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NJ's Community Colleges and NJEA Partner to Launch NJC4



Phi Theta Kappa students at Warren County Community College held a completion rally the week of October 13, as part of the New Jersey Community College Completion Challenge, a statewide, student-led effort to increase awareness about the importance of completing associate degree and certificate programs. New Jersey is the first state in the country to have all of its community colleges participating in this program, which is sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the New Jersey Education Association and the NJ Council of County Colleges' Center for Student Success.

In October, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' (NJCCC) Center for Student Success partnered with the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) to launch New Jersey's statewide Phi Theta Kappa Community College Completion Challenge (NJC4).

"The NJEA is proud to partner with New Jersey's 19 community colleges to support this statewide initiative that aims to encourage students to persevere, succeed and ultimately earn the credentials they need to succeed in New Jersey's workforce," said NJEA President Wendell Steinhauer.

Student leaders at all 19 community colleges across the state hosted a series of campus-based activities for the first-ever NJC4 kickoff week from Monday, Oct. 14, to Friday, Oct. 18. The statewide event culminated with the Phi Theta Kappa Middle States Region Leadership Conference at Camden County College in Blackwood on Saturday, Oct. 19, where Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Executive Director Dr. Rod Risley served as the keynote speaker.

"Phi Theta Kappa is committed to actively promoting completion of a college credential – an associate degree or certificate among college students," said Dr. Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa. "Throughout this completion week in New Jersey, we encouraged students to take that pledge and declare that they will, indeed, complete their education."

"With NJC4, New Jersey's community colleges became the first community college system in the country to hold a targeted, student-led statewide effort to increase the number of community college students completing their associate degrees and certificates so that they have the credentials they need to successfully transfer to four-year colleges and universities to earn their bachelor's degrees

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From the Chairman's Desk

Bakari G. Lee, Esq.

New Jersey's community colleges continue to get national attention for their collective efforts to address the national student success agenda.

This past October, our Phi Theta Kappa student leaders – working with our Center for Student Success – hosted the first-ever New Jersey Community College Completion Challenge (NJCC4), holding various events at our 19 community colleges in an effort to get students to commit to completing their associate degrees and certificates. New Jersey was the first state in the country to have all of its community colleges involved in such an effort. And, according to Phi Theta Kappa Executive Director Dr. Rod Risley, our NJCC4 initiative will be used as a template for other states to follow when launching their completion initiatives.

Also in October, Jobs for the Future released a policy brief, *Joining Forces: How Student Success Centers are Accelerating Statewide Community College Improvement Efforts*. The policy briefing highlighted the New Jersey Community College Center for Student Success, our Big Ideas Project and the work done to date to improve student completion in the Garden State. After being featured in this policy brief, national foundations, including the Ford Foundation, the Gates Foundation and the Kresge Foundation, have reached out to us with interest in possibly supporting our student success efforts.

In addition, New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Rochelle Hendricks has awarded a \$620,000 College Access Challenge Grant to the Council and New Jersey's 19 community colleges to fund College Readiness Now pilots throughout the state beginning in January 2014. These funds will go far in helping our 19 community colleges ramp up their outreach to high school students to help them become college-ready by the time they arrive at our doors as freshmen. I think it speaks volumes that of all the programs at all of New Jersey's higher education institutions that Secretary Hendricks could have dedicated this funding toward, she chose our 19 community colleges and the College Readiness Now program.

This semester, Dr. Nespoli and I traveled throughout the state to meet with the presidents and board chairs at Atlantic Cape Community College, Camden County College, Cumberland County College, Salem Community College, and Warren County Community College. We intend to meet with more colleges during the spring and summer semesters in 2014 in an effort to learn more about what we can do at the Council to better serve you.

On a personal note, I am honored that you have elected me to serve as your chairman for a third term. I am also honored to have been elected to the Association of Community College Trustees' (ACCT) Executive Board as secretary treasurer. Within a few years, I will be eligible to run for ACCT chairman, which will be very exciting, as we've never had a New Jersey trustee serve as ACCT Chairman.

