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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



I am pleased to share with you the impactful and transformative work of the College during the 2021-2022 academic year. In this annual report, you will read about the remarkable achievements of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni -- many of the reasons why Brookdale has been acknowledged as the best community college in New Jersey.

While navigating the effects of COVID-19, Brookdale has remained true to its mission and found new ways to focus on the success of our students. This past year, a new three-year strategic plan was established. I want to thank the Brookdale Community College Board of Trustees for establishing clear Evergreen Priorities, the Institutional Planning & Effectiveness Committee of Collegewide Governance for

their work in making our strategic planning processes transparent and understandable, and every member of the College community whose contributions were crucial to ensuring the voice of the College community in shaping Strategic Plan 2025.

To lift our community and strengthen student outcomes, we have begun selecting and implementing strategies to help all students persist in pursuing their goals, in addition to fostering a sense of belonging that enables our entire community to flourish. I'm very proud that Brookdale was accepted into the 2022 cohort of Achieving the Dream colleges. Our work with Achieving the Dream will be integral to achieving the goals of the Academic and Student Success master plan components of Strategic Plan 2025.

Through these collective actions, we will achieve our institutional goals, fulfill our mission, actualize our vision, and secure our future as an inclusive, equitable, resourceful, responsive, and resilient institution. As president of Brookdale Community College, I could not be more proud of our accomplishments and optimistic about our future together.

With deep appreciation,

David M. Stout, Ph.D.
President,
Brookdale Community College

CONGRATULATIONS TO PRESIDENT DR. DAVID M. STOUT FOR RECEIVING THE FOLLOWING AWARDS THIS YEAR

- Golden Osprey Award - Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce, Wall Township, presented its most outstanding citizens and business winners of the 36th Annual Golden Osprey Awards on October 21, 2021. President Dr. David M. Stout was recognized for Outstanding Community Service
- Crimson Knight Award - The Excellence in Community Leadership Award by the Crimson Knight Foundation was presented to Dr. David M. Stout by Monmouth County Commissioner Director Thomas A. Arnone, and Commissioner Dominick "Nick" DiRocco. In addition, the Brookdale Board of Trustees and staff members were all present to congratulate him.
- ROI Power Influencer - article on page 15
- Wilbur Ray Award - article on page 76



COLLEGE MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS



MISSION:

Brookdale Community College empowers a diverse community by providing open access to high-quality and cost-effective educational and lifelong learning options with clear paths to personal, educational, and economic success.

VISION:

Brookdale, the County College of Monmouth, is a dynamic community college system committed to student success, lifelong learning, economic development and the common good of society. Brookdale plays a transformative role in our community, providing educational, cultural and professional programs and offerings to enable, empower and inspire all community members to fulfill their aspirations to the best of their ability.

FAST FACTS



- 9,896 Total Credit Students
- 83 Academic Programs and Certificates Offered
- 124 Nursing Graduates
- 236 Fully Online Academic Sections
- 1,611 Associate Degrees
28 Certificates
1,639 total awards
- 49 Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society Members
- Six Regional Locations in Lincroft, Freehold, Hazlet, Long Branch, Neptune, Wall
- \$25,514,647.00 in Financial Aid Awarded
- \$713,914.00 in Foundation Scholarship and Grants Awarded
- Ranked in the Top 3% of the Nation's Community Colleges
- Continuing and Professional Studies delivered 120 course sections to 131 different business clients. 2,388 registrations in contracted training courses resulted in 31,301 training hours
- 76 Early College High School Graduates from nine Monmouth County High Schools: Asbury Park, Keyport, Manasquan, Matawan, Middletown North, Middletown South, Neptune, Raritan, and Saint John Vianney
- 121 International Students from 47 Countries



BOARD OF TRUSTEES



■ Graduate Trustee Austin Smith

AUSTIN SMITH GRADUATE TRUSTEE

Austin Smith, a 2021 mechanical engineering graduate of Brookdale Community College, was elected by his peers as the 2021-2022 Graduate Trustee. The graduate trustee is the student voice on the college's board of trustees.

Involved in the college as a student, he was president of the Student Life Board (SLB), tripled the SLB's general membership, convened monthly meetings with the College president, presided over several of the SLB's committees and even won a Gold Star award for President of the Year. Smith also served as vice president of the Asia Society, vice president of the Russian Club, parliamentarian of the Student Life Board, and was a member of the Physics and Astronomy Club, Math Club and Engineering Student Association.





■ Cynthia Gruskos

**CYNTHIA GRUSKOS RECEIVES
NORTHEAST REGION PROFESSIONAL
BOARD STAFF MEMBER AWARD**

At the 52nd Annual Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) Leadership Congress Annual Gala, which took place in San Diego, California, Cynthia Gruskos, senior assistant to the president and Board of Trustees of Brookdale Community College, received the prestigious 2021 Northeast Region Professional Board Staff Member Award.

The ACCT Board Chairman David Mathis and Founding President Emeritus Ex-Officio, National Association of Diversity Officers in

Higher Education, Dr. William B. Harvey presented the regional award given in recognition of exemplary service to the board.

For the first time in two years, more than 1,000 community college leaders convened in person at the ACCT Leadership Congress, emphasizing advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The ACCT award shines a spotlight on some of the nation’s best public servants and professionals through our region and reflects the extraordinary

commitments and accomplishments of the people who dedicate their lives to helping students succeed.

“Cynthia has provided outstanding support of the board in her seven years in the position,” said Dr. Henry Cram, chairman of the Board of Trustees. “Over the last two years, her efforts in assisting the board in the government of meetings in a virtual format and migrating board materials to a cloud-based portal have been invaluable.”



TRACEY ABBY-WHITE WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Tracey Abby-White, recent past president of the Board of Trustees at Brookdale Community College was honored as Trustee Woman of the Year by the American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AACC). She received the announcement of the honor in a letter from Dr. Monique Umphrey, Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs for the Austin Community College District. Dr. Umphrey is also president of the American Association for Women in Community Colleges.

“We applaud you on your accomplishments and your esteemed work as a Trustee for Brookdale Community College,” Dr. Umphrey wrote. Ms. Abby-White is currently serving her third term on the Board of Trustees for the community college. She is also the Senior Director of Global Sales Enablement for IronNet Cyber Security.

Ms. Abby-White is chairman of the Atlantic Highlands municipal Tri-District Feasibility Study Committee. She is a former councilwoman for Atlantic Highlands, where she served on multiple committees and founded the Atlantic Highlands Youth Commission. In addition, she served on the Henry Hudson Regional Board of Education for seven years, holding all offices, including the president.

In issuing the invitation, Dr. Umphrey told her that, “you have joined an elite group of women community college leaders who are making a difference for their institutions and the communities they serve.”





■ Natalie S. Watson

GOVERNOR APPOINTS NATALIE WATSON

The Brookdale Board of Trustees welcomed Natalie S. Watson when she was sworn in by General Counsel Mr. Mitchell Jacobs as the newest member during the October public meeting. Her wife Sheila Hatami-Watson stood with her as their son Alexander held the bible. Governor Murphy appointed Watson to serve the State of New Jersey as a Brookdale Community College Board of Trustees member. Her term continues until October 31, 2024.

Watson is a veteran litigator partner at McCarter & English. She has counseled larger institutions of higher education on compliance with state and federal laws and regulations governing anti-harassment, anti-bullying, anti-discrimination, and LGBTQA-inclusion.

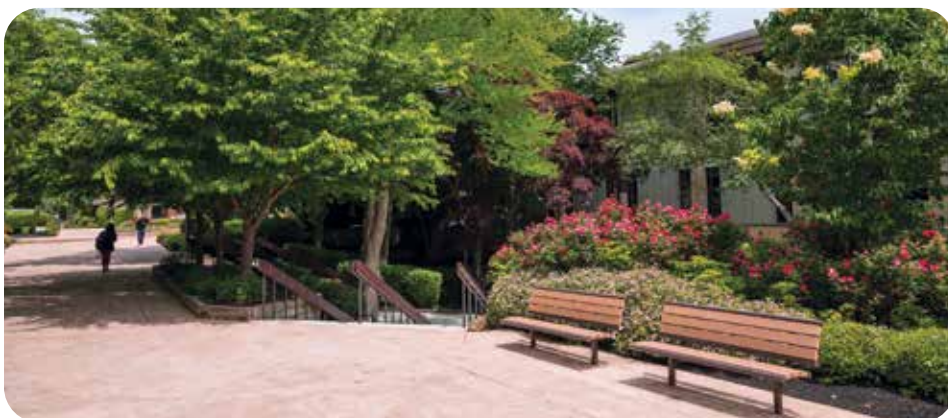
As a member of the Steering Committee of the firm’s Women’s Initiative and its Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Watson actively works to strengthen McCarter’s use of diversity in serving its clients.

Watson is involved with numerous professional, legal, charitable, and educational communities and was appointed by the New Jersey Supreme

Court to serve as its Secretary for the District VA Ethics Committee. She also serves on the state-wide Diversity Committee of the President of the New Jersey Bar Association.

Watson is the immediate past president of the Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Theatre Alliance. As president, Watson guided the organization in representing 33 professional theatres throughout 17 out of New Jersey’s 21 counties. In November 2015, she was presented with the New Jersey Theatre Alliance’s Star Award for “outstanding dedication and leadership as the Alliance’s Board President for the past six years.” Watson was also commended for her work on diversity and cultural access initiatives.

She received her undergraduate degree from Bryn Mawr College, received her JD from Rutgers Law School, and has a Healthcare Compliance Certificate from Seton Hall University School of Law. Her bar admissions are in NJ, NY, PA, and DC.





COMING BACK TOGETHER



This page:

1. National Society of Leadership and Success
2. Brookdale students walking outside of Warner Student Life Center
3. Dreamers+ connect with Graphic Design New Logo
4. Adventure Bound Club
5. Students return to campus
6. Epicurean Club - Gold Star Club
7. Theater & Dance Club Showcase

Adjacent page:

8. Computer Science Club and Gaming Club
9. Food Science Club
10. International Student Association
11. Contemporary Music Ensemble Class
12. Cheer & Dance Team
13. STEM Bowl Faculty
14. Black Student Union



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STRENGTHENING STUDENT OUTCOMES

Achieving the Dream

A graphic element consisting of five horizontal bars of varying lengths, colored from top to bottom: orange, blue, green, teal, and dark blue.

LEADING TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Brookdale Community College joined the 2022 cohort of Achieving the Dream (ATD) Network to holistically advance equity, access, and student success. By joining the ATD Network, Brookdale is committing to a tailored engagement in whole-college transformation and gaining access to a nationwide network of peer support and expertise.

Brookdale is part of a cohort of seven colleges joining the ATD Network during a time of continued enrollment challenges for two-year institutions across the country, when equitable access and community engagement are more important than ever for the students that colleges serve.

“We are partnering with ATD to strengthen student outcomes, particularly for historically underserved students who have been impacted by the pandemic, and to be part of a national network that is leading transformational change in higher education,” said David M. Stout, Ph.D. president of Brookdale Community College.

“Community colleges, and particularly colleges in the ATD Network, recognize that they serve as engines of opportunity not just for their students,

but for the entire communities that they serve,” said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president, and CEO of Achieving the Dream. “ATD’s work is centered on equity, and I am excited to see how the new Network colleges in the 2022 cohort start generating transformational change that lifts up their communities and advances the field.”

Brookdale is committed to tackling equity challenges, building a culture of data-informed decision-making, and maximizing the student experience through high-quality teaching and learning.





FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Brookdale Community College provided over 1,600 students debt relief due to the American Rescue Plan’s Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). As part of the HEERF plan, Brookdale gave over 2 million dollars to assist students with any unpaid balances accrued during the pandemic from Spring 2020 through Fall 2021. As a result, those students now have a zero-account balance.

“Having all financial restrictions lifted will enable the students to continue their educational journey and pursue their dreams,” said Dr. Yesenia Madas, vice president of Student Affairs.

The Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund III (HEERF III) is authorized by the American Rescue Plan (ARP), Public Law 117-2, signed into law on March 11, 2021, providing \$39.6 billion in support to institutions of higher education to serve students and ensure learning continues during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Throughout the pandemic, Brookdale has allocated over \$12 million HEERF funds directly to students to support their education. Based on the parameters, the multitude of students enrolled in a program leading to a degree or certificate and actively attending college benefited from these funds.



One day I got an email in my inbox saying you have a message from **Microsoft**. It was an invitation to interview!

- Ami

HANDSHAKE

Brookdale introduced Handshake, a platform to help students from all backgrounds receive the same access to employment opportunities regardless of gender, race, socioeconomic status, or type of school attended

After signing up for free accounts, they can create profiles and receive personalized job recommendations and invitations to virtual career events. They can also connect with alums and employees of prospective employers, just as they might on LinkedIn.

The College can manage virtual and in-person career fairs on the platform, track student outcomes, and offer acceptance rates.

750,000+ employers are recruiting on Handshake, from every Fortune 500 company to nonprofits, startups, and more. Current students and recent graduates use Handshake to look for an internship in their major or a part-time or full-time job opportunity. Handshake provides a 3x increase in the size and diversity of options.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE



BEST LOCAL COLLEGE IN MONMOUTH COUNTY ASBURY PARK PRESS POLL

Brookdale Community College is the Asbury Park Press poll winner for 2021 Best Local College in Monmouth County!

Jenna Bush Hager presented for the Kids and Education category for the Asbury Park Press Showcase Video. “What an honor to be with you all celebrating the organizations that are committed to developing our next generation of our communities,” she said. “I have three kids myself and I come from a family that is passionate about education, especially reading and the programs that shape the promising minds of our youth. Whether it is developing life skills, creating

learning opportunities, or introducing new interesting hobbies, these finalists are big influencers in our children and we are so appreciative of them.”

In the Local Colleges category, the top colleges that made it to the final voting stage were Brookdale Community College, Georgian Court University, St. Peter’s University, and Monmouth University.

The Asbury Park Press community voted, and Brookdale came out on top!

“The work that you do is so important, and thank you for being such a wonderful influence on all of our children,” said Hager.

BROOKDALE RANKED #1 IN NEW JERSEY

Brookdale Community College offers the best programs in New Jersey, according to Best-Community-Colleges.com. Based on 66 evaluation criteria, Brookdale is ranked in the top 50 community colleges in the United States and is the Best Community College in New Jersey.

“This school offers good quality programs and is evaluated with a five-star rating for teaching,” Best-Community-Colleges.com stated.

The ranking algorithm used was a formula involving sixty-six academic, financial, and organizational factors, metrics, faculty profiles, student retention rates, and alumni job prospects.

In the state of New Jersey, Brookdale has the best programs in accounting, architecture, arts, business, computer science, culinary, education, electrical, engineering, environmental, fashion, graphic design, hospitality, interior design, journalism, law, management, marketing, mechanic, medical, music, nursing, police, and social work.

Among 509 community colleges in the United States, Best-Community-College.com ranks Brookdale’s programs in the top 10 for fashion and interior design and the top 25 for architecture, culinary, environmental, hospitality, music, and social work.

Brookdale is ranked #11 in the Northeast Region and #3 for its architecture, fashion, and interior design programs. In addition, Brookdale is in the top 40 percent for fashion and interior design programs of all colleges in the Northeast, ranked by All-Fashion-Schools.com and Interior-Design-Colleges.com



BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE RECOGNIZED FOR 4 TOP PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.

Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online/on-campus program rankings and higher education planning, has recognized Brookdale Community College for the following degree programs: Best Social Sciences Program for Online Associate in Psychology Programs; Best Associate in Psychology Degree Program for Transfer; Best Community Colleges in New Jersey with Best Student-Teacher Ratio; and Best English Program for Online Colleges in New Jersey. The research identifies programs in the nation based on flexibility, faculty, course strength, cost, and reputation.

Intelligent.com implemented a unique methodology that ranks each program on a scale from 0 to 100 across five categories. The scoring system compares each university according to program strength, student readiness, return on investment, cost, and student engagement. Using this, researchers compared 704 programs from 2,900 universities and colleges across the United States.

Brookdale Community College offers flexible distance learning that appeals to busy adults or hybrid models that include on-campus and online formats. In addition, experts at Intelligent.com assessed programs that help students enhance and develop advanced skills for various in-demand positions.



POWER LIST INFLUENCER

Brookdale Community College President Dr. David M. Stout, is recognized on the ROI Influencers: Power List 2022 for Higher Education. Brookdale is one of two community colleges in the state to make a Top 50 national list by Academic Influence. In addition, Brookdale serves more than 20,000 students per year at its six locations throughout Monmouth County.

This list is a top-level view of the most influential presidents.

Nothing is more important for the future of business in this state than having a well-prepared next-generation workforce and the leaders on this list make that happen.

Following the footsteps of a public education system that is regarded as the best in the country, the leaders of these institutions of higher education take the baton — serving a wide variety of needs and populations.

These schools graduate some of the top students in the country, many of whom will have global impact. Just as important, they will teach first-generation graduates that will have local impact of equal measure.



DEVELOPING INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL PATHWAYS



■ Pictured in photo: Left to Right standing, William Paterson Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Joshua Powers, seated, President, Dr. Richard J. Helldobler next to Brookdale’s President, Dr. David M. Stout, and standing, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Matthew Reed.

BROOKDALE AND WILLIAM PATERSON SIGN ROBUST TRANSFER AGREEMENT

Brookdale Community College entered into a robust transfer agreement that includes joint admission and formal transfer agreements with William Paterson University. These agreements will provide an opportunity for students to seamlessly transfer to William Paterson University after obtaining their associate degree from Brookdale Community College. In addition, Brookdale students will benefit from a four-year curriculum mapped out for over 26 different programs.

“I want to thank William Paterson officials who worked closely on this pathway for the best interest of our students,” said Dr. David M. Stout, president of Brookdale Community College. “Together, we have the potential to break through academic, financial, and other barriers and reach the individuals in the community who most need access to an affordable

college education. These programs with this outstanding institution will ensure that our students leave ready for the next step.”

The associate transfer agreements provide transfer into Bachelor of Science degree programs that include the following, Marketing; Management; Finance; Accounting; Biology; Chemistry; Computer Science; Environmental Science; and Mathematics; and Bachelor of Arts degree programs in Political Science; Sociology; Psychology; Public Health; Health Studies; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Communications; Media Studies; Music Studies; Leadership and Professional Studies; and Liberal Studies.

This Pioneer Pathways Joint Admissions Agreement gives Brookdale students the opportunity to take courses at William Paterson’s

campus or online. In addition, scholarships are available and jointly admitted students will have their application fees waived. They may also receive dual advising and attend William Paterson University events and activities while enrolled at Brookdale.

For those pursuing a career in nursing, transfer agreements were established for Brookdale’s Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing and William Paterson’s RN to BSN (bachelor’s degree) and MSN Express Plus Degree Program (master’s degree). The Nursing degrees are offered either online or in-person with the bachelor’s degree providing the economic incentive for earning simultaneous credits toward the master’s in Nursing in one of four specialized areas: Family Nurse Practitioner, Adult-Gerontology Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Education, and Nursing Administration.



BROOKDALE ADDS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX

Brookdale Community College announced a new articulation agreement with University of Phoenix (UOPX) that creates new pathways for Brookdale graduates in high-demand Information Technology (IT), Nursing, Criminal Justice, Business, and Management programs to advance students to the baccalaureate level.

