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Dear CCBC Alumni:

As we enter the second decade of the 21st century, CCBC has much to celebrate. Although no stranger to dealing with continued economic uncertainty, your community college thrives in all the ways you would wish us to: record-setting enrollment, cutting-edge academic programming, and faculty, staff and student achievement that continues to garner national and regional attention. Best of all, CCBC serves as a beacon of hope for all who come to us, whether in pursuit of transfer, career readiness or life enrichment. Our classes are full, our spirits are high, and we have a fistful of major capital projects underway, designed to transform each of our campuses.

In this issue of EMERGE, you will see how CCBC focuses on its mission of teaching and learning wherever CCBC students gather to study, participate and engage. You can journey into the jungles of Costa Rica with one of our Student Ambassadors, visit the work site of our new library with one of our students who interned during its construction, or step into our classrooms to meet some of our equally amazing professors.

These success stories—in and out of the classroom—are possible because of the fabulous partnerships CCBC enjoys with individuals and organizations alike. Verizon Foundation, for example, is funding a new Reading for Success program while the Citi Foundation is funding CCBC’s new financial literacy program. Both of these corporate sponsorships enable CCBC to advance its commitment to President Obama’s completion agenda and CCBC’s participation in the national Achieving the Dream initiative. Working together, we will increase the number of students who complete a college degree or certificate and enhance student achievement for low-income students and students of color.

Finally, let me say again how proud we at CCBC are that we do our work amid a culture of care and giving. Last year we launched our CCBC President’s Club to acknowledge donors of $500 or more. In September 2010 we hosted our first President’s Club Reception at my home for this special circle of CCBC friends. Together they raised more than $180,000 this past year. With friends like these, the success of future generations of CCBC students and alumni is ensured.

Sincerely,

Sandra L. Kurtinitis, Ph.D.
President
The Community College of Baltimore County
Grow with us

At CCBC, the enrollment isn’t the only thing that’s expanding ... so are college facilities. Some of the newest expansion projects include a new facility at Ridge Road near CCBC Essex, a new extension center in Randallstown and major upgrades to Building F on the Essex campus.

During the fall of 2010, CCBC opened a new instructional facility at 7106 Ridge Road near the Essex campus. This new facility supports the School of Health Professions’ classes in nursing, radiation, mental health and other health-related fields during the day and general coursework in the evening. The single-story, 10,000 square foot facility contains six classrooms and seats up to 45 students.

CCBC Randallstown at the Liberty Center opened in January 2011. Located at 3637 Offutt Road, this site was formerly a Giant Food. It was converted into a 39,000 square foot complex that houses a satellite campus for CCBC, a Workforce Development Center, an office from the Department of Social Services and a Green Resource Center. CCBC Randallstown offers training for in-demand careers in skilled trades, computers and information technology, business management and health and human services.

At CCBC Essex, the F Building, which houses mostly science and math classes, is undergoing a major transformation. The building will get a new brick exterior in addition to new windows. Although there will be no changes to the building’s square footage, the interior will see major improvements to classrooms and bathrooms. And, most importantly, the building’s 13 science labs will receive major upgrades that will enhance students’ overall learning experiences.
Greetings, CCBC Alumni and Friends!

I hope you were able to visit at least one of the Community College of Baltimore County campuses during 2010, and will continue to do so throughout this year.

It’s a wonderful time to stop by the CCBC Catonsville campus to see the new state-of-the-art library, or the Dundalk campus where renovations are underway for the library, cafeteria and bookstore. Maybe you are near the Essex campus and want to see the renovations to the F Building for the science labs. New and exciting things are happening and I am thrilled to be a part of what is in store for current and future CCBC students!

Our paramount concern is helping more students with financial support. In October 2010, we kicked off our Annual Giving Campaign. I encourage you to join me in helping to transform the lives of students by donating to CCBC in support of student scholarships.

Our fundraising activities (the annual bull roast, membership drive and annual giving campaign) provide the CCBC Alumni Association with approximately $2,000 annually in scholarship funds. I invite you to stay connected and attend one of our alumni events planned for 2011.

We are CCBC, and as members of a distinguished group of alumni, we can help pay it forward for tomorrow’s leaders by remaining involved members of the college community. Your input and insight are always appreciated. Perhaps you can volunteer your time as a member of the CCBC Alumni Association Board, or make a financial investment in the life of a student.

Whatever your interest, we have an opportunity for you. As an alumna of CCBC who feels the satisfaction of being able to make a difference, I encourage you to do the same.

I am CCBC.

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Retired admiral brings history to life
by Jacquelyn Lucy

At 96 years young, retired Rear Admiral Edgar Keats may be the college’s oldest adjunct faculty member, but he shows no signs of slowing down.

“I enjoy doing,” notes Keats, who teaches in CCBC’s Senior Institute. “I knew that teaching at CCBC was not going to raise my finances or standard of living, but when I run into former students at restaurants or other Baltimore venues, it is quite rewarding that they view me in a favorable way. What more does one want?” he says.

“I have taught America From 1775 to 1800 and World War II in the Pacific to ten CCBC classes and have enjoyed my time there,” he recalls. “The classes had mostly retired people, and they wanted to learn.”

Keats peppers his lectures with anecdotes from his years of service in the Navy.

Former student Helen M. Quinn recalls, “It was always enjoyable to attend classes taught by Admiral Keats. He was blessed with a great ability to teach and his intellect, along with his great sense of humor, made his classes sparkle,” Quinn says.

“His recollections of personal experience in the Navy were very meaningful to me. He treasures his experiences in the Navy,” she adds. “I find this comforting to know as my granddaughter Emma is in the midst of her second year at the Naval Academy.”

Keats, a scholar and history buff, laments that American history is not better known these days. If prodded, he can come up with a long list of classes he thinks could be taught as a partial remedy to this knowledge void: Events Leading to the Declaration of Independence and Its Meaning, U.S. Expansion and the Struggle Over Slavery, The American Century up to World War II, and more.

A 1935 graduate and class president at the United States Naval Academy, Keats augmented his education by earning a master’s degree in Aeronautical Engineering at MIT. Today he holds the distinction of being the first in U.S. Naval Academy history to serve simultaneously as class president for two classes, 1934 and 1935.

Keats served as Air Officer for the Commander of Amphibious Force, Pacific and saw action at Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa during World War II. After retiring from the Navy, Keats worked at Westinghouse and several other businesses before becoming the president of a Baltimore dredging company that did work in the Persian Gulf.

A genial gentleman with a ready smile and quick wit, Rear Adm. Keats enjoys life – whether it is spending time with his grandchildren, staying in touch with his classmates from the Naval Academy, or settling into his new home in northern Baltimore County.
CCBC creates new YouTube channel
See college’s program videos now conveniently located on YouTube

Check out CCBC’s new YouTube channel (youtube.com/ccbcmd), which gives easy access to 52 college videos!

Most of the videos highlight the wealth of program offerings at CCBC; in addition, the site also contains the college’s latest commercial (360 degree campaign) as well as the video created for the Mission Possible Gala (see page 19).

CCBC’s YouTube Channel is a great way to promote the college to a wider audience and another way CCBC is expanding its footprint in social media.

You, too, can join our social media network, connecting with the thousands of fellow graduates, students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends who are joining CCBC on Facebook (facebook.com/ccbcmd) and Twitter (twitter.com/ccbcmd).

