

New Drexel@DCCC Program Offers Drexel Degrees at the College

This fall, an innovative agreement between Delaware County Community College and Drexel University will establish Drexel@DCCC, a new program that will allow students from the College to earn a degree from Drexel without ever having to leave the College's campus.

Drexel President John A. Fry and College President Dr. Jerry Parker signed the agreement on November 22 during a ceremony at the College's Marple Campus. "The Drexel@DCCC articulation agreement gives our students the opportunity to conveniently pursue advanced degrees while never having to leave our College," Parker said.

Drexel@DCCC will offer courses toward a bachelor's degree both at the College and online. Drexel also will offer students graduate-level courses online, and during the evenings and weekends. Students will receive a discounted tuition. "We're proud to work with Delaware County Community College to offer Delaware County and Chester County residents high-quality, high-value Drexel degrees right where they live," Fry said. "Higher education must provide more options and reach more students, and Drexel is doing that through the Drexel Network and partners like Delaware County Community College."

Preliminarily, Drexel will offer its Business degree and its Computer and Network Security degree, as well as a joint degree that will allow students to simultaneously earn both an Associate in Science Degree in Nursing

and a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) at an accelerated pace. In addition, if the College is not currently offering a course, a student can take the course at Drexel and then reverse transfer the course credits back to the College, enabling the student to graduate with an associate degree. More bachelor's- and master's-level courses may be offered in the future. ■



President Dr. Jerry Parker and Drexel University President John A. Fry sign a transfer articulation agreement.

Upcoming Events

WHAT	WHERE	WHEN
Art Exhibition: <i>Spinning Yarns: Photographic Storytellers</i>	Art Gallery Marple Campus	February 20 – March 21
SpectiCast Series in HD: Stephen Sondheim's <i>Merrily We Roll Along</i>	Large Auditorium Marple Campus	February 23
STEM Speaker Series: "Designing and Building Bridges" by Chris Garrell	STEM Center Marple Campus	February 25
New Music Concert Series: Carol Jantsch	Large Auditorium Marple Campus	March 9
ElderWeek mini-classes for adults age 55+	Marple Campus	March 18 – March 20
STEM Speaker Series: "Modeling Neurological Diseases" by Nicole Sunnen	STEM Center Marple Campus	March 25
SpectiCast Series in HD: George Balanchine's <i>Jewels</i>	Large Auditorium Marple Campus	March 30
Student Theatre Production: <i>The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee</i>	Large Auditorium Marple Campus	April 2 – 5 April 9 – 12
Art Exhibition: <i>Fragmented Realities</i>	Art Gallery Marple Campus	April 3 – April 25
New Music Concert Series: EN.D.E	Large Auditorium Marple Campus	April 6
New Music Concert Series: <i>Mélomanie</i>	Large Auditorium Marple Campus	April 13
SpectiCast Series in HD: Giuseppe Verdi's <i>Nabucco</i>	Large Auditorium Marple Campus	April 27
STEM Speaker Series: "Lewis Carroll: Fantasy and Mathematics" by Sid Kolpas	STEM Center Marple Campus	April 29
Art Exhibition: <i>A.F.A. Graduation Exhibition</i>	Art Gallery Marple Campus	May 8 – May 22

Admission Events and Important Dates

Engineering Career Day	February 12
Paying for College	March 11
Upper Darby Center Preview Night	March 19
Registration for continuing students summer 2014 and fall 2014 begins	March 24
Spring break – no classes	March 17 – 22
Spring mid-semester classes begin	March 24
Recommended priority date for FAFSA filing for summer classes	April 1
Registration for new students summer 2014 and fall 2014 begins	April 14
Spring Open House	May 1
Commencement	May 22

Alumnus Protects the United States from Terrorist Threats



Alumnus Scott McAllister, Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Alumnus Scott McAllister would like to tell you everything about what he does for a living, but that would jeopardize national security. "It's classified," he said.

Based on what he is able to share, suffice it to say McAllister's job is critical to keeping America safe. "I work in a classified top secret environment, so I can't really go into detail what takes place on a daily basis," he said. "I can tell you I work with hundreds of intelligence professionals, dedicated to keeping the homeland safe and secure and spend long hours working to prevent the next terrorist attack."

McAllister is the Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis in the State and Local Program Office of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). DHS is a multi-billion dollar agency with more than 260,000 law enforcement personnel responsible for protecting the nation against terrorist threats at home and abroad. DHS's Intelligence and Analysis includes such agencies as the U.S. Coast Guard, the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency.

Whether it is cyber security, the Boston Marathon terrorist attack, the thwarted attempt by a motorist to forcibly enter the White House and the Capitol, or the fatal shootings at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., McAllister and the employees he supervises play an integral role in the nation's defense systems.