The agreement includes course-by-course pathways for each transfer program. These transferable courses will provide an affordable pathway to help students accelerate their learning

and move into their careers faster.

UOPX will allow up to 87 credits transfer to Brookdale graduates of AAS and AS programs who are admitted to UOPX to pursue one of these baccalaureate degrees. Brookdale encourages students in these programs to explore their options to further their education.

These articulated programs offer Brookdale students excellent career and educational opportunities.



BROOKDALE AND UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE SIGN NEW ARTICULATION AGREEMENT FOR HOSPITALITY MAJORS

Brookdale Community College (Brookdale) and the University of Delaware (UD) signed a new articulation agreement for the transfer of Brookdale's Associate Degree Program in Hospitality Management and UD's Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Hospitality Business Management, housed in the Department of Hospitality and Sports Business Management at UD's Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics.

"This agreement will help our graduates achieve a seamless transfer to the University of Delaware," said Dr. David M. Stout, president of

Brookdale Community College. "This is an important agreement that focuses on student success. We are always pleased to build new bridges toward four-year institutions and to assist our students in moving on toward advanced degrees."

Dr. Bruce Weber, Dean of UD's Lerner College, looks forward to welcoming these Brookdale students to UD's campus. "The Lerner College is thrilled to partner with Brookdale Community College to support the continued education of their outstanding hospitality management students through this agreement. We know that this partnership will continue

to advance our mission to deliver inspirational education and pioneering scholarship. Our efforts with Brookdale are driven by our will to build an inclusive community that beneficially transforms business and society."

The two institutions are committed to expanding educational opportunities. Therefore, they have agreed that graduates of the Brookdale Hospitality Management program who have completed the associate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher will automatically be accepted into the Hospitality Business Management baccalaureate program at the University of Delaware.



RUTGERS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS & ADMINISTRATION OFFERS PATHWAY TO MASTERS

Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) and Brookdale Community College signed a transfer articulation agreement that enables Brookdale's A.S. Business Administration, A.A. Humanities, or A.A. Social Science degree holders to transfer seamlessly into a Bachelor of Arts in Public and Nonprofit Administration from Rutgers University-Newark.

"We are thrilled about signing this agreement with Rutgers-Newark because it is unique and provides an excellent direction for our students," said Brookdale's Executive Director of Career & Transfer Pathways, Dr. Sarah McElroy. "In this agreement, students that choose a pathway option of Sociology or Anthropology in the Humanities and Social Sciences programs will be able to continue their studies in the Rutgers University-

Newark bachelor's and master's program. The additional pathway to a master's degree makes this agreement very exciting."

"Students may not realize that they can marry their passion with a profession," said Associate Dean of Student and Academic Services of Rutgers School of Public Affairs and Administration, Aaron Gibbs. "For example, students studying Women in Gender Studies may want to go into development. We can make a great bridge to do that."

Since 2018, the Rutgers-Brookdale Partnership program has been in Larrison Hall at Brookdale's main campus in Lincroft, NJ. This new articulation agreement requires students to complete their last 30 credits through courses offered by Rutgers University-Newark. Their residency requirement also may be

satisfied by taking Rutgers University-Newark courses offered by other Rutgers units.

In addition to this, students can apply for admission into the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program during the completion of their undergraduate degree. Upon admission, all Accelerated MPA coursework used as the second concentration will count towards MPA program degree completion.

Students who are part of the Rutgers-Brookdale partnership will receive a Rutgers identification card and a NetID that provides access to all Rutgers facilities.



FASHION MERCHANDISING JOINT ADMISSIONS, BROOKDALE TO LIM COLLEGE, NYC

Brookdale Community College and LIM College in New York City signed a joint admissions agreement that, stipulating upon admission to Brookdale in the Associate of Science degree in Fashion Design and Merchandising, guarantees students admission into LIM College, provided they complete their associate degree program.

Through the Fashion Design & Merchandising program, Brookdale Community College prepares students for management, sales, or buying careers in the wholesale or retail fashion industry. The program combines fashion studies with business and general education courses.

“This is wonderful for our entering students to have this incentive to advance their studies and gain

real-world experiences in midtown Manhattan at one of the best fashion schools in the world,” said Annmarie Hughes, assistant professor of Fashion Merchandising and Marketing at Brookdale.

The transfer of credits will enable students to pursue a degree at LIM College in the Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) programs in the Business of Fashion, Fashion Merchandising, Visual Studies, Marketing, and Management.

The Joint Admissions Program is open to applicants to Brookdale who will be first-time, matriculated freshmen or Transfer applicants to Brookdale who will enter with fewer than 24 credits of completed college work.

As part of the agreement, Brookdale students will have the opportunity to meet with LIM representatives at the Brookdale campus to obtain academic advice about LIM’s curriculum and general information about LIM. Associate degree candidates will also be invited to New York to participate in at least one LIM campus or community event each semester until their enrollment at LIM.

In addition to this, Joint Admissions students will be eligible for partnership scholarships on the same basis as other LIM applicants or students. Any student who graduates with their associate degree from Brookdale with a minimum of 2.0-grade point average will be eligible for a renewable scholarship to LIM College to obtain their bachelor’s degree.



A WORLDWIDE INITIATIVE

Brookdale Community College signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Africa Universities Fund, Inc. (AUF) on February 22, 2022 that expands Brookdale’s educational offerings and training opportunities to a worldwide audience.

“We are excited to be able to bring the Brookdale Community College education around the world,” said Dr. David M. Stout, president of Brookdale Community College. “This is the first time that we are going across the ocean to leverage the reach and power of online remote learning, which will be beneficial not only to the students of Nigeria but also tremendously beneficial to our students. This will give them the opportunity to have connections and live interaction with people from another country who share similar goals and dreams.”

Through partnerships and collaboration with higher education institutions, AUF is committed to extending critical resources and opportunities to

empower young people in Africa by democratizing access to education and training in science and technology.

This partnership will facilitate the enrollment of Nigerian students in Brookdale’s academic and certificate programs both in-person and online. In addition, support students enrolling in “future of work” STEM fields such as Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, 3D printing, Data science, and other areas that will strengthen young people’s knowledge and skills in the digital economy.

AUF plans to equip *The Future of Work Africa Learning Center* in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. This center will provide a remote live learning center for students enrolled in Brookdale’s online courses and additionally serve as a resource center for information about U.S. higher education and Brookdale in particular.





ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS



FASHION DEPARTMENT MEET TAHARI

For a little over twenty years, the Garden State Film Festival has functioned as a gateway for aspiring filmmakers, actors, and others interested in careers in the film business, giving them the opportunity to meet and network with industry professionals - all in an atmosphere that fosters learning and mentorship roles. With community and leadership at the forefront of their philosophy, the Festival has cooperated with Brookdale Community College since its start; eventually moving its headquarters and executive offices to the College's Lincroft campus in 2020.

The move permits more collaboration to take place closer to home, allowing students to be more involved in the pre-production side of the Festival.

This collaboration proved to be a success as it opened the door for many students wanting to get into the industry.

In March 2022, the Garden State Film Festival held its 20th Anniversary festival, showcasing a documentary on elite fashion designer and icon Elie Tahari. With the documentary [titled "The United States of Elie Tahari"] in mind, Brookdale's fashion department students and staff were invited to attend the Festival and participate in a Q+A and reception with the designer. Throughout the event and documentary, students and staff learned about Tahari's story of immigrating to New York with less than \$100 in his pocket to become the icon and inspiration he is today. Students

also were able to get an educative look into the fashion industry, seeing various industry sectors including retail, fashion show production, and design.

During the Q+A, students were offered valuable advice and information from Tahari directly, building different resources and knowledge they can take with them as they progress further within their education and careers. It was a chance in which they can start building relationships with Tahari not only as professionals but as a way to utilize the designer as a mentor within the moment. Some students even brought their portfolios and design sketches to the event, bringing Tahari and his experience to their fullest advantage.

COLLAGE WINS SILVER CROWN

Brookdale Community College's 50th Anniversary edition of Collage, a magazine that showcases the best art, design, and literary work by Brookdale students, was awarded the Silver Crown Award for 2021 by Columbia University Press Association (CPSA). The Crown Awards honor top student publications chosen from CPSA's members. Crowns are selected for overall excellence in a head-to-head comparison. During Crown consideration, publications are judged on their excellence, as shown by their design, photography, concept, coverage, and writing. A total of 852 publications were eligible for judging this year. As a result, there were 16 gold awards and 28 silver awards.

In this momentous magazine edition, Collage members demonstrate how students from diverse disciplines can come together to create an unexpectedly beautiful publication to celebrate 50 years of this most valued tradition.

Students from the Architecture Department plotted lines on a map of the main campus in Lincroft, NJ, to design the cover, creating an interesting and meaningful line set that connected different buildings. In addition, the Graphic Design students worked to digitize, and glitch oil paintings were completed by Fine Arts and Physics students. Organizing these elements to design the cover was the datum for the overall magazine.

The Collage Club produces the magazine annually and students gain valuable skills in editing, book design, and desktop publishing during the magazine's production.



STUDY ABROAD TOP TEN IN NATION

Brookdale Community College was recognized by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs for producing the most Gilman recipients over the past twenty years in the Study Abroad category.

Ranked tenth in the nation of Associate Institutions, twenty-one students from Brookdale have received Gilman awards. The Department of State's Gilman Program has reshaped study abroad to make it more accessible and inclusive for American students by providing scholarships to outstanding U.S. undergraduate students who might not otherwise participate due to financial constraints. Since the program's inception in 2001, more than 34,000 Gilman Scholars from all U.S. states, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. territories have studied or interned in more than 155 countries around the globe.

The Department of State and Department of Education Joint Statement of Principles in Support of International Education noted, "All Americans need to be equipped with global and cultural competencies to navigate the ever-changing landscapes of education, international business, scientific discovery and innovation, and the global economy."





BUILDING A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR CYBERSECURITY

Brookdale is a leader in cybersecurity education and well-positioned to establish a Center of Excellence for Cybersecurity Education. They recently received the County College Career and Technical Education Program Expansion Grant for \$1,937,711 from the state of New Jersey with a \$645,903 College match to build a 2.5- million-dollar project that will enable the College to expand its cybersecurity and related technical education offerings and programs.

“We are excited to have a brand-new facility and upgrade equipment and infrastructure to support and grow Brookdale’s National Security Agency, NSA-designated center of academic excellence in Cyber Defense,” said Brookdale Community College President Dr. David Stout. “These efforts will increase the number of students completing associate degrees, industry certificates and new advanced cybersecurity courses. Additionally, the upgrades will support existing partnerships with academia, industry, and government and allow the College to establish new partnerships.”

Brookdale is one of New Jersey’s two community colleges to hold the NSA/Department of Homeland Security designation as a National Center of Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. This distinction demonstrates Brookdale’s rigorous academic program in cyber security and its real-world experience in preparing students for careers in a high-growth industry.

The renovation, new equipment, and technology will be implemented in three phases:

1. Increasing the capacity and capability of the virtual lab environment from 32 concurrent users to 288 concurrent users by installing new software and hardware (servers, routers, and switches) in the existing datacenter located in Gorman Hall North.
2. Renovating and upgrading the Gorman Hall South facility on Brookdale’s main campus in Lincroft, adding 50 new student seats.
3. Furnishing and equipping the interior of the renovated facility (classroom furniture, equipment, technology, and security) needed for expanded teaching space with industry-standard equipment.

This upgrade will also include networking hardware to support 16 concurrent students working to complete hands-on activities for the in-demand Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) courses.

The College plans to offer a new associate degree program that includes the existing cybersecurity offerings plus five added College certificates, including Cybersecurity Management (Industry Credential CSSIP) and Cybersecurity Auditor.

The development of new courses and stackable credentials will provide options and access for students looking to work or advance their careers in cyber security, which is a priority for this project.





ALPHA PI THETA (PTK) HONOR SOCIETY RECEIVES CHAPTER GOLD AND FIVE STAR AWARDS

Alpha Pi Theta, a chartered Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the International Honor Society of two-year colleges, celebrated its 32nd anniversary at Brookdale Community College and received the Chapter Gold and the Five Star Chapter awards. Their Officer Team was among the distinguished Chapter Officer Teams for the Middle States Region and 1200 chapters of the PTK Honor Society.

Several individuals were also recently honored. **Julio Santiago**, vice president of Leadership, is a NASA Fellow and a Five Star Chapter Member for this year and last year that was named Distinguished Chapter Member. This year, **Daniella Mannarino**, vice president of Service, is one of the All-USA Academic Team

nominees. She is an HFTP scholar for outstanding achievement by hospitality students. **Cathleen Kane** is the second All-USA Academic Team nominee. She was also recognized last year as a PTK Leader of Promise, and is this year's Five Star Chapter Member.

This year, the Chapter introduced a new chapter officer position given to **Belinda Asimoah**, who was named vice president of Wellness. She is focusing on providing resources and information to the students for wellness and self-care. Belinda is a Wilbur Ray Scholar and was invited to be the student representative on the search committee for the director of the Caroline Huber Holistic Wellness Center.





NEW TOYOTA TECH TRAINING

Brookdale Community College launched the Toyota Technician Education College Support (TECS) Elite program, a focused automotive technology option that will prepare students for in-demand careers in the automotive industry.

This new program will prepare students to be certified technicians at Toyota and Lexus dealerships, emphasizing maintenance-level services.

For motivated students pursuing the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) program, the AUTO101-001TL course is Toyota-focused. It includes Toyota Web-based training as an essential part of the curriculum. Classes have hands-on experience with automatic and manual transmissions, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning systems, steering and suspension; engine performance, and more.

“This program puts students on the first rung of the Toyota training ladder in one semester,” said Ivan Anderson, department chairman and assistant professor of Automotive Technology. “Toyota can hire them at the end of the first semester, and that dealer will work around the students’ schedule as they move through the rest of the Brookdale AAS degree.”

The TECS Elite program develops and places factory-certified technicians in challenging and rewarding jobs that can advance to higher-paying careers such as service management, manufacturing, corporate representation, and fieldwork.

Additionally, trained automotive technicians are in great demand; Once students complete the program, they can apply for open service technician positions at Toyota or Lexus dealerships or any automotive service operation, including independent service and repair shops across the country.



AUTO TECH BRINGS ELECTRIC VEHICLE TRAINING INTO CURRICULUM

The Automotive Technology Department (AUTO) and the STEM Institute at Brookdale Community College are responding to state and industry demand for automotive professionals trained in the maintenance and repair of electric vehicles (EV). They will be infusing EV technology into their curricula so that all AUTO graduates are versed in EV technology. They are also creating a stackable industry credential in EV technology for incumbent automotive professionals.

With the help of federal Perkins funding, AUTO purchased a Chevy Spark this year that will be used in AUTO laboratories to demonstrate and teach EV fundamentals and practices.

STEM Dean James Crowder and AUTO Department Chair Ivan Anderson were invited to apply for a role in the National Engineering and Vehicle Technology Exchange (NEVTEX) Track 3 Consortia for Innovations in Technician Education. “This opportunity could provide the Brookdale AUTO Department with as much as an additional \$125,000 for EV training and technology,” said Crowder.

NEVTEX is working with 30 industry and community college partners to create a standardized approach for training and certifying electric-drive vehicle technicians. Project leaders hope the standards will eventually lead to a licensing process for these highly skilled automotive technicians.



PSI BETA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY RECONSTITUTED

“The support and service of our scholarly community at Brookdale sets a very powerful example for our students as they embark on their professional training and careers,” said Mary Beth Boylan, Ph.D., professor of Psychology as she began the Psi Beta National Honor Society’s first induction and celebration of being reinstated as a chapter at Brookdale Community College. The evening was memorable, emotional, and full of joy.

“Psychology is one of our biggest programs at the College,” said Norah Kerr-McCurry, Ph.D., dean of Business and Social Sciences. “This honor society is selective and shows the dedication of the people here in the room. I am very proud to be Dean of the area and proud of our Chapter Advisor Professor Dr. Boylan, who has reconstituted this group because it is so important.”

Over the past two years, Linda Truong, the chapter’s president and instrumental in reinstating the chapter at Brookdale, introduced the evening’s guest speakers: Joel Morgovsky, Ph.D., retired psychology professor and the founder of the Psi Beta Chapter at Brookdale in 2002, and past Psi Beta Executive Board Officers William Cole, Ph.D., Grace Shoonmacher, and Anastasia Carroll.

Following the speakers, a candlelight ceremony was held as the new inductees recited the pledge and were presented with a certificate and a Psi Beta pin.

In addition, a certificate of appreciation was awarded to **Linda Truong, Kimberly Lopez, and Angela Giamos**, the three outgoing and graduating officers of Psi Beta, for all they have done over the past two years.

“I have been in the community college culture my entire career,” said Dr. Boylan. “And this has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had. And, I have had a lot of rewarding experiences here at Brookdale but these women and what they have done, their growth and exuberance is what got us all through this past year. They are an incredible team together and amazing individuals on their own.”

An Investiture proceeded for Eve Abraham as the chapter’s incoming president, and the chapter installation of Psi Beta National Honor Society at Brookdale for the 2022-23 academic year.



ENGINEERING STUDENTS CREATE PROSTHETIC HAND

Two Brookdale Community College Engineering students created a prosthetic hand to qualify as a designer for e-NABLE, a national organization of volunteers who make free upper limb prosthetics for those in need, particularly children.

Professor of Engineering and Technology Lisa Hailey introduced the 3D printer to her students at the beginning of the semester. She offered to help them with any special projects they wanted to do. At the end of the semester, two students approached her. Both graduated in May from Brookdale's Chemical Engineering program. Anjeli Santillan, who received the STEM Outstanding Student Award, will continue her studies in biomedical. Mason Brown is continuing his studies in chemical engineering, and both are transferring to the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), which Brookdale has an articulation agreement.

3D printing is a method of creating a three-dimensional object layer-by-layer using a computer-created design. The students used an extrusion-based 3D printing technology called Fused Deposition Modeling (FDM). Like a hot glue gun, plastic filament (spools of plastic) feed through the top, whereby the layers of plastic melt and build up to create a 3D part.

The students printed the hand in a few parts, including the palm, the knuckles, and the fingers.

"The process was crazy awesome, because I got to work with one of my favorite professors on a project that I've aspired to do since high school", said Santillan. "The thought of building prosthetics is what initially drove me to pursue biomedical engineering."

e-NABLE is a global movement of volunteers using 3D printers to create free 3D-printed hands and arms for those needing upper limb assistive

devices. To qualify to become an ENABLE volunteer, the students will present the hand they created by video to prove it is of excellent quality. Then, they are listed as being able to make that hand. As a result, their names will potentially be on that list, and if a child lives in Monmouth County and needs a hand, they can call upon Santillan or Brown to create one for the child.

"As e-NABLE volunteer makers, Mason's and my goal is to send functional hands to children for free," said Santillan. "With NJIT's Makerspace, we hope to continue this volunteer work during our time at school. We are also looking forward to joining the Prosthetics Club, where we will design and assemble prosthetics for animals."

"I am hoping Anjeli's and Mason's work will inspire other students at Brookdale," said Professor Hailey.



