

ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND HONORS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF PHILADELPHIA VICE PRESIDENT LYNETTE M. BROWN-SOW NAMED COMMUNICATOR OF THE YEAR BY NCMRP

Lynette M. Brown-Sow, vice president for Marketing and Government Relations at Community College of Philadelphia, was named Communicator of the Year at the regional conference of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations on Oct. 27.



GCC EARNS NATIONAL AWARDS IN ATHLETICS

Gloucester County College's athletic program and teams have received three national awards for performances both on the field and in the classroom.

The National Alliance of Two-Year College Athletic Administrators (NATYCAA) honored the Roadrunners as the third best non-scholarship National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) program in the country at its annual convention in Dallas. For the Roadrunners, this was the second straight top three finishes in the NATYCAA Awards Program for Overall Program Excellence. Nine GCC programs contributed points from NJCAA national championship tournaments and meets. Second place finishes by the women's soccer, women's cross country and baseball teams helped lead the way for GCC.

The Roadrunners men and women outdoor track & field teams were also recognized for their performances in the classroom as the NJCAA National Academic Team of the Year. GCC track & field student athletes boasted the best combined team grade-point-averages of any squad in the country. The GCC softball team also received honorable mention for being one of the top academic teams in the nation.

UCC CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

To my Friends in the Union County Community: During the 2008-2009 academic year, Union County College, the oldest continuously operating 2-year public college in the State of New Jersey, will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Begun in 1933 during the Great Depression with an enrollment of a few hundred students Union County College has soared into the 21st century with over 35,000 students. For the last 18 of those years I have had the privilege of serving as President. Please join us in celebrating this important milestone in the life of the College and the County.

Sincerely,
Thomas H. Brown, Ph.D.
President

NORWALK COMMUNITY COLLEGE Norwalk Community College, located in Norwalk, Connecticut, received recognition for its initiatives to combat poverty through educational opportunities in the Association of Community College Trustees' 2008 ACCT Leadership Congress Discussion Paper.

The ACCT Leadership Congress Discussion Paper included an article on "The Role of Community Colleges in Combating Poverty" that stressed the critical role NCC and other community colleges play in addressing social issues including the growing economic gap, achievement gap, digital divide and need for remedial education.

NCC has commissioned a report demonstrating that its students increase their annual incomes by \$334 for every credit they earn. The report titled "The Economic Contribution of Norwalk Community College" was prepared in May 2008 by Economic Marketing Specialists Inc.

In addition, NCC was praised for reaching out "to the community to enroll disadvantaged populations." In January 2008, NCC worked with the Norwalk Emergency Shelter to enroll 14 homeless residents in classes for college credit. The article noted, "The model for this program is the same as that of all programs within the college: To provide high-quality academic opportunities that focus on student success and student outcomes."

WILFREDO NIEVES HONORED BY MIDDLETOWN ROTARY

Dr. Wilfredo Nieves, president of Middlesex Community College and outgoing president of the Middletown Rotary, has been honored by the group with a dictionary initiative named after him. "I believe in the Rotary's principles of service above self," said Nieves. "I am honored they have named this dictionary initiative after me in recognition of my service to education."

During the next school year, the Wilfredo Nieves Dictionary Initiative will provide a dictionary for every third graders in Middletown. "This year's Rotary International theme is 'Make Dreams Real.' Wilfredo's vision, guidance and support for the club and of my personal development was invaluable as president-elect," said Ken Vaughan, current Middletown Rotary president. "I wanted to show him our club's gratification, by 'making his dreams real.' The naming of this project in his honor was a no-brainer and was 100 percent supported by our club. Wilfredo was not doing this for personal gain or the recognition (the Service Above Self motto), that's what makes this so special.



