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## ATHLETICS BUILDS TOWARD GREATER SUCCESS

After significant upgrades to on-campus facilities and the promise of a new multisport venue opening soon, Middlesex College Athletics is poised to make a giant leap forward.

“There are a lot of big things planned, and we are very excited to continue to grow,” said Middlesex College Athletic Director Rocco Constantino. “The new multi-purpose venue and renovated Thomas Edison Park will be a big-time recruiting tool that gives us an opportunity to enhance the sports we have and perhaps look to add more.”

This past year, a major renovation of the Middlesex College gym was completed, adding a new floor and ADA-compliant bleachers. This upgrade gives the College the ability to host regional events like the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) District Men's Volleyball Tournament, softball regionals, and National Girls and Women in Sports Day in February, which welcomed two-time WNBA champion Tamecka Dixon to deliver a speech.

“We knew it would be great when the gym project was completed and we had the formal dedication ceremony, and it was great to see all the people who came,” Constantino said. “I thought the ribbon cutting would be a modest event, but members of the College administration and the Trustees came. We even got compliments from the opposing team about how nice the ceremony was.”



On the field, Middlesex College sent its men's soccer, basketball, and baseball teams to the NJCAA Region XIX playoffs. The baseball team swept a doubleheader with Rowan College South Jersey - Gloucester for the first time and was ranked as high as No. 12 nationally in the NJCAA poll.

“We're really proud of what our students and coaches have accomplished this year,” Constantino said.

“Practice or games for every one of our teams has been relocated at times during the past few years

because of the facility construction, but they have persevered.”

Individually, Middlesex College had four players selected for the NJCAA All-Region XIX teams, including men's soccer player Isaiah Scott, who was first-team.

Constantino also proudly noted that 18 former Colts are playing sports at the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) level, including former basketball star Tristin Harcourt, who was named the 2025-2026 CACC (Central Athletic Collegiate Conference)

Men's Basketball Defensive Player of the Year at Felician University.

“A big goal of ours is to prepare students for the next step in their academic and athletic careers, and to see our former Colts are set up to achieve success at the four-year level makes all the time and effort worth it,” Constantino said.

# 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, and we have celebrated student recipients of awards and scholarship nominations. We celebrated outstanding colleagues as well.



The College's Zeta Gamma chapter of **Alpha Alpha Alpha**, the national honor society for first-generation college students, recently inducted 76 new members: 70 students and six faculty and staff members.



The **Center for Enrichment of Learning and Teaching** hosted its annual Faculty Awards Ceremony. ESL, Languages, and Cultures Professor Katalin Gyurian-Toth and Natural Sciences Adjunct Professor Ines Rauschenbach were recognized by their peers for their excellence in teaching.



At **Honors Convocation**, we celebrated high-achieving students, including 39 Frank M. Chambers Award recipients who earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.



The Alpha Theta Zeta chapter of **Kappa Delta Pi** held its Spring Initiation, Awards, and Graduation Ceremony in celebration of a year filled with events and activities centered on professional growth, community, and service. The ceremony included the presentation of peer-voted honors including the Outstanding Member Award, Emerging Leader Award, and Executive Officer of the Year Award. In addition, five members received a Kappa Delta Pi honor cord to wear at Commencement.



The College's Delta Omicron chapter of **Alpha Delta Nu**, which recognizes the academic excellence of nursing students, inducted 25 new members.

## CONNECTIONS

External Partner(s)	Middlesex College Representatives	Action
Piscataway Public Schools	President McCormick, Vice Presidents Laureano and Miller, Deans Aydin and Hack, and K-12 Partnership Director Mooney	Explored with Superintendent Glover ways to expand the school district's partnership with Middlesex College
Vantage (Avenel)	Director of Corporate Education and Training Vega	Explored training opportunities

## OUTREACH

Date(s)	Outreach Activity	Location or Means of Access
Thursday, April 16	Raritan Bay YMCA Employee Lunch and Learn*	Perth Amboy
Friday, April 17	Woodbridge Community Center Fair	Woodbridge
Monday, April 20	Lindeneau Elementary School Campus Visit	Edison Campus
Wednesday, April 22	Perth Amboy High School Community Resource Night*	Perth Amboy
Wednesday, April 22	Piscataway High School Registration Day Event	Edison Campus
Wednesday, April 22	South Plainfield High School College Fair	South Plainfield
Friday, April 24	Edison High School Registration Day Event	Edison Campus
Sunday, April 26	Middlesex College Open House*	Edison Campus
Thursday, April 30	GEO Group Career Fair	North Brunswick
Thursday, April 30	NJ Film Academy Film Industry Event	Rutherford
Friday, May 1	Edison High School Registration Day Event	Edison Campus
Monday, May 4	Speed Transition Fair Piscataway High School	Piscataway
Tuesday, May 5	IMALIVE Mental Health Fair	Perth Amboy Center
Wednesday, May 6	IMALIVE Mental Health Fair	New Brunswick Center
Wednesday, May 6	Piscataway High School Registration Day Event	Edison Campus
Thursday, May 7	JFK Hospital College and Career Fair	Edison
Friday, May 8	Recovery Court Resource Fair	New Brunswick
Wednesday, May 13	South Amboy High School Registration Day Event	Edison Campus
Friday, May 15	Pillars Prep Academy College Fair	South River
Multiple Times	Admissions Information Session*	Virtual Events
Multiple Times	FAFSA on Demand Workshop*	Virtual Events
On an ongoing basis	Live chat appointments*	Via the web

\*in English and Spanish

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event	Location or Means of Access
Wednesday, June 10* and Thursday, June 11*	Board Committee Meetings	Via Zoom
Wednesday, June 17 8:30 a.m.	Board meeting	Boardroom and via Zoom

\*Schedule TBD