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Message from the President

am pleased to present to you the Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FM) Annual Report for the Academic Year 2012 – 2013. What an amazing and productive year we had at FM!

As an institution of higher education, providing high-quality academic programs is our first priority. To that end, FM had a very busy year with our curriculum. Our Radiologic Technology Program received its first accreditation from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists; and, we are proud to boast an eight year accreditation – the maximum allowable. We launched three new programs: Computer Networking (A.A.S.), Health Sciences (A.S.), and Health Studies (A.A.S.). We revised 10 academic programs, 30 courses, and offered 10 new courses.

Our campus opened with new and remodeled facilities including Raiders Hall, which doubled the capacity for student housing, and our newly remodeled cafeteria, Union Stations. In January, we opened a new small gym and Raiders Cove, a student gathering space that transformed an old pool into a vibrant social venue. We also remodeled the Student Development

Center which created a much warmer and more welcoming place for students to meet with faculty and staff.

It was a great year for student services as well. Our TRiO Student Support Services Grant, which serves first generation college students, boasted a 68% retention rate from last year. Our United States Department of Labor HEALTH Grant, which supported students in the Nursing and Certified Nursing Assistant Program, was selected as one of the top five performing programs in the country. FM was awarded a Liberty Partnership Program Grant in collaboration with

School District and
Centro Civico. We are
also in the second year
of a National Science
Foundation Grant with
HFM BOCES that is
creating curriculum for
secondary education
focused on Engineering
Technology.

the Greater Amsterdam

Lastly, we spent this year planning for 2013 – 2014 which is FM's 50th Anniversary Year! As you look through the pages of this report, you'll see that there is much more that we accomplished this year. FM is a college on the move where we can truly say Futures Made. Here.

Sincerely,

President

Dr. Dustin Swanger





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Vision

Fulton-Montgomery Community College strives to be recognized as a model community college that offers quality education, excellence in student support, innovative approaches, and programs that reflect our values.

Mission

Fulton-Montgomery Community College is the region's partner for quality, accessible higher education; responsive programs; economic development; and cultural and intellectual enrichment.

Core Values

Fulton-Montgomery Community College has identified the following as core values in its approach to serving students and the community:

- Excellence in education and teaching
- Student learning and scholarship
- Innovation
- Civility and integrity
- Caring personalized service
- Diversity
- Accessibility
- Quality environment
- Community engagement

Civility Statement

FM is committed to fostering an environment of civility. All members of the FM community and visitors have the right to experience and the responsibility to create and maintain an environment of mutual respect and support that is civil in all aspects of human relations. Civility facilitates professional growth and achievement and promotes an environment where each person can reach his or her full potential.



Leadership

Faculty Highlights

FRANK YUNKER

Computer Science Professor Frank
Yunker presented "Assessing PublisherDriven Content in Introductory
Computer Applications" to educators
from the United States, Europe, and
Asia at the Annual Multidisciplinary
Conference at Anglo-American
University, Prague, Czech Republic.

ANYA BIEL

History Instructor Anya Biel presented her paper, "Exposing the Intimate, While Keeping It Secret: Natalia Fonvizina's Unpublished Confession," at the 44th Annual Convention of the Association for Slavonic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEES) in New Orleans, Louisiana. Also, her article, "Nikolai Nekrasov's Representation of the Decembrist Wives," was published in the peerreviewed journal Australian Slavonic and East European Studies (ASEES).

CYNTHIA CLOSE

Assistant Professor and Director of Radiologic Technology Cynthia Close received the first "Futures Matter Award" presented by President Swanger and her FM colleagues. The Award recognizes extraordinary effort, performance, and dedication.

The Radiologic Technology Program collaborated with Hudson Valley Community College to present a symposium, "As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA) in the Digital Age -