Years ago, when McAllister registered as a student at the College, he wanted to be a firefighter. But a friend who was a police officer suggested he look into law enforcement. "My drive was always to help people, and it seemed to be a perfect transition," he said.

McAllister began taking classes at the College's Municipal Police Academy in the early 1980s, and over the years, he regularly came back for the academy's training seminars. "The education I received at the College provided me the foundation to grow," he said. "It planted seeds to continue to seek educational and training opportunities throughout my career."

Today, his résumé is top-notch—assistant special agent in charge of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; deputy homeland security advisor for Florida; FBI National Academy; Joint Terrorism Task Force member; SWAT operator; patrolman, rising to rank of detective for the West Whiteland Police Department; and police officer, East Brandywine Police Department. "All those experiences gave me the tools in the toolbox to affect change in a positive manner," he said.

McAllister advises students who wish to pursue a DHS career to seek training in language skills, adding that "the ability to speak more than one language will enhance your career, but also keep you safe." ■

College a Helpful Ingredient in Tasty Baking Success

When Flowers Baking Company, the makers of Tastykakes and the Nature's Own and Wonder bread brands, looked to grow in Chester County, they tapped into the College to help supply the company with skilled workers. More than a dozen graduates of the College now work at the company's Oxford plant, formerly known as Tasty Baking Company.

"By recruiting directly from Delaware County Community College's pool we knew the candidates we were going to receive would meet the requirements," said Dan Scott, Flowers' president, adding that Flowers has held job interviews at the College's nearby Pennocks Bridge Campus in West Grove.

Scott and College President Dr. Jerry Parker had previously met when Parker, who at that time was chair of the Chester County Economic Development Council, visited the Oxford plant with other council members. During that visit, Scott expressed an interest in finding qualified workers for the plant. "They were not aware of the skill sets our graduates have," Dr. Parker said. Today, the College pre-screens graduates to match the skills the plant requires.

The relationship between the College and Flowers is indicative of what manufacturers throughout the region say they need. A recent survey by the Manufacturing Alliance of Chester and Delaware Counties found that 77 percent of the manufacturers who responded expected their companies to grow over the next year, but 55 percent said one of their top chal-

lenges would be finding qualified workers to keep up with that projected growth.

Making fresh bakery foods requires skill. The right temperature, humidity and wheat are essential. "The bread line is staffed by technicians due to the level of complexity," Scott said. Production technicians at the plant can make from \$40,000 to \$48,000 a year.

The relationship between Flowers and the College continues to pay dividends for Flowers and the College's graduates. "We've been really happy with both the quantity and quality of the candidates we've received," Scott said, adding that Flowers has a need for more production technicians, so more of the College's grads may soon be hired. ■



president's letter

It is a genuine mark of the College's quality that Drexel University recently entered into a special agreement with Delaware County Community College that will allow students at the College to receive a bachelor's degree from Drexel without ever having to leave the College's campus (see *Front Cover story*).

Starting this fall, students at the College will be able to take courses taught by Drexel professors that lead to Drexel degrees in Business, Computer and Network Security, and Nursing. It is the first such agreement of its kind that Drexel has entered into in Pennsylvania. Drexel has a similar agreement with Burlington County Community College in New Jersey.

Known as the Drexel@DCCC program, the new initiative will offer Drexel courses at a discounted rate at the College, online and during the evenings and weekends.

During a ceremony recently at the College, I had the privilege of signing a transfer articulation agreement with Drexel University's President John A. Fry, who described Drexel@DCCC as a "solid and smart way of proceeding for the university" and a "feather in Drexel's cap."

For Delaware County Community College, this is part of an ongoing effort to make affordable, quality higher education convenient and accessible to our students. While the initial Drexel@DCCC courses will only be offered at the Marple Campus and only in certain subjects, we plan to build on this initiative. Such innovative programs as this provide a clear pathway to our students who are seeking four-year degrees, and we are most appreciative that Drexel has seen fit to partner with the College.

If it is true that you are judged by the company you keep, we are in fine company with Drexel University, and it is our hope that many of our students and alumni will take advantage of the new opportunity afforded them by Drexel@DCCC.



Jerome S. Parker

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PRESIDENT



Seated are College President Dr. Jerry Parker and Drexel University President John A. Fry joined by administrators and faculty who played an important role in creating the new Drexel@DCCC program.

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT

Announcing the College's Official Social Media Pages

Want to know what's happening on campus? Have you heard about some of the fabulous things our alumni are doing? Now more than ever, there are more ways to connect with the College, alumni and students. Like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, watch our videos on YouTube, or connect with our Alumni Association on LinkedIn. The College's official social media pages are listed to the right. Connect online with us today!



