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News for friends and supporters of Middlesex Community College

Welcome to the New Academic Year! MxCC Reaffirms Commitment to Unity

To celebrate the start of a new academic year, members of the college community gathered on August 30 for "a moment of commUNITY" to respond to the recent extraordinary events in the country where others seek to create division and promote hate. These actions are the opposite of what Middlesex stands for.



MxCC students performed "This Land Is Your Land"

Interim President **Steve Minkler** began with remarks acknowledging MxCC's "students first" commitment. "We are a college that has a shared responsibility to cultivate the common good-sustainability, global awareness, citizenship, and the equity and inclusion of all," he said. Dean of Students **Adrienne Maslin** followed with a reading of Dr. Kent M. Keith's poem, "The Paradoxical Commandments," and students **Marina Capezzone**, **Daniel Ortiz** and **Gilianne Oyolo** performed "This Land Is Your Land."

The MxCC community reaffirms its commitment to non-discrimination and to making Middlesex Community College a safe place where all students, staff and faculty can learn, work, create and grow.

SAVE THE DATES
Please join us!

[David M. Rennison Jr. Receives First Darrell and Julia Stark Scholarship](#)



Red Moon Gala
Saturday, October 14
 6 p.m. [Click to register or become a sponsor](#)



Basilica View-Gelatin Silver
 Photograph 16" x 20"

Pegasus Gallery:
"In Italy"
Photographs by Roger Carl Johanson

September 12 to October 26
 Opening reception Sept. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m.
[Click for more information](#)

Ninth Annual Middletown International Film Festival

October 24
Rams
 (Iceland, 2015, directed by Grimur Hakonarson)

October 31
Difret
 (Ethiopia, 2014, directed by Zeresenay Berhane Mehari)

7 p.m., Chapman Hall
 Screenings followed by discussion and refreshments
 Free and open to the public

Join the MxCC READS Book Club
[Click here for info](#)

Middlesex Moments Radio Show

Listen Live on Wednesdays
 12:30 and 6:30 p.m.
 WLIS 1420AM and WMRD 1150AM

MxCC's radio show is now

The family and friends of **Darrell and Julia Stark** gathered at the MxCC Veteran's Oasis Center on Tuesday, August 29, to celebrate with the first Stark Scholarship recipient, **David Rennison**. The scholarship was created in 2016 to honor the life of World War II veteran and former POW Darrell D. Stark for turning a life of hardship into a life of service to others. The scholarship is meant to support and inspire other veterans along their journey. For more information about the Darrell and Julia Stark Scholarship, please [email Cheryl Dumont-Smith](mailto:Cheryl.Dumont-Smith) in the MxCC Foundation office.



Photo left to right: granddaughter Amy Courchesne, son Darrell "Butch" Stark, family friend Robin Gilmarin, scholarship recipient David Rennison, and MxCC Veteran Services Coordinator Peter Galgano

MAD Programming Camp Helps Area Youth Learn Valuable Skills

MxCC hosted a two-week, Mobile Application Development (MAD) Programming Camp in August organized by the STEAM Train pilot initiative led by **Professor Donna Hylton**, in partnership with the CT Urban Technology Collaborative. With funding from the College and the MxCC Foundation, 20



participants from the area attended the camp free of charge, receiving certificates of completion at a special ceremony on August 18. MxCC student **Malachi Caldwell-Andrews** of Middlefield, who is studying computer engineering technology, volunteered his time at the camp. "The class offered local kids the exposure to coding projects they may not get to experience elsewhere," he said. For more information on how to support future efforts, please email steam-train@comcast.net.

Senator Suzio Welcomes Students to MxCC@Platt



State Senator Len Suzio and MxCC Interim President **Steve Minkler** welcomed Meriden student **Yalymar Rosado** to MxCC@Platt on August 29, after she arrived to attend class at the new MxCC Meriden location at Platt High School. The CTtransit bus provides transportation to and from Platt on Monday through Friday, departing from the Meriden Railroad

hosted by Steve Minkler. This week featured Adam Florida and the MxCC Book Club. Next week Chris Gargamelli will answer your pet questions if you [email them to cmartell@mxcc.edu](mailto:cmartell@mxcc.edu) by Sept. 14. [Click here to catch up on YouTube](#)

Magic Food Bus Now Open

Monday Noon-5 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 12:15-3:15 p.m.
Wednesday Noon-5:30 p.m.
Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
(closed Sept. 15)

[Click here for more information](#)

New Day Fund

New Day funds will be available to support faculty efforts in providing a superior teaching/learning experience for students. Submitted requests by Friday, September 29. [Email for forms](#)

In the News

[Meriden Record Journal](#)
[Middletown Patch](#)
[Middletown Press](#)

Do Good While You Shop



Look for MxCC Foundation on [Amazon Smile](#)

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Station to Platt at 2:30 p.m., 3:50 p.m. and 5 p.m. The bus arrives/departs Platt at 2:40 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5:10 p.m.

Alumni Spotlight: Quatina Frazer

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

Quatina "Tina" Frazer had a great role model while growing up—her mother, Sharon Locklear. As a middle school-aged child, Tina remembers being in the classroom with her. That classroom was at Middlesex Community College.



Quatina Frazer, MxCC
Class of 2008

Flash-forward to 2005, Tina is once again at Middlesex, this time as a business student. While she thought it was cool to be in a college classroom as a child, it also inspired her to return years later, following in her mother's footsteps.

But she had some challenges before that. Tina went to Middletown High School, and in 1999, before she was able to graduate, she became a parent of two boys. This did not deter her will, because in 2000, she earned her adult high school diploma from Middletown's Adult Education program, graduating along with her maternal grandmother.

While she was working at Subway training managers, she thought, "Why can't I be a manager?" So in 2005, she enrolled at MxCC, studying medical transcription just like her mother.

[Click here to read how Tina found her motivation to reach her goals.](#)

MxCC Business Office and Maintenance Staff Members Earn Awards from MILE

The Business Advisory Board and the Middlesex Institute for Lifelong Education (MILE) recently honored members of the College's Business and Maintenance offices with special recognition for their outstanding support and commitment to the MILE program and its 300+ participants.



Head of maintenance **Steve Chester**, **Mark Zammiti** and **John Donovan** were lauded for their superior work throughout the year in providing key set-up services that allow the MILE programs to function smoothly.



Business Office personnel **Lillian Baruffi**, **Peter Furlani**, **Adam Kowalski**, **Adrian Pavel**, **Barbara Taylor**, **Nancy Walter** and **Dean Kim Hogan** were also recognized for their ongoing behind-the-scenes support in helping the MILE program grow.



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.