Capital Conversations” meetings that will be held statewide to gather input on where the state’s priorities should be.

Astrid Glynn, administrator of the DOT’s rail and transit division, began the meeting by saying the goal was to start a conversation.

“This is the start of a capital conversation — a conversation about what we should do, what we should prioritize, and what’s important,” Glynn said.

“What initiative should we facilitate. What should we do more of? What should we do differently?”

Betsy Goodrich, of Lowell, attended to urge the state to focus on making improvements to several bridges, including the Rourke Bridge in Lowell, and to support more focus on bicycle and pedestrian access and trail networks.

Kristen Guichard and Roland Bartl, who work for the Town of Acton, attended to encourage the state to help the town redevelop the intersection of Routes 111 and 27, also known as Kelly’s Corner.

Paul Early and Chuck Arnold, both of Lowell, attended to urge focus on bicycle and pedestrian access. Early especially wants the state to consider bike and pedestrian access as Lowell’s Lord Overpass is redesigned.

“I’m expressing my feeling that any capital improvements should safely accommodate bicycle and pedestrian users,” Arnold said.

The five-year capital plan will guide spending from 2017-21. Officials hope to have a draft plan completed by winter, with a final plan approved by the end of June.

In addition to accepting input at meetings around the state, officials are counting on receiving input online, and invite anyone to comment.

To provide input, visit: www.mass.gov/massdot/capitalconversations.

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Middlesex College to host 'World of Music' piano concert

Pianist Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome. Courtesy Photo

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Middlesex Community College to host Arts & Crafts Fair

[Image]

Middlesex Community College will host its annual arts and crafts fair. Courtesy Photo

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BEDFORD Middlesex Community College will host its annual Arts & Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 21, on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road. The event is open to the public. Admission and parking are free. MCC’s Arts & Crafts Fair will feature more than 60 artists’ and crafters’ booths selling handmade items. Among the items on sale will be woodcrafts, themed-gift baskets, jewelry, glassware, holiday decorations, quilts, pillows, T-shirts, specialty teas and accessories, metal and wood sculptures and honeybee products. Visitors may purchase raffle tickets to win one of three prize packages, including a ticket package containing two tickets for two separate shows at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre in Lowell, a wine and cheese basket and a lottery basket containing $100 in lottery tickets. The Arts & Crafts Fair will include food, music and carolers. For more information contact Virginia Barrelle at 781-280-3505 or barrellev@middlesex.mass.edu
Middlesex Community College to host open house at Bedford campus

By Jennifer Fenn Lefferts GLOBE CORRESPONDENT OCTOBER 27, 2015

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Middlesex Community College to present Peruvian concert Oct. 28

Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, piano. Courtesy

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BEDFORD Middlesex Community College will present its 2015 fall concert series, “A World of Music” at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in the Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearny Square, Lowell. The concert is called “Aire Peruano: Music for Piano and Flute by Peruvian Composers.” MCC faculty member Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, piano; and Orlando Clea, flute; will perform Peruvian works inspired by indigenous melodies, rhythms and instruments. Piano solos by Pablo Chavez Aguilar and Enrique Iturriaga, a flute solo by Celso Garrico-Lecca, and pieces for flute and piano by Clotilde Arias, Andreas Sas and Gabriela Lena Frank will be performed. Additional concerts in MCC’s “A World of Music” include the Boston Saxophone Quartet at 3 p.m. Nov. 1; “Warud Min a’Sharq – Flowers from the East” at 3 p.m. Nov. 7; pianist Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome at 8 p.m. Nov. 13; “Chamber Music for Voice, Viola and Piano,” at 8 p.m. Nov. 20; and a MCC Student Recital featuring student instrumentalists and singers performing at 12:30 p.m. Dec. 14. All concerts will be held in MCC’s Concert Hall, Building 6, on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road.
MCC professors to vote on work-to-rule

By Melissa Hanson, mhanson@lowellsun.com

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LOWELL -- Professors in the Massachusetts community college system, including at Middlesex Community College, will vote at 2 p.m. Monday on a work-to-rule proposal.

