

## NATIONAL COUNCIL ON **BLACK AMERICAN AFFAIRS**

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Northeast Region Fall 2016 Newsletter

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# NCBAA Northeast 2017 Spring Conference

Leadership & Engagement for Student Success: Renewal & Transformation • Digital • Political • Advocacy March 23-March 24, 2017



### **CONFERENCE LOCATION**



**Bergen Community College** 

Meadowland Campus
1280 Lyndhurst, New Jersey 07071

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



Dr. Christine McPhail

Managing Principal for the McPhail Group LLC and Emerita Professor and Founder of CCLDP at Morgan State University



Mr. David Baime

Senior Vice President, Government Relations and Research American Association of Community Colleges

### REGISTRATION

**Registration Fees** 

Member: \$165 (after March 9: \$190) Non-Member: \$195 (after March 9: \$220)

Graduate Student: \$70. A student currently enrolled in a graduate or doctoral program. Verification required.

Community College Student: \$45. A student currently enrolled in a 2-year degree program at a community college. Verification required.

**NOTE:** 1-year NCBAA membership included in all conference fees (except for community college students)

**Click Here to Register Now!** 

### **CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

March 23, 2017 from 10:00am to 6:00pm March 24, 2017 from 8:00am to 2:00pm

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

**Courtyard by Marriott Lyndhurst Meadowlands** 

1 Polito Avenue, Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 | 888-734-8507 Shuttle Service will be provided to and from the hotel to Bergen Community College

Cost/Night: \$139.00 (special rate until March 1, 2017 only) Double Occupancy. BOARD MEETING WILL HELD AT THE MARRIOTT HOTEL March 22, 2017, 5:00 pm, Suite TBA

Register Online Now! CALL FOR PROPOSALS: NOW OPEN-Deadline January 6, 2017

#### IN THE REGION

# Union County College New Degree Program Supply Chain Management Associate in Science Degree

Union County College was recently approved by the state of New Jersey to offer a new Associate of Science (A.S.) degree program in Supply Chain Management (SCM). A 61-credit SCM A.S. Degree Program and 18-credit Certificate Program (for students who have already completed an Associate or Bachelor Degree) will be offered. The Supply Chain Management Degree Program will support



Dr. Margaret M. McMenamin President

the nation's drive toward training a skilled workforce to fill high-demand jobs. Union County is the home of the Port of Elizabeth and in close proximity to the nation's busiest highways and airport. The program will also provide the opportunity for transfer for students planning to continue their education at a 4-year institution. The program will begin in September 2017.

The Springfield College and NCBAA/NE Region remembers **Dr. Roscoe C. Brown Jr. '43**, who recently passed away. Brown served as the valedictorian and

treasurer of his graduating class at Springfield College in 1943. Following graduation from Springfield College, Brown responded to the call of military service and was trained to fly World War II combat missions starting in 1944 as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen. Dr. Brown was the president of Bronx Community College, 1977-1993.



## KEEPING PACE WITH WORKFORCE CHANGES IN NURSING

# **Delaware Tech – First Community College in Region to Offer Bachelor's Degree**

Delaware Tech is proud to announce that it will begin offering a bachelor of science degree in nursing (BSN) beginning January of 2017.

In 1990, Magnet status requires that all nurse managers and 80% of direct care nurses have a BSN by 2020. Across the country, community colleges, which train 45% of the nation's nurses, more than 30 colleges in 11 states now offer the BSN.



Mark T. Brainard President

# Dr. A. Zachary Yamba, Acting President Essex County College

**Dr. A. Zachary Yamba** Acting President Essex County College Dr. A. Zachary Yamba assumed the reins as Acting President of Essex County College, effective March 31,

2016. Dr. Yamba holds the title of President Emeritus after stepping down as the longest serving college president in New Jersey on March 31, 2010. Affiliated with the College for four decades, he joined the humanities faculty when the college opened in 1968. He is a founding member of the Presidents' Round Table, an affiliate of the National Council on Black American Affairs of AACC.



Dr. A. Zachary Yamba Acting President

# New Master's Degree Program in Community College Administration and Instruction at Morgan State University

On-line options for students is not a new concept, but at Morgan State University, a new ground-breaking program has been established to provide students the opportunity to study the evolving community college landscape! The new Master of Education in Community College Administration and Instruction, coordinated by **Dr. Russell A. Davis**, designed



Dr. Russell A. Davis

specifically to meet the needs of community college professionals, though not exclusively, the program offers a total online presence. This option allows students access to the online classroom through the Blackboard platform. The courses can propel willing students directly into the Ed. D program in Community College Leadership. Contact: Dr. Russell A. Davis, Coordinator of the MEd Program in Community College Administration and Instruction at Morgan State University, 443-885-1983 or x4495.

# Pennsville Memorial High School's Jump Start Program with SCC

Through Salem Community College's College Acceleration Program (CAP), students in every Salem County high school as well as Gateway Regional High School in Gloucester County may take dual credit courses. Students earn high school credits and college credits simultaneously, sometimes without even leaving their high school. Other courses are taught at SCC's campus in Carneys Point.



Dr. Michael Gorman SCC President

"This framework is the design for the future as more high school students are prepared for collegiate work," said SCC President **Dr. Michael Gorman**.

The Pennsville School District covers the cost of two courses. Pennsville students may take other SCC courses at only \$50 per credit, having nearly \$300 for every three-credit course.

