

## H. Major Research and Public Service Activities

### Gateway to College:

Camden County College has been awarded a grant funded through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. This grant will replicate the national Gateway to College model which targets high school dropouts between the ages of 16-20 to complete their high school diploma and transition to college level classes. The College is partnering with the Camden City School District to provide services to high school dropout students from Camden City. Through the program, students will complete their high school diploma requirements at the College while simultaneously earning college credits toward an Associate's Degree or Certificate. The program served more than fifty students during the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 semesters. A total of three students successfully completed all the course requirements and received their high school diploma

### Consolidated Adult Basic Skills and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education

Camden County College is the lead agency for the Camden County Adult Basic Skills Consortium, which provided comprehensive literacy services to 1,501 Camden County residents from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. The Camden County Consortium, which is an integrated, unified collaboration, builds upon the strengths and expertise of each of the partners to include workplace, family, and English literacy, along with civics education that is integrated into the skill areas of reading, writing and mathematics. Coupled with the education components are support services to assist the adult learners with the daily demands of their lives.

The Camden County Adult Basic Skills Consortium consists of the following partners and provides literacy services in the day and evening hours at strategically placed locations around Camden County:

- Camden County College – Lead Agency
- Camden City Public Schools
- Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey
- Housing Authority of the City of Camden
- Literacy Volunteers of Camden County
- Pennsauken Public Schools
- Respond, Inc.

### Camden County College's Adult Basic Skills/ GED Program

Camden County College offered three literacy learning opportunities including morning, afternoon, and evening sessions for GED Test preparation classes. The morning and afternoon session were held at the Camden Campus with the evening session operating at the Blackwood Campus.

A total of 670 students were enrolled in the ABS/ GED Program. After receiving approximately 60 hours of instruction, 433 GED or 64.5% of the enrolled students were re-tested. Of the 498 retested students, 272 or 40.5% of the students raised their scores one educational functioning level in either reading or math. The greatest accomplishment of the ABS/ GED program was that a total of 85 students took the GED Test, passed it, and received their New Jersey High School Diplomas.

The GED program offers support services of eye screenings through the South Jersey Eye Center, clerical skills training in addition to GED instruction through the Community Work Experience Program, GED Test vouchers for \$25 through the Program's fundraising pretzel sales, and bus tickets based upon skills improvement through a private donation. In only four years the ABS program has enrolled a total of 2,804 learners, had a total of 359 students obtain their high school diplomas, and over **55** of them have entered Camden County College at either the Blackwood or Camden Campuses. Clearly, the ABS program has progressed at a rate that enables the program to meet its enrollment and performance goals while making a significant difference in people's lives.

**Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility:**

The Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility was established to serve Camden County and the region. The Center focuses on the needs and interests of local citizens. Its goal is to create an informed citizenry through exploration of humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and issues critical to a democratic society. Citizens have the opportunity to meet scholars, scientists, government officials and business leaders to explore historical and current issues.

**2011 – 2012 Lecture Series and Special Events:**

AMERICAN CIVIL WAR: A History of Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times  
 The Man Who Warned America  
 RISORGIMENTO! Italian Unification and the History of Italians in America  
 An Introduction to Relationship Development Intervention  
 Wretches and Jabberers Film Screening  
 Talking Through Walls  
 Last Ghost of War  
 Temple Grandin  
 A Basic Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders  
 Two Angry Mom's  
 Rain Man Film Screening  
 Adam Film Screening  
 An evening with John Robison  
 Boardwalk Empire Part II - Nelson Johnson talks about Nucky Johnson  
 Dwight David Eisenhower: An American Presidency  
 Islam: Tradition and Diversity  
 Atlas Shrugged  
 A Tribute to the Titanic - 100 Year Anniversary of the Tragedy  
 Understanding and Managing Epilepsy at School  
 Panel Discussion Living, Surviving and Thriving with Autism  
 First Responders  
 A Basic Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders  
 RDI Therapy: Before and After

A full schedule of Professional Development Mini-Courses for Teachers and Community Members (Fall 2011; Spring 2012; Summer 2012)

**Office of Student Life & Activities**

The Office of Student Life & Activities sponsored the following activities during 2011-2012: Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) & Cervical Cancer workshop with approximately 40 students in attendance.

