

Brookdale receives gift support, grant awards, honors

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Brookdale Community College has announced receipt of a variety of gift support, grant awards and recognition. All will continue to directly benefit students and community programs offered through the college.

The Trustees of the Kurr Foundation has donated a \$25,000 gift in support of the "Building Minds, Building Futures" student scholarship fund. "The donation will fund fifty \$500 scholarships for Brookdale students this year," said Tim Zeiss, Long Branch, Executive Director of the Foundation/Alumni Affairs.

The Kurr Foundation has, over the past five years, contributed \$100,000 to the scholarship fund.

To date, \$50,000 has been raised towards this year's scholarship campaign goal of \$250,000. The Foundation Steering Committee is co-chaired by Kathy Lowry, Oceanport and Jim Tignnelli, Holmdel.

Members include Jacquie Dalton-Fiorito, Little Silver, Kathy Boushie, Fair Haven, Patrice Malleus and Barbara Wentworth,

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Leonardo and Richard Sorrell, Red Bank. All serve on the Brookdale Foundation Board of Trustees.

The Displaced Homemakers Program at Brookdale has been awarded a grant for continuing funding from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Division on Women. The total grant award is \$120,575 with a cash match of \$20,309 for a total of \$140,884.

The program, under the direction of coordinator Robin Vogel, Fair Haven, has received funding for 28 years. Displaced Homemaker services are offered at four Brookdale locations; Eastern Monmouth (Neptune), Northern Monmouth (Hazlet),

Long Branch Higher Education Centers and the Western Monmouth (Freehold) Branch Campus.

Approximately 260 displaced homemakers residing in Monmouth County benefit from the program's employability skills training. Women may receive services including intake assessment, educational training/employment development individual and group counseling, workshops, referrals and job development/placement.

Brookdale's Testing Services has been recognized by the National College Testing Association with the distinction of "Testing Services Test Center Certification." The national honor

indicates that the college "has demonstrated compliance with the NCTA's professional standards and guidelines."

Brookdale joins five other nationally designated higher institutions with this standing, including Florida Atlantic University, Michigan State University, Washtenaw Community College and Pellissippi State Community College.

Criteria for certification included test integrity, confidentiality, facilities, staff training, program evaluation, management, and service.

Nancy O'Shea, Freehold, is the manager of the college's Testing Services.