New Campus Opens in Upper Darby

The College celebrated the official opening of its new Upper Darby Center on September 14. Located at 1570 Garrett Road in the Barclay Square Shopping Center, the Upper Darby Center is comprised of seven classrooms, a Learning/Testing Center, a student lounge and staff, faculty and other student-centered offices. The College invested nearly $2 million in refurbishing the facility, the former home of the Star Technical Institute.

“Everybody will benefit from the College’s presence here,” said Dr. Jerry Parker, the College’s president, at the opening ceremony. Neilda Mott, vice chair of the College’s Board of Trustees, described the Center as, “the latest jewel in the College’s continuing effort to bring quality, affordable education to the residents of Delaware and Chester Counties.”

With the capacity to serve up to 1,800 students, the Center offers day and evening classes, including courses leading to an associate degree in Liberal Arts, Allied Health, Communications, Business Administration, or Education. It also offers courses in English as a Second Language, GED and SAT Prep.

“This site in Upper Darby will go a long, long way,” said Delaware County Councilman Mario Civera Jr. “This is another plus.” (View Channel 6 ABC TV’s coverage of the opening at: www.dccc.edu/upperdarby. Click on the link under, “In the News.”)

“Shown at the ribbon-cutting ceremony are from left: Provost Virginia Carter; Shantelle Jenkins, Director of the Southeast Center; Mary Jo Boyer, Vice President and Vice President, Branch Campus Operations; Dr. Jerry Parker, President; Neilda Mott, Vice Chair, Board of Trustees; State Representative Margo Davidson, Thomas Micozzie, Mayor, Upper Darby Township; Mario Civera Jr., Vice Chairman, Delaware County Council; Jim McCann, Trustee Emeritus; and Trustee Bernice Clark-Dickerson.

Students study in the lounge at the Upper Darby Center.

Delaware County Council Vice Chairman Mario Civera Jr. called the Center “another plus” for Upper Darby.
For the third year in a row, Delaware County Community College was honored by The Chronicle of Higher Education, a higher education trade publication, as one of the Great Colleges To Work For in the nation. Out of 103 colleges recognized overall, we were one of only two, 2-year colleges in Pennsylvania to earn this distinction in 2012.

The Chronicle’s annual survey gathers benchmarking data within higher education and uses this data to recognize institutions that have built great workplaces. The survey data comes from a random poll conducted of college and university employees. For more information about the survey, see http://chronicle.com/section/Academic-Workplace/617.

The 2012 Great College to Work For distinction continues to be an excellent benchmark that shows we are part of a community that values the needs and contributions of every individual, works well together toward student success and helps to make Delaware County Community College a great place to work. This recognition helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can make improvements.

As a community, we have made progress in the past year, despite significant challenges. Recognitions such as this are very rewarding affirmations, especially in times when our resources are constrained. They tell us that we are making progress toward enhancing employees’ capacity to learn, their overall satisfaction and their commitment to supporting the success of our students.

I appreciate the continued patience and hard work of our dedicated faculty, administrators and staff as we adapt and improve the College for our students, community and employees.

Jerome B. Parker
President
College Celebrates 45th Anniversary

For Delaware County Community College, there is no better way to celebrate an anniversary than to showcase successful alumni. “History is more than a record of facts and figures,” said College President Jerry Parker at the 45th Anniversary event held at Harrah’s Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack on September 28. “The full story, the real reward, can be seen in the people whose careers we have launched, whose confidence in themselves we have encouraged, or whose lives we have transformed.”

Honoring five alumni at the 40th and 45th anniversaries has become a tradition since the 15th Anniversary in 2002 when 15 alumni were selected as Star Alumni. The galaxy has now expanded to encompass 45 Stars with the naming in 2003 of Paul Adack ’86, Karen Bogosian ’85, Dr. Robert Boyden ’84, Dr. Louise Del Negro ’96 and Carl Needles ’88. A biographical video of each honoree was shown at the event and may be viewed on the College’s alumni website. Recent graduates, known as Rising Stars, were also honored. The stories of the Rising Stars, Johnny Archer ’06, Esther Castillo ’06, Hiu Sin Cheung ’06 and Dr. Catherine Porter ’97, are also on the alumni website.