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campus news

COLLEGE'S MARKETING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT RECEIVES AWARDS

The Office of Institutional Advancement's Marketing and Public Relations department received three awards recently in the district-level competition of the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR). NCMPR's District 1 is comprised of community colleges and technical schools primarily from Maryland to Maine. Dan Kanak, director of Marketing and Communications, and Michelle Tooker, assistant director of Public Relations and Publications, were on hand at the annual conference and awards ceremony to accept Gold Medallions in the Viewbook and Newsletter (*your Connection*) categories and a Bronze Medallion in the Marketing Campaign category (*BreatheEASY Tobacco-Free Campus*). The conference was held in Mystic, Connecticut on October 21.



Dan Kanak, director of Marketing and Communications, and Michelle Tooker, assistant director of Public Relations and Publications, recently accepted NCMPR awards on behalf of the College.

NEARLY AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL

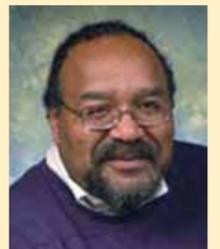


Cory Wade Hindorff, third place finisher in "America's Next Top Model" TV show.

Congratulations to Cory Wade Hindorff, son of Tracey Hindorff in Student Records, who placed third on television's "America's Next Top Model" show this season. It was the first season in the history of the show that included males in the competition. The show afforded the 22-year-old wedding singer the opportunity to travel to Los Angeles for the show's taping, and then to Bali, Indonesia for a GUESS photo shoot and final runway challenge, which was aired on November 15 on the CW Philly Network. Cory was defeated by runner-up Marvin Cortes and winner Jourdan Miller.

PHOTO INSTRUCTOR FEATURED IN NATIONAL PUBLICATION

"Fall Trees Ridley," a photo taken by Richard A. Johnson, a Photography instructor and director of the College's Art Gallery, is featured in a new 240-page book, *Looking at Images*, published by *LensWork*, a bi-monthly national photography trade publication. The featured photo was part of Johnson's *Respite* portfolio.



Photography Instructor Richard A. Johnson.

COLLEGE HOSTS SPONSORING SCHOOL DISTRICTS



Fran Cubberley, vice president for Enrollment Management, tells visiting sponsoring school district representatives about some of the College's new and existing programs.

President Dr. Jerry Parker and Fran Cubberley, the College's vice president for Enrollment Management, teamed up at a dinner for school district sponsors to tell visiting school representatives about the College's new High School Dual Enrollment Pilot program, which offers high school students the opportunity to earn up to 21 college credits at discounts of up to 72 percent off the College's normal tuition and fees. They also showed visitors how students could combine dual enrollment with the College's dual admissions transfer program and save thousands of dollars while earning a bachelor's degree from a four-year college. To view a *Daily Times* Internet broadcast about the *High School Dual Enrollment Pilot* program, see: <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/41350305>.



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Jimmy Binns, 74, Makes History by Graduating from the College's Police Academy

Attorney Jimmy Binns did what no other person in the history of the College has done—last year, he became the oldest graduate of the College's Municipal Police Academy at the tender age of 74.

To achieve this feat, Binns passed the Police Academy's rigorous physical entry requirements with flying colors. He bench pressed 100 pounds and ran 1.5 miles in a little more than 15 minutes (3 minutes under what was required). Binns, who graduated on December 18, did so well that he was selected to be class lieutenant by his instructors, putting him in charge of his fellow cadets.



Jimmy Binns, front left, joins cadets from classes 139 and 140 in standing at attention at the graduation.

"It was a wonderful experience for me," Binns said. "I learned a lot and I think I'll be able to use it to the benefit of a lot of people."

At the graduation ceremony, which was held at Ridley High School in Folsom, Binns received an academic achievement award for having a 98.4 percent grade point average, the highest in his class, and an "overall achievement award" from the Delaware County Police Chiefs Association. When he walked off the stage for safekeeping, he handed the awards to his grandson Jimmy Ives, 7, his granddaughter Blair Ives, 5, and his daughter Amy Binns, who were seated in the front row.

While taking his classes at night and on weekends, Binns worked full-time as an attorney in Philadelphia and continued his time-demanding schedule of heading his myriad of charitable causes, such as Holiday Meals for Heroes, the Hero Plaque Program, the Hero Thrill Show and Cops Wheels Inc., which provides equipment for police departments.

How did he survive such a hectic schedule? "I just made my mind up to do it," Binns said, adding that the whole time he sustained only one injury to the sciatic nerve in



Jimmy Binns, the class lieutenant for class 139, speaks to the audience on behalf of his class at the graduation.

his back after doing 1,500 leg scissor exercises; but he expects a full recovery.

Now that he has graduated from the Police Academy, Binns, a 1961 magna cum laude La Salle University graduate, has a position with a police motorcycle unit lined up. He has previously completed an 80-hour intensive motorcycle course with the Philadelphia Highway Patrol. Binns also plans to continue his philanthropic efforts, keep practicing law, and he has submitted an application to teach Criminal Law at the College.