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Northeast Region Spring 2009 Newsletter

LEASE APPROVED FOR NEW LIFE SCIENCES INSTITUTE AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BIOPARK IN WEST BALTIMORE Baltimore City Community College program will train 200 students annually

ANNAPOLIS, MD (January 28, 2009) -- Governor Martin O'Malley today announced that the University of Maryland BioPark, a biomedical research park located in on the campus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, will have a new tenant next year. The Board of Public Works has approved a 10-year lease for space to be occupied by the Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) Life Sciences Institute. The Life Sciences Institute is designed to prepare students for rewarding careers in high-demand biotechnology fields. The Life Sciences Institute is also a core element of a developing program between the Vivien T. Thomas Medical Arts Academy High School, BCCC and UMB.

"This exciting sharing of space, resources, expertise and services will benefit Baltimore City residents by providing more career and technology education program options for graduating

high school seniors," said Governor O'Malley. "By locating in the BioPark, students and faculty will receive tangible benefits through collaboration with the University of Maryland, Baltimore and businesses located in the region. The direct economic impact of the Life Sciences Institute will be the development of a workforce educated and trained to successfully undertake the new jobs projected in the health/biosciences industries."

BCCC will move its Biotechnology, Environmental Science, Arts & Science Transfer (Pre-Dental, Pre-Medical, Pre-Pharmacy) programs to the BioPark location. In addition, BCCC has plans to develop several workforce certificate and training programs such as Medical Laboratory Technician, Cell Culture Technician, Animal Research Technician, Forensics Laboratory Science, and Sterilization. Customized on-site training programs serving the needs of

Baltimore City Community College



local life science employers including federal research institutions such as the National Institutes of Health that are located in the region could include OSHA regulations, GMP, GLP, and other customized training.

"We are thrilled to be a part of Governor O'Malley's focus on life sciences workforce training," said BCCC President Dr. Carolane Williams. "The Life Sciences Institute will directly support Maryland's families with its focus and unique curriculums offering new careers for the unemployed and the underemployed."

GCC INDUCTS SIXTH EDUCATIONAL LEADER

Dr. Russell A. Davis was officially recognized as Gloucester County College's sixth educational leader during a Presidential Inauguration Ceremony on September 26, 2008. Academic and community leaders throughout the state gathered on the GCC campus with faculty, staff, students and friends to celebrate a new chapter in the College's history. Guests were welcomed to the ceremony by board of trustees Chairman Milton Hinton, Jr. Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail, former director and professor emerita of the Community College Leadership Doctoral Program at Morgan State University, provided personal reflections about her colleague during his time at the university. A reception honoring the new president was held in the College Center following the inauguration ceremony.

A graduate of Hampton University, Virginia (B.A. in English, M.A. in Education/Counseling Psychology); Harvard University, Massachusetts (Advanced Certificate in Educational



Management) with a Doctorate of Education in Higher Education (Concentration on Community College Leadership) from Morgan State University in Maryland, Davis took the post as GCC's vice president of student services in June 2005. An integral member of the committee that successfully led GCC through a recent 10-year reaccreditation process from the Middle States Commission of Higher Education, he was unanimously appointed president on July 1 after serving as the College's acting and interim president for one year. Davis is responsible for the supervision of more than 6,000 full- and part-time day and evening students and an additional 10,000 men and women registered in non-credit Continuing Education Division classes.

BCCC Hosts Nepali Ambassador to U.S. in "International Heritage Day" Celebration of Nepal

The College's first annual **International Heritage Day**—"Nepali Cultural Day" in honor of Nepal-played to a packed house Thursday, Nov. 6 from 1-3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building as BCCC Nepalese students and members of the Nepalese community from across Baltimore gathered for a rich cultural exchange which included dance, music and ethnic dress. As part of the event, the College was privileged to host Nepali Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Suresh Chandra



Chalise, who stayed afterward to mingle with students and enjoy food prepared by area Nepalese restaurants. BCCC student Shradha Karki, whose slain brother Himank studied engineering here and in whose name the event was dedicated, read an inspiring journal passage written by her brother exemplifying his life's vision and commitment to education. The passage will be used to memorialize Himank on the BCCC Wall of Recognition, for which the Karki family will

purchase the largest-sized brick offered by the BCCC Foundation—a 12-inch by 12-inch, \$750 tribute. The College originally offered to purchase the brick but the Karki family declined, citing its love for and commitment to BCCC. Ms. Karki's father, Jagat Nath, also attended. Some 300 of BCCC's 1,100 international students—by far the largest proportion of international students at the College—claim Nepal as their country of birth. Currently, 114 countries are represented in BCCC's international student body.

