Middlesex Community College Ceramics Instructor Yary Livan stands above “New Waves Replace Old Waves,” the ceramic mural he helped K-8 students create as artist-in-residence at Lowell’s Pyne Arts Magnet School.

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Dr. Carole Cowan began her academic career as a faculty member in the business department at Middlesex Community College in 1976. Thanks to a solid work ethic and the ability to "manage the way she'd like to be managed," Cowan rose through the ranks and became the school's president in 1990. At the time, MCC was holding classes in the basement of Lowell's Wannamaker Mills and other locations. Since then, under her watch, the school has built permanent campuses in Lowell and Bedford. In addition, Cowan has increased MCC's educational offerings, partnered with area high schools to provide dual high school/college credit courses, and made getting a college education possible for thousands of people who might not otherwise have had access to one. In July, Cowan announced that she will retire at the end of this year. We recently visited with Cowan in her Lowell office to talk about her accomplishments over the past 38 years and to find out what she plans to do next.

Tell me how you came to work at Middlesex? Did you think you would be here for 38 years?

I wasn't sure I was going to make a career at Middlesex. We were in rented space, and it was a long commute for me, but the college was growing. Every year there were different opportunities. After being an instructor, I became vice president of administration and finance. When the sitting president retired, I was nominated for the presidency, and I got it. It wasn't anything I had planned for, but I was prepared for it. Today we're the largest community college in the state when you combine our credit and noncredit offerings. We also run a charter school and an alternative middle school in Lowell and two of the state's One-Stop Career Centers. We have also had a connection with the East-West Center [at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa] for the past 24 years, which has allowed us to integrate Asian studies into the curriculum to better reflect the world that many of our students come from.

What projects are you working on currently?

We're building an arts center in Lowell's old railroad depot. To me, it's the last big "hurrah." It's going to have a concert hall, a theater and a dance studio. We're paying for a good part of it ourselves, with some support from the state. It's a good use for an old building. I don't think anyone else could have renovated it because it would be too expensive. We're also starting construction on a biotech and science building in Bedford.

How do you feel higher education has changed over the years?

I think the community colleges' time has come in higher ed because we are a much more integral part of the economic vitality of the state than we once were. People come to us with very few skills, and we take them a long way and help them get better jobs.

What do you feel is your biggest accomplishment?

It's not a brick and mortar thing. It's being able to create an atmosphere at the college where people feel valued and part of something that's important — an atmosphere where people can grow and learn and continue to advance their lives, both students and faculty. That, to me, is more important than 12 buildings or...
20 buildings. I’m also proud of our spirit of entrepreneurialism that has allowed us to do so many things. We never had great budgets.

What would you like to see happen at MCC in the future?

I’d like to see the standards remain very high in regard to anything we do. That’s one thing we’ve prided ourselves on for many, many years. I’d like the doors of opportunity to always remain open for students and faculty. A community college is such a great place to work because there are opportunities to do so many different things.

Do you have any advice for MCC’s new president?

The most important thing is to be a good listener. I don’t think people pay too much attention to that anymore. It means understanding what the students need, what the faculty needs, what the city needs. And to be passionate about the job. It’s an exciting job, and I hope whoever ends up doing it will be as passionate about it as I have been.

What are you planning to do with all your free time?

I want to have more time to travel and be with family. I’m still going to stay with the college foundation. I’ve just been elected as a board member. We’ll raise money for scholarships and other initiatives. I will also still sit on Enterprise Bank’s board, as well as a few other boards, but I won’t be as busy.

After 38 years, what do you most want people to know about Middlesex?

I think people underestimate the real value of community colleges. If you’re sending your sons and daughters to college, think about how much less expensive it would be to send them to a community college. Even with all of our great academic programs, it’s just $5,000 a year. After two years they can transfer to a four-year university and save tens of thousands of dollars. I think this fact is lost on the general public. College is more expensive now than it’s ever been, but there’s a pathway to get anybody there. I don’t think we do as good a job advertising this as we should.

Guide to Area Schools and Colleges.

Middlesex Community College
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Cowan addresses last MCC opening day

Calls time there 'a great ride'

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LOWELL — In her last opening day address to faculty and staff, Middlesex Community College President Carole Cowan called her 38 years at the college “a great ride,” but emphasized the school’s expansion is not yet over.

During her 24-year run as the college’s third president, Cowan oversaw MCC’s growth from a two-building operation in Bedford to an important fixture of downtown Lowell. In June, she announced her retirement for this school year.

Her message to the hundreds in the crowded ballroom at the UMass Lowell Inn and Conference Center was to keep their eyes open.

“Whoever leads the campus going forward has to be somebody that sees the opportunity and goes for it,” she said.

“That’s basically what we’ve been able to do at Middlesex over these 24 years.”

Kicking off the new school year, Cowan also announced the school has changed its model for academic advising and adopted new programs.

“All of these efforts have been coming together to ensure student success,” she said. “I just want to reiterate — that’s the real emphasis college is placing now on all of us — we want to be measured by the success of our students.”

The college will also be wrapping up a self-study for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges that happens every 10 years, she said.

“It’s extremely important that the college give it the time and the dedication to a good document, and we really believe we’ve got that,” she said.

Meanwhile, there will be a study for a new STEM biotech building planned for its Bedford campus, Cowan said.

Jay Linnehan, the college’s executive vice president, said the school received $3 million from Massachusetts Life Sciences Center to complement the total $27-million new Bedford building.

He thanked Cowan for everything she has done for the college.

“This institution would not be where it is today, and a lot of us in this room wouldn’t be who we are today without you,” he said.
Community Garden at MCC’s Bedford Campus Yields Fresh Produce for Food Bank

Members of Middlesex Community College’s Community Garden Advisory Council with MCC President Carole Cowan (left to right): Michael Cermak of Boston, Laurie Ranger of Lowell, President Cowan, Michael Mango of Belmont, Evan Rees of Lexington and Gail Lucarzi of Billerica. Community Garden volunteers have donated more than 400 pounds of fresh, organic produce to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank. Courtesy image

Submitted by Middlesex Community College

This summer, Middlesex Community College students, staff and faculty volunteers, working in the Community Garden on the Bedford campus, have grown and donated more than 400 pounds of fresh, organic produce to the Merrimack Valley Food Bank.

A collaboration between MCC’s Student Sustainability Club, Sustainability Advisory Committee and the Center for Health & Wellness, the Community Garden was created in 2011. It provides individual and communal plots to members of the college community. This summer, MCC’s Facilities Management Department encircled the 5,000-square-foot organic garden with a tall fence to keep out deer and other animals, and landscaped the surrounding area.

For more information about MCC’s Community Garden, contact Chris Fori, Director of Student Financial Services, at fioric@middlesex.mass.edu.

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MCC staff members lauded for e-learning

LOWELL — Middlesex Community College faculty members Denise Marchionda and John Smith were recognized as e-learning exemplars at the 10th annual Massachusetts Colleges Online E-Learning Conference held recently at Bridgewater State University.

Marchionda and Smith received the MCO Course of Distinction Award for their online courses, which were selected from more than 2,600 courses offered through MCO, a consortium of the 15 Massachusetts community colleges and seven members of the state university system.

Marchionda’s online English course, Crime and Punishment in Literature, was selected because of its structure and organization.

“The material is presented in a very concise, consistent, organized and easy-to-follow manner,” said Nancy Curll, MCC’s manager of e-learning. “Marchionda’s course has been used as a sample in online development training for some time, and her example has been followed by many other trainees.”

Smith was recognized for his course, Technical Mathematics/Physics.

“The material is exemplary,” in addition to accepting their honors, Marchionda and Smith were invited to present their courses as part of the conference’s Best Practices Showcase.

For more information about the MCO eLearning Conference, contact Curll at curlln@middlesex.mass.edu.
They're ready to get to work

24 graduate from MCC Advanced Manufacturing Training program

LOWELL — Twenty-four Middlesex Community College students received certificates in Machining and Electronics during a graduation ceremony for the first cohort of the Advanced Manufacturing Training program, held recently on the Lowell campus.

The Advanced Manufacturing Training program was developed as part of a $500,000 Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund Grant awarded by the Patrick administration to the North Shore Workforce Investment Board.

The grant supports partnerships between the Northeast Advanced Manufacturing Consortium and the region’s education and workforce organizations, including community colleges and vocational-technical schools, career centers, workforce investment boards and local employers, to provide training and assist participants in finding jobs within the manufacturing industry.

“Our partnerships — and relationships — with vocational schools, workforce investment boards and career centers are stronger,” said Judy Burke, MCC’s Dean of Corporate and Community Education & Training. “It was a lot of effort on everyone’s part, but the results are astounding.”

Graduates of the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program completed more than 600 hours of training in Basic Machining or Electronics, gaining hands-on experience to begin careers in the high-demand manufacturing industry, including working in aerospace, defense, medical devices, computers and electronics.

“A number of these students are already employed, and we are confident all of them will find jobs,” Burke said.

For more information about the Advanced Manufacturing Training Program at Middlesex, contact Lisa Tuzzolo, MCC’s Advanced Manufacturing program manager, at tzullo@middlesex.mass.edu. For more information about the Advanced Manufacturing Collaborative and the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund Grant, visit www.mass.gov/needeconomic/initiatives/manufacturing/advanced-manufacturing-collaborative.html.
MCC team attends summer institute

Middlesex Community College sent a team of faculty and staff to the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ 2014 summer Institute on General Education & Assessment, held in June at the University of Vermont in Burlington.

AAC&U Summer Institutes offer campus teams a time and place for sustained collaborative work on a project of importance to their campus, along with a curriculum focused on important trends, research and best practices, and a resident faculty of educational experts.

“In order to achieve MCC’s goal of graduating students who have a high level of demonstrable competence with our Institutional Learning Outcomes, we need an assessment process and plan that responds to the course, program and institutional levels in a more integrative way,” said Phyllis Gleason, dean of foundational studies, first-year experience and general education. “We want an assessment process that will be sustainable and produce results that can be used by faculty to improve those learning outcomes.

“And because MCC’s program review process also includes an assessment of student learning outcomes component, it makes sense that our General Education Team consider ways in which the two processes can be integrated at the college,” she added.

Gleason led MCC’s General Education & Assessment Team, which also included Carlos Brocato, professor of Philosophy; Joanna Del Monaco, professor of Mathematics; Ryan Keen, professor of Psychology; and Rebecca Newell, assistant dean of students.

For 24 years, AAC&U’s Institute on General Education and Assessment has provided campus teams with opportunities to refine and advance general education programs and their assessment. The institute focuses on building a campus learning culture that supports the design and implementation of intentional, well-defined and meaningfully assessed general education curricula that engage our increasingly diverse students and faculty.

Middlesex Community College sent a team of faculty and staff to the Association of American Colleges and Universities’ recent 2014 summer Institute on General Education & Assessment at the University of Vermont. Representing MCC were, from left, Joanna Del Monaco, Math professor; Carlos Brocato, philosophy professor; team leader Phyllis Gleason, dean of foundational studies, first-year experience and general education; Ryan Keen, Psychology professor; and Rebecca Newell, assistant dean of students.

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NEW PROGRAMS

MCC now offers engineering & cyber-security classes

This fall, Middlesex Community College (MCC) is offering two new program tracks for students interested in beginning a career in engineering and a new program in the growing field of cyber security. Registration is now open for the fall semester at MCC, which begins Sept. 3.

Designed in collaboration with the Francis College of engineering at UMass Lowell, MCC’s new engineering science transfer mechanical engineering and engineering science transfer civil/environmental engineering programs serve as a pathway for students to earn an associate degree, while fulfilling the requirements of two full years of a four-year bachelor’s degree program in engineering.

Graduates of MCC’s engineering science transfer associate degree programs will be prepared to transfer to four-year bachelor’s degree programs in engineering. In most cases, they will be prepared to take primarily the engineering core courses and engineering electives needed to complete a bachelor’s degree. In addition to the new engineering programs, MCC is also offering a new computer science transfer, secure software development associate in science degree program. Intended to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor’s degree program, this new computer science SSD Program focuses on developing secure software that performs only its intended functions without the presence of vulnerabilities that hackers or others with malicious intent can exploit. It also includes robust, career-focused pathways in the fields of computer science, information technology, computer networking and data analysis.

“The FBI predicts cyber security will eventually become the number one threat against the United States,” said MCC computer science professor Sanaz Rahimi. “Additionally, the U.S. Department of Labor projects there will be approximately 43,700 new jobs for computer/software programmers by 2020. MCC’s new SSD program includes a specially designed set of courses that will equip students with the skills and expertise necessary to succeed in working in the field of cybersecurity.”

MCC offers 15 degree and certificate programs that can be completed entirely online, as well as many other programs of study that are 80 percent online, along with free academic, career and financial-aid counseling, free tutoring and extensive support services. For information and registration: 800-818-3434; middlesex.mass.edu.

The computer science transfer, secure software development program at Middlesex Community College.
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National recognition for MCC, Chemaly

LOWELL — John Chemaly and Middlesex Community College are about to get some national recognition.

Chemaly has been selected to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship.

The award will be presented at the group’s annual meeting in Phoenix on Oct. 13.

This marks the second year in a row the national award has been presented to a person nominated by Middlesex.

Last year the award went to Desh Despande, founder of the Merrimack Valley Sandbox. The program helps people carry out new innovative ideas.

Chemaly and his partner Gary Sepe founded Trinity EMS more than two decades ago and have built the company into an industry leader.

Chemaly is being recognized for his entrepreneurship in building Trinity EMS, but also for sharing his success with a wide range of community groups throughout the Merrimack Valley.

In nominating Chemaly, the college described him as a guy who gets things done, a guy who makes good things happen.

“John supports charities and makes things happen just because a need exists. He encourages young people just starting out. When a student approached him during a Middlesex Community College forum on reducing prescription drug abuse, he asked her if she would like to get involved as an EMT. Yes, but her immigrant family did not have the resources to pay for the training. John’s reply was that if you want to become an EMT, come and see me. We’ll work together with the college and somehow, we’ll find a way,” the nomination letter said.

That’s Johnny C. Congratulations to him and MCC.
LOWELL — With the help of Middlesex Community College Service-Learning students, seventh and eighth-graders at Bartlett Community Partnership School presented a variety of science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM, projects at Lowell’s first Middle School District Science & Engineering Fair.

Three MCC students who served as club advisors have been working with three members of the Bartlett School STEM Club all year. As a result of the unique, STEM-focused partnership program, the Bartlett students created projects on a variety of topics, including the "stickability" or polarization of magnets.

Hold March 5 at the Bartlett School Gymnasium, the fair featured more than 60 projects created by more than 100 students from eight schools across the district.

"Middlesex is proud to partner with Lowell Public Schools and work with them through our many outstanding Service-Learning initiatives," said Phil Sisson, MCC provost and vice president of Academic and Student Affairs. "This great display of science is a prime example of what can happen when partners work together."

"It is because of Middlesex Community College and their wonderful students, faculty and staff that we have been able to bring this about," Lowell Superintendent of Schools Jean Franco said. "This is the beginning of a great partnership."

