

## H. Major Research and Public Service Activities

### **Gateway to the University District - Camden City:**

The Camden City campus serves as both a physical and an educational gateway to the University District, which includes the Camden campuses of both Rowan and Rutgers Universities. The Community Gateway Program at CCC is a collaboration with community partners – churches, community centers, libraries, and other non-profit organizations – that provides residents with classes to increase their writing, reading, math, and language skills at convenient locations throughout the city to prepare for the GED test or enhance career and higher education opportunities. Since 2002, over 1,600 students have participated.

Camden County College also is the only authorized GED testing site in Camden County. The test is offered two times per month and assistance with registration is available.

### **Consolidated Adult Basic Skills & Integrated English Literacy & Civics Education:**

Camden County College, as the lead agency for the Consolidated Adult Basic Skills and Integrated English Literacy and Civics Education Grant Program, in partnership with Camden City Public Schools, the Housing Authority of the City of Camden, Literacy Volunteers of America/ Camden County, the Hispanic Family Center of Southern New Jersey, and Pennsauken Public Schools, and Respond, Inc., will continue the successful work of the Camden County Adult Basic Skills Consortium in order to provide a quality, comprehensive network of adult literacy services for those adults living in Camden County.

The Consortium will serve at least 1,540 Camden County residents, providing literacy classes through its cooperating agencies and will provide a variety of service delivery options from two (2) to thirty-two (32) hours per week in the day or evening at strategically placed locations around Camden County.

### **Camden Higher Education & Health Care Task Force:**

Most recently, the Camden Higher Education & Health Care Task Force (“Eds & Meds”) which is chaired by a representative of Camden County College led the development of a new medical school in Camden City - the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University.

### **Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility:**

The goal of the center is to shape responsible residents and prepare students to be effective leaders and citizens who understand and accept individual responsibility for civil engagement. The Center is structured around three Institutes: The Institute for Community Education, the Institute for Labor Studies and the Institute for Public Administration. Each institute focuses on a specific area of public policy and practice and offers credit and non-credit courses, seminars, workshops, lectures, and other educational experiences for students and the community.

#### **2009 – 2010 Lecture Series:**

India: Ancient Civilization to Modern Democracy

Hollywood and American Culture Wars

America’s Great Depression: A Social and Cultural History

The 50’s in American History

Bias and Human Behavior: The Steps to Genocide

## Educating First Responders about Autism

**2009 – 2010 Exhibits**

RCA Empire: A look back at Camden's Industrial History

A full schedule of Tuition-Free Professional Development Mini-Courses for Teachers and Community Members (Fall 2009; Spring 2010; Summer 2010)

**Camden County Transformation Initiative:**

In 2009 the College entered into a shared services agreement with the County of Camden for the administration of the Camden County Transformation Initiative. First year results identified six areas of business services where consolidated management and/or operation were feasible. The project's annual savings opportunity was estimated at \$12.7 million. The College's Vice President for Administrative Services, Louis Bezich, serves as Principal Investigator. The project has received editorial support and widespread media coverage. Mr. Bezich has been invited to make presentations at Atlantic Cape Community College, the New Jersey Local Unit Alignment, Reorganization and Consolidation Commission ("LUARCC") and the NJ League of Municipalities.

**Camden Conference Center:**

The Camden County College Camden Conference Center located at the college's Camden Campus hosts a variety of community events sponsored by both the college and Camden County. During FY 2010, the Camden Conference Center hosted a total of 87 events. These events included a celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day sponsored by the college, a Black History Month celebration hosted by the county, and a film premier of 'The Journey' sponsored by the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The college also sponsored an Earth Day seminar and an Autism Awareness lecture. All of these events were open to the local community. The Camden Conference Center Theater seats 174 people and is supported by an adjacent full service Banquet Room.

**Free Information Sessions for Dislocated Workers**

The College's Division of Continuing Education hosts free information sessions for individuals impacted by the economic downturn. These sessions provide useful information on current labor market data from The NJ Department of Labor and Workforce Development and instructions for accessing public funding to pursue training for in-demand occupations. Five sessions per week are offered at The Rohrer Campus.

**Cultural Activities:**

The College provides a variety of cultural and leisure activities including lectures, exhibits, musical programs, art shows, theater productions, and classes. These programs are provided to enhance the quality of life for all county residents. Through grant funding from a number of sources (N.J. Council for the Humanities) the College has been able to develop programs on a range of topics of interest to the residents of the surrounding community.

Some of the College sponsored events included:

**2009 – 2010 Lectures**

Walt Whitman Lecture Series

**One Day Workshops**

Early Childhood Program and Human Service Club presented  
The First Annual Kick-Off-Mini Conference

**Art Exhibits**

*Bill Marlin: A Retrospective 1969-2009*  
*Eloquent Disintegration* by David Gamber  
*Interplay*-by Phil Rychert  
*Visual Arts Faculty Show*  
*Triple Vision*-by Bush, Hollinger, Jacobs  
*43<sup>rd</sup> Juried Student Art Show*  
*The Works of Bernadette Calnon-Buote*

**Theater**

Pride and Prejudice  
Snow White  
The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putman County Spelling Bee

**Concerts**

Tri-County Symphonic Band – Fall Concert  
Tri-County Symphonic Band – Winter Concert  
Tri-County Symphonic Band – Spring Concert  
Tri-County Symphonic Band – Summer Concert  
The Music and Times of Theolonious Monk  
Camden County Choir Concert – Fall  
Leaves of Grass-in concert with Fred Hersch  
Camden County College Ensembles Spring Concert  
Camden County College Music Department Spring Recitals  
Camden County College Choir Spring Concert

**Dance**

“Feel the Beat”  
“Dreams in Motion”

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

“The Eight: Reindeer Monologues”  
“The Wakefield Second Shepherd’s Play”  
“White: A Musical about Weddings”  
The Big Read’s “The Grapes of Wrath”

**Events**

Literature Live - presented by the English Department

### **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.

Through its partnership with Mainstage Center for the Arts, the College hosts year round classes in music, theater, and dance for young people. In addition, at Camden County College this year, Summer Stage celebrated its 22nd year with over 500 young people participating and audiences over 9,000. Running from June 22nd to August 6, Summer Stage produced and presented 30 separate performances. Among the highlights of the season was "Wizard of Oz", "Once on This Island", "Alice in Wonderland" and "The Music Man". Among Mainstage's other crowd pleasers was "Once Upon a Time", a large musical review presented by our 2nd through 5th graders in our Kids Stuff and Apprentice programs. The Film Premiere also presented 22 original films by members of their Video Film Production Class. Additionally, Mainstage operates two show choirs, Harmony and Encore, who rehearse at the College year round and who perform 15 - 20 concerts throughout the South Jersey region.