New $8 Million Learning Commons Set to Open in 2013

The College has embarked on a major construction project that will remake its outdated Library at the Marple Campus into a Learning Commons that will blend the latest in digital technology and academic support services. The Commons will have an informal environment that encourages group study, student collaboration, and even boasts a cafe.

When completed next year, the Learning Commons will not only replace the Library, but double its former size to accommodate new student features, furniture and computers. Faculty members, tutors and librarians will be able to hold classes and study groups, and students will be able to plug in at an array of available computer stations. The Learning Commons also will lessen the need for printed Library resources, resulting in cost savings that can be utilized for items such as subscriptions to electronic resources.

Men’s Basketball Team Wins State Championship

For the first time in 16 years, the College’s men’s basketball team won the state finals, defeating Community College of Philadelphia, 85-72, to win the coveted Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference (EPCC) championship.

Guard Khayyir Laws played the entire game and scored 17 points from the foul line. Domineek Owens led the team in scoring with 28 points, while Ezekiel Black contributed 11 points and Justin Wright provided a critical defensive presence.

The Phantoms entered the February championship game against CCP’s Colonials after a 66-57 win over Bucks County Community College. The championship was the tie-breaking third meeting between the Phantoms and Colonials this season.

“From the beginning of the season the guys were built to be champions. They bought into the system that the coaches and I laid down and the hard work paid off,” said Coach Dwayne “Redz” Saunders. “To have the championship label and enter the history books at Delaware County Community College is an awesome feeling.”

Having won the EPCC state championship, the Phantoms are now moving to a different league, the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA), which will give them national exposure. Founded in the 1930s, the NJCAA serves as the national governing body for two-year college athletic programs and is the second-largest intercollegiate sports organization in the United States. The College’s transition into the NJCAA began in March with the baseball team. The other six sports—men’s and women’s basketball, golf, soccer, tennis and volleyball—will follow suit for the 2012-13 academic year.
president’s letter

What better way to show the importance of Delaware County Community College to Delaware and Chester Counties than to have our students share what the College means to them. Recently, 12 of our students did just that when they traveled to the State Capitol in Harrisburg to meet with area legislators as part of the Pennsylvania Commission for Community College’s Lobby Day.

The day began at 6 a.m., with H. Bradley Montgomery III, Adjunct Professor of Business, driving the students to Harrisburg by bus. For many of the students it was their first time visiting the Capitol. Dressed in suits and dresses, the students, ranging in age from 18 to 58 years old, joined Trustee Bernice Clark-Dickerson, Brad, Anthony Teweym, my assistant, and me for visits to the offices of six local legislators.

As he has done for the past 10 years, Brad was instrumental in making sure that everything went smoothly. After gathering on the Capitol Rotunda steps with other community college students from around the state for a one-hour press conference, we proceeded to Senator Andrew Dinniman’s office, where we met with his legislative aide. We then visited Representative Stephen Barrar, who we later ate lunch with in his conference room.

We also visited with Senator Edwin Erickson, Senator Dominic Pileggi, Representative William Adolph Jr. and Representative Curt Schoeder. In addition, we were invited to the Senate floor to take a group picture with Senator Pileggi and Senator Erickson.

The legislators all said they were supportive of the College. Several said they were considering restoring the 5 percent cut in state funding Governor Corbett has proposed for community colleges this coming fiscal year. They also were receptive to providing more in capital dollars to the state’s 14 community colleges, which collectively have not received an increase in capital funding from the state in four years, even though statewide enrollments have increased.

By the end of the day, the students, a bit tired from walking through the halls of the State Capitol for many hours, boarded the bus and headed back, having represented the College and themselves in a very admirable fashion. My thanks to students:

ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR ATTENDS WORKSHOP IN NEW MEXICO

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2012 Commencement

Delaware County Community College’s 2012 Commencement was held on May 17 at Villanova University. About 1,400 students have received degrees and certificates. “This is an historic time to be graduating from a community college because of the challenges facing America and the task the nation’s community colleges have been assigned — as a key part of helping to maintain America’s position as a leading economy in the world.

New graduate Nichole Philipp has received multiple honors and scholarships this year and is on course to achieve her goal of becoming a biochemical engineer and maybe someday to discover a cure for cancer.