Nepali Cultural Day—one of BCCC's most spectacular and best-attended events in years—was spearheaded by **Dr. Carolane Williams** and coordinated by **Andre Williams** and a team of 25 students and staff.



The AACC Update – Kevin Christian, Senior Program Associate, American Association of Community Colleges and the AACC Staff Liaison to the National Council on Black American Affairs

Last July the American Association of Community Colleges and the Association of Community College Trustees signed the AACC/ACCT Joint Statement of Leadership and Diversity. The statement came out of the AACC Commission on Diversity, Inclusion and Equity and was fully supported by the National Council on Black American Affairs, the American Association for Women in Community Colleges, the National Community College Asian/Pacific Islander Council and the National Community College Hispanic Council.

As a continuation of the joint statement, the theme for the 89th Annual AACC Convention is

"Diversity: Our Vision. Our Value." **The Convention will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, April 4-7, 2009.** For more information on the AACC Convention, please visit the AACC Website at www.aacc.nche.edu. It is our hope that the highly successful Spotlight Session on Diversity and the Community College Presidency will be presented as well. The issues of diversity, inclusion and equity are firmly engrained in the AACC Mission and Strategic Plan.

The Association is actively involved in looking at the issue of declining male enrollment at community colleges. My office is working with Dr. Eric

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT Dr. Calvin E. Woodland

NCBAA/NE Region Conference Participants

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Region of the National Council on Black American Affairs, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Spring Conference being hosted by President Carolane Williams at Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) this year.



The Board of Directors and the BCCC staff have worked collaboratively to plan a professional development program that addresses an array of topics to include the following: the outlook for community colleges under President Obama's administration, stewardship during a global financial crisis, model retention program for African American males, and other programs that will provide you with a toolkit of ideas for promoting student success and institutional transformation.

The Conference theme: **"The Power to Change.. the Promise of Education: Education as the Catalyst for Promoting Change in Our Society"** will be the underpinning for guiding the work of the conference. I think that you will find the sessions stimulating and hopefully, discover innovative strategies that can be successfully implemented at your institution. I encourage you to take advantage of all the resources available to you at the conference.

Sincerely,
Calvin E. Woodland, Ed.D., Psy.D.
President, NCBAA/NE Region

Gravenberg, who coordinates the African American Male Initiative (AAMI) for the President's Roundtable of NCBAA. If your college has a program that addresses this key issue, please forward the name of the program and information on the program to kchristian@aacc.nche.edu.

As the AACC Staff Liaison to the National Council on Black American Affairs, I welcome your thoughts, ideas, advice, and recommendations.



African American Male Initiatives ■ Strategic Models and Prototypes

What a Class!!!

By Dr. Thelma Scott-Skillman
Lakin Institute Coordinator



Lakin Institute Graduates ■ Class of 2008

Dr. Joy Gates Black, Eastfield College, Mesquite, Texas; **Arnel W. Cosey**, Delgado Community College, New Orleans, LA; **Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye**, Los Angeles Valley College, Valley Green, CA; **Dr. Deborah C. Fontaine**, Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton, VA; **Vernon L. Hawkins**, Brookhaven College, Farmers Branch, TX; **Zena K. Jackson**, North Lake College, Irving, TX; **Dr. Kevin J. Jones**, Ivey Tech Community College, Indianapolis, IN; **Dr. Jamillah Moore**, Los Angeles City College, Los Angeles, CA; **Kim Evans Rugon**, Louisiana Technical College, Metairie, LA; **Dr. Frederico "FJ." Talley**, College of Southern Maryland, Leonardtown, MD; **Mellissia M. Zanjani**, Tacoma Community College, Tacoma, WA

This past October, 2008 I had the distinct honor of facilitating the 2008 Lakin Institute in Dallas, Texas. This is a very talented and bright class of graduates.