This year, Middlesex has focused on STEM education in its Service-Learning placements at the Bartlett School, which serves students from pre-K through eighth grade. During fall semester, more than 100 MCC students, 350 Bartlett students, and numerous faculty and staff members were involved in the collaboration.

Through an AmeriCorps VISTA grant with Massachusetts Campus Compact, Dave Godin has served as a Service-Learning Liaison between the college and Bartlett.

"We work together to make a great learning experience for everyone involved," Godin said. "And it’s making a difference. Through these types of projects, we can see how much the MCC students learn, and how much the Bartlett students learn. Students are learning more on both ends of the spectrum because they are more engaged with one another."

In addition to founding the STEM Club at Bartlett, Middlesex Education, Psychology and Human Services students have worked on individual and project-based Service-Learning initiatives at Bartlett. For example, a five-week Fair Trade Project encouraged fifth- and sixth-graders to explore how science can impact global and local community health.

Bartlett students also visited Middlesex and conducted science experiments in a chemistry laboratory.

For more information about Service-Learning at Middlesex, contact Cynthia Lynch at lynche@middlesex.mass.edu or 781-290-3366.
MCC Celebrity Forum yields scholarships

LOWELL — The Middlesex Community College Foundation recently awarded scholarships to 20 Middlesex students at MCC's annual Celebrity Forum, at which actor-director Robert Redford spoke.

Amin Ghajzadeh of Lexington received the Debba Chemelli-Evans Scholarship. Ghajzadeh is currently enrolled in MCC's Liberal Arts and Sciences program. He plans to transfer to a four-year institution in the fall. The Chemelli-Evans Scholarship was established in memory of the daughter of William Chemelli, former president of the MCC board of trustees.

The following students received MCC Foundation Celebrity Forum Scholarships:

• Emmanuel Appiah of Lowell plans to transfer to UMass Lowell in the fall to study Biology.
• Rebeece Brill Weitz of Bedford recently graduated from MCC's Liberal Arts and Sciences program. She plans to attend Connecticut College in the fall.
• Miranda Cashman of Concord graduated from MCC's Physical Sciences program. She will attend UMass Amherst to study Geology.
• Zena Castiel of Waltham recently graduated from MCC's Life Sciences program. She plans to attend UMass Amherst in the fall to study Evolutionary Biology.
• Anthony Chhan of Lowell was enrolled in MCC's Computer Science program. He plans to transfer to UMass Lowell to continue his studies.
• Gechlang Chhim of Lowell recently graduated from MCC's Business Administration Transfer program. Chhim plans to attend UMass Lowell in the fall to study Business and Accounting.

Briana Chiotti of Wakefield was enrolled in MCC's Liberal Arts and Sciences program. She transferred to UMass Lowell for the spring semester and will continue her education there in the fall.

Anastasia Dickenson of Lexington graduated from MCC's Liberal Arts and Sciences program.

Joohee Hyung of Billerica recently graduated from MCC's Liberal Arts and Sciences program. She plans to attend UMass Amherst in the spring.

Lindsey Lizotte of Dracut is a current student at MCC. She will return in the fall to continue her studies in Diagnostic Medical Sonography.

Amanda Lopez of Lawrence was enrolled in MCC's Life Sciences program. Lopez plans to transfer to UMass Lowell in the fall to study Exercise Physiology.

Danielle Lucchello of Tewksbury recently graduated from MCC's Liberal Arts and Sciences program. She plans to attend UMass Lowell to study English.

Derek Min of Sedgley recently graduated from MCC. He plans to attend Boston University to study English and History.

Robert Morales of Lowell was enrolled in MCC's Psychology program. He plans to transfer to UMass Lowell to continue his studies.

Dennis Murphy of Wilmington recently graduated from MCC's Global Studies program. He plans to attend a four-year university in the fall to continue his studies in International Relations.

Karen Pruy of Waltham is currently enrolled in MCC's Elementary Education Transfer program. She will return to Middlesex in the fall.

The Middlesex Community College Foundation recently awarded Celebrity Forum Scholarships to 20 students. From left, Miranda Cashman, Alysha Shearer-Cantrell, Karen Pruy, Danielle Lucchello, Anthony Chhan, Amanda Lopez; middle row, from left, Dennis Murphy, Joohee Hyung, Emmanuel Appiah, Zena Castiel, Gechlang Chhim, Anastasia Dickenson, Brana Chiotti; and back row, from left, David Kalivas, director of the Commonwealth Honors Program, Amin Ghajzadeh, Lindsay Lizotte, Andrew Toufas, Rebecca Brill Weitz, Brandon Schwartz, Derek Min, Robert Morales and Charles Twomey, director of the Lowell Connections Program.

Brandon Schwartz of Dracut is enrolled in MCC's Criminal Justice Transfer program. He plans to transfer to UMass Lowell to major in Criminal Justice.

Alysha Shearer-Cantrell of Tewksbury recently graduated from MCC's Psychology Program. She plans to continue her studies at UMass Boston.

Andrew Toufas of Medford recently graduated from MCC's Computer Science program. He plans to transfer to UMass Lowell to continue his studies.

For more information about the 2014 Celebrity Forum scholarships, contact Dennis Malvers, MCC's Dean of College Advancement at malversd@middlesex.mass.edu.

At the MCC Celebrity Forum, at which actor-director Robert Redford spoke, Redford center, meets with, from left, scholarship winner Dennis Murphy, Student Government members Leticia Esquibel, Karolhe Menezes, Andrew Manuzza and Vanessa Vazquez, and scholarship winner Amin Ghajzadeh.
JUST ONE YEAR
TO A NEW
(OR IMPROVED)
CAREER

Four rewarding professions you can train for in 12 months

The bad news: If you’ve got your heart set on being a lawyer, physician, tenured college professor, or computer scientist, you’ll need to spend many years—and a lot of money—earning the necessary degree.

The good news: It’s increasingly possible to prepare for other types of jobs in law, healthcare, higher education, and information technology, among other fields, in just 12 months.

The following are four fast-growing professions that students can prepare for in one year or less. Some require no previous higher education, some—better suited to midcareer professionals seeking new directions—require a bachelor’s or even a master’s degree. Most are certificate rather than degree programs, although, in some cases, students can apply the credits earned toward a higher-degree level.

1 MEDICAL ASSISTANT

What they do: Work side-by-side with physicians, handling administrative tasks such as updating patient records and filling out insurance forms as well as clinical tasks such as taking medical histories, preparing patients for exams, and taking electrocardiograms.

Where they work: Outpatient settings such as hospitals, clinics, physician practices, chiropractors’ offices.

2 COMPUTER FORENSICS SPECIALIST (OR DIGITAL FORENSICS SPECIALIST)

What they do: Use their digital technology skills and criminal justice knowledge to investigate computer-related crime.

Where they work: Local, state, and federal agencies; prosecutors’ offices; consulting firms; private investigation companies.

Career outlook: The US Department of Labor doesn’t specifically track this job title. However, experts project strong demand between now and 2022 for specialists in two closely related fields: information security analysts (up 37 percent) and forensic science technicians (up 20 percent).

Sample program: Middlesex Community College Computer Forensic Certificate Program (Lowell campus).

Prerequisite: Associate’s or bachelors’ degree in any field, or one to three years’ experience in either law enforcement or information technology.

Sample classes: Programming, Computer Network Security, Criminal Evidence and Court Procedure. Coursework includes hands-on training in MCC’s new computer forensics lab.

Added bonuses: Coursework prepares students for Certified Computer Examiner (CCE) exams. Students who complete the 28-credit certificate program may, if they wish, take additional courses to earn an associate’s degree in computer forensics.
Middlesex invites public comment in evaluation for reaccreditation

Middlesex Community College will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit Nov. 2-5 by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools & Colleges.

The commission is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole.

The commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits about 240 institutions in New England.

Middlesex Community College has been accredited by the commission since 1973 and was last reviewed in 2004. Its accreditation by the NEASC encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, Middlesex Community College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the commission's standards for accreditation.

An evaluation team will visit MCC to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will then recommend to the commission a continuing status for the institution.

After a review process, the commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding MCC to: Public Comment on Middlesex Community College, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education New England Association of Schools & Colleges, 3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100, Burlington, MA 01803-4514; or by email to cie@neasc.org.

Public comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. The commission cannot settle disputes between individuals and institutions, whether those involve faculty, students, administrators or members of other groups. Comments will not be treated as confidential, and must include the name, address and telephone number of the person providing the comments.

Public comments must be received by Oct. 2. The commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.
Middlesex Offers Project Management And PMP® Exam Prep

Middlesex Community College’s noncredit “PMP® and CAPM® Exam Prep” course can help you prepare for the PMP® certification, a globally recognized project management certification. Registration is now open for the fall semester. Courses begin Saturday, Sept. 20.

This 35-hour hybrid course combines traditional face-to-face and online instruction to review key concepts, terms and principles, and challenges students with sample exam questions and other exercises to prepare for the PMP® and CAPM® Exams. The course will be taught using real-world case studies using PMI’s framework on project management fundamentals, best practices and tools every project manager needs to successfully complete a life-cycle project.

This course will cover each of the PMBOK® knowledge areas and process groups covered in the “PMBOK® guide, 5th edition.” This workshop will provide quizzes, flash cards, and tips and tricks for exam prep.

This course is best suited for individuals who are planning on taking their exam in the near term or for those looking to take their skills to the next level. For exam eligibility requirements, visit www.pmi.org.

The cost for MCC’s “PMP® and CAPM® Exam Prep” course is $1,300. For more information, or to register for this or other MCC noncredit courses, call 1-800-818-3434 or visit our website www.middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining.

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Enrollment Still Open
For MCC’s Paralegal Studies Programs

Enrollment is now open for Middlesex Community College’s Paralegal Studies programs. Approved by the American Bar Association, MCC’s Paralegal Studies programs offer two associate-degree programs, a career track and a transfer track, as well as a one-year post-graduate certificate program (for those who have already earned an associate or bachelor’s degree). Courses begin Wednesday, Sept. 3.

MCC’s Paralegal Studies Career degree program prepares graduates for employment assisting lawyers in gathering and analyzing factual data, researching legal questions and preparing legal documents. During this two-year program, students will take 60 credits (20 courses) as well as complete a 15-week internship in a law office, the court system, or the MCC Law Center, a mediation program the college runs in cooperation with the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office.

MCC’s Paralegal Studies Transfer program is designed to prepare graduates to transfer to bachelor degree programs on a full- or part-time basis. This program qualifies for MassTransfer, which guarantees credit transfer to Massachusetts state universities. Many students in this track go on to complete bachelor’s degrees, and some go on to law school and become practicing attorneys.

MCC’s post-graduate Paralegal Studies Certificate program is appropriate for students who have already earned an associate or bachelor’s degree and are interested in changing careers. This one-year program focuses on legal courses and emphasizes solid academic and practice-oriented preparation.

For more information about MCC’s Paralegal Studies programs, visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/paralegal/ or contact John Espinosa, Esq., MCC’s Paralegal Studies Program Coordinator, at espinosa@middlesex.mass.edu.

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There's music in the air at Middlesex Community College

Middlesex Community College is tuning up for A World of Music, its free 2014 fall concert series.
The lineup starts with On Love and Relationships: Hugo Wolf's Italian Songbook at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 7 in the MCC Concert Hall (Building 6) on the Bedford Campus, 591 Springs Road.
One of the most beloved song cycles of the 19th century, the Italian Songbook is a collection of short, gemlike songs. Reimagined as a love triangle for soprano, tenor and baritone, it features MCC faculty member Anna Ward, soprano, performing with Benjamin Robinson, tenor, and Samuel Bowern, baritone, accompanied by Joseph Turbessi, piano.

Other events in MCC’s free A World of Music fall concerts include Two Oboes, featuring John Ferrillo, principal oboe of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Amanda Hardy, principal oboe of the Portland Symphony Orchestra, in concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10; The Marc Rossi Group, in concert at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7 and pianist Wanda Paik, in concert at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23. All concerts are held in MCC’s Concert Hall in Bedford. The fall MCC Student Recital, featuring student instrumentalists and singers, takes place at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, also in the MCC Concert Hall.

For information, contact Carmen Rodriguez-Peralta, director of A World of Music at 781-280-3923 or peraltac@middlesex.mass.edu.
Middlesex hosts Movie Night double feature

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In case of rain, the event will move indoors to the Bedford campus cafeteria.

For more information, call 978-656-3394 or email oyekunlel@middlesex.mass.edu.

MCC PRESENTS 'A WORLD OF MUSIC'

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Four from MCC named to All-Massachusetts Academic Team

Middlesex Community College students Zena Casteel of Waltham, Joohye "Judy" Hyung of Billerica, Kara Bologna Rea of Woburn, and Assaf Shahar of Bedford were recently recognized as outstanding two-year college students and members of the 2014 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-sponsor All-State Academic Teams. Outstanding students nominated to the national All-USA Academic Teams are automatically named to the All-State Academic Teams.

Casteel entered Middlesex as a Dual Enrollment Academy student and will leave as a member of the Commonwealth Honors Program. She will graduate this spring with an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences with a Life Science Concentration. She has been active with the Dean's Advisory Council, and served as a peer mentor, assisting new students in their transition to MCC.

Hyung has been active in MCC's Student Union Government Association, the Women's Leadership Network and the Paul H. Sullivan Leadership Institute. She is president of Phi Theta Kappa, serves as a supplemental instructor, and is enrolled in the Commonwealth Honors Program. After graduating this spring with an Associate of Art degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences, she plans to transfer to UMass Amherst to study Biology or Chemistry.

Rea is a former professional ballet dancer who retired from dancing at age 23 to complete her education. This spring she will graduate with an Associate in Science degree in Business Administration Transfer, then plans to transfer to UMass Lowell's Commonwealth Honors Program. She intends to pursue a double-major in Accounting and Finance and eventually earn a Master's degree in Accounting.

Shahar graduated from MCC in December, earning an Associate of Art degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences with a Psychology Concentration. He has transferred to Clark University. While at Middlesex, he participated in the Debate Club, Phi Theta Kappa, the Commonwealth Honors Program, the student improvisational-theater troupe, and Honors in Action.

For more information about MCC's All-Massachusetts Academic Team members, contact Rebecca Newell, Assistant Dean of Students, at newellr@middlesex.mass.edu or 781-280-3763.
MCC BRIEFS

Project Management Certificate
BEDFORD — Registration is open for Middlesex Community College’s noncredit Project Management Certificate Program. The course work covers provides students with the basic skills of project management, regardless of industry. Courses meet Monday evenings on the Bedford campus and run Sept. 15 through Dec. 8. The cost is $549, plus textbook fees. For more information or to register, call 888-346-3484 or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining.

Veterans Resource Center
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. Fall semester classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 3, and it’s not too late to register. For more information, visit www.militaryfriendlyschools.com. MCC’s Veterans Resource Centers are located in the Bedford Campus Center, Room 206, or in the Lowell City Building, Room 117. For more information about MCC’s Veterans Resource Center, contact Richard Reppucci, VRC Coordinator, at reppucir@middlesex.mass.edu or call 781-280-3510.