In April, the Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges announced that Philipp was the only community college student in the state to be named a 2012 Coca-Cola New Century Scholar, which comes with a $2,000 stipend, a plaque, a listing in the April 23 edition of USA Today and accolades from USA Today and the AACC. More than 1,700 students were nominated from more than 800 community colleges for the New Century Scholars.

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An engineering major, Philipp also has the distinction of being selected for both the All-Pennsylvania Academic Team and the coveted All-USA Academic Team. The All-USA honor included a $2,500 stipend and recognition at the April 23 AACC Annual Convention in Orlando, Florida.

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Lichti is a mother of three teenagers who live at home and a 24-year-old son who lives on his own. She graduated in May with an Associate Degree in Behavioral Science and Psychology. She plans to transfer to West Chester University of Pennsylvania to pursue a Master’s Degree in Psychology, and her career goal is to work in higher education as a guidance or career counselor. Lichti volunteers for the Adopt-A-Highway program, food drives and toy drives. She also organizes fundraising events for her children’s sports and activities.

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Philipp and Lichti were both members of the College’s PTK chapter. Philipp was president and had served as treasurer. Lichti was secretary and had served on the public relations committee. Both women also were active in the College’s Student Government Association. Philipp was president and had served as treasurer. Lichti was secretary and was the student representative on the Academic Affairs committee.

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National Engineering Career Day

In recognition of National Engineering Week (February 19-25), the College hosted its Fifth Annual Engineering Career Day on Feb. 23 at the Marple Campus.

As part of the day, the College also set up an information table and displayed six posters featuring female faculty members, students and alumnae to encourage women to seek careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields. “The more women that are in STEM, the more young women see that it is possible,” Dr. Bela Dadhich, an Associate Professor of Biology, is quoted as saying on one of the posters.

During the day, tours of the College’s STEM Complex, which includes the STEM Center and the Advanced Technology Center, were given and a formal program, sponsored by The Boeing Company, was held in the STEM Center’s main lobby and in the large auditorium of the Academic Building.

Anton Germishuizen, Vice President and Practice Leader at Stantec Inc., gave a keynote presentation on how to achieve success in this increasingly global industry. After the address, participants had the opportunity to network with representatives from local employers, including Boeing, Pennsylvania Machine Works, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers and Southwest. Students and prospective students also discussed transfer opportunities with representatives from several of the College’s four-year university partners such as Widener, Temple and Penn State Brandywine.

Delaware County Community College offers both associate degrees and certificates in traditional and nontraditional engineering disciplines. Considered high-growth, high-wage industries, STEM fields offer an exciting spectrum of career choices, including architecture, manufacturing, electronics, computer networking, construction management and robotics.

Student Academic Achievement Awards

Students were honored on May 16 at the College for their academic achievements. Pictured are Michael Johnson, Professor of Business Administration, and student Phuc Thuong, who was honored for outstanding achievement in Business Administration Management.

Student Nursing Awards Ceremony

Nursing students were honored on May 3 at the College’s Nursing Awards Ceremony.

Campus Renovations

In addition to the $8 million Learning Commons construction project (Page 1), the College is working on a variety of other construction projects including:

Marple Campus

- The College has completed a major construction and technology upgrade on the third floor of the Academic Building, including new classrooms, a new Providence office suite and upgraded open areas. All areas were equipped with the latest technology in computers, audio/visual, networking and specialized equipment for faculty support and training.
- Renovations to both auditoriums, including improvements to sound systems, new seating, and lighting.
- Academic Building lobby renovated; installation of energy-saving mechanical equipment; installation of new stairways.
- Phase I of faculty office renovations.
- Resurfacing of two student parking lots.

Downingtown Campus

- Installation of energy-saving mechanical equipment and a new generator.
- Interior painting of all student spaces.
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Exton Center

- The renovations expand the Learning Center and student services spaces, enhance student gathering spaces, and add faculty offices to accommodate the growth at the Center.
- New finishes throughout the facility, along with minor heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) renovations.
- Enhanced student lounge and new coffee bar, and additional computer kiosks.
- Electrical system updates and general lighting upgrades in public areas.
- Restrooms updated and expanded.
- Expanded area for advising, registration and financial aid.
- As a result of the renovations, the Exton Center is closed for many operations from late May through mid-August 2012. Certain sections will be open. All Exton summer classes will be held at the College's Downingtown Campus.

