STEM Center Grand Opening at Marple Campus

The STEM Center, second and final phase of the $60 million Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Complex, made its official debut before more than 200 guests eager to experience the sleek new building and all its amenities.

Flagship of the STEM Complex, the STEM Center, with its wide open spaces, glowing glass prism and busy study spaces, commands attention from every part of the campus. The audience of business partners, donors, students, alumni, faculty and staff heard local legislators offer congratulations and commendations on the College’s venture into STEM education while corporate benefactors Roger Tyle of Sunoco and Vinu Donlevie of Harrah’s Chester spoke of their pride in being part of this enterprise.

College President Dr. Jerry Parker expressed special thanks to guest speaker Pennsylvania Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi (left) for his continuing support and advocacy on behalf of the College.

Ps, Sen. Ted Erickson and Ps, Rep. Brian Lezba; also in attendance, presented resolutions from the Senate and House commemorating this milestone event in the history of the College.

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The good news is that the College alumni association is 1,100 members stronger since we've added the Class of 2010 to our ranks. These are men and women who, like many of you, came to Delaware County Community College to begin their post-high school education, train for a good job, or enhance their lives.

More good news: enrollments for the past year were up 10 percent over last year's numbers, especially in the present economy. Delaware County Community College makes education affordable for students who would otherwise miss out on a college education. The numbers tell the story. People are coming to continue their education - make education affordable for students who would otherwise miss out on a college education. The not so good news is that our state budget support is not increasing - it may even decrease. State leaders need to provide greater budget resources for community colleges and Pennsylvanians seeking education and economic opportunity. We are asking you to help us tell them.

It's an election year! A new administration is coming to Harrisburg. New candidates are running for state office. Incumbents know they will be challenged as never before. We want them to listen to what we have to say.

What can you do? First of all, visit the website www.advancepa.net and add your name to the online petition. It only takes a minute.

Then, if you have a chance, talk to your local state representatives. Whether in person or by letter or email, let them know that you are a Delaware County Community College alumnus, alumnna or supporter. You know firsthand the value of the education we offer here. Remind them that they probably know our graduates themselves: nurses, plumbers, teachers, police officers, who started here. Remind them that you are constituents; you are voters.

Tell them how community colleges are leading the way in the 21st century, with higher education, workforce development, career and skill training opportunities. That can't continue unless our leaders vote for greater resources for community colleges.

I hope you will join our efforts to keep community college education affordable.

Jerome S. Parker
President

The Board of Trustees recently approved three faculty promotions: Chuck Fisher, associate professor, psychology; Shelley Burkhalter, associate professor, English; Diane Gustin, associate professor, psychology; Jennifer Kallifotos, associate professor, English; Ralph Marano, associate professor, government; William C Buccaneer, associate professor, Mathematics; and He Williams, associate professor, biology.

Two faculty gave presentations at the "Teaching Academic Survival Skills" ATSA conference in Ft. Lauderdale. Dr. Diane Picard, director of the Center to Promote Excellence in Teaching and Learning, gave an illustrated report about "Supporting ESL Students in Our Classrooms: Examining the Issues and Exploring Best Practices." Henrietta Eger, Ph.D., professor of English and Communications, conducted a workshop on the impact of anonymous online student feedback on both instructor and student: "What We Think We Know About Student Perceptions, But Often Don't.

Jawanda Jackson of Lansdowne, also a 2010 graduate, was an Architecture major. She will transfer to Indiana University of Pennsylvania to complete her bachelor's degree and then hopes to continue in a master's degree in architecture. Her career goal is to be a licensed architect specializing in academic buildings.

Tracy Hindorf of Wallingford is the 2010 recipient of the Mario Pitcarrino Award. Hindorf, a senior assistant in the Records Office, has worked at the College 10 years. The award was established by the fathers of two Delaware County Community College students who exemplify the memory Pitcarrino distinguished and exceptional service to the College.

Assistant professor of English David Rosin has two new books: Out of the Whirlwind and Other Poems and the short story collection, The Old Man and the Pinata. The latter is a history of the winds of the Middle East.

Delaware County Community College students were honored March 17 at the 2010 Keystone College Press Awards Luncheon in Hershey, Pa., for their work on the campus newspaper, The Commutator. The newspaper took a total of 16 awards, including first place for the newspaper's website, sports writing, feature photos, and reviews, and second place for feature story, personality profile, public service story and review.