Precisely why the professors are considering work-to-rule, in which employees do no more than the minimum work in their contract, usually taken in protest, couldn't be immediately determined. College spokesman Patrick Cook said a series of issues are prompting the vote this afternoon.

Professors at the college are members of the Massachusetts Community College Council union.

Cook deferred specific questions regarding the vote to Faculty and Professional Staff Union President Reginald Nichols. Nichols could not immediately be reached, but is expected to update The Sun on the results of the 2 p.m. meeting.

The college does not plan to make a statement following the vote, Cook said.

For more on this story read Tuesday's Sun or click on http://www.lowellsun.com

Read more: http://www.lowellsun.com/breakingnews/ci_29024890/mcc-professors-vote-work-rule#ixzz3rP1HP1X9
MCC stands behind veterans

The Middlesex Community College Veterans Resource Center is dedicated to helping veterans achieve their educational and career goals. Military service members who are beginning a college career or returning to complete an academic program can choose from a variety of academic programs offered during the day, evening, weekend and online.

MCC's Veterans Resource Center has been established to serve as a place where veterans can receive information about educational programs, assistance with accessing college resources, and answers regarding eligibility for government, state and community sponsored services.

Resource advocates are available to assist service members and their families in finding answers to help aid in the transition from military service to higher education through support and guidance during the application, admissions and academic process. The VRC also provides a support system where veterans meet other veterans as they become members of the MCC community.

Since 2011, MCC has been designated a Military Friendly School by G.I. Jobs and Victory Media, a service-disabled, veteran-owned small business that has been serving the military community since 2001.

paralegal career night at mcc

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'world of music' at mcc

LOWELL — A World of Music, Middlesex Community College's 2015 fall concert series, begins with a performance titled "Aire Peruano: Music for Piano and Flute by Peruvian Composers," to be held Wednesday, at 12:30 p.m., in MCC's Federal Building Assembly Room, 50 Kearney Square, Lowell. The concert is free and open to the public.

MCC faculty member and pianist Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta and flutist Orlando Cea will perform Peruvian works inspired by indigenous melodies, rhythms and instruments. Piano solos by Pablo Chavez Aguilar and Enrique Iturriaga, a flute solo by Celso Garrido-Lecca, and pieces for flute and piano by Clotilde Arias, Andreas Sas and Gabriela Lena Frank will be performed.

Additional concerts in MCC's A World of Music, all held in MCC's Concert Hall (Building 8), on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road, include: The Boston Saxophone Quartet, Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m.; "Warum Min s’Sharq — Flowers from the East," instrumental work from the Middle East, Saturday, Nov. 7, at 3 p.m.; pianist Sonya Ovrtusy Fensome in concert, Friday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m.; "Chamber Music for Voice, Viola and Piano," Friday, Nov. 20, at 8 p.m.; and an MCC Student Recital, featuring student instrumentalists and singers, Monday, Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m.

Contact Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, director of A World of Music, at 781-280-3923, or peraltac@middlesex.mass.edu. For directions, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu. To see video clips of previous MCC concerts, visit www.youtube.com/user/MCCmusicOnline2#g/a.
Your vote really counts; use it, Lowell

Two years ago, the election was dominated by forces who wanted to see City Manager Bernie Lynch ousted. He eventually resigned after evaluating the council he would be working with over the next two years.

Hopefully, in the final days of this election, School Committee candidates will let the public know where they stand on the future of the superintendent.

I can't imagine that the world of public educators would look favorably on a city that can't keep a school leader for more than a few years.

On the council side, City Manager Kevin Murphy seems to be popular in the community and solid with the council. Seven of the eight council incumbents seem safe for reelection, and the eighth is within striking distance to return to office. The city side of government seems stable for at least the next two years.

Hopefully, the right combination will emerge on the school side to give the superintendent solid support.

It is an amazing time in Lowell with a new superintendent of Schools, a new UMass Lowell chancellor and a new Middlesex Community College president.

Project Learn, the private-sector, nonprofit group created to work with Lowell Public Schools, is hosting a reception for all three educators early next month.

