

GIVING STUDENTS A HEAD START ON COLLEGE

Middlesex College offers students in high school a head start on college through Dual Enrollment and the High School Scholars Program.

The College partners with 40 high schools in Middlesex County and beyond to offer regular high school courses for college credit so that students who successfully complete the courses earn both credit toward high school graduation and credit at Middlesex College. At several high schools, there is a pathway for students to earn an associate degree before they graduate from high school. In fact, six graduates in the Class of 2023 were high school students.



During the 2022-2023 academic year, nearly 5,000 high school students were enrolled in one or more Middlesex College courses, either through Dual Enrollment at their high school or on their own through the College's High School Scholars Program.

"What this program does is create additional access points for students to experience college-level courses and explore what they might be interested in before pursuing a college degree," explained Kimberlee Hooper, Director of K-12 Partnerships at Middlesex College.

"This program also lets high school students discover that they are capable of completing college-level course work."

Participation in Dual Enrollment or the High School Scholars Program leads to three distinct outcomes for high school students: (1) college credits that students can use if they enroll at Middlesex College after graduation from high school; (2) college credits that should apply towards a bachelor's degree at any college or university in New Jersey; and (3) potentially an associate degree if students complete all degree requirements.

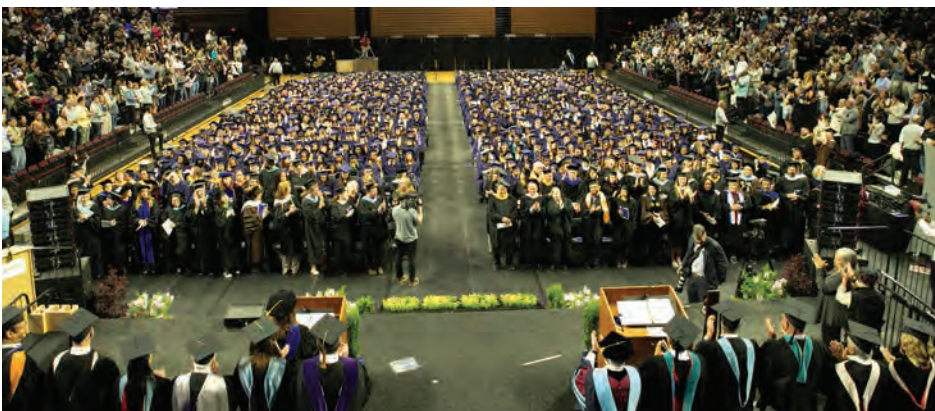
Students in the High School Scholars Program can enroll in Middlesex College courses on campus (at the College's Edison campus, the New Brunswick Center, or the Perth Amboy Center) or online.

"This allows students who are sophomores or older to enroll in Middlesex College courses on their own," noted Hooper. "We have been doing a lot more expansive programs with our local school districts because more students are interested in earning an associate degree and entering college as a junior to save time and money."

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

TASSELS TURNED: CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!

Nearly 750 of our 1,459 graduates came across the stage at Jersey Mike's Arena at Rutgers to receive their hard-earned degrees and certificates during Middlesex College's 56th Commencement Ceremony. The look of utter joy on the faces of graduates is a reminder to all of us at the College why we do what we do.



A RITE OF PASSAGE WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO THE NURSING AND DENTAL HYGIENE PROFESSIONS

The Nursing Program and Dental Hygiene Program held their end-of-program pinning ceremonies for the graduating students of the Class of 2023. Pinning ceremonies are a tradition that signifies that graduating students are ready to join their profession. Congratulations to our newly-minted Nurses and Dental Hygienists.



RECOGNIZING ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE

At the annual Colts Achievement Awards banquet, the Athletics department honored teams and individuals for their significant accomplishments during a historic year for the Colts. Athletes and coaches who were recognized include Javier Velasco (Coach of the Year - Men's Soccer), Jamie Madrid (Male Athlete of the Year), Carla Seyfarth (Female Athlete of the Year), Gio Aresta (Vincent Desario Award for Academic and Athletic Excellence), Destiny Pagan (National Girls and Women in Sports Day Honoree) and Tyler Ryan (Shannon Williams Colts Spirit Award). In addition, each team handed out individual Most Valuable Player awards and two awards at the discretion of each sport's coaching staff.



Anheuser Busch (Newark)	Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Executive Vice President Coffaro and Corporate Education and Training Director Vega	Met with Superintendent Chanley and team and explored opportunities for collaboration, including expanding Dual Enrollment
Edison Job Corps (Edison)	President McCormick, Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Executive Vice President Coffaro, Acting Dean Howell, and Acting Assistant Dean Rodriguez Gregory	Toured Edison Job Corps and met with Edison Job Corps leadership to explore opportunities for collaboration
Middlesex County Magnet Schools and Thomas Edison State University	President McCormick, Vice President Scherr, Executive Dean Laureano, and Workforce Development and Lifelong Learning Executive Director Coffaro	Met with Middlesex County Magnet Schools Superintendent Diaz and Thomas Edison State University President Hancock to explore developing a pre-apprenticeship pipeline
Raritan Valley Community College and New Jersey Council of County Colleges	President McCormick and Vice President Scherr	Met with Raritan Valley Community College President McDonough and NJCCC President Fichtner to explore potential collaboration on delivery of aseptic “clean room” training

Thursday, May 18	Old Bridge High School Registration Day	Middlesex College Edison campus
Saturday, May 20	Woodbridge Street Fair	Woodbridge
Monday, May 30	New Jersey Expo Center Construction Day	Edison
Wednesday, June 1	Middlesex County Young Men’s Conference	Middlesex College Edison campus
Tuesday, June 7	Perth Amboy Center Open House	Perth Amboy
Saturday, June 10	Celebrate Middlesex	Roosevelt Park, Edison
Saturday, June 10	Piscataway Street Fair	Piscataway
Sunday, June 11	Metuchen Street Fair	Metuchen
Wednesday, June 21	Amazon Career Choice School Fair	Edison
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, August 28 8:30 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. State of the College	Fall Convocation	College Center, Cafeteria (Breakfast) Performing Arts Center (Convocation)
Monday, September 4	Labor Day	
Wednesday, September 13*	Board Committee meetings	Via Zoom
Wednesday, September 20 8:30 a.m.	Board meeting	West Hall, Parkview Room and via Zoom

*All morning (to be determined)