

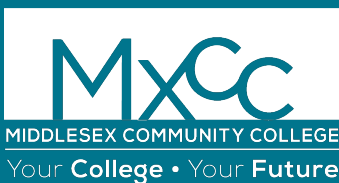


Red Moon Gala 2017



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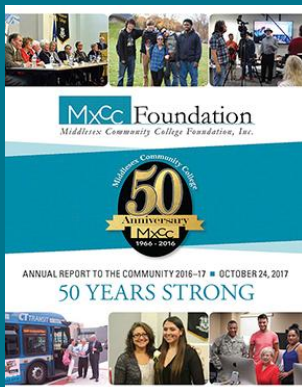
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The Red Moon Continues to Shine Over MxCC

The Middlesex Community College Foundation hosted a festive and successful sixth annual **Red Moon Gala** on October 14. A special thank you goes out to everyone who sponsored, volunteered, and enjoyed this wonderful event!



More than 200 individuals attended the gala and raised over \$30,000 to support the Foundation's work with MxCC students.



Scenes from the Red Moon Gala

Shine on, MxCC!

Area High School Counselors Visit MxCC

Counselors from area high schools visited the campus in October to attend MxCC's second School Counselor Breakfast. Participants learned about educational opportunities for their students including the Honors Program, Transfer Articulation Pathways with the state university system, ways for high school students to take college-level coursework, and updates about MxCC@Platt. The group ended the morning with a question-and-answer session and a tour of the Center for New Media.



Foundation Recognizes Donors at Annual Meeting

The Middlesex Community College Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of their annual donor awards, presented on October 24. Honorees included **Robin Gilmartin**, MSW, of West Hartford (Donor Recognition Award); **Anne Cassady**, MxCC professor emerita, of Durham, and **Corey Martell**, MxCC executive assistant to the president,

ART EXHIBIT



"Pumpkin Hill (1)," pastel on monotype, 2017.

"WHERE I WANDER"
Mixed Media by
Kathleen Deep
November 6
to January 3

Opening reception
November 15
5 to 7 p.m.
Pegasus Gallery

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Magic Food Bus Hours

The Magic Food Bus food pantry is now located in the Founders Hall mezzanine for the winter.

Monday Noon-5 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
12:15 to 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday Noon to 6 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Lisbon, (Corporator Award); and **Hugh and Judith Cox**, in memoriam, of Chester, (Legacy Award).

Joining the MxCC Foundation Board are: **Jeanette Hodge** (Portland), retired director of patient relations at Yale-New Haven Hospital; **Laura Krueger** (Meriden), MxCC alumna and director of public relations and marketing for The Salvation Army; faculty representative, **Frank Stellabotte** (Norwalk), MxCC interim program coordinator, biotechnology; and **Frances Viggiani** (East Haddam), associate professor of management, Southern Connecticut State University.



Dr. Steven Minkler, Foundation Board Chair Jule Crawford, and MxCC President Emeritus Jonathan Daube presented Corey Martell (second from right) with the Corporator Award.

Honors Students Inspired by Yale Visit

Honors Program students visited Yale University on October 17 to find inspiration from the Ivy League school and enhance their academic potential. Associate Professor **Eva Jones**, coordinator of the program, and a Yale guide led them on a private tour of the main campus, which included the residence halls, Yale Art Gallery, Beinecke Library, and the main library.



"You can see that the students are just like us, making me wonder, maybe I have chance to go there one day," said **Natasha Ramos**, a criminal justice student from Meriden.

Throughout MxCC's two-year program, honors students hone the leadership, academic, and professional skills necessary for transfer and future success. Field trips like this provide an added benefit, as students explore the world after MxCC. [Click here for more information about the Honors Program.](#)

Alumni Spotlight: Yvonne Page

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

Since the age of three, **Yvonne Page** always wanted to write and illustrate children's books. Her dream was to attend Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia after graduating from Middletown High School.

However, the hand of fate had a different plan for her. The day Yvonne graduated from high school was the



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same day her first son, Jacquai, was born. While this temporarily changed her initial college hopes, she gladly found nearby Middlesex Community College. Not only did she enroll as a student, but she has been a full-time MxCC employee since 2010, currently serving as the webmaster and graphics specialist.



Yvonne Page

Never forgetting her childhood dream, Yvonne committed herself to completing the book she started 12 years ago, and in 2017 began her foray into writing and illustrating children's books.

[Click here to find out more about Yvonne's new children's book.](#)

Foundation Receives IBM Community Service Grant

In October, International Business Machines (IBM) recognized MxCC Foundation Board member and IBM retiree **James Probdus** of Portland for his volunteer service. This recognition came in the form of a \$2,000 grant to support technology which will help Middlesex Community College expand its alumni connections.



Jim Probdus

Thanks to Jim for taking the initiative to support MxCC's efforts to reconnect with its alumni base.

November 28 is #GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday, celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, launches the charitable giving season at the end of the year. While Black Friday and Cyber Monday kick off the holiday shopping season, #GivingTuesday is about making a difference in our communities through philanthropy and volunteerism.



To make a difference for MxCC students through the work of the Foundation, [click here to donate online](#). And remember, when you purchase items through AmazonSmile and designate the Foundation as your charity, a percentage of the cost is automatically contributed to the Foundation. Thank you for considering us!

P.S. If you are age 70-plus and would like to make a gift to help our students, please consider the idea of an IRA charitable rollover gift. Your professional advisor can help you decide if it is the right option for you, or please call Cheryl Dumont-Smith at 860-343-5869 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 60 degree or certificate programs at the main 38-acre campus in Middletown, MxCC@Platt in Meriden, and online.