Collaboration of the three institutions creates a great partnership and opportunities for a public-school child in Lowell to get an education from pre-school to a doctorate without leaving town.

Many Lowell High students are now excited about the opportunities at UMass Lowell, and Lowell is the number-one community providing students to Middlesex. Billerica and Lawrence are second.

It is the first time in history that the top three education leaders are all new people who, combined, can change the lives of thousands of city kids.

I was a founder of Project Learn and was delighted to see it take the lead in welcoming the education trio with a social event.

UMass Lowell and MCC have wider regions to serve, but they are a vital part of the future of the community.

Having recently attended the inaugurations of Chancellor Jacqueline F. Moloney and President James Mabry, I think we are in good hands.

How lucky we are to have three strong educators serving more than 40,000 students and creating great opportunities for students.

The three new educators have very different backgrounds and personalities, but in chatting with all three, it is clear they all put students first.

Lowell has a lot going for it right now.

It is important for voters to know their candidates and to get out and vote a week from Tuesday.
EDUCATION

Middlesex College
inaugurates new president

James C. Mabry was inaugurated as Middlesex Community College's fourth president Oct. 15 in a formal ceremony on the Bedford Campus Quad.

"Community colleges are built on the twin pillars of access and success," said Mabry to the audience of faculty, staff, students, friends and family, plus members of the MCC Board of Trustees, college presidents and state education officials. "I believe now more than ever, we need to do everything in our power to promote a system of higher education that is open to all and build pathways to success for everyone who walks through our doors."

Inauguration Day began with an early-morning 5K Fitness Trail Walk/Run, followed by group activities such as high-impact training, yoga, meditation, and volleyball.

Following the ceremony, the MCC Foundation hosted a fundraiser at Lowell's historic John Nesmith House to support the Dr. James C. & Judith G. Mabry Completion Scholarship. The new scholarship will assist students who are struggling financially to attend school and complete their associate degree.

After a national search, the MCC Board of Trustees unanimously voted in December 2014 to name Mabry MCC's fourth president. He assumed his post in late February.

President Mabry holds a Ph.D. in U.S. history from Columbia University, and a Master of Science degree from the London School of Economics. He earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Columbia University's School of General Studies, and his associate degree from the University of Maryland Overseas Division.

Before coming to Middlesex, President Mabry served as Vice President of Academic Affairs for Mesa Community College in Arizona.

President Mabry was also Dean of Academic Affairs at Palm Beach State College, South Campus in Boca Raton, Florida. He served as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, New York where he was also an assistant professor of history. Mabry began his career as a high school social studies teacher in the New York City public schools system.
EVENT

Middlesex College to host Boston Saxophone Quartet

Middlesex Community College's free fall concert series, "A World of Music," continues with a performance by the Boston Saxophone Quartet at 3 p.m. Nov. 1, in MCC's Concert Hall on the Bedford campus, 591 Springs Road. The concert is free and open to the public.

The ensemble performs in a variety of styles, ranging from the Renaissance to the present. During the concert, they will play selections from the Civil War, WWI and WWII eras.

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SCHOLARSHIP

Middlesex Community College Foundation establishes new scholarship

The Middlesex Community College Foundation established a scholarship in honor of MCC's new president James C. Mabry and his wife Judith G. Mabry.

"I want all community college students to have an opportunity to learn and to succeed," said Mabry. "Whether working or raising a family, or both, whether right out of high school or coming back or just starting out, I want higher education to be accessible to them - and I want to create learning environments that are welcoming and promote their success."

The Dr. James C. & Judith G. Mabry Completion Scholarship will assist students who have completed a significant portion of the coursework required for their intended associate degree at Middlesex, but are struggling financially to continue their course of study.

It is intended to lighten the financial burden and make it possible for students to attend full time and complete their associate degree.

The MCC Foundation will host a reception to support the Mabry Completion Scholarship from 4 to 6 p.m. Oct. 15 at the John Nesmith House, 229 Andover St., Lowell. Tickets are $150 per person.

