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**Burlington County College to Participate in Statewide Community College  
Completion Challenge, Oct. 14-18**

Pemberton, NJ—Burlington County College (BCC) will host a series of campus-based activities for the first-ever New Jersey Community College Completion Challenge (NJ C4) week from Monday, Oct. 14 to Friday, Oct. 18.

Sponsored by the New Jersey Council of County Colleges' (NJCCC) Center for Student Success and the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), the NJ C4 initiative is an effort to increase the number of community college students completing their associate degrees or certificates before transferring to a four-year college or entering the workforce. Student leaders in Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the international honor society for community college students, will lead the initiative.

“BCC is proud that our honor society students are taking the charge to encourage students to complete their degrees and certificates,” BCC President David C. Hesper said. “Our new Student Success Division is committed to seeing students succeed and the NJ C4 program fits well into BCC’s new initiatives, which are designed to support a student through degree completion, successful transfer and gainful employment.”

“We believe all students can succeed with the proper guidance, motivation and instruction,” said Dr. Terrence Hardee, Vice President of BCC’s Student Success Division. “Students who make a personal commitment to completing their education have a better chance at achieving their goals.”

BCC’s Chi Iota chapter of PTK will be working with students, staff, faculty and administrators to encourage degree completion through C4 pledge card signings at different BCC locations each day.

**The following is the schedule of events for NJ C4 week at BCC:**

- **Monday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.:** C4 Signing Day and Staff and Faculty Appreciation, Academic Building lobby, Pemberton campus, 601 Pemberton Browns Mills Rd.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.:** C4 Signing Day and Staff and Faculty Appreciation, Laurel Hall lobby, Mount Laurel campus, 500 College Circle.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.:** C4 Signing Day and Staff and Faculty Appreciation, main lobby, Willingboro Center, 200 Campbell Drive, Suite 210.
- **Thursday, Oct. 17, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.:** C4 Signing Day, Laurel Hall lobby, Mount Laurel campus.
- **Friday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.:** C4 Signing Day, Academic Building lobby, Pemberton campus.

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Activities during the week also include faculty and staff appreciation days where students will provide coffee and baked goods, and faculty and peer advising in preparation for spring 2014 registration, which begins on Monday, Oct. 21.

“We will be asking students to sign pledges committing to their education and encouraging faculty, staff and college administrators to sign pledges recognizing their role in student success and the college completion,” said William Whitfield, Chi Iota chapter adviser.

“Phi Theta Kappa is committed to actively promoting completion of a college credential – an associate degree or certificate among college students,” said Dr. Rod Risley, executive director of Phi Theta Kappa. “Throughout this completion week in New Jersey we hope to encourage students to take that pledge and declare that they will, indeed, complete their education.”

#### **About C4**

The national Community College Completion Initiative began in April 2010 when leaders from the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society, the American Association of Community Colleges, the Association of Community College Trustees, the League for Innovation in the Community College, and the Center for Community College Student Engagement signed Democracy’s Colleges: A Call to Action. The Community College Completion Challenge website, [www.cccompletionchallenge.org](http://www.cccompletionchallenge.org), showcases the missions, action plans and strategies developed by each organization to involve their constituents to produce 5 million more associate degree and certificate holders by 2020.

#### **About Phi Theta Kappa**

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for community college students. Its mission is to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide them with opportunities for individual growth and development through service, leadership, honors, and fellowship programs.

#### **About Burlington County College**

Founded in 1966, Burlington County College (BCC) is a comprehensive community college located in New Jersey’s largest geographic county. With the lowest tuition and fees in the state of New Jersey, BCC is committed to providing all individuals access a quality and affordable education. BCC offers a wide array of educational opportunities for certificate-seeking, degree-seeking, and personal and professional development students. Through BCC’s dedicated faculty, growing academic programs, conveniently located campuses and centers, and the College’s many guaranteed transfer and articulation agreements and workforce development partnerships, BCC is poised to help every student meet his or her educational, personal and professional goal. For more information, please call Burlington County College at (609) 894-9311 or (856) 222-9311 or visit [www.bcc.edu](http://www.bcc.edu).