A former Pennsylvania boxing commissioner who once played himself in the movie "Rocky V," Binns said the aspect of his training he relished most was the camaraderie among his instructors and fellow students, most of whom were young enough to be his grandchildren.

"The Academy is second to none," Binns told the *Daily Times*. "You get the best instructors because you have the bosses from all the police departments and you have Pennsylvania State Troopers. They know the deal. They imparted some of what they know to us. The only thing they couldn't impart to us was their years of experience, which we have to earn on our own." ■



Jimmy Binns is congratulated after his graduation from the College's Municipal Police Academy by Philadelphia Police and Highway Patrol officers.

10 Graduates Steer Their Way to a New Career in Shipbuilding

Ten students graduated recently from the College's shipyard apprenticeship and "helper to worker" programs, which provide free training at the old Philadelphia Naval Shipyard leading to certification and employment in the shipbuilding industry.

The program, which takes place at the shipyard's U.S. Naval Foundry and Propeller Center (NFPC), is three- to four-years long and blends full-time, paid, on-the-job training with College credit courses. Students can earn state/federal journeyman status, as well as an associate degree in Applied Science.

Tuition, fees and books are paid by NFPC, subject to students maintaining a "C" or better average at the College and meeting other requirements. Apprentices receive four years of training. Helpers receive three years of training. The on-the-job training takes place during the day. Students also attend College classes for up to two nights a week for approximately three to four hours a night for three or four years, including summers. "This is something we are really thrilled to be a part of," President Dr. Jerry Parker told the graduates and their families who gathered for a luncheon and graduation ceremony last December at the College's Marple Campus.

The 10 graduates received certificates from both the U.S. Navy and the Pennsylvania Department of Labor in trades ranging from industrial technician, ship

propeller finisher, welding, instrument mechanic, skilled journeyman machinist and skilled journeyman foundry molder. All graduates are employed at NFPC, making from \$16.25 to \$24.44 per hour, depending on their skill. Captain Mark Bridenstine, commander of the U.S.

Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Virginia and the graduation's keynote speaker, described the College's program as "a valuable part of our continued succession planning," as civilian employees retire and new skilled workers are needed to replace them. ■



Pictured from left are Walt Youngheim, director Naval Foundry and Propeller Center; Nicholas Meitzler, one of 10 program graduates; Captain Mark Bridenstine, commander of the Norfolk Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, Virginia; and Karen Kozachyn, the College's dean of Workforce Development and Community Education.

PA Legislators Hear from College's New Choices and KEYS Programs

The College hosted a roundtable discussion last September with members of the PA House Republican Policy Committee on the topic of what can be done to combat poverty in the state and the nation. Led by the committee's chair Representative Dave Reed, committee members met in the College's STEM Center and heard from Sandy Gera, director of the College's New Choices program, and Susan Bennett, director of the College's Keystone Education Yields Success (KEYS) program, as well as from successful graduates of the two programs.

The KEYS program assists parents who receive government Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and/or help from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It provides career counseling and tutoring, as well as facilitates county

assistance and connects parents to community service agencies. New Choices helps single parents, displaced homemakers and people in transition achieve economic self-sufficiency by providing vocational assessment, job-readiness instruction, résumé preparation, job placement and other assistance. The College's KEYS and New Choices programs are considered models among Pennsylvania's community colleges.

Representative Reed said the information gathered during the discussion will be used to create a report and could result in recommendations at the state and national levels for how to improve anti-poverty programs. "As we all know, there is no silver bullet that is going to solve poverty," Reed said. ■



Susan Bennett, director of the College's KEYS program, and Sandy Gera, director of the College's New Choices Program, speak to state representatives on the issue of combating poverty during a roundtable discussion held at the College.



State Representatives Dave Reed (committee chair), Jerry Knowles and Todd Stephens of the PA House Republican Policy Committee hear from College administrators, staff, students and graduates.

New Chinese Language Classes Draw Students with Varied Interests

This spring, Pandora Young, a senior gardener at Longwood Gardens in Chester County, will travel to China to participate in a three-month long, staff exchange with the Chenshan botanical garden, just outside of Shanghai. Young, 32, is the first and only staff member selected by Longwood Gardens to participate in the program, which will cover most of her expenses and pay her a salary.



Pandora Young, a student in the College's new Chinese language class and a senior gardener at Longwood Gardens.

Having never been to China, Young thought it would be a good idea to learn Mandarin, Chinese. After searching for a class that would fit her busy schedule, she chose the College's Elementary Chinese (CHI 101) class. "I'm really glad there's a college within driving distance that offers classes in Mandarin," she said.

Young is one of a handful of students in a small, but friendly class all of whom have varied reasons for wanting to learn Chinese. Once she returns from China, Young plans to create a digital manual that will help future Longwood Gardens' exchange students. Many of the native North American species of plants have close relatives to the plants in China, so Young hopes her experience will help her better understand the plants she grows and tends at Longwood Gardens.