Scholarship donations may also be mailed to the MCC Foundation, P.O. Box 716, Bedford, MA 01730. Checks should be payable to the MCC Foundation and reference the MCCF Mabry Scholarship.

The fundraiser occurs after Mabry's inauguration ceremony, which will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Oct. 15 on the Bedford Campus Quad, 591 Springs Road.

To purchase tickets: middlesex.mass.edu.
STEM

Middlesex College to host health fair

Middlesex Community College will host a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math health career fair 1-4 p.m. Oct. 29 in the UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center, 50 Warren St. The event is free and open to the public.

"Students are excited about opportunities to find work related to their field of study," said Audrey Frater, Director of 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 40 area employers, including Creagen Life Science Incubator, Greater Lawrence Family Health Center, Charles River Labs, Alexander Technology, Ready Nurse Staffing, Dental Dreams, Proctor & Gamble, CareWell Urgent Care, Enterprise Bank, PlumChoice, Lahey Hospital and Medical Center and the Massachusetts Life Science Center.

To help students prepare for the career fair, MCC's Health & STEM Pathways Center will hold a Career Fair Preparation Workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 15, in the Lowell Campus Lower Cafeteria. The workshop will include a resume critique, tips on how to work a career fair, information about creating a 30-second introduction and other resources to help students make the most of the career fair.

For more information: pathwayscenter@middlesex.mass.edu.

FORUM

Middlesex to host ‘Racism in Our Community’ open forum in Beford, Lowell

Middlesex Community College will host two open forums titled “Racism in Our Community.” The Bedford campus forum will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oct. 13, in the Bedford Campus Center’s Café East, 591 Springs Road. A Lowell campus forum is set for 12:30-2 p.m. Oct. 14, in the Lowell Campus Cafeteria. Both events are free and open to the public. Sponsored by MCC’s Office of the Provost and Commonwealth Honors Program, each open forum will feature a panel presentation and community discussion to offer information and promote dialogue about racism in our communities. The forum will focus on two recent incidents in Bedford and Lowell.

Forum panelists will include Binnur Ercem, MCC Professor of Social Sciences and Human Services, Reginald Nichols, Lowell Academic Advisor, and Maria McDuffie, MCC’s International Student Advisor. For more information: honors@middlesex.mass.edu or 781-280-3553.
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**MCC registration**
Registration is open for spring semester courses at Middlesex Community College. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 25, on the Bedford and Lowell campuses, as well as online.
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A Guide to Area Wedding Venues

Middlesex Community College Foundation John Nesmith House

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**Community Calendar**

**November 21  **  Bedford, Mass.
Get an early start on your holiday shopping at Middlesex Community College’s free annual Arts & Crafts Fair to be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bedford campus. This juried Fair features more than 80 artists and crafters selling their work. Middlesex.mass.edu.
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BIO 110 Intro To Biology
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BUS 271 Financial Accounting
CAP 101 Computer Applications
CHM 131 College Chemistry I
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CRJ 121 Contemporary Policing
ECO 140 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECO 101 English Composition I
ENG 102 Eng Comp II: An Irre Ver Teas
ENV 115 Environmental Studies
ENV 12 Environmental Science w/Lab
GEO 120 American Government
HST 121 US History Before 1600
HST 123 History of World Civ Before 1500
HUS 180 Intro to Human Services
IDS 101 Gen Ed Sem: First Yr Experience
IDS 103 Gen Ed Seminar: Leadership
IDS 106 Gen Ed Seminar: Exploration

IFS 101 Intro to Info Technology
IFS 103 Medical Terminology
IFS 001 Preparation for College Math
IFS 100 Intermediate Algebra
IFS 120 Multidisciplinary/General
IFS 177 Statistics
IFS 080 IT/IS/OM/SM Transmission
PSY 122 Child Growth & Development
SDC 130 Forensic Science
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