Links Program
Middlesex Community College’s Links Program is a tuition-free program designed specifically to help nontraditional students start college. Applications are currently being accepted for the fall semester, which begins Wednesday, Sept. 3. Links provides an opportunity for eligible students to earn five to 11 college and institutional credits free in one or two semesters. For more information, contact Ruth Clark at clarke@middlesex.mass.edu or 781-280-3654, or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/Links.
Middlesex Community College Provides Services For Veterans

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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 answering 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.

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. The list of Military Friendly Schools honors the top 20 percent of 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 on campus. For more information, visit www.militaryfriendlyschools.com.

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MCC’s Annual Movie Night Offers FREE Double Feature

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MCC’s annual Outdoor Movie Night is sponsored by the Middlesex (Student) Activities Crew. For more information, contact Funmi Oyekunle at 978-656-3394 or oyekunlef@middlesex.mass.edu.

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Gov hopefuls debate

Republicans Baker, Fisher: Same party, different ideas

By Chelsea Feinstein cfeinstein@lowellsun.com

LOWELL — Republican gubernatorial candidates Charlie Baker and Mark Fisher may not have a lot in common, but they both agree that the state's money needs to be spent more wisely — and that electing a Republican for governor this fall could help do just that.

The two candidates

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Watch video of both debates at lowellsun.com.

Falchuk and McCormick say two-party system is not working

By Michael Hartwell mhartwell@sentinelandeastern.com

LOWELL — Independent gubernatorial candidates Evan Falchuk and Jeff McCormick say they don't steal votes but earn them from fed-up voters.

The two faced off Thursday in a debate held at Middlesex Community College, which sponsored the forum along with The Sun and Sentinel & Enterprise of Fitchburg.

McCormick is not enrolled in a party, and Falchuk formed his own,
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the United Independent Party, earlier this year. Both took opportunists at the debate to criticize what they see as a flawed two-party system that is beholden to large campaign contributors.

When asked why voters choose the office of the third-party candidate when the odds seem so low, Fishkin listed statistics. In the state of Massachusetts, voters are not enrolled in any party. "They are independents," he said. "We are the largest party in the state."

"There are a number of potential candidates in the state," he said. "But there is a point where people get disenchanted with the status quo."

A number of issues are of concern to these voters. Fishkin mentioned the cost of living, education, and the environment.

"The cost of living is too high," he said. "Education is too expensive. And the environment is in jeopardy."
TRIO / GEAR UP

The aim of the GEAR UP and TRIO Programs is to identify and provide counseling, mentoring, academic support, and college outreach services for high school students to reach their full potential. Middlesex Community college has partnered with Lowell High School for several years and the staff have embraced our students with tremendous support and great success stories. Students receive assistance with the college application process, visit many colleges and universities and develop the confidence that says “why not me”! This past year over 1150 students were served through this incredible partnership and of the 308 seniors served, 136 will be attending Middlesex Community College this fall and approximately 170 students have been accepted at 4 year public and private colleges and universities! Overall, 92% are going on to post secondary schools. For further information about this great program please contact Colleen Winn, Program Director for Pre-Collegiate TRIO and GEAR UP programs at Middlesex Community College at 978-656-3401 or at Lowell High School, 978-937-8919.
AN LHS/MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE PARTNERSHIP

The partnership between Lowell High School and Middlesex Community College began during the 2012-2013 school year. This year 160 students completed full college credit courses in English Composition, Psychology, Sociology, Calculus, Environmental Studies and Biology. They earned over $252 credits combined! In 2014-15 an Introduction to Engineering course will be offered for the first time. Dual enrollment students are primarily responsible for their own successes or failures, similar to the college environment, however most classes are held at Lowell High School in a familiar setting. Successful students learn college readiness skills while at the same time get an early start towards a college degree, and save thousands of dollars for themselves and their families! Through this partnership Middlesex Community College has saved Lowell High families over $200,000 in tuition costs!

Five Lowell High teachers have been mentored by the Middlesex Community College staff and are currently Adjunct Professors. Jennifer Carey, Kristie Volante, Barbara Eddy, Tracy Estrella and Deana Stanford were recently honored by the Middlesex Community College leadership team with a luncheon at the Nesmith House. The collaboration on instruction and preparation with college professors has allowed teachers to be exposed to the college standards and expectations while also offering professors a glimpse into where their future students are coming from. These cross-institutional conversations and professional development opportunities are at the heart of the Dual Enrollment program. This Lowell High School-Middlesex Community College partnership can only strengthen the “college knowledge” among the high school students to better prepare them for their higher education endeavors.
MOBIES

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NANCY SHOHEIT WEST

Free outdoor movies at college

Middlesex Community College has invited area residents to its annual outdoor movie night on the quad at its local campus, at 591 Springs Road, starting at 8 p.m. Friday. "Maleficent" will be shown first, followed by "Captain America: The Winter Soldier." Moviegoers are invited to bring lawn chairs, sleeping bags, and blankets.

In case of rain, the free event will move indoors to the campus cafeteria. It is being sponsored by the Middlesex Student Activities Crew.

NANCY SHOHEIT WEST
MIDDLESEX C.C. NEWS

Registration for the full semester at Middlesex Community College is open through Wednesday, Sept. 3. Here are some programs available.

Weekend College
Earn the degree you need at a time that works for you with Middlesex Community College's Weekend College program. Weekend College classes are available on Saturdays in a 15-week, or an accelerated 10-week format. The program offers students additional opportunities to take prerequisites for admission to selected programs. Credit for prior learning, training, work or life experience may be granted. Also, up to 45 transfer credits may be awarded to students with previous college experience. Saturday advising is available, as well as financial aid for those who qualify. For more information, call 800-818-3434, or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/weekendcollege.

Computer Science Transfer
This fall, Middlesex Community College is offering a new Computer Science Transfer, Secure Software Development Associate in Science degree program. Intended to prepare students for transfer to a Bachelor's degree program, the program focuses on developing secure software that performs only its intended functions without the presence of vulnerabilities that hackers or others with malicious intent can exploit. It also includes robust, career-focused pathways in the fields of computer science, information technology, computer networking and data analysis. For more information, email bradyd@middlesex.mass.edu.

Flexible Studies
Middlesex Community College’s Flexible Studies course options provide an alternative learning environment to traditional classroom instruction. Students in MCC’s Flexible Studies courses participate in creating their own learning experience based on their college readiness, interests and long-term goals. Students can select convenient class hours from many available course-meeting times, learn at their own pace by extending or accelerating their coursework, and can work one-on-one with instructors using a variety of learning tools. For more information, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/flexibluestudies, or call 781-280-3736 in Bedford or 978-656-3350 in Lowell.

Engineering Science Transfer
Registration is now open for Middlesex Community College’s new Engineering Science Transfer Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science Transfer Civil/Environmental Engineering Associate Degree programs. Classes start Wednesday, Sept. 3. Designed in collaboration with the Francis College of Engineering at UMass Lowell, MCC’s new Engineering Science Transfer Degree programs serve as a pathway for students to earn their Associate degree while fulfilling the requirements of two full years of a four-year Bachelor’s degree program in Engineering. For more information, email bradyd@middlesex.mass.edu.

Communications Concentration
Enrollment is now open for Middlesex Community College’s Communications Concentration, Liberal Arts and Sciences degree program. MCC’s Communications Concentration program provides a broad introduction to mass media, including television, digital media, print, film, photography and music, as well as their connection to American culture. The coursework includes study of history, theory, technology and effects of communications media. Internships are available and are recommended to students who wish to pursue a career in communications. For more information or for registration information, call 800-818-3434.
DEMOCRATIC VOTERS in the 6th Congressional District are facing a decision among five candidates on the Democratic ballot, but one of them doesn't live in the district he's hoping to represent.

John Devine, who appeared at a debate co-hosted by The Sun, The Salem News and Middlesex Community College Friday, lives in Woburn, but said he's planning to move to Wilmington, a part of the 6th, by the end of the year. Most of his family lives in the 6th District, he said.

"I've always had one foot in the 6th District. I understand the district and identify with the people there," Devine said. "It's one of the most beautiful parts of the country, and I want to keep the district in Democrats' hands."

Devine said he thinks he's the strongest Democratic candidate to face Republican challenger Richard Tisei in the general election in November.

The Sun's successful partnership with Middlesex Community College sponsoring political debates continues Thursday at the Bradford Morse Federal Building in downtown Lowell with a doubleheader.

Republican gubernatorial candidates Charlie Baker and Mark Fisher have agreed to meet at 3 p.m., following a 1 p.m. debate featuring the two independents running for governor, Evan Falchuk and Jeff McCormick.

Each debate will run about one hour.

According to several published polls, Baker, who lost the 2010 election to Patrick, is the leading GOP candidate to win the Sept. 9 primary against the little-known Fisher, a tea-party supporter.

Falchuk, who founded the United Independent Party, and McCormick, listed as an independent, are already on the November general election ballot as separate gubernatorial candidates and do not have a primary.

The Sun and MCC have already brought together Democrats running for attorney general, Tolman and Healey; for Middlesex district attorney, Marian Ryan and Michael Sullivan; and for 6th District representative that featured Devine, Marisa DeFranco, Seth Moulton and incumbent John Tierney.
**Middlesex Offers New Engineering Science Transfer Programs**

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In most cases, MCC students will take their engineering electives at UMass Lowell, and receive full credit toward their associate degree at MCC and, through a reverse transfer articulation agreement, will simultaneously satisfy course requirements at UMass Lowell.

“The first two years of any engineering curriculum is really intense,” said Michele Stein, MCC Assistant Professor of Engineering. “This program enables students to get one-on-one time with MCC instructors in a small classroom environment and take courses at a four-year institution, helping them integrate seamlessly into upper-level classes, and become better prepared for the next step of their education.”

Graduates of MCC’s Engineering Science Transfer Associate Degree programs will be prepared to transfer to four-year bachelor’s degree programs in engineering, and in most cases, prepared to take primarily the engineering core courses and engineering electives needed to complete their bachelor’s degrees.

For more information about MCC’s new Engineering Science Transfer Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science Transfer Civil/Environmental Engineering Associate Degree programs, contact Don Brady, MCC’s Assistant Dean of STEM, at bradyd@middlesex.mass.edu.
10 QUESTIONS WITH...
Liam Donovan of Tewksbury

Liam Donovan is a recovering addict who writes poetry to try to help others struggling with drug addiction.

Poetry helps pave his road to recovery

By Chelsea Felnstein
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TEWKSBURY — After years of battling a heroin addiction, 28-year-old Liam Donovan of Tewksbury has his sights set upward.

Donovan began his quest for sobriety in 2006, and has been using a combination of methadone clinics and counseling since then to move away from heroin. He has turned to poetry to help him on his road to recovery, and is working on outreach efforts with his friends and through a Facebook page to use his words to inspire others who struggle with addiction.

Now a student at Middlesex Community College in Bedford, he’s hoping to someday become a counselor to help others fight addiction.

Q: What drugs were you addicted to and how did the addiction start?
A: I started smoking pot at age 11 and just experimented from there on. When I first tried Oxycontin from a friend, it really grabbed me. It was amazing and it was just a downward spiral. It lasted about eight months until I ran through $15,000 in savings and that’s when I started with heroin.

Q: What inspired you to start the recovery process?
A: I served time twice for possession. After the second time, I went to a sober house. I relapsed but at that point in time I knew I was going back if I violated my probation, so I went to a methadone clinic. I made the choice to do the methadone because I knew it would keep me from being in or out of jail or dead.

Q: What do you write about?
A: I write about things that I feel about addiction and how I felt when I was going through what I was going through. Because it is a disease, it stays with you for life. It’s a battle you’re fighting day to day. I try to relate to the people who are out there whether they’re using, in recovery or they just had a loved one that’s been in addiction or recovery.

Q: Were you interested
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Q: What has enrolling at MCC done for you?
A: It was nice to be back at school, learning about something I’m interested in. I learned a lot last year.

Q: What are your goals for the future?
A: I absolutely want to be a counselor. I’ve been thinking about doing counseling since I first had an incident where I had to go to counseling when I was about 15. Since then I’ve always been in the back of my mind and I think I would be able to relate to people.

Q: What has it been like for you to watch this opiate epidemic unfold across the region?
A: It’s sad that this has to happen, all these people had to die, to open some people’s eyes. This has been going on for years. It’s not something new. It’s just so sad that that’s what it really takes to open some eyes to this epidemic.

Q: If you could say anything to someone struggling with addiction, what would you say?
A: It only gets better, but it can only get worse if you continue with what you’re doing now. I just hope people make the right choice. It’s a very hard thing.

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Challengers take shots at Tierney

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BEDFORD — When asked if residents of the 6th Congressional District were better off now than they were two years ago, three of the four candidates in a debate sponsored by The Sun and The Salem News Thursday responded with an emphatic “no.”

The one candidate who did not was nine-term incumbent Rep. John Tierney, who called the question “simplistic.” He said that progress had been made, but the middle class was still in the process of recovering from the recession.

“I think relative to two years ago the people of this district are doing better, but they’re not doing nearly as well as we all want them to be,” Tierney said.

“Massachusetts did better in the recovery than the other states did, and a lot of it was because we Please see DEBATE/6
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made certain investments that really paid off in the long run," he added.

That answer wasn't good enough for Tierney's three challengers in the debate: U.S. Marine veteran and businesswoman Seth Moulton, immigration lawyer Marisa DeFranco and businessman John Devine.

"My office is literally on Main Street, and the truth is that Congress has been crushing the life out of small businesses for the past two years and the past 20 years," DeFranco said.

Moulton cited Lynn as an example of a city that isn't living up to its potential as a center of manufacturing.

"When you go out and talk to people in this district, the number one thing on people's minds is that they want jobs, and unemployment today is higher in the 6th than it is in the rest of the state. We have lost thousands of good manufacturing jobs over the last 10 or 15 years," Moulton said.

A lack of jobs was the problem note for Devine, who said that he would provide incentives for college graduates to stay in Massachusetts to bring high-tech jobs to the region.

Tierney's record was the focus of much of the debate at Middlesex Community College's Bedford campus, where Moulton, DeFranco and Devine challenged the incumbent on his record of having passed just one bill over 38 years of service.

"We need leaders in Congress who can really get things done because Congress is broken. We've never had a more broken Congress in our nation's history and we fundamentally can't fix that by sending the same people back again and again," Moulton said.

Tierney defended his work on economic issues and education, and blamed House Speaker John Boehner for making it difficult to get bills passed with bipartisan support.

"Thousands of people come to our office all the time, and know that whether it's a veterans' problem or a housing problem, or a Social Security problem or Medicare, they're going to get the kind of attention that they deserve and that we take great pride in providing on that," Tierney said.

As the only candidate in the race who isn't accepting funding from political action committees, DeFranco said that she would be responsible only to voters, unlike Tierney and Moulton.