For Marcia Blackwell, 59, a Navy veteran, taking Chinese seemed like a good idea because China has modernized, become such a dominant power in the world and because she lives in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia, not far from Chinatown, which she often visits.

"I plan to speak to as many Chinese people as I can," she said, adding that she often shops in the Chinatown stores. Blackwell took advantage of

the U.S. Veterans Retraining Assistance Program, which allows older veterans to go back to school at little or no cost. She keeps a hectic schedule. She works full-time in Philadelphia and takes the Chinese class and Criminal Justice classes four nights a week at the College. Soon, she intends to attend Widener Law School, after which she hopes to work for the federal government either in tax or immigration law.

Instructor Honglei Yuan, who teaches the College's Chinese language class and a Chinese language class at Villanova University, said she enjoys teaching her native language to students. "I love my native language," Yuan said. "Language is a key to help people learn another culture."

Chinese is spoken by more than one billion people around the world. While there are many dialects, Mandarin is spoken by about 70 percent of Chinese people. "Chinese is one of 15 languages designated by the U.S. Government as a 'critical language,' which refers to languages that are critical to the U.S. national security and economic competitiveness," said Sabuur Abdul-Kareem, assistant dean of Communications, Arts and Humanities. For more information about CHI 101, visit the College's website at www.dccc.edu, or call the College at 610-359-5000. ■



Chinese language instructor Honglei Yuan.

New Choices to be Honored at Delaware Valley HR Award Ceremony

The Delaware County Human Resources Association has selected the College's New Choices program as the 2014 nonprofit recipient of choice at its annual Delaware Valley HR Person of the Year Award ceremony. As the nonprofit recipient, New Choices will receive the proceeds of a silent auction that is to take place at the association's HR Person of the Year Award ceremony, which will be held at 5:30 p.m., May 15 at Ballroom at the Ben, 834 Chestnut Street in Philadelphia.

Over the past 13 years, the silent auction has raised nearly \$200,000 for charities in the Delaware Valley. The HR Person of the Year Award recognizes people in the HR profession who exemplify outstanding achievement. ■

alumni awards and accolades

Alumna Goes Out of Her Way to Make Soldiers and Vets Feel Appreciated

When Carol Kline greets U.S. soldiers returning home from overseas, there are four words she uses that are indispensable and much appreciated: “Thank You and Welcome Home.”

“My shirt usually says, ‘Thank You,’” Kline said. “It isn’t really about me; it’s about the military.”

Over the past seven years, Kline has welcomed home hundreds of soldiers and veterans at airports, bus terminals and train stations. She also has been there to comfort families at the funerals of soldiers and vets who have been laid to rest.

A South Philadelphia native who worked for many years at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard and has held many jobs from accounting to medical technician, Kline is now retired. Nowadays, when not volunteering at the Delaware County SPCA, she and her husband, Jerry, work with A Hero’s Welcome, Warriors Watch and American Sheepdog —groups that honor soldiers and veterans. “You look out for the interest of the people who put their lives on the line to keep us free,” she said.

The daughter of a World War II veteran, Kline said what inspired her to want to publicly thank the troops was when she lived in Italy with her husband for four years during the Iranian hostage crisis, 1979 to 1981. She was at a U.S. military base with her husband when she saw the families saying goodbye to the soldiers being deployed to help rescue the U.S. hostages in Iran. “I saw the faces of the young wives, the mothers crying and that impacted me for the rest of my life,” she said.

Maria Hyland, who started A Hero’s Welcome with her daughter, Sharon, said Kline is dedicated to the cause of thanking the troops and has an enormous amount of energy. “Thank you Carol for all you do for our troops!!!,” Hyland wrote recently on her blog on A Hero’s Welcome’s webpage. ■



Alumna Carol Kline regularly thanks U.S. soldiers and vets for risking their lives to keep America safe.

MORE ALUMNI AWARDS & ACCOLADES

- **Robert D. Boyden '84** is the contributing editor to the just published text book titled, “Certified Criminal Investigation, CCI: Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities” (First Edition). Dr. Boyden also recently had his first book published which is titled, “Police Stress in Small Town USA: A Quantitative Look at Unique Police Stressors” by Lambert Academic Publishing.
- **Spencer Koelle '09** recently wrote his short story “Shade of Melancholy,” which was published last November in “This Mutant Life: Bad Company,” an anthology of stories set in the superhuman world. For more information about Spencer and his works, visit www.spencerkoelle.com.
- **James Lafferty '11** was successfully elected on November 5 to the Sharon Hill Borough Council. He took office in January and will serve a four-year term. Lafferty is currently at Temple University, and expects to graduate in May with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science.
- **David McNicholas '79** recently self-published a Young Adult Fantasy e-book titled, “Loratha Montage.” The book is an extended fable dealing with non-violence, international relations and collective responsibility. The story involves an 11-year-old boy and his grandfather traveling to another world, and the controversies they are quickly drawn into there. It is available online from Amazon.

