

**Outreach, Business and Community Development  
Cabinet Roundtable  
October 14, 2009**

**Professional Continuing Education**

We have 11 people registered for our first LEED course (LEED Green Associate).

There are 34 registrants in our current real estate class, the highest enrollment that we have in our Colleague records that go back to 1999.

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The Bio Science Boot Camp, funded through a regional WIRED grant, began on September 22, 2009 (6 weeks ahead of schedule) with a class of 11 students from Fort Monmouth. There are currently 12 on a wait list for the next class scheduled to begin in January.

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Anne LaPorta will be starting as the new CETTED Job Developer on Monday, October 12. She will be proactively working with local employers to find new jobs for the students funded by the CETTED grant. Anne will also work with the students, assisting them in the preparation of resumes, coaching for interviews and tracking their progress.

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**Lifelong Learning**

Two much appreciated Brookdale experiences were provided for the regular cohort and the ARC class of developmentally disabled students recently. Our Enrichment class was given a tour of the kitchen facilities and the opportunity to make their own pizzas. The dining component of this cohort's program continues to be a great aspect of their experience at the college, providing ongoing interaction with dining staff and with classmates. Thanks to Jimmy Episcopia and Alice O'Brien for making this happen. Through Cheryl Cummings' assistance the ARC students visited the television studio, learned about producing a tv show and had the chance to sit at the anchor desk and see themselves on the TV screen.

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**Contracted Training**

This past year NJ community colleges delivered over 500 training classes under NJBIA 2 serving 334 NJ companies in their counties. The number of NJBIA classes organized and delivered by Brookdale this past year was 82 classes or approximately 16 percent of the total which ranked us 2<sup>nd</sup> among all the colleges. Middlesex ranked first with 119 (24%) and Camden ranked third with 71 (14%). Ranked fourth was Essex with 55 (11%). Larry Nespoli and the director of NJBIA made a presentation about the community college/NJBIA partnership at the ACCT conference last week.

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**SBDC**

Third quarter preliminary results indicate that the NJSBDC at Brookdale Community College is ahead of target on deliverables for the year in most categories. In addition, the center is prepping for the upcoming SBDC accreditation conducted by the Association of Small Business Development Centers, which is taking place the second week in November.

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## HGHREC

HGHREC's award-winning exhibit *The Exhibit: A Journey to Life* moves on to new places and new programs this fall:

On October 18, 2009, the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan will present *The Story Behind A Journey to Life: A Tribute to Local Holocaust Survivors* at 2PM. The *Tribute*, designed to preserve the survivors' past and to recognize their resolve as they journeyed back to life, includes the multi-media presentation, *Faces of Courage* and the *Tribute Book*. *Faces of Courage* will be screened at the program. Speakers include: Nelly Segal, Director of the Tribute project who will speak about the project's creative process; Lidia Siciarz, who as a young girl, survived the Holocaust in a Polish Catholic Orphanage under assumed "Aryan" identity, will share the story of her journey; and, Annie Klein, a daughter of survivors and a member of the Tribute committee who brought a community of survivors to the project, will speak of her experience.

On November 7, 2009, the Jewish Heritage Museum of Monmouth County, Freehold, NJ will have the opening preview event for *The Exhibit: A Journey to Life* at its museum. The exhibit will remain on display there through January 31, 2010. Schools have already begun to schedule visits to the exhibit there.

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## The Displaced Homemakers Program

On September 8<sup>th</sup> eleven women started in our computer class. They will meet from 9:30 AM till 12:30 PM four days a week until November 12<sup>th</sup> when we will celebrate achievements by viewing their PowerPoint presentations and having a recognition luncheon.

We have 14 women signed up so far for a financial literacy workshop that we are offering in October. It will consist of three one-hour sessions with added time for questions and answers. Additional sessions will be added if the need and interest exists. The presenter is from a non-profit organization. She will not charge us a fee. Part of the organization's mission is to offer educational programs. We have referred some of our clients who need help with their credit problems to this organization with positive results.

On August 20, 2009, at Monmouth University, the Displaced Homemakers Program was among twenty-five agencies and organizations with services to offer the citizens of Monmouth County. We all set up tables at the first Monmouth County Community Resource Fair: Linking Services to Strengthen Communities. It was sponsored by the National Association of Social Workers – NJ Chapter. Each agency or program shared information with the public about available resources and how to access them. It was a successful day not only for Monmouth County residents but also for representatives to increase our knowledge and share ideas about ways to make the most of services and enhance collaboration.

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