Tweet us! Follow us! Post to our wall! TIA! (That’s “thanks in advance,” of course!)

Teams take post-season honors

All four CCBC soccer teams earned post-season berths, highlighted by the CCBC Essex Men’s Soccer team capturing its fourth consecutive NJCAA Division I Region XX Men’s Soccer Championship.

The Knights (12-6-3) defeated the College of Southern Maryland in a thrilling championship game at Harford Community College in Bel Air, Md. The game ended in a 1-1 overtime tie, with CCBC Essex advancing on a penalty kick shoot-out score of 5-3.

The team advanced to the NJCAA Division I Men’s Soccer North Central District Championship at Cincinnati State Technical & Community College in Cincinnati, Ohio, where they lost 3-1.

The CCBC Catonsville Lady Cardinals Volleyball team lost to eventual tournament champion Hagerstown Community College in the loser’s bracket final of the 2010 NJCAA Division II Region XX Volleyball Tournament at the College of Southern Maryland in La Plata, Md.

Finishing 2-2 in tournament matches to end with an impressive 23-11 overall record, the Lady Cardinals captured third place in the Region.

The CCBC Essex Knights Women’s Cross Country team also joined the post-season fun. The team finished second in NJCAA Division I Region XX and third in the Maryland JUCO Conference at the post-season meet, held at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Md.

Sophomore Joanna Barranco led the Knights, finishing sixth overall/3rd Division I/5th JD JUCO with a time of 23:53. The Knights advanced to the 2010 NJCAA Division I Women’s Cross Country National Championship Meet at Spartanburg Methodist College in Spartanburg, SC., where Barranco posted a Knights record time of 21:38, and three student athletes set personal record times.

Cumulatively, CCBC student athletes garnered more than 30 All-NJCAA Region XX and All-Maryland JUCO Conference honors this fall.
President’s Club reception celebrates spirit of giving

In September 2010, CCBC President Sandra Kurtinitis welcomed special guests, college Board of Trustees members and employees into her home as she hosted the first CCBC President’s Club Reception. Through the power of giving and a shared passion for change, the more than 80 President’s Club members and guests who attended the event were recognized for their philanthropic support to CCBC.

During a special pinning ceremony, President Kurtinitis thanked her guests for believing in the mission of CCBC. Each member of the President’s Club received a specially designed lapel pin as a small token of appreciation for the invaluable role they play in shaping the lives of CCBC students, faculty and staff every day.

In 2010, 141 individuals gave at the President’s Club level and accounted for more than $180,717 in support for student scholarships, faculty and staff development and other institutional priorities. Through their investments, they ensure tomorrow’s leaders have the resources and support they need to achieve their educational goals. The President’s Club is advancing the mission of CCBC and helping to build a culture of giving.

To find out how you can become a member of the CCBC President’s Club, call 443-840-3118.

Verizon Foundation funds new pilot reading program

The Community College of Baltimore County, through a grant from the Verizon Foundation, is working to raise student reading and comprehension skills.

A new pilot program, Reading for Success, is designed to assist students who have earned high school diplomas, but who enter CCBC still needing reading instruction at a basic level. The $11,350 Verizon Foundation grant supports faculty and staff development as they help students improve their reading skills and employment prospects.

Reading for Success is designed to provide a safety net for students with very basic skills in reading and comprehension. Learning is customized to each student’s individual weaknesses, whether in decoding, vocabulary, literal comprehension or other areas. The program curriculum utilizes a wide array of reading material, reflecting the types of demands students might encounter in their daily lives and in the world of work.

The Reading for Success pilot program begins in March 2011 with 36 students in three pilot classes – 12 students per class on each of CCBC’s main campuses.
Citi Foundation funds ‘Money Matters 101’
by Tori K. Burns

Just like brushing your teeth and eating right, good habits established at a young age will make a big difference in your well-being throughout life. The same is true of learning good financial practices.

Thanks to a $25,000 grant from the Citi Foundation, CCBC is poised to initiate Money Matters 101, a new college-wide awareness program about financial literacy. The grant will enable CCBC to create a DVD featuring real stories about students overcoming financial hurdles, and develop accompanying online resource tools.

The DVD and online tools will serve as powerful catalysts for creating meaningful conversations among students and faculty about the importance of financial literacy and its impact on our lives.

“The Citi Foundation places a high priority on giving adults the tools they need to improve their financial capacity,” says Sheldon Caplis, a CCBC board member and Regional Director of Community Relations for Citi.

“This grant will allow CCBC to reach thousands of students and we are pleased to be able to assist with this new initiative. We look forward to seeing the outcomes of the project,” Caplis adds.

Money Matters 101 is an important component of Achieving the Dream – a national initiative focused on student achievement at community colleges with an emphasis on low-income students and students of color.

The Achieving the Dream Financial Literacy Subcommittee will work with a professional videographer to create a video illustrating why financial literacy is important, and how students can empower themselves to take charge of their financial health.

The DVD will cover banking, budgeting and consumer issues relevant to young adults. It will feature students sharing personal stories in their own words, followed by advice from a professional financial advisor.

Partnership program connects CCBC with area businesses

With an eye toward more closely aligning local business interests with college goals, CCBC has launched Connect, a new corporate partnership program.

Administered through CCBC’s Institutional Advancement area, the program will help connect students, faculty and college administration to businesses by customizing each company’s relationship, objectives and connections to the college.

Program efforts will focus on enhancing professional development for students, increasing opportunities for faculty enrichment and developing customized work force training, according to Ken Westary, CCBC vice president for Institutional Advancement.

“Connect is quickly becoming an effective and desired means for businesses and other organizations to become more involved with the college,” Westary explains.

“Now in its inaugural year, Connect already has 22 partners,” he continues. “Their participation makes a strong statement about their commitment to the economic development of local communities, and to helping CCBC students achieve their academic and professional dreams.”

The list of founding Connect partners includes:

- Butler Medical Transport, LLC
- Central Atlantic Toyota Distributors
- H&S Bakery
- Henry H. Lewis Contractors
- Incred-A-Shred
- J. Vinton Schafer & Sons
- Butler Medical Transport, LLC
- Central Atlantic Toyota Distributors
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- J. Vinton Schafer & Sons

Kelly & Associates
Kollman & Saucier, P.A.
Martin’s, Inc.
Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge
Norris Automotive Group
Plumbers & Steamfitters Training School
Reduction in Motion
Rudolph’s Office & Computer Supply
St. Agnes Hospital
Sodexo, Inc.
Spears/Votta & Associates
United Concordia
ViPS, Inc.
WW. Grainger, Inc.
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP
Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

Connect is chaired by Tim Regan, executive vice president of The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, and co-chaired by Ken Westary, CCBC deans and other key college personnel serve as ex-officio members.

To learn more about Connect, contact Tori Burns, CCBC director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, at 410-840-3617 or tburns4@ccbc.edu.
“Libraries are often the hub on college campuses, still providing a great place to study, do research, find reading materials and congregate.”

- Cynthia Roberts, CCBC director of Library Services
Webster’s dictionary (online, of course) defines library as “a place in which literary, musical, artistic or reference materials are kept for use but not for sale.”

Although that rings true, libraries of today offer so much more. Just ask CCBC’s Director of Library Services Cynthia Roberts, who is happy to talk about the CCBC Catonsville library – the college’s first newly constructed building in 10 years.