All graduates demonstrate outstanding confidence, a strong commitment to the community college mission, tremendous ambitions and very attainable education and career goals.

Their quest to be the consummate professional was most visible. Congratulations to all of you. The graduates' commitment to leadership and community service is to be commended. They represent their peers extremely well. It is clear that the efforts of the Presidents' Round Table and the Lakin Institute are creating a vibrant learning opportunity for up and coming CEOs. Each graduate has a story to tell. This is an awesome class of future CEOs.

Increasing Academic Achievement – HAWK

Clearly, the majority of our young African American Males are not completing high school with the requisite academic skills to make them eligible for college or to be competitive in today's rapidly changing and global environment. Tragically far too few African American males attend college compared with other ethnic cohorts. While here are many African American males who are achieving and defying the odds, the challenge is to significantly increase the number of young men who are attending and persisting in college, and completing their degree and career objectives. To respond to this crisis the Presidents' Roundtable has developed the HAWK (High Achievement Wisdom & Knowledge) project. The HAWK project is based on "best practices" and is designed to complement existing efforts and tailored to meet the needs of students in various regions. Target groups: High school and first-time community college students. Objective: Improve academic preparation in math, writing and critical thinking; tutoring and mentoring; career awareness and college planning; culturally-relevant curriculum and teaching; group projects and field trips. For more information about the HAWK project contact Dr. Eric Gravenberg, National Coordinator of AAMI.

Mentoring Our Young Men – BOSS

Studies have consistently shown that mentoring and the persistent presence of positive role models are essential for the emotional and educational development of young African American men. While there are a myriad of service groups, civic and business organizations that provide mentoring for young African American males, these noble efforts could be leveraged to maximize their effectiveness. For example, the training of mentors could be standardized and resource information could be shared more widely.

To this end, the Presidents' Round Table plans to Launch BOSS (Brothers of Superior Service), a strategic mentoring initiative. This effort is designed to "Identify and unify" those mentoring activities for African American males. This strategic mentoring and collaboration effort includes business, civic, education, religious and community-based organizations. Mentors will be aligned with PRT endorsed activities including tutoring, internships, field trips, leadership projects, all culminating in a "Great Leaders Conference."

DR. CHARLENE MICKENS DUKES INAUGURATED PRESIDENT OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Deidra W. Hill, Ed.D.

On October 3, 2008, **Dr. Charlene Mickens Dukes** was officially inaugurated as the eighth president of Prince George's Community College in Largo, Maryland, by William Dean Frazier, chairman of the board of trustees. During her inaugural response, Dr. Dukes emphasized her commitment to developing a shared vision that focuses on five institutional priorities—student success, investment in human capital, communication, service to the community, and organizational improvement.

"I am deeply honored and privileged to serve Prince George's Community College, especially during a time when we need to do all that we can to ensure access to quality higher education and prepare people for the workforce," Dr. Dukes said following the inaugural ceremony. "In its 50-year history, Prince George's Community College has reached numerous and impressive milestones, but we must work harder to keep the doors of opportunity open for those who may have no other place to go," she added.

Support for Dr. Dukes and college priorities was evident in the hundreds of people who attended the inaugural ceremony.

Prior to taking office in July 2007, Dr. Dukes served 12 years as the college's vice president for student services. She also served as dean of students at the Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC), Allegheny Campus, before joining PGCC. Dr. Dukes has been an adjunct faculty member in the Community College Leadership Doctoral Program at Morgan State University, where she has taught the student development course. She also has been an adjunct faculty member for CCAC and PGCC.