Devine said he had accepted a donation from a just one political action committee.

"Good For Education. "I'm the small-money guy," he said.

When asked about what three steps they would take to combat poverty, all candidates advocated raising the minimum wage, though DeFranco said she would only raise it to $9 to avoid negative effects on small businesses.

Tierney also said he would provide incentives to bring jobs back to the U.S. and invest in infrastructure. Moulton pushed for corporate tax reform, while DeFranco advocated an 8 percent tax cut for small businesses and increased investment in community colleges, which she said is the only affordable way to get a college education.

On the issue of the U.S.'s responsibility to intervene in Iraq, Moulton, who served four tours in Iraq, said the problem is primarily political, rather than a military issue. He does not support putting troops on the ground.

"Fundamentally, I'm running for Congress because I saw the consequences firsthand of those bad decisions in Washington," Moulton said.

Although she did not support the Iraq War, DeFranco said that she would consider sending soldiers into the country to prevent ISIS militants from taking over.

"Throwing up our hands and saying we're going to do nothing is not an option," she said.

Tierney said he supported President Barack Obama's humanitarian efforts in Iraq over putting boots on the ground, while Devine said he supported more international involvement in Iraq.

The one thing all candidates agreed upon — Market Basket. All four said they supported the chain's employees and customers who are protesting for the return of ousted CEO Arthur T. Demoulas.

The winner of the Democratic primary on Sept. 9 will face Republican Richard Tiaci in the general election. Tiaci narrowly defeated Tiaci in 2012, with 48.3 percent to 47.3 percent, with 372,224 votes cast.

The 6th District includes the Middlesex County communities of Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, North Reading, Reading, Tewksbury, Wakefield and Wilmington. Most of the district is made up of communities in Essex County, including Angelesbury, Beverly, Gloucester, Lynn, Newburyport, Peabody and Salem.

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Sun co-sponsoring 6th District Dem debate

By Chelsea Feinstein
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LOWELL — Democratic congressional candidates for one of the state’s most heavily contested primary races will face off in a debate Thursday, jointly hosted by The Sun and The Salem News.

The newspapers are partnering with Middlesex Community College to host a 6th Congressional District debate at MCC’s Bedford campus at 1 p.m. Thursday, in the Campus Cafeteria Center. The event is open to the public.

The forum will be moderated by Sun Editor James Campanini. Questions will be asked by a panel comprised of Sun Enterprise Editor Christopher Scott, Salem News Editor David Olson and MCC Director of Community Affairs Mary-Jo Griffin.


The winner of the Democratic primary on Sept. 9 will face Republican Richard Tisei in the general election. Tierney defeated Tisei in 2012 by 1 percentage point, 48.3 percent to 47.3 percent, out of 372,224 votes cast.

“This represents a great event for the public to learn where the candidates stand on key issues like the economy and health care,” said Campanini. “It’s important that voters do their homework to make an informed decision on Election Day.”

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Sun to co-sponsor 6th District debate

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Wilmington. Most of the district is made up of 31 Essex County communities, the largest being the cities of Amesbury, Beverly, Gloucester, Lynn, Newburyport, Peabody and Salem.

According to the 2000 federal census, the 6th District's population of 636,654 is mostly white (89.8 percent), the median annual family income is $76,642, and 69 percent of the jobs are considered white collar (managerial, administrative).

Candidates' priorities

Tierney said he's taking nothing for granted in the primary, working confidently with his campaign staff to mobilize his loyal voters.

"I think people know that I work for regular families, making their quality of life better and their financial life as well," Tierney said. "The contrast is stark. If you elect a Republican you get more (House Speaker) John Boehner and more of a Congress that doesn't do anything."

Tierney said his priorities include measures to ease financial strain on working families, including raising the minimum wage and providing early-childhood education opportunities.

"I want to make sure that the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is put into place the way we intended. I want to reauthorize the Higher Education bill to make sure college is affordable and accessible to students, so we can continue trying to lower the costs of college not just for those who are in college, but for those who have graduated and for parents who are paying for college," Tierney said.

Moulton, a Harvard graduate and Marine veteran from Salem, said his top priority is increasing the number of jobs and strengthening the economy, with a particular focus on manufacturing in Lynn and the fishing industry in Gloucester.

He has also prioritized veterans' issues and the lowering of the cost of higher education.

"We need a champion for economic development in the 6th District. We need someone who believes in educational opportunity for all and will fight to make that happen, and we need someone who understands how to take care of our veterans," Moulton said. "And most importantly, we need someone who not only believes in these things, but will actually get them done."

Moulton is challenging Tierney's effectiveness as a congressman who, he said, has passed one bill in 18 years in office.

"At the end of the day, I will be a congressman who won't just cast a vote on issues, but will be truly committed to getting things done for the people of the district," Moulton said.

The top priority for lawyer Marisa DeFranco, of Middleton, is providing tax breaks for small businesses and cutting corporate subsidies for large corporations.

"For the last 17 years, Congress has been crushing the life out of Main Street and out of our ability as taxpayers and hardworking people to make ends meet every day," DeFranco said. "They either pass laws that hurt us or they do nothing, which hurts us, too."

She is also proposing an immigration-reform plan that stresses increased border security and enforcing the law. She is also pushing for equal pay for equal work and other women's rights issues.

As a candidate who is not taking any money from political action committees, DeFranco said she can be trusted to uphold a high standard of ethics.

"The voters know that I go to Washington beholden to no special interests and directly responsible only to the voters. Right now there's very little of that because the game is so rigged against skills, against common sense and against solutions," DeFranco said.

John Devine, who lives outside the 6th District in Woburn, worked as a paralegal before founding a risk-assessment management company. He said he's hoping to break into politics to bring fresh ideas to what he calls a "do-nothing Congress."

"I'm a candidate who's not beholden to special interests. I'm not a candidate who's going to sit on my hands while Congress does nothing. I'm going to work to pass legislation. I want to represent everyone in the 6th District, because you can't move the Democratic agenda forward unless you move everyone forward," Devine said.

Those ideas include creating a nationwide aqueduct system to create jobs and provide renewable energy, implementing a national mental health-care policy and encouraging graduates of Massachusetts colleges and universities to stay and work in the state, particularly in high-tech industries.

He also stressed the need to revitalize industry in Lynn and Gloucester, prevent jobs from being outsourced and address income inequality, which he called "the defining issue of our time."

Follow Chelsea Feinstein on Twitter and Tbt @CEFeinstein.
MCC and Pyne combine for a ceramics lesson

LOWELL — Lowell’s Pyne Arts Magnet School recently unveiled a ceramic-tile mural, titled “New Waves Replace Old Waves,” created by students at the K-8 school with artist-in-residence Yary Livan, a Lowell artist and Middlesex Community College adjunct professor of Ceramics. Designed by Livan and composed of more than 500 8-by-3-inch tiles, the mural hangs in the school’s main hallway. Over a six-month period, every student in the school created a tile under the supervision of Livan and in collaboration with Pyne Arts School Art Instructor Jacqui Miller, who is also an adjunct professor of Art at MCC.

The title of the mural is taken from an old Cambodian poem, Livan said, and symbolizes the cycle of life. “The new waves — they are very strong and high — represent youth,” he said. “The old waves are smaller and not very strong. They don’t have much energy left, and then they are gone. The old generation is constantly making way for the new.”

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A survivor of Cambodia’s brutal Pol Pot-era genocide, Livan is one of only a few surviving masters of classical Cambodian ceramics. Initiated by Miller, the Pyne Arts mural project is part of an ongoing college-community partnership program focused on preserving the ancient Cambodian art form. It was supported by grants from the Massachusetts Cultural Council/Stars Residency Program and the Lowell Cultural Council. Livan is also at the center of a $40,000 grant MCC recently received from the National Endowment for the Arts. The two-year grant supports preservation, understanding and appreciation of the endangered Cambodian ceramic tradition, and encourages a new generation of practicing Cambodian ceramists. Under the direction of Middlesex Art Professor Margaret Rack, the grant has enabled Livan to expand his teaching to Lowell Public Schools students and the community. He has also trained Lowell teachers in the art and history of Cambodian ceramics in workshops co-taught with Miller, and is creating a body of work to go on exhibit next spring.

All programming revolves around MCC’s smokeless, wood-fired Cambodian ceramics kiln, constructed on the grounds of the Lowell National Historical Park.
Middlesex Community College Ceramics Instructor Yary Livian stands above “New Waves Replace Old Waves,” the ceramic mural he helped K-8 students create as artist-in-residence at Lowell’s Pyne Arts Magnet School.
MCC Offers Free Opportunity To Start College With Links Program

Middlesex Community College’s Links Program is a tuition-free program designed specifically to help nontraditional students start college. Applications are currently being accepted for the fall semester, which begins Wednesday, Sept. 3.

Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) in partnership with MCC, Links provides an opportunity for eligible students to earn five to 11 college and institutional credits FREE in one or two semesters. The program was established in 2000 for individuals who lack some academic or study skills, and for those who have not recently been in an academic setting.

Although there are no age restrictions, Links is intended to serve adult students who have been away from school and would benefit from extra support and direction. Eligible applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, be a Massachusetts resident, and take MCC College Placement Tests and place into “Basic Writing” and/or “Algebra I.” Preference is given to students who studied in a DESE-funded Adult Basic Education Program.

Once accepted into the Links program, students take two seminars and two or three classes. Links classes are held from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, on MCC’s Bedford campus. Links students can use all Middlesex facilities and access all student services, including academic and career guidance, skills assessment, and individual support services. Classes are small, usually 15 students, and are comprised entirely of other Links students.

For more information about MCC’s Links Program, contact Ruth Clark, Links Program Coordinator, at clarkr@middlesex.mass.edu or 781-280-3654, or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/Links.

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walk in and get started on a new direction at Middlesex Community College. Learn more about MCC’s fall-semester programs and courses at two Walk-In Admissions Sessions to be held on our Bedford and Lowell campuses. The Bedford Campus Walk-In Admissions Session will be held Thursday, Aug. 21, from 2 to 6 p.m., in the Bedford Campus Center (Student Lounge), 581 Springs Road. The Lowell Campus Walk-In Admissions Session will be held Wednesday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 6 p.m., in the Lowell Campus Cafeteria, 33 Kearney Square. For more information about MCC’s Walk-In Admissions Sessions, call 800-818-3434 or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu.

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Middlesex Community College Offers FREE Refresher Workshops

Middlesex Community College offers FREE Reading, Writing and Math Refresher Workshops for students who wish to brush up their skills before taking the College Placement Test. Workshops are offered all summer on the Bedford and Lowell campuses.

"These workshops are a great opportunity for all students to be more successful throughout college," said Phyllis Gleason, MCC’s Dean of Foundational Studies, First-Year Experience and General Education. "A short two-hour refresher course can help students score higher on the College Placement Test so they can begin classes at their appropriate learning level, preventing them from taking classes they don’t really need — saving time and money."

MCC’s Reading Refresher Workshop helps students improve their reading skills and testing strategies to improve their score on the Reading Accuplacer Test. Topics covered during this workshop include, finding main ideas, locating details, identifying patterns of organization, and making inferences.

The Writing Refresher Workshop helps students improve their writing skills and covers topics including, formulating and supporting strong thesis statements, using appropriate grammar and sentence structure and developing compelling introductions and conclusions.

MCC’s Math Refresher Workshop reviews basic arithmetic skills, including standard operations with whole numbers, fractions, decimals and percentages. A review of elementary algebra is also included.

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SELECTMEN

Police to protect MCC

By Mary K. McBridge
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The Bedford Police will soon have a visible presence on the Middlesex Community College (MCC) campus during the day. As part of a new collaboration, a Bedford officer will be installed as a campus safety officer at the college to prevent inappropriate behavior, increase safety and assist with student development.

At their Aug. 4 meeting, the selectmen voted unanimously to support the installation of a Campus Safety Office (CSO) at MCC. Police Chief Robert Bongiorno and MCC Executive Director for Public Affairs Patrick Cook explained the agreement between Bedford and the college, citing a similar arrangement between the Lowell Police Department and Middlesex’s Lowell campus. With Lowell’s campus safety office working well, the school’s Board of Trustees authorized the Bedford position.

Cook, who previously served as communications director for the Lowell Police Department, told the selectmen that the campus safety officer would be a trained police officer who would wear a full Bedford Police uniform and drive a marked Bedford police car, but the officer’s full salary and all benefits (approximately $95,000 including health insurance and retirement contribution) would be paid by MCC.

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“There has been considerable interest in this position from among veteran officers,” said Bongiorno. “This will raise the number of Bedford officers from 28 to 29, and I am confident that we can fill the vacancy created by the lateral transfer of an already trained and experienced officer.”

According to the Memorandum of Understanding between the town of Bedford and MCC, the “CSO shall be a uniformed officer assigned full time to the MCC Medford campus 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.” The memorandum further stated that the officer will be “assigned primarily to MCC properties, but shall also be available to assist with operations in the event of a public safety emergency in the vicinity of MCC’s Bedford campus.”

In addition to other responsibilities, the officer will act as a criminal justice advisor and mentor, working closely with students in the criminal justice program.
EDITORIAL

Manager's plan worth the old college try

As a lifelong resident as well as a legislator, City Manager Kevin Murphy has witnessed Lowell's struggle to maintain a viable downtown business district.

The demise of department stores like Pollard's, Bon Marche and Cherry & Webb, combined with the popularity of retail malls, has left Lowell and other older cities continually scrambling to fill that void.

While Lowell has succeeded to some degree in attracting the middle class to make the downtown their home, it still lacks that one major entity to drive economic growth.

Manager Murphy, also a Boston College grad and football fan, has seen how some communities, like Clemson, S.C., have capitalized on their proximity to a large university.

Lowell doesn't have a college football team filling an 60,000-seat stadium on Saturdays. However, it does, under the leadership of UMass Lowell Chancellor Marty Meehan, have a dynamic university that continues to expand on the periphery of the downtown.

At the same time, there is Middlesex Community College which already has a major downtown presence.

So when Manager Murphy said at a recent meeting with Sun editors that his top priority is to make Lowell a college town, it sounded like an overly ambitious goal. To do that, students would need a reason to venture downtown.

Which means attracting retail and entertainment outlets catering to those students' needs.

And that's what the manager, with the help of both institutions of higher learning, says he intends to do.

Murphy said his administration already has begun to engage both UMass Lowell and MCC, seeking the types of businesses students would like to see downtown.

With the right retail mix, these students would need travel no farther than the Merrimack Street corridor.

The manager said he's appointed a member of his economic-development team as point person in this quest to make the city center become a college town. We hope all the city's major stakeholders, like the Lowell Plan and Greater Lowell Chamber of Commerce, will join in this effort.

Murphy might be in the right place and that right time. UMass Lowell has undergone a significant building boom under Chancellor Meehan, adding both state-of-the-art academic facilities and student-friendly dormitories.

That has undoubtedly helped attract the type of high-quality students UMass Lowell seeks. A vibrant, college-student oriented downtown would likewise make UMass Lowell a more desirable school to attend.