Thank you all for your continued commitment to our community colleges, our students and their successes. I wish you all a joyous holiday season.

Bakari G. Lee, Esq.
Chairman

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Assemblywoman Celeste Riley Honored with Community College Legislative Excellence Award

On Oct. 17, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented its 2013 Legislative Excellence Award to Assemblywoman Celeste Riley for her exemplary support of New Jersey's 19 community colleges. Salem Community College President Joan Baillie and Cumberland County College President Thomas Isekenegebe presented the award on behalf of the NJCCC.

"The New Jersey Council of County Colleges' Legislative Excellence Award is an honor bestowed each year on selected legislators who have served as exceptional advocates for the state's 19 community colleges," said NJCCC Chairman Bakari Lee, Esq. "We truly appreciate Assemblywoman Riley's passion and commitment to our community colleges and our students throughout the state."

Riley was especially recognized for being the primary sponsor of A3546, legislation that made important amendments to New Jersey's college student health insurance statutes.

"Assemblywoman Riley was a remarkable champion for community colleges on this issue," NJCCC President Dr. Lawrence Nespoli said. "She worked tirelessly throughout the closing days of the legislative session in late June in order to maintain access and affordability for our students throughout the state. This legislation will save full-time community college students approximately \$1,500 per year."

Assemblywoman Celeste M. Riley was sworn into the General Assembly on March 16, 2009, where she represents New Jersey's Third Legislative District. Assemblywoman Riley is the first woman to represent this district in the New Jersey State Legislature.

She serves as Chairwoman of the Assembly Higher Education Committee, Vice-Chair of the Tourism and Arts Committee and is a member of the Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee. In the past she has served as Vice-Chair of



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the Assembly Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee and has served on the Health and Senior Services and Housing and Local Government Committees.

A long time resident of Bridgeton, Assemblywoman Riley got her start in public service by serving as a member of Bridgeton City Council and quickly rose to become the governing body's president. As Council President, she worked on several priorities, including the city clean up initiative, "Building a Better Bridgeton," which aimed to encourage community involvement. She served as the council's liaison to the Bridgeton Library and Historical Commission and served on the Main Street Design, Downtown Steering, and Central Business District and Multi-Dwelling Complex Security committees.

A graduate of Cumberland Regional High School, she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in music from LaSalle University and holds a Master's Degree in Arts Administration from Drexel University. Currently, Assemblywoman Riley is a teacher at the Greenwich-Stow Creek Partnership Elementary School in Greenwich-Stow Creek Township. ■

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and enter careers that provide family-sustaining wages," said Louis Venturelli, coordinator, Center for Student Success. "For the past four years, New Jersey's community colleges have worked collaboratively to identify policies and strategies to transform ourselves from 'access' institutions to 'access to student success institutions,'" said NJCCC President Dr. Lawrence A. Nespoli. "What better way to advance this cause than to involve our Phi Theta Kappa student leaders, our faculty members and staff members in this effort? We are grateful to partner with the NJEA on this initiative."

The national Community College Completion Initiative began in April 2010 when leaders from the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the American Association of Community Colleges, the Association of Community College Trustees, the League for Innovation in the Community College, and the Center for Community College

Student Engagement signed *Democracy's Colleges: A Call to Action*. The Community College Completion Challenge website, www.cccompletionchallenge.org, showcases the missions, action plans and strategies developed by each organization to involve their constituents to produce 5 million more associate degree and certificate holders by 2020.

The Center for Student Success produced highlight videos of the statewide initiative, which can be found on the NJCCC YouTube page, www.youtube.com/NJCommColleges. ■

NJCCC Chairman Elected to ACCT Executive Committee



Bakari G. Lee, Esq., New Jersey Council of County Colleges Chairman and Hudson County Community College (HCCC) Board of Trustees Vice Chairman, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Community College Trustees' Executive Committee at that organization's Annual Leadership Congress on Friday, Oct. 4, in Seattle, Washington.