■ Alexandria Montvoro, Grace Mills, Jay’la Stallworth, students in Fashion Merchandising, Judith Unger, assistant professor of the Library, who received the collection, Nicole Callamaras, student, and AnnMarie Hughes, assistant professor of Fashion Merchandising and Marketing.

**HISTORIC FASHION TITLES
DONATED TO BROOKDALE**

Brookdale Community College received a beautiful collection of historical fashion magazines from Norman Lavine, president at Vintage Print Gallery and RetroGraphics Publishing. Lavine has been a collector of fashion magazines from the 1700s to the 1930s since the 1970s.

The collection that Lavine donated to Brookdale includes French magazines from the 1800s to the early 1900s, which incorporated large tissue patterns the women of that period used to make the clothes featured in the magazine. Also included are large lithograph prints taken from sample books like Chic Parisian that were distributed to Paris, London, and New York. They were used for women to pick a dress, and the company showing the book would order the dress from the manufacturer. There are also several editions of Harper Bazaar magazine from the 1860s, 1870s, and 1880s.

“Our students will be able to use the collection in our FASH225 Survey of Historic Costume class to learn about the types of dress from various time periods,” said AnnMarie Hughes, assistant professor and co-department chair of Fashion Merchandising and Marketing. “We will also be using the collection in FASH121, Fashion Merchandising as examples of early forms of fashion communication and publications. Our other fashion classes, such as our design courses, may use them for inspiration in their own designs and collections. I think we will have a lot of opportunities to use them throughout most of our classes.”

The students all agreed stating that, “It will be really cool to copy and use these patterns.” They are genuinely excited to read the publications and have them enhance their learning experience.





OUTSTANDING EVENTS



HUMAN LIBRARY AT BANKIER, UNJUDGE SOMEONE

Brookdale Community College held a Human Library event on February 17, 2022, a place where people are books on loan to readers for a chat, a safe space for dialogue.

It was started in in 2001 in Denmark by Ronni Abergel, his brother Dani, Asma Mouna, and Christoffer Erichsen. It recently won Denmark's Community Award, recognized as a project that strengthens the community and one which the community cannot live without in their lives. "Since its beginning, the Human Library movement has expanded to 6 continents and 85 countries," said Judith Ungar, assistant professor of the Bankier Library, who introduced the Human Library to Brookdale during Spring Civility Week.

The goal of the Human Library is to challenge stereotypes and foster understanding and compassion. It allows people to meet others of various backgrounds and world views by checking out a human book from the library to "read" the Book. The human book, in return, tells its story, presents its points of view, answers any questions, and shares its thoughts. The Reader can talk to the Book after they listen to their story.

Being human means that we are imperfect, make mistakes, make judgments, and have unconscious biases. In a Human Library, a Book allows a person to have insight into their life and exchange experiences with the Reader. The difference between a printed book and a human book is interacting with the author,

and going outside the pages. This exchange is how the power of the Human Library can create personal change.

The theme of the Global Citizenship Project, Transcending Divisions, allows personal stories where individuals share how they have overcome divisions (political, personal, racial, intergenerational, are some examples) in their lives.

The one-on-one conversations in the Human Library were exciting and open in an unjudgmental zone. Readers learned from Books and Books from Readers and Moderators from both.



■ Left to right, Sue Monroe, Jane Scimeca, Dinneen Jackson, and Roseanne Alvarez

PROFESSOR SCIMECA PRESENTS THE LIFE & LEGACY OF GERALDINE THOMPSON

More than 100 people gathered in person and virtually to attend a presentation on March 23 by Brookdale professor and author Jane Scimeca, who presented a fascinating look into the life of Geraldine Thompson, a woman who made an enormous difference in the state of New Jersey and Monmouth County.

Sara Hosbach, a student at Brookdale Community College and the communications manager of the Women in Learning and Leadership club (WILL), welcomed everyone. WILL is a nine-credit certificate program at Brookdale whose mission is to empower women and students to become the future leaders of our local and global communities. On behalf of WILL, she thanked the AAUW (American Association of University Women) and Professor Alvarez for their influential work and Professor Scimeca for sharing her knowledge and

inspiration to support and celebrate Women’s History Month.

Scimeca, authoring a book about Geraldine, teased the audience by revealing a bit about Geraldine’s personal life and more about how Geraldine’s accomplishments represented democracy in action. During the mid-1960s, the AAUW played a significant role in establishing a community college in Monmouth County. With the leadership and backing from the AAUW NMCB (Northern Monmouth County Branch) and others, the county freeholders decided to purchase part of Brookdale Farm along Newman Springs Road, land that was famous for breeding fine horses and owned by the Thompson family, honoring the legacy of Geraldine’s numerous contributions to the county. The school opened its doors in the fall of 1969, but it had taken over five years of research,

persistence, and advocacy to make that happen.

Scimeca’s thoughtful and informative presentation closed by reminding us that every time we go to Brookdale or walk-through Thompson Park, we are beneficiaries of Geraldine Thompson’s intelligence and generosity.

This special program was hosted by the following; members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW); Northern Monmouth County Branch (NMCB); Barbara Withers and Alice MacPhee, Program Co-directors; Professors Sue Monroe and Roseanne Alvarez, AAUW College/University Reps at Brookdale Community College; and Karen Topham, Communications Co-director, former Brookdale librarian.



BROOKDALE COMMUNITY COMMITS TO HONEST, BRAVE, RESPECTFUL CONVERSATION

Brookdale held its first ever Civility Week in October. The event centered around community building, healing, and awareness.

The week’s events started with a keynote opening ceremony. Award-winning journalist and author, Steven Petrow, and moderator Director of Diversity and Inclusion Angela Kariotis, took the stage to begin the evening’s conversation, ***Closer Than We Might Appear: A Conversation on Connection, Communication and Civil Discourse***.

Once the keynote commenced, the audience, both virtual and in-person, were treated to a range of topics including: the need to familiarize the use of pronouns, the politicization of civility, social media, and cancel culture.

The audience frequently requested Petrow’s insight into how civility plays a role today and how individuals can have difficult conversations with family and community members who may not practice civility themselves.

“I hear your frustration. I have lived your frustration that is part of today, and I think the answer is, you don’t stop, you keep going,” Petrow said. “It is a marathon not a sprint, and so

the more you can build trust, the more you can open doors, the more you can become vulnerable. You will build on something and that will continue and do know sometimes you will need to take a timeout.”

During the week, several events occurred including one on the philosophical perspective of Confucius and Aristotle on civility, and another on how civility plays a role in encounters with the police. “Self-Care Leads to Greater Civility,” a presentation hosted by Director of Nursing Tricia D’Aloia Gandolfo, shared some tips on relaxation techniques, healthy habits, and how to be mindful of your stress levels so that the practice of civility comes easier.

There was a film screening and Q & A with Director of ***The Long Shadow*** Frances Causey.

The film, an award-winning documentary about white privilege and white supremacy in relation to the history of the United States, evoked an interactive and engaging discussion about the need to have a national discussion on pushback about the advancement of Black Americans.

Causey answered questions in relation to her journey into making the film,

how history plays a role in how people treat each other today, and how to break through those roadblocks. One of the highlights noted about the film is the fact that it features the voices of former slaves, creating an opportunity for Causey to step back and let history speak for itself, rather than impose her perceived perspective.

“When I was with my team and we were starting on the film, I thought, how can I, as a white person, tell so much of the Black experience in our country?” Causey shared. “I was very sensitive to the appropriation. That I’ve somehow appropriated the story for profit. What I really tried hard to do was to make sure that I had as many Black scholars talking about this history. I hope that comes across.”

Other events throughout the week covered topics like social awareness, empathy, and community building. ***To Be Civil Is to Be Stigma-Free*** centered around Brookdale’s new stigma-free designation and presented a discussion on what stigma-free means, as well as ways to foster that type of environment on campus and the real implications of stigmatizing mental health.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING PANEL WITH STUDENTS FROM BRAZIL

Brookdale Community College students participating in the Global Citizenship Distinction (GCD) program collaborated with students from Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Goiás (PUC Goiás) in Brazil to present an international Human Trafficking Panel on Zoom. This is a critical topic that concerns everyone worldwide.

Since GCD focuses on global awareness, global perspective, and global engagement, the GCD Cohort thought it would be beneficial to concentrate on how trafficking affects both the United States of America (USA) and Brazil.

In collaborating with the students from Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Goiás, the goal was to raise awareness, gain a broader perspective of how trafficking affects both New Jersey and Brazil, and how to be more engaged in the prevention of trafficking in both locations.



FIVE STAGES TO YOUR FINANCIAL LEGACY

In April, in recognition of Financial Literacy Month, Brookdale Community College's Diversity and Inclusion Department held a free, fun, five-part workshop with Brunch & Budget to teach the five financial stages. In bite-size action steps, going from insecurity to legacy, students learned how to start building wealth now.

Getting where you want to go with money starts with understanding how you think about and treat money. "We know education can change lives. We also know students and their families struggle to pay for tuition and books. That is why Brookdale remains committed to providing a low-cost, high-quality education experience, and helping our students and our community find effective ways to manage their financial commitments," said Dr. Matthew Reed, vice president of Academic Affairs.

After attending this workshop, families, high school students, college students, and individuals young and old had all the tools to prioritize financial self-care, reframe their money mindset, define their financial goals, and more.



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CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS

GRADUATION

NURSING GRADUATES ENTERING A PROFESSION WITH HIGH DEMAND

Brookdale Community College Spring Nursing Class of 2022 matriculated in the middle of the pandemic, and throughout their studies they have witnessed the demand for the profession increase. There were fifty-seven graduates; Each has their own unique stories, goals, and challenges. Some of the graduates have always wanted to be a nurse, while for others, it was a career change. Some did not have the prospect of higher education earlier in their lives and have now seized the opportunity. What binds this class is the dedication they all have to this noble vocation.

“The rewards of this profession outweigh all the other obstacles that we might experience,” said Bryanna Long, a nursing graduate, as she kicked off the Nursing Pinning Ceremony. “This group of graduates witnessed the profession through a global pandemic and still said I want in on this special profession.”

The pinning ceremony held before commencement is distinctive for the nursing community and is unlike any graduation ceremony. Not only does it mark the completion of student coursework, but this ceremony honors nursing graduates who will work in a career where they will have to be selfless for the good of many others. Each school of nursing designs and awards its customized pin, connecting each graduate to the alumni before them.

Charlotte Cole, instructor of Nursing and a graduate of the Brookdale Nursing Class of 2006, was the guest

speaker. She reflected on the College’s motto, “Here Will Get You There,” and shared the following about three of Brookdale’s alumni nurses and where they are today:

Latoya Thomas graduated from Brookdale in 2014 and is an adjunct instructor. She is the manager of the oncology unit at Jersey Shore University Medical Center (JSUMC).

Graduating from Brookdale with the class of 2002, Bill Schreiber started in housekeeping at JSUMC, then earned his BSN, MSN from Thomas Edison University, and MBA from Monmouth University. He is now the Director of Operations at Southern Ocean Medical Center. He was accomplishing all of this while having a whole family life.

Thomas Ciancia is an alum of the class of 2014. He made a career change, entered nursing after a construction career, and eventually became a nurse practitioner. As a new faculty member at Brookdale, he said, “I

came to teaching to positively impact healthcare by educating the next generation of nurses.”

The Director of Nursing, Patricia D’Aloia-Gandolfo, MSN, RN, CMSRN, presented the Nursing Honor Society Awards to the following graduating students: Stephanie Beckerman, Vivian Eadicicco, Chelsea Fulton, Bryanna Long, Kristy Ngo, Michelle Rotunno, Laina Tollefsen, and Alyson Trione.

Siobhan Nagy, a nursing graduate and member of the U.S. Army Reserve’s 357th Chemical Company, gave the farewell speech. She said, “Teamwork will be the embodiment of our nursing class. When one teammate is weak, the others become their strike and pull each other through each shift. During clinicals, we met amazing friends. We made undeniable bonds and we leaned on each other for support. Our motto was ‘Leave no man behind,’ and today our entire clinical group is here getting pinned.”





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1. Anjeli Santillan (STEM) and Jonathan Esposito (STEM)
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5. Kimberly Lopez (Business & Social Science Institute)
6. Early College High School Graduates
7. Salomon Nachum (Humanities Institute)
8. Early College High School Graduates



■ Dean of Continuing and Professional Studies Dr. Joan Ali Scocco, Lawrence Sculark and President Dr. David M. Stout.

CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES HELPS TRANSFORM LIVES

Brookdale Community College held a Continuing and Professional Studies Completion Ceremony on June 8, 2022, honoring 350 students for their dedication and hard work in completing a certificate or professional training course. An overall feeling of happiness and recognition filled the air in a room of recipients, their family and friends, and dedicated faculty. A powerful sense of community also surrounded the room and was passed on highlighting those who worked for their successes, those who contributed to these successes, and those who even made Brookdale a better place.

“All completers tonight know that investing in education is difficult,” said President of Brookdale Community College, Dr. David M. Stout, in his opening remarks. “It’s not just a matter of investing your money, but it’s also a matter of investing your time. Choosing to put time into continuing your education is incredibly valuable and

will continue to be valuable and lead you to higher wage jobs. Not everyone chooses that pathway. You really deserve a commendation for that.”

The completers’ accomplishments included healthcare training, business training, information technology, career and technical education, online certification, small business development training, and medical training.

Among the completers awarded was student speaker Briann Ferguson, who focused on how there is no time limit in pursuing your dreams and reaching your goals. Briann completed Brookdale’s Nonprofit Management Certificate and Peer Recovery Specialist Program. She is currently on track to finish her associate degree in social work.

“When I originally enrolled at Brookdale, I was a new mother, but I knew that I had to further my

education,” Ferguson said. “I wanted to become something not only for my daughter, but for myself as well. My passion is to help others who struggle with mental health and substance use disorders. I picked social work originally because it gives me a broader range of who I can help on a clinical level. I found and chose peer recovery because I want to help others overcome what I have overcome on a peer-to-peer level.”

Lawrence Sculark, who was also a student speaker completed the Certified Peer Recovery Specialist program. Paying it forward, Lawrence has taken the knowledge and skills he learned from the peer recovery program and started a “Men in Recovery” coaching program, empowering others on the road to recovery. Through his speech, Lawrence thanked Brookdale staff and faculty for their support in helping him with his journey and touched on the

criticalness of having these support systems in place.

“The peer recovery program helped me to think critically about the current state of our nation, and issues surrounding mental health and addiction,” Sculark said. “And more importantly, the value and the vital role peer recovery are playing in bridging this gap. The program has given me the tools necessary to improve myself academically and experimentally.”

Shore House, a clubhouse where local community members with mental illness can learn new skills, develop new relationships, and explore new opportunities, also had students walk at the ceremony. Like those completing certificate programs, students from the non-profit Shore House learned valuable skills and tools they can use to find jobs or even start a business.

“The Continuing and Professional Studies division of Brookdale Community College helps to transform lives,” said Dr. Stout. “We thrive on making sure that you are succeeding.”

During the Awards and Recognition portion of the night, Dr. Stout and Dr. Joan Ali Scocco, dean of Continuing and Professional Studies at Brookdale, honored those who made the night so special to the College. Among those awarded were members of the Woman’s Exchange, celebrated for awarding scholarships that helped nineteen students this year complete their programs. In addition, Brookdale’s Office of Information Technology Joshua Berry and Moe Rahman were awarded the “Unsung Hero Award,” along with Events Specialist Nil Onder, for their incredible hard work at Brookdale behind the scenes.



■ Briann Ferguson



■ Small Business Development Center students celebrating completion through CPS



CULINARY BEST IN THE CLASS

Brookdale Community College recognized the top three students in the Culinary Class of 2022. The students are all willing to learn, have genuine passion, and are organized. The ability to skillfully multitask, creativity, and teamwork are just some of the skills they developed during their time at Brookdale.

The coveted Top of the Class Blue Cordon went to Erin Bruther. During the pandemic, she was a beacon of light in a challenging time dealing with educational dedication and focus. She welcomingly mentored, coached, and assisted others with her skills and abilities.

In addition to being a top chef in the kitchen, Bruther was a top student in the classroom and a member of Phi Theta Kappa. All around campus, she served as a volunteer and leader; and was the acting president of the Epicurean Club.

Hannah Cortese earned the second-place Culinary Excellence Award Red Cordon for her dedication to the craft, passion, and fantastic attitude.

Cortese had laser focus, worked tremendously clean and organized, and was serious about her job. She was always the first one to arrive for class. She wore a perfect uniform, was prepared with all the *mise en place*,

and always wanted to know how to improve the dish.

The White Cordon Award recognizes the third-place student of the graduating class. Danielle Valente earned this award; she spent countless hours volunteering and participating in the Epicurean Club, and has left an impression at the Culinary Education Center.

These three graduates recognized have the critical skills needed to be a chef, and Brookdale's Culinary Arts Program has given them the foundation of training they will need to launch their careers.

STUDENT EXCELLENCE



**TAIPHANE ORANGE
RISING STAR AWARD**

Taiphane Orange of Brookdale Community College was honored with the Rising Star Award at the New Jersey Business & Industry Association’s (NJBIA) 7th Annual Women Business Leaders Forum. She received this award with four other standouts at New Jersey colleges and universities because of her academic work, leadership, and community service.

Orange of Neptune, NJ, majoring in political science at Brookdale, would like to work for a nonprofit or community organization dedicated to helping people one day. She volunteered at Jersey Shore Medical Center, where she learned that she loves to help people.

At Brookdale, Orange has served alternately as vice president and secretary of the Black Student Union and a public relations associate responsible for the social media accounts of the school’s Educational Opportunity Fund Student Alliance.

Additionally, Orange served as a chair member of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, a student for Global Citizenship Distinction, and a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success at Brookdale.

“Tai is a fantastic student that continuously strives to engage in experiences that are challenging and promote her career readiness development,” said Brookdale’s Assistant Director of Career, Leadership & Transfer Pathways, William Kelly. “She has shown great

growth within her student employment position and actively participates in career development seminars and workshops. In addition, Tai is a valuable member of the Brookdale community and will without a doubt demonstrate continued success in her beyond Brookdale journey.”

“Brookdale found me. I was in the dual enrollment program at my high school and could easily continue my studies at Brookdale,” said Orange. “One of my professors told me, life should not be a straight line; it has curves that make you a better version of yourself. I have lots of curves in my life. While studying here at Brookdale, I am benefitting from those curves.” After Orange graduates in May 2022, she hopes to continue her studies at Monmouth University and make her mom proud.



KANE NAMED 2022 GUISTWHITE SCHOLAR AND COCA-COLA ACADEMIC GOLD SCHOLAR

Brookdale Community College honor student Cathleen Kane, who was named a 2022 Guistwhite Scholar and received a \$5,000 scholarship for baccalaureate studies. Fifteen winners were chosen among 2,700 applicants nationwide for academic excellence, leadership accomplishments, and engagement in Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) programs.

Additionally, in the USA All-State Academic Team competition, Kane was recognized as one of the top 50 PTK students in the country to receive the Gold Scholarship by the Coca-Cola Foundation. She received a \$1,500 scholarship and was selected for the 2022 New Jersey All-State Academic Team, facilitated by the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges.