Also presented on this occasion was the Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award, which recognizes individuals who have been successful in their career, educational achievement and community service. The 2012 recipient was Joseph J. Oaster Jr. ’89 whose dedication to teaching achievement and community service. The 2012 recipient was Joseph J. Oaster Jr. ’89 whose dedication to teaching literacy in the inner city won the hearts of the selection committee. His passion for helping others was described by John Moss in presenting the award on behalf of his mother, the late Barbara Moss, a former member of the College Board of Trustees. The family award, named for Barbara Wong Moss’ father, a Chinese immigrant who valued education, was established to demonstrate the value of the College to the community by highlighting the success of our alumni.

Attending the event were board members, friends and family of the honorees, past award winners, College employees and numerous alumni.

Law Enforcement Alumni Teleconference on Colorado Shooting

The Alumni Association hosted a Lunch and Learn teleconference on July 31 after the tragic movie theater shooting in Aurora, Colorado on July 20th that left 12 dead and 58 others wounded. The call featured three experienced local law enforcement officials who spoke on the topic from an investigative, forensic and judicial perspective. The alumni panel included: Robert Downey ’74, Retired Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Philadelphia FBI Field Office; Dr. Robert Boyden ’84, an Executive Advisory Board Member for the International Society of Forensic Examiners; and Judge John Bailey ’97, Magisterial District Court Judge for the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and former Detective Sergeant with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department.

The hour-long teleconference dealt with the initial confusion of first responders on the scene; coordination of multiple agencies and how to stay safe in your work and personal space; and what the average citizen should do to maintain a sense of situational awareness—an awareness of your surroundings and other factors that could put you in danger. Downey encouraged people to create an emergency action plan and to view a public service video on YouTube that was done by the city of Houston, Texas called, “Run, Hide, Fight. Surviving an Active Shooter Event.” To obtain a copy of the teleconference, contact the Alumni Office via e-mail at alumni@dccc.edu and provide your name and mailing address.

Alumna-Police Officer Saves Baby’s Life

White credits the College with teaching her the skills she used to save the baby’s life. She enrolled in the College’s Municipal Police Academy when she was 35 years old, after leaving a career in corporate sales. At the College, she learned CPR, the Heimlich maneuver and other skills. “The instructors were amazing,” White said. “I learned so much.”

Maria Morales, the baby’s mother, told the Daily Times that she and her family were rushing to the hospital when they saw White in the patrol car. “In between the house and the hospital, I found my angel,” Morales said of White. “If it weren’t for her, my baby would have died.” The baby is fine now.

It was not the first time White’s quick thinking saved a life. She once used CPR to help save the life of a 20-year-old woman who had overdosed on heroin. She also once saved a choking man at a diner by administering the Heimlich maneuver.

New Alumni Association President

The Alumni Association is pleased to announce that Linda Fox “’11 has accepted the role of president-elect for the next two academic years. Fox came to the College as a nontraditional student and graduated from the College’s New Choices Career Development Program before enrolling in classes at the College in 2009. She capped off a successful academic career by graduating in May 2011 with an A.A. in Communication Arts. For the last 10 plus years, she has been a contributing member of the local community where she continues to run her own business, Linda Lane Wallcovering in Media, which specializes in wallpaper installation for residential and commercial properties.