Founded in 1972, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) is the nonprofit educational organization of governing boards, representing more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees of community, technical, and junior colleges in the United States and beyond. ACCT's purpose is to strengthen the capacity of community, technical, and junior colleges and to foster the realization of their missions through effective board leadership at local, state, and national levels.

Lee, a limited partner with the law firm of McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, was appointed to the HCCC Board of Trustees in 2006. He was elected to the ACCT Board of Directors and the office of Northeast Region Chair in 2011. Prior to that, he served as Associate Member of the ACCT Governance and Bylaws Committee, the 2011 Northeast Region Awards Committee and the 2010 Northeast Region Nominating Committee.

In addition to serving as NJCCC Chairman, Lee served as Chairman of the NJCCC's Legislative Committee and is a Trustee Ambassador as well.

◀ NJCCC Chairman Bakari G. Lee, Esq. (right) takes the oath of office as Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Community College Trustees' Executive Committee during the ACCT Board of Directors meeting on Friday, October 4, 2013. Pictured with Lee are from left are Jeffrey May, ACCT Central Regional Chair and a trustee from Joliet Junior College in Illinois and ACCT Vice Chair Roberto Zarate, a trustee from Alamo Colleges, Texas.

As NJCCC Chairman, he has engaged on a listening tour, endeavoring to meet with each of New Jersey's 19 community college presidents and board chairs in order to learn how the NJCCC can serve them better. He has also made a commitment to attend one commencement of each community college during his tenure as chairman and is currently two-thirds along in his journey. This year's tour concluded with him giving the commencement speech at Atlantic Cape Community College where the school conferred upon him an honorary Associate of Arts degree for his efforts in advocating for New Jersey's community college sector.

A graduate of Florida A&M University, Lee earned his Juris Doctorate from the Rutgers University School of Law-Newark. He was admitted into the practice of law in the State of New Jersey and the United States District Court of New Jersey in 2004, and in the State of New York in 2007.

Before joining McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, Lee served as a law clerk for the Honorable Darryl Dean Donohue of the Territorial Court of the Virgin Islands – St. Croix Division. In addition, he was a Senior Financial Analyst in the Animal Health Division of Pfizer.

Lee is a member of the National Association of Bond Lawyers and a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., having served as a past President of the Jersey City graduate chapter. He was named as a Super Lawyers Magazine Rising Star each year since 2009. ■

Secretary of Higher Education Awards \$620,000 Grant to Fund College Readiness Now Pilots

New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Rochelle Hendricks will award a \$620,000 College Access Challenge Grant to the NJ Council of County Colleges and New Jersey's 19 community colleges to fund College Readiness Now pilots throughout the state from January 1, to August 31, 2014.

Through College Readiness Now, community colleges will collaborate with at least one high school in their counties to prepare seniors for college-level work. This pilot program allows for each community college to design, implement and evaluate programming for high school seniors.

For participating high school students, College Readiness Now will assess their college-readiness. If students are not prepared for college-level work, community colleges and high schools will then provide bridge courses during the summer of 2014.

"We are very grateful to Secretary Hendricks for providing us with this much-needed grant to launch College Readiness Now," said NJCCC President Dr. Lawrence Nespoli. "This program is just one of many that our Big Ideas Project and Center for Student Success are focused on to improve college-readiness, and ultimately student completion at our 19 community colleges."

College Readiness Now is part of the New Jersey Department of Education Task Force on College and Career Readiness report, endorsed by Governor Christie in April 2012. ■

Community College Presidents Elect Dr. Donohue Chairperson



Dr. Patricia Donohue
Chair of the New Jersey
Community College
Presidents Group

Mercer County Community College President Dr. Patricia Donohue was recently elected Chair of the New Jersey Community College Presidents group for the 2013-2014 academic year. In this capacity she will also serve on the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' Executive Committee. She was sworn in at the Council's Nov. 16 meeting.