While Kane was exceptionally involved at Brookdale as vice president of Leadership, Fellowship, and Communications of PTK and a Jersey Blue volleyball team member, her most rewarding experience was working at the People's Pantry in Asbury Park. Kane also participated with community organizations, such as the Clean Ocean Action and NJ Audubon Scudder Preserve.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing students' academic achievement at associate degree-granting colleges and helping them grow as scholars and leaders. The Society is made up of more than 3.5 million members and nearly 1,300 chapters in 11 nations, with approximately 240,000 active members in the nation's colleges.

LI RECEIVES BANKIER RESEARCH AWARD

Rebecca Li from Freehold, NJ, a social science major at Brookdale Community College and member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, received the first place award in the Bankier Library Research Award Contest for her history research paper *Social Inequalities: China's Hukou Registration System*.

This award recognizes her excellence and critical thinking in all stages of the research process, from topic and research question development to finding background sources. The paper also showed the use of the Bankier Library's resources and collections.

Fourteen works were cited in her paper. "I credit (History) Professor Daijuan Gao for my awareness of the paper's topic," said Li. "I thank her and Judi Ungar (Assistant Professor of Library) for encouraging and supporting me along the entire research process."

On the selection committee was Professor of Library Amy Clark, Professor of Library Valerie Bonilla, Professor of Psychology Beth Boylan, and Assistant Professor of English Cameron Mount. They unanimously agreed that Li's paper demonstrated research excellence.

The award will help Li pay expenses to continue her studies at Rutgers University in business analytics and information systems this fall.



STUDENT PRESIDENT DISCUSSES HOT TOPICS WITH THE GOVERNOR

In April, Governor Phil Murphy invited Student Government Association Presidents from colleges and universities across the state for a round table discussion to discuss the concerns and priorities of students on campuses across the state. Brookdale’s Dominic Sama was only one of two representing the nineteen New Jersey community colleges.

One of the prevailing subjects the student government leaders shared around the table is the need to prioritize mental health and resources for academic recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, they were promoting inclusivity and respect for every student, and some shared the need for support of specific programs like the arts.

Secretary of Higher Education Brian K. Bridges, Ph.D., joined the meeting and spoke about what the state plans to combat across college campuses. One topic discussed was putting a college

education within reach for more students.

Dominic said he spoke about the need for more mental health resources and the value of tuition-free community college. In the future, he would like to invite Governor Murphy to show him how the Community College Opportunity Grant (CCOG) program helps our students access opportunities and achieve their career goals and life dreams.

Sama said the round table consisted of various student majors. “I shared that my major is political science, and the student president who was sitting next to me is an engineering major. Which shows you that you do not have to be a political or business major. You can be whatever major you want as a student government leader, which allows you to get to know folks, grow undeniable connections, and learn how to lead.”



CAITLYN DOLAN WINS ASID DESIGN EXCELLENCE AWARD

The New Jersey Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) awarded Caitlyn Dolan of Brookdale Community College the Design Excellence Award (DEA) in the student Residential Space category.

The criteria, which varied from category to category, had one constant. Entrants in all the categories were judged on the “Positive impact on life and the human experience.”

Brookdale’s Dolan submitted a project completed in the Intro to Interior Design Class taught by Professor Celeste Chirichello. The assignment was to design a residence for a person with a disability. Dolan chose to design her space for a person with Parkinson’s Disease.

Considered sacred to many, birch trees are referred to as “the lady of the woods,” symbolizing regeneration, protection, resilience, and healing. This was the heart of the design inspiration for her residence.

The NJ Design Excellence awards reinforce the ASID commitment to demonstrating how design impacts lives.





■ Cathleen Kane and Daniella Mannarino

KANE AND MANNARINO NAMED TO ALL STATE ACADEMIC TEAM

The New Jersey Council of County Colleges (NJCCC) honored 38 students from the state's 19 Community Colleges for being named to the 2022 New Jersey All-State Academic Team for their outstanding academic achievements and exceptional service to their communities and colleges as members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the national honor society for Community Colleges.

"These students truly exemplify the true power of Community Colleges. The New Jersey All-State Academic Team members have worked incredibly hard to become the state's very best Community College students. They have remarkable stories and serve as an inspiration to all," said NJCCC President Aaron Fichtner, Ph.D.

"They have become leaders on their college campuses and have contributed to their communities in myriad ways," said NJCCC Chair Mary Zimmermann. "As we emerge from the

pandemic, New Jersey Community College students continue to prove their perseverance and achievement."

The 2022 New Jersey All-State Academic Team members from Brookdale Community College are **Daniella Mannarino and Cathleen Kane**.

Mannarino earned an Associate of Science in Hospitality Management and participated in the study abroad program to Italy. "Community college in New Jersey has changed my life by giving me the confidence to go for what I want academically and in my career," said Mannarino. "While in high school, I constantly second-guessed my decisions because I did not feel supported by those around me. When I got to Brookdale Community College, my professors and peers never showed doubt in my goals and encouraged me to excel even more at every opportunity presented to me."

Kane received an Associate of Arts in Education. "New Jersey's Community Colleges have gifted me with incredible professors who have pushed me beyond what I knew I was capable of, both academically and professionally," said Kane. "I have made some of my greatest friends with whom I have made memories I will forever cherish. Brookdale Community College introduced me to Phi Theta Kappa where I learned to not only grow as a scholar and leader, but PTK also showed me that even the smallest act of kindness and service can make a world of difference, something I will always carry with me. Finally, Brookdale Community College showed me that community college is not just a starting place, it is a place where you can find who you are truly meant to be!"

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT



LAUREN CONCAR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Lauren Concar Sheehy is truly a force to be reckoned at Brookdale Community College. Having been awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award during this year's commencement, she has been a part of the Brookdale community for decades now. She is not only a leader and a mentor to many, but someone who so perfectly defines what it means to be a modern-day Renaissance (wo)man. A dedicated filmmaker, crewmember, director, senior video production specialist and professional makeup artist are only a few of the titles she has held over the years - but to her, these titles are what make up any other ordinary day.

"I am a homegrown Brookdalian," Concar Sheehy mentions when asked about her interests in Brookdale, "my Brookdale family is still a part of my life today." Since day one of her college decision process, Concar Sheehy has always been dedicated to going to Brookdale. Having been interested in television, music videos, and other films since she was younger (an interest she says was inspired by "watching the "pictures" on Turner Classic with my grandmother), she first took TV classes at Old Bridge High School. For her, Brookdale's Communication program was the next step, paying for her classes herself.

During her time at Brookdale, she discovered an incredible internship opportunity with Cablevision, learning extensively under the guidance of David Garb. "I was able to build sets on my own, be out in the field on a

daily basis, learn more on how to direct live tv and work with on-air talent," she says in discussing this time. Concar Sheehy also freelanced at production companies, was hired by Chad Anderson as the Comm Media learning assistant, and worked with Dr. William Burns and Jennifer Sonatore Yannibelli. "We used reel to reel to slice audio, tape to tape for editing video, VHS then SVHS cameras," Sheehy said. "The ability to think on my feet and troubleshoot challenges with the equipment and software began here. This also put me in a different niche of the industry which led me to being hired for teaching one on one to clients and building production company video edit systems." All of these opportunities and jobs were soon beginning to influence not only Concar Sheehy's interests in various career paths, but also were contributing to her overall interest and morals in keeping communities close to you no matter where you go.

After obtaining her degree in Communications from Brookdale, Concar Sheehy worked at Bloomberg in NYC, editing the financial news in several languages, and freelanced at other companies. In 2009 she produced a video for Lunch Break with Peter Hogan and Brian Sheehy (her future husband). In all, however, Sheehy was working to break barriers in both the film and music industry - proving what it means to be a strong and empowered inspiration to many.

"Strong females have influenced my life from the beginning," she explained,



“and I am very thankful for those who inspired me and continue to inspire me today... While a student at Brookdale, I worked at an all-female production company, Lash Media and freelanced for several other media companies. These women were really helping me pave the way in not only developing my skills, but to also be able to think without thinking. I was the only chick camera operator for the Rolling Rock Concert Series because of these women - and soon enough too, I was the first female production manager leading the crew for fun gigs like Consumer Electronics week, pharmaceutical symposiums, and other productions.”

Nowadays, Lauren Concar Sheehy is the Executive Director of the Garden State Film and continues to work with Brookdale in creating many impressive opportunities for students and other communities within the College. Having learned about the Festival from Roger Conant, Concar Sheehy was a vital member of the team who brought the GSFF offices to Brookdale’s Lincroft campus. Having the connection to the campus has not only provided real world experience for the Brookdale film/tv/theater, and high school students, but allows for great networking and for Concar Sheehy, these opportunities are what continue to drive her in what she does. “Here

at Brookdale, community is our middle name. I figured everything out on my own and that is the reason I enjoy being able to provide career guidance for our students. Having a sense of community unites us. My work with the GSFF reaches a community global in scale and also touches the lives of our local community. I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

DR. THOMAS SHEA DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Dr. Thomas Shea was awarded the Distinguished Alumni award during this year’s commencement. After spending twenty years in the Long Branch Police Force, serving as a Marine Corps veteran, and working as an Assistant and Adjunct Professor for three separate universities, he is someone who understands the importance of perseverance, integrity, and determination. He is headstrong and determined, a leader not only to his family, but to the students and communities he has come across over the years. While it seems like he had his fair share of successes in life, he is not afraid to admit he has made a few mistakes along the way too. It is these mistakes that have led him to becoming the person he is today.

If there is anything that Dr. Shea wants people to know about what he stands for, the path to success is all about the



■ Dr. Thomas Shea received award from President Dr. David M. Stout

grind. For him, this was something that took quite a bit to learn. When he was eighteen, he was not sure of the path he should take. Graduating in the lower portion of his class, he had no clue or direction regarding his next steps. Not thinking that college was an option, he decided to enlist. "I enlisted in the Marines in the hopes that it would take me away from my friends who a lot of them ended up being drug addicts or alcoholics, or who wound up going to jail... There was this part of me that knew I had enough intelligence to do something different with my life, but I just did not know what that was at this time."

Dr. Shea was sent overseas to Kuwait, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia - seeing firsthand the brutality of war. Seeing how fragile life can be, he felt as if he instantly grew up overnight. "I was a nineteen-year-old witnessing death and destruction for the first time - and I was not even fully formed yet mentally and physically. But it was there that something really clicked. I began saying to myself, 'okay, you see how fast life can be taken away, it's time to take pride in your life.' I was a kid with no direction and being stationed triggered the discipline that I needed to do just that." He initially came back to the States with the plan of graduating from Brookdale and transferring to an Officer Training Candidate School after. However, he was activated for Desert Storm, deciding after that he was done with the military. It was time to do something different.

"I came back to the United States, started working a full-time job, and started attending night classes Monday through Thursday at Brookdale - my whole weekend was spent working

on papers and schoolwork." he says in discussing his time at Brookdale, sharing fond memories of Professor Gregg Higgin's class. "I was not a traditional student by any means. I have never been so tired - but I was there to just achieve that goal of getting a degree and doing something more with my life." Thankfully for him, the idea to also join the police force came shortly after.

"I felt like I was moving a million miles an hour during this time - I needed to keep moving, keep moving with that drive. I learned from a friend I made in Saudi Arabia that he joined the NYPD, and to me, it seemed fascinating. I joined the force in 1997 with Veteran's Preference... I got a 2 call to interview with the Long Branch Police Force and started the Police Academy shortly after." During this, Dr. Shea began seeing a huge change in how he approached life. He was witnessing firsthand human fallibility, emotion, and evilness - looking at vulnerability in ways he never imagined. These experiences led him on the path of developing a better understanding of people. He was becoming increasingly aware of issues of ethics and integrity within the force.

Soon enough, Dr. Shea started keeping a journal, logging different successes and failures of leadership within the department and complaints he learned from the community. This practice especially became important as he was promoted to Internal Affairs Commander. This journal also inspired him to write a handbook on better practices within policing and leadership, ***115 Proven Ways to Dramatically Improve Your Agency, Your Officers and Your Leadership***,

which was published in the summer of 2020. The observations present in the book act as guidance for those who want to create a positive change within their police department. Nowadays, Dr. Shea is the Program Director of the Police Graduate Studies Program at Seton Hall University.





BUSINESS IS LAUNCHED THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

New Jersey Small Business Development Center (NJSBDC) at Brookdale Community College, the City of Long Branch, and Create Labs came together to open its Long Branch Innovative Accelerator doors to the community. Aspiring entrepreneurs looking to re-skill or launch their small business pitched their ideas to a panel of judges at the Accelerator's opening event held in the fall of 2019. Ten winners were selected and received a scholarship to complete a vigorous Entrepreneurship Certification Program through the NJSBDC at Brookdale.

One of the pitch winners was Bryan Alintoff, a single dad, and his son Hayden from Middletown, NJ. Their idea for a product came about when Hayden needed a pitch for his 3rd-

grade class competition. One night, Hayden went upstairs to brush his teeth before bed. Bryan was tired and dreading the messy bathroom sink.

"After Hayden or I brush our teeth, we leave a complete mess behind," he said, "I thought if I could automatically get the water to circle the sink basin, instead of having to wipe it with my hand while I am brushing, I would not have to clean the sink every morning and every night any longer. So, I ran up the stairs and told Hayden the idea, and immediately he said we will call it the Sink Spinner."

With his family members, they formed a partnership and a business. They bought a 3D printer, created 3D models, tested them, and eventually had a functioning prototype.

Ten parts are needed to produce the Sink Spinner, and they were able to get bids on one of the parts to gauge which factory would manufacture all the parts. The first bid was from a company in the USA (United States of America), which quoted \$20,000 for the one part with one mold. The second bid was from a factory in China, which quoted \$1,900 for the one part with four molds. They found their company.

"We wanted the entire product to be made in the USA, but the price just was not competitive," said Alintoff.

Sink Spinner packaging is made in the USA through design company Catalpha who helped them with the structure and printing of the box, and the boxes are eco-friendly.

“Our packaging is beautiful,” said Alintoff. “When you open our packaging, it looks like it is sitting in a sink. We thought of everything from A-Z for our customer experience.”

“We get our parts from all over the world, but we assemble them right here in the USA, at my kitchen table,” said Alintoff.

When Alintoff started the accelerator program, he learned so much about business.

“Within this program, we bring in experts on business development, financing, and mentors,” said Dr. Jackeline Mejias-Fuertes, director of NJSBDC.

“We did everything from business plans to accounting, giving us a full quick overview of everything we were going to need,” said Alintoff.

“The classes were a couple of days a week at different times, and then we met separately. Just phenomenal. We learned things we did not know when starting a company, which none of us had ever done before. Having this program was a godsend.”

“We all remember the great presentation Bryan and his son did about their ‘Sink Spinner’ invention at the Long Branch version of Shark Tank,” said Brookdale’s Associate Vice President of Strategic Partnerships, Anita Voogt. “I was at Long Branch Day years later and who is one of the vendors – none other than Bryan under his Sink Spinner tent having made great strides in moving the company forward. It was a proud moment for all - I even purchased one and love it!”



**VALENTINO THOMPSON
HIRED AS SEMI PRO HEAD
COACH**

Two thousand thirteen alumni and member of Brookdale’s first-ever NJCAA Division III National Championship basketball team, Valentino (Neil) Thompson, was named head coach of the Atlantic City Seagulls. Only eight years after having quite a stack of accomplishments while playing for the Jersey Blues, he has followed his love of the game down the New Jersey coast.

In Thompson’s sophomore year at Brookdale Community College, he played point guard and helped his team to a 33-1 record. That year, the team won the NJCAA National and Regional Championships. He received the following: First Team NJCAA All-American honors; First Team All-National Tournament Team; First Team All-Region; NJCAA Region 19 Player of the Year; NJCAA Division III National Player of the Year; First Team All-GSAC; GSAC Player of the Week. He was also a member of the 2012 Dean’s List.





SHERIDAN O’HAEA FASHION TRAILBLAZER

“I had no idea that coming to Brookdale would impact my life the way it did,” said Sheridan O’Hea, Alumna 2018, from Matawan, NJ. “Flashback to 2016 as a senior in high school I was extremely overwhelmed by the thought of college. I did not know how I could possibly make such a big decision when I wasn’t sure about where I wanted to go or who I wanted to be.

I applied to so many schools at random while selecting majors that I was only somewhat interested. Eventually I made plans to move away from New Jersey and attend an out-of-state school with a major in psychology. Plot twist... I never attended. Instead, I took a semester off and used that time to consider my options. Ultimately, I realized that Brookdale is where I needed to be at that moment.

During the time of enrollment, I did not plan to pick a major right away. I figured being Undecided would be my safest option until I saw that they offered a Fashion Merchandising and Design Major! Seeing this brought me back to my 8-year-old self who was always drawing in my fashion notebook

and mending the holes in my siblings’ clothing. I trusted my intuition and enrolled as a fashion student. Looking back on that moment, it turns out that was the best decision I could have made.

I was so impressed by the variety of classes that were offered to Fashion Majors. As someone who was not exactly sure of what they wanted to do regarding the fashion industry, I had the opportunity to learn about visual merchandising, illustration, marketing, sewing, and much more.

Not only was the curriculum fantastic, but my instructors were incredibly knowledgeable about the industry from their own personal experiences. They did the best they could to set their students up for success, including taking us on trips to New York to visit museums and fashion schools, providing us with internship opportunities, setting up Q&A sessions with fashion designers and production assistants, and showcasing our work in fashion shows.

However, my favorite experience was studying abroad in London with an itinerary that was jam-packed with

unbelievable excursions. I still cannot believe that I was able to see Princess Diana’s dresses up close.

I was really thriving as a Brookdale student. I began developing my own personal projects that would overall improve the skills I needed to become a fashion designer. My first successful design was a dress I made for the 4th of July which had a strapless red and white striped top and a firework printed pleated skirt. At the time I was so proud of this dress, but it is always funny to look back on my early creations to see the amateur mistakes I was making.

During summer breaks I wanted to design and sew as much as possible. I had a Disney vacation planned and thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to make an outfit for. Instead of making one outfit for myself, I made matching outfits for everyone on the trip.

We caught a lot of attention walking through the parks in our ensembles and the social media posts caught even more attention. Before I knew it, I went viral on Reddit and blogs including PopSugar and Disney Babble

were publishing articles about me. As an aspiring fashion designer, this moment of publicity gave me the reassurance that I needed. I told myself that this was only the beginning.

As my time at Brookdale was coming to an end, I was feeling anxious. Not only did my time there go by so fast, but I had to face another college decision process yet again. Despite my emotions, I knew that I was more than prepared to move on. Within those 2 years I had accomplished so much that I could add to my resume and portfolio to take with me on my next journey.

By December 2018, I finished my program, packed my bags and my sewing machine, and moved to California to attend the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising in Spring of 2019.

At FIDM I found who I wanted to be as a fashion designer. I spent an entire term making an original dress for The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Collection. This was a program that only a handful of students were selected for.

My time spent in California was all fashion all the time, and I loved it.