Fox came to the attention of the Alumni Office for her work with the Sweet Future scholarship group, which supports a Communication major with a $500 scholarship offered through the College’s Educational Foundation. For more information about the Alumni Association, or to contact Fox, please send an e-mail to alumni@dccc.edu.
Bilingual Alumna Making a Difference in Chester

Alumna Myrna Russi ’06 believes her calling in life is to help people and she is doing just that as coordinator (and founder) of the Hispanic Resource Center in the Community Hospital in Chester. The hospital is part of the Crozer-Keystone Health System. Russi also is Community Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator for Crozer-Keystone’s Women and Children’s Health Services, which runs Healthy. Start, a free program that helps decrease infant mortality and increase prenatal care and childhood immunizations.

In April, Russi was honored by the Chester branch of the NAACP at the organization’s 102nd anniversary awards dinner. The organization annually honors people who make a positive impact on the community.

A native of Puerto Rico who is fluent in Spanish, Russi received an associate degree in Psychology from the College in 2006. “The College gave me the confidence to pursue my education and pursue my career,” she said. She also is certified in Health Care and Business Management from Penn State University and certified in Nonprofit Management from La Salle University.

“One thing about me that people know is that I’m passionate about what I do, and people sense that,” Russi said. Whether it is using her bilingual skills to translate so that people can receive the appropriate medical services or planning flea markets and other community events, Russi thoroughly enjoys her work. “The best thing about my job is being able to assist people in obtaining services that they thought they couldn’t receive,” she said.

Prior to working for Crozer-Keystone, Russi worked at the Wallingford Nursing Home and at the Chester Housing Authority. She has worked at Crozer-Keystone for 17 years.

72-Year-Old Seeks Admission to College’s Municipal Police Academy

Jimmy Binns, 72, an attorney who has represented famous boxing promoter Don King and boxer Mike Tyson, has signed up to enter the College’s Municipal Police Training Academy.

Binns told the Philadelphia Daily News he is not deterred by the fact that he must pass a psychological test and a physical exam which will require him to run 1.5 miles in 18.39 minutes, do 17 sit-ups in one minute and bench-press 63 percent of his weight. “I’m training to be 71 the week after the (physical) exam, but I’m not worried at all. If you can pass the Philadelphia Police motorcycle school-I did that at age 66-you can do anything,” Binns told the paper, referring to the Philadelphia Highway Patrol’s rigorous 80-hour training. “You remember the Rocky movie? Well, there you go.”

A former Pennsylvania Boxing Commissioner, Binns had a part in the movie Rocky, playing himself as Rocky’s lawyer. He also raises money to buy police officers’ gear and is behind several efforts to recognize police and firefighters killed in the line of duty and to help their families. Binns plans to take the test at the College soon, and if all goes well, he hopes to start classes in January. In an interview with WHYY Radio, Binns said he does not want to be a police officer, but is seeking more law enforcement training and a better understanding of what officers face in their line of work.

Alumnus Promoted to Nurse Manager at Local Retirement Community

Aluaksei (Alex) Minko ’11, a native of the Republic of Belarus, is pursuing his American dream at Paul’s Run, a Northeast Philadelphia continuous care retirement community, where he was recently promoted to nurse manager. A decade ago, Minko visited America on a holiday from Belarus, a country adjacent to Russia. But something happened that made him want to stay—he met his wife here.

“I loved it in America, and when I met the love of my life, I knew this would be my new home,” he said. At Liberty, a publication of Liberty Lutheran, a social ministry organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which owns and manages Paul’s Run and other retirement communities.

After arriving in America and working a variety of jobs, a friend suggested he consider working in a nursing home. Eventually, Minko, whose mother is a pediatrician and whose father is a family doctor, obtained a nursing assistant certificate. He later completed his Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) degree at Eastern Center for Arts and Technology in Willow Grove.

In 2008, he worked as an LPN for a local nursing home and soon was asked to work as a pool nurse at Artman Lutheran Home, a Liberty Lutheran community in Ambler. When an LPN-post opened at Paul’s Run in 2009, he applied and got the job. But he also continued to pursue an Associate in Applied Science degree and state licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) on weekends at Delaware County Community College, from which he graduated in 2011. “I had a dream to get my registered nurse degree for a while,” he said, adding that he appreciated the College’s weekend classes which allowed him to keep working full time.