New Pathway with Temple

Delaware County Community College and Temple University joined forces to create pathways from the College's associate degree programs in Applied Engineering Technology (AET) to Temple's bachelor of science degree in Engineering Technology. (SET). Seated from left: Dr. William N. Black, Senior Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, Temple; Dr. Jerry S. Parker, College President. Standing from left: from Temple University College of Engineering, Dr. Koya Sadeghpour, Dr. Steven Rideout; from the College, Dr. Eric Wellington, dean, Technical Education; Dr. Virginia Carter, Provost; and Frances M. Cubberley, vice president, Enrollment Management.

For more information about AET programs, call Dr. Bernie Carozza at 610-359-7389.

Temple University

Delaware County Community College
The STEM Center has earned LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council for its extensive use of sustainable features, including recycled materials, green vegetated roof, low-VOC finishes throughout, and natural light.

- 19 classrooms
- 11 science labs
- Two computer aided design (CAD) labs
- Blueprint reading room
- Mathematics and Science Learning Center
- More than 200 desktop and laptop computers
- Tiered multimedia lecture hall
- Burlap and Bean Coffee Bar
- 24 iMac computers in a student lounge
- Fitness Center
- Aerobics Studio
- Group study rooms
Advancement news

Bradley Award Headline

Lindsy Abren of Downingtown (second from right) and Thomas G. Detome of Parkside (second from left) received the Judge Harry J. Bradley Awards, presented annually to graduating Delaware County Community College Paralegal students who have demonstrated exceptional academic excellence and whose contributions to the College and the Paralegal Studies program deserve special recognition.

The recipients have been designated Bradley Scholars. Both plan to become attorneys.

The late Harry J. Bradley served for 19 years as a Judge of the Court of Common Pleases of Delaware County. He was respected for his skill, integrity, decency and dedication to the law. Judge Bradley was a founding member of the Delaware County Community College Paralegal Advisory Committee and was an active member from 1993 until his passing in 2008.

Mrs. Harry J. Bradley (left) presented the awards. Also congratulating the students is Lahron Schumacher (right), professor of Administration of Justice and coordinator of the College's Paralegal program.

College Receives Grants

Grants awarded to Delaware County Community College for 2010-2011 will strengthen delivery of education and training to current and incoming students as well as members of the community seeking counseling and job readiness services.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission approved a $90,000 grant request to support scholarships for new and continuing students training for careers in nuclear energy facilities. Delaware County Community College was one of nineteen community colleges nationwide, and the only community college in Pennsylvania, to receive an award. All of the scholarship recipients will participate in a program established in 2007 by a partnership between the College and Exelon to develop curriculum for an associate degree program to meet anticipated demand for a trained workforce in the nuclear energy industry.

The Pennsylvania Higher Education Foundation awarded a two-year grant totaling $100,000 through the Nurse Faculty Lines Grant Program. Funding for the grant provided was by a generous donation by Independence Blue Cross. The grant will support the salary and benefits of a full-time Clinical Faculty position for the College's Nursing program. Of the thirty-four applications submitted for this funding initiative, only seven grants were awarded across Pennsylvania. The Clinical Faculty position will be responsible for overseeing the clinical learning experiences required by all students enrolled in the Nursing program. Oversight and coordination of the Clinical Faculty will increase the consistency of clinical rotation experiences by students regardless of location; provide delivery and oversight of clinical assignments; increase student success through a more consistent approach of clinical experiences; strengthen relationships between the program and clinical sites; and increase the level of professionalism and consistent interaction at clinical locations.

The $55,411 Perkins grant for 2010-2011 is funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Bureau of Career and Technical Education. The grant is used to support a variety of activities that strengthen career education programs at the College. This year, funds will be used to improve credential attainment with tutorial and online tutorials, strengthen student attainment with the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment, increase the retention and completion rates of students enrolled in programs nontraditional to gender, and improve placement follow-up to identify students that have obtained employment or continued their post-secondary education.

Funding provided by the Delaware County Workforce Investment Board will support three ongoing initiatives that provide direct services to residents of Delaware County. A $29,237 grant will continue the services of the Careerink Assessment Center which supports the Careerink offices in Chester and at the College's Marple Campus. The $41,176 Workforce Prep grant will support eligible Delaware County residents who need the career guidance and services available through the College's longstanding and highly successful New Choices program. A $68,092 PC Workshops grant will offer workshops in three Delaware County locations to assist Careerink clients in using a computer to register and access job training and employment services available throughout the statewide Careerink system.

A $690,000 grant from CCRES will support the College's partnership with the Chester County Intermediate Unit at the Pennocks Bridge Campus. This unique, hybrid secondary and post-secondary educational setting has experienced significant enrollment increases for classes offered by the College.