As a part of the seven-member Executive Committee, which includes four community college trustees and three

community college presidents, Dr. Donohue will help shape statewide community college policies and projects, including the implementation of the Big Ideas Project, the collective effort of all 19 community colleges to improve student success.

The Executive Committee is the leadership team of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. The Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Chairman of the Council, is Bakari

Lee, Esq., the Vice Chairman of the Hudson County Community College Board of Trustees. Helen Albright of Camden County College serves as the Council's Vice Chair, while trustees Dr. Catherine McVicker of Raritan Valley Community College and Rev. William Coleman of Mercer County Community College and presidents Dr. Raymond Yannuzzi of Camden County College and Dr. Thomas Isekengbe of Cumberland County College round out the Executive Committee. ■

Essex County College Partners with Travelwire.com to Help With Student Retention

Travelwire.com has partnered with Essex County College (ECC) to deliver an all-inclusive trip to Jamaica as an incentive for students who commit to graduate within three years.



The partnership was announced during ECC's New Jersey Community College Completion Challenge (NJCC4) campus-wide Completion Rally in October that attracted 500 students who signed completion pledges as part of an exciting retention initiative developed by the school's Office of Recruitment & Retention.

The all-inclusive vacation trip to Sunset Beach Resort in Jamaica will be awarded at the College's follow-up rally in Spring 2014. Students must be registered for the Spring semester and submit a creative 30-second video touting what keeps them motivated to completing their degree at ECC within three years. Their peers will select the winning entry.

Travelwire.com founder Oliver Huie was on hand for the announcement of the trip to a beaming and cheering gathering of college freshmen and sophomores.

Faculty, administrators and community leaders, who had also signed a commitment to help pledges, were also in attendance. The pledges are part of the ECC's Completion Project, a branded initiative designed to create a culture of completion at the college and improve the college's low graduation rate. The program provides additional resources to help students achieve their goals.

Travelwire, Inc. is a provider of vacation packages to the Caribbean, Mexico and Central American destinations. Travelwire has been recognized as the leader in providing memorable vacation experiences to thousands of travelers to the Caribbean, Mexico and Central America. ■

NJCCC Honors Dr. Mora



On Nov. 16, during its annual reorganization meeting, the New Jersey Council of County Colleges presented a framed resolution to Atlantic Cape Community College President Dr. Peter Mora for serving as the chair of the New Jersey Community College Presidents from Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2013. In addition, Mora served as a member of the NJCCC's Executive Committee for the past three years. Pictured, from left: NJCCC President Dr. Lawrence Nespoli; Dr. Mora; and NJCCC Chairman Bakari Lee, Esq.

Trustee Spotlight: Gwendolyn Harris

By: Sydnee Weinbaum, Fall 2013 Communications Intern

Dr. Gwendolyn Harris grew up with the motto, “Whatever you do, it could be done better.”

While this may have led to many rewritten homework assignments as a child, it taught Dr. Harris to take pride in whatever she did and to take the time to do it well. This motto is obvious in all Dr. Harris has accomplished. Currently, she chairs the Legislative Committee of the New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC), serves



Dr. Gwendolyn Harris

as the executive director of the Walter Rand Institute for Public Affairs at Rutgers University-Camden, chairs the Board of Trustees of Mercer County Community College (MCCC), is a board member of the New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute, vice chair of the Capital City Redevelopment Corporation, a past member of the Policy Committee of the

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American Community College Trustees, and past chair of the Northeast Region’s Nominating Committee. Dr. Harris also founded the Newark Emergency Services of Families, served as a department director, business administrator, and chief of staff of the City of Trenton, and served as the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services for the State of New Jersey.

As chair of the NJCCC’s Legislative Committee, Dr. Harris is responsible for facilitating the meetings and reviewing and processing upcoming policies that could impact the community colleges as well as their students. She admits that there can be times when some legislative issues can be problematic. However, Dr. Harris said, “My biggest responsibility as chair of the Legislative Committee is to make sure that we clearly and completely review issues pending legislation.” In fact, what she likes most about her job is the

difference she is able to make in students’ lives regarding these issues.

