



MxCC alumni Mukshud Ahamed, left, and Erwin Ndwiga, right, with their mentor, Professor Cheryl Eckert, center

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Save the Date  
**BUSINESS PARTNER  
BREAKFAST**

**Thursday, March 22**  
Chapman Hall, Room 808  
Middletown Campus

## The MxCC Community Connector

News for friends and supporters of Middlesex Community College

### Area Legislators Learn About MxCC at Breakfast Event

Legislative leaders joined faculty and staff to learn about several key MxCC programs and initiatives that benefit Connecticut students and the community at the 8th annual Legislative Breakfast held on Jan. 31. Lead Campus Administrator **Steven Minkler** introduced **Matt Fleury**, chair of the CSU Board of Regents, who gave an update on the one community college consolidation and urged the audience to "use your voices" to give feedback along the way. Other guests included Middletown Mayor Dan Drew; State Representatives Antonio Guerrero, Joe Serra, and Melissa Ziobron; State Senators Paul Doyle and Len Suzio; and Durham First Selectman Laura Francis, among others. For more photos, [visit the MxCC Facebook page](#).



Matt Fleury, chair of the CSU Board of Regents

### Multiple Grants Support Innovative MxCC Programs

Middlesex Community College has recently received \$183,824 in several grants to support a variety of academic and civic engagement projects during the 2017-18 academic year. **Steven Minkler**, dean of Academic Affairs and lead campus administrator, announced the awards in a memo to the college community on January 19, 2018.

- **The Community Foundation of Middlesex County Board of Directors** approved a \$2,000 grant for the purchase of food items for the Magic Food Bus.
- **The CUNO Foundation of Meriden** approved a \$2,500 grant to support a new initiative called the MxCC@Platt Student Ambassadors Program.

8 to 9:30 a.m.

MxCC invites area business representatives to learn about cost-effective training solutions offered by the college. Meet experienced faculty in topics such as time management, customer service, and working with teams. After breakfast, stay for a free class in The Power of Social Media from 9:45 to 10:15 a.m.

To sign up  
email [DBordonaro@mxcc.edu](mailto:DBordonaro@mxcc.edu)  
or call 860-343-5716.



## Scholarship Applications Deadline March 1

Students interested in applying for 2018-19 scholarships can [click here](#) to download an application, stop by room 104 in Founders Hall, [send an email](#), or call 860-343-5701.

## Free Federal and State Income Tax Preparation Services at MxCC

Take advantage of income tax assistance by IRS-trained and certified volunteers for students with incomes under \$55,000. Save in tax preparation fees and be sure to file for eligible tax credits. [Email nkelly@mxcc.edu](mailto:nkelly@mxcc.edu) to schedule an appointment on:

**Tuesday, February 20**  
2 p.m., 3 p.m., or 4 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 21**  
1 p.m., 2 p.m., or 3 p.m.

**Thursday, February 22**  
3 p.m., 4 p.m., or 5 p.m.

## ART EXHIBIT



Disbelief by Melanie Carr

- The Connecticut State Department of Education awarded \$102,497 for a variety of initiatives through the **Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Post-Secondary Education Grant**.
- In September, the Connecticut State Department of Education awarded \$76,827 as a special, one-time competitive **Carl D. Perkins Supplemental Grant** to support collaborative experiences with high schools and college faculty/staff/students in virtual reality media production and virtual learning with a synthetic canine cadaver in the veterinary technology program.

[Click here for more details about these grants.](#) Many thanks to **Trent Wright**, coordinator of institutional advancement, for working with faculty and staff to submit the proposals and secure funding for MxCC. For more information about the grants process, [email TWright@mxcc.edu](mailto:TWright@mxcc.edu).

## Health Information Management Certificate Program Earns Highly Regarded National Approval

As of January 2018, MxCC's Health Information Management Certificate program has been approved by the Professional Certificate Approval Program (PCAP) Council of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). This approval process allows academic institutions to be acknowledged as providing an approved coding certificate program. Middlesex is the only community college in the state with this distinction.



"On the advice of our advisory board, we developed the coding-intensive Health Information Management Certificate to address the unmet demand for coding professionals in Connecticut," explained **Jill Flanigan**, coordinator of the program at MxCC. "AHIMA PCAP approval of our certificate creates new opportunities for professional certification for our students that will open up career opportunities to them and puts us in a better position to serve our students and the employers in our community."

For more information on the Health Information Management certificate program at MxCC, [please visit the MxCC website.](#)

## Alumni Spotlight: Mukshud Ahamed and Erwin Ndwiga

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

Recent MxCC graduates **Mukshud Ahamed** of Westbrook and **Erwin Ndwiga** of Meriden gave inspiring presentations about their Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) internship experiences last year. Several students interested in applying to the program, as well as faculty and staff, attended the event in Founders Hall on Jan. 24.



Erwin Ndwiga and Mukshud Ahamed

Mukshud, now a biochemistry student at Wesleyan University, spent the summer working with prestigious physicians and scientists at the Yale School of Medicine. In the summer of 2016, Erwin, a current Pre-Dental major at the University of Connecticut, mentored with renowned physicians at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center. Both said they would not be where they are today without the education and support they had while attending Middlesex Community College.

[Click here to read more about their amazing experiences.](#)

**"DISBELIEF PILLOWS"**  
Sculpture & Interactive  
Projects by Melanie Carr

Through March 2 in  
the Pegasus Gallery  
[Click here for more info](#)

## Technology Center Spring 2018 Hours

The Technology Center is open for business offering free technical service to students on the Middletown campus. [Click here to visit the Technology Center website for more info.](#)

**Monday & Wednesday**  
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Friday**  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Cindy Li Dances With Cultural Group in China

Lifeng "Cindy" Li, digital services/systems librarian, is a member of the ECA (Eastern Culture Art), a nonprofit group in Connecticut to increase the awareness and understanding of Chinese-American culture. Cindy recently traveled with the group to Beijing, China, to perform a dance called "Happy New Spring." This group was one of only two dance teams selected among different regions of the United States. Their performance was recorded and will be shown on TV in China as part of the Chinese New Year Gala celebration on February 16.



Cindy Li in China

Congratulations, Cindy!

## Exercise with a Purpose! Join Us for the Cap and Gown Road Race 2018



Enjoy the outdoors while helping to support the MxCC Foundation's work for students by spending a spring evening at the annual **MxCC Cap and Gown Road Race** on Friday, May 11, 2018. While the competitive 5K for serious runners begins at 6 p.m., anyone can participate by walking the route along the scenic roads near the reservoirs behind our campus. A Kids Fun Run kicks off the event at 5:30 p.m. Register before April 15 to enter the raffle for a soundRunner gift card. [Click here to sign up now](#) or call Cheryl Dumont-Smith at 860-343-5869 for sponsorship information.

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