Lindback Award

The final faculty meeting of the academic year is a time reserved for celebrating the accomplishments of the College's most distinguished faculty. Highlighting the May 2010 meeting was the presentation of the prestigious Christian Lindback Award and Mary F. Lindback Award to Jiff Spelling, professor, Division of Mathematics, Science and Engineering. Provost Gannet Caster presented the awards to the audience. The Lindback award winner was kept secret until the public announcement at the final meeting. The Lindback Award, which is presented annually to a full-time tenured member of the faculty recognized for academic excellence and outstanding teaching, enjoys a long history at colleges and universities throughout Greater Philadelphia.

Foundation Part-Time Faculty Awards and Mini-Grants

The Delaware County Community College Educational Foundation presents awards for outstanding teaching to part-time faculty. Presenting these awards on behalf of the Foundation were Executive Director Kathleen A. Breden, and Board Member William H. Torian, Jr. who is also an adjunct faculty member in the Division of Business and CIS. This year's winners are...

A Permanent Reminder

The Donor Recognition Wall was installed in time for the May 14 Grand Opening event for the STEM Center. The 150 donors who purchased nameplates were able to enjoy public recognition of their generosity on this special occasion. The vibrant color of the nameplates on the wall reflects the colorful "subway tiles" on the ground floor of the building, and in other architectural elements throughout the building.

Many donors created nameplates in memory of a loved one or in appreciation to the College. Student members of the Business Society pooled resources to purchase a tile.

Various departments at the College, such as the Student Affairs and Student Success Area, did the same. Retired faculty member Rondo Aronow's nameplate proclaimed, "for the Glory of Science." College Nurse De Vitale created an inspirational message for future generations: "Persev. - Learn. - Grow."

A limited number of nameplates are still available. For information, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 610-359-5311.
Happy Anniversary!

The 10th anniversary of the Lou Scott Golf Classic was memorable for many reasons. Besides the truly perfect weather, several new activities were added to the annual event, which drew about 100 golfers on June 8 to The Golf Course at Glen Mills, Philadelphia golf legend Jay Sigel offered golf tips on the putting green and at the 10th hole, where he greeted each foursome as they tried their luck at winning the hole-in-one prize, a new Jeep, courtesy of Vidorson Chrysler Dodge Jeep. The outing concluded with a “ball drop” from a helicopter whose bombardier released a load of golf balls at a target on the ninth hole. Another anniversary bonus was a complementary ticket to the AT&T National PGA event held at Aronimink Golf Club in July.

It was also a day to remember Lou Scott and the lasting impression he has made on friends and family who continue to support this event. The golf outing augments a scholarship fund established by Lou’s wife to benefit graduates of Penncrest High School attending Delaware County Community College. At the time of his death, the retired principal of Penncrest was working at Delaware County Community College as an assistant to the President.

To date, 46 scholarships have been awarded with proceeds of more than $130,000 from the outings. Over time, the scholarship was expanded to include other high school graduates because of the broader constituency that participates in the event.

Larry Wetherill, half-drop sponsor, (far right) congratulates the winning foursome. (Left to right) John Annenowers, Mike Womack, Dan Marchi and Paul Mayer, a team that frequently places first.

Larry Wetherill of Wetherill Automotive presents Frank Winchester with winning from the ball drop contest.

Larry Scott thanks golfers for their participation and for showing fond memories of her husband.

Larry Wetherill of UPS, right, drops with Jay Sigel and his team. UPS sponsors the UPS Cup competition each year.

The Lou Scott Golf Classic

10th Anniversary

THE LOU SCOTT GOLF CLASSIC
Jane Griffin began her educational journey as a teenager in her native Ohio. In high school, she was chosen for the Upward Bound program for low-income children who were enrolled in college prep courses. After graduation, she served as a Data Systems technician in the United States Navy in Philadelphia. Following discharge as a first-class petty officer in 1981, she decided to stay in the area and enrolled at Delaware County Community College. Jane earned an associate in applied science degree in Data Processing in 1982. She worked full-time as an AEGIS programmer while studying for a BS in Information Systems at St. Joseph's University in 1984. She went on to earn an MBA from St. Joe's in 1986.

Relocating to the Dayton, Ohio area, Jane continued to advance in her career, as a programmer at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, and then lead software engineering at CACI, Inc., in Fairborn, Ohio.

Since 2000, she has been with her current employer, the National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Her quest for education continued as she applied to the Department of Defense National Security Agency Information Assurance Scholarship program. She was selected to attend the Air Force Institute of Technology, where she completed an MS in Information Assurance, Cyber Operations Computer Science in 2008.

Jane is a role model who encourages self-improvement via education, formal and informal, and we are proud to claim her as a graduate who has acknowledged Delaware County Community College as the starting point for her success.