I graduated from FIDM with my Bachelor's Degree in July of 2020. This was probably the worst year to graduate since finding a job was nearly impossible. I knew that my time would come, but in the meantime, I still needed to continue building my portfolio and to not let go of my dream.

Fortunately, many opportunities have come my way since then. The most exciting experiences I have had include contract sewing for Urban Outfitters and launching my own collection with SHEIN which is out now!

Also, I have found my way back to Brookdale as a Fashion Illustration instructor. I love being able to share my knowledge and recent experiences with my students. Words cannot describe how thrilling it is to be a part of their fashion journey. I hope I can inspire them as much as my instructors have inspired me.

5 Years ago, I made the decision to go to Brookdale, the rest is history."



JUDIT PAPP AWARD WINNING FILM DEBUT

Brookdale Alumna Judit Papp debuted her first film screening this year, a documentary film about spirituality from the Native American perspective.

"1" THE MESSAGE is a documentary film screened at 12 renowned national and international film festivals.

This documentary provides insight into the Native American spiritual world and philosophy of life. It is a collection of interviews with Native Americans from various tribes across the country.

The run time is 118 minutes, and the language is English.

It was the winner of the Bronze Award at the Spotlight Documentary Film Awards, received the Kudos Award at the Doctors Without Borders Film Festival, and reached the semi-finals in Sweden.

Judit holds an AA in Photography and AS in Humanity Service Addiction Studies from Brookdale Community College, where she was Phi Theta Kappa, Tau Upsilon Alpha, and Psi Beta. In addition, she holds a BA in Broadcasting and Film from Seton Hall University and an MA in Cinema and Media Studies from CUNY College of Staten Island.



MARIEL INGLIMA CHEF ON FOOD NETWORK

Brookdale Community College alumna Mariel Inglima, the owner of the private catering company Salt In The Water, LLC, was in action on *Battle of the Brothers* on the Food Network in August.

After completing her bachelor's degree in business marketing from Monmouth University, Inglima worked for a few years in the corporate world but always had a passion and desire to go to culinary school. So, after looking at a few options, she decided that the Brookdale Culinary Education Center in Asbury Park was the choice for her.

"Chef Anthony Eugenio and Chef Tim Lutcza stood out and served as mentors for me," Inglima said about her time at Brookdale. "Both teachers were heavily involved in helping their students learn as much as they could. They both gave me the tools to continue my journey into the culinary world after graduation."

Inglima continued, "I was able to take the business skills I learned at Monmouth University and the culinary skills I learned at Brookdale and apply them to owning my own business, which is something I always wanted."

Salt In The Water offers in-home weekly preparation of meals, on-site dinner party catering, as well as cooking classes and parties. "Being immersed in kitchens over the past few years has had a huge influence on my palette and inspired me to experiment with a wide range of flavors and ingredients," Inglima gushed.

In addition to running her own business, Inglima completed a culinary competition with Food Network called *Battle of the Brothers* with legendary chefs Michael and Bryan Voltaggio. The show was aired on Discovery Plus and the Food Network.



EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENT



DR. JACKELINE MEJIAS-FUERTES
- SBDC STATE STAR

Each year, America’s Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) celebrates the nationwide Network’s “State Stars.” These individuals are nominated by their peers and selected by their SBDC Network for their exemplary performance. Brookdale’s Director of Small Business and Development Center (Monmouth/Ocean SBDC), **Dr. Jackeline Mejias-Fuertes**, has been selected by her peers as America’s Small Business Development Center New Jersey State Star for 2021. She is the first Latina regional director awarded the State Star Award in the history of the NJSBDC Network.

This year, America’s SBDC celebrated the state stars that have been on the job throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, helping clients survive and thrive in the face of unprecedented challenges and uncertainties.

“The State Star Award is given out to an individual that has gone above and beyond to help small businesses in NJ,” said Kelly Brozyna-Manning, chief executive officer and state director

of NJSBDC at Rutgers University. “Another aspect of the award is being a mentor and a team player with others in our Network. Jackie has been a tremendous asset and has stepped up to help others for the betterment of our organization. We are thrilled that she won this award by peer review, and we are fortunate to have such an amazing person to work in the community helping others.”

Enthusiastically welcoming new challenges, Dr. Mejias-Fuertes’s work for NJSBDC involves formulating strategic solutions to client issues. In addition, she shares her knowledge, experience, and entrepreneurial spirit with the small business community in Monmouth and Ocean Counties to ensure they achieve their desired levels of success from business development, management, and maintaining their business for years to come.

Not new to receiving awards, under Dr. Mejias-Fuertes’s leadership, America’s SBDC at Brookdale Community College has been the

Silver Gull Economic Development Award recipient and the national pitch plan competition winner at America’s SBDC National Conference. She was instrumental in developing and producing the Award-Winning Video “Transforming a Problem into an Opportunity: Alumni to the Rescue.” In addition, she was the recipient of the first Women in Business Award presented by the Monmouth County Chamber of Commerce. Finally, she received the New Jersey Minority Achievers Award for her outstanding professional development and community involvement.

She holds a BA from Hunter College, an Entrepreneurship Certificate from Brookdale Community College, an MBA from Ashford University specializing in entrepreneurship and a Doctorate in Management from the University of Maryland.

Since 1979, the Monmouth/Ocean Small Business Development Center at Brookdale Community College offers training and counseling for small business owners and entrepreneurs.



BARRINGER AWARDS OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

At Brookdale Community College's Spring Convocation, the Alumni Association recognized three individuals with the Barringer Award for their service to students, the institution, and their respective communities. The award, named in honor of former college president Dr. Bob Barringer, is the Alumni Association's most prestigious honor.

This year's honorees are Deborah Almeida, manager, Accounts Payable; Synde Kaufman administrator, English as a Second Language (ESL); and Oly Malpica-Proctor assistant department chair, Math Department.

All three honorees epitomize the quality of excellence in education. They have helped inspire and encourage generations of Brookdale students to persevere in pursuing their academic and professional goals. In addition, these individuals have made a difference in the Brookdale community and beyond in countless ways.

Synde Kaufman began her career at Brookdale in 2003 when she was hired as an adjunct to teach a 7-week course. In 2013 she became a full-time ESL Administrator. Her significant accomplishments include being the Chair of the New Jersey ESL Administrators' Council, collaborating with Adult Basic Education to provide a Bridge to Brookdale program, and being a member of the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages NJTESOL.

Always going above and beyond in her role as ESL Administrator, she has received the Outstanding Adjunct Award (2012-13), Outstanding Administrator Award (2018-19), and Global Citizenship Project Award (2019-20). In addition, she earned two Brookdale Innovation Grants (BIG) Awards (2014 & 2018), led the Helping Hands Initiative that began in 2015, and, most recently, became a Mental Health First Aider (2022).

She has served on several committees, the Brookdale Community College Student Experience, International Educational Advisory Committee, Diversity Council, Global Citizenship Project, UndocuAlly (Co-creator), and Chair of Student Basic Needs.

As a first-generation college student, Synde said, "I plan to continue to advocate for students to make sure that all students feel welcome, safe, and secure here. Additionally, to help the students go from here to there as I did when I started in community college all those years ago."

Oly Malpica-Proctor started her career at Brookdale in 1994. She was nominated for the Barringer Award by the entire Math Department, where she has served for six years. As assistant department chair, she provides support to over 100 adjuncts. She coordinates workshops and teaching circles to increase their involvement in the department. She expanded services

in the Math Lab, updated processes to provide accommodations for students with special needs, chaired the last two Math Program reviews, and worked closely with the Teaching & Learning Center (TLC) to provide Canvas support to the STEM Institute and the College. In addition, she has chaired a variety of Math Curriculum committees.

A champion of the transportation solution here at Brookdale, Oly pursued the issue through Governance, where she served as Co-Chair of College Life. Her initiative and years of dedication led to new bus routes this year.

Oly is currently on transitional sabbatical to develop an Open Educational Resource (OER) for Math 151, a highly enrolled math class.

“I am very honored and humbled to be facing the ranks of those who have been past Barringer award recipients,” Oly said. “The mission of the Math department is always going to be very close to my heart.”

As a Brookdale Community College Alumna, Debbie Almeida is a long-time loyal member of the Brookdale family. She started her career at Brookdale in 2002 and has worked in the Finance department since 2003.

Debbie’s leadership service to the College expands far beyond her job responsibilities. She has served in several roles while participating in the Collegiate Governance system, including Chair and Vice-Chair of Professional Development Committee, Vice-Chair of Governance, and in 2013 a mid-year move to the Chair of Governance. Currently, she is

the Membership Coordinator for Steering, a member of the College Life Committee, and co-chair for the Administrators Professional Development Sub-Committee.

Proving to be a steadfast leader, a dedicated volunteer, and an outstanding colleague, Debbie was instrumental in authoring Standard VII for the Middle States Accreditation self-study process. She also volunteers to assist with the Brookdale Foundation’s annual golf outing, the scholarship ball, and other College-wide affairs such as graduation, new student orientation, and athletic events. In addition, she co-chairs the Brookdale Employee Volunteer Connection’s initiatives and volunteers monthly at the Helping Hands mobile food truck, among other projects, which is why Debbie received the Outstanding Administrator Award in 2017.

Debbie expressed her excitement at receiving the award and her gratitude to the audience she said was like her extended family, “In my 18 plus years at Brookdale, I have met some wonderful people and made great friends.”

SHEILA DUANE AUTHORED A PLAY PERFORMED AT THEATER ROW NYC

English Adjunct instructor Sheila Duane authored a play, *The Palmist*, which was selected as part of the Downtown Urban Arts Festival in New York City (DUAF) and was performed in June at Theater Row, 410 W 42nd Street, New York, NY. In addition, Theater Professor John Bukovec and Brookdale Alumni Brian Nowak and Sophia Perola were actors in this production.

Duane is a three-time participant in the DUAF as a playwright and director. Her plays *Restoration Parts* (2020), *The Loom* (2021), and *The Palmist* (2022) earned full productions as part of the DUAF.

She holds a BA from the University of New Mexico, an MA from Monmouth University, and an MA from Rutgers University.

Her affiliations are with the Dramatist Guild, Playwrights Center, National Council of Teachers of English, and National Organization for Women.





PROFESSOR LAURA MCCULLOUGH PUBLISHES 8TH POETRY BOOK

Laura McCullough, professor of English at Brookdale Community College, had her eighth book of poetry, *Women & Other Hostages*, published by Black Lawrence Press. “These are riveting, wholly moving narratives of a life lived,” said Suzanne Frischkorn, poet, editor, and author of seven poetry collections. “Out of sorrow, McCullough invokes a stunning grace where ‘what is stripped from you’ becomes a gift because ‘what’s left behind is all your own.’ This beautiful book will knock loose what is lodged in your heart.”

In McCullough’s recent two books, she finds passage through the darkest times. Billy Collins selected her seventh book, *The Wild Night Dress*, as a finalist for the 2017 Miller Williams Poetry Prize. This book was written after she lost, in short order, her mother and her marriage. “Through her near unbearable grief, she creates poems that slip between science and nature as she grasps at coordinates in a world spun out of its orbit,” said The University of Arkansas Press. “McCullough brings readers to the mystery of surrender, and the paradox that what we bear can make us more beautiful, that there is a gift in grief.”

The gift of grief has made McCullough a better, more compassionate teacher. “I began to change my curriculum to be much more sensitive to the invisible trauma and suffering in people’s lives and what my students might be facing,” she said. “I transmuted my pain into compassion, and my curriculum in the English department now is based on trauma-informed, whole student-directed, wellness enhancing curriculum infused into English classes.” When COVID hit, this curriculum turned out to be precisely

on target.

McCullough has her MFA (Master of Fine Arts Degree) in fiction from Goddard College. She did not think of herself as a poet but did study as an undergraduate with Stephen Dunn, a Pulitzer Prize and Academy Award-winning American poet. He continued to be her mentor and friend until his recent death, and he was the first writer she brought to Brookdale when she founded the Visiting Writers Series (VWS). In addition to her own creative work, McCullough has edited two anthologies for University Presses, one on her mentor, and *The Room and the World: Essays on Stephen Dunn* (Syracuse University Press) and a socially and politically relevant one, *A Sense of Regard: Essays on Poetry and Race* (University of Georgia Press).

Born and raised in New Jersey, McCullough’s first poem was called *Pump Your Own Gas*. “And literally, included in it was the issue of pumping your gas on the Garden State Parkway,” she said. “It was instantly taken, and somehow that thrust me toward becoming a poet,” and in 2009, her first book was taken. Between then and now, there have been eight full length collections published by independent and university presses, four chap books, and the two university press anthologies. Three of McCullough’s books are on the Jersey Shore, and two are “very located” in Asbury Park. *Women & Other Hostages* has several poems located on Cookman Avenue and the restaurant Porta. Her book *Jersey Mercy* is all about growing up in Eatontown, Long Branch, Red Bank, and Asbury Park; though she did not personally grow up there, her

poems draw on her own girlhood, the Jersey Shore life, and people she had known and loved here, yet, she says, “The Jersey Shore itself is the main character.” Her book *Panic* is about the Jersey Shore and was McCullough’s response to 9-11.

Usually, McCullough is working on multiple writing projects and manuscripts at a time and is always simultaneously writing and reading. She said she usually reads 4-5 books simultaneously, and she is constantly researching. “I read voraciously,” she said.

“Sometimes someone will ask to me explain one of my own poems,” McCullough said, “And I say no, if I could explain it, I would have written an essay instead of a poem. The poem is an attempt to bridge the intellectual, the linguistic, the spiritual, and head and the heart to be a meaning-making artifact that cannot exactly be quantified or broken down into components.”

In addition to the VWS, McCullough was the founder of the Creative Writing Program at Brookdale and currently teaches ENG 121 English Composition: the writing process, ENG 122 English Composition: Writing and Research, as well as Creative Writing and Fiction Workshops.





EMERITUS EMPLOYEES

Brookdale Community College has a reputation of educational excellence that has been built by the hard work and dedication of outstanding employees over the past five decades.

The following distinguished retired employees have served the Brookdale community with honor distinction for more than 25 years. Their contributions helped establish Brookdale Community College as one of the finest community colleges in the country.

“The title of Emeritus is the most esteem title that Brookdale can bestow upon a former employee,” said President Dr. David M. Stout. “The Trustees of Brookdale Community College recognize the 2021-22 class of Emeritus employees who will have their names inscribed and housed in the Bankier Library as a permanent tribute to their enduring influence at Brookdale.”

Professors Emeritus

Barbara Gonos
Floresta D. Jones
Ronald Sopenoff
Sally Sorrell
William Templeton
Michael Toomey

Administrators Emeritus

Sue Desiderato
Jaqueline Kugit
Maris Lown
Paul Zigo

Staff Emeritus

Ruben Guerra

Posthumous Recognition

Duncan Circle/Administrator Emeritus
Alice Dressner-Ehrlich/ Professor Emeritus





DISTINCTIONS IN THE ARTS

SOUL SHOT PORTRAIT PROJECT

“Souls Shot Portrait Project is an exhibition of portraits created by fine artists paired with families or friends of victims of gun violence. The portraits created by the artists have the unique ability to call out the souls and profoundly affect those who see them.” – Laura Madeleine, founder, and director of Souls Shot Portrait Project.

Brookdale Community College Center for Visual Arts Gallery (CVA) hosted the Souls Shot Portrait Project September 8th through October 1st.

The mission of The Souls Shot Portrait Project is to bring attention to and memorialize the lives lost and their families’ lives tragically altered due to gun violence. Too many times, those killed by violent means are remembered by the catastrophe of their final days. This project seeks to bring back the positive memories of those same individuals. “Our participating families and friends of victims of gun violence have been extremely kind and open in allowing us to portray their loved ones in our exhibitions,” said Madeleine. “Our project began in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 2016, and our exhibitions have featured talented, generous artists throughout the years.”

“This is my third year as a contributing artist with Souls Shot,” said Warren Keyser. “The size of the painting gives a sense of intimacy to the portrait. Messiah’s gesture, both hands raised with 4 fingers each, represents his basketball jersey number. The lines of the bricks on the walls trailing into empty space represent a lifetime of

potential ended too soon.”

“I would just like to write that losing him has left me shattered in a million pieces, that I love him and miss him deeply. Life is not the same without him here,” said Messiah’s mother.

“When exhibited locally to where the portrait subjects lived, the exhibition becomes part of a healing ceremony for their families and friends,” said Marie Maber, Professor of Art at Brookdale Community College, and coordinator of the Center for Visual Arts Gallery. “Friends of the individuals honored in each portrait have a chance to share memories and further support the families of those whose lives have been lost. Receiving a portrait can be a positive component of the healing process. Having this exhibition at Brookdale’s CVA Gallery will enable our Fine Arts Students to learn about the process of creating visual art through empathy. Our wider community will become aware of the role of the Souls Shot Portrait Project as it extends its outreach from Suburban Philadelphia to New Jersey.”

Artists In the Exhibition

Elisa Abeloff, Tim Barton, Mary Brady Begnardi, Nancy Mulloy Bonn, Maryanne Buschini, Rhona Candeloro, Jennifer Coburn, Mercedes Delaguardia, Rusty Eveland, Linnie Kerrigan Greenberg, Helene Halstuch, Christopher Hardgrove, Ann Price Hartzell, Garth Herrick, Rebecca Hoenig, Melissa Joseph, Hilda Kaufman, Warren Keyser, Guy M. Kiernan, Anna Kocher, Janine Lieberman, Marie Naples Maber,

Chenoa McDonald, Laura Madeleine, Helen Mangelsdort, Elisa Markoff, Nancy Bea Miller, Nathalie Miller, Jeannie Moberly, Laurie Lamont Murry, Laura Orfanelli, Marta Rose, Karen Ruggles, Celeste Schor, B. Douglas Smith, Caroline Stoughton, June Terrell, Wint M. Thu, Lauren Vargas, Juliette Watts, Keisha Whatley, Ruth Wolf, Julie Zahn



**ALL SHOOK UP
- SOLD OUT EVENT**

It was a musical featuring Elvis Presley’s most famous singles, such as *Heartbreak Hotel* and *Don’t Be Cruel*. Set in 1955, the plot infused the music of Presley into a story inspired by Shakespeare’s *Twelfth Night*.

This collaboration of departed icons was sold out for three weekends from April 8 through April 24 at the Performing Arts Center.

All Shook Up follows a small Midwestern town that is thrown into a frenzy with the arrival of Chad, a good-looking, motorcycle-riding roustabout. He rides from town to town with a guitar on his back, blue suede shoes on his feet, and a song in his heart. Repressed by their conservative mayor, the town comes alive under Chad’s influence once more. Lovers meet, woo, pursue, and more in one zany night that will change the town forever. *All Shook Up* was a rocking, heartwarming tale about following dreams, opening up to love, and the power of music.