“The new library at CCBC Catonsville is magnificent,” says Roberts. “It is so much more than a place to find books. There are group study rooms, seven classrooms, more than 100 computer workstations and a café.

“The CCBC Student Success Center is also housed in this building so it’s truly a multi-use facility,” she continues. “It really has to be in order to provide our students with the resources that they need.”

And Roberts should know. As a fourth-generation librarian, she has seen libraries go through many changes over the years. From card catalogs to automated library systems, libraries have evolved in order to remain relevant to students and other users.

“Computers give people so much access to information, it is sometimes said libraries are a dying breed,” observes Roberts. “But I know better. Libraries are often the hub on college campuses, still providing a great place to study, do research, find reading materials and congregate. Overall we serve the same purpose, but technology allows us to do it faster and more efficiently.”

With more than 75,000 square feet of space, CCBC’s new library is definitely the hub of the campus. This state-of-the-art facility boasts wireless internet access throughout, and features study rooms equipped with wall-mounted, flat-screen monitors to assist with group viewing of presentations and media.

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New CCBC Catonsville library opens to rave reviews
by Hope Davis

BY THE NUMBERS

74,000 square feet
44,000 books \ printed volumes
11,494 linear feet of shelvings
806 windows
596 study seats
214 computer terminals
112 study carrels
68 accessible databases
18 laptops available for student check-out
1 great new campus facility!
The building was designed to LEED Silver Certification standards, meaning it was constructed and will operate utilizing environmentally friendly methods and materials. Some of the eco-conscious features include energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems, water-conserving fixtures in restrooms, and recycled and recyclable materials in flooring and ceiling panels.

There are seven classrooms, a café and a Student Success Center, which is located on the lower level of the library. The upper two levels house study rooms, computer stations and the library collections – one of which (the Social Science, Political Science, Law and Government collections) was named in honor of former Baltimore County Executive Jim Smith. Smith supported and helped secure funding for the CCBC Catonsville library.

With this new facility, more students are being introduced or re-introduced to the library.

“I never used to use the old library," says CCBC student Imani Grant. “But I’m definitely going to take advantage of the new one. There are breathtaking views on every floor and comfortable chairs strategically placed in open areas for group discussions. I plan to use the new library for all my group presentations, research papers and for some quiet time and relaxation.”

Surely, Grant is not alone. Thousands of patrons – students as well as community members – are expected to visit the library each semester, taking advantage of all the resources this grand new building has to offer.

A native of the Dominican Republic, Julissa Marcano came to the United States in 2007, already holding a degree in Civil Engineering. She had the ability to read and write in English, but speaking the language was difficult.

Marcano decided to enroll in an English as a Second Language course at CCBC to improve her language skills. This is where her amazing journey began.

Unable to find a job that would recognize her academic credentials, she decided to enroll in CCBC’s Construction Management program, thinking it would complement her degree. Marcano made the most of her time at CCBC, working as a part-time tutor in the Student Success Center and later as an online tutoring coordinator.

Her strong work ethic and success in the classroom paved the way for her to make even greater strides, landing an internship with J. Vinton Schafer & Sons, the construction company in charge of building the new library at CCBC Catonsville.

“This internship offered me valuable hands-on experience that complimented my classroom learning,” Marcano says. Plus, having a hand in the construction of the new library was a way of “giving back” to a college that had created so many opportunities for her.

Soon after completing her degree in Construction Management, Marcano gained employment in her chosen field. She says she owes it all to education she received at CCBC, and the real world experience offered by her internship.
Coming full circle

Life has a funny way of reconnecting you with your past.

At least that is the case for Tom Gnau, vice president of construction management firm J. Vinton Schafer & Sons Inc, the general contractor for CCBC Catonsville’s new library. Having completed a certificate in Construction Technology at CCBC in the 1990s, Gnau returned to the place that gave him a “boost” early in his career.

Before enrolling at CCBC, Gnau was an apprentice carpenter. He realized early on that the only way to get ahead in the industry was through education. His early career goal was to become a project manager on construction sites, gaining more of a leadership role in the overall process.

To make headway toward that goal, Gnau enrolled at CCBC. Several of his co-workers had attended classes at the college, and spoke highly of the program. Once enrolled, Gnau shared a similar experience.

“The quality of CCBC’s program was outstanding,” says Gnau. “All of the instruction was real-time learning. I learned about management and applied that to the work that I was doing during the day.”

Gnau completed his certificate in Construction Technology and his career prospects steadily began to climb – going from apprentice to vice president.

While Gnau was on the construction site at CCBC Catonsville, he said it brought back good memories.

“Even better,” he says, “it allowed me to create new memories by utilizing the skills I learned at CCBC – skills that have contributed to my success today.

“CCBC provided me a great foundation for my career,” continues Gnau. “I am proud to be part of the team that completed a building designed to help others create foundations for their careers.”
Fab Lab really is ... FAB!
by Jacquelyn Lucy

If you can dream it, you can probably create it in CCBC Catonsville’s new Fabrication Lab (Fab Lab), a place where ideas come to life.

Based on an MIT-inspired educational outreach initiative in manufacturing, the Fab Lab offers entrepreneurs and artists the tools and setting to produce prototypes, a critical step in getting product ideas to the manufacturing stage.

A joint effort of the School of Applied and Information Technology and the TIME Center (a National Science Foundation-funded advanced technology education center), the Fab Lab is an exciting mix of high-tech design workstations and high-end fabrication equipment.

Two huge screens and computer stations dominate the front of the lab. In addition to work spaces with benches, hand tools and raised seating, this fully equipped fabrication shop boasts the latest in production technology: uPrint Plus color 3D printer, Rapid Mill CNC router, laser cutter, vinyl cutter and a huge ShopBot Computer Numeric Control tool.

Several cameras connect it to an international network of Fab Labs, where CCBC can see and be seen.

“This link to other labs around the world can offer entrepreneurs, artists, designers, etc. valuable time- and cost-saving design and production information,” says Doug Kendzierski, CCBC Applied Technology department chairman. “It also can support collaborative staff development opportunities as we see how other labs work.

“The Fab Lab offers tremendous educational possibilities, ranging from increasing and/or supplementing our credit and non-credit offerings, partnering with local and regional business incubators, and allowing our students in the arts to create their work in multiple formats,” Kendzierski adds.

All users must take a short Intro to Fab Lab course on the proper and safe use of the industrial equipment, explains Bill Werneke, coordinator of Computer-Assisted Manufacturing and director of the Fab Lab.

“But once that is done, individuals and companies can work on their own in the lab to produce prototypes of their products,” Werneke says.

Werneke has already amassed a collection of prototypes, from etched glassware to plastic characters from video games, all on display in the lab.
Join the Community College of Baltimore County for entertaining, educational and enriching events throughout the spring and summer. From live theatre and musical performances to celestial observing sessions and planetarium shows, CCBC offers something for everyone, for free or at family-friendly prices.

Music Forums at CCBC Essex
Fridays through mid-May, 12:20 p.m.
CCBC Essex, Building E Recital Hall. Free.

Personal Finance Expo
April 2, times to be determined. CCBC Catonsville.
Advice and counseling on budgeting, taxes, financial planning, etc. Free. Contact Jennifer Joyner at 443-840-1469 for information.