African American Trivia Game Show event was held hosted by the WDBK Radio Station African American T-Shirts were awarded from Sodexo.

Two food sampling events from Corinne's Place in Camden, NJ with approximately 350 students.

"Suit Yourself" - Donated male and female business appropriate attire and accessories were collected and students were able to "shop" for the outfits of their choice. Outfits that are not distributed to students will be donated to the Image and Attitude, Inc. of Pennsauken, NJ.

Three Spring Fling Events with over 1900 students, staff and faculty. Students had fun getting their pictures taken in a big red chair, karaoke, eating fresh popcorn and having fun listening to music by WDBK radio. Camden County Health Services, Gloucester Township Police Department, Cap and Gown distributions as well as clubs and honor societies were some vendors in attendance. Students enjoyed their complimentary "Spring fling T-shirt" at each event.

Three Welcome Back Barbecues/Student Appreciation Events for students which included barbecue, giveaways, voter registration, music from WDBK Radio, election speeches from SGA candidates, and college service information to returning students.

Bus trip to the Feast of San Gennaro, 103 students, faculty, staff and guests enjoyed New York City's biggest, most famous longest festival.

Veterans Day luncheon where the college honored 20 of our Veteran students who currently or previously served in any branch of military. Faculty, staff, students and administrators expressed their personal appreciation for their sacrifices to protect our Nation.

Two Blood Drives sponsored by The American Red Cross over 60 students; faculty and staff participated in each event.

"In His Own Words: The Dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." The original production was adapted and directed by CCC Professor Allison Green using King's own speeches and writings. CCC student performers did an excellent presentation as stated by faculty, staff and students who attended the event.

Camden County Department of Health and Human Services and Human Services CEED program at Virtua to presented a workshop on the HPV virus to the health and wellness class with over 40 students in attendance.

Received a thank you letter from the Food Bank of South Jersey for the college's donation of over 170 pounds of food donated to CCC food drive.

Student Praise Dancer, Takreeya Hawkins performed while over 250 students, faculty and staff enjoyed a food sampling from Corinne's Kitchen in Camden, New Jersey.

The Foreign Language Week Movie Night which featured La Vie en Rose and Nueve Reinas. Over 150 students were served dinner and enjoyed dessert while viewing the movies.

Irish Culture Week had Irish Multi Instrumentalist, Singer Songwriter Gabriel Donohue perform some Irish folklore music. 300 students were served an Irish Buffet Luncheon.

The first recipient of the 2012 Battleship New Jersey scholarship was identified and awarded.

Bus trip to Washington, D.C. which 54 faculty, students and staff enjoyed a day in Washington viewing the cherry blossoms as well as attending the Cherry Blossom Festival.

The Office of Student Life and Activities co-sponsored the following events with the various departments on campus:

Free Jazz Concert with the band, Knee body. Students, faculty and staff enjoyed the band's concert as well as their question and answer period at the end of their performance.

Women's Softball Breast Cancer T-shirts and socks for their Second Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Day softball game.

Earth Day T-shirts for the Earth Day Activities.

Honors Program trip to New York City which 35 Honor Students traveled to New York City. Some students attended the play Memphis, while other attending museums as well as toured central park.

"Feed your brain Event" which provides healthy snacks to students before finals. The Dietetic Club assists with the distribution of the snack as well as provides nutrition information to the students.

### **Camden County Transformation Initiative:**

The College completed a third year of a shared services agreement with the County of Camden for the administration of the Camden County Transformation Initiative. The initiative has continued to reveal ways to consolidate programs and departments with the essential purpose of saving taxpayers money and students tuition. The College has benefited through consolidated bids reducing material costs through bulk purchasing of supplies, utilities, waste removal just for example.

### **Camden County Campus Safety Officers:**

Camden County College department of Public Safety has served as an example of professionalism and efficiency while providing security to the College Community. In 2011, the Administration of this department was asked to evaluate the potential of providing similar services county wide. In May 2012, the College Public Safety Department created the Camden

County Government Services Division, placing officers in more than 15 county government locations. After more than four months the program is thus far successfully offering career oriented students and security professionals, employment with education and professional training the core of the program.