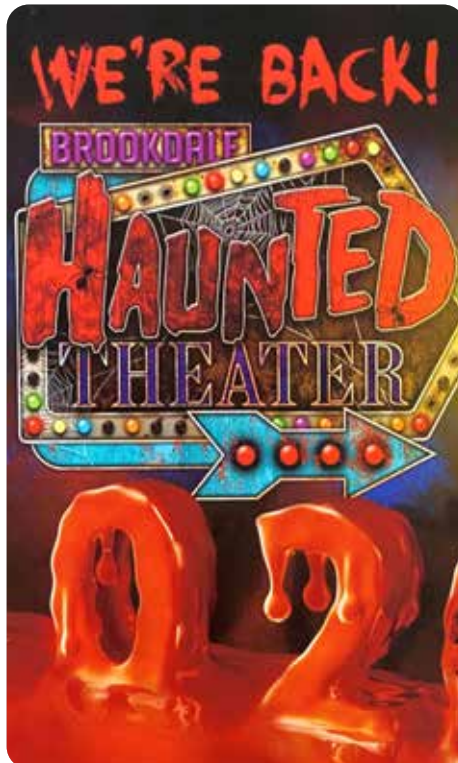
THE WORLD WALK WITH ARTIST TOM TURCICH

The Brookdale Graphic Design department and the Global Citizen Project hosted the Center for the Visual Arts Gallery (CVA) art exhibit “The World Walk” by Tom Turcich. The exhibit featured the photography of Turcich documenting his 7-plus year walk around the world with his dog Savannah.

The exhibit ran for four weeks beginning on January 17th, and a virtual reception and Q & A with the artist was held on February 10th.

Over the better part of the past decade, Tom’s tale has gained a viral following. Most recently of note, he appeared on the Netflix television show “Worn Stories.” However, his desire to begin this undertaking was not born from the pursuit of fame, rather, it was quite the contrary. Tom’s decision to set off on this journey was spurred by the sudden passing of his close friend Annmarie. In this moment of darkness, he realized the ephemeral nature of existence; it became clear that he wanted to dedicate the next chapter of his life to see the world and all the culture it had to offer.

His journey began as an open-ended tale in search of finding more. Nevertheless, his photos and words have been woven together over the years to form a scrapbook of global culture. In that manner, Tom’s narrative now reflects Brookdale’s Global Citizens Project’s theme this year by literally and figuratively transcending borders and division. Even at a glance, it becomes clear that his experiences across the globe are ones filled with overwhelming amounts of love and positivity.



HAUNTED THEATER SOLD OUT

Voted #1, Top Overall Attraction for three years in a row by NJ Haunted Houses and ranked top three scariest haunted houses on ScareFactor, Brookdale’s Haunted Theater was BACK and sold out several performances. Closed last year due to Covid-19, the students of Brookdale created the scariest ever for 2021!

Celebrating 18 years of scares, this 20-minute indoor walking tour is a terrifying trip through interconnected mazes with frights and terror around every corner. Haunted by creatures, phobias, and images ripped from your worst nightmares.

The Brookdale Performing Arts Center Haunted Theater runs for the last three weekends in October.

PROMOTING COMMUNITY SUCCESS

CAROLINE HUBER HOLISTIC WELLNESS CENTER

REVEAL OF THE CAROLINE HUBER
HOLISTIC WELLNESS CENTER

Celebrating a new wellness center coming to the campus of Brookdale Community College at a Reveal Ceremony were over 150 friends and wellness center partners from across the community who viewed the artist renderings for the Center and met the newly appointed Director Dinneen Jackson.

Propelling the wellness center forward was a generous bequest from Caroline Huber. In addition, a \$150,000 Caroline Huber Memorial Scholarship Fund was established for students of financial need in the Humanities program.

“We have been dreaming of the day we can have a wellness center on campus and are grateful for the generous donation bequeathed by Caroline Huber to make our vision a reality and scholarships for our students possible,” said David M. Stout, Ph.D., president of Brookdale Community College. “With mental health concerns escalating, this donation gives us the ability to face the needs of our community and ensure that we are putting the health and safety of our students at the top of our priority list.”

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, President Stout announced that the wellness center will be named the **Caroline Huber Holistic Wellness Center**. “Dedicating the center to her legacy and everything that she hoped for we hope to bring to this wellness center.”

“Many of our partners are in the room

with us today,” Stout continued. “We would not be able to do this if not for your commitment to joining us in partnership with the wellness center.”

Sam Huber, Caroline’s son, said his mother was always incredibly involved in the community and wanted to contribute something significant to it.

“My mother knew she wanted to support Brookdale because she always loved Brookdale, she taught at Brookdale, had taken classes at Brookdale, and has watched it grow over the years,” Huber said. “She understood there were many parts to wellness and community. She always said, ‘so you are doing great work, tell me who your partners are.’”

Many of Caroline’s friends and partners in the community were in attendance. “Thank you all for being here and making this a reality, it is an honor to my mother, and our family appreciates it,” Huber said.

Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners Director Thomas A. Arnone, Deputy Director Susan M. Kiley, and Commissioner Ross F. Licitra gave remarks about the new Center. They commended Brookdale Community College for its continuing innovation, development, and dedication to the student body of our community.

“You need to get closer and closer to the people who need help,” said Kiley. “That is exactly what will happen at Brookdale because you have so many trusted advisors here on campus and

a diversity of people who may have needs. This is tremendous for the school and says a lot about Brookdale Community College.”

“Public-Private Partnerships are the way to go,” said Arnone. “Post pandemic, programs like this one are a true sign of Monmouth County moving forward. I am looking forward to the space and everything you are going to accomplish with all your partners.”

Brookdale student Belinda Asamoah, a nursing and creative writing major, and vice president of Wellness for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society, was a student member of the strategic planning and selection committee for the wellness center director.

“I know that the wellness center will embody every characteristic that the committee had,” said Asamoah. “It will be diverse and welcoming to all people. I know it will be very patient with students. As a student, I know that the Center will be a place to recharge, destress, and grow.”

President Stout introduced Director Dinneen Jackson of the Wellness Center. “One of the important things we had to do was identify a director that was going to be the future of our wellness center, and we were so fortunate that we had a star step forward.”

Jackson received her AA in Business and Education from Brookdale Community College, her BA in Urban Studies from Rutgers University, and her MA in Integrative Holistic



Health Studies from Georgian Court University. In addition, she is a National Board-Certified Health and Wellness Coach (NBC-HWC), a Certified Mental Health First Aider, and Reiki Master.

Jackson's expectations for the Wellness Center mirror the mission of the Center: To connect students, employees, and community members to campus resources and local partners that will support basic needs, enhance individual and community wellness, and promote social justice.

Jackson read a letter from Senator Cory Booker, who extended his congratulations on behalf of the state. Acknowledging that the Caroline Huber Holistic Wellness Center will enhance the quality and accessibility of essential services, he said, "I commend Brookdale Community College for its commitment to prioritizing and improving the overall wellbeing of its entire population."

Jackson and the committee turned over large boards at the front of the room as they began to reveal aspects of the wellness center.

Designed by the College Relations Department, everyone admired the logo as it was being revealed. Jackson explained that the logo colors represent the seven chakras of the body's energy system and the seven dimensions of wellness, which will be the focus when designing the center's programming planned to roll out starting in September.

Lastly revealed were the magnificent renderings of the reception area, the multi-functional space (for physical activity, presentations, or just quiet time for people), and the nutrition center.



WELLNESS CENTER SPEAKER DR. GRETCHEN SCHMELZER

Gretchen Schmelzer, Ph.D., presented *Emergence from Covid: Wellness, Healing and Resilience* in person at Brookdale Community College and virtually on Zoom.

As a therapist and trauma survivor, Dr. Schmelzer told the audience that sometimes what feels like a significant setback is an unexpected, difficult step forward.

Schmelzer authored *Journey Through Trauma* specifically for trauma survivors to help them understand the terrain of the healing process and stay on the path. The book provides a map to guide you through that process, notes

where the hard parts show up, and how to persevere in getting well. In addition, it supplies excellent support for survivors and their loved ones through one of the most challenging but necessary processes of healing that anyone can face.

The presentation was an honest conversation about exhaustion and the reset and repair necessary for self-care and collective well-being. Schmelzer recommends that we "look for what's growing." Focusing on those things can provide encouragement and motivation to take the next step.



OPTIMIZING OPERATIONS



NEW POLICE OFFICERS JOIN BROOKDALE

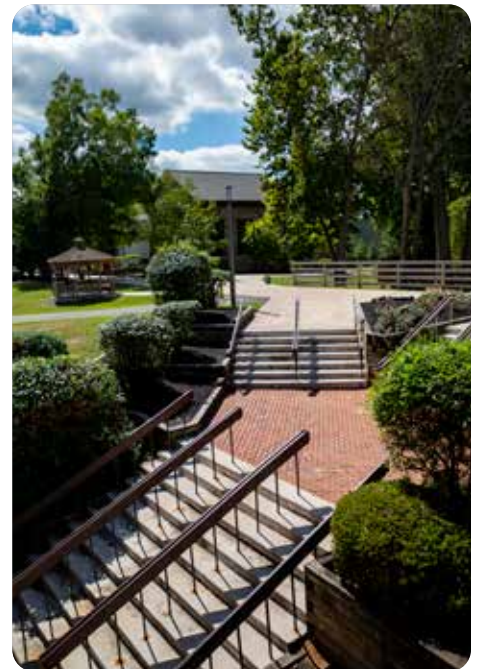
Two officers joined the ranks of the Brookdale Community College police force this year: Haaris Ahmad and Matthew Esposito. The officers took their oath at a swearing-in ceremony officiated by Brookdale Community College Vice President Dr. Matthew Reed.

“We are very community-oriented at Brookdale,” said Dr. Reed. “Where being a police officer is widely respected and appreciated.”

Ahmad and Esposito were commissioned to be campus probationary police officers at Brookdale.

“This is a safe community and our relations within the community are tremendous,” said Brookdale Police Chief Robert Kimler. “It is important that we find the right people that will connect with our community. We are glad you are here to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students, employees and visitors.”

Photo: Haaris Ahmad, Matthew Esposito, Robert Kimler, Michael Halpin, Anthony Ceglie, Nicolette Caprio, Cotton Hilbert.





ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



CROSS COUNTRY FINISHES 9TH IN THE NATION NJCAA & GSAC DIVISION CHAMPS THEODORE PURDON, ALL AMERICAN, ATHLETE OF THE YEAR MICHAEL TURSI, COACH OF THE YEAR

The Brookdale Community College men's cross-country team finished their season 9th in the nation. Standout freshman Theodore Purdon finished 7th in the nation at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Championship meet held at the Georgia Military College in Milledgeville, Georgia.

Brookdale qualified for nationals after winning their first regional championship in 39 years. Coach Michael Tursi was also honored as NJCAA Region XIX **Coach of the Year**.

At the National Championship, the top 15 runners received All-American status for outstanding performances.

Theodore Purdon, Little Silver, NJ, placing seventh overall in a time of 27:04 to earn **All-American** status. Purdon collected **NJCAA All-Region** honors and is the first runner from Brookdale to receive **NJCAA Division III National Athlete of the Year**.

Competing in the women's cross-country race, freshman Kristin Daly from Middletown qualified for nationals and completed her 5K by placing 84th in a time of 28:33, ending her season

with one of her best times.

In addition to the team finishing in the top ten in the nation, they are the NJCAA Region XIX Division III Men's Team Champions and Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Division III Men's Team Champions. Receiving individual Men's All-GSAC honors are #1 Teddy Purdon, #5 Mike Puzo, #6 Josh Seba, and #7 Connor Scott.



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**CHRISTIAN BAUMAN
ALL AMERICAN
RAWLINGS GOLD GLOVE
NJCAA AND GSAC
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

Brookdale Jersey Blues standout Christian Bauman has had a prolific freshman career. His many awards include a Gold Glove from Rawlings/American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) for his stellar performance in the outfield. Determined by the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III Baseball Committee, only eight others in the country received this award.

Playing an outstanding season, he earned a spot on the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings All-American first team. In addition, he received the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-American honors, Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC), and

NJCAA Region XIX 2022 Player of the Year awards. This exceptional outfielder was also named to the 2022 NJCAA All-Region and All-GSAC First Teams.

Bauman was a strong, reliable, and consistent force for the Jersey Blues this year with superb stats. In his 54 games played, Bauman finished with a .372 batting average, 13 home runs, 69 runs batted in (RBIs), 62 runs, nine stolen bases, and a .989 in fielding.

For next year, Bauman committed to play in the Athletic Baseball Confederation Collegiate League at Radford University in Radford, Virginia.



**TROTTA AND COULAHAN
2ND TEAM ALL AMERICAN**

Sophomore forward Jada Trotta and freshman defender Paige Coulahan were named to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III All-American second team.

Trotta's tallied stats for 2021 include 20 goals, four assists, and three game-winning goals. In the national championship, Trotta also came through with a game-winning penalty kick against Genesee Community College.

Coulahan, known for her resilience in defending the backfield, was untouchable this season and made quite a mark on her opposing teams. Adding to her grit as a midfielder and holding her spot, she scored the first game-winning penalty kick in one of the national championships, scored a regular-season goal, and had three assists.



EMMA BENNETT 1ST TEAM ALL AMERICAN NEW JERSEY'S FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

Women's Soccer freshman goalkeeper Emma Bennett has earned several accolades in her two years as a Jersey Blue. For the second year, Bennett was selected to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American first team. This year, she was named New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJIAIW) Female Athlete of the Year.

During the 2021 season, Bennett combined for 116 saves and five shutouts and only allowed for 16 goals in the 13 games. Bennett also earned Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Player of the Week, NJCAA First Team All-Region XIX, First Team All-GSAC, and was named to the NJCAA Division III All-Tournament Team.



WOMEN'S SOCCER TOP FOUR IN THE COUNTRY

The Jersey Blues women's soccer team finished the 2021 season with a Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Championship title, National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIX District East A Championship in the semifinals of the NJCAA Division III national championship tournament finishing fourth in the country.

As a follow-up to an already successful year, freshman goalkeeper Emma Bennett and freshman defender Paige Coulahan were named to the NJCAA All-Tournament Team.

Bennett was an absolute clutch in the net throughout the national tournament. In game one versus the #4 ranked Genesee Community College Cougars, she captured 19 saves, including her three crucial game-winning saves during the sudden death penalty kicks. As a result, Brookdale grabbed the 5-4 win and advanced to the second round against #1 ranked Delta College. In game two against the Delta Pioneers, Brookdale played a defensive game, with Bennett grabbing 16 stellar saves.

Paige Coulahan's strong midfield presence was key throughout the tournament and the Jersey Blues season. Coulahan's view of the game, her speed, powerful foot, and loyalty to the backfield have been everything in each game. For example, in the first game versus Genesee CC, which lasted 110 minutes (about 2 hours), Coulahan stepped up and took the dreaded first sudden victory penalty kick of the seven taken, which was a success and created momentum for the following six penalty kicks for the team's win. Freshman defender Lianna Quezada, freshman forward Samantha Coleman, sophomore forward Jada Trotta, and freshman defender Hailey Kret all found the back of the net from the penalty spot to secure the victory.

Leading up to the tournament, the Brookdale Women's Soccer team earned a bid to the national tournament after claiming the Region XIX District East A title with a 6-0 victory over Camden County College. Awarded Defensive Player of the Game was Coulahan, and Offensive Player of the Game went to Jada Trotta, who scored four goals.

MEN'S BASKETBALL- PAUL CISEKI GSAC COACH OF YEAR UPSTATE NY HALL OF FAME

Jersey Blues men's head basketball coach, Paul Cisek, received his eleventh Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Coach of the Year Award for the 2021-2022 season following a 16-4 conference (23-5 overall) record. In addition, Cisek was one of 14 members inducted into the Upstate New York Basketball Hall of Fame on Sunday, October 24th, 2021, for its 13th induction ceremony. Hall of Fame founder and executive director Rene LaRoux commented, "we recognize players, coaches, writers, and others who have contributed to the basketball community. We don't look at points or scores. Inductions are based on a body of work, the legacy of a good person."

Coach Cisek, a native of Amsterdam, NY, began his coaching career at Monmouth College for the 1987-88 season and as a graduate assistant coach at Wagner College in 1988-89. Before Monmouth, Cisek coached for three years, 1984-1987, at Paul Smith's Junior College in Paul Smith, N.Y., compiling a 62-24 record, where he also served as Director of Student Activities. He was named Mid-East Region III Coach of the Year in 1986-87. Cisek also served as an assistant coach at Potsdam State University and Oswego State. Cisek graduated from the State University of New York at Oswego. Cisek was a talented baseball player and played in a premier summer league run by the St. Louis Cardinals.

Cisek is currently in his 31st year as the head coach for Brookdale. He has coached National Players of the Year, All-Americans, All-Region and Conference players throughout his career. Cisek guided the 2013 team to his first-ever national championship with a 33-1 record that season.

In December of the 2017-2018 season, Cisek cranked out his 500th career win as a Jersey Blue and notched a second national championship with a first-ever perfect 34-0 season. He is the longest tenured coach in Region XIX which is made up of 32 colleges and has been named National Coach of the Year in 2013, the Gary Cole Coach of the national tournament in 2018, and Region Coach of the Year six times. Cisek has had fourteen 20 plus win seasons, three 30-win seasons, six national tournament appearances, won six regional titles, and 11 conference championships.

- » GSAC Player of the Week - 11 Student Athletes
- » All-GSAC Athletic Honors - 23 Student Athletes
- » All-Region 19 Athletic Honors - 20 Student Athletes
- » Region 19 All-Academic Team, maintaining a GPA of 3.25 or higher - 50 Student Athletes
- » Garden State Athletic Conference All-Academic Team, maintaining a GPA of 3.00 or higher - 66 Student Athletes
- » 116 Total Academic Honors
- » 3 NJCAA All- Americans
- » Cross Country - Region 19 Champions, Garden State Athletic Conference Champions
- » Men's Soccer - Region 19 Tournament Finalists
- » Women's Soccer - GSAC Champions, Region 19 District East A Champions, NJCAA National Championship Tournament Final Four
- » Women's Basketball - Region 19 Tournament Finalists
- » Men's Basketball - GSAC Champions, Region 19 Tournament Finalists
- » Baseball - Finished 3rd in the Final Four Tournament
- » Softball - GSAC Champions, Region 19 North Atlantic A Championships, NJCAA 3rd Place Finish in National Championship Tournament



MEN'S BASKETBALL EARN CONFERENCE TITLE

The Jersey Blues Men's Basketball Team was awarded the 2021-2022 Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Championship title.

The title was sealed after the February 22nd, 87-81, win over the Atlantic Cape Community College Buccaneers in the quarter finals of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIX tournament. Brookdale and Atlantic Cape were tied for the conference title at the finish of the regular season.

Three Jersey Blues men's basketball teammates have been named to first, second, and third All-GSAC teams for the 2021-2022 season.

First team selection, freshman guard, Kevin Mateo of Hackensack, NJ, made 27 game appearances with 17.1 average points per game (462 total), 110 total rebounds, 111 assists, 68 steals, and shot 83% from the free throw line.

Second team selection, sophomore forward, Fres Cabrera of Perth Amboy, NJ, tallied 17.6 points, and 9.8 rebounds per game, with 52 assists, and 33 steals. Cabrera is a Physical Education major at Brookdale Community College and was awarded Student Athlete of the Month.

Third team selection, freshman forward, Niles Halliburton of Matawan, NJ, appeared in 27 games, averaged 10.7 points per game (289 total), 6.6 rebounds (179 total), 44 assists, and 19 steals.