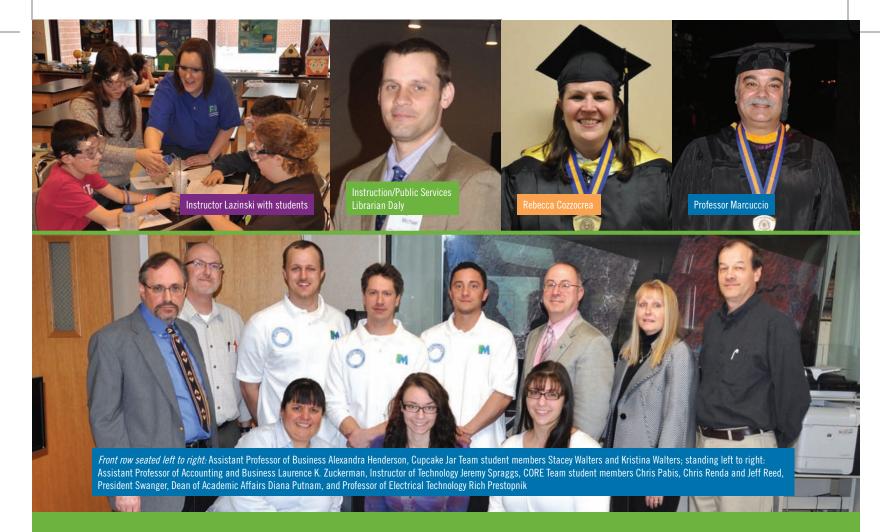
A Symposium" which addressed radiation exposure issues that exist in clinics, educational facilities, and hospitals that are using digital imaging technology.

Close, along with Assistant Professor of Radiologic Technology Karlyn LaBate, traveled to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists in Albuquerque, New Mexico for training in database construction for clinical electronic records-keeping. When implemented, this will allow for the electronic storage of all students' clinical information.

LAURIE FREEMAN

Science Professor Laurie Freeman was named Professor of the Month for NCEP (American Museum of Natural History Network of Conservation Educators and Practitioners).

She participated as a presenter at several meetings and conferences including the Sustainability Fair at SUNY Oswego, "Ordinary Tools, Extraordinary Results;" the Ecological Society of America



Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, "Student Interpretation of Conservation Data: Does Their Reach Exceed Their Grasp?;" the Northeast Natural History Conference in Springfield, Massachusetts, "Conservation Education: Teaching, Learning and Assessment with NCEP Modules;" and the Poster Presentation at the International Congress for Conservation Biology (ICCB) in Baltimore, Maryland, "Challenges and Approaches to Improve Student Interpretation of Conservation Data." Freeman also served as a panel member for Schoharie Sustainability Forum.

Under the guidance of Freeman, Gloversville High School (GHS) AP Biology Instructor Alison Siragusa, and GHS Science Research Program Instructor Kate Brown, GHS's AP Biology and College in the High School's Science Research students spent a day in FM's science lab as part of a research project.

LAURIE LAZINSKI

Chemistry Instructor Laurie Lazinski volunteered her time at Gloversville Middle School to teach 6th graders the fundamentals of chemistry and show them how to create a chemical reaction.

MICHAEL V. DALY

Instruction/Public Services Librarian Michael V. Daly served as a co-Principal Investigator on SUNY's IITG Project, "Developing a SUNY-wide Transliteracy Learning Collaborative to Promote Information and Technology Collaboration." The Transliteracy Learning Collaborative developed a SUNY-wide think tank and incubator for promoting transliteracy and emerging frameworks for information literacy. TLC transcends boundaries based upon the traditional definition of information literacy and the concept of librarians as the sole interested party. This grant assists SUNY's efforts to develop students as lifelong creators of information in all forms.

Student Teams Compete in Business Plan Competition State Finals

Two teams of FM students participated in the Mohawk Valley Regional Collegiate Business Plan Competition hosted by SUNY IT. College students from across the region were given the opportunity to present innovative business ideas as budding entrepreneurs. Both FM teams were selected to advance to the fourth annual New York State Business Plan Competition.

Faculty Chancellor's Awards

This year's SUNY Chancellor Award recipients were Rebecca Cozzocrea, Financial Aid Coordinator, and Joseph Marcuccio, Professor of Graphic Arts. Cozzocrea received Excellence in Professional Service while Marcuccio received Excellence in Teaching.



Distinguished Alumni Honored

The Foundation hosted its Sixth Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner honoring graduates Alexa Barnoski Serfis, Ph.D. '86, Steven Serge '93, and Albert Turo '72. The evening included special recognition of FM's Scholarship Program donors and student recipients. The annual event was sponsored by NBT Bank, Pepsi, Wal-Mart, and Wells Fargo Advisors.

Memorial Contribution

Dr. and Mrs. Govind Rao of Amsterdam made a \$25,000 donation to the Foundation in memory of their daughter Neena. The funds will be utilized toward a science laboratory.

President Swanger's Work Published

President Swanger wrote "Community Colleges: Partners in Community Development - Approaches to Developing Our Regions," which has been published in the Society of University and College Planners' Journal – Planning for Higher Education, Summer 2013.

FM Celebrates Founders Day – Soon to Celebrate 50 Years

On March 21, 1963, the Boards of Supervisors of Fulton and Montgomery Counties approved the Charter for the College, thereby creating the 27th two-year institution in the State University system, Fulton-Montgomery Community College (FM). Annually, employees of FM celebrate the signing of this Charter with a day known as "Founders Day."