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BIO 108 Basic Anatomy & Physiology
CAD 130 Engineering Graphics II
CAD 188 Solid Modeling II
CAD 239 Practice on CAD Technology
ENG 071 Basic Writing
ENG 182 Eng Comp III: An Anti Sist
MAT 002 Preparation for College Math
MAT 003 Preparation for College Math
MAT 105 PreCalculus for Engineering and Science
MAT 196 Accel Precal for Eco & Sci
MAT 298 Calculus I for Engineering and Science
MAT 299 Calculus II for Engineering and Science
MAT 727 Calculus III for Engineering and Science
NRT 121 Computing System Fundamentals

SATURDAY CLASSES

Early Morning Classes
BIO 108 Basic Anatomy & Physiology
MAT 051 Preparation for College Math
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MAT 105 PreCalculus for Engineering and Science
MAT 196 Accel Precal for Eco & Sci
MAT 298 Calculus I for Engineering and Science
MAT 299 Calculus II for Engineering and Science
MAT 727 Calculus III for Engineering and Science
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BIO 102 Basic Anatomy & Physiology
BIO 131 General Biology I
BIO 234 Anatomy and Physiology II
BIO 238 Introduction to Microbiology
BIO 255 Molecular Biology
CHE 102 Introduction to Chemistry
CHE 108 Principles of Biochemistry
CSC 101 Introduction to Computer Science
HST 121 United States History Before 1865
IDS 103 Interdisciplinary Weekend Southeast Asia
MAT 001 Preparation for College Math
MAT 002 Preparation for College Math
MAT 003 Preparation for College Math
MAT 117 Statistics
SCI 108 Forensic Science

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BIO 120 Introduction to Biology
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CHE 131 College Chemistry I
CHE 151 General Chemistry for Eng & Science
CHE 152 Law, Justice and Society
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CSC 151 Programming I
CSC 157 Computer Organization/Assembly Language

CSC 212 Programming II
CSC 231 Introduction to Human Services
ECO 123 Law, Justice and Society
ENG 102 PreCalculus for Business & Social Science
HIS 108 Applied Ethics in Dental Hygiene
SCS 103 Forensic Science

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AHF 100 Medical Office Procedures
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ART 180 Art History After 1500
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BIO 186 Nutrition
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CPS 141 E-Commerce Marketing
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Family Activities & Entertainment for the Whole Family

FREE PARKING ALL WEEKEND AT THE JOHN, MARKET, AND MIDDLESEX STREET GARAGES

Visit the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center (44 Market Street) and pick up the CITY OF LIGHTS OFFICIAL EVENT FLYER! All event updates can be found online at Lowell.org!

Window Decorating Contest
Visit these downtown locations and vote for the People’s Choice Award! Ballots and maps will be at each location and at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center. Voting ends at 4PM.

Christmas Shopping Day at the Pollard Library
Pollard Memorial Library, 481 Merrimack Street
10AM - 1PM | Kids ages 4-11 only
1PM - 3PM | Kids ages 4-14 and members of Friends of the Library only
2PM - 4PM | General public welcome
Enjoy one-stop shopping at the Pollard Library! Select from hundreds of donated gently-used items ranging from $1 to $5. All kids also get their gifts wrapped for them

Shooting Tour of the COOL bus
12PM - 3PM | Pick up the COOL bus at the Visitor Center, 248 Market Street. Let the Cultural Organization of Lowell’s COOL bus take you to unique shopping locations throughout downtown Lowell. FREE of charge!

Lowell National Historical Park’s “Holly Jolly Trolley”
12PM - 4PM | Between the Boat Cotton Mills and the Visitor Center. Experience Ringer Dives, music, and holiday decorations Continuous trips from the Boat Cotton Mills to the Visitor Center. FREE event, no reservation required!

NEW! SafarI Rides with Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, Lucy the Polar Bear, Santa, the Great Christmas Mouse, and Sno-Cat the Siberian Tiger
12:15PM - 1:15PM | JFK Plaza, Amtrak
Please note: Cost is $2 per ride. Both kids and parents will love SafarI Rides! Each patent officer can carry 2 adults or 3 children.