NIL ONDER COACH OF THE YEAR

Nil Onder, Brookdale Community College alumna and head coach for the Brookdale Jersey Blues Women's Soccer Team, was named Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Coach of the Year, National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) East District Coach of the Year, and United Soccer Coaches Women's East Region Staff of the Year.

Onder has been passionate about soccer since she started as a student at Brookdale. "Brookdale was a great choice for me because I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life or what I wanted to focus my studies on," she said. "Just like every student-athlete, all I wanted to do was play soccer, and soccer helped me stay focused on my schoolwork." While a student at Brookdale, Onder played midfield on the women's soccer team in 2008 and 2009. Onder began her winning streak at Brookdale as a 2008 Garden State Athletic Conference team champion.

"There were many Brookdale employees who helped me through the years, but one person that will always stick out is Katie Amundson," said Onder about her time as a student at the College. In 2009, Amundson, current director of Athletics and Recreation at Brookdale, became the assistant women's soccer coach. "She has been involved with Athletics and the Women's Soccer program since my days as a student," Onder said of Amundson.

After Onder completed her associate degree at Brookdale, she was hired by the College as an hourly event staff in the Event Management Department. It was this experience that helped her decide to continue her education. "After gaining experience in the event management department, I



connected with coordinating events and became passionate about a career path leading to event management," Onder explained. She transferred to Kean University where she earned her bachelor's degree in Commercial Recreation. After graduating from Kean, Onder was hired full time at Brookdale in the Event Management Department.

Before completing her bachelor's, while still working part-time at Brookdale in 2014, Onder approached Amundson to talk about becoming part of Brookdale Women's Soccer coaching staff. She would become a volunteer assistant coach from 2014-2016. Onder's winning streak continued as the Women's Soccer team won three consecutive National Titles in 2013, 2014, and 2015, an accomplishment no other team has achieved. In 2016, Onder became the assistant coach of the team, a position she held until the beginning of this year.

"In January 2021, Katie stepped down from coaching, and I was approached with the interim head coach position," explained Onder. In August, she was hired as the head coach. "After being involved with the program for years, it was an honor to become the head women's soccer coach," she said.



GIRLS SOFTBALL NJCAA DIV III CHAMPS

The Brookdale Jersey Blues Women's Softball Team finished their season 3rd in the nation, with an overall 33-12 record, including championship titles of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIX North Atlantic A and Garden State Athletic Conferences.

To earn the prestigious title of the NJCAA Division III Region XIX North Atlantic A District Championship, the Jersey Blues defeated Lehigh Carbon Community College Cougars (PA), 3-2 and 10-6. Head Coach Bo Scannapieco was named NJCAA Region XIX Coach of the Year, and freshman pitcher Gianna Praet was named Tournament MVP.

To be named the 2022 Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Champions, the Blues finished the regular season with a 12-2 conference record and a 30-10 overall record.

In Syracuse, NY, at the NJCAA DIII National Championship Tournament, in the first game, the #5 seeded Jersey Blues took down the #4 seeded Herkimer Generals of Herkimer, NY, 1-0. Brookdale then faced the #1 seed,

Rock Valley College Golden Eagles, of Rockford, IL. In the intense match-up, Brookdale fell 2-1.

In the third round, the Jersey Blues took the #7 seeded St. Cloud Technical Community College Cyclones of Minnesota by storm with a 6-2 win in the elimination game.

With the win, Brookdale then played the #3 seed North Dakota State College of Science Wildcats in the fourth-round elimination game. The Brookdale Blues unleashed in the first inning of the championship elimination round with four runs to set the game's tone, beating the North Dakota State College of Science Wildcats 8-4. The Jersey Blues then advanced to the semifinals to meet #2 seeded SUNY Corning Community College Red Barons of Steuben County, NY. After a long evening of weather interruptions, the Brookdale Blues lost a challenging late-night game 20-4.

This was Brookdale's 18th appearance at the National NJCAA Division III Softball Championship Tournament, the most of any other college.





EMILY CLAYTON WOMAN OF THE YEAR

February 2021 marks the 35th year that the Women's Sports Foundation honored girls and women from across the nation who have made significant contributions to their institutions and community through athletic accomplishments, academic excellence, service, and leadership. National Girls and Women in Sports Day is a vibrant movement celebrated annually, honoring the achievements of female athletes, coaches, and leaders, and continues to Lead Her Forward by acknowledging the power of sports to unlock her limitless potential.

The New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJIAIW) annually hosts the luncheon in NJ. This year it was virtual to celebrate the honored top female student-athletes from high schools, colleges, and universities throughout the state.

Brookdale Community College's Emily Clayton was this year's recipient of the New Jersey Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (NJIAIW), Garden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) - Woman of the Year Awards for the Brookdale Jersey Blues.

Prior to the 2020 women's soccer season being postponed due to COVID-19, Clayton had a banner 2019 season for the Jersey Blues. As a freshman defender, Emily

Clayton cleaned up in the accolades department while appearing in sixteen games and had six goals. In addition, Clayton was named GSAC Player of the Week for ripping two goals and being unstoppable in the backfield as the Jersey Blues clinched the Garden State Athletic Conference title.

Clayton has been prized with First Team All-Conference, First Team All-Region, and GSAC Player of the Year and named to the National All-Tournament Team after the Jersey Blues placed third in the NJCAA National Tournament.

Along with her fellow teammates, Clayton partnered with Student Life & Activities and Clean Ocean Action for a beach sweep along the shore of Asbury Park. The Jersey Blues filled large garage bags to their carrying weight to help protect and conserve our New Jersey beaches.

Clayton is undoubtedly spectacular on the field and in her community, but she is also an outstanding student with a 3.97 GPA.

The Women's Sports Foundation applauds the vital role played by individuals and organizations who join them in championing their efforts to advocate to protect Title IX and advance gender equity, athletes using their platform to inspire greatness, and coaches working daily to promote play.



BRYAN VIEGAS CHOSEN FOR THE BOB ZIFCHAK STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

Men's soccer goalkeeper, Bryan Viegas, has been chosen for the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XIX Bob Zifchak Student-Athlete of the Year Award for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters. The Long Branch native was outstanding in the goal his sophomore year, as he tallied 60 saves in just seven games.

In a modified season due to Covid-19, Viegas was selected to the second team NJCAA All-Region XIX and All-Garden State Athletic Conference for the 2020-2021 spring season. In addition, Viegas secured a 3.73 GPA in the classroom and was a member of the Alpha Pi Theta Honor Society on campus.

The Robert Zifchak Scholar-Athlete Award is presented annually to a male student-athlete in Region XIX who has participated in a sanctioned NJCAA sport. He must have a minimum of a 3.5 GPA and 36 credits, a minimum of All-Conference, and All-Region accolades, in addition to community involvement.

FOUNDATION

SCADUTO HONORED AT GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Brookdale Community College Foundation held the 42nd annual Education Open Golf Tournament on Thursday, September 23, 2021, honoring Louis Scaduto Jr., president, CEO, and co-owner of Food Circus Supermarkets. The tournament supports scholarships for students, which in turn helps students achieve their dream of a college education.

“We are grateful for all the sponsors and golfers of this event whose generosity means that hundreds of well deserving Brookdale students continue to receive the funds they need to pursue their education,” said Nancy Kaari, vice president of Advancement. “The many scholarships offered through the Foundation enable many students to earn their associate degree at Brookdale, transfer to four-year institutions to achieve their undergraduate degree, or start their career after completing a certificate program.”

The honoree, Scaduto, began his career in 1978 at 14. He attributes his strength in leadership to the values instilled by his parents, Grace and Lou, Sr. “Work hard, remain committed, stay strong and always show your respect and appreciation.” Their words are the guiding principles in Lou’s daily personal and professional life. After attending Brookdale Community College, Lou earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Monmouth College in 1986.

In addition to his career responsibilities, he currently serves as the vice chairman of Allegiance Retail Services. He is also an active member of the New Jersey Food Council, where he was honored to receive the 2013 Industry Achievement Award. He is a former Board Trustee of the Brookdale Community College Foundation and a recent Board Trustee of Lunch Break, Red Bank.

The tournament was a full scramble held at Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club, which features an 18-hole championship golf course with a Johnny Miller Signature Design associated with Golden Bear Associates.





SCHOLARSHIP SUMMER BASH SOLD OUT EVENT

The Brookdale Community College Foundation Scholarship Summer Bash was a sold-out event. On the College's 54th "birthday," the summer bash was held in the Donald D. Warner Student Life Center and outdoor patio area with live music performed by the trio, Scott Elk, Aaron Manzo, and Kyle Ward. The funds raised support the Foundation's mission to help students achieve their dream of earning a college degree.

Dr. David Stout, president of Brookdale Community College, thanked everyone for their generosity, saying, "You would be stunned by how many students we have, not only here, but across our education system, where finance is tough and is the only thing that stops them from being able to obtain their associate degree and bachelor's degree." He recognized the hospitals too, "We are celebrating and honoring our hometown heroes tonight. If it were not for their commitment and their selflessness of putting themselves directly in the line of fire with this pandemic, we would not have been able to get through it."

Over 200 attendees celebrated and showed their appreciation to the five honored Monmouth County hospitals and all their Covid response team members. The honorees spoke about their team's utmost courage at their hospitals during the pandemic. Frank Citara, Bayshore Medical Center; John Gibbin, CentraState Medical Center; Vito Buccellato, Jersey Shore University Medical Center (JSUMC); Eric Carney, Monmouth Medical Center; and Timothy Hogan, Riverview Medical Center.

Kristina Gamble, a 2020 Brookdale nursing graduate working at Community Medical Center's emergency room, shared her story of how scholarships helped her graduate.

She was a nontraditional student with a bachelor's degree and two children when her job of 10 years closed its doors. Gamble decided to go into nursing after gaining a great admiration for nurses (and doctors) while going through five years of hospital visits with her son. Having great perseverance, Gamble obtained her degree by studying and attending classes for two years in the middle of Covid. Gamble received multiple scholarships, including the Joan Litwin Memorial Scholarship, the Donna Paynton Memorial Scholarship, and the Brookdale Foundation and Alumni Association Scholarship, making her dream of becoming a nurse possible.

"I love what I do. I would not be where I am today without one, the nursing program at Brookdale, and two, the scholarships for the added money to help me get through everything I needed, get my books, pay for lab

fees, and a stethoscope, it made a huge difference." Gamble said to the audience. "I am so incredibly grateful to everyone who donates to scholarships."

Carol Stillwell, co-chair, along with Karen Escobedo and Candy Langen-Sattenspiel, lead a live appeal. Dr. Susan Whyman, vice president of the Brookdale Foundation and the Frank Whyman Scholarship sponsor, made the first donation. "During the pandemic, I had a secret weapon that made each day filled with sunshine," Whyman said. "The scholarship students at this College were there to give me hope. These students are now a treasured part of my life, and they never fail to inspire me. They get good grades, and they work more than one job, they also volunteer in the community, and have a passion that drives them to give their families a better life."

The Scholarship Summer Bash was a tremendous success. The Invest in Student Success Fund increased by over \$200,000 that evening.





WILBUR RAY SCHOLARSHIP DINNER ACKNOWLEDGES DIVERSITY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

The 36th Annual Wilbur Ray Scholarship Dinner was held on April 8, 2022, celebrating scholarship awards to sixteen students and the three 2022 award honorees: Commissioner Lillian Burry, Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners; President of Brookdale Community College, Dr. David M. Stout; and the Brookdale Community College Police Department.

Each spring, the awards dinner is held annually to acknowledge diversity and the importance of civic engagement by students and professionals who attend the college or work within the communities served by Brookdale Community College.

The awards are named for the late Wilbur Ray, former Brookdale police sergeant and an active volunteer in the Long Branch community. The scholarship continues Ray's legacy as students of color who attend Brookdale are eligible to apply. For the 2021-2022 academic year, 20 scholarships totaling \$19,500 were awarded to 16 Brookdale students to help them pay for tuition and books.

Brianna Anderson, Belmar, NJ, is a Business Administration major graduating this spring and transferring to Rutgers through the Brookdale-Rutgers transfer program. She served as the vice president of the Black Student Union, a club on campus that aims to be a safe place for all students to learn about the adversities, qualities, and history of black culture.

Anderson is grateful for her scholarship. "Opening a food truck is currently my dream, and each class I complete is a step closer," she said. "This scholarship is paying for my last class at Brookdale, which I am extremely grateful for."

Anderson is one of sixteen Brookdale students who received the Wilbur Ray Scholarship for the fall 2021 and spring 2022 semesters.

The additional Wilbur Ray Scholarship recipients are Rebecca Alouf, Belinda Asamoah, Jesus Calle Bula, Brianna Doremy, George Esdalle, Sauncherei Greene, Awatif Hassan, Ariadny Nascimento, Rebecca Li, Taiphane Orange, Jean Paul, Jasmine Rainey, Kettlyn St. Louis, Mina Saleh, Jayda Sharp.

The scholarships make a difference for the award winners, and the diversity of the recipients is an intentional cornerstone of the programs' success.

Jasmine Rainey, Asbury Park, NJ, is a Respiratory Therapy major. She hopes to continue pursuing a bachelor's degree and own her own business one day. However, she said, "this scholarship will help in minimizing my total balance on tuition, to reduce the financial stress, while vulnerable to income and priority to education is current."

Rebecca Li, Freehold, NJ, is a social science major and Phi Theta Kappa honor society member. She plans

to transfer to Rutgers to pursue her studies in Business Analytics and Information Systems.

"The scholarship will help me fund my studies at Brookdale, so I have time to focus on my interests in programming and data analytics," Li said.

George Esdalle, Neptune, NJ, is a trained vocalist, concert singer, and a member of the Brookdale Concordia Chorale. One of the courses that he enjoys at Brookdale is voice lessons with Cynthia Springsteen-Balme. After obtaining an associate degree in 2023, his goal is to continue his education for either a bachelor's degree in engineering or humanities.

"Brookdale is a great school," said Esdalle. "I am semi-retired ironworker who decided to go back to school at 63 for a degree. I have a lot of tech-training and trade school training, but I always dreamed and hoped to pursue a college degree. However, I am 65 and the extra help from the scholarship will help me to supplement my retirement income and expenses."

The celebration was held at the Jacques Reception Center in Middletown, NJ. The proceeds from the dinner support the Wilbur Ray Scholarship Program, which has distributed numerous scholarships to students over its 36-year history.



OCEAN FIRST FOUNDATION FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

OceanFirst Foundation awarded \$40,000 to Brookdale Community College Foundation for forty (40) \$1,000 student scholarships supporting one of their core priority areas, youth development, and education.

“We are grateful that for more than 20 years, OceanFirst has been an extremely generous partner and supporter of the Foundation. Thanks to the OceanFirst Foundation Scholarship Program, so many deserving Brookdale students have received scholarships that support their education,” said Nancy Kaari, vice president of Advancement at Brookdale Community College.

OceanFirst Foundation has a long-standing tradition of supporting higher education. In the thirteen years of the Ocean First Scholarship Program, \$3.7 million has been awarded to more than 2,500 students across OceanFirst Bank’s New Jersey footprint to help them pursue their dream of higher education.

LITTLE SILVER FIRE DEPT DONATION

The Little Silver Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 (LSVFC) generously donated \$16,326.00 to the Brookdale Community College Foundation T. J. Bruno Memorial Scholarship for students with disabilities. Tony and Claudia Bruno and family friends Eleanor and Roger Dolan formed the scholarship in memory of their son, who died in 1999 at age 34.

“We are so grateful for Little Silver Fire Company’s generosity that ensures scholarships for students with disabilities are available while honoring the memory of a remarkable man, Anthony ‘TJ’ Bruno,” said Nancy Kaari, vice president of Advancement at Brookdale Community College.

The Little Silver Volunteer Fire Company Memorial Golf Outing to benefit the T.J. Bruno Scholarship Fund and the Chrissy D. Shaheen Memorial Foundation provides the funds for the scholarship. Committee members Tom Ankiewicz and Betsy Shaheen-Barnett, of Builders General Supply Co, Fire Chief Tom Smith, Tim Spencer, and President Dan Kelly, of Little

Silver Volunteer Fire Company, No. 1, presented the check to Brookdale.

The scholarship provides tuition assistance annually for ten students who will attend Brookdale in the fall.

“The students have such a passion for what they are doing, and with all the challenges they may have, they keep pushing forward. They give 110% at the interviews. They give 110% to everything that they do,” said Tim Spencer of Little Silver Volunteer Fire Company No 1.

TJ came to Brookdale through the disability program EXCELL and was a Little Silver Fire Department member. Although he had disability challenges, he was still competitive, could drive himself, take care of himself, and live independently.

“TJ was just a special member for us. He was our photographer, and he was a fire police officer,” said Spencer.

The LSVFC has supported students with disabilities planning to attend Brookdale for twenty years.



NEW APPOINTMENTS TO FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Brookdale Community College Foundation appointed three new members to its Board of Trustees. Comprised of inspiring business leaders from diverse backgrounds and industries, the Brookdale Board of Trustees helps set the Foundation’s strategic vision as it works to provide scholarships for well deserving students so they may earn a college education and build a better future for themselves, their families, and our communities.

As Manager of Community Outreach at New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG), **Jessica Egger** from Point Pleasant, NJ, is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of others. Previously at NJNG, she was Program Coordinator for the Customer and Community Relations department, where she enjoyed her true passion for planning events and working with the community. She spent the past five years in this position developing relationships with various nonprofit organizations while working alongside Tom Hayes and Karen Escobedo on the NJNG Company

Charity. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Lehigh University.

As a 15th generation county resident, **Darrel Golden** of Fair Haven, NJ, lives and breathes Monmouth County. Golden grew up in Middletown, where he graduated from Middletown High School South. He has fond memories of visiting his aunt at the Brookdale Bookstore and his grandmother, who worked in Admissions at Brookdale as a child. Golden was an avid runner in high school and pursued that passion as a four-year National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) cross country and track athlete in college at Bryant University. Upon graduation from Bryant, he began a career in banking that spanned 15 years. In 2007, Golden took an opportunity to return home to work in the family business. He is vice president of Automated Building Controls, a commercial HVAC company.

Walter Hopkin owns WJH Engineering, a multidisciplinary civil engineering, surveying, and forensic

company, located in Oakhurst, NJ. He participates in many civic and professional endeavors, including Board of Director of the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America fundraising committee, CCD teacher at St. Rose in Belmar, member of Monmouth Ocean Development Council, committee member of the Shore Builders Association, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He resides in Wall, NJ, and is the proud father of “two amazing teenage boys.”

“On behalf of the entire Brookdale Community College Foundation Board, I’m delighted to welcome Jessica, Darrel and Walter to the Brookdale family,” said Julia Zapcic, president of the Brookdale Foundation. “It’s exciting to have the help of these tremendously talented, dedicated colleagues as we work together to advance Brookdale’s mission - welcoming and empowering students to achieve their dream of earning a college degree.”

Last year, the Foundation provided over \$620,000 in scholarships and grants to support students.



■ Darrel Golden



■ Jessica Egger



■ Walter Hopkin



CHEF DAVID BURKE SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED FOR CULINARY AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT STUDENTS

Chef David Burke and President Dr. David M. Stout for Brookdale Community College Foundation signed a Memorandum of Agreement to establish the Chef David Burke Scholarship.