This past year, Minko received his certification in wound care. Now, he is planning to go back to school again. “I would like to get a B.A. or Master’s in Nursing,” he said of his future aspirations, adding that he eventually would like to become a director or assistant director of nursing.

Campus Renovations

The College is transforming through a variety of construction projects including the following:

Marple Campus

• As part of an $8 million project, the College is creating a Learning Commons that blends the latest in technology with academic support services. The Commons, which replaces the Library, has resulted in major renovations to Founder’s Hall. The first phase of construction was completed for the fall of classes. The second phase of construction is expected to be completed in January 2013.

• The College also is renovating the Large Auditorium, which was originally built in the early 1970s. Construction is expected to be completed this year. Improvements will include a new sound and lighting system, new seating, and an expanded and improved stage.

• Improvements also include a $1.3 million electrical system upgrade, the installation on two new stairways and the resurfacing of two student parking lots. The College also renovated a bank of faculty spaces and the many common area spaces in the Academic Building.

Exton Center

• During the summer, the College completely renovated its Exton Center. The new Exton Center features an expanded Learning Center, new faculty offices, an enhanced student lounge and student gathering spaces, as well as updated and expanded restrooms, electrical and lighting system upgrades, and improvements to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

Upper Darby Center

• On July 1, 2012, the College opened its new Upper Darby Center, and an official opening ceremony was held on September 14. Located at 1570 Garrett Road, the Center is comprised of seven classrooms, a Learning/Testing Center, a student lounge and staff, faculty and other student-centered offices. (See story and photos on page 1).

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West Chester Life Magazine

Jeremy McGirl, an adjunct faculty member in the College’s Art Department, was featured in a six-page spread in the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of West Chester Life titled, “Moments in Time: West Chester Artist Jeremy McGirl Expresses How Memories Lie and Nature Constantly Changes.”

“I did not go into graphic design,” she said, “I was more into the arts than graphic design.” But she credits the College for helping her better understand art. She also has a degree in Information Systems from Saint Joseph’s University, where she met her husband.

McGill, who lives in West Chester and has an art studio in his basement filled with his small paintings and drawings and works-in-progress, teaches three introductory Art courses at the College. To view the full magazine review of McGill’s art visit: www.westchestelifemagazine.com/magazines/westchester-

Alumna Opens Art Gallery and Studio in Newtown Square

Blink and you might miss alumna Ana Delia McCormack’s new gallery and studio near the corner of Routes 252 and West Chester Pike. For Jeremy McGirl, these moments in time are tree branches in a childhood memory. The faces in a fading “The flicker of a bird’s wing. The way the sun slants through Memories Lie and Nature Constantly Changes.”

Air Instructor Jeremy McGirl Featured in West Chester Life Magazine

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“The flicker of a bird’s wing. The way the sun slants through tree branches in a childhood memory. The faces in a fading snapshot. For Jeremy McGill, these moments in time are something to be caught, turned into art and revealed as the imperfect, beautiful fragments that they are,” writes West Chester Life staff writer John Chambless. The article also features some of McGill’s paintings, including a sketch of a bird done on tissue-thin paper, “a reminder of the fleeting features some of McGill's paintings, including a sketch of a bird done on tissue-thin paper, “a reminder of the fleeting nature of a bird's movements.”

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Instructor Joseph Ovelman Reviewed in Sculpture Magazine

Joseph Ovelman, an adjunct instructor in Communications, Arts and Humanities, had his “Coming Home” sculpture exhibition reviewed in the June 2012 issue of Sculpture Magazine.

“The sly secrets of these layered constructions are to be uncovered slowly as bits of fabric, leather, and wood yield clues. Once belonging to a beloved grandmother, these remnants offer a fresh twist on recycling, imparting tenderness and humanity to store-bought materials,” writes reviewer Sarah Tanguy of one piece in Ovelman’s exhibition.

