

# MxCC Bulletin

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## The Continuing Budget Crisis submitted by Dean Sykes

While there appears to be some progress towards finding solutions to the State's financial crisis, we have not yet been advised as to what our funding will be for the next fiscal year. We are aware that a majority of the unions have agreed to the concessions negotiated between the State and SEBAC. That agreement must be acted upon by the State Legislature. This is a major step in addressing the deficit and having made this step allows for more definitive planning on how the remainder of this year's deficit will be made up and how to address the projected deficit in the next two years.

Once all of the pieces of this plan are in place we anticipate being advised of our fiscal year 2010 block grant from the State. Only then

can we begin to develop our budget factoring in that level of state funding and projecting our revenue from other sources such as tuition, grants, fees, etc. In all likelihood we will not be preparing a budget before faculty are off contract. That will require us to build our budget on the basis of past history adjusted for changes in state funded revenue. Keep in mind that our budget has flexibility in how we allocate our funds between departments and should a budget for any one department not be adequate for their essential needs, adjustments can be made.

We anticipate that cuts in our State funding will require us to operate differently. We do not know what, if any, process is contemplated for replacing staff

who may elect to take advantage of the retirement incentive. If we are unable to replace staff, it will be necessary to re-evaluate our activities and determine how best to support them with existing resources.

While the next several years will undoubtedly be challenging, we will be able to continue our mission due to the determination and strength of our staff and the fact that we are in good financial condition at the present time.



## Upcoming Events

Commencement on MxCC Campus or Xavier High School in case of rain

June 4th @ 6:00 pm



MxCC Pre-school Graduation in 808 A&B

Friday June 12 @ 10:00 am



Radiologic Technology Graduation in 808 ABC&D  
September 8th, Time TBA



MxCC Golf Classic at Lyman Orchard on Friday June 5th For information call 343-6914.



ARTFARM's Shakespeare in the Grove Production, *Taming of the Shrew* on the MxCC campus grounds  
July 16-19 & July 23-26 @7:00 pm



## Here's a Real Eye Opener

Congratulations to two graduating seniors from the Ophthalmic Design and Dispensing program that have recently been honored for their participation in national competitions. Professor Ray Dennis reports both students have excelled in the program and have already been Nationally Certified by both the American Board of Opticianry and the National Contact Lens Examiners. They will both sit for their State Board - Optician Practical Exams in early June.

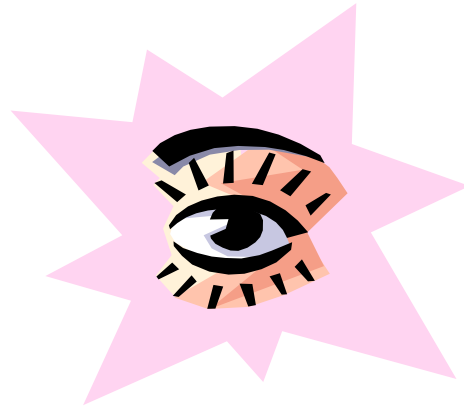
Amy Easterlin competed in the National Federation of Opticianry Schools/Essilor - National College Bowl of optical students and finished second. This competition is held annually at the Vision Expo at the Jacob Javits Center in New York and involves participants from more than 30

college opticianry programs. We are very proud of her accomplishment. Amy was also selected to receive the Joseph L. Bacotti Award for Excellence in Contact Lenses at the May 8<sup>th</sup> MxCC Foundation Awards Night ceremony

Kelly Garcia has been selected as the First Place Winner and recipient of a \$500 award in the Transitions "Students of Vision" competition. This competition is held each year and sponsored by Transitions Optical, one of the world's largest distributors of spectacle lenses. The theme of this year's competition was "Understanding Healthy Sight". Kelly competed against students from opticianry programs throughout the United States. Kelly has also been selected to receive the Joseph L. Bacotti Award

for Excellence in Opticianry at the May 8<sup>th</sup> Foundation Awards Night ceremony.