### **Consolidation of Camden County Technical Institute, Fire Academy, and Camden County Police Academy:**

As part of the Camden County Transformation initiative, all adult training and education has been consolidated from the Camden County Technical School (CCTS) and Fire Academy to the College. The College now offers programs in HVAC, welding, Automotive, dialysis technician, plumbing, carpentry, electrical training, cosmetology, medical assisting and culinary arts at CCTS while eliminating duplication of programs. The consolidation includes the assumption of operational responsibility for the Regional Emergency Training Center (RETC), offering training to firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The Camden County Police Academy has also officially become part of the College. These three outreach programs have been with Continuing Education and completed the first year of operations at the college. The main offices for CE are now housed in the RETC building, Blackwood.

### **Camden Conference Center:**

Camden County College hosted a variety of community events in Camden sponsored by both the college and Camden County. During FYI 2012, the Camden Conference Center hosted a total of 71 events. These events included a N.J. Department of Education information session, a N.J. State Assembly Budget Hearing, an event with the Camden Mayor's Youth Council, and the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies forum. The college also sponsored an autism workshop, an Earth Day film, and a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. theatrical presentation. During Black History Month, the Camden County Cultural & Heritage Commission held two concerts that were free and open to the public.

The Camden Campus also was the venue for a Camden City Public School District 24 Math Tournament, an 8th grade dance with the Lanning Square School, the Professional Latinas Alliance Network annual outreach forum, and the LAEDA graduation. Camden Mayor Dana Redd also met with GED students to address community concerns. The Housing Authority of Camden City also held their YouthBuild graduation at the campus again this year.

### **Community Service:**

Camden County College's Division of Continuing Education successfully trained over 240 clients from multiple One Stop Centers such as Camden, Burlington, Gloucester, Atlantic, and Cumberland along with customers from Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), Trade Act, and Workforce Development Programs (WDP). Students chose training in the following fields: Technology Support Specialist, Microsoft Office Administrator, Cisco, Microsoft Certified IT Professional, Medical Office Administrator, Pharmacy Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Multi-Skilled Technician, QuickBooks, Real Estate, AutoCAD, Construction Management, Web Design/Graphic Design, Commercial Truck Driving, Security Officer Training, Solar Panel Pre-Construction, and Technical Institute trade training.

The Continuing Education department offers free information sessions at Camden County College to discuss training opportunities and the funding process for state training grants. Students are invited to attend these free information sessions Monday at 2pm at the William G.

Rohrer Center located in Cherry Hill or Wednesday at 2pm located at the Camden County Emergency Training Center in Blackwood.

Camden County College is working with Camden County One Stop to recruit and market new “green” programs along with in-demand occupational training courses. Joseph Pranzatelli, Job Developer for Division Continuing Education, has partnered with career counselors at the Resource Center to meet with dislocated workers in training orientations every Tuesday and Thursday at 10AM to discuss job opportunities for clients looking to make career changes.

Camden County College has worked diligently with the Camden County Workforce Investment Board team and the Executive Director Jeff Swartz. Mr. Swartz has supported new and innovative grant proposals and is committed to assisting Camden County College in the award of exciting grants such as the State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP). This grant will provide training for individuals to secure jobs in the energy industry through comprehensive training programs such as: Solar Panel Installation, Geothermal Basics, Mechanical Installation, Weatherization Tactics, HAZWOPER. This new program will provide individuals with 400 hours of hands-on training that will prepare them for positions such as solar panel technician, solar thermal technician, HVAC, and Energy Efficiency Technician. Camden County College’s job developer will assist with job placement.

Camden County College’s Division of Continuing Education and Office of Communications and Development produced a video that is on display at Camden County’s Labor and Workforce Development office in Suite 102 located at 2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue. The video promotes College programs and informational sessions that are held on campus.

### **Cultural Activities:**

The College provides a variety of cultural and leisure activities, including art shows, theatrical productions, concerts, dance performances and other presentations. These programs aim to enhance the quality of life for County residents. With the assistance of grant funding from sources such as the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, the College has been able to develop programs that span a wide range of topics of interest for the residents of the surrounding community.