Yes, this is an ambitious undertaking, but one we believe is well worth taking. The downtown needs an economic catalyst, and those thousands of college students at its doorstep present a golden opportunity.
THE SUN, with co-sponsor Middlesex Community College, has already pulled off two successful debates featuring candidates for Middlesex County district attorney and state attorney general.

Now, The Sun is teaming up with UMass Lowell to sponsor a debate between the six candidates vying to succeed Murphy as state representative from the 18th Middlesex District, the section of the city consisting of the Highlands and Acre.

The debate will be held Sept. 4, at 6:30 p.m., at UMass Lowell’s new, gleaming University Crossing complex on Pawtucket Street.

“We’re pleased to partner with the Lowell Sun to host the debate and provide a civic-engagement opportunity for our students,” UMass Lowell Chancellor Marty Meehan said. “It’s fitting that it will be one of the first events at University Crossing, a new, state-of-the-art hub for student activity that will be host to many public events.

“We look forward to welcoming the candidates to campus and giving our students and voters the opportunity to hear from them on key issues affecting the 18th Middlesex District, which includes University Crossing as well as UMass Lowell’s South and East campuses,” he added.

The debate will feature four Democrats on the ballot: Brian Donovan, James Leary, Rady Mom and David Ouellette. Also participating will be Paul Ratha Yem, who is running a sticker campaign, and Fred Bahou, who is running as an unenrolled candidate.

A three-member panel will ask questions, and the event will be moderated by UMass Lowell’s second-most-sought-after political analyst, Frank Talty.
Scholarships abound at Middlesex

LOWELL — The Middlesex Community College Foundation recently awarded more than $45,000 in scholarships to 40 deserving Middlesex students for the 2013-2014 academic year.

The 47 scholarships range from $500 to $2,500 and are funded by a variety of sources, including memorial donations, local businesses, private foundations and private donors.

Two new memorial scholarships were awarded this year: the Caryl Dunford Scholarship and the Olga Costello Memorial Scholarship.

The Caryl Dunford Scholarship was established in memory of the former dean of professional and instructional development, for her commitment to MCC and the value she placed on service to the community. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a male student who intends to pursue a nontraditional career for men.

The Olga Costello Memorial Scholarship was established by the husband and family of Olga Costello. It celebrates her love and commitment to the college's historical properties, especially the gardens of MCC's John Nesmith House in Lowell. The scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving Middlesex student.

For more information about the Middlesex Community College Foundation Scholarships, contact Amy Lee, director of annual giving and alumni relations, at lee@middlesex.mass.edu or 781-280-3579 or visit our website at www.middlesex.mass.edu/foundation/scholarships.

Following are the 2013-2014 scholarship recipients.

Caryl Dunford: Anthony Silva, Catherine L. Goodwin Memorial: Kann Pike.
Charles and Olga Malvera Memorial: Maryma Eppinger.
College TRIO Programs: Emmanuel Applah, Raquel Perez, Concord Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics: Miranda Cashman.
Emily Bouret Memorial: Emma Tumboh.
Farley Memorial: Emily Catanzaro, Ken-lynn.
John Michael Delehanty Memorial: Denise Brito.
John M. Keough Memorial: Richard Lane II, George Pilato.
Judith Taritz Technical Writing Certificate: Christopher Pappas, Carolyn Upham.
Kim Forte Memorial: Lo Do.
Lexington-Concord Chapter of the Armed Forces Communications & Electronics: Patrick Libby.
Lexington-Middlesex Community College Foundation Merit Award: Miranda Cashman.
Lura Smith Emmanuel Applah, Gackson Wheeler.
Markowicz-Dundorf: Birlandy Perea Mejia.
Middlesex Community College Foundation Merit: Renee Elliott, Lindsay Lizotte, Carol Marquis, Dennis Murphy, Madeline Njigammon, Kann Pike, Michael Spears.
Murie J. Harvey Memorial: Owen Doeherty, Emily Heffernan, Alessandra Rodgers.
Nashoba Valley Community Healthcare Fund/Greater Lowell Community Foundation: Courtney Peet, Joann Tiano.
New England Woodcarvers: Eduardo Cémareis.
Northeast Association of Realtors: Geochang Chhim.
Olga Costello Memorial: Amin Gholizadeh.
Robert Cataldi: Amin Gholizadeh.
Robert Minus Memorial: Zachary Land.
Roger Melanson Memorial: Eduardo Cémareis.
Securitas Security: Achu Kisob, Delmbris Sierra.
Shirley W. Thiemann Memorial: Courtney Pett.
Support Staff: Kenneth Abogani, Thomas O'Mahony Spirit of Excellence: Denise Brito.
Unitas: Linette Rodriguez.
MCC offers programs in Health and STEM

LOWELL — Incoming students to MCC’s Health and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs can get ahead of the class with the Middlesex Community College STEM Starter Summer Bridge Program.

Offered through the Health & STEM Pathways Center, a free, two-week summer session is open to new or continuing Middlesex students with less than 24 credits. The session is being offered Aug. 11-22. All courses take place on the Lowell campus.

Each day, students are introduced to new aspects of the health & STEM fields. Students explore careers in health and STEM fields, meet MCC faculty and staff, learn important study skills, get help developing a résumé, and learn about available research, internship and job opportunities.

Students also gain hands-on experience and laboratory skills, and can connect with a peer mentor. Middlesex faculty, staff and guest lecturers lead the sessions, which vary from year to year, but have recently included Environmental Science, Biotechnology and Clinical Lab Techniques.

For more information or to register, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/pathwayscenter or call the MCC Health & STEM Pathways Center at 978-322-8411.
Upcoming courses and activities at Middlesex Community College

Earn a Degree at a Time that Works for You with MCC’s Weekend College

Earn the degree you need at a time that works for you with Middlesex Community College’s Weekend College program. Registration is now open for fall semester courses, which run Sept. 6 through Dec. 20. Classes meet Saturdays on the Bedford and Lowell campuses.

Weekend College classes are available on Saturdays in a 15-week, or an accelerated 10-week format. This program offers students additional opportunities to take prerequisites for admission to selected programs. Credit for prior learning, training, work or life experience may be granted. Additionally, up to 45 transfer credits may be awarded to students with previous college experience. Saturday advising is available, as well as financial aid for those who qualify.

For more information or to register for Weekend College, call 1-800-818-3434, or visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/weekendcollege/

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Earn a Business Degree in 17 Months with MCC’s Weekend College

Registration is now open for Middlesex Community College’s Weekend College Accelerated Business Degree Program. Classes meet Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in 16-week sessions on the Lowell campus, and run Aug. 2 through Oct. 4.

By combining Saturday and online courses, students can earn an associate degree in Business Administration Transfer in just 17 months. The program includes a hybrid of face-to-face classroom time with online learning.

Credit for prior learning, training, work or life experience may be granted. Additionally, up to 45 transfer credits may be awarded to students with previous college experience. Saturday advising is available, as well as financial aid for qualified students.

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Middlesex Community College Offers SHRM® HR Essentials Course

Interested in starting a career in human resources? Registration is now open for Middlesex Community College’s Community Education & Training noncredit Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM®) Human Resource Essentials course. Classes meet Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Bedford campus, and run Oct. 18 through Nov. 1.

This 15-hour, noncredit introductory course offers a comprehensive overview of human resource roles and responsibilities. It will provide participants with critical knowledge to help reduce potentially costly lawsuits and improve the ability to handle challenging HR issues. This course is ideal for those who are just starting out in the human resource profession, small business owners, or those who are looking for an effective way to improve their employee management skills.

Topics covered include human resources management, employment law, recruitment and selection, compensation and benefits, employee development, and performance management.

In cooperation with SHRM®, 1.5 CEUs and a certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of all hours. Partial credit is not awarded. The cost of this course is $395 and includes all SHRM® study materials. Course is eligible for Commonwealth of MA employee tuition waiver for tuition fee only. The deadline to register is Tuesday, Oct. 7.

For more information or to register for this course, call Sheila Morin at 781-280-3608 or visit https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/careertraining/shrmc.aspx.
TWO 6TH DISTRICT FORUMS

Papers co-sponsoring congressional debates

Sun Staff Report

LOWELL — With the 6th Congressional District race generating widespread state and national interest, The Sun and The Salem Evening News have joined forces to co-sponsor two debates between the candidates.

The Sun will host a debate for Democratic primary candidates on Thursday, Aug. 14, at Middlesex Community College's Bedford campus.

The Evening News will host a general election debate, a date and time to be determined prior to the Nov. 4 election. The location will be in Peabody.

Both events are open to the public.


The winner of the Sept. 9 Democratic primary will meet Tisei in the fall general election. The historic collaboration brings together dominant community newspapers in their respective markets, which span the 6th District and its two counties, Essex and Middlesex.

"The Sixth is one of the most diverse districts in the state," said David Olson, editor of The Salem Evening News. "It has strong, growing immigrant populations and old New England small towns. It's a center for industries as old as commercial fishing and as new as biotech. Collaborating with The Sun on these debates helps ensure voters from all constituencies get to hear the candidates on issues important to them."

The Salem Evening News, owned by Community Newspaper Holdings Inc., is the leading print and digital-news operation on the North Shore. Its core communities, all in the 6th District, include Danvers, Beverly, Marblehead, Peabody, Salem and Swampscott.

Its sister newspapers are the Eagle-Tribune of North Andover, the Gloucester Daily Times, and The Daily News of Newburyport, all of which cover 6th District communities.

The Sun, owned by Digital First Media, serves 14 core communities in the Merrimack Valley, including 6th District towns of Bedford, Burlington, Billerica, Tewksbury and Wilmington.

Jim Campanini, The Sun's editor, said he and Olson have been working on a collaboration idea since late May.

"This is a key congressional race being covered by two great community newspapers. I approached David and told him that the district's voters would benefit immensely from a joint effort and he agreed," said Campanini.

In addition, the newspapers are working on a plan to potentially share stories and digital content concerning the race. Tentative plans call for two 75-minute debates in which the candidates will be asked questions from a three-member media panel. Editors Campanini and Olson will serve as moderators.
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WHEN THE Lowell Police Academy had its first class in 1996, one of its staff instructors was a Lowell cop named Timothy Crowley.

Crowley, now a captain, took over the academy late last week, albeit on an interim basis, and not necessarily under the circumstances he might have preferred.

Crowley took over for Sgt. Thomas Fleming, who was placed on paid administrative leave as part of the Police Department's probe into alleged cheating during a late April promotional exam for sergeants, including Fleming.

The 24-week academy is in its sixth week. Crowley was spotted Wednesday morning jogging with a group of cadets near the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell. Fifty-eight cadets are enrolled in the academy.

“I know Captain Crowley will do an excellent job overseeing the academy,” said Police Superintendent William Taylor. “He is a respected veteran of the Lowell Police Department who commands the respect of those he serves with. I can’t think of a better police officer to oversee the academy.”

A former Tyngsboro cop, the 55-year-old Crowley has been a Lowell police officer going on 26 years. This Friday, he will celebrate 31 years in local law enforcement.

Until his reassignment, Crowley oversaw the overnight shift. Over the years, he has worn multiple hats in the Police Department. For example, he’s also served as a school resource officer and overseen the busy Traffic Division.

Asked if he was planning any operational changes at the academy, Crowley said no. Using Middlesex Community College and the Tsongas Center as its homes, he added: “I see no reason to deviate from what’s been done at the academy.”

Crowley, is however, happy to be back working days as opposed to the overnight shift.

“The overnight shift is a great place to be and a lot of great police work is accomplished,” said Crowley. “But it is tough on the system.”
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nashoba Tech Summer Experience

WESTFORD — There is still time to enroll in Nashoba Valley Technical High School’s Summer Experience at the early-registration discounted rate. Summer Experience offers students entering grades 6–9 an exploratory week in such topics as cosmetology, robotics, culinary arts, Java, web design and computer animation, and many more. Students get an opportunity to try a new topic and work in a state-of-the-art lab in real-life subject matter. The program runs for four one-week sessions, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuition is $299 per week per child. For more information or to register, visit www.nashobatech.net or call at 978-692-4711, ext. 1001.

Burlington High preschool sign-ups

BURLINGTON — Burlington High School’s Child Development Preschool is accepting applications for September enrollment. Morning preschool sessions are held Monday through Thursday, from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. Children must turn 3 by Aug. 31. Tuition is $500 for the year. The preschool offers experienced staff, a certified early-childhood teacher, qualified BHS assistants, an easily accessible room, convenient drop-off and pickup and a nurse on duty. For more information, call Sheila Kennedy at 781-238-4629, or email kennedy@opak12.org.

MCC offers Commonwealth Honors

Middlesex Community College offers unique learning opportunities for students who elect to study at a more advanced level through the Commonwealth Honors Program. CHP at Middlesex offers a variety of honors course options, as well as opportunities for students to master research and presentation techniques. For more information about MCC’s Commonwealth Honors Program, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/honors or call 781-280-3553.

Weekend College starting at MCC

LOWELL — Registration is open for Middlesex Community College’s Weekend College Accelerated Business Degree Program.

Classes meet Saturdays, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., in 10-week sessions on the Lowell campus, and run Aug. 2 through Oct. 4.

By combining Saturday and online courses, students can earn an Associate degree in Business Administration Transfer in just 17 months. The program includes a hybrid of face-to-face classroom time with online learning. Credit for prior learning, training, work or life experience may be granted.

Also, up to 45 transfer credits may be awarded to students with previous college experience.

Saturday advising is available, as well as financial aid for qualified students.

For more information, call 800-818-3434 or visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/weekendcollege.
**MCC Offers New Computer Science Cybersecurity Program**

This fall, Middlesex Community College is offering a new Computer Science Transfer, Secure Software Development (SSD) Associate in Science degree program. Registration is now open and courses begin Wednesday, Sept. 3.

“The FBI predicts cybersecurity will eventually become the number one threat against the United States,” said MCC Computer Science Professor Sanaz Rahimi. “Additionally, the U.S. Department of Labor projects there will be approximately 43,700 new jobs for computer/software programers by 2020,” she continued. “MCC’s new SSD program includes a specially designed set of courses that will equip students with the skills and expertise necessary to succeed in working in the field of cybersecurity.”

Intended to prepare students for transfer to a bachelor’s degree program, MCC’s new Computer Science SSD Program focuses on developing secure software that performs only its intended functions without the presence of vulnerabilities that hackers or others with malicious intent can exploit. It also includes robust, career-focused pathways in the fields of computer science, information technology, computer networking and data analysis.

The program conforms to the framework for cybersecurity education developed jointly by the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Department of Homeland Security. Program curriculum was developed with guidance from MCC’s Information Technology Advisory Board, which includes cybersecurity professionals from organizations such as MITRE and Lincoln Labs. The program development was funded by a grant from BATEC (Broadening Advanced Technological Education Connections), a national center of excellence for computing and information technologies, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

“Four new cybersecurity courses are being offered as part of the program, including “Operating Systems Basics & Security,” “Introduction to Computer Security,” “Secure Programming” and “Information Assurance.” A considerable amount of hands-on computer experience is incorporated into the curriculum.