Star Party at the CCBC Dundalk Observatory
April 8, 8-10 p.m. CCBC Dundalk Observatory. Free.
In case of questionable weather, call 410-282-3092 about 45 minutes prior to the event to see if it will be held.

Benjamin Banneker Planetarium – Space Bunny
Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. CCBC Catonsville, Building D.
Free. No reservations needed. For additional information, call the Astronomy office at 443-840-4560.

CCBC Gala – Vegas Nights
Saturday, April 16, 7-11 p.m. Martin’s West. An evening of high-rolling excitement to benefit CCBC scholarships and programs. For information, tickets or sponsorship opportunities, visit www.ccbcmd.edu/gala or call 443-840-3984

Star Party at the CCBC Dundalk Observatory
May 6, 9-11 p.m. CCBC Dundalk Observatory. Free.
In case of questionable weather, call 410-282-3092 about 45 minutes prior to the event to see if it will be held.

Benjamin Banneker Planetarium – The Sky, A Camper’s Canopy
Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m. CCBC Catonsville, Building D.
Free. No reservations needed. For additional information, call the Astronomy office at 443-840-4560.

CCBC Spring Dance Concert
May 6-7, 9, times vary. CCBC Essex.
For tickets and information, call the CCBC Box Office at 443-840-ARTS (2787).

Children’s Playhouse of Maryland – The Sound of Music
May 7-9, 14-15, 21-22, times vary. CCBC Essex.
Tickets $10 general admission, $8 groups, $30 family.
For tickets and information, call the CCBC Box Office at 443-840-ARTS (2787).

Dundalk Community Theatre – Cinderella
May 13-14, 20-21, 8 p.m.; May 15 and 22, 3 p.m., CCBC Dundalk.
Tickets $22 general admission, $19 seniors and $14 for DCT actors/children. For tickets and information, call the CCBC Box Office at 443-840-ARTS (2787).

Senior Star Showcase – Spring Production
For times and ticket prices, call the CCBC Box Office at 443-840-ARTS (2787).

Cockpit in Court Summer Theatre at CCBC Essex
Join Maryland’s oldest summer theatre for another exhilarating season:
June 24-July 3 – Over the River and Through the Woods, a comedy by Joe DiPietro.
July 8 - 17 – Court Jesters Young People’s Theatre production of Disney’s Camp Rock, J Building Lecture Hall.
July 22-Aug. 7 – Hairspray, musical comedy based on John Waters’ kitschy homage to Bawlmer, on the Mainstage, Building B Theatre.
July 29-Aug. 7 – The Edge of Darkness, a thriller by Brian Clemens, presented in the Cabaret Theatre.

Call the CCBC Box Office for 443-840-ARTS (2787) for tickets and information on any Cockpit in Court production. Season subscriptions go on sale in May 2011.

Chautauqua 2011 – The American Civil War: A House Divided
In conjunction with the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, CCBC and the Maryland Humanities Council present Chautauqua 2011. All performances at 7 p.m. CCBC Catonsville, Q Theatre. Free.

Friday, July 8 – Jefferson Davis (Doug Mishler), president of the Confederate States of America.
Saturday, July 9 – Harriet Tubman (Gwendolyn Briley-Strand), a Maryland slave who, as part of the Underground Railroad Movement, journeyed south and escorted more than 300 slaves north to freedom.
Sunday, July 10 – Abraham Lincoln (Jim Getty), the 16th president of the United States, 1861-1865.
Can’t stop the music!

In the 34 years since Dave Leoni opened the Dundalk Music Center, the shop seems to have struck just the right chord with area residents.

The store was a natural outgrowth of Leoni’s lifelong love of music. After graduating from high school, he enrolled in what he heard was a “pretty good music program” at then-Essex Community College.

“I had been playing guitar for a while, but this was the first time I had ever studied formally,” Leoni recalls. “It was an excellent program, with a good curriculum and instructors who were motivating.” He earned his degree from CCBC in 1974, and a B.A. from Towson University in 1976.

The toughest thing about owning one’s own business, Leoni has found, is the uncertainty of a steady income.

“We’ve had to ‘bite the bullet’ now and then in order to pay the bills and keep things running smoothly,” he explains. “Taking music lessons and buying musical equipment are luxury purchases for some people.”

But what makes it all worthwhile is the ability to do things his way, on his own schedule. There’s also the challenge of following trends in music, and keeping up with demands for new technology.

In addition to owning the Dundalk Music Center and teaching music lessons, Leoni hones his craft by performing at area venues and events as a member of duos, trios and groups.

Profile: Dave Leoni ’74
Area of study: Music
Current field: Owner, Dundalk Music Center
Words of wisdom: Do your research. Research the demographics of the area and the product you sell.
1960s

Stuart Tucker ’61
(Education) retired after 30 years in education as a teacher, department chair and school administrator. He worked part time as parish manager for a Catholic church until retirement in 2007 and is involved with the Baltimore County Retired Personnel Association and the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame. Stuart is married to Ruth and they enjoy boating and spending time with their five grandchildren. The Tuckers live in Perry Hall, Md.

Marshall L. Parham, Jr. ’62
is a retired senior engineer from Lockheed Martin. He and his wife, Irma, have lived in Littleton, Colo. for approximately 45 years, where they raised three children and have one grandchild. In addition to gardening, golf and reading, Marshall enjoys Internet/computer activity.

Joyce Stanton ’64
retired from the state of Maryland as a policy specialist. Joyce continued her education after transferring to a four-year institution and later received her master’s degree in Theology. She is enjoying her retirement and spends her time involved in church work and gardening. Joyce lives in Catonsville, Md.

Russell G. DeVoe ’66
is vice president and general counsel for The Moran Group, LLC T/A Moran Insurance. He is a Vietnam combat veteran who went on to graduate from the University of Baltimore twice, with a B.S. in Finance and then a J.D. from the law school. Russell is married to Joan and is the father of two grown children. His hobbies include cars, golf and a lot of time playing with his five grandchildren. Russell lives in Abington, Md.

1970s

Rick F. Comoglio ’73
(Engineering) is senior intellectual property counsel for Tyco International Ltd. Rick is a marathon runner and bicyclist who competes in Ironman Triathlons. He and his wife, Susan, live in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Elita Sohmer Clayman ’74
says she was the oldest student in her class at CCC in 1968 (33.5 years old). She credits receiving her A.A. degree for giving her the courage to accomplish anything and praises her mentor and friend, the late Dr. Z. John Lever, for his encouragement. Elita is an accomplished and award-winning ballroom dancer who writes dance encouragement articles online and dance articles in magazines. Elita has been married for 50 years to Jerry, and they have two children, three grandsons and one granddaughter.

Irene H. Matusz ’74
has worked for CCBC for more than 30 years in different positions in the Science department. As an adjunct faculty member, she developed two courses to teach online and some animations using FLASH to illustrate physics principles. Irene’s hobbies have included working with horses and whippets. Irene lives in Aberdeen, Md.

Vanessa Jones Adams ’74
works in an economically impoverished community as a mental health counselor. Vanessa opened her own part-time practice in Amherst/Northampton area of Massachusetts as a hypnotherapist and coach. In the next five years, she hopes to be publishing books on hypnosis, pain management, the mind-body connection and coaching. In her spare time, Vanessa enjoys painting on glass and jewelry making.