Goodwill Scholarship Helps Kenya Native Blossom at College

Maureen Nyokabi Muturi, 25, of Chichester has an infectious laugh, a warm personality and an incredible work ethic. Muturi, who graduated last year with a 4.0 average and high honors, received a scholarship from Goodwill Industries of Delaware & Delaware County, Inc. that enabled her to complete her education at the College. She achieved high honors at the College, while working more than five hours a day, four days a week as a waitress in Philadelphia.

Looking back on the experience, the Kenya native has fond memories of professors and administrators, and sees how the College helped her blossom into a well-rounded student. “I miss Delaware County Community College so much,” she said. “The professors were great.”

While at the College, Muturi not only took advantage of the educational programs, but immersed herself in campus life, becoming a mentor for the College’s student success program and joining a friend from Bolivia to form the Latin Flavor student club.

Had it not been for the Goodwill scholarship, Muturi said she would have probably been unable to earn her associate degree. It was her mother, Liz Livnietzel, a former Goodwill worker, and her mother’s friend who urged her to apply for the scholarship, which covered her tuition, books and materials. “That motivated me,” she said. “It wasn’t my money. I felt I had to work hard.”

Muturi is now a junior at Arcadia University, having transferred her College credits to the university under the College’s dual admissions program. She is studying Biology and plans to become a physician assistant so that she can provide health care to people in Third World countries. “I hope to maybe work with Doctors without Borders or the World Health Organization,” she said. ■



Alumna Maureen Nyokabi Muturi who received a Goodwill scholarship and graduated with a 4.0 average last May.

All in the Family



Marisa (Silage) Miller '05 and Eric Stephen Miller '99 (center) were wed on September 15, 2012. Pictured are from left the groom’s parents, John and Susan Miller, and the bride’s parents Kathleen and Dennis Silage. Both Susan and Kathleen work in the College’s Allied Health, Emergency Services and Nursing Department.

Alumnus Wins Film Award

Patrick Viesti '08 won the Best Marketing Campaign award last September for his short film, “Writer Madness,” at Project Twenty1’s 21-day film competition held in conjunction with the Philadelphia Film and Animation Festival. As a marketing specialist for Inglorious Splicers, an independent film studio based in Conshohocken, PA, Viesti created a cohesive brand utilizing various forms of social media and crowd funding websites to market the film. “Writer Madness” is currently on the 2014 film festival circuit, which includes the prestigious Sundance Film Festival. Viesti credits Bonnie McMeans, associate professor of English, with giving him the real-world skills he needed to become a three-time film festival award winner. He has previously won Best Marketing Campaign awards for his work with Philagape Productions on their films, “The Ruby Runs Red” (2011) and “Blackout” (2012). ■



Alumnus Patrick Viesti receives award at Project Twenty1 Filmmaking Competition.

advancement news

Annual Educational Foundation Scholarship Dinner

The Delaware County Community College Educational Foundation plays host each fall to a dinner to introduce student scholarship recipients to their benefactors. The dinner recognizes the generosity of scholarship donors and the accomplishments of student scholars. Approximately 250 guests attended the event held at Drexelbrook Corporate Events Center on October 22.

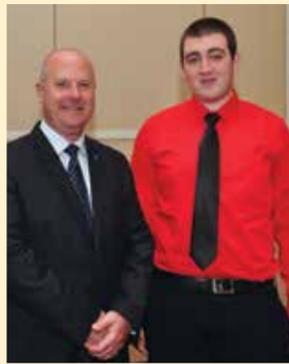
Student speakers, Kenneth Farrell, Elizabeth Haas-Henion and Nick Jackson expressed gratitude to their donors and shared personal stories of their academic and financial challenges. Representing a diversity of academic disciplines—Electronics, Nursing and Education—the three students related their own unique experiences at the College, as well as their future goals.

Kathleen Breslin, executive director of the Educational Foundation, announced that there were now 122 separate scholarship programs and 200 students received scholarships during the current academic year. Breslin made special note of the increasing number of memorial scholarships. “The College is honored to be able to help donors perpetuate the memory of their loved ones,” she said.

Keynote speaker Denise Romanelli '94, director of Employee Development and Community Relations for Sun East Federal Credit Union, spoke of the importance of community involvement, and in particular, philanthropic support, which she helped to inspire and facilitate at Sun East. Because of her influence and example she received the College's Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award at the dinner. Award criteria include professional achievement, support of education and community service. (Please see Page 7 for more on the Dinner.) ■



Jazmine Pope (second from left) is presented with a flag from Florence Pahides who established the Steve P. Pahides Endowed Scholarship in honor of her husband, a former member of the Foundation Board. Accompanying her are son Stephen (left), granddaughter Catherine Pahides and friend Brandon Howell. Pope received the scholarship because of her community service, a criterion for the award.



Carl Needles (left), market director at Beneficial Bank and a Foundation Board member, congratulates Winfield Mancer on receiving a Beneficial Bank Scholarship, which supports students in STEM disciplines.



Elizabeth Haas-Henion, a Nursing student who received an Independence Foundation Endowed Nursing Scholarship, discussed her caretaking role of family members that inspired her to pursue a nursing career.



Don Soslow (right), chair of the Foundation Board of Directors, congratulates Stephen Miller and Rookha Mian on receiving the Compass Group/Canteen Dining Scholarship.



Kenneth F. Farrell Sr., an Electronics Technology major, thanked Southco Company, for its encouragement and support. As a family man who is employed full-time, Farrell attends the College part-time to upgrade his skills.



Congratulating Nick Jackson (left) on receiving the Sam Walker Scholarship is Sloan Walker, executive director of Morgan Stanley and a Foundation Board member, who established the scholarship in honor of his father for students interested in the environment. Jackson was one of the student speakers.

It All Began Here



From left, Dennis Ryan, Don Dougherty, Coach Paul Motta, Bob Abel and Fred Felter at the recent Alumni game at the Blue Rocks Stadium.

They met in 1971 playing on the College's first baseball team, which was also Paul Motta's first year as coach. Forty-two years later, Coach Motta is still going strong, but the lifelong friendship of Fred Felter and Dennis (Denny) Ryan ended in November 2013 with Denny's untimely death.

While on the team, Fred and Denny also bonded with Don Dougherty and Bob Abel, and the foursome continued their close friendship through their single years, marriages, careers and raising their families. Fred believes Coach Motta was part of the reason. “Coach had a positive effect on us as young men. He was disciplined and stressed team work, skills every young man needs when entering the business world,” he said.

Since their days at the College, Fred, Denny, Don and Bob had made it a point to see each other several times a week. They also kept in touch with Coach Motta over the years and would come out to see the College's more recent baseball teams play. A few years ago, Doug Ferguson, director of Alumni Programs, arranged an alumni game at the Blue Rocks stadium that brought current students and other alumni together (a photo of the four friends at that game is pictured above). Shortly afterwards, Denny was diagnosed with cancer.

As a tribute to his memory, Fred and his wife, Brenda, are establishing an annual scholarship for a student on the baseball team with financial need. Known as the Dennis Ryan-Paul Motta Memorial Endowed Scholarship, it will exist in perpetuity, and be offered for the first time in 2014. “I would like them to have the same opportunity Denny, Don, Bob and I had when we played for Coach many years ago,” Fred said.

Reflecting on his years at the College, Fred said, “Delaware County Community College gave me the start I needed.” Fred went on to receive a bachelor's degree and master's degree and has enjoyed a successful 40-year career in banking.

“We are honored that Fred entrusted the memory of his lifelong friend to the College,” said Kathleen Breslin, executive director of the Delaware County Community College Education Foundation. “We will do all that we can to select a worthy student for the award.” ■

Phoenixville Community Health Foundation Supports Phoenixville Residents

Since 2005, the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation has been assisting residents of Phoenixville in making tuition more affordable for students majoring in health-related and public-safety fields in non-sponsoring districts in Chester County. By assuming one-half of the tuition, the Foundation creates parity with sponsoring Delaware County school districts, whose tuition is one-half the cost of non-sponsoring districts because of a tax levied in their districts on the College's behalf.

The Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant to the College in September, which will support students throughout 2014. “Nearly \$220,000 has been contributed to support 330 students to date,” said Kathleen Breslin, executive director of the Delaware County Community College Educational Foundation, “which makes it one of our most generous scholarship programs.” According to Breslin, most of the students who benefit are enrolled in Nursing, but the scholarships are available to students in other health-related programs, Fire Science and the Police Academy. ■



Dr. Louis Beccaria (right), President and CEO of the Phoenixville Community Health Foundation, congratulates Michael Holmes of Kimberton, a Fire Science major, along with Margaret Gmuca (left) and Ashley Williams, both of Phoenixville, on receiving Phoenixville Community Health Foundation scholarships for students in Health or Public Safety majors.

March of Dimes Supports Students in Health Careers

For the second year, the March of Dimes, Pennsylvania Chapter, awarded scholarships to students in health-related majors. The 2013 grant of \$10,000 was awarded to three Nursing students and one Paramedic student.

Attending the Foundation Scholarship dinner for the first time, Susan T. Elder, director of Development for the March of Dimes, said, "Your dinner is an extraordinary example of best practices in expressing both the 'how' and the 'why' of your mission and the good work that you do. If you were not a believer in Delaware County Community College before you attended—you certainly were when you left."

The March of Dimes is committed to preventing premature births, infant mortality and birth defects. The College has supported the March of Dimes' annual Salute to Women of Achievement in Chester County for many years. "With a mutual commitment to improving and expanding health care, the College and March of Dimes are natural partners in advancing the well-being of the Delaware and Chester County communities," said Kathleen Breslin, executive director of the Educational Foundation and committee member of the Salute to Women of Achievement in Chester County. ■



Susan Elder, director of Development for the March of Dimes, Pennsylvania Chapter, Southeast Division (center), presents scholarships for students in health-related majors to (from left) Whitney Henry of Yeadon, Theresa Parsons of Media, Cara Young from Elverson, and Abigail Gritti of Newtown Square. The awards were presented at the Delaware County Community College Educational Foundation Dinner last October.

JobTrakPA Puts Grads on Right Track to Careers

Jeffrey Saillant is excited about his new career in welding made possible by the College's JobTrakPA welding program. "The instructors were very passionate about what they were teaching," said Saillant, 34, of Coatesville. "It was a great experience. I felt like it exceeded my expectations."

Saillant, who had no previous experience in welding, was such a go-getter that he was hired by Kim Manufacturing in Downingtown even before he finished his training, contingent on his completion of the program and receipt of an industry recognized welding certificate from the College.



While taking classes from 5 to 10 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, for 11 weeks, Saillant had been sending out his résumé, which was how Kim Manufacturing found out about him. Recently, Saillant joined the company's union, which secures him a pension and other employee benefits.

Kim Manufacturing President Tom Kiely said Saillant took the welding certificate exam at the College on a Thursday and was hired and at work the following Monday. "He's working out fine," Kiely said. Kim Manufacturing provides metal fabricating and powder coating needs, as well as engineering services.

Saillant was one of a cohort of students, ranging from 21 to 59 years of age, who participated recently in the College's JobTrakPA Advanced Manufacturing welding program. JobTrakPA quickly trains laid-off, unemployed or underemployed residents for re-entry into careers in advanced manufacturing, energy or health information technology. The College is one of 14 community colleges statewide participating in JobTrakPA, which is funded by a three-year, \$20 million Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College & Career Training grant the colleges received from the U.S. Department of Labor in 2011.



The College's JobTrakPA program is free for students and has three disciplines from which students can choose—Digital Patient Records Technology; Advanced Manufacturing (which includes Welding); or Energy Conservation (PV Solar and Geothermal). Students spend three to 20 weeks, depending on the discipline, receiving hands-on instruction, and then take a test to receive industry recognized certification. Career coaches provide guidance and advocacy for students. For more information about JobTrakPA, see www.dccc.edu/jobtrakpa, or call 610-723-4095. ■

Denise Romanelli, 2013 Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award Winner

At age 28, Denise Romanelli '94 thought she was too old to start college. As a mother, wife, home owner and business partner with her husband, she had plenty of responsibilities. Yet, the promise of a college education, which had so far eluded her, suggested endless opportunities.

Her love of learning blossomed at Delaware County Community College and propelled her toward advanced degrees at West Chester University and a master's degree at Cabrini College. Beginning her professional career as a training specialist, she eventually landed at Sun East Federal Credit Union where she expanded her role to include professional development for all employees, including managers. Her success resulted in making the credit union more service and sales focused—virtually changing the culture of Sun East Federal Credit Union.

Romanelli was promoted to manager, and as leader of the credit union's community service team, created greater interaction between local charities and employees of the credit union. Subsequently, she became director of Employee Development and Community Relations, developing leadership programs and volunteer activities. In 2008, she received the "Wow Award" from the Credit Union National Association for her outstanding efforts in the field of training and development. Among the activities that emerged from her efforts are mentor and mock interview programs, career days, Elwyn fair days, City Team Ministries volunteer events, a financial literacy program, a scholarship and a teacher award program.

Romanelli serves as the executive director of the Sun East Charitable Foundation, which she co-founded to support families and educational development. In 2004, she received the Sun East Federal Credit Union Volunteer of the Year Pinnacle Award.

Aside from her work at Sun East Federal Credit Union, her lifelong interest in community service has been recognized by the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Caring Hands Award in 2001, the Delaware State Governor's Volunteer of the Year, and the Jefferson Award in 2000. She also has been involved with many organizations, such as the Women's Referral Network, Rotary International, Friends of Delaware County Women's Commission, and the Business Advisory Council for Neumann University. ■



Keynote speaker Denise Romanelli '94 accepts the Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award from John Moss. Along with his mother, Barbara Wong Moss, a former Trustee, Moss established this award to honor his grandfather, a Chinese immigrant who understood the value of education.