For more information about MCC’s new Computer Science Transfer, Secure Software Development (SSD) Program, contact Don Brady, Assistant Dean of Health & STEM, at bradyd@middlesex.mass.edu.

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**Enroll Now in MCC’s STEM Starter Academy Summer Bridge**

Incoming students to MCC’s health and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs can get ahead of the class with the Middlesex Community College STEM Starter Summer Bridge Program.

Offered through the Health & STEM Pathways Center, these free, two-week summer sessions are open to new or continuing Middlesex students with less than 24 credits. Two sessions are offered: July 28 through Aug. 11 and Aug. 11 through 22. All courses take place on the Lowell campus.

“The Summer Bridge Program is an excellent way to introduce students to health and STEM resources at the college,” said MCC Science Professor Jessie Klein, who helps organize the program. “Many of our health and STEM students who have successfully transferred started in a Summer Bridge.”

Each day, students are introduced to new aspects of the health & STEM fields. Students explore careers in health and STEM fields, meet MCC faculty and staff, learn important study skills, get help developing a resume, and learn about available research, internship and job opportunities. Students also gain hands-on experience and laboratory skills and can connect with a peer mentor.

Middlesex faculty, staff and guest lecturers lead the sessions, which vary from year to year, but have recently included environmental science, biotechnology and clinical lab techniques.

“One of the most beneficial things this program offers is the opportunity for new students to connect with experienced students,” said Afua Serwa Addae-Adoo, MCC’s Health and STEM Pathways Job Placement Specialist. “Summer Bridge students often start their health or STEM programs feeling more connected because they know they’re not alone. They know where to go if they need help and support.”

For more information or to register for MCC’s STEM Starter Academy Summer Bridge Program, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/pathwayscenter or call the MCC Health & STEM Pathways Center at 978-322-8411.

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First-Year Experience Program helps students transition

The First-Year Experience (FYE) Program at Middlesex Community College is designed to support first-year students as they transition to college life. Established in 2012 as a pilot program, MCC's FYE Program has grown significantly and positively impacted student retention, persistence, graduation and transfer rates.

"National research has shown what we have known all along: Students are more successful in completing courses, in graduation rates, and in overall achievement when they are personally engaged with their college," said Jo Mucci, Director of First-Year Experience and Student Success. "The FYE Program at Middlesex offers a hands-on learning approach for students, and makes them aware of academic and co-curricular opportunities, thus helping them become more engaged and successful in their studies."

At the core of MCC's FYE Program is the "First-Year Experience Seminar/IDS 101," a one-credit Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) course that is linked with a three-credit introductory college-level course to form an FYE Learning Community. Students learn essential success skills, behaviors and strategies that are necessary for the successful completion of college classes.

In addition to the "First-Year Experience Seminar," students may elect to take other stand-alone IDS courses, including seminars in leadership, wellness, research, career exploration, Service-Learning, as well as "Grappling with Wicked Problems," and "Asia Today."

All FYE courses foster a strong sense of community through the use of small classroom settings, group projects, presentations, and course offerings that are accessible to all students. FYE students also work with advisors to create a unique academic and financial plan for their education and future.

Although the "First-Year Experience/IDS 101 Seminar" is currently only mandatory for students enrolled in MCC's Liberal Studies, Education and Paralegal Career programs, the FYE Program will eventually become a requirement for all first-year students, said Mucci. All other IDS courses may be taken by all students at any time.

"These seminars provide students many opportunities to practice skills and strategies they need to be successful in all of their college courses. They also introduce students to MCC's Institutional Student Learning Outcomes (ISLOs) and provide many opportunities for students to discuss and reflect on these outcomes in real-world situations. All students - especially first-year students - can benefit from this course."

"The great thing about our IDS courses is that anyone can take them at anytime," said Mucci. "Each course offers students an opportunity to learn about something that interests them, and since these are one-credit general education courses, they can be 'bundled' to fulfill a three-credit general education elective."

Students who want to get ahead of the class before the fall semester begins can enroll in MCC's "Accelerated First-Year Experience" course. Courses are offered from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 5-7, on the Bedford campus, or from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 12-14, on the Lowell campus.

Much like the regular FYE/IDS 101 Seminar, this one-credit summer seminar meets three consecutive days for a total of 15 hours. During this time, students learn essential student success skills, behaviors and habits that they can use to increase their success in other courses. Topics covered include, learning how to use a course syllabus, accessing college resources, identifying personality and learning traits, developing oral and written communication skills, and more.

For more information about the First-Year Experience at Middlesex, or to register for courses, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/FYE or contact Jo Mucci, Director of First-Year Experience and Student Success, at 781-280-3724 or mucci@middlesex.mass.edu.

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Gloves come off at debate

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"I don't have people jumping ship from my ice," he added. "I have skill sets that my friend and colleague doesn't have."

The Sun and Middlesex Community College teamed up on Tuesday at a packed Bradford Federal Building in downtown Lowell to sponsor the first debate between the candidates running for Middlesex County district attorney. Ryan has worked in the DA's office in Middlesex County for nearly four decades. She serves as the county's top prosecutor by office. Patrick in April 2013 after Gerard Ryan resigned to accept a private-sector job in Belmont. She's been running for election after her office has been criticized for its handling of assault and battery charges against Jared Remy, the son of New Sox broadcaster Jerry Remy. Remy is not held on bail — the district attorney's office did not request bail — and he murdered his friend Jennifer Martell a day later.

"The big thing for me was a year ago this month when the DA herself got up and the first words out of her mouth were to blame the victim," said Sullivan, criticizing how Ryan led the Remy case. "Blaming the victim in a domestic-violence case was beyond my comprehension."

"That's not the gold standard of what the DA's office is all about," he added. "That's not what Middlesex is all about. We need to do better."

In response, Ryan said the quality of the work in her office has been "nothing less than the gold standard." She pointed to Lowell in the last few months, saying her office has effectively addressed serious crimes.

"At the end of the day, the core mission for the district attorney's office is to be out prosecuting cases, investigating cases, making people safe," Ryan said. "That is the core mission to protect the citizens of Middlesex County."

"It's difficult to say this office hasn't been proactive," she added.

Ryan emphasized that she pushed for domestic-violence legislation in the wake of the Remy case. House Speaker Robert DeLeo said, while introducing the "most comprehensive domestic-violence legislation in a generation" with Attorney General Martha Coakley, that the legislation was spurred by the Remy case. Among the many provisions in the bill is one that would require domestic-assault suspects to be held for at least six hours after an arrest to allow time to develop a safety plan for the victim. The legislation would also educate judges and prosecutors about cycles of abuse to help them make more informed bail and sentencing decisions.

Sullivan, the former Cambridge mayor, is Middlesex County clerk of courts, an elected position that oversees all courts in the state's most populous county. Sullivan is also a former Cambridge mayor and city councilor. While Ryan questioned his credibility as a prosecutor, Sullivan asked about her legitimacy as a manager.

"It seems to me that when you become special counsel, they kept decreasing the number of people you would supervise," Sullivan said. "How can you manage a better job supervising people and not lose people?"

Democratic Middlesex District Attorney candidates Michael Sullivan and Marian Ryan spar at Middlesex Community College in their first debate co-sponsored by The Sun. SEP. 9, 2014
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The debate, open to the public, will be held at 2 p.m. in the Assembly Room at MCC’s Bradford F. Morse Federal Building on East Merrimack Street downtown.

"This is a great opportunity for citizens to come out and hear the candidates express themselves on key public-safety issues," said Sun Editor Jim Campanini. "The Middlesex district attorney's office is the busiest in the state and is a crucial partner with area communities in combating crime. Voters should take these candidates seriously in order to make an informed decision in the September primary as to what type of leader they want."

The debate will be nearly identical to the last Sun-MCC debate in May featuring the two Democrats running for attorney general, Maura Healey and Warren Tolman. The moderator on Tuesday will be Patrick Cook, MCC's executive director of public affairs. The panelists will be Christopher Scott, enterprise editor at The Sun; Laurie Myers, victim-rights advocate from Chelmsford; and Mary-Jo Griffin, MCC's director of community outreach.

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MCC gets $3M grant to build biotech facility

LOWELL — Middlesex Community College recently received a $3 million capital grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center to build a new biotechnology facility to replace the college's current, outdated facility.

MCC President Carole Cowan said the grant will allow the college to invest in one of its burgeoning industries, as well as to upgrade and supplement facilities that support the critical lab functions of the program. Specifically, the grant will allow for an investment of a "clean room" and combined lecture and laboratory space in its science properties.

"Working with Gov. (Deval) Patrick and our legislative delegation, Middlesex has tried to respond to the evolving needs of our workforce partners, particularly in the STEM industries," Cowan said, referring to science, technology, engineering and mathematics. "Specifically, biotech in Massachusetts is one of the economic engines, and we welcome opportunities to align our college-graduate preparedness with the industry clusters of our region."

Middlesex has previously been awarded the gold-level designation by the Massachusetts Life Science Education Consortium, and Cowan said the investment in infrastructure will only serve to bolster the college's offerings.

Comprehensive planning for the new facility was completed with the assistance of a planning grant from the MLSC and MCC funding. The multiphase planning process included conforming the current and emerging workforce skills required by the life-sciences industry through a workforce needs and curriculum analysis, and identifying the most feasible facility option for enhancing the education and training of MCC Biotechnology students through an architectural study.

The proposed facility, to be located on the fifth floor of the Talbot Science Building on the Lowell campus, will include a combined lecture room and laboratory, a clean room, gowning area and prep room. The addition of a clean room, which is not part of MCC's current facilities, along with the other proposed equipment and facilities upgrades, will significantly expand the capacity of MCC to prepare students in the best possible way to meet the workforce needs of the life-sciences industry.

Through the MLSC, Massachusetts is investing $1 billion over 10 years in the growth of the state's life-sciences ecosystem. The investments are being made under the Massachusetts Life Sciences Initiative, proposed by Patrick in 2007 and passed by the state Legislature and signed into law by Patrick in 2008.

For more information about MCC's MLSC grant, contact Patrick Cook, executive director of public affairs, at cookp@middlesex.mass.edu.
MCC students get opportunity to network with local STEM professionals

BEDFORD — Middlesex Community College students gathered to network with and listen to local professionals working in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and health careers at the STEM & Health Career Exploration Fair held recently on the Bedford campus.

"MCC's Health & STEM Pathways Center has been providing a variety of educational and engaging events to introduce students to the variety of careers available in the health and STEM industry," said Audrey Frater, Academic Coordinator for MCC's Health & STEM Pathways. Sponsored by MCC's Health & STEM Pathways Center and the MCC STEM Starter Academy, the event featured a panel discussion by members of the American Society for Quality Boston Section (ASQ Boston), a non-profit professional society dedicated to quality improvement and to bringing the benefits of quality to both industry and the community.

Panelists discussed their career paths and current careers working in STEM and health fields, and their work with ASQ Boston. The event also featured exhibitors such as iRobot and Conformis, as well as faculty, staff and students representing MCC programs, including the Academy of Health Professions, and MCC's Dental Laboratory Technology Computer Aided Design programs.

For more information about the STEM & Health Career Exploration Fair or MCC's Health & STEM Pathways Center, contact Frater at fraters@middlesex.mass.edu or call 978-322-8411.
MCC Gears Up For Kids’ Summer Program

Memorial Congregational Church (MCC), 25 Concord Road in Sudbury, is putting the finishing touches on their set for next week’s summer program, Shine: Lighting the Way for the Journey.

Campers, age 9-grade 5, and counselors, grades 6-12, will meet from 9 AM to 12NOON, Monday June 30 through Thursday, July 3, for a week of fun, learning how they each carry a light that can make the world a brighter and better place. Adults are also welcome to participate as station leaders and helpers. Registration is open and available at www.MCCsudbury.org, or you may visit the church for a brochure and registration form.

This year’s summer program is unique to MCC, as it was designed written by 15-year veteran camp director Cathy Meyer and Pastor Tom O’Brien. Campers will stamp their passports as they take part in mission projects, learn stories of the Christian faith, build community through teamwork activities, as well as more traditional camp activities: sports, music, crafts, science, and gardening/cooking.

The Shine summer program complies with the MCC Safe Church policies, in accordance with the United Church of Christ. All counselors and volunteers are trained in the Safe Church policies, to ensure the safety and security of all who participate in any church activities. Parents interested in the reading the complete MCC Safe Church policy may do so on the website. Families with questions about the program may contact Summer Program Director Cathy Meyer by phone at the church at 978-443-3885, or by email: SummerProgram@MCCsudbury.org.

Memorial Congregational Church is a member congregation of the United Church of Christ (UCC). MCC has an open and affirming ministry to all people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression and identity, sexual orientation, age, ability or financial situation. Sunday worship service begins at 10 am, and childcare for infants and toddlers is provided. Information on MCC worship services, music programs, Christian education, outreach, and teen/youth programs may be found at the church website on the Internet at http://MCCsudbury.org. Find us on Facebook at http://facebook.com/MCCsudbury.

Middlesex Offers FREE Summer MCAS Prep Classes

This summer, Middlesex Community College is offering FREE MCAS Preparation Classes to any high school student (from graduating classes 2003-2015) who has not passed the math or English portion of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exam.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, July 7 through Aug. 8, on MCC’s Lowell campus. Refreshments and bus tokens will be provided.

Middlesex MCAS Prep classes are supported by a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. To register, please call Maria Cunha at 978-656-3105.

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Through song and service, she shares the dream

Laura Smith

By Hieko Sato
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Laura Smith remembers her mother always telling her to let go of what she didn't have.

"As long as you have something that you consider good and wonderful and you are willing to give it away, you are always happy," her mother would say.

That's because, once she gives away something for other people, it becomes a part of the social fabric that everyone, including herself, can share and enjoy.

Smith said it was this belief that helped her spread the wisdom and gospel of Martin Luther King Jr. In January 1969, Smith and her family organized the first of what would become the annual Laura Smith Family Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration in Lowell. Inspired guests began donating money even though her family never asked for it, making it possible for Smith to establish a scholarship fund at Middlesex Community College in 1994. She has provided consultation and support to the college president on the institution's goals and other issues. She also led the program design and implementation efforts for the Middlesex Community College Paul H. Sullivan Leadership Institute and the college's commencement planning and implementation team. In addition, she has served on the boards of various organizations, including Lowell General Hospital, Lowell Five Bank, New England Quilt Museum, Alternative House, Girls, Inc., Lowell Boys and Girls Club.

But what has made her truly a household name in the community is the annual MLK celebration and her other work stemming from it. The event, which is intended to help people embrace the sense of unity and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., includes gospel music, a "blessing dance," a Southern-style buffet, a fellowship and presentation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream Award. The first-ever ceremony drew 75 people.

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Photo by Kevin Harkins

people. To date the Laura Smith Fund has provided $20,000 in scholarships for students attending MCC. Each year, the fund provides the Living the Dream Award to "an individual who has labored to embrace Dr. King's vision."

