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ATHLETICS DEVELOPING LEADERS ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Interest in and enthusiasm for Middlesex College Athletics is at an all-time high, and the Colts continue to be winners on the field and in the classroom.

Middlesex College Athletic Director Rocco Constantino notes there were 191 student-athletes competing for the Colts this school year, the highest number in nine years.

"It's directly related to the hard work of our coaches," Constantino said. "They've put in a ton of time recruiting and make it a point of emphasis to get out to high school games and travel games. They recognize that building up our rosters creates benefits all across the school community."

Middlesex College's women's and men's basketball teams made the leap this year to Division II in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and met the challenge of a higher level of competition. The men won the NJCAA Garden State Athletic Conference championship, while the women made it to the first round of the NJCAA Region XIX playoffs.

Men's basketball coach Winston Smith was named the New Jersey Division II Coach of the Year.

"It's always nice to be recognized, but I tip my hat to the players and the administration at Middlesex College for putting me in a great place to succeed," said Smith. "I can't wait to get back to work with the great student-athletes that we have."

Seven of the nine athletic programs at Middlesex College made it to the post-season this academic year.

Colt student-athletes have also contributed time in service projects around campus and Middlesex

County, volunteering for Read Across America, working with the Food Pantry on campus, and helping out at youth clinics.

"Again, that's a message that comes from our coaches that as athletes you have a heightened spotlight on you and you should contribute to your community," said Constantino. "I'm proud that our coaches and players are involved in community work."

While every school wants a successful sports team, or two, or three, Constantino also understands the main goal is to produce winning students.

"We stress that a lot in our meetings with coaching staff," said Constantino. "We always monitor our athletes' academic performance and try to give them what they need. If they need an extra day off from practice to attend a study hall or do extra work, we understand the big picture. We want to win championships, but we're here to support our student-athletes as student-scholars as well."



Rocco Constantino
Athletic Director

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS

CELEBRATING HIGH ACHIEVERS

The end of the academic year is a time to honor students who have achieved academically. The College's chapters of national and international honor societies have been inducting new members.



The College's Delta Omicron chapter of **Alpha Delta Nu**, which recognizes the academic excellence of nursing students, inducted 13 new members.



The College's Alpha Theta Zeta chapter of **Kappa Delta Pi** International Honor Society in Education inducted nine members into the society.



The College's Kappa Eta chapter of **Kappa Pi**, the international art honor society, welcomed 18 students majoring in Visual Arts, Media Arts, Advertising, Graphic Design, Photography, and Gaming and Animation.



The College's Upsilon Gamma chapter of **Phi Theta Kappa**, the international honor society for students enrolled in two-year colleges, recently inducted 282 new members.



Photo caption: Left to right: Vice President José Laureano, student-veterans Ricardo Nazairre, Christopher Carrillo, Allan Carrillo, and Ignacio Garcia Botti, President Mark McCormick, Assistant Dean Alex Delgado, and Middlesex College alumni Carlos Perez and Peyton Brady Perez.

CELEBRATING STUDENT-VETERANS

The Military and Veterans Services Department held a Recognition Dinner honoring student-veterans and military-affiliated students for their achievement in completing all requirements for an associate degree.



The men's volleyball team wrapped up its season with a record of 10-8 after beating Brookdale Community College in the final match of the season.



CELEBRATING STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

More than 160 attendees, including student club members, faculty and staff advisors, and administrators, gathered for the Student Engagement Recognition Luncheon. The annual event celebrates the creativity and leadership of students throughout the College, from the Edison campus to the centers in New Brunswick and Perth Amboy.

Berry Global, Inc. (Monroe)	Corporate Education and Training Director Vega	Met with Berry Global HR staff to explore ESL training opportunities for employees
Johnson & Johnson (New Brunswick)	President McCormick, Acting Vice President Orosz, Dean Duzgoren-Aydin, Assistant Dean Howell, Nursing Program Director Kaldawi, Nursing Program Coordinator DeCarlo, and Middlesex College Foundation Executive Director Kelly	Met with Tommy Lobben, Social Impact Partnership Leader at J&J, along with members of his team. Director Kaldawi, Nursing faculty member Katie Franchi, and six amazing Nursing students provided a tour of the College's new Nursing Simulation Lab and shared their stories about how J&J funding and scholarships help our Nursing students achieve their goals of becoming Registered Nurses.
Power Container Corp. (Somerset)	Corporate Education and Training Director Vega	Met with Power Container HR staff to explore ESL training opportunities for employees

Thursday, April 18	East Brunswick High School College Fair	East Brunswick
Thursday, April 18	Monroe Township High School Registration Day for Seniors	Edison campus
Thursday, April 18	New Brunswick High School Parent FAFSA Workshop	New Brunswick
Thursday, April 18	North Brunswick High School College Fair	North Brunswick
Friday, April 19	Edison High School Registration Day for Seniors	Edison campus
Monday, April 22 and Monday, April 29	Piscataway High School Registration Days for Seniors	Edison campus
Wednesday, April 24	South Brunswick High School College Fair	South Brunswick
Thursday, April 25	Spotswood High School College Fair	Spotswood
Thursday, May 2	Old Bridge High School Registration Day for Seniors	Edison campus
Monday, May 6	Academy for Urban Leadership Registration Day for Seniors	Edison campus
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 27	Memorial Day	
Wednesday, June 12*	Board Committee meetings	Via Zoom
Wednesday, June 19 8:30 a.m.	Board meeting	West Hall, Parkview Room and via Zoom

*All morning (to be determined) **Note the different start time