Even with all of her accomplishments, Dr. Harris has remained humble and recognizes her board for its success. “I can’t take credit for anything myself. There is nothing I have accomplished, but it is a major effort on all of the people involved. It is a big team.”

Dr. Harris feels that she has had the opportunity of working with good people throughout her career and tributes three individuals specifically. MCCC past board chairs Anthony “Skip” Ciminio, Rev. William Colman and Mark Matzen have all helped her in her role as board chair. Dr. Harris said of them, “They are great advocates.” She has been able to bounce ideas off of them and their guidance and support has been extremely helpful.

Dr. Harris credits her heavy involvement with community colleges to her mother. Her mother returned to community college after having children and later received her master’s degree. She recalls memories of accompanying her mother to the community college library where she felt cool because it is where she waited while her mother was in class. Therefore, when she saw an article in the newspaper seeking new trustees for Mercer County Community College she was interested. She applied for the position and was selected for the role.

Dr. Harris encourages her fellow trustees to remember that they have the ability to make a difference in students’ lives as well as the community. “My advice to my fellow trustees is to make it as clear as and personal as you can when helping legislators understand how the community college impacts lives, not abstract lives.” Her passion for helping students complete their degrees is obvious. She stresses how important it is to obtain an education because “once you have it nobody can ever take that away from you.”

In her free time, Dr. Harris enjoys entertaining, reading and traveling. She lives in Trenton with her husband, Jerome. Dr. Harris received her undergraduate degree at the University of Connecticut and obtained her Master’s from University of Chicago’s School of Social Service Administration. She received her Ph.D. from Rutgers University in Urban Planning and Policy. ■

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Hudson County Community College President

Receives Association of Community College Trustees' Northeast Regional CEO Award

On Friday, October 4, 2013, the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) awarded Dr. Glen Gabert, President of Hudson County Community College (HCCC), with the 2013 ACCT Northeast Regional Chief Executive Officer Award. The honor was presented during the General Session Luncheon of the 44th Annual ACCT Leadership Congress in Seattle, Washington. Nearly 2,000 community college trustees, presidents, and national and state leaders had convened for the event. Only five community college executives in the United States were presented with CEO awards.

"Dr. Gabert has transformed Hudson County Community College from one that was deeply distressed into one of New Jersey's highly respected centers of excellence in urban education," said HCCC Board of Trustees Chairman William J. Netchert, Esq. He noted that under Dr. Gabert's leadership the College's enrollment has tripled, the number of graduates has more than doubled, and course offerings have been greatly expanded and are now offered in day and evening sessions seven days a week at the College's campuses in Journal Square (Jersey City) and its North Hudson Higher Education Center (Union City) as well as at several satellite locations throughout the County. Additionally, Dr. Gabert spearheaded the development of the College's signature programs (including its Culinary Arts and Hospitality, Nursing and ESL courses), and oversaw the institution of the HCCC Foundation, which has awarded more than 1,000 scholarships in recent years. A variety of community enrichment programs have been initiated under Dr. Gabert's guidance, including the HCCC Lecture Series, the



Hudson County Community College President Dr. Glen Gabert (center) receives the 2013 Northeast Regional Chief Executive Officer Award from the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT). He is pictured with, from left, 2012-2013 ACCT Chair Jean Torgeson, a trustee from North Iowa Area Community College, and ACCT President and CEO J. Noah Brown.

HCCC Foundation art collection (which now includes more than 500 works of art by noted New Jersey and American artists), and the HCCC "Art Talks" series.