Kathleen Edwards Agnes ’75
(Nursing) is the director of Infection Control, Supply Processing and Distribution for the VA Maryland Health Care System. She has been employed with the VA for 15 years and has two children, five stepchildren and 13 grandchildren. Kathy lives with her husband, Stephen, in Halethorpe, Md. Kathy is a parish nurse for St. Clement’s Church in Lansdowne, Md. She likes country line dancing, traveling and sightseeing. She also loves hanging out with her grandchildren.

Len Maiolatesi ’75
(Accounting) retired after 31 years with the Department of the Army. During his career, he served as an operating accountant, auditor, program analyst and budget analyst. Len is a lifetime member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers and was treasurer of the Chesapeake Chapter in 1985. Len and his wife, Barb, have been married for 30 years and have one daughter, Gina Marie. He is active in two Corvette Clubs and started his second career as a part-time bartender.

Keith R. Miller ’76
is president and owner of Keith Miller Ins., Inc. Keith is an avid Ravens, Orioles and Terps fan and plays bass guitar in an oldies band as well as being active in community organizations. He is the father of three and lives in Ellicott City, Md. Keith states his years at CCC were some of his most memorable.

Stephen Phillips ’76
(General Studies) is inventory manager at Superior Uniform Group. Steve has fond memories of playing basketball at CCC for Coach Sam Knisely. His hobbies include boating, enjoying local music and arts and supporting Florida’s professional sports teams. Sam has been married to Kaye for 28 years, and they live with their two golden retrievers in St. Petersburg, Fla.
Vicki Kaufman McCormick ’77
is the sole proprietor of Vicki McCormick Silkscreens. She has two grown sons and lives in Catonsville, Md.

Angela Martinak Sutherland ’77
is a field supervisor for Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management. Angie is co-author of “Essex, Now and Then,” published in 2008. She is the mother of one daughter, Sarah, and currently resides in Perry Hall, Md.

James H. White ’81
(Information Technology) was a senior programmer/analyst for Masters, Mates & Pilots Plans in Linthicum Heights, Md. before his retirement in 2008. He is married to Theresa and the father of two children. James lives in Eldersburg, Md.

Douglas R. Meise ’82
began working in the Science Lab at CCBC Dundalk in 1989. Doug is married and recently celebrated his 17th wedding anniversary with his wife; they have two daughters (nine and 13 years old). His hobbies include gardening and raising animals on his farmeet in beautiful southern York County, Pa.

Kimberly A. Silwick ’83
(Medical Transcription) works as an administrative assistant/executive for Maryland Department of Transportation Authority. She enjoys outdoor activities as well as swimming at CCBC and rescuing animals; she currently is caring for five canine and feline friends. Kimberly is the mother of a grown son and lives in Dundalk, Md.

Clyde (Butch) G. Morsberger ’83
(Criminal Justice and General Studies) is an independent self-employed minister and chaplain. He was founding pastor of the Catonsville Assembly of God Church and is currently ordained with IMF - International Ministerial Fellowship. Butch likes to compose music, songs, poetry, and play acoustic and finger-style guitar. He and his wife, Linda, live in Catonsville, Md.

Diane Mastroianni ’85
(Accounting) is a CPA who is now self-employed with her own accounting business, Brightview Consulting LLC. She has established a charity organization, Living with Grace, in the Dundalk, Md. area to help senior (60+) widowed/single women. Diane’s hobbies include hiking national parks, biking and softball. She lives in Ellicott City, Md. with her husband, David Piper.

Frank DiGregorio Jr. ’86
(Nuclear Medicine) is president of Molecular Imaging Services. He is married to Heididy, who is a nursing alumna from 1986. Frank and Heidy are the parents of two children and live in Bear, Del.

William (Willy) Williams ’86
(Psychology) taught high school English in Georgia and Alaska before moving to Blacksburg, Va. He is currently assistant professor of Education at Concord University in Athens, W. Va. Willy says ECC provided him with what high school could not: an interest in learning. He said he enjoyed Drs. Sherry and Sheman, who he believes is the teacher who inspired him to teach college. Willy has been married to Angela Watson for more than 20 years. They research and present on literacy, bullying and other issues in education.

Reginald L. Jones ’88
(Mortuary Science) is Public Health Lab Scientist III at Maryland State Health Department. He is married to Bonita and proud of Nyson, his 10-year-old granddaughter. Reggie’s hobbies include roller skating, watching sports and going to movies. He lives in Owings Mills, Md.

Joseph Robinson Jr. ’89
(General Studies) has served in the Maryland Air National Guard since 1987. He has spent time with the Richmond, Va. police department, earned education degrees from Towson University and worked with TU and the State Highway Commission on various projects. Joseph has served tours of duty in Afghanistan, Korea and Iraq. Upon completion of a tour in Iraq in 2009, he received the Joint Services Commendation Medal. He is currently on active duty with the USAF Reserve NGA in Reston, Va., but resides in Windsor Mill, Md.

Diane C. Szulimowski ’89
is Carefirst Team Manager for NeighborCare. Diane is the mother of Nicole and married to Hank. She lives in Glen Burnie, Md.

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Daxsha Kurani Verma ’91
(MLT) works as clinical research associate in the department of Epidemiology at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. In 2009, she was selected to be part of St. Jude Select Pilot program and graduated from St. Jude Select Class in 2010. She is specialized in Molecular Biology and Molecular Pathology. Daxsha is married to Sanjay Verma (who also works at St. Jude) and they are the parents of 10-year-old twins, Kris and Neil. The Verma family lives in Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Carmen E. Aldinger ’92
(General Studies) is associate center director, Global Programs in the Health and Human Development Division of Education Development in Newton, Mass. She is director of World Health Organization Collaborating Center to Promote Health through Schools and Communities, and is a very active elder in her church. Dr. Aldinger has family in Germany who she visits regularly. She became an aunt for the first time in 2020.

Ertugrul Guler ’92
(Business) is banquet manager at Martins Caterers and also owns his own business. He is married to Susan and the father of Emirhan. Ertugrul lives in Joppa, Md.

Dr. Rochelle Lida ’93
is a veterinarian at Prince George’s Animal Hospital. She is the mother of two daughters and lives with her husband, Jeff Timbs, in Ellicott City, Md.

Jolita C. Neal ’93
(General Studies) is a paralegal support technician at the Social Security Administration in Windsor Mill, Md. Jolita has worked for SSA for 15 years and is the mother of two daughters, Ashley and Ariel. In her spare time, she enjoys writing, reading and singing karaoke with friends.
Richard Ellwood ‘94  
(Criminal Justice) served in the Marine Corps before joining the police department in 1985. He has taught law enforcement classes at the community college level and is an avid tennis player. Dick recently published his first book, Cop Stories: The Few, The Proud, The Ugly, a collection of 38 short stories from his 25+ years on the force. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Timonium, Md.

Andrew C. Lewis ’95  
(General Studies) is an adjunct faculty at CCBC, teaching Music Appreciation at the Dundalk campus and private piano lessons at the Essex campus. While attending CCBC (then Essex Community College), he studied piano with Dr. Arno Drucker. Upon receiving his A.A degree, he transferred to Towson University, continued his studies with Reynaldo Reyes and completed his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in piano performance. Andrew is happy to be working at the college that so successfully prepared him for his career path.

Mark P. Monaldi ’96  
(General Studies) has been working for agencies funded by Maryland’s Developmental Disabilities Administration for more than 12 years and is currently a residential assistant for Penn-Mar Human Services. He is pursuing certification to teach Special Education in the classroom and is an active grassroots supporter of the Democratic Party. He lives in Cockeysville, Md.