Tanguy sums up the entire Coming Home exhibition with an elaborate comparison: “Like Italy’s city-states during the Renaissance, each sculpture in Coming Home stands its ground, with a distinct character and look, though bonded by an allegiance to the entire body.” To view Tanguy’s entire review, visit: www.sculpture.org/documents/scmag12/jun_12/jun12_reviews.shtml.

Alumni Artists Showcase Winners

Congratulations to William “Papé” Houpt ’76 (left) whose piece, “A Warm Touch Means So Much,” was named the Best in Show entry for the 2012 Alumni Artists Showcase. First-runner-up honors went to Jason Springer ‘97 (center) for his ceramic piece, “Untitled Naked Rakù.” Solomon Fleswells ’03 (right) received second-runner-up honors for his photograph, “Winter Dreams.” The Alumni Artists Showcase was held June 6-28 in the Gallery in the Academic Building at the College’s Marple Campus.

MORE ALUMNI AWARDS & ACCOLADES

• Alice Bowman ’90 continues to be a steadfast volunteer at the Main Line Art Center in Haverford, Pennsylvania.

• Claire Conaway ’09 graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wilmington University and has begun her coursework towards a Master of Science in Nursing for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners at Drew University.

• Vincent D’Agostino ’08 married Monica Sockwell ’03 on June 30, 2012 in Drexel Hill. The couple took their honeymoon in Las Vegas, Nevada. They were pleased to have so many family and friends share in their special day. The bride is the daughter of William and Phyllis Sockwell ’69, who were thrilled to see their daughter walk down the aisle.

• Shannon Kelly ’05 was a guest star on the new Fox television celebrity dating show, “The Choice,” in June, as she tried to win a date with singer Joe Jonas of the Jonas Brothers hand.

• Amy McGrody ’12 received a scholarship from Freedom Village, a continuing care retirement community in West Bradywine, where she has worked in the skilled nursing facility’s hospitality department since 2005. McGrody, who took courses in Resources Management at the College, plans to attend West Chester University to complete a Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies. She then plans to earn a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

• Donald Molineux ’01, a police officer with the Tredyffrin Township Police Department, was named the 2012 Officer of the Year in a ceremony earlier this year.

• Matthew Sondernann ’11 is a full-time student at Drexel University, studying engineering technology. The medically retired U.S. Marine Corps sergeant hopes to pursue a career in green technology. Sondernann spent two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, where he was severely injured in a roadside bomb explosion. After extensive rehabilitation, he is now able to compete in athletic events. In August, Angela Glass Nelson of Chester City, donated her late father Bishop Curtis W. Glass’ golf clubs to Sondernann during a ceremony at the County Courthouse in Media. “As a small token, I hope and pray that dad’s gift will bring a ‘ray of sunshine’ to your day,” Nelson said in a letter to Sondernann, thanking him for his service.

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Recent Grant Awards

New and renewed public and private grant awards have been made to the College for 2012-2013, totaling more than $2.2 million. These funds support the delivery of education and training to current and incoming students, assist members of the community seeking counseling and job readiness services, provide adult literacy services in Delaware and Chester Counties, and strengthen the region’s workforce with advanced training and certifications.

- **Act 101** is a state-funded program that provides supportive, remedial services to Pennsylvania residents who have academic deficits and need financial assistance to become ready for college-level courses. The program offers counseling, tutoring, and a summer bridge program to help in the transition to college life.

- **The Adult Literacy** program, supported by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, is a long-term service at the College that provides training in both Chester and Delaware Counties to adults seeking to improve their literacy and earn a GED. The United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania also awarded continuation funding to the College’s Adult Literacy services to expand access to under-served adults in the community.

- Funding from the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act, which is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, has been awarded to provide professional tutors to students in career and technical programs, retention specialists and employment specialists to assist students in completing their programs and obtaining jobs, the purchase of equipment and instructional materials to support high-demand occupational programs, and activities to strengthen recruitment and retention of students in non-traditional programs.