Amy & Kelly, congratulations on your success!



## Congratulations are in Order!

Congratulations to **Lan Liu**, Library Director on her recent recognition. Lan was chosen from a distinguished group of professionals by the Connecticut Library Association as the 2009 Supporter of Support Staff.

Congratulations to **Queen Fordham** Queen will receive her BGS degree with a concentration in Psychology from Charter Oak University on June 6, 2009. Queen has been accepted to Cen-

tral Connecticut State University's Graduate School M.S. degree program in Counselor Education with Specialization in Student Development in Higher Education. Congratulations Queen – well done!!

Congratulations to **Deborah Jeffers** and **Pamela Wahl** for their special recognition by the Women & Families Center on May 7, 2009. Deb was recognized for her leadership and service in Educa-

tion and Pam was recognized for leadership and mentoring. We are proud of their many accomplishments, their service, support, and contributions to others.



## PTK Formal Induction Ceremony

The Phi Theta Kappa formal induction was held on April 26th when new members from both fall and spring semester were inducted into the Beta Gamma Xi chapter of PTK. Family and friends gathered to witness our students' accomplishments and presentation of official certificates. Keynote speakers included Dean Samuels and David Hampton, MxCC Foundation Representative. PTK President Bill Passarelli was honored with the CT All Academic Team Award. As part of PTK's commitment

to service, we collected "gently-used" children's books that were donated to the Essex Library.

## @ the Library

This summer, as part of our library system upgrade, our **online catalog will be getting a facelift**. Be on the lookout for a brand new interface with a more modern look and easy-to-use layout.

Take a break and come see the **student art show**, on display in the library all summer!

Also, take a look at our other displays, featuring Summer Reads, World Environment Day, Cars, and more.



**Save the date!** In the fall, the library will be sponsoring a series of events in

conjunction with "Soul of a People: Writing America's Story," a new television documentary about the Federal Writers' Project (FWP) to be broadcast on the Smithsonian Channel HD. Please join us for our kick-off event Friday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:30 pm in Chapman Hall for 1930s food, displays, music and a live radio show!



### Interlibrary Loan

Were you aware that interlibrary loan allows students, faculty, and staff to obtain items borrowed from other libraries by MxCC? Items such as books,

and newspaper and journal articles can be requested through interlibrary loan. Please be aware many libraries are hesitant to loan DVDs, CDs, and videos. For more information on interlibrary loan call (860) 343-5830.

### Summer Hours

Summer Session (May 26th –July 30th)

Monday –Thursday 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

August 1st-August 28th

Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## Student Recognition

Faculty and Staff recognized students on May 1, 2009 at the **Academic Awards Night Program**. Students recognized this year for achieving academic excellence in their disciplines are Kaori Pace (Mathematics), Rachel Ricci Drake (Accounting), William Passarelli (Business Administration), Paul Parzych (Information Systems), Katherine Lussier (Marketing), Christopher Dubey (Biotechnology), Taryn Dredge (Broadcast Communications), Emily Jean Gontarz (Liberal Arts & Sciences), Paul Hardy (English), Aisling Svenningsen (Fine Arts), Jacqueline Lux (Graphic Design), Stacey Holland Joseph (Digital Arts-Multimedia), Meaghan Meyers (Foreign Language), Linda R. Cavaliere (Early Childhood Education), Jose Pacheco, Jr. (Human Services), Mulec Mateusz (History), and Adam Russo (George Ross Dingwall Award). Congratulations of your good work and success!