Sheriff’s Run for Scholarships

What’s the best way to spend a scorching, muggy Sunday morning? For more than 40 College faculty, staff, students and alumni, it was participating in the 5th Annual Sheriff's 5K Run/Walk for scholarships.

Delaware County Sheriff Joe McGinn '71 donates a portion of the proceeds from the event to fund a scholarship at the College. Veterans in any program or students in the Emergency Management and Planning program are eligible for the scholarship. Preference is given to women and minorities in both classifications.

In the hottest contest of the day (no pun intended), the College's Police Academy team beat the State Police team in an upset victory. In addition, seven College runners placed high in the scoring, and two, Dawn MacClay and Eileen Colucci, won for their individual groups.

Last but not least, the Walkers on the team rubber first place with an overall finish time of 52 minutes. Sheriff McGinn (fourth from right) awarded certificates to team members after the event.

Springfest: Students Chill Before Finals

A Call for Nominations

Nominations for the Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award are now being accepted by the Alumni Office. The Wong Moss Alumni Award recognizes the achievements of individuals who have attended the College and continue to promote the values of lifelong education.

Criteria for the award include outstanding success and distinction in the candidate's chosen field; active involvement in service to the community outside of professional affiliations; continued interest and support of education, especially community colleges; and being an alumnus of the College.

The award was established in 1990 by College trustee Barbara Wong Moss and her son John in honor of her father, a Chinese immigrant who believed in the importance of education. To request a nomination form or receive additional information, call the Alumni Office at 610-359-7399 or email alumni@ddcc.edu.

Deadline for nominations is October 30.

Be an Alumni Mentor!

Have an impact on student career planning by becoming an Alumni Mentor. Your profile can be made available to students seeking guidance, assistance and support with their career planning. This is also an excellent way to network with other alumni.

To become an Alumni Mentor:

• Visit the Alumni Mentor Program webpage at http://www.delval.edu/mentor
• Fill out the application form
• After receiving an email confirmation, return the completed form using your ID and password
• Choose “Become a Career Mentor.” The password is “mentor.”
• Select “Add My Profile” and complete the form indicating the type of mentoring activities you’d like to offer.

Examples of mentoring activities include conducting an informational or practice interview, critiquing a resume or cover letter, networking with students via phone, email or in-person visits, serving as a co-op or internship sponsor; offering a job shadow experience.

For more information, contact Jane Lang in the Student Employment & Co-op Center at jlong@ddcc.edu or call 610-359-5331.
"And now comes the moment you've been waiting for...."

An exuberant Class of 2010 went from students to graduates applauded by families, friends, faculty and administrators in a Commencement ceremony with a personal focus on them and their academic success.

Lisa O'Malley, a graduate in Education, spoke to her fellow graduates, reminding them that they were "...entering a whole new world with a vast variety of different goals..." and urged them to take into their new world a life lesson: "Nothing can be accomplished without challenges." Lisa, a graduate of Overbrook High School for the Blind, will continue her pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Special Education this fall at Neumann University.
calendar of events
September through December 2010

Marple Campus
www.dccc.edu

Your Business and The Economy 2011
Sept. 22
Large auditorium
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
The current economy and small business, plus the forecast for the economy in 2011. Pre-registration is required. Please call 610-723-1229 to pre-register.

Applied Engineering Technology Info Session
Sept. 23, Nov. 18
STEM Center
6 - 7 p.m.

Movie Screening, Q&A with director
Mystic Fair
Sept. 30
Large auditorium
9:30 - noon

Comedy Show
Myq Kaplan
Oct. 5
11:05 a.m.
Café

32nd Annual Health Fair
Oct. 20
10 a.m.
A-Lobby

Multicultural Festival
Nov. 18
10:30 a.m.
A-Lobby

Downingtown Campus
www.dccc.edu/choseo

Tour
Sept. 23, Rotunda
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Exton Center
www.dccc.edu/cheesco

Tours:
Sept. 30, Atrium
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Chester County Hospital
www.dccc.edu/cheesco/echospa

Nursing Information Session
Oct. 6, Dec. 15
Rhoads Education Building
6 - 7 p.m.

Academic Calendar
FALL SEMESTER 2010
October 19 Start of Mid-Semester Accelerated Term
November 1 Registration for Spring 2011 Begins
November 1 Recommended Final Date for Filing FAFSA Form for Financial Aid for Spring 2011 Classes
December 13 Classes End

SPRING SEMESTER 2011
January 5 Late Registration
January 10 Classes Begin
March 14 Start of Mid-Semester Accelerated Term
April 1 Recommended Final Date for Filing FAFSA Form for Financial Aid for Summer 2011 Classes
May 19 Commencement

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