Robin Ujcic-Snyder ’97  
(Occupational Therapy Assistant Program) is a work adjustment coordinator for Springfield Hospital Center. She has continued her education and is nearing completion of a master’s degree in Occupational Therapy at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pa. Robin is the mother of three children and lives with her husband, Steve, in Glenville, Pa.

Savon K. Thamavong ’99  
(Graphic Design) is a graphic artist with Bond Distributing Co. and also owns his own business, BAS Design Group, Inc., providing local Baltimore businesses with original graphic identities, flyers, business cards and full-color banners. Savon, an avid exercise enthusiast, diligently practices Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, Krav Maga, and Crossfit and enjoys working out with friends. He and his fiancé plan to wed in October 2011.

Edward K. Kinaga ’01  
(General Studies) has been with M&T Bank for 12 years. He started there as a student intern, and for more than six years has been a Network Analyst, overseeing the entire M&T network infrastructure across the mid-Atlantic and New York areas. Edward’s hobbies include soccer, running (he credits his Kenyan heritage) and traveling. He married his wife, Lucy, in 2007 and they reside in Essex, Md.

Christa Monokrousos ’07  
(General Studies) graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Vocal Performance from Towson University in December 2010. Christa recently won the Talent Award Competition of 2010 through Towson University and performed in the Talent Award recital. Off the stage she also serves as a soprano soloist in the choir of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church and section leader at Shrine of the Little Flower Catholic Church. Aside from singing, Ms. Monokrousos has had extensive practice and training in piano, violin and dance.

Who Do You Love?

We’re not requesting Bo Diddley’s famed tune — which, incidentally made the Rolling Stone’s Top 500 songs of all time. Rather, we’re calling upon you to help us launch a new column in EMERGE that pays tribute to the faculty who inspired, guided and motivated you.

Whatever campus you call home, you no doubt recall with fondness a faculty or staff member who said something that impressed you, or did something that helped you.

Tell us about that special someone who steered you in the right direction, kept you on course, or helped put your dreams within reach.

Visit www.ccbcmd.edu/ccbcalumni/tribute.html and use the online form to submit your story. Submissions will be considered for publication in upcoming editions of EMERGE.
EMERGE invites you to travel into the jungles of Costa Rica with CCBC student May Verona, who joined fellow students, faculty and staff on CCBC’s first Alternative Summer Break in July 2010.

The following excerpts from an original [October 2010] blog post by Verona, a Clinical Nursing student at CCBC, offer an entertaining and informative look at this life-changing, service learning experience abroad.

CCBC student bloggers are featured at http://blog.ccbcmd.edu, providing students, alumni and friends with candid views of what it’s like to be a CCBC student today.

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**Answer:**
Silly rabbit, you definitely get students with a 360-degree perspective, of course! Hehehe!

This is about my very own experience during CCBC Student Life’s first Alternative Summer Break Trip to Costa Rica (July 24-31, 2010). It’s been two months since I came back from a trip of a lifetime to Costa Rica, and I am just now ready to re-tell my story.

CR is in Central America and it took our CCBC group a whole day of travel to get there by plane, including the layover in Atlanta. I paused for a moment as I deplaned into the San Jose Airport – thinking of what it took for me to get here. The commitment included 25 hours of volunteer work for the college, $250 of fund-raised money via Joe Corbi’s pizza kits and World’s Finest chocolate bars, plus $250 of my own moolah to make it this far – and I was really excited for what lay ahead, to the point of surrealism. I had to pinch myself.

I made it!!! I’m in a foreign country!!! How cool is this!!!

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We set out via private bus to La Pavona Rancho, which was the pit stop before reaching the rainforest. La Pavona was a good four hours away from San Jose. As we maneuvered through the winding streets, we chanced upon a large marathon going on complete with hundreds of runners passing by our green bus. Driving through mountains and into higher altitude, I felt like I was close enough to kiss the clouds.

It was 9:15PM in the jungles of Costa Rica (actually 11:15PM for us from B’more with the time difference) … We were the first ones out to do work
with the turtles. Our little boat, Kinkajou (named for a local mammal also known as a honey bear), carried us stealthily in the dark of night to Cano Palma station, a good 50 yards away. April, the petite researcher, paddled the small boat with the stamina and focus of a seasoned sumo wrestler. The still of the night was beyond mesmerizing.

I was expecting to see a turtle that I could carry in my arms. Nope, I was immensely wrong. It was humongous! It weighed 3X more than me and its shell span was greater than my arm span. I was struck with awe for a good 10 minutes. If I had made the mistake of approaching this majestic creature with my mouth hanging wide open, tsk tsk, a mouth full of sand is what I would be munching on for a midnight snack. The turtle was not minding us at all as it continued digging a nest, flinging sand EVERYWHERE. I had to blink and pinch myself to make sure that what I was seeing was even partially true.

After the sun rose, we had already:
- relocated a nest (because the turtle happened to choose a bad spot; bad, meaning the nest would get spoiled if sea water would get to it via the rising tide),
- watched a turtle lay her eggs (I got to hold her hind flipper back so that others could see),
- triangulated a couple of nests,
- saw a couple turtles do half-moons in the sand back to the water because they changed their minds (apparently female turtles are just as finicky and indecisive as human females hehehe),
- and covered up newly dug nests with branches.

Our presence also deterred poachers from hanging out and about these protected areas.

My trip to Tortuguero, Costa Rica gave me a lasting impression on the state of our world’s marine eco-diversity. Because of mankind, they truly suffer in silence. We mess up their gender-typing because we mess with climate and greenhouse gases. If it’s too hot, there will be more female turtles. If there are no more male turtles hatched, that will be the end of these beautiful creatures. We indirectly kill them because they ingest our plastic trash … Many locals poach their eggs. Some locals eat them or kill them for their shell to sell to tourists.

It is a crying shame. The next generation, our kids, may never get to see these majestic turtles ever.

To read the rest of May’s adventure and discover other exciting CCBC student blogs, be sure to visit http://blog.ccbcmd.edu.
When you have been teaching at CCBC for 40+ years, you get to know a few students. Well, more like a few thousand.

Professor Ann Kaiser Stearns, Ph. D. is entering her fifth decade of teaching Psychology at CCBC, and is still as enthusiastic, engaged and energized as the first time she came to the Essex campus in 1970. She remembers with fondness the 10,000+ students she has taught over the years, and credits them with making her life as a college professor so rewarding.

Lenny Mancini, dean of students at then-Dundalk Community College from 1976 to 1994, was one of Stearns' students in the early 1970s.

“I was just a young guy in his 20s – heading back to college after serving in Vietnam, majoring in Psychology, not certain about my direction in life,” Mancini recalls. “Ann played a very important role in my decision to continue my education and go on to a career in community college administration.

“She has always been a phenomenal storyteller,” he continues. “It’s what made her classes so good and why she was such a popular faculty member.”

Dr. Stearns’ ability to connect on a personal level with her students, combined with her expertise in the areas of loss and personal crisis, created an opportunity for her to share her message with public television viewers across the nation.

Living Through Personal Crisis with Dr. Ann Kaiser Stearns, a Public Broadcasting Service program based on her bestselling book of the same name, and her other books, has been airing on hundreds of stations throughout the U.S. since May 2010. Dr. Stearns donated her time to record the program for use by non-profit PBS as a donor incentive gift. The program is now widely available on DVD, as is the updated 2010 new edition of Living Through Personal Crisis.

