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# The MxCC Community Connector

News for friends and supporters of Middlesex Community College

## Students Garner Spring Awards at MxCC!

The Middlesex Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Beta Gamma Xi, inducted 64 new members at a ceremony on April 20. This year's inductees have distinguished themselves as high achievers, both as scholars and as members of the college community, earning and maintaining a 3.65 GPA during their studies. [Click here for the full list of inductees.](#)



PTK inductee Elysse Page

On April 27, 36 MxCC students made professional presentations to the college community based on their original subject research during the fourth annual Academic Convivium. This daylong event also featured keynote speaker Dr. Merle Harris, CT Board of Regents, who spoke with the audience about her journey in the academic world, along with her strategies for becoming a good leader.

On May 2, the MxCC Foundation hosted its annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony and presented scholarships to 81 students totaling over \$75,000. Award recipients were chosen to receive assistance to further their educations by a dedicated scholarship committee that carefully followed the criteria set forth by former staff, alumni, and other friends of the college who have created these generous funds over time. [Click here for the list of scholarship recipients.](#)



Summer classes begin on May 29. Fall classes begin on August 28.

[Click here for more information on how to register.](#)

Questions?  
Call MxCC Enrollment Services at 860-343-5719 or [click here to email.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HONORS PROGRAM OPEN HOUSE

May 15, 2018

Tonight at 5 p.m.

Founders Hall, Pavilion  
RSVP to [alevy@mxcc.edu](mailto:alevy@mxcc.edu)

### MANUFACTURING AWARENESS DAY

May 16, 2018

Business Showcase begins at 9 a.m. in Founders Hall

### TECH FEST

May 17, 2018

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Chapman Hall, Room 808  
Featuring student presentations and guest speakers Bruce Carlson from the CT Technology Council and Michael Xu from Candoo, a drone software company

### ARTS & MEDIA FESTIVAL

May 18, 2018

6 to 9 p.m.

Chapman Hall  
Featuring student video, film, and new media projects, plus artwork and performances

### 51st COMMENCEMENT

May 24, 2018

6 p.m.

Middletown Campus  
Address by Christopher Kukk, PhD, WCSU Political Science Professor

### SAVE THE DATE ANNUAL RED MOON



Twenty-five students were also recently selected as 2018 Academic Award recipients (above). Awards were presented to students during a ceremony on May 4, recognizing second-year students who have excelled in their studies. [Click here for the list of winners.](#)

Congratulations to our students as they reach for success!

## Runners Support the Foundation at Annual 5K

A picture-perfect evening and a scenic course provided the backdrop for more than 180 adults and children who participated in the 15th annual Cap and Gown 5K Run/Walk fundraiser held on Friday, May 11. Presented by the MxCC Foundation in partnership with the Middlesex YMCA, this pre-graduation event raised approximately \$8,000 to support student success. Thank you to our generous sponsors and our event organizers, faculty member **Christine Witkowski** and IT staffer **Yvonne Rubin** for their hard work and enthusiasm. For a list of results, awards, photos, and sponsors, please go to [www.mxcc.edu/5k](http://www.mxcc.edu/5k).



Alum June Merwin, left, with daughter Kari

## Meriden Spotlight

*Each month we bring you a highlight from the MxCC Meriden community.*

Starting in August, MxCC student and Meriden resident **Sarah Carey** will join up to 12,000 other college students from around the country who spend several months in the Disney College Program in Orlando, Florida, each year. According to the *Orlando Sentinel*, about 50,000 young adults apply annually for this paid internship opportunity.

Hailing originally from northern California, Sarah moved to Connecticut when she was 12 years old and graduated from Valley Regional High School in Deep River. She learned more about Middlesex Community College from several of her friends who were planning to attend and decided to attend MxCC as well.



Sarah Carey

In early 2018, while Sarah was working at AMC Starplex Theaters in Southington, her manager mentioned the Disney College Program and recommended that Sarah apply. The only challenge was that the application deadline was that very same day! Not to be deterred, Sarah went right ahead and applied online. The questions ranged from asking about basic preferences and school information, as well as why she was interested in the program. The process continued with a web-

# GALA

September 29, 2018  
7 p.m. Chapman Hall

## We're Participating! MxCC Foundation and Travelers Championship BIRDIES FOR CHARITY



Birdies for Charity is a giving platform where nonprofits simply solicit donations and receive a 15 percent bonus on every dollar raised! Stay tuned to see how your donations can help our students succeed.

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### IN THE NEWS

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based interview, personality test, and finally a phone interview. Sarah prepared herself by researching the questions online and through social media.

[Click here to read how Sarah's Disney dream becomes a reality.](#)

## Alumni Spotlight

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

**Louise Howe** grew up in Clinton, Connecticut, and attended The Morgan School until her life path took a detour. At the age of 17, Louise suddenly found herself married with a baby, during what would have been her junior year in high school. Still determined to complete her high school education, Louise enrolled in a preparatory class and earned her GED in 1973, the same year her high school class graduated. While raising her daughter, Louise then worked for a major airline and part-time for a travel agency, among other jobs.



Until her second child was born, Louise took occasional classes at Middlesex Community College. She had left her well-paying airline job and soon thereafter realized that her career path would be quite limited with only a high school equivalency diploma. Fast forward to her daughter's high school graduation and preparation to leave for college at the University of Connecticut. Both mother and daughter waitressed that summer to help pay for tuition, and this was when Louise realized that she wanted a better career for her future.

Louise Howe

Louise decided to enroll in additional degree prerequisite courses at MxCC. She had her curriculum checklist and started making progress toward an associate degree.

[Click here to read how Louise, who graduated at the top of her class, found her true potential while at MxCC.](#)

## Magic Food Bus Receives Grant and Food Donations

The MxCC Foundation acknowledges with appreciation a grant in the amount of \$2,100 which was recently awarded by the Community Foundation of Middlesex County for the next phase of Magic Food Bus program development. The Community Foundation, thanks to the generosity of Capece Family Fund, the Whelan Family Endowed Fund, and the Wiltsie Family Fund, has provided funds to ensure a continued supply of food is available for those in need at the college. The Community Foundation of Middlesex County is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Middlesex County.



Also on April 30, several MxCC human services interns and student workers braved chilly weather and raised \$440 and collected food donations at the local Stop & Shop in Middletown.

Thank you to everyone for continuing to support the Magic Food Bus, a great resource for our students and their families.

## Middlesex Accelerated Program (MAP) Offers Associate Degrees in 13 Months

Get your degree FASTER! By enrolling in the Middlesex Accelerated Program (MAP), a student can earn an associate degree in 13 months. The program is currently accepting students in business studies, criminal justice, criminology, general studies, liberal arts, and political science. Other benefits include flexible scheduling, financial aid, five-week online courses, and multiple starts dates, with this year's first cohort beginning on May 29. Visit [mxc.edu/map](http://mxc.edu/map) for more details.



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 65 degree or certificate programs at the main 38-acre campus in Middletown, MxCC@Platt in Meriden, and online.

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