

CREATING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE FOR STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Middlesex College Athletics Program continues to prosper in the present while honoring its past and looking forward to a brighter future for the champion Colts.

“We had a fantastic year all the way around,” said Middlesex College Athletics Director Rocco Constantino. “Our kids were successful in the classroom and on the field.”

Constantino is proud to note that this academic year saw an eight-year high of 179 student-athletes participating in one of the 11 sports offered by Middlesex College.

Our student-athletes distinguished themselves academically. Twenty-four Fall student-athletes received first-team Academic All-GSAC (Garden State Athletic Conference) honors and 16 Fall student-athletes garnered National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIX All-Academic recognition.

“Academics is something we stress to our coaches, and they pass that down to the athletes,” Constantino said. “They recognize that they are here to be students first and if they don’t get the job done in the classroom, they don’t get to play on the athletics field.”

Individually, three Colts were named NJCAA National Players of the Week for their performances: Carla Seyfarth for softball, Jayson Vassallo for soccer and Isaiah Figueroa for baseball.

Men’s soccer player Jamie Madrid was named first-team All-American by the NJCAA, selected as the Men’s Soccer Region XIX Player of the Year and one of two Colts named to the first-team All-Region XIX

squad along with his teammate David Pereira.

Colt Michael Nycz was chosen as the Men’s Volleyball Player of the Year for Region XIX and honored as a member of the first-team All-Region XIX squad with fellow Colt Tyler Ryan.

A pair of women’s soccer players: Destiny Pagan and Akylah Hawkins, made first-team All-Region XIX.

Under Constantino’s leadership, the College’s Athletics program’s prominence continues to grow in the surrounding Middlesex County sports community, with outreach efforts leading to a partnership with the Greater Middlesex Conference (GMC) which includes 33 area high schools.

“Our partnership with the GMC has been very beneficial,” Constantino said. “They help us. We help them, and when we host events it’s a great way for us to show what Middlesex College has to offer prospective students.”

Last fall also saw the launch of the Middlesex College Athletic Hall of Fame, which inducted a five-member class that included the first Major League Baseball player who had graduated from Middlesex College.

By honoring the past accomplishments of the Colts, the Athletic Hall of Fame gives the next generation of student-athletes who wear Colt green and blue something to strive for.

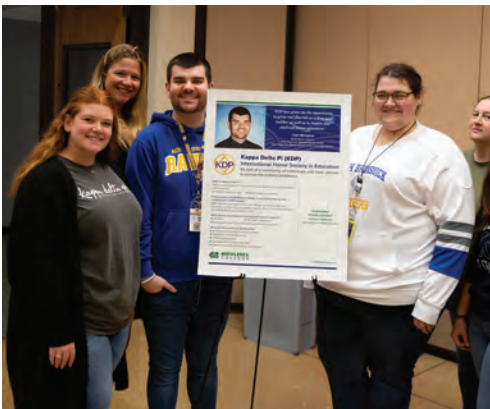
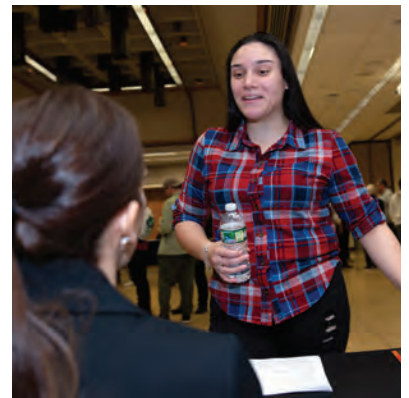
“Putting together the Hall of Fame was really special, and I know how much they all enjoyed being recognized by their alma mater,” said Constantino. “We are looking forward to honoring more of the great athletes and teams who paved the way for today’s Colts.”

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

SPRING 2023 OPEN HOUSE BREAKS ATTENDANCE RECORD

For the second year in a row, Middlesex College witnessed record-breaking attendance for the annual Spring Open House as faculty, staff and students welcomed more than 1600 visitors to campus Sunday, April 23. That number includes 701 potential future Middlesex College students, a staggering 28% increase in prospective student count from Spring 2022.

The campus never looked more inviting. Prospective students and their families were treated to great weather as they walked around from building to building, meeting, chatting and taking advantage of photo opportunities with members of our campus community.



RIBBON IS CUT ON THE NEW DENTAL HYGIENE CLINIC

Middlesex College welcomed state and local officials, along with other distinguished guests, including members of the College's Board of Trustees and alumni, for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of a new Dental Hygiene Clinic on April 27, 2023.



BEST IN CLASS

Multiple honor societies held induction ceremonies for new members, including Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society and Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society.

SUCCESS BOUND WELCOMES NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS



The Perth Amboy Center's Success Bound Youth Leadership Academy hosted its New Student Orientation in the Parkview Room at the Edison campus on April 10. Nearly 120 guests attended, including 52 newly-admitted students and 54 family members. Success Bound will soon be welcoming 112 students, including 38 returning students who are now rising seniors, for the 2023 summer institute program.

Monroe Township Public Schools	President McCormick, Vice President Scherr, Executive Dean Laureano, and K-12 Partnerships Director Hooper	Met with Superintendent Chanley and team and explored opportunities for collaboration, including expanding Dual Enrollment
Parker Health Group (New Brunswick)	Vice President McCormick, Vice President Scherr, Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Executive Director Coffaro, Acting Dean Howell, and Nursing Director Kaldawi	Met with Parker CEO Roberto Muñiz and team to explore opportunities for training Parker staff and developing a pipeline of new employees
Perth Amboy Public Schools	President McCormick, Vice President Scherr, Executive Dean Laureano, and K-12 Partnerships Director Hooper	Met with Assistant Superintendent Medina and team and explored opportunities for collaboration, including Dual Enrollment
RWJBarnabas Health, Middlesex County, and Middlesex County Magnet Schools	President McCormick, Vice President Scherr, and Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Executive Director Coffaro	Explored opportunities for Middlesex College, in conjunction with the Middlesex County Magnet Schools, to upskill incumbent RWJBarnabas employees and develop pipelines of new employees in high-demand positions

Wednesday, April 19	East Brunswick High School College and Career Fair	East Brunswick
Thursday, April 20	Spotswood High School	Spotswood
Friday, April 21	Colonia High School Registration Day	Middlesex College Edison campus
Sunday, April 23	Annual Spring Open House	Middlesex College Edison campus
Wednesday, April 26	Sayreville Middle School Admissions Presentation	Middlesex College Edison campus
Wednesday, April 26	South Brunswick High School College and Career Night	South Brunswick
Friday, April 28	Piscataway High School Registration Day	Middlesex College Edison campus
Friday, April 28	Woodbridge Township Career Fair	Woodbridge
Wednesday, May 3	South Amboy High School Registration Day	Middlesex College Edison campus
Sunday, May 7	Highland Park Street Fair	Highland Park
Friday, May 12	City of Perth Amboy Career Fair	Perth Amboy
Multiple times	Admissions Information Session*	Virtual events
Multiple times	FAFSA on Demand Workshop*	Virtual events
Multiple times	Paying for College Info Session*	Virtual events
Multiple times	Health Programs Information Session	Virtual events
On an ongoing basis	Live chat appointments*	Via the web

*in English and Spanish

Monday, May 29	Memorial Day	
Wednesday, June 14*	Board Committee meetings	Via Zoom
Wednesday, June 21 8:30 a.m.	Board meeting	West Hall, Parkview Room and via Zoom

*All morning (to be determined)