New Upper Darby Center

- Expected to open for Summer II classes at 1570 Garrett Road.
- Six classrooms for day and evening courses leading to an associate degree in Liberal Arts, Allied Health, Communications, Business Administration, Education, as well as certificate and workforce development courses.
- The Center also will offer English as a Second Language (ESL), GED and SAT preparation courses.

Pictured: A rendering of the new Upper Darby Center.
Laura Kasper ’84 Receives 2012 Alumni Professional Achievement Award

Laura Kasper, the President, CEO and Founder of Monarch Staffing, a certified boutique staffing agency servicing the Delaware Valley, was selected to receive this year’s Alumni Professional Achievement Award. A lifelong resident of Delaware County, Kasper is an alumnus of the College and West Chester University. Monarch was recently named Small Business of the Year for 2012 by the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce.

Kasper opened Monarch Staffing in June 2001, and in 2008, Monarch opened its second office in Chester County. Last year, Monarch had an all-time record high sales year, placing more than 500 people, about 150 of whom found permanent jobs locally.

Kasper is very active in the community and volunteers her time at local job centers giving resume writing and interviewing guideline workshops. She sits on the board of the College’s New Choices program, and she is a member of the Friends of the Delaware County Women’s Commission and the Delaware County Business and Professional Women’s Association. She also supports Pathways PA and is a charter member of the Delaware County Human Resources Association, where she serves as the Vice President of Marketing.

More Alumni Awards & Accolades

- Officer Raymond Bohm III ’01 of the Upper Darby Police Department is the first Pennsylvania recipient of the U.S. Congressional Badge of Bravery. He received the award on Jan. 26 for a May 2010 incident in which he chased a suspect despite having been shot four times.
- Saleem Brown ’01, Assistant Basketball Coach for Cabrini College’s Cavaliers Men’s Basketball team, just celebrated one of the best seasons in the Cavaliers’ history.
- Gregory Pasquale Cimineria ’92 was recently appointed Vice President of Marketing and Institutional Advancement for Phoebe Ministries, a not-for-profit organization specializing in healthcare, housing, and support services for senior adults.
- Thomas Detlman ’11 is currently working toward a B.A. in Paralegal Studies at Widener University’s School of Law and is volunteering at the Pennsylvania Innocence Project in Philadelphia.
- Mel Lindauer ’81, co-founder of bogleheads.org, was selected in March as one of Money Magazine’s “Money Heroes,” a year-long celebration of 40 people who have made extraordinary efforts to improve others’ financial well-being.
- Susan Martin ’85, an adjunct Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) instructor at the College, was selected as EMT of the Year and honored April 28 during Springfield’s 20th Annual Loyalty Day.
- Patrick McKenna ’99 was honored as the Springfield Police Officer of the Year on April 28 during Springfield’s 20th Annual Loyalty Day.
- Joseph Nagle ’99 formerly a detective sergeant with the New Garden Township Police, was recently appointed to the Chester County Detectives Office.
- Francis Prisco, a graduate of the College’s Municipal Police Academy in 1993, was sworn in as Chief of Police for the Trainer township police department in April. He has served Trainer since 1994.
- Paul R. Stoel Jr., a graduate of the College’s Municipal Police Academy in 1980, was recently named Chief of Police for Caernarvon Township in Berks County, Pa.
- Daniel Tyman ’00 recently graduated with a J.D. from Temple University, Beasley School of Law.
- Dafan Zhang ’09 graduated with a Master of Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania’s Fels Institute of Government in December. Now a student at Penn’s Law School, he was recently selected as a Diversity Fellow by Fish and Richardson P.C., a leading national intellectual property law firm.

Alumni Association Recognizes Men’s Basketball Team

In honor of their historic win, members of the Men’s Basketball team were given baseball caps on April 25 with the inscription, “2012 SPCC Champions” on the back. The caps were a gift from the College’s Alumni Association. Pictured at the Alumni Association ceremony is the team with Dr. Jerry Parker (r).

Alumni Police Officers Honored for Lifesaving Efforts

Three alumni of the College’s Municipal Police Academy were recently honored at an Upper Providence Council meeting for their efforts in saving the life of a local woman. The three officers received their awards from two other graduates of the College’s Police Academy. Shown in the photo are alumni (l-r) Newtown Police Chief Dennis Anderson, Newtown Patrolman Joseph Alonso, Upper Providence Patrolmen Ryan Jackson and Michael Holtz, and Upper Providence Police Chief David Morelli.