This year, three new awards were added to the celebration of Founders Day: the Futures Matter Award, the Spirit of Innovation Award, and the President's Award. The Futures Matter Award recognizes extraordinary effort, performance, and dedication. This award was given to Cynthia Close, Assistant Professor and Director of the Radiologic Technology Program. The Spirit of Innovation Award recognizes superior creativity and innovation. This award was given to Dan Fogarty, Admissions and Enrollment Management Assistant, and to Jolene Nethaway, Principal Account Clerk. The President's Award was presented





by President Swanger to a person who shows commitment to community, who goes above and beyond their job duties, and portrays qualities of a leader. The award was given to Fine Arts Professor Joel Chapin.

Following the recognition ceremony, employees volunteered at one of many local not-for-profit organizations including Brennan Humane Society, The Evans Library, The Horace J. Inman Senior Center, Lexington Center, Montgomery County SPCA, and Park Terrace Elementary.

FM Hosts NYSETA Conference

FM hosted the New York State Engineering Technology Association (NYSETA) Spring Conference. NYSETA is a professional organization representing the faculty and institutions in New York who teach engineering technology and technology. The Association provides a forum for ideas on engineering technology education; a review of the quality, content, and goals of engineering technology curricula; a formal vehicle of communication for engineering technology education; and information on careers in technology and links to schools of technology.

Raiders Recognized for Academic Excellence

Each year the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) recognizes individual student athletes as well as entire teams who have excelled in the classroom. This year, five individual Raider student athletes were honored by the NJCAA as Academic All-Americans. Receiving the Exemplary Academic Achievement award were Cassi Brancato (Women's Volleyball), Alexandra Crankshaw (Women's Volleyball), Janine Sadjak (Women's Soccer), and Zoe Yau (Women's Volleyball). Nicholas Natoli (Men's Baseball) was awarded Superior Academic Achievement by the NJCAA.

The Lady Raiders volleyball team achieved the NJCAA All-Academic team status with an overall GPA of 3.33.





SGA Awards

The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted its 19th Annual SGA Awards Dinner in Raiders Cove, the College's new student social venue. With over 30 clubs on FM's campus, the event recognizes Club Senators, Club Advisors, Distinguished Senators, Dedicated Clubs, SGA Advisors, and had new awards to present including the SGA Scholarship Award.

President Receives Distinguished Service Award

President Swanger was presented with The Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) Distinguished Service Award. The recipient is someone who is dedicated to community colleges and higher education in general and who has demonstrated his or her commitment with actions, attitudes and accomplishments.

Trustee Recognized with Leadership Award

College Trustee Taiyebeh Ghazi-Moghadam was awarded with the Donald M. Mawhinney Trustee Leadership Award. The Award is presented to a trustee who has demonstrated a significant commitment to the community college mission through exceptional leadership, inspired vision and outstanding professional contributions in support of the goals and accomplishments of their local campus.



Quality Education

Nursing Program

The Nursing Program took its first step toward accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for the registered nursing program by submitting the application for candidacy status, part of the multi-step process to secure accreditation. This will ensure streamlined articulation for the program with upper division schools and a seamless transition for graduates as they continue their life-long education in the profession. FM's longstanding commitment to academic excellence is highlighted by the College's registered nursing students pass rate on the NCLEX-RN licensing exam exceeding the statewide and nationwide average.

Donation to Program

On behalf of Amsterdam City Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association, president Audrey Flint and member Doris Shea donated the funding for a DVD, "Nursing Assessment of the New Mother and Baby." The DVD is utilized during students' maternity rotation to aide them in learning to perform an accurate newborn and postpartum assessment.

Electrical Technology Student Attends National Conference

Aaron White was selected to attend the Advance Technology Education (ATE) Principal Investigators Conference in Washington, DC hosted by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC). Aaron joined Electrical Technology Professor Rich Prestopnik and Technology Instructor Jeremy Spraggs along with other students, ATE alumni, ATE program leaders, and representatives from industry and government at the conference themed: "Teaching Tomorrow's Technicians Today: Preparing America's Future Workforce."

SUNY Chancellor Honors Students

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher honored Sarah Puffer of Amsterdam with the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Award; Santa Pumpura of Riga, Latvia with both the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence and the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Award; and Aaron White of Broadalbin with the Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence.