#### Lone Star College has named Alicia B. Harvey-Smith, Ph.D., as executive vice chancellor

Harvey-Smith, will have responsibility over the areas of

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academic affairs, student services, the office of completion, the office of Texas Completes (a statewide consortium), the office of international programs, the University Centers, and the office of strategic planning and institutional effectiveness. "



Dr. Alicia B. Harvey-

Dr. Harvey-Smith has demonstrated an incredible record of helping students succeed while president of River Valley Community College," said Dr. Stephen C. Head, LSC chancellor. "Her experience and knowledge will build upon our mission to provide comprehensive, high quality educational opportunities for our community." Dr. Harvey-Smith served on the Board of NCBAA/NE Region.

#### Dr. Michelle Harris Bondima, a Morgan University administrator, joins Baltimore city school board

A Morgan State University administrator is the newest appointee to the Baltimore City school board. Dr. Michelle Harris Bondima, who serves as statewide coordinator of the Community College Leadership Doctoral Program at Morgan State University. Before joining Morgan, she worked for more than 30 years on the faculty and as Dean of Business, Health, Science and Mathematics at Baltimore City Community College.



Dr. Michelle Harris

City school board members are jointly appointed by the mayor and the governor.

#### Dear NCBAA-NE Board Members,

It is with mixed emotions that I announce my resignation from Manchester Community College (MCC) as the Dean of Institutional Advancement and Community Engagement effective November 25, 2016. I have accepted a position at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, New Jersey as the Assistant Vice President of Development.



It's been a wonderful journey. NCBAA-NE is a wonderful organization and I'm grateful for opportunity to have worked and served with all of you. I welcome the opportunity to stay in touch with all you. Best wishes for continued success

Warmest regards, Endia

#### Greetings!

I'm hopeful that you will enjoy reading the Northeast Region's fall 2016 newsletter. We've attempted to gather newsworthy events and happenings that have occurred at member institutions in our region.



On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Northeast Region, I'd like to extend a personal invitation for you to join us at our 2017 spring conference, Leadership & Engagement for Student Success: Renewal & Transformation. The 2017 conference will be held on March 23 and 24, 2017 at Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. A special thank you to Dr. B. Kaye Walter and the Bergen team for hosting the upcoming conference.

I encourage you to stay connected to NCBAA-NE by visiting our website, looking for us on LinkedIn and in your email box, and by contacting us directly. I personally welcome your feedback, input and comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me at president@ncbaa-ne.org, or any of our board members.

If you have any news you would like to share, please send it to Dr. Gwendolyn W. Sanders, Vice President, Public Relations at publicrelations@ncbaa-ne.org or gsanders@springfieldcollege.edu

Hope to see you in the Meadowlands in March!

#### Rhonda

Rhonda Spells Fentry, Ed.D. President, NCBAA-Northeast Region

#### **Hispanic Leaders and Role Models in Higher** Education

Dr. Antonio Pérez, president of Borough of Manhattan Community College, since 1995, has 23 years of experience as a chief executive officer. Under the direction of Pérez, BMCC has built an extensive network of partnerships with the business community, meeting corporate needs by providing on-site training and development courses for



Dr. Antonio Pérez

employees at some of New York City's largest companies. Crain's New York Business calls President Pérez one of New York's top 100 minority business leaders. Dr. Pérez has been member of the National Council on Black American Affairs/Northeast Region for over 22 years.

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# Board of Trustees Approves Dr. LaVerne Harmon as Wilmington University's Next President

The successor to Dr. Jack Varsalona has a history of service. Wilmington University announced that Executive Vice President Dr. LaVerne Harmon was unanimously approved by its Board of Trustees as the successor to current President Dr. Jack Varsalona, who recently announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2017.

Harmon will be the first African-American woman to be named the president of a university in the state of Delaware. She began working at Wilmington University in 1989 and held numerous positions while earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Wilmington University and a Doctorate in Higher Education Administration from the University of Pennsylvania. She has played key roles in the University's internal operations, strategic planning and growth since becoming its executive vice president in 2014.

### WE<sup>3</sup> Women's Empowerment Conference Leadership Awardees

Outstanding Woman Leader

**Dr. Charlene M. Dukes**, President, Prince George's Community College In Recognition of Your Transformational Leadership, Community Service.

Families Service Organization Leadership Award

**Joyce D. Duckett**, President, The National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Prince George's County.

Community Servant Leadership Award Cheryl Petty Garnett, Executive Director, Ivy Community Charities, Inc.



#### Dr. Kimberly H. James Elected to Board of Directors

Dr. Kimberly H. James has been elected to the Board of Directors of Main Street Community Foundation of Connecticut. She is currently the Director of Student Access, Success and Engagement at Tunxis Community College, in Connecticut, where she works collaboratively with stakeholders to implement strategies, services and initiatives to advance educational success, especially for under-served students. She

has over 25 years of experience in higher education

administration and teaching and over 20 years experience in career and workforce development and planning. She is the past president of the Connecticut College and University Counselors Association.

# Dr. Gwendolyn W. Sanders, Wilmington, Delaware Received the 2016 John F. Newman Rotary Award

The Newnam Award is presented to a Rotarian who has made an outstanding contribution and performed distinguished service in supporting and promoting the ideal of "Service Above Self" through Rotary. The award is named in honor of John F. Newman whose Club leadership, guidance and outstanding service to Rotary have set a standard for all Rotarians.

Dr. Sanders has been a Rotarian for over 25 years. She established the Howard High School of Technology Interact Club, "a high school Rotary", in 1999. She has been a member of NCBAA for over 40 years. The Newnam award is the highest honor a Rotary Club can present to a fellow Rotarian.

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