Colonel Kim Ward of the Baltimore County Police Department was one of the many former students and colleagues who contacted Stearns after seeing the program. “We think she’s an excellent resource to have in our community,” comments Ward. “She’s a remarkable teacher who has a lot to offer in so many ways. She leaves a fingerprint everywhere.”

While teaching more than 550 Psychology courses to students of all ages and backgrounds, including 800+ police officers and many nursing students, funeral directors and others entering or serving in the helping professions, Dr. Stearns says she has learned as much as she has taught.

“I was deeply enriched by the pleasure of coming to know such a rich variety of students and sharing in their lives and learning journeys,” Dr. Stearns explains. “I have learned so much from my students about courage, resilience, determination and human triumph over adversity – in the papers they wrote for me, the strengths they exhibited and the insights they shared. I will be grateful for the rest of my life for having the privilege of being their teacher.”

MAKE A GIFT
to the CCBC Alumni Association scholarship fund

Remember your experiences as a community college student, and how they helped you get where you are today? In these tough economic times, it’s more important than ever to make sure other deserving students have that same great academic start. You can help by supporting the CCBC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help future CCBC students achieve their educational goals and set them on the path to a brighter future.

Contact the CCBC Alumni Relations office at 1-877-ALUMNUS (258-6687) for information on how your contribution to the CCBC Alumni Association Scholarship Fund can make a real difference in the life of a student. You can also make your contribution online at www.ccbcmd.edu/supportccbc.
CCBC Alumni Association puts together a week of festivities

Rest up now, because for a week in mid-May, CCBC alumni will be on the go with a variety of exciting events!

The celebrations begin Saturday, May 7 as alumni and their families are invited to attend the CCBC Alumni FunFest. This annual picnic provides an opportunity for members of CCBC’s graduating class to celebrate with family, friends and alumni while enjoying an afternoon of fun activities.

The day’s festivities will be held 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the CCBC Catonsville campus (note new location!), where CCBC’s newest graduates will have the opportunity to have their photos taken in graduation regalia. All attendees will no doubt line up to have their likenesses captured by the creative talents of caricature artists, who every year captivate folks of all ages.

The CCBC Alumni FunFest will come alive with music, food and fun while children of all ages have their faces painted and enjoy balloon sculpture creations.

On Thursday, May 12, the Office of College Life will host its annual CCBC Student Awards Ceremony, featuring the presentation of the CCBC Alumni Association 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award. Current CCBC students, alumni and friends will celebrate the success and achievements of the many student leaders, and honor distinguished alumni who have made notable achievements in their academic, professional and community lives.

Finally, capping off an exciting week of alumni activity will be our yearly mini-reunion event featuring outstanding fun, food and fellowship in abundance. The Annual Alumni Bull Roast/Shrimp Feast at the UAW Steelworkers Hall, 1010 Oldham Street, is set for Saturday, May 14.

Music, dancing, games of chance and raffles will add to the excitement and provide scholarship funds for future CCBC students. Tickets are only $37 and are available by calling the Alumni Relations office.

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11 a.m. - 3 p.m., CCBC Catonsville

2010 Distinguished Alumni Award
Thursday, May 12, 2011
6 p.m., Martin’s East

Nominations for this award NOW being accepted.

The deadline for receipt of information in the form of resumes and letters is 5 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2011. For more information and an online nomination form, go to http://www.ccbcmd.edu/ccbcalumni or call Janice Evans at 443-840-3163.

Annual Alumni Bull Roast & Shrimp Feast
Saturday, May 14, 2011
7 - 11 p.m. UAW Union Hall, 1010 South Oldham St., Baltimore, MD 21220

For more information on any of these activities contact Janice Evans at 443-840-3163 or the Alumni Relations Office at 443-380-3129.
Institute for Cyber Security established at CCBC

In October 2010, CCBC officially launched its Institute for Cyber Security, headquartered in the School of Applied and Information Technology and located at CCBC Essex. Casey W. O’Brien, associate professor of Network Technology, will direct the Institute.

“The Institute is intended to meet the national need for qualified cyber security professionals through creating a standardized national cyber security curriculum, student competitions like the Mid-Atlantic Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, and partnerships with public and private sector organizations seeking to hire our graduates,” notes O’Brien.

Grainger scholarships support industrial trade students

In October, Grainger Branch Manager Tim Poggioli awarded certificates to two CCBC students - Mark Kennedy of Westminster, Md. and James W. Martin III of Randallstown, Md. – who were selected to receive the 2010 Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarships.

The Grainger Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program awards $2,000 for tuition and books to second-year students earning their associate degrees or certificates in industrial trades at select community colleges. Recipients also receive a customized Westward® tool kit upon successful program completion.

CCBC is one of the 15 original colleges selected by Grainger to participate in the Tools for Tomorrow® scholarship program.

“Body Farm” is focus of Justice Month event

The School of Justice will host Rebecca J. Taylor, assistant coordinator of the Forensic Anthropology Center at the University of Tennessee, as part of its Justice Month event lineup in April 2011. Taylor will provide an overview of the science of forensic anthropology and the work done at the “Body Farm,” a two-acre compound containing around 50 corpses in various states of decomposition.

The facility enables scientists to document what happens to the human body after death. This research is important to solving crime since it has created an atlas for law enforcement to use when determining time and cause of death.

Presentations are scheduled for Thursday, April 7 3 p.m. in the J Building Lecture Hall (J-137) at CCBC Essex, 6 p.m. in the Q Building Theatre at CCBC Catonsville.

Student Life Spring spotlight shines on women’s Basketball superstar and CSI-NY actor

The Spotlight Speakers Series, sponsored by the CCBC Office of Student Life, brings nationally known speakers to CCBC to share their views on timely, often controversial issues. This spring’s Spotlight Speakers Series hosts professional women’s basketball superstar Sheryl Swoopes and scholar, actor (CSI-NY) and fledgling restaurant entrepreneur Hill Harper.

Swoopes, the first female player to have a Nike shoe – Air Swoopes – named after her, will speak at 11:15 a.m. (doors open at 10:45 a.m.), Wednesday, March 16, in the Theatre at CCBC Dundalk.

Harper will give two presentations Thursday, April 13, at 12:20 p.m. (doors open at noon) in the Theatre at CCBC Essex, and at 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) in the Q Theatre at CCBC Catonsville.

Admission is free and open to the public, but tickets are required for each speaker and time. Call the CCBC Box Office at 443-840-ARTS for tickets.

Fall Mental Health Fair attracts more than 150

The Psychology Club at CCBC Catonsville offered a Mental Health Fair in October, attracting more than 150 students, faculty and staff. Dr. Alisa Diop of the CCBC Psychology Department coordinated the program, which featured demonstrations and information booths promoting mental health awareness across different areas of life (e.g., personal, financial, educational, social, physical and spiritual).

Participating student services and organizations included Student Life, Students in Free Enterprise, Counseling Center, Service Learning Program, Black Student Union and Micology Family, the CCBC Massage Therapy program and the Education Department. The American Red Cross and Twila Williams, an up-and-coming author and CCBC student, also participated.

The Second Annual Mental Health Fair is already scheduled to be held during the second week of October 2011, and is promising to be even bigger and better than the first.