- **The New Choices Career Development Program** has provided vital career re-entry services to single parents and displaced homemakers since 1982. Funded in part by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry, the New Choices program is supported with year two funding of a three-year grant from The Pew Charitable Trusts to extend the program to additional clients. Funded through The Pew Fund for Health and Human Services in Philadelphia, New Choices has received uninterrupted funding since 1999. The Delaware County Department of Human Services also has provided a grant to the New Choices program to provide workshops and activities to educate program participants on issues related to drug and alcohol abuse.

- **Keystone Education Yields Success (KEYS)** funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and now in its ninth year, is open to community college students who receive TANF and SNAP funding from the State. Students may be full- or part-time. The goal of the program is to provide supportive services to strengthen retention and completion, so that graduates may reach their career goals and obtain meaningful, self-sustaining employment.

- The College’s year two participation in the three-year Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College & Career Training grant (TAACCTC) is part of a statewide initiative involving all fourteen Pennsylvania community colleges. Delaware County Community College’s focus is to provide short-term, non-credit career training in the areas of advanced manufacturing, green technology, and health information technology.

- **Workforce Investment Act** funding, awarded through the Delaware County Office of Workforce Development, is used to provide client assessment workshops and services at the two Delaware County PA CareerLink sites (one located in the city of Chester and one located in the Workforce Entry Center at the College’s Marple Campus). A second grant provides basic computer instruction to PA CareerLink clients and helps them learn how to access information leading to employment and training through the PA CareerLink system.

State Representative Joseph T. Hackett Attends New Choices Graduation

New Choices is a free program that helps individuals make career, educational and personal changes successfully. The program provides individual and group support, career planning workshops, employer contacts, networking opportunities, resume writing, and interviewing techniques, as well as basic computer skills. The goal is to assist participants in reaching economic independence by finding and retaining employment and/or training. Workshops are offered throughout the year. For more information, call 610-359-5232 or visit www.dcccd.edu/newchoices.

Lou Scott Golf Classic

Teeing off under sunny skies, the 12th Annual Lou Scott Golf Classic got underway on June 5 at The Golf Course in Glen Mills. Among the 100 golfers were friends of Lou Scott, members of the Educational Foundation Board of Directors, as well as friends and vendors of the College. The event honors Lou Scott, former principal of Penncrest High School and former assistant to the president at Delaware County Community College. As a memorial tribute, his wife, Mary, established the scholarship at the time of his death in 2000 to benefit Penncrest high school students attending the College. Because of the broad participation in the event, the scholarships have been shared with all high school graduates attending the College. To date, $116,000 has been raised and 56 scholarships have been awarded.

The spring New Choices class at the College recently celebrated their graduation with State Representative Joseph T. Hackett. Pictured with Representative Hackett are, from left, prior New Choices graduates Wendi Jones of Havertown, Dianna Armstrong of Newtown Square, New Choices Director Sandy Cara, and Suzette Stoute of Media.
Sheriff's Annual 5K Walk/Run

The 7th Annual Sheriff's Reserve Unit 5K Walk/Run, Car Show and Flea Market was held on June 10 at the College. Established in 2008 by Delaware County Sheriff Joseph McGinn, a 1975 graduate of the College and a former faculty member, the event included food, law enforcement demonstrations, the Sheriff’s Office K-9 Unit and prizes. Proceeds benefit scholarships for Delaware County youth, including $5,000 each year toward scholarships for students in the College’s Emergency Management and Planning programs.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 15-30
Foundations Student Exhibition

December 2
Grand Opening of newly renovated Large Auditorium, with violinist David Kim (Concertmaster, The Philadelphia Orchestra) and Jeffrey DeVaul, piano

December 7
Last day to register for online winter session

Photography Student Exhibition

Online winter session classes

December 16
High-Definition SpeciCast Performance of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s Phantom of the Opera

January 9
Last day for spring registration

January 14
Spring and first accelerated session classes begin

In Memoriam


THE SPEAKERS BUREAU OF DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Speakers Bureau of Delaware County Community College was established in 1973 as a FREE public service to assist area organizations and groups by providing informative, useful and thought-provoking presentations in Delaware and Chester Counties by faculty and staff.