Club Makes Donation

The Society for the Study of Modern Visual Culture, also known as FM's Gaming Club, held a bake sale fundraiser to support Lexington, an agency that provides services and programs to children and adults with disabilities in Fulton and Albany Counties. "Our motivation to donate to Lexington was based on the fact that many gamers have some form of physical or mental disability, as well as learning disabilities," said club president Jay Chapman.

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Commencement

The Schenectady Pipe Band led 485 candidates for graduation into the Raiders Den for FM's 48th Annual Commencement Ceremony. Keynote speaker was Dr. Tina Good, a professor of English and the faculty coordinator for assessment at Suffolk County Community College and member of the SUNY Board of Trustees. Student speaker was nursing graduate Sarah Puffer of Amsterdam, Chapter president for PTK, the national two-year college Honorary Society; Student Government Association (SGA) secretary; and FM Foundation Board Student Representative.

Culture Fest Celebration

Over 16 student clubs participated in the first on-campus Cultural Festival sponsored by the Student Government Association (SGA) Cultural Affairs Committee. Clubs and organizations presented themselves and the culture they chose to represent with demonstrations, interactive activities, and food samplings.



Engineering Students Bring the Heat for Final Project

Introduction to Engineering Science students were presented with a real-world problem for their final project of the semester: How can they help refugees in various parts of the world heat food staples and sanitize water without stripping the little natural resources available? Student teams performed an engineering analysis on various types of heaters using solar energy by analyzing parameters such as portability, cooking style, materials, and complexity of design. No two prototypes were alike.

Making a Difference

For one semester, the students in Associate Professor Dr. Paula Brown-Weinstock's Gender and Society class contributed \$0.50 per week toward a charitable donation fund, collecting a total of \$325. Each student had to write a persuasive essay about an important social problem related to gender or sex and give an oral presentation persuading their classmates to give the funds to an organization that is doing work surrounding the social problem. The students selected V-Day as their charity, a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls.

Face of a Different Race

Students and staff had the opportunity to experience what they would look like as a different race by utilizing the "Race Experience Kiosk." The Student Activities Board sponsored event helped students to consider race, racism, and identity in a new light.

Celebrating Peace

Student clubs celebrated International Day of Peace by sharing materials with others on the day's theme, "Celebrate Peace: One Person, One Act, One Day at a Time." Students and staff also gathered in the Quad to spell out "PEACE."



PTK Induction

Thirty-three students were inducted into FM's Alpha Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Each student earned at least a 3.5 GPA after taking a minimum of twelve credits.

Club Featured in National Magazine

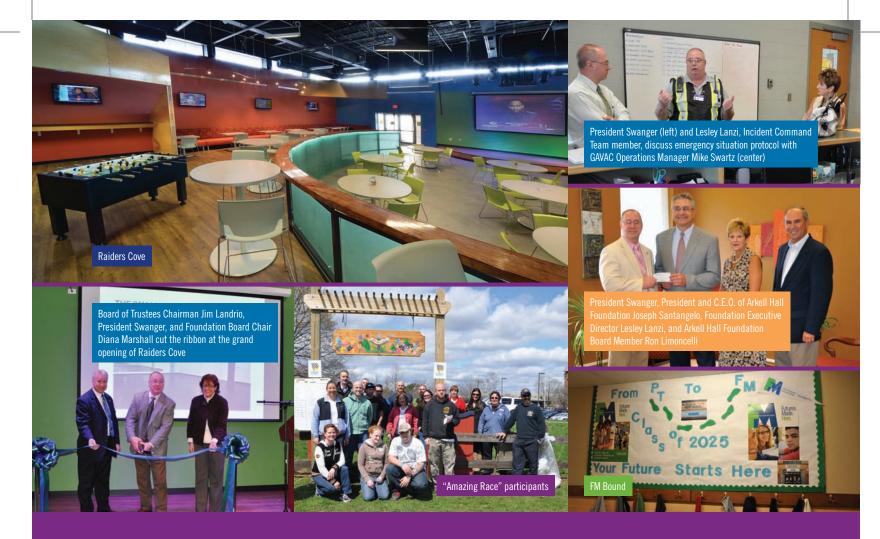
The Electrical Technology Club was featured in the February 2013 issue of SERVO magazine, a magazine dedicated to the "Next Generation of Robotics Experimenters - devoted 100% to robots and robotics."

STEM & STEP Students Visit Campus

Students from University at Albany's STEP program (Science and Technology Entry Program) met with President Swanger who discussed the importance of science programs after the group toured the campus, while Broadalbin-Perth STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) students received a hands-on experience in FM's Cleanroom and Advanced Manufacturing Lab.

