



am very pleased to present to you the 2011-12 Annual Report for Fulton-Montgomery Community College. Once again our faculty, staff, and students have demonstrated that FM is truly a great college.

As you look through the following pages highlighting our accomplishments, you will notice the theme, "Change and Tradition." I encourage you to take note of the numerous activities, events, and involvement of our college in the community where some have been a tradition of FM for many years while others are welcome additions.

At FM, community is not just our middle name, it is our dedication. Over the years, faculty and staff have made many presentations to community groups; students have conducted fundraisers for community organizations; the College hosted many community meetings; and clubs have participated in a plethora of activities dedicated to making our local community better. There are not enough pages in this

report to detail every community activity; yet you will see our commitment.

This year FM made several changes to our facilities. We remodeled the Student Development Center creating a space that is updated and more inviting. We totally renovated the dining facilities transforming what was an outdated cafeteria into Union Stations, a modern and vibrant dining facility with five serving stations, booths, comfortable seating areas, and soft casual furniture. We also, through the Fulmont College Association, doubled the size of Campus View Student Housing in order to better serve more students from other parts of the state and country as well as around the world.

This year saw many technological enhancements as well. We improved the wireless internet access in both quality and coverage across the campus. We launched student e-mail and a new Student Portal that

highlights events on campus each day in an effort to better communicate with our students. We added new electronic scoreboards to each of our athletic fields. That's all in addition to our normal computer upgrades and new software in the academic classrooms and labs.

I'm sure that you will be impressed with FM's accomplishments this year. You will see that FM is a college on the move and that we live up to our tag line - Futures Made. Here.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dustin Swanger President



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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

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

FM's 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.



Change

Preparing us for future growth and innovation.







Raiders Hall

On December 5, 2011, the Fulmont College Association, the auxiliary corporation of FM, broke ground for "Raiders Hall," FM's new student housing. This \$7.1 million project has been funded through the USDA and was part of a \$11.3 million student housing project. Raiders Hall provides an additional 144 beds, bringing the total number of residential beds to 288.

Union Stations

FM celebrated the opening of its newly renovated cafeteria, "Union Stations," just before the start of the fall 2012 semester. The cafeteria has been remodeled into a dining facility which houses five serving stations, each with a different venue of food. The bright colors and comfortable furniture provide a welcoming atmosphere to the 300 residential students who will be eating three meals a day in the new facility. The \$800,000 project began in May 2012.

Athletics

The athletic fields were updated with new scoreboards, foul poles and fencing for the softball fields, and bleachers on cement pads.

Student Development Center

The Student Development Center was remodeled to create a more inviting, updated Center. New flooring, rugs, front line desks and chairs, file cabinets, and fresh paint were all part of the renovations.

The Evans Library

This summer The Evans Library had a bit of a facelift, with several walls and door frames on the first and second floor sporting a variety of accent colors and the remaining walls and pillars treated to a fresh coat of paint. As part of the Library's ongoing mission to serve the academic needs of students, faculty, and staff in a manner most suited to their learning and instructional styles, a 30-iPad mobile classroom was purchased to become a key component of the Information

Literacy Program. The units will allow students to experience a reality in which access to information is not limited by the physical constraints of a library building. Engaging students where they are and where they might be, while instructing them in usable life-long skills, will fulfill the College's mission and epitomize a culture that encourages and embraces innovation and growth.

Late Start Semester

In the fall of 2011, Tropical Storm Irene impacted our region and resulted in massive cleanup efforts for weeks following the storm. FM responded by offering a fall "Late Start" session to accommodate students who were affected by the storm, and might have missed the traditional start date of the semester. Students were able to complete fall courses in 10 weeks instead of the traditional 15 week semester, allowing them to stay on track within their program of study. Over 300 students enrolled in the fall 2011 Late Start Session.



Transformation Committee

A Transformation Committee was launched in 2011 to begin the process of preparing the campus to transition from a commuter college environment to a residential college environment. This college-wide collaboration is working to enhance educational support services, evening recreational activities, residential life services, as well as access to community services.

FM & Empire State College Form Partnership

FM and Empire State College signed a Pathways Transfer Program Agreement allowing qualified students completing an associate's degree at FM to transfer seamlessly into a bachelor's degree program at Empire State College.

Human Services Job Fair

FM, in conjunction with Liberty ARC and Centro Civico, held its first Human Services Job Fair and Information Sessions Day at Amsterdam's Riverfront Center with over 15 employers and 125 job seekers in attendance.

Donation to Nursing Program

On behalf of Amsterdam City Hospital Nursing Alumnae Association, President Audrey Flint and Treasurer Alice Decker made a \$10,000 donation to endow a scholarship for the College's Nursing Program.

NBT Bank Makes \$50,000 Donation To FM

NBT Bank donated a gift of \$50,000 to FM's Foundation to help fund "Raiders Cove," a modern-day gathering place for students, which will be located in the Physical Education Building to include a wireless internet café, a stage area for various performances, and a lounge with pool tables and flat-screen TVs. Raiders Cove is scheduled to open in January 2013.

Raiders Mentor Local Youth

Raiders Basketball team members spent their Saturday mornings volunteering as mentors to Kindergarten through 3rd graders at Boulevard Elementary School in Gloversville.

Community Garden

Liberty and FM joined forces in fall 2011 to create a Community Garden on campus. Staff from both organizations will tend the garden throughout the year with all crops to be donated to local food pantries.

Earth Day Activities

FM, in partnership with Liberty, sponsored a Spring Clean-Up/Earth Day Celebration as part of a "Civility Week" celebration. The Clean-Up Day was set as a campus-wide race, tackling various tasks including gardening, trash removal, weeding, raking, seeding and more. Also, various committees, staff and faculty included the creation of a giant human peace sign with approximately 300 participants, the signing of a "Civility Pledge," and the sharing of "kindness coins" among students and staff who witnessed civil behavior any day throughout the week.



Dr. Swanger Presented with Presidential Award

Dr. Swanger was awarded with the 2011 Leadership Council on Inclusion (LCI) Presidential Award at LCI's Multicultural Awards Reception held at Union College. The Mission of the Leadership Council on Inclusion is to enhance and promote diversity and multicultural programs at educational institutions and agencies in the Capital Region of New York State. The council serves as a resource, advocate, and catalyst for the implementation of institutional change related to local and national issues of inclusion in education.

United Way Honors FM

FM was presented with the United Way of Montgomery County Jeanne R. So Community Service Award at the