During 2011-12, College-sponsored cultural programming has included:

#### **Art Exhibits**

- “Flaneur” Student Photographic Exhibition
- Computer Graphic Exhibition by Students
- Visual Arts Faculty Show by CCC Faculty
- “Immersion” works by Gregory Brellochs
- “Retrospective” works by Fred Schumm
- “The 45<sup>th</sup>. Annual Visual Arts Student Exhibition”
- “Paintings” by Paul Monasevitch

#### **Theater**

- Picasso at the Lapin Agile
- The School for Wives
- The 39 Steps
- Our Town

“In His Own Words: The Dreams of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.” (Readers’ Theatre)

**Music Concerts**

CCC Jazz Ensemble

CCC Music Majors’ Recital

CCC Choir Concert-“Songs of Love”

CCC Rock Ensemble presented “Abbey Road” by the Beatles

CCC Music Majors’ Recital

CCC Choir presented “Songs of Liberation”

Tri-County Symphonic Band – Spring Concert

Tri-County Symphonic Band – Summer Concert

Woodland String Band appearance

**Dance**

“Moving Moments”

**Speech Program: The Readers’ Theatre Project**

“An American Christmas”

“Eleanor Roosevelt: America’s Revered Renaissance Woman”

**Events**

Dead Poets Society presented “Publication Party”

Dead Poets Society presented readings by Lauren Davis

“Literature Live” readings by faculty and staff

The Language & Culture Department presented the films “La Vie en Rose” and “Nueve Reinas”

Lest We Forget Museum of African American Slavery and Cultural Center Exhibit

Lawyers Without Rights:- Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich

“The Man Who Knew” 9-11 lecture

Octavius Catto Constitution Day lecture

“American Civil War: A History of Ordinary People in Extraordinary Times” lecture and presentation series

Autism series

“Risorgimento! Italian Unification and the History of Italians in America” film screenings and discussions

“The Last Ghost of War” environmental justice film screening and discussions

“Two Angry Moms” film screening and discussion

Human trafficking Phi Theta Kappa Honors in Action Day presentations

“Boardwalk Empire” lecture

“Lia-Ria Meets the Angels” alumna children’s author reading

Black History Month displays and activities

“Our Daily Bread” author reading and discussion

“Islam: Tradition and Diversity” lecture series

“Atlas Shrugged: Part I” film screening and discussion

“A Tribute to the *Titanic*: 100-Year Anniversary of the Tragedy” lecture and presentation series

### **Give Kids a Smile Day**

Camden County College dental hygiene and dental assisting students and staff provided dozens of area youngsters with dental cleanings and other preventative dental care along with dental education services as part of "Give Kids a Smile!" Day – also known as National Children's Dental Access Day.

### **Mole Day**

The keynote speaker was Dr. Maureen Kling, who presented information on the use of genetic testing in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer in her talk "Can You Predict Breast or Ovarian Cancer?".

### **Earth Day**

Earth Day events included:

- "A Field Guide to Urban Wildlife" lecture and book signing by author and Camden County College alumna, Julie Feinstein
- "Preservation of Endangered & Threatened Species in New Jersey" lecture by Maria Grace of the Conserve Wildlife Foundation
- "Protecting New Jersey's Environments" lecture and book signing by Thomas Belton of the Dept. of Environmental Protection

### **Mainstage's Summer Stage**

Through its partnership with Camden County College, Mainstage Center for the Arts, a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organization, hosts year round classes in theatre, music, acting, dance, and instrumental instruction for young people. In addition, at Camden County College this year, Mainstage's Summer Stage celebrated its 24th year with over 400 young people participating and audiences over 8,000. Running from June 19th to August 3rd, Summer Stage produced and presented 27 separate performances. Among the highlights of the season was "Winnie the Pooh", "Honk, Jr.", "Mulan" and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Another Mainstage crowd pleaser were the large musical reviews presented by our 2nd through 5th graders in our Kids Stuff and Apprentice programs. The Film Premiere debuted 20 original films by members of their Video/Film Production Class. Additionally, Mainstage directs and develops two show choirs, Harmony and Encore, who performed 30 concerts throughout the Delaware Valley this year. Lastly, Mainstage's winter season was highlighted by such productions as "Young Americans", "To Kill a Mockingbird", and the new show "Brighton Beach Memoirs".