Holiday Art Exploratory for Kids: Split Art
1PM - 4PM | Lowell Museum, 155 Merrimack Street
Kids are invited to create their own spin art at Lowell’s renowned master space! (While supplies last)

Strolling Carols with The Gentlemen Songsters
1PM - 4PM | Throughout downtown Lowell
Hear the live harmonies of Lowell’s own barbershop-style performers as they stroll throughout downtown spreading holiday cheer!

Photos with Santa
1PM - 3PM | Lowell City Hall, 275 Merrimack Street
Please note: Cost is $5 per photo. Come get your holiday family photo taken with the star of the North Pole himself! The line closes promptly at 3pm.

7th Annual Hot Chocolate Competition
2PM - 4PM
Please note: Cost is 25 cents per 4oz sample. Stop in to participate businesses for the annual Hot Chocolate Competition and vote for your favorite! Sponsors will be available at Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center and participating businesses. Street Lytich’s, Bred’r’s Awakening Coffeehaus, Garcia Brothers, and Rosie’s Cafe.

Festival of Wreaths - Contest and Raffle
2PM - 7PM | Lowell Masonic Center, 79 Dutton Street
View beautifully decorated wreaths donated by local organizations and individuals. Day raffle tickets for your chance to take one of the wreaths home with your FREE admission! Sponsored by The Bruhn Art Gallery & Studios.

Rob Rioscar’s Magic Show – Two Shows!
2PM & 3PM | Lowell Telecommunications Corporation (LTC), 248 Market Street
These 45 minute shows will wow everyone in the family. Get there early to get a good seat! Learn more about Rob’s great performances at RobRioscarMagic.com

FREE event!

Self-Guided Tours of St. Anne’s Church
2PM - 4PM | St. Anne’s Church at 8 Kirk Street
Take a self-guided tour of St. Anne’s Church, which was built in 1625 and is the oldest church in the city of Lowell.

Holiday Songs and Sing-a-Longs with Trish Boeshko
5PM - 6PM | Main Stage Area on Armand Drive
Bring your best voice to sing along with Trish before and during the parade!

Warm FREE Treats at MillM2 Federal Credit Union
4PM - 6PM | 83 Merrimack Street (Corner of Merrimack & John Streets)
Come in from the cold and enjoy FREE freshly popped popcorn and delicious warm apple cider, courtesy of MillM2 Credit Union.

City of Lights Parade and City Hall Lighting
4:30PM - 5:30PM | Jackson Street to City Hall
Enjoy the region’s only holiday rite of passage! The official holiday lighting of downtown Lowell. City Hall, and the Winooski River Tree Lighting will immediately follow the parade.

FREE Holiday Concert
8:30PM - 9PM | St. Anne’s Church, 8 Kirk Street
Top off the evening with a variety of holiday songs with the Gentlemen Songsters and the St. Anne’s Choir!

“’Tis a Wonderful Life” Live Radio Play
8PM | Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 85 East Merrimack Street
MRT’s great holiday show runs through December 20th. Tickets at MRT.org.

“Flashdance: The Musical”
8PM | Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 80 East Merrimack Street
The pop culture phenomenon of FLASHDANCE is live on stage featuring all the hit songs from the movie! Tickets at Lowell Auditorium.com.

The 2015 Downtown Lowell Gingerbread House Trail
November 27 - December 12 | Details at Lowell.org
Sponsored by Little Delights, Downtown Lowell First Thursdays, and Shop Lowell. A sweet treat awaits all who visit every house! See beautiful and delicious gingerbread houses at the following locations: Arts League of Lowell, Cape's Legacy Restaurant, No. 4, Bruhn Art Gallery & Studios, Chelmsford Hill School, Cobblestones of Lowell, Downtown Lowell First Thursdays, Gates Block Artists, Hummley, Indigo Salon & Day Spa, Little Delights Bakery, Lovey Makes, Portside Tapas, Perkins Bookshop, Rosie’s Cafe, Social Spat, Street Lytich’s, Van Gogh’s Gear...
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The Middlesex college community congratulates Jacqueline Moloney on her inauguration as Chancellor of UMass Lowell. We look forward to our continued successful partnership.

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