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.
Penn Medicine Cares for New Choices

Participants in the College’s New Choices Career Development Program will now have assistance with child care services thanks to a generous grant from the Penn Medicine’s CAREs Foundation. “This much-needed award will support child care services for women who would otherwise be unable to attend the New Choices Career Development Program and take steps to improve their employment opportunities,” said New Choices Director Sandy Gera.

New Choices is a free (for those who are eligible) career exploration and job re-entry program that provides individual and group support, career planning workshops, employer contacts, networking opportunities, résumé writing assistance, interviewing techniques and basic computer skills. Classes are designed to build self-confidence and economic security. Over the last 29 years, the program has provided support and direction to thousands of area residents.

The CAREs grant was sponsored by Camille Evans, a corporate recruiter for the University of Pennsylvania Health System. Evans uses her personal time to volunteer for New Choices, where she assists with mock and informational interviews and serves on employer panels. Her community outreach work coincides with Penn’s mission to improve lives and health in underserved communities throughout the Philadelphia area. To learn more about New Choices, visit, www.dccc.edu/newchoices.

Mini-Grants Awarded

The College’s Educational Foundation supports faculty mini-grants that enhance the teaching and learning process in the classroom. Grant applications are evaluated through the Center to Promote Excellence in Teaching and Learning and subsequently a selection committee is convened to approve the awards. Awards are presented at the May faculty meeting. One of the 2012 mini-grant recipients is Dr. Fiona Geiser, Adjunct Instructor in Allied Health, whose topic, “Student project on second-hand smoke exposure using NicAlert urine strips,” will provide for an expansion of a 2011 pilot study on tobacco smoking. A second grant was awarded to Assistant Professor Jaime B. Treadwell for the “Inflated Colossal Campus Installation” of contemporary art. The grant will enable students and College faculty to collaborate with a visiting artist renowned for her inflatable sculptures and installation of art in the public realm.

Part-Time Faculty Awards

Awards to part-time faculty for teaching excellence are provided annually by the College’s Educational Foundation. For the first time, this year’s awards encompass all academic divisions, and all campuses and centers have been included in the process.
Grant Updates

Lazarich Foundation Grant

The College also recently received the following grants:

• The Genau Di Family Foundation has provided a first-time grant of $3,000 to the New Choices Career Development program to provide operating funds.

• The Independence Blue Cross Foundation has granted $10,984 to award scholarships to students in the Nursing program.

• The Delaware County Workforce Investment Board awarded two grants to the College to serve workers whose jobs were lost by the closing of the Sunoco and Conoco-Phillips refineries: $92,629 to the Division of Workforce and Community Education to provide basic computer classes, and $12,811 to the Workforce Entry Center to expand counseling and assessment services.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

45th Anniversary Dinner and Star and Rising Star Awards Sept. 28

Plan to celebrate the College’s 45th anniversary with alumni, friends, staff and faculty. As part of our tradition, the College will welcome five new members to its Galaxy of Star Alumni. The Star Alumni Awards were introduced in 2002 as part of the College’s 35th anniversary celebration. Now, every five years, the Alumni Association celebrates individuals who have brought recognition to the College through their professional, personal or community endeavors. The 2012 Star Awards and Rising Star Awards will be presented in conjunction with the College’s anniversary celebration at Harrah’s Philadelphia Race Track and Casino in Chester on September 28, 2012.

This year’s Star Award recipients include: Carl Needle ‘88, Senior Director of Relationship Banking, Beneficial Bank; Paul Adack ’86, Vice President, Investedge, Inc.; Robert Boyden ’84, Ph.D., M.S., FACFEI, DACFE, owner at Public Safety Concepts Group, and executive board member of the American College of Forensic Examiners International; Dr. Louise DelNegro ’86, Attending Physician in Geriatrics and Family Medicine, Department of Veteran Affairs; and Karen L. Rogossian ’85, President and Chief Executive Officer, Visual Sound, Inc.

This year’s Rising Star Award recipients include: Johnny Archer ‘06, news reporter for ABC affiliate WHAS-TV Channel 11 in Louisville, KY; Esther Castillo ‘06 and Celia (Sindy) Chung ’06, co-owners of Advance College Consulting; and Catherine Melissa Porter ’97, DO, admitted to Stanford University School of Medicine in June for a Breast Cancer Surgical Oncologist Fellowship.