Congratulations to our **2009 Scholarship and Awards Ceremony** honorees. This year's scholarship recipients are: Ange Amichia (Fuld), Lisbeth

Aquino (Lapidus), Carolee Bogdanski (Jones, Melvin-Zaffino), Trisha Boirie (Phelps Ingersoll, Salafia), Lakiasha Brissett (Hartford Courant), Christina Carpenter (Liberty Bank, Mayor's), Pauline Cavallaro (Lapidus), Grace Cotnoir (Addy, Liberty Bank), Weverton DePaula (Aglieco), Amy Easterlin (Bacotti/Lens, Shapiro), Halina Elidrissi (Liberty Bank, MILE), Joyce Furman (Liberty Bank, Massita), Eleanor Gambardella (Chapman, Liberty Bank), Karla Garbe (Jones), Kelly Garcia (Bacotti/Opticianry), Erin Griffin (Smart), Jessica Hillhouse (Lapidus), Brittany Hoggard (Thumim), Shawna Housefield (Jones), Ashley Jones (Lapidus), Iwona Korzeniowski (Jones, MxCC Foundation), David Kowalczyk (Jones), Christina LoBello, (Rundle, Thorn), Valerie Magro (Dennis Annual), Brenda Mansfield (Dennis Annual), Sylvia Matias-Leal (Liberty, Nellie Smith), Rose Mbanugo-Etuka (Liberty, Madoff), Jacqueline Melendez (Lapidus, Liberty), Patricia Mary Murray (PTK), Kristina Noyes

(Lapidus), Felicia Opoku (Liberty, Rotary), William Passarelli (Altrusa, MxCC Faculty, PTK), Renee Pelletier (Jones), Jo-Ann Philbrick (Jones, MxCC Foundation), Katherine Russo (Rivard), Elise Saltus (MxCC Foundation), Renee Sivo (Jones, Lapidus), Mathew Staranchak (Jones), Jessica Torres (Lapidus, Wheaton), Marilyn Truglio-Kirwin (Jones, Liberty, MILE), Jacques Vasquez (Cox), Frederick Ventriglia (Gandhi, Liberty) and Peter Woolard (Wiltsie)

At the May 6, 2009 **College Academic Day at the Capital**, Paul Holland was honored by the State Legislature for his achievements and excellence.



## Did You Know...?

### Credit Programs

The majority of our students have matriculated into degree programs. Seventy-two percent of all students are enrolled in associate degree programs; and 2% are enrolled in certificate programs. Of interest is the fact that our matriculation statistic continues to improve each year: 74% of our spring 2009 students are enrolled in *degree* or *certificate* programs which represents an increase of 5% from spring 2008 and nearly 20% from spring 2003.

In Spring 2009, students enrolled in 41 different academic programs, 25 degree programs and 16 certificate programs. Following are the top nine program areas this semester ranked in terms of overall enrollments (i.e. more than 50 enrolled students in degree/certificate programs related to a specific academic area): General Studies, Business Administration, Criminal Justice, Human Services, Early Childhood Education, Multimedia/Broadcast Communications, Accounting, Fine Arts, and Liberal Arts & Sciences

~Provided by the Office of Institutional Research



## College Council Action Items

New Course proposals were approved for ART\*250 Digital Photography, BMG\*210 Principles of Organizational Behavior, MFG\*051 Manufacturing Math I, MFG\*071 Introduction to Blueprint Reading, MFG\*080 Manufacturing Graphics, Introduction to CAD/CAM, MFG\*091 Seminar Safety in the World of Work, MFG\*092 Manufacturing Computer & Computer Systems, and MFG\*093 Manufacturing Materials. Prerequisite changes were approved for COM101, COM142, COM203, and SOC101. A program

modification to the Business Administration Associate in Science program was approved. Lastly, the statement on Advanced Placement Course acceptance was approved.



## Articulation Agreement

Middlesex Community College and Kaplan University have signed off on an articulation partner agreement allowing MxCC students to transfer to a Kaplan University following completion of a certificate, diploma, or associate's degree program at MxCC. Students having completed an associate's degree program consisting of a minimum of 60 semester credits will be eligible for a block transfer of up to 60 credits and acceptance into KU's "advanced start" baccalaureate option.