The celebration now draws more than 100 guests from across the Merrimack Valley, Greater Boston and New Hampshire. Smith believes the celebration gained a faithful and diverse following because of people's desire to be part of the effort to heal from the nation's painful history.

Smith, who grew up in the 1960s, said African-American heritage is that they had always known what society said about black people wasn't true. Desegregation was about "the truth rising from above," Smith said.

And she wants to carry forward her heritage so the next generation can do the same.

"When you do the work of making a difference, people may never know your name," Smith said. "But what's important is that they benefit from the work."

Smith and her husband have two grown sons and twin grandchildren.
MCC to look nationally for candidates to replace Cowan

By Grant Welker
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LOWELL — Middlesex Community College trustees will spend the coming months reviewing national candidates to replace Carole Cowan, who will be stepping down after 24 years as president.

Search firm, Washington, D.C., based R.H. Perry & Associates has been hired to lead the process and create a list of finalists to be voted upon by Middlesex’s board of trustees. A search committee will interview candidates and make a recommendation to the board.

An “ambitious schedule” will aim for finding Middlesex’s new president in time to take office Jan. 1, said Royall Mack, the trustees chairman.

Cowan had advocated for a succession plan, Mack said, allowing the trustees to research search firms ahead of time. State Commissioner of Higher Education Richard Freeland authorized hiring the search firm last week after Cowan announced her retirement.

A search committee made of trustees, members of the college foundation, college personnel and external community representatives will find three to five candidates to recommend to the college’s board of trustees.

“I can assure you that we will require strong credentials including an earned doctorate and substantial senior level higher education experience,” Mack said.

If Middlesex decides to consider internal candidates, it has a list of longtime faculty to choose from.

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James Linnihan, the college’s executive vice president, declined to say whether he was interested in the college’s top post. “That’s not a discussion I’m going to have at this point,” he said.

Colleen Cox, the dean and a college employee since 1994, declined to comment on whether she’d be a candidate. Philip Sisson, the provost and vice president of academic and student affairs, did not return a call seeking comment.

One name that surfaces as a possibility when prominent local public posts opens up is former state Sen. Steven Panagiotakos. But Panagiotakos, who is now a lobbyist, said he’s happy in his current job.

“Hopefully they’ll get the right person in there to continue Carole’s legacy,” he said.

Cowan, the second longest-serving president in the state’s community college system, made a salary last year of $261,000, according to the state.

Cowan has said she will stay on through the process of finding her replacement, and then will serve on the college’s foundation board.

Cowan announced her retirement June 16 at a joint meeting of the college trustees and foundation.

“The entire Middlesex board of trustees as well as its foundation joined me in thanking President Cowan for her 36 years of exemplary service to this college, 24 of them as its president,” Mack said, “and I am confident that working together in the coming months, we will be able to find a worthy successor to take the reins of Middlesex Community College.”
EDITORIAL

Carole Cowan: the CC of MCC

The torch will soon be passed, but Middlesex Community College will be hard pressed to find someone with the enlightened leadership abilities of Carole Cowan.

Cowan, who as president has overseen the growth of a dispersed community college into a two-campus powerhouse in Bedford and Lowell, announced she'll step down by the end of the year.

Much has changed at Middlesex during her 24 years, but she has managed — with the help of her capable staff — to keep the college ahead of the education curve, and also become a key component of downtown Lowell's social and economic life.

An education innovator, Cowan saw and filled a critical need by creating the Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School, one of the first charter schools in Massachusetts. The public school targets at-risk adolescents who have officially dropped out of high school or are at risk of doing so.

And as the skills needed by our state's employers change, Middlesex was quick to develop a curriculum to meet that demand. MCC's grads are now prepared to pursue technical careers that are in high demand — nursing, engineering and computer technology.

The college showed its commitment to Lowell by occupying the former Wang Training Center in Kearney Square. That influx of college students breathed life into the downtown.

That footprint continued to grow with the acquisition of the Federal Building across the street, expansion onto Middle Street, and its plans to turn the former Rialto Theatre on Central Street into a performing arts center.

MCC's crowning social achievement is undoubtedly its Celebrity Forum, a highly acclaimed fundraiser that has drawn the political, media and entertainment elite, including Jay Leno, Michael J. Fox, Tim Russert, Walter Cronkite, Colin Powell, George and Barbara Bush, and Barbara Walters.

This year's guest is actor Robert Redford.

Not too shabby for a community college that showed it could reach for the stars and succeed.

In her tenure, Cowan has become not only a respected voice in the community-college system, but also in the state's entire higher-education circles.

Cowan, like her celebrity speakers, will be a hard act to follow. Though she will keep some school ties as a board member of the College Foundation, Cowan is definitely graduating into the next phase of her life.

We thank her for service to MCC and the community, and wish her nothing but success.
Marketers at MCC earn Gold

Middlesex Community College’s Office of Marketing Communications has won six Educational Advertising Awards — including a coveted Gold Award — in the Higher Education Marketing Report’s 29th annual awards competition.

The highest educational marketing/advertising awards competition in the country, this year’s Educational Advertising Awards drew nearly 2,000 entries from more than 1,000 colleges, universities and secondary schools from all 50 states and several foreign countries.

“To be recognized by the Higher Education Marketing Report is certainly an honor for our department,” said Jennifer Aradhya, director of Marketing Communications. “We work very hard to spread the word about Middlesex through social media, marketing and design, and it’s wonderful to get such positive feedback from our peers across the country.”

MCC earned a Gold Award in the Social Media category for its “UR 1st 30 Days at MCC” Instagram Challenge, which asked students to post photos of their first month on campus.

Middlesex won a Bronze Award in the Poster Category for a poster promoting a visit to the Bedford campus by “ghost hunter” Ron Kolek.

The college also earned four Merit Awards for its 2014 Annual Fund “Make a Difference” brochure; MCC Digi-Cleans, branded mobile-device screen cleaners; its “Make Your Summer Matter” Integrated Marketing Campaign; and the 2013 Fall Class Schedule.

Judges for the Educational Advertising Awards consisted of a national panel of higher-education marketers, advertising creative directors, marketing and advertising professionals, and the editorial board of Higher Education Marketing Report.

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Cowan, who led decades of MCC growth, will retire

At helm since 1990, has led expansion on two campuses

By Grant Walker
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Carole Cowan, who as president of Middlesex Community College has overseen growth in enrollment, prestige and academic reach, will retire this year. She made the announcement at a trustees meeting on Tuesday.

Local leaders see extensive legacy/10
She has been president since 1990. As president, Cowan also led the school as it expanded its presence both at the main Bedford campus and in downtown Lowell.

When she became president, the college was still dispersed among scattered locations in Bedford and Burlington, including at a former middle school. It now has a traditional New England-style campus in Bedford.

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Carole Cowan has led MCC through a period of rapid growth since becoming president in 1990. See a video at lowellsun.com.
Cowan, MCC's leader since 1990, will retire

Cowan, he said, has led to stay on top of changing education cultures, environments and financing — including a sharp reduction in state funding — in order to stay as president for more than two decades. "You have to be in touch with who you work for and who you work with," Hart said.

Cowan has also played a major role in the growth and vitality of the college, UMass Lowell Chancellor Marty Meehan said. When Meehan considered buying the DoubleTree Hotel in 2009, the first person he called was Cowan, who said, without Middlesex's presence, UMass wouldn't have grown itself downtown, he said. "She really established that UMass Lowell is a college town," Meehan said. Cowan added: "Accomplishments are broader than that, though, the chancellor said, mentioning partnerships with businesses and keeping up with emerging technologies in the curriculum. "In her 24 years as president at Middlesex, she has established herself, in my view, as the best community college president in the country," he said. "Carole is ahead of her time, always cutting-edge." Cowan cited the college's establishment of two campuses, as well as civic engagement and other initiatives as accomplishments she's proud of, but said the college was only able to accomplish what it did because of a committed and talented faculty, trustees and foundation board.

A chorus of praise for nearly 25 years of college leadership

By Robert Mills
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LOWELL — Local leaders Tuesday praised Middlesex Community College President Carolee Cowan for accomplishments over nearly a quarter-century at the helm.

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas "Carolee's leadership helped to elevate the profile of MCC and community colleges in general, highlighting the important role they play in educating, training and preparing people of all ages and walks of life for success. Just this year, MCC graduated its largest class ever, with 49 percent of the class made up of women, with students going on to careers in high demand fields like nursing, engineering and computer technology. I congratulate Carolee on an extraordinary career and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors. Her years of service and her remarkable legacy of accomplishment will resonate across the region for many years to come."

State Sen. Eileen Donoghue: "She has not only been an outstanding leader for Middlesex Community College, I know today was not there." The college recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of opening the 1842 Needham House on Andover Street, and 10 years ago took over the former federal building at 50 Kurney Square. It is also working to transform the former Bijou Theatre, a Victorian Gothic building on Central Square, into a performing arts center.

"What she's done in Lowell is, in my view, nothing less than spectacular," said Daniel Asquino, president of Mount Wachusett Community College and end, with 28 years at the head of the Gardner school, the only larger-serving community college president in Massachusetts. "She's a fantastic president."

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MCC students learn of law-enforcement careers

LOWELL — More than 100 Middlesex Community College students gathered to explore career opportunities available with local, state and federal law-enforcement agencies at an event called “Working for America: Discovering Public Service Careers” held on the Lowell campus.

Sponsored by MCC’s Program on Homeland Security and the Academic, Career & Transfer Center, the panel discussion and networking opportunity featured officers and agents from the Coast Guard, the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Homeland Security offices of Customs and Border Protection, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

“These types of events significantly increase employment opportunities for our students,” said Terrence Downes, executive director for MCC’s Program on Homeland Security.

“We want to show our students there is a wide range of potential careers at local, state and federal levels available for people with various educational and technical backgrounds.”

Each panelist spoke about his or her current role, career path and the various career opportunities available within the respective organizations. Panelists also discussed the benefits of working in public service.

Students were able to speak one-on-one with the panelists to ask general or specific questions about working in various sectors of public service and law enforcement.

“It was great to see so much interest in public-service careers from MCC students,” said Sean Smith, public-affairs liaison for Customs and Border Protection. “Sharing the podium with partner agencies, in different levels of government, allowed the attendees to see a wide spectrum of options to serve their communities and America.”

For more information about MCC’s Program on Homeland Security, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/bus_ind/homeland.aspx. For more information about MCC’s Academic, Career & Transfer Center, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/careerservices.
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Middlesex Community College President Carole Cowan and Hollywood heart-throb Robert Redford get chatty at the Nesmith House on Wednesday before his appearance at MCC's Celebrity Forum.

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TURNS OUT there's a lot for the Sundance Kid to like about Lowell.

In town for the 16th Celebrity Forum hosted by Middlesex Community College at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium last Wednesday, Hollywood mega-star Robert Redford had tons of questions to ask the locals about the history of Lowell, and especially its buildings.

Before the event, and during a dinner held for forum sponsors before the Hollywood legend took the stage, the Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid headliner grilled both MCC President Carole Cowan and Patrick Cook, the college's public affairs man who interviewed Redford on stage, all about Lowell.

He was fascinated by the fact that the city had been able to preserve so many of its properties, particularly its mills. During a conversation with Cowan at the college's historic Nesmith House on Andover Street, he talked about other cities across the country that weren't as savvy to preserve, and lamented the loss of so much history that fell to wrecking balls. Cook told Redford about the Lowell National Historical Park and its efforts to make the city an urban park that would capitalize on its waterways and canals.

On-stage, the pair chatted about efforts to capitalize on the natural resources of both the Merrimack and Concord Rivers.
Patrick Cook, executive director of public affairs at Middlesex Community College, interviewed Robert Redford as part of the college's celebrity forum Wednesday night.

**Redford comes to Lowell for Celebrity Forum**

Hard to believe that Robert Redford is 77. The celebrated actor/director was the special guest at this year's Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum, held Wednesday night at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Redford, who won an Academy Award in 1981 for his direction of "Ordinary People," was interviewed by MCC's Patrick Cook. The talk was originally scheduled for June 20, but Redford was busy shooting his new movie, "A Walk in the Woods."
Robert Redford Gets Up Close & Personal in Lowell

Hollywood icon wows 'em at MCC forum

By Samantha Allen
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LOWELL — Robert Redford’s sincere personality and charm shone through in a nearly one-hour-long interview on stage at Lowell Memorial Auditorium Wednesday night.

As the featured speaker of this year’s Middlesex Community College’s Celebrity Forum, Redford touched on all aspects of his storied career, from pranks played on Paul Newman, to his ongoing efforts to save the environment, to how he felt working with Meryl Streep.

In an evening hosted by UMass Lowell with Streep earlier this year, the celebrated actress was asked how she liked working alongside Redford in the critically-acclaimed film Out of Africa. Her response stuck with the Mill City when she sighed adorably and responded, “Way too much.”

Informed of Streep’s dreamy response, Redford coyly countered Wednesday, “Well, that about covers it.”

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Legendary actor-director Robert Redford gestures during his appearance at Middlesex Community College’s 2014 Celebrity Forum, as the same image of him is projected on the screen behind him at Lowell Memorial Auditorium Wednesday night. See more photos on Pages 5 and 6. And watch video and a slide show of the event at lowellsun.com.
SO TELL ME... Middlesex Community College Executive Director of Public Affairs Patrick Cook interviews Robert Redford at Lowell Memorial Auditorium in MCC's Celebrity Forum Wednesday night.

GIDDYUP: Tipping his cap to his "Sundance Kid" character, Redford dons a cowboy hat presented to him emblazoned with Middlesex Community College's logo.

NEXT BEST THING: Sue Wilson of Franklin kisses a poster of Hollywood legend Robert Redford before his appearance.
Redford gets up close, personal

Speaking about his more recent work, Redford said he just wrapped filming A Walk in the Woods. He also discussed his most recent film, All is Lost. He said he’d like to continue his preservation efforts, spreading awareness about the ever-growing horse-meat industry. He said horses are still slaughtered in the U.S. to satisfy foreign appetites. Some in the crowd gasped.

Redford is a member of national wild horse preservation group as well as a trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council. He continues to champion sustainable and eco-friendly efforts to impact climate change.

Cook asked Redford about his thoughts on modern developments. He mentioned Virginia officials recently voting to demolish the old parking garage where the original “Deep Throat” met with the Washington Post reporters who broke the Watergate Scandal.

Redford portrayed Woodward in the 1976 film All the President’s Men and responded he thought it was sad to see so many historic buildings go. He noted Lowell’s efforts to preserve its mills and history should be commended.

Actor-director Robert Redford walks on stage to speak at Middxess Community College 2014 Celebrity Forum after being introduced by MCC President Carole Cowan and Executive Director of Public Affairs Patrick Cook.

Redford said Newman vouched for him and from that, a friendship was born. The film launched Redford’s career and from there, the two men starred in award-winning movie The Sting.

“We became friends in the best possible way,” he said. “I never forget that. It was his generosity that allowed me to be in [Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid]. Once we were in the movie, we just connected. It’s hard to describe.”