TDAC Presentation Features Alums

FM's Technology Division Advisory Council (TDAC) hosted a presentation for a number of the area's technology-related workforce leaders. The group brought in three FM technology program graduates who gave an inside look at where a technology degree from FM could take you, gave their opinion on what the faculty can do to improve on the programs, and expressed gratitude for receiving the experience needed to take with them into the real world.



Community

Raiders Cove

FM celebrated the grand opening of Raiders Cove, the new social venue replacing the vacant swimming pool area. With the construction of Raiders Cove came new physical education instructional space allowing for the now offered Spinning Class.

Open seven days a week, Raiders Cove offers an entertainment area, large screen TVs, gaming tables, lounge areas, and an eatery. Funding for this project was a collaborative effort undertaken by the College's Foundation, its Faculty Student Association (FCA), and food service provider, Chartwells, with matching dollars from the State.

Training for Emergency

College administration, faculty, staff, and campus security responded to mock shootings at the College's Campus View student housing facility as part of an active shooter drill. The drill was staged to test the response of the campus community as well as local police agencies.

Scholarship Support

Joseph Santangelo, President and C.E.O. of Arkell Hall Foundation, presented FM with a \$50,000 donation. "The Foundation's association with FM goes back to the College's founding days," says Santangelo. "We have been pleased to support many initiatives at FM including scholarships for many of our area's residents. Support for its

educational resources is critical to the long-term vitality of any community. We remain committed to those who share that mission."

Campus-Wide Clean-Up

Participants enjoyed an "Amazing Race" scenario as part of the 2nd Annual FM/Liberty Campus-Wide Clean-Up Day. Teams competed against one another based on time, amount of trash collected, and the overall finished look of their assigned clean-up zone.

FM Bound

In fall 2012, FM and Park Terrace Elementary formed a partnership called "FM Bound." FM Bound is a program focusing on Park Terrace kindergarten students and their parents, instilling the belief that all children can learn college and career readiness skills and attend college. "Exposure to college life is extremely important at a very early age," says President Swanger.



Perrella Gallery Features Various Artists

The Perrella Gallery kicked off the fall semester with an exhibit by Galway, NY artist Patricia Kay. "The Maya: an Artistic Homage" explored Kay's fascination with Mayan civilization, art, cosmology, and spiritual beliefs in a body of work produced over the past twelve years.

The spring semester opened with an exhibit from Amsterdam, NY artist Michael Davis. "21 Grams of Depression; a Visual Diary of Coping with Depression" explored Davis' struggle with depression through what he called "a visual diary of images, channeled from within."

The following exhibit was a collaborative effort by artist Richard Saba and writer Mary Ashwood, both of Cherry Valley, NY. The exhibit explored the interaction of the written word with pictures through more than 40 monoprints co-created by the artists.

The semester wrapped up with a show featuring local high school student artists followed by the Annual FM Student Show.

Fall Fest

FM and Liberty celebrated the oneyear anniversary of their community partnership by hosting a "Fall Fest." Volunteers spent the day expanding the Community Garden, landscaped the College grounds, and provided family fun activities for the children who attend FM's YMCA Playmates Day Care.

Operation FM Cares

Due to the devastation brought on by Hurricane Sandy, FM's Athletic and TRiO Programs co-sponsored



"Operation FM Cares," where students and staff traveled to Staten Island to assist with the clean-up efforts.

Dream Team vs. Harlem Rockets

The Student Activities Board, in partnership with the Res Life Club, hosted an entertaining, family-fun basketball event: "FM's Dream Team vs. Harlem Rockets." The Dream Team, coached by Vice President for Student Affairs Jane Kelley and Athletic Director Kevin Jones, lost to The Rockets 61-52, but a good time was had by all.

Visits From Local Legislators

On separate occasions, New York State Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara and Senator Cecilia F. Tkaczyk toured FM's campus with President Swanger, showing both the latest additions to campus.

Summer Academy

FM's Summer Academy for young students included a selection of 38 programs and workshops such as American Sign Language, Cosmetology, Fun Fitness, "Science can be FUN!," Zumba, Magic, Horses, Poetry, "Improv" Comedy, Hands On Technology, Local History, and more.

Thanking the Vets

November was designated as "Thank a Veteran Month" at FM. Students and staff were encouraged to wear red, white, and blue to support and honor local Veterans and a "Housewares for Heroes Drive" was held on-campus. Gently used or new household items were collected and given to local homeless veterans as they made their way into apartment housing. The drive was sponsored by Student Activities Board and the Ladies Auxiliary to The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1019.



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