Spring Student Success Conference

The Spring Student Success Conference took place on Friday, April 4th at the Downingtown Campus with students in attendance from multiple DCCC branches. The conference, titled *Majoring in Success* was designed to inspire students and help them develop skills for success. The conference featured a keynote speaker and two workshops that promoted personal growth, leadership, and academic achievement.

The keynote speaker was Ric Winston, an instructor from West Chester University in the Department of Communication Studies. Professor Winston’s speech, entitled *Failing to Fail: Acknowledging Aspiration & Achievement* focused on the power of decision making in relation to success. Through a series of stories or parables, students learned about how the choice to ask for help can be pivotal in determining your path. By choosing to surround yourself with positive individuals, to ask for help, and to seek out someone who has been where you are or where you want to go can influence your path immensely. By making conscious choices to succeed, “you no longer are an actor in the film of your life, but the director.”

The students also participated in two workshops, one by our Campus Life Director, Amy Williams Gaudioso called *What Color Is Your Leadership?* and one by adjunct professor, Monroe Griffin called *Mastering Self-Management*. *What Color Is Your Leadership?* began with each student taking a quick questionnaire that indicated to the students what color description corresponded most with their personal style of leadership and then discussed what that meant for their interactions with others. *Mastering Self-Management* focused on how to use a schedule and choosing to utilize your time wisely.

Each workshop or presentation focused on the importance of knowing your skills for success and helped students figure out to utilize them to the best of his or her ability. Overall, the students gained valuable insight and knowledge to take forward into their academic careers.
The DCCC Culinary Arts Program was invited to participate in the American Culinary Federation Chefs Food and Wine Festival on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at the Desmond Hotel & Conference Center. This fundraising event benefitted the Home of the Sparrow organization and included exhibitors from local restaurants, hotels, and bakeries as well as several Culinary Schools. Eleven of our own culinary students attended the event with instructor Chef Peter Gilmore, presenting offerings prepared by our Garde Manger and Baking & Pastry II classes. The samples included Sunset Shrimp Skewers, Drunken Lamb Stew, Belly of the Beast Sliders, and pastry cream-filled Fresh Fruit Tarts. Students participated in all aspects of the event, from designing the menu to setting up the equipment and displays. From classroom to real world event, our students experienced the thrill of displaying their own skills beside professionals in their chosen field.

Congratulations!
"Some [students] go to college because their parents make them, others go just to "experience the college life," but these teens are going because they truly want to become something; they want to make something of themselves. I thought that was amazing," said peer mentor, Ashley Caldwell of her experience at the College Access Center on March 10th.

Ashley is just one of seven DCCC representatives from various student groups, including the Mentoring program, Phi Theta Kappa, Military Club, SGA and Communitarian that visited the College Access Center of Chester’s Road Map to College Program. The Road Map Program helps high school students from the Chester or Brookhaven area transition to college by providing information about college and organizing visits from institutions such as Swarthmore, Widener, and DCCC, among others.

Our DCCC students participated in a panel discussion with these high school students about the benefits of beginning their college careers at a community college. Our students met with the Center’s director, staff, and program participants oversnacks and conversation. Following introductions of all the high school participants, the DCCC participants introduced themselves, their majors, and summarized their time at DCCC.

Our students gave the teens a lot to consider as they stressed the affordability of community college and discussed the various opportunities and resources provided by a community college as compared to a four-year institution. The high school students seemed very engaged in the conversation, learned a lot about what DCCC had to offer them, and expressed interest in visiting our campus for a tour. At the end of the event, the teens left with an informational and motivational experience that will hopefully help them make educated decisions about their future.
Final Exam Prep Tables

Need some assistance on prepping for your final exams? Stop by our tables to pick up some helpful resources to make your studying more successful.

Monday, May 5
9 am to 3 pm @ Downingtown Rotunda
10 am to Noon @ Pennocks Bridge Foyer

Tuesday, May 6
9 am to 4 pm @ Exton Atrium

Wednesday, May 7
11 am to 1 pm @ Upper Darby Center Lobby

Thursday, May 8
10:30 am to 12:30 pm @ Southeast Center Lobby

Important Dates

May 12: Spring Classes End
May 13-19: Finals
May 22: Commencement
May 26: Memorial Day
May 27: Summer I classes Begin
July 2: Summer I classes End
July 7: Summer II classes Begin
August 14: Summer II classes End
August 27: Late Registration for Fall 2014
FINANCIAL AID IMPORTANT INFO!
It’s that Time Again!

Complete your 2014-2015 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION @WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV

What you will need:

♦ Social Security Numbers and Birthdates for students and parents
♦ Citizenship info for non-US citizens
♦ DCCC Federal School Code 007110
♦ 2013- tax information—BE sure to USE THE --IRS RETRIEVAL TOOL FOR ACCURATE RESULTS--
♦ If you have forgotten your pin number simply visit --www.pin.ed.gov-- click on request duplicate pin (if you are a dependent student under 24 years of age-your parents will need a pin number as well)

Have questions?--- stop by the Marple Campus Enrollment Services Center or your Campus Financial Aid Office to get your questions answered!

*Meet the Fall Pennsylvania State deadline of May 1st --COMPLETE your application now!*

**Do you need Financial Aid to cover Summer Classes?**

**Summer I & Summer II are part of the current 2013-2014 FAFSA aid year**
check your eligibility before registering

Registration for Summer & Fall starts
March 24, 2014

**Tuition Due Dates**

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**Fall & Spring will be part of the 2014-2015 FAFSA**
Be sure to use the IRS retrieval tool for accurate information.

Complete your Application at WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV

Meet the PHEAA state deadline of May 1st
The Office of Student Success & First Year Experiences would like to send a heartfelt congratulations to the Class of 2014!

Wishing you all the success in your future goals!!
Need a laptop to increase computer skills or assist with academics? We can help.

Perkins Laptop Loan Program

This program allows career & technical program students to borrow laptops for a few hours to approximately 2 weeks. To be eligible for this program:

• You MUST be a current DCCC student with a valid photo ID.
• You MUST have an activated DELAgate account.
• You MUST read and sign a “DCCC Laptop Loan Agreement.”
• You MUST be enrolled in one of the following career/technical programs (AAS degrees):
• OR you MUST be enrolled in one of the following career/technical programs (certificate):

For more information please contact:

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What our office can do to assist you:

Perkins Laptop loan for 2 week duration (Career and Tech students)

Mentoring Program
Advice, encouragement and support from your mentors to excel academically and socially
Peer
Professional

Academic Support
Improve your grades
Develop skills and self confidence

Our office is located on all campuses:

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Student Success Answer Key
Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty, and persistence. Colin Powell

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