Speakers offer a variety of topics, ranging from “The Urge to Perfection: Unblocking Writers, Painters, Filmmakers and Other Creative People”; “National Debt and Its Effect on the Economy”; “Social Security and Its Future”; “Panoramic Photography”; and “The Birth of Bebop.” To see the full list of topics, visit www.dccc.edu/speakersbureau. Please call 610-359-5134 for more information or to schedule a presentation.
Quick-Thinking Alumna-Police Officer Saves Baby’s Life

At first, when the car pulled up erratically beside her, Chester Housing Authority police officer Jacqueline White thought the driver was trying to ram her patrol car. “I was kind of angry at first,” said White, a 2001 Dean’s List graduate of the College’s Municipal Police Academy. But little did she know that minutes later her training would be put to the ultimate test. As soon as White approached the car, little 6-week-old Luis Morales was thrust out the car window and the baby’s family screamed that he had stopped breathing. On 6th and Kirlin streets in Chester, shortly after 10 p.m. on a Friday night in June, White got down on the ground and began to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

“He was blue and his head was hanging. It was terrible,” White said, recalling the emergency in which the baby choked on his vomit and stopped breathing.

After giving the baby two breaths, she continued CPR until she heard a gurgling sound, then she turned the baby over and gave him a couple of brushes on the back. The choking stopped—but so did the baby’s breathing. Fearing the worst, she kept administering CPR chest compressions. Finally, the baby let out a cry. “It was the best sound I’ve heard since my kids were born,” White said.

Now, this grandmother and mother of three children, is in the news. The story of her saving baby Luis’ life was featured on Channel 6 Action News, in the Daily Times of Delaware County and on Spanish television. In appreciation for her quick thinking, Chester City Council and Chester Mayor John Linder, a former professor of Public Service and Social Sciences at the College, presented a proclamation of outstanding civilian service to White in June during a ceremony at Chester City Hall.

Concert Celebrates Opening of Newly Renovated Auditorium

Violinist David Kim, Concertmaster of The Philadelphia Orchestra, headlines the grand opening of the College’s newly renovated Large Auditorium at 3 p.m., Sunday, December 2. Kim, who began playing the violin at the age of three, became Concertmaster in 1999 and has performed with numerous orchestras around the world. He is an artist-in-residence at Eastern University and regularly presents masterclasses at various schools and institutions, including Juilliard, Wellesley and the Korean National University of the Arts. He holds a bachelor’s and a master’s degree from Juilliard.

Jeffrey DeVault, a Delaware County Community College faculty member, will accompany Kim on the piano. The reception will be at 2 p.m., followed by the performance at 3 p.m. The performance is open to the public and will be held in the Large Auditorium, located in the Academic Building on the Marple Campus, 901 S. Media Line Road, Media, PA.

Online ticket reservations are required in order to purchase tickets at the door. Tickets: $25 Adults; $15 Seniors; $15 Students (with current student I.D.). The ticket table will open two hours before the performance. Seating is on a first-come first-served basis. For more information, see: www.dccc.edu/davidkim.

Each year, the College offers exciting opportunities to experience the arts. The New Music concert series begins its fourth season with an impressive lineup of contemporary performances. Don’t miss these incredible opportunities to explore music in ways you may not have heard before. For more information, visit: www.dccc.edu/the-arts.

Chester Housing Authority Officer Jacqueline White received a proclamation from Chester Mayor John Linder, as Maria Morales, mother of the baby White saved, looks on in appreciation.