CCBC Essex Men’s Lacrosse team volunteers at Adaptive Lacrosse event

Members of CCBC Essex Men’s Lacrosse team took time out of their schedule to give children with special needs an opportunity to play lacrosse. The Knights assisted with the first-ever Adaptive Lacrosse game at Freedom Field, a facility designed specifically for adaptive activities at Lake Waterford in Pasadena, Md.

The contest pitted the Parkville Adaptive Lacrosse Program against the Anne Arundel Adaptive Lacrosse Program, and fittingly ended in a 3-3 tie with all of the participants receiving commemorative medals.
CCBC’s ‘360-degree perspective’ marketing campaign wins big at NCMPR awards

Members of CCBC’s Public Relations department returned home with 12 awards, including three gold, six silver and three bronze – for excellence in communications from the 2010 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) District 1 Medallion Awards ceremony. NCMPR is the largest affiliate member of the American Association of Community Colleges.

CCBC’s “360-degree perspective on education” marketing campaign earned the college several awards, including the coveted Gold Medallion in the overall college “Marketing Campaign” category. Additional awards associated with the 360° campaign included the four-part recruitment brochure series (silver); the high school recruitment poster (silver); the President’s Annual Report to the Community 2009 (silver); and the outdoor advertising for the Automotive Technology program (bronze).

Judges praised two additional CCBC Gold Medallion award winners – CCBC’s new college promotional video and the college’s Health Careers brochure.

The college’s media outreach efforts were also recognized with CCBC Today, President Kurtinitis’ e-newsletter, winning a Silver Medallion, and feature television coverage secured of CCBC 2010 graduate Evelyn Chumbow, a victim of child trafficking, winning a Silver Medallion as well. Rounding out the awards was a Bronze Medallion for a photograph of CCBC lifelong learner, Noel Chandler, taken by photographer Clark Vandergrift for EMERGE.

CCBC professor to co-direct National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute

George L. Scheper, Humanities coordinator in the School of Liberal Arts, and Laraine Fletcher, chairman, Anthropology department, Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y., will co-direct a 2011 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute for college and university faculty, titled Revisioning the Maya World: New Directions in Scholarship and Teaching.

The Institute will be held on site at locations in Mexico, Guatemala and Belize (June 12-July 19, 2011). Scheper and Fletcher designed the project, which is sponsored by the Community College Humanities Association and funded by NEH for $257,040.

Nancy Smith elected to national board

CCBC Director of Grants Development Nancy M. Smith has been elected to the 2011 Board of Directors for the Council for Resource Development in Washington, D.C. for a one-year term. CRD is an affiliate council of the American Association of Community Colleges. On the Institutional Advancement staff since 2000, Smith has more than 20 years experience in resource development.

CCBC Catonsville receives Legacy Award

The Greater Catonsville Chamber of Commerce awarded the Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville campus the 2010 Legacy Award. The award recognizes a Catonsville business or organization that has been in existence for 10 or more years, and has consistently made an impact in the greater Catonsville community.

The Chamber honored CCBC for the educational and career training opportunities it provides as well as for the community events it hosts annually, such as the Women’s Expo, Relay for Life and the Catonsville Fall into Fitness 5K/10K Run.

ASPE awards CCBC $15,000 endowed scholarship

The American Society of Plumbing Engineers, Baltimore Chapter, awarded the Community College of Baltimore County an endowed scholarship of $15,000 to support students seeking a degree in Plumbing Engineering. Students pursuing a Mechanical or Fire Protection Engineering degree are considered for the scholarship as well.

The scholarship will be known as the John Jung Scholarship, in honor of one of the charter members of the ASPE Baltimore Chapter who passed away in 2009. Jung was a treasured member of ASPE and was the catalyst for starting the scholarship fund.

CCBC Automotive Technology takes a wider view of hybrid electric vehicles

New automotive technologies are changing the way we drive and service our cars and buses. CCBC’s Automotive Technology program now offers non-credit courses on understanding battery-electric and hybrid-electric vehicles for experienced automotive technicians and fleet managers. CCBC is also in the forefront of training qualified technicians on how to install electric charging stations.

CCBC’s program also includes “First Responder” and “Train the Trainer” courses for fire and medical emergency personnel so they will be prepared for the unique scenarios hybrid electric vehicles can create at accident scenes.

CCBC helps celebrate new TU Veterans Center

Jacqueline Cymek, CCBC Essex VA Certifying Official/Financial Aid Specialist, joined several military veterans – whom she assisted when they were CCBC students – at the dedication of the Towson University Veterans Center in September 2010. Pictured are (from left) Michael Hanley, Matt Leeney, Jackie Cymek, Alex Corona ’09, Tim Stellhorn and Patrick Hunt. Most of these students completed more than 30 credits at CCBC prior to transferring to TU.
Learning is an adventure at CCBC summer camps
by Louise D. Slezak

Explore the worlds of circus or stage performance. Learn engineering concepts or design your own room. Make a video game or a music video. Try your hand at cake decorating or create a Web page. Learn to care for a pet or prepare for your SATs. All this and more are offered each summer at CCBC’s Summer Learning Adventures for kids ages 7 – 17.

For more than 36 years, parents have been turning to CCBC to enrich the lives of their children through summer camp and class activities. Many of those who enroll their children at the camps and classes are themselves CCBC alumni and staff families.

Classes are held at CCBC Catonsville, CCBC Essex, CCBC Dundalk and CCBC Owings Mills throughout June, July and August, with both morning and afternoon sessions available.

In addition, CCBC offers a four-week Summer Learning Adventures camp in July – licensed and certified by the state of Maryland – at the CCBC Essex campus. During our full-day July camp sessions, we offer both extended-day hours and a lunch period. Summer Learning Adventures instructors are highly qualified and caring. We subscribe to a hands-on approach to learning, where the student and instructor partner in the learning process.

Here is just a sampling of the exciting programs in store for summer 2011:

- Camp Glee
- Techno Art Cartooning
- Crime Scene Investigation (CSI)
- Maryland Basic Boating
- Performing Arts
- Computer Animation
- Summer Art Studio
- Camp Scrubs
- Dancing with the Stars
- Eye on Photography
- Fencing
- Tennis
- Middle School Math Attack
- SAT Test Preparation
- Hands-on Geometry
- Computer Keyboarding

To plan a summer of fun and learning for your child, visit CCBC’s Summer Learning Adventures online at www.ccbcmd.edu/youth, or call 443-840-4700 to register or request additional information.

GOURD PALACE

From the creative placement of bamboo canes, vinyl-coated steel rebar, twine and seeds, a remarkable living sculpture emerged, establishing a 21 x 21 foot “Gourd Palace” on the grounds of CCBC Catonsville in Summer 2010.

This impressive project, which took roughly six weeks to reach its lush, full height, was the brainchild of Baltimore “green arts” artist Doug Retzler, CCBC’s Art, Design and interactive Media (ADiM) department’s first Artist in Residence.

To celebrate the success of the Gourd Palace, Retzler – a self-described “green arts instigator” – organized a community Harvest and Eco Festival to build awareness of green art and its relevance to ecology and sustainability movements.

“I wanted the festival to ‘grow community,’ so more and more people can interact, learn about and become involved in promoting the importance of sustainable programs and projects, especially those happening all over the metro Baltimore area,” Retzler explains.
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