Other Upcoming Events

Last day for fall registration Aug 22
Fall and first accelerated session classes begin Aug 27
2TS/6/10, Juried Sculpture Exhibition Aug 30 - Sept 27
Things, Exhibition of Contemporary Still Life Oct 4 - Nov 2
Fall Open House Oct 13
Second accelerated session classes begin Oct 16
Registration for spring 2013 begins Oct 29
The Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia Choral Concert Nov 4
Foundation Student Exhibition Nov 15 - 30
Concert with David Kim, violin (The Philadelphia Orchestra) Dec 2
with Jeffrey DeVault, piano

Earn an Accelerated Bachelor’s Degree Through Albright College

Thanks to a special partnership between Delaware County Community College and Albright College, students can earn an accelerated bachelor’s degree while attending class one night a week at Delaware County’s Marple Campus. Since 2009, Albright’s Accelerated Degree Completion Program has helped many students.

“This has truly been one of the best experiences for me,” said John Gallagher of Downingtown. “With Albright’s different way of teaching, one-night-a-week format, and having the road map laid out for me, I could not think of a better option for someone graduating from Delaware County Community College and looking to take that next step in their education.”

The two-year, one-night-per-week program, which is the first of its kind in Eastern Pennsylvania, is conducted cohort style, with students beginning at the same time and continuing on together through to degree completion. Students can earn bachelor’s degrees in accounting, business administration, crime and justice, information systems, information systems and management, and organizational behavior/psychology.

In February, Gallagher and 12 of his peers graduated as members of the first Business cohort. In May, his academic journey continued at the University of Scranton, where he is pursuing a Master’s in Business Administration.

Albright’s program is not exclusively offered to Delaware County Community College students, but Delaware County students, like Gallagher, receive added benefits, including a scholarship ranging from $2,500 to $3,200. They can also transfer up to 78 credits into the program.

Advantages for all students include small class sizes and a fixed-rate, inclusive tuition that covers textbooks. The curriculum is the same as the one taught at the main campus in Reading and courses are led by Albright professors. Enrollment advisors are available to work one-on-one with students, and the program is considered full-time by federal financial aid standards, allowing qualified students to receive aid.

To learn more about Albright’s program at Delaware County Community College, contact Bill Morrison, Enrollment Advisor, at 610-566-1342, bmorrison@albright.edu or visit www.albright.edu/dcc.

In Memoriam

Thomas S. Griffiths ’80, March 14, 2012
Alexander J. “Alex” Gustafson ’03, August 2, 2010
Frank C. Hess, ’85, former College Board Trustee and chair from 1998-2001, April 17, 2012
Alexander B. Owen ’89, former College Board Trustee and chair for 22 years, January 2, 2012
2012 STAR AWARDS

1. Paul Adack '86
   Vice President, InvestEdge, Inc.

2. Karen L. Bogosian '85
   President and Chief Executive Officer, Visual Sound, Inc.

3. Dr. Robert Boyden '84
   Ph.D., M.S., FACFEI, DACFE
   Owner at Public Safety Concepts Group, Executive Board, American College of Forensic Examiners International

4. Dr. Louise DelNegro '96
   Attending Physician in Geriatrics and Family Medicine, Department of Veterans Affairs

5. Carl Needles '88
   Senior Director of Relationship Banking, Beneficial Bank

Friday, September 28, 2012 • Harrah’s Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack

Join the Alumni Association in celebrating the College’s 45th Anniversary with faculty, graduates and friends at Harrah’s Philadelphia Casino and Racetrack, 777 Harrah’s Boulevard, Chester, PA 19013, on Friday, September 28. We will be celebrating the achievements of nine graduates as well as presenting the Wong Moss Outstanding Alumni Award during the evening’s celebration. Those being honored include:

2012 RISING STAR AWARDS

1. Johnny Archer '06 CRAL
   News reporter for ABC Affiliate WHAS-TV Channel 11, Louisville, Kentucky

2. Esther Castillo '06
   Co-owner of Advance College Consulting

3. Celia (Sindy) Cheung '06
   Co-owner of Advance College Consulting

4. Catherine Melissa Porter, DO, '97
   Fellow, Breast Cancer Surgical Oncology, Stanford University School of Medicine

2012 WONG MOSS OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARD

Joseph Oaster '89
Senior Education Analyst, University of Pennsylvania Health System

Tickets to the event are $75 per person or $150 per couple. To reserve your spot or to have an RSVP card mailed to your home address, please contact:

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