Beginning with the Fall 2021 term, Chef Burke has agreed to contribute \$5,000 to the Brookdale Foundation to establish a scholarship fund for Culinary and Hospitality Management students. Two scholarships will be awarded, one for a culinary student and one for a Hospitality Management student. Each scholarship will be \$2,500.00 per term (a total of \$10,000 per academic year).

Chef Burke will cover the cost of an entire semester of Brookdale classes for one Hospitality Management student and one Culinary Arts student. In return, the students will work for Chef Burke in one of his local restaurants for six months. They will also be paid. The full-time students must be in the second semester and be in good academic standing with a 3.0 GPA in Career Courses. Brookdale

will select the applicants, and Burke will make the final selections.

Deeply passionate about culinary arts and the quality and detail associated with a world-class dining experience, Chef Burke will give additional training while the students are working, with opportunities for long-term employment upon graduation from the Brookdale program.

Chef Burke is an icon in the hospitality industry and currently expanding in the greater Monmouth County area. Students may work in any of his restaurants nearby, are DRIFTHOUSE in Sea Bright, Red Horse in Rumson, Orchard Park in East Brunswick, and The Goat in Union Beach, with more local locations on the horizon. This scholarship program will train cooks, sous chefs, maître d's, and managers.

Chef Burke believes in a dedicated and professionally trained staff. As a result, the Chef Burke and Brookdale Scholarship Program will consistently produce talent that is a cut above, setting students on a path to success.



- At the Table Left to right: Professor Michelle Zuppe, President Dr. David M. Stout, Chef David Burke
- In the kitchen Left to right: Elizabeth Lehmann, learning assistant, Chad Schoonveld instructor Culinary and Hospitality Management, William Roll, instructor Culinary Arts, Maria Bouchard instructor Pastry Arts.





■ Claudette Greenstein in Barcelona



■ Jesse Tango in Spain, in front of La Sagrada Familia



■ Gabriela Mazariegos



■ Erika Ann Borrero

ELAINE BARAN STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP

Brookdale Community College Foundation awarded four students the Elaine Baran Study Abroad Scholarship for January-Term (Winterim), Spring Term, and Summer Term 2022. The scholarship was established to honor the life and achievements of Elaine Baran, a former faculty member of languages dedicated to Brookdale and the global community. Her passion and motivation for sharing the international experience were instrumental in developing Brookdale's international programs.

Claudette Greenstein, a Math and Science major, participated in a January-Term traveling seminar to France, Italy, and Spain titled: Wine, Gastronomy, and Sustainability of the Mediterranean.

"I had the opportunity of a lifetime," said Greenstein. "Not only was I able to make incredible, long-life friends, I was able to learn so much about other cultures and how they live. Every single day I experienced things that I will never forget. I want to thank the Elaine Baran Scholarship for making this dream of mine to study abroad a reality."

Jesse Tango is a Business Administration major. She took courses and interned for a Spanish fashion company in Barcelona, Spain, during the Spring Term.

Gabriela Mazariegos, a Math and Science major, participated in Brookdale's faculty-led summer program in Italy, focusing on fashion merchandising.

Erika Ann Borrero, majoring in Interior Design, participated in Brookdale's faculty-led summer program in Italy focusing on interior design and architecture.

"What I enjoyed about my study abroad experience in Italy was being totally enveloped in the culture and historically significant architecture, art and interior design," said Borrero. "I was beyond excited to experience this with my classmates and professors who have been alongside me on my entire academic journey at Brookdale."



FIRST BARBARA TOZZI SCHOLARSHIPS

Brookdale Community College students Alyssa Knop and Maria Waheed Jaral received the first Barbara Tozzi Scholarship created in the memory of Professor Barbara Tozzi, a math professor at Brookdale for many years.

“I was shocked when I found out I was going to receive the scholarship,” said Knop, an education major who just finished her first year at Brookdale. “I normally don’t apply for scholarships because I don’t think I have a shot of getting them, but here I am.”

According to Elaine Klett, Knop was the first choice of everyone on the scholarship committee because of her desire to become a high school math teacher and her enthusiasm for math. “Barbara Tozzi started out as a high school math teacher. She loved math and teaching math. Alyssa expressed those same things in her letter,” Klett,

a retired math professor and current math tutor at Brookdale, said. “What I found amazing about her letter was Alyssa was already considering ways to teach math and help students to learn,” she said.

“I have always had a passion for math, and I want to be a high school math teacher so I can show students there are many ways to get to the answer of any problem,” Knop said.

In addition to teaching math, Tozzi was also passionate about the Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST) club she founded with Klett in 1994. “Barbara considered WEST extremely important in her life and career here at Brookdale; we both did,” Klett said.

Jaral is an active member of WEST at Brookdale who just finished her second semester at Brookdale. An

international student from Pakistan, she said being part of the WEST club has given her resume building experiences and helped her find research programs to apply for. “They helped introduce me to new things,” she said.

“This is my first achievement and very first scholarship in the United States, so I will always remember it,” Jaral said of receiving the scholarship. She is transferring to Rutgers University in the fall where she will continue to study computer science.

“My experience at Brookdale has been great,” Jaral said.

Knop agreed with Jaral. “I have had a really good experience at Brookdale. I feel like I can talk to any of my teachers, and I made connections with all the other students in my classes. It really is like a community here,” Knop said of Brookdale.



■ Kroon Scholars & Whyman Scholars



■ Summer of Dreams fundraiser, at Triumph Brewing, for five students to reunite with their families in Mexico after 10 or more years of separation.

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- Lomurro Law
- Lopez, Daniel
- Lowry, Katherine
- Lowry, Robert
- Lucarelli, Anthony
- Lunch Break, Inc.
- Lyons, Lori
- Maber, Marie
- Macko, Bernadette Neary
- Madas, Yesenia
- Maki, Kelsey
- Malpica-Proctor, Olga
- Manfra, Matthew



- Manfreda, Teresa
- Manicioto, Lenore
- Marich, Bruce
- Marshall, Arthur
- Maritn, Barara
- Martin, Linda
- Matawan Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce
- May, Elissa
- Mazza, Dominick
- McBride, Michele
- McCann, Caryn
- McCarthy, James
- McCreesh, Carolyn
- McDonald's Franchise Tuition Assistance (MCDTA)
- McElroy, Sarah
- McKenna, Edward
- Meadow Lakes Forum Inc.
- Mejias-Fuertes, Jackeline
- Melita, Charles
- Menza, Gregory
- Messing, Nancy
- Meyer, Debbie
- Micale, Barbara
- Miller, Caitlin
- Minard, Michael
- Minis, Colleen
- Moedt, Kevin
- The Moles
- Mondesir, Birgit
- Monmouth Medical Center
- Monmouth Ocean Counties Building Construction Trades Council
- Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Education Foundation
- Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners
- Monmouth County Police Chiefs Assoc.
- Monmouth County Vocational School District
- Monmouth University
- Monroy, Gerry
- Morales-Wright, Richard
- Morelli, Fred
- Morris, Linda
- Montecalvo, Valerie
- Mullaney, H.
- Najarian, Dr. Tavit
- Natter, Margaret
- Naylor, Mary
- National Merit Scholarship Corporation
- The Navesink Garden Club
- Nelnet Business Solutions
- Nespoli, Lawrence
- NetQ Multimedia Company
- Network Cabling, Inc./NetQ Multimedia
- Neves, Lee
- New Jersey Council for the Humanities
- New Jersey Natural Gas
- New Jersey Shore Pop Warner Conference
- New Jersey State Elks Association
- New Jersey State Golf Association
- NJ Workforce Registry
- Niederer, Kenneth
- Niederer, Randy
- Nigro, Dominick
- Noerpel, Anthony
- Northwest Enterprises
- Northern New Jersey Teamsters Scholarship Plan
- OceanFirst Bank
- OceanFirst Foundation
- O'Callaghan, Mary
- O'Connor & Drew, P.C.
- O'Grady, Denise
- Olaoye, Elaine
- Oncea, Laura
- Orlando, Jackie
- O'Scanlon, Declan
- Paci, Michelle
- Palumbo, Deborah
- Palumbo, Donna
- Palumbo, Kristen
- Paradiso, Roger
- Pariseau, Sheila
- Park, Andrew
- Parton, Charles
- Passarella, Bonnie
- Payne, Michael
- Paynton, Harold
- Paynton, Ryan
- Paynton, Viginia
- Pellegrini, Patricia
- Pepe, Barbara
- Phillips, Ellen
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union No. 9
- Polsky Sports & Entertainment LLC

- Posen Architects
- Presser, Richard
- Provident Bank
- Quint, Lauren
- Rafiqi, Karen
- Raghunanadan, Samidheni
- Rago, Zaneta
- Rambaud, Marta
- Raspe, Jeffrey
- Ratkoski, April
- Rauso, Suzanne
- Rechnitz, Joan
- Red Bank Regional Source Foundation
- Reed, Matthew
- Reilly, Mary Beth
- Reilly, Rose Mary
- Risimini-Johnson, Celeste
- Riccio, Ronald
- Ritacco, Joseph
- Robinson, Frank
- Robinson, Jerry
- Robinson, Richard
- Rodriguez, Louis
- Roffman, Jeffrey
- Roffman, Lorraine
- Roma, Linda
- Rostron-Lorenz, Tara
- Rother, Franklyn
- Rubin, Eleanor
- SAL Electric Co., Inc.
- Salem, Robert
- SAFRAN Aerosystems Evacuation
- Safran, Andrew
- San Antonio, Arline
- Savage, Lisa
- Scalaro, Matthew
- Scarangella, Susan
- Scaranni, Perry
- Schatzle, James
- Schmidt, Barbara
- Schmitt, James
- Scholarship America
- Schuler, Erika
- Scimeca, Jane
- Scocco, Joan
- Scott, Mary
- Seabrook Village, Inc.
- Sensi, Patricia
- Servidio, Linda
- Shea, Kathleen
- Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 27
- Shell Oil Company Foundation Matching Gifts
- Sherman, Dorann
- SHI International Corp.
- Shindle, Allisyn
- Shulz, Richard
- Simonik Transportation
- Sintim-Damoa, Kwabena
- Skolnick, Cary
- SMART Scholarship Funding Corp.
- Smith, Carol
- Snowiss, Lee
- Snoy, Vickie
- Society of Mayflower Descendants
- Sodon's Electric, Inc.
- Sotirion, George
- Sparaco, Anne Marie
- Spooner, Sean
- Stark, Toby
- Stengel, Maryann
- Stillwell, Carol
- The Stone Foundation of New Jersey
- Stoothoff, Janet
- Stout, David
- Stouter, Sharon
- Student Affairs
- Stypolkowski, Patricia
- Tarantino, Beth
- Teamsters Joint Council No. 73
- Tandler Consulting Group, Inc.
- Thomas, Janice
- Thompson, Paul
- Tito's Handmade Vodka – Fifth Generation Inc.
- T & M Associates
- Toms, William
- Topham, Ronald
- Touhey, Edward
- Tozzi, Robert
- Trammell, Francis
- Trammell, Webster
- Travers, Dorothea
- Trimboli, Stephen
- Tucker, Paul
- Tufano, Terri
- Turtel, Penny
- United States Bowling Congress (USBC) Monmouth County



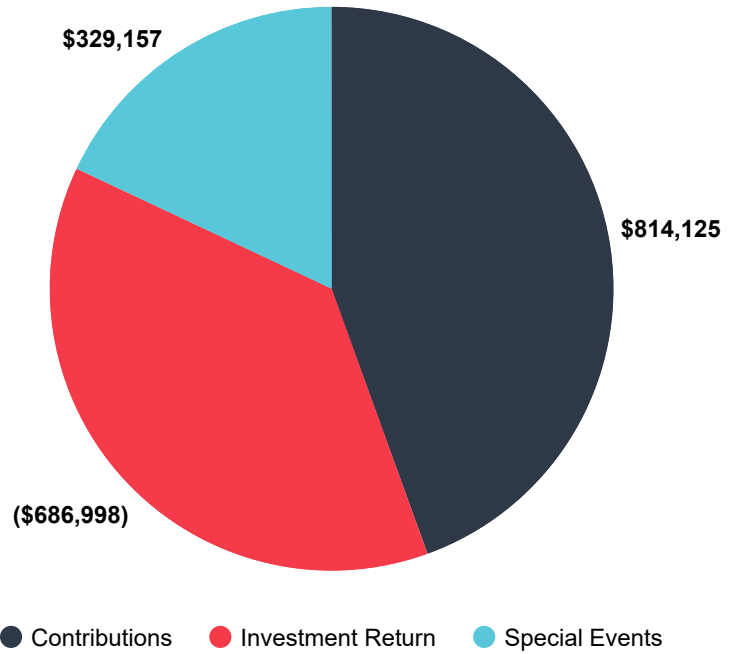
- United Way of Monmouth County
- Unterberg, Ann
- Van Lew, Kim
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- Vin Gopal Civic Association
- Vinicombe, Georgianne
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- Von Seekamm, Karen
- Voogt, Anita
- Vorbach, Thomas
- Wadych-Ketley, Lucyna
- Walsh, Martin
- Washington, Girdie
- Washington, Nancy
- Weber, Roseann
- Webster-Hansen, Christine
- Weiner, Lawrence
- Wiener, Patricia
- Werner, George
- West, Sherri
- Wigginton, Craig
- Whyman, Jennifer
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- Whyman, William
- Williams, Lisa
- Williams, Louise
- Wilson, Fidel
- Woodrow, Michael
- Woolley, Tamara
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- Worthley, Kristin
- YMCA of Greater Monmouth County
- Your Cause for New York Life
- Zapcic, Julia

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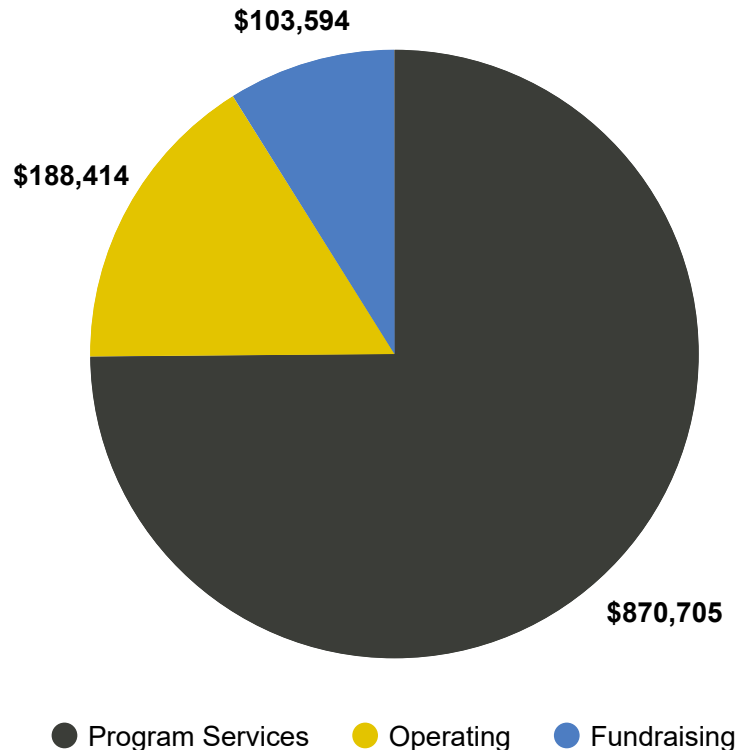
REVENUE

Contributions	814,125
Investment Return	(686,998)
Special Events	329,157
Total Revenue	456,284



EXPENDITURES

Program Services	870,705
Operating	188,414
Fundraising	103,594
Total Expenditures	1,162,712



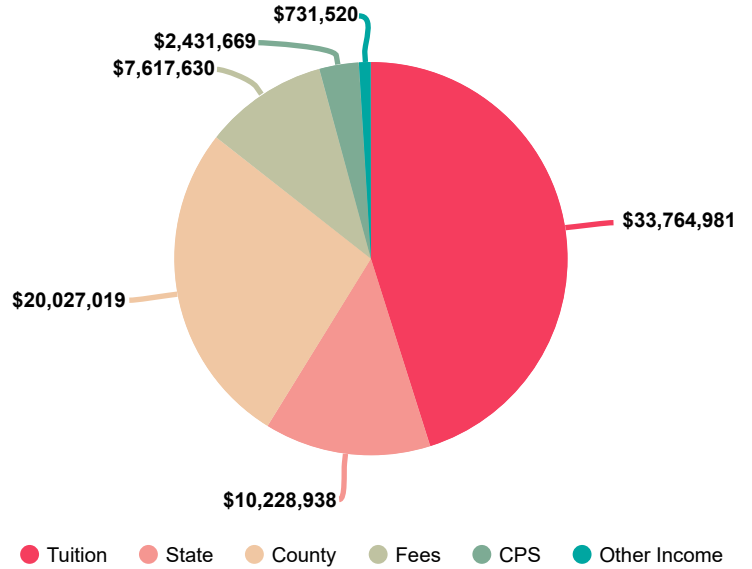
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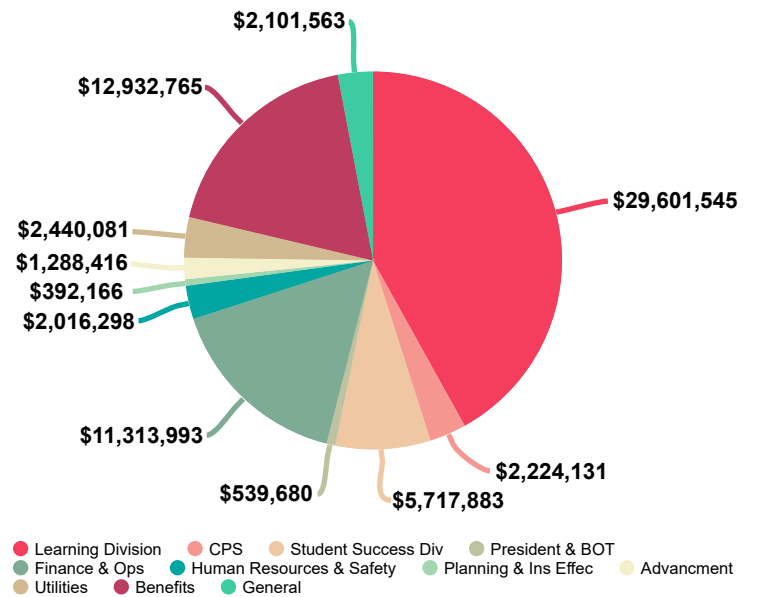
REVENUE

Tuition	33,764,981
State	10,228,938
County	20,027,019
Fees	7,617,630
CPS	2,431,669
Other Income	731,520
Total Revenue	74,801,757



EXPENDITURES

Learning Division	29,601,545
CPS	2,224,131
Student Success Div	5,717,883
President & BOT	539,680
Finance & Ops	11,313,993
Human Resources & Safety	2,016,298
Planning & Ins Effec	392,166
Advancment	1,288,416
Utilities	2,440,081
Benefits	12,932,765
General	2,101,563
Total Expenditures	70,568,522







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