Redford said, as a joke, his total spots car delivered to Newman’s home when they both lived in Connecticut wrapped up as a gift years later. A few weeks after that, Newman had the car melted down into a block and dropped on the floor of Redford’s home. Redford got him back by hiring a sculptor who used the metal to create a large piece which was later installed in Newman’s backyard.

“We just never spoke about it again,” Redford said, as the audience laughed.

At the end of the evening, Redford was handed a cowboy hat from Middxess Community College staff. He thanked Lowell for the opportunity to come and said he wanted to be there in spite of a delay from a few weeks ago for his most recent film project.

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Redford gestures during at Lowell Memorial Auditorium Wednesday night.

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Tracked down

Actor, director and Sundance Film Festival founder Robert Redford speaking about his long career and numerous causes at the Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum at Lowell Memorial Auditorium, where 20 students from 13 local cities and towns were awarded 2014 Celebrity Forum scholarships ...

City Councilor Sal LaMattina smashing a guitar onstage at City Hall Plaza to celebrate the Hard Rock Cafe's 25 years in Boston and to kick off the Spin Doctors concert. (The Hard Rock donated five new acoustic guitars to the Boston Public Schools Visual and Performing Arts Department to make up for the smashing) ... The Neon Trees of "Everybody Talks" fame doing a Mix Lounge show for Mix 104 listeners at the Roof Top Pool at The Colonnade Hotel ... Former Celtic and recovering addict Chris Herron speaking to 300 teens about making smart decisions re: drugs and alcohol to kick off the 25th Safe Summer Streets program at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester ...

Robert Redford speaks at the Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum in Lowell.
MCC Celebrity Forum 2014

‘An Evening with Robert Redford’ Postponed to July 9

Middlesex Community College has been notified that Robert Redford, the featured speaker at this year’s Celebrity Forum, slated for Friday, June 20, at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, has to postpone his appearance to Wednesday, July 9, due to conflicts with the movie he is currently filming, “A Walk in the Woods.”

Mr. Redford’s filming schedule has been delayed, and while he will be unable to make Friday’s appearance, he has rescheduled his visit to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9.

While we were sorry to hear Mr. Redford would not be able to move forward with our planned June 20 event, he immediately affirmed his commitment to coming to the college, and without hesitation, provided us with the earliest possible date when he can still come to Lowell,” said MCC President Carole Cowan. “He felt terribly about having to postpone his scheduled visit due to filming delays, but like a true professional, he immediately worked to honor his appearance, and we were very fortunate and grateful that he was able to still come so close to our original date.”

All tickets for the June 20 event will be honored on July 9. Ticket-holders seeking refunds should request them through the location of purchase. Those who purchased tickets by phone or online should call 866-722-8888 to obtain a refund. Those who bought tickets at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium box office should process their refund in person during normal business hours. For box office hours visit www.lowellauditorium.com. The event is nearly sold out.

Any questions about the postponement may be directed to MCC via email at CelebrityForum@middlesex.mass.edu.

Sponsorships for the event will automatically be transferred to the July 9 date. MCC’s Dean of Advancement Dennis Malvers can be reached at 781-280-3514 for any questions.

Celebrity Forum 2014, “An Evening with Robert Redford,” will feature Redford, the acclaimed actor, director, environmentalist and Sundance Institute founder, discussing his career onstage with Patrick Cook, Executive Director of Public Affairs at Middlesex.

Redford, a Hollywood legend, has starred in such films as “Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid,” “The Sting,” “The Way We Were,” “Out of Africa,” “The Candidate” and, most recently, “All is Lost” and “Captain America: The Winter Soldier.”
Redford's visit to Lowell rescheduled

In his 2013 film, "All Is Lost," Robert Redford, 77, played a sailor who said almost nothing, except for a few desperate howls for help and a profanity. So it was with some excitement that we were looking forward to hearing what the actor had to say at Middlesex Community College's celebrity forum June 20. Alas, the event at Lowell Memorial Auditorium has been postponed because Redford is busy shooting his new movie, "A Walk in the Woods." The good news is he'll be here July 9 instead.

MCC Redford forum postponed to July 9

By Sun staff

LOWELL — Middlesex Community College today said its Celebrity Forum featuring Robert Redford previously scheduled for tonight at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium has been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 9, due to an unexpected conflict with the latest movie Redford is filming.

Redford is wrapping up A Walk in the Woods, a film co-starring Nick Nolte, about two friends who decide to hike the Appalachian Trail.

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Proceeds from the fundraiser event help support student scholarships at the college.

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For questions, contact MCC's Dean of Advancement Dennis Malvers at 781-280-3514, or visit www.lowellauditorium.com.
Hollywood icon Redford reschedules MCC event

Sun Staff Report

LOWELL — Hollywood legend Robert Redford has postponed his scheduled appearance next Friday at Middlesex Community College’s Celebrity Forum until Wednesday, July 9, the college announced late Friday.

Redford informed MCC officials that due to conflicts with the movie he’s filming, A Walk in the Woods, he would need to reschedule the event.

“Celebrity Forum 2014, An Evening with Robert Redford,” will feature Redford, the acclaimed actor, director, environmentalist and Sundance Institute founder, discussing his career on-stage with Patrick Cook, the executive director of Public Affairs at MCC. The event begins at 8 p.m. at Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

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MCC brings the 'godfather of indie film' to Lowell Auditorium for its Celebrity Series
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Redford’s reel stand outs

LOWELL — Esteemed actor, director and environmentalist Robert Redford will speak at Lowell Memorial Auditorium on June 20. Here’s a look back at a few of his stand out projects.

All Is Lost (2013)
His most recent starring role, it features Redford as the only actor on-screen. He plays an unnamed character fighting for his life on a 39-foot yacht stranded in the Indian Ocean. In the entire movie, few words are spoken. After a collision with a shipping container at sea, a sailor finds himself struggling to survive. On a solo voyage, Redford’s character uses what few tools he has on-board to weather any storm.

J.C. Chandor directs this.

Out of Africa (1985)
Starring Redford and Academy Award-winner Meryl Streep, the film is set in 20th-century colonial Kenya. Streep plays a baroness who has a passionate love affair with a big-game hunter, played by Redford. The film follows the life of the protagonists, who set up a plantation in Africa and whose life is complicated by a husband of convenience while finding true love with Redford. The film, directed by Sydney Pollack, won Best Picture, Best Director, Best Writing for a screenplay based on material from another medium, Best Cinematography, Best Art Direction, Best Sound and Best Music for an original score at the Academy Awards that year. Streep was also nominated for Best Actress in a lead role.
MCC Celebrity Forum welcomes actor and Sundance founder Robert Redford

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Redford, 71, is well-known for his stellar acting roles in classic films such as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, All the President's Men, The Natural, The Horse Whisperer and The Great Gatsby in 1974. Interestingly enough, Redford attended the University of Colorado on a baseball scholarship and spent years as an oil worker, according to the New York Times, before pursuing acting.

Redford most recently starred in All Is Lost, where he was the only on-screen actor throughout the entire film. "There are few words spoken throughout the movie as Redford's unnamed character struggles to survive on a sinking yacht."

Redford has won two Academy Awards — Best Director in 1980 for Ordinary People, which won four Oscars overall, and then in 2002 he received the Academy's prestigious lifetime achievement accolade. Before that, Redford was nominated for Best Actor in 1973 playing opposite Paul Newman in The Sting, which took home seven Oscars. Redford was additionally nominated for Best Director of the 1992 film Quiz Show. He has directed other films including A River Runs Through It and The Legend of Bagger Vance.

In 1981, Redford, known for being a bit of a recluse as well as a 1970s heartthrob, set out for rural Utah. With a group of friends, he formed the first Sundance Institute Film-makers and Directors Lab, where emerging filmmakers work with leading writers and directors to develop original independent film projects. The Sundance Institute has since grown and every year the Sundance Film Festival is held. In Time's piece, the magazine said if not for the actor's efforts, celebrated directors including Steven Soderbergh, Quentin Tarantino and Kevin Smith may have had a "rockier road" to stardom.

Aside from his strides in the entertainment industry, a few of Redford's causes include Greenpeace, the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign and the James Redford Institute for Transplant Awareness. Redford is also a trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council. Last week, he published an opinion article for CNN entitled "Take the Path to Clean Energy." In that, he wrote a "preponderance of scientific research shows climate change, caused by fossil fuel pollution, is having a "tremendous" impact on our world already."

"We can avoid the most destructive impacts of climate change — but only if we move quickly to convert to energy supplies dominated by clean power," he said.

Middlesex Community College's 16th annual Celebrity Forum speaker series is Friday June 20, at 8 p.m. Forum speakers have included Walter Cronkite with Doris Kearns Goodwin, Colin Powell, former President George Bush with former First Lady Barbara Bush, Rudy Giuliani, Jay Leno, Barbara Walters, Michael J. Fox and former First Lady Laura Bush. Premium seating availability is heading into its final numbers, with limited group seats available, according to MCC and the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Tickets prices at both $65 and $45 can be ordered by contacting the auditorium box office at 978-937-8688.

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Have a question for Robert Redford? Ask it on Twitter by sending a question to Middlesex Community College at @middlesex_ce. It just might be answered on stage during the celebrity forum. Tag the college's handle and use the hashtag #MCCRedford.
Redford’s reel stand outs

Ordinary People (1980)  
Redford directed this melodrama, starring Donald Sutherland and Mary Tyler Moore. The accidental death of a teen boy in an affluent family strains the relationships between the younger son, played by Timothy Hutton, his father, played by Sutherland, and the boy’s bitter mother, Moore. Hutton’s character is overcome by grief and attempts suicide before pursuing therapy. The film resulted in Redford receiving his first Oscar for Best Director. It also won Best Picture, Best Actor in a supporting role for Hutton, and Best Writing for a screenplay based on material from another medium. Moore was nominated for Best Actress in a leading role.

All the President’s Men (1976)  
Starring alongside Dustin Hoffman, who played the intrepid reporter Carl Bernstein, Redford plays Bob Woodward, a crime reporter at The Washington Post who finds himself uncovering the details of the Watergate scandal with Bernstein. The film is based on the real-life work of the journalists whose investigation led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon in 1974. The film was celebrated for superior acting and Redford also served as producer on the project after buying the rights to Woodward and Bernstein's book of the same name, according to The New York Times. Jason Robards won an Academy Award for Best Actor in a supporting role. The film also won Best Sound, Best Art Direction and Best Writing for a screenplay based on material from another medium.

The Great Gatsby (1974)  
In the film adaptation of F. Scott Fitzgerald’s literary classic of the same name, Redford plays Jay Gatsby, opposite Mia Farrow as Daisy Buchanan. In the film, a Midwesterner (played by Sam Waterston) becomes fascinated with his wealthy neighbor, Redford, who obsesses over his lost love. The film won an Oscar for best Costume Design and Best Music for an original score.

The Sting (1973)  
In 1930s Chicago, Redford plays a young con man seeking revenge for his murdered partner by teaming up with a master of the “big con,” played by Paul Newman. Redford was nominated for Best Actor in a leading role by the Academy, but the film was ultimately awarded Best Picture, Best Director to George Roy Hill, Best Writing for a screenplay based on factual materials not previously published, Best Art Direction, Best Costume Design, Best Film Editing and Best Music for an original song that year.

Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (1969)  
A striking Western film, Butch Cassidy, played by Paul Newman, and Sundance, Redford, see the two leaders of the “Hole-in-the-Wall Gang.” Butch is an “iceas man” while Sundance is a skilled gunman. When the duo robs a train once too often, a posse begins trailing them to place them under arrest, or worse. The pair runs for days and eventually makes off to Bolivia with Butch’s girlfriend, played by Katharine Ross. The film is based on the exploits of the historical characters. The film won Best Writing for a screenplay based on material not previously published, Best

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Cinematography, Best Music for an original song and Best Music for an original score. It was also nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars that year.

Samantha Allen

Results from last week’s whatdoIwearrado.com poll:

Who’s your favorite Robert Redford co-star?

- Jane Fonda (Barefoot In the Park) 12%
- Barbra Streisand (The Way We Were) 12%
- Meryl Streep (Out of Africa) 26%
- Paul Newman (Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid) 50%

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MCC Redford tickets near sell-out

Sun Staff Report

LOWELL — If you’re looking to snare tickets for the upcoming Mill City appearance of the Sundance Kid, you’d better get on your horse, because they’re heading for a sellout.

Hollywood giant Robert Redford will be coming to the Lowell Memorial Auditorium as the featured speaker of Middlesex Community College’s 16th annual Celebrity Forum speaker series on Friday, June 20 at 8 p.m. Premium seating availability is heading into its final numbers, with limited group seats still available, according to MCC and the LMA. Tickets prices at both $65 and $45 are still available by contacting the auditorium box office at 866-722-8881. Sponsorship packages that include meeting Redford are also available through the college. For more information about how to sponsor, contact MCC’s Dean of Advancement Dennis Malvera at 781-280-3514.

Redford has starred in dozens of Hollywood blockbusters over the last 40 years, most notably leading roles in iconic films such as Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid and The Sting alongside his friend, the late Paul Newman, All the President’s Men with Dustin Hoffman, The Candidate, The Natural, The Way We Were with Barbra Streisand, The Great Gatsby, Out of Africa with Meryl Streep, and most recently, All is Lost and Captain America: the Winter Soldier. He’s also just as famous behind the camera, as director of such films as Ordinary People, for which he won an Oscar, and producer on such films as Quiz Show.

Redford is also known internationally as a celebrity who stands for social responsibility and political involvement and as an artist and businessman who is a staunch supporter of uncompromised creative expression. His passion remains to make films of substance and social/cultural relevance, as well as to encourage others to express themselves through the arts.
Redford to star at MCC Celebrity Forum

Film legend’s visit setting up a Lowell Memorial blockbuster

Sun Staff Report

LOWELL — Oscar winner Robert Redford will be the featured speaker at the 2014 Middlesex Community College Celebrity Forum next June. The college made the announcement Tuesday.

The 16th annual Celebrity Forum, which is sponsored by the TJX Companies Inc., takes place Friday, June 20, at Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

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Redford in starring role at MCC Celebrity Forum

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Redford is one of the most recognizable stars of his generation, starring in films such as The Sting, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, All the President’s Men and The Natural. He won an Oscar in 1981 for directing Ordinary People and has generated Oscar buzz this year for his starring role in the one-man survival film All Is Lost.

Redford also founded the Sundance Film Festival in 1981 and supports causes such as Greenpeace, the American Wild Horse Preservation Campaign and the James Redford Institute for Transplant Awareness.

Redford follows a long line of speakers in the series, including Michael J. Fox, Walter Cronkite, Colin Powell and Ken Burns. Last year’s speakers were former first lady Laura Bush and her daughter, Jenna Bush Hager.

Tickets for the event are $65 and $45 and will go on sale on Friday, Nov. 29, through Lowell Memorial Auditorium. For more information, visit www.middlesex.mass.edu/CF14.
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