Mr. Netchert explained that when Dr. Gabert was inaugurated as President 22 years ago, the College owned just one building with approximately 11,000 square-feet of space. The College now owns a dozen buildings, two of which are new, from-the-ground-up construction that received NJBIA New Good Neighbor Awards (the 73,000 square-foot Culinary Arts Conference Center and the 92,250 square-foot North Hudson Higher Education Center); the remaining are existing structures (some of which were on the brink of condemnation) that have been repurposed and completely renovated with little or no disturbance to residents in the surrounding areas. The College also acquired two parking lots, and transformed a blacktop parking lot into a pocket park that is enjoyed by students, faculty, staff and area residents. Last spring, the College held the topping-out ceremony for its 117,000 square-foot Learning Resources Center & Academic Building on Sip Avenue in Jersey City. (The College's new construction has resulted in buildings that are LEED-certified — constructed of sustainable materials with energy-saving features — and outfitted with the latest wireless technologies and safety features.) Construction of a new science building is scheduled to begin in 2014 on the Journal Square Campus. These projects and others represent almost \$250,000,000 in capital development, all of which was completed on-time and under-budget.

This is not the first ACCT Award for Hudson County Community College. In 2012, the College received the Regional Equity Award and the College's Jennifer Oakley was presented with the ACCT Regional Professional Board Staff Member Award.

Additionally, the College was one of just five finalists recognized for the 2013 American Association of Community Colleges' Student Success Award, and it has been the recipient of the New Jersey Business & Industry Association's New Good Neighbor Awards for the Culinary Conference Center and the North Hudson Higher Education Center. ■

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Center for Student Success Hosts Student Learning Outcomes and Developmental Education Reform Meetings

Over the past year, faculty from the 10 highest-enrolled community college general education courses convened to identify core student learning outcomes and best practices to assess those outcomes. Academic Officers Dr. Margaret Hamilton of Camden County College and Dr. Jacqueline Kineavy of Passaic County Community College have been leading these efforts.

These faculty members were split into two groups: the first group (including English Composition I and II, and introductory courses for Sociology, Psychology, and Public Speaking) met earlier in the year and in October; the second group (including Anatomy & Physiology I and II, and introductory courses for Global Civilization, Mathematics, Statistics, and Computers), met in November. In preparation for each meeting, faculty were surveyed on what they determined were core outcomes in their disciplines; the outcomes listed in the surveys were all pulled from current syllabi in those courses from each of the 19 colleges.

The first group has identified outcomes and best practices, and the second group has begun the process of identification, with more meetings planned for the spring. Moving forward, both groups of faculty articulated a desire to continue the discussion of student outcomes in their disciplines and sharing best practices for teaching and assessment of these outcomes.

On November 22, 19 English and 19 mathematics developmental education professors from each of the community colleges convened to discuss developmental education reform. Held at Middlesex County College, the day began with opening remarks by Middlesex County College President Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, Camden County College President Dr. Raymond Yannuzzi and NJCCC President Dr. Lawrence Nespoli, with the three reminding the attendees that faculty are at the forefront of pedagogical changes and the implementation of reform. The academic officers who organized the event, including Dr. Guy Generals of Mercer County Community College, Dr. Eileen Abel of Raritan Valley Community College, Dr. Diane Phillips of Brookdale Community College, and Dr. Jacqueline Galbiati of

Cumberland County College, then discussed developmental education challenges to be addressed across the sector.

NJCCC Vice President Linda Lam and Ocean County College Director of Institutional Research Dr. Mary Morley then presented the revised Student Success Model. This presentation set the stage for the first round of faculty discussions.

After report outs from these table discussions, the faculty then watched three videos explaining the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). Lucille Davy, former Commissioner of Education in New Jersey, presented on CCSS, explaining what it means for faculty in higher education and the implications for developmental math and English. Faculty then returned to table discussions to bridge the gap between graduating high school students and college readiness through their colleges' initiatives, particularly in light of the CCSS. Many faculty members want to make sure that as standards rise, college success courses still exist to address the non-cognitive needs of developmental education students. In total, the meeting helped advance the conversation on transforming developmental education. ■

Middlesex Student Vet



Lauded as Landmark
Recipient of

GI BILL



Middlesex County College student-veteran Steven Ferraro was the 1 millionth recipient of the Post 9/11 GI Bill. He visited with Dr. Jill Biden in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C. as part of the recognition.