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Enroll in Fall Classes  
Now for a Chance to  
Win Suite Tickets to a  
New Britain Bees  
Baseball Game



Complete fall semester registration by July 20 and be automatically entered for a raffle to win a suite with 20 tickets (valued at \$300) at the New Britain Bees game on Tuesday, July 25! Prize also includes four free parking tickets and snacks. Tell your friends! Call 860-343-5719 to register for fall classes now or [click here](#) for details. Winner

# The MxCC Community Connector

News for friends and supporters of Middlesex Community College

## Beatles Music Resonates at Memorial Fundraiser

Perfect summer weather and great music were the backdrop for an outdoor Beatles musical tribute to build the **Stephanie Nelson Memorial Scholarship** on Saturday, June 24.



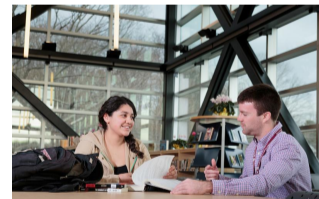
A 20-piece ensemble treated the enthusiastic and relaxed crowd of 100+ concertgoers to a variety of hits from many of the Beatles albums. The College's Alumni Planning Network welcomed attendees with homemade snacks and thirst-quenching drinks, along with interesting conversation.

Not only was it a great event, but the scholarship is now growing closer to the \$10,000 endowed mark. This means that Stephanie's family and friends created a fund that will keep on giving assistance in perpetuity to students who want to pursue an education in the broadcast and communications field. This special learning experience includes a great internship option with our partner, Wesleyan University.

To learn more about the Stephanie Nelson Scholarship or how to start a fund in someone's name, [click here](#).

## First MxCC@Platt Registration in Meriden on July 18

Individuals interested in exploring the MxCC@Platt option are invited to attend the first on-site registration open house on Tuesday, July 18, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Platt High School, 220 Coe Road, Meriden. Students can take advantage of services such as application, advising, registration, payment and financial aid. If needed, [click here](#) to reserve a spot at the 1 p.m. placement test. The next MxCC@Platt registration open house will be held on Monday, August 21. For more information about MxCC@Platt, visit [mxc.edu/meriden](http://mxc.edu/meriden).



## Introducing the Updated MxCC Logo

For the past two months, an MxCC marketing committee has been brainstorming the creation of a new tagline for the College's logo to better convey the ideas identified during this year's college-wide strategic planning process. One of the resounding themes throughout the plan is the student-centered nature of Middlesex Community College. The committee experimented with ways to update the tagline, and the result is shown here.



"Your College Your Future" not only affirms for MxCC students what our priority is, but it asks them to take ownership of both their college experience and their future. It also resonates to the community and business partners the message that MxCC is also their college and a means to creating their own individual and collective futures.

## Open Registration at MxCC

Thursday, July 27  
3 to 6 p.m.

Tuesday, August 8  
noon to 6 p.m.

Thursday, August 17  
3 to 6 p.m.

Founders Hall Cafeteria  
Middletown Campus

Open to new and returning students who have applied and been accepted to MxCC, completed the BSA (placement test), and are ready to register for fall semester classes. No RSVP required. For questions, please [email](#) or call 860-343-5719.

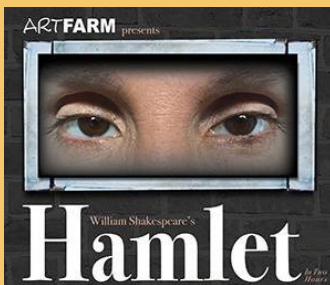
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[MxCC@Platt website](#)

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ARTFARM presents:  
**HAMLET**

July 12-16 & 19-23  
Middletown Campus  
8 p.m.

[Click here for tickets](#)



Connecticut Ballet  
Summer Dance  
Caravan

Saturday, July 29  
Chapman Hall  
7:30 p.m.

[Free admission](#)

## David Champion Memorial Scholarship Established to Support Veterinary Technology Students

**David Charles Champion** was born in New London, CT, in 1945 to good parents of very modest means. After graduating from Old Lyme High School in the 1960s, he began his professional life with the Continental Can Corporation (CCC) in Uncasville.



David Champion

David's love of numbers and hard work propelled him into the top U.S. spot for a training program to become a plant comptroller. He began to travel extensively to help CCC maximize efficiency and profitability at their plants throughout the United States. His climb up the corporate ladder continued through hard work, until he was chosen to run a plant earning \$450 million in sales with 5,000 employees. David accomplished all of this with a high school education, because he believed there is no substitute for hard work and dedication.

Throughout David's busy life, he exuded great love for his family, for animals, his friends, golf and the Boston Red Sox. Because of this, his family reached out to the MxCC Foundation to establish a scholarship for hardworking individuals wishing to study veterinary technology. Although they have no previous connection to MxCC, his family believed that this program would have appealed to David, so they created an endowed fund in his name, the **David Champion Memorial Scholarship**.

To learn more about the scholarship or MxCC's Vet Tech program, please contact Cheryl Dumont-Smith at 860.343.5869.

## Professor Triay Appointed Visiting Scholar at Cuban Research Institute This Summer

MxCC history professor **Victor Triay** is again serving the Cuban Research Institute at Florida International University as the principal investigator for a project on the oral histories of the veterans of the Bay of Pigs Brigade 2506. Professor Triay is conducting intensive interviews with members of the brigade who participated in the Bay of Pigs invasion of 1961. This research, which he began during the summer of 2016, builds on the successful experience of the Cuban Living History project at FIU and will form part of the database to publish a high-quality journal article or book on the invasion.



Professor Victor Triay

## Alumni Spotlight: Michael Moller-Marino

*Each month, we shine the light on MxCC alumni who are making a difference and reaching for their dreams.*

**Michael Moller-Marino**, a 1977 graduate, is no stranger to Middlesex Community College 40 years later.

Having grown up in Middletown, Michael was intrigued by the school's new campus. He chose to study environmental sciences. Michael characterized his experience at MxCC this way, "While it was a small program, the students were actively engaged, and it was a delight to be a part of a science department with such a great group of students and faculty." He also formed a relationship with professor and future dean, John Coggins, during that time, and they have been close friends ever since.



Michael Moller-Marino

In 1975, Michael's father, former city councilman Anthony Marino, became mayor of Middletown. Carrying on this spirit of public service, Michael became involved with several MxCC student organizations and was the vice president of the student senate.

While Michael was at MxCC, Middletown officials were promoting a recycling program along with the Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority, which was created by the state's General Assembly in 1973. Michael was instrumental in establishing a program using recycling bins at the school before the state's deposit/return program was enacted.

[Read more about Michael Moller-Marino here.](#)

## "Middlesex Matters" at the Center for New Media

*In this series, Dean of Academic Affairs **Steven Minkler**, and MxCC's new lead campus administrator, shares how "Middlesex matters" to our students,*



### Middletown Music Festival

August 4-6  
Middletown Campus  
7:30 p.m.

[Free admission](#)



Red Moon Gala  
Saturday, October 14  
6 p.m.

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### In the News

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- [Middletown Press](#)
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Center for New Media

The **Center for New Media** is the result of a close collaboration among MxCC faculty, staff, students and administration; industry and university partners who participate on the CNM Advisory Board; the CSCU System Office; and, the U.S. Department of Labor. The Center has been part of MxCC under one name or another for more than 40 years. As an academic program, it prepares students for career and transfer opportunities in the fields of television, film, multimedia, web design and digital media. Quite literally, thousands of media professionals have graduated from CNM programs over the years. Yet, the Center is more than an academic program tied to the classroom experience.

CNM Productions, headed by **Dan Nocera**, is a perfect example of how Middlesex Matters. CNM Productions taps talent from within – especially students – to produce high-quality media materials for instructional, corporate and advertising purposes. In doing so, it generates revenue for the College and serves as a model for how a small media production business operates. It connects the production crew with faculty and students; leverages community partnerships in creative ways; and provides a service to the College and other CSCU institutions. It's truly a place where applied learning happens.

[Click here to read more about why Middlesex Matters.](#)

Starting this fall, the **Center for New Media** will offer an innovative applied associate of science degree in digital media production, with concentrations in video and film; multimedia design and digital arts; news and sports; corporate video production; web design and development; and audio and music production. CNM also offers an associate of arts degree in communication. Enroll in one of these cutting-edge programs and gain the knowledge, skills and experience you need for a competitive edge in the workforce. Visit the [CMN website](#) for details.



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Since 1966, MxCC has provided high-quality, affordable and accessible education to a diverse population, enhancing the strengths of individuals through degree, certificate and lifelong learning programs that lead to university transfer, employment, and an enriched awareness of our shared responsibilities as global citizens. Part of the Connecticut State Colleges and Universities system, MxCC offers more than 60 degree or certificate programs at the main 38-acre campus in Middletown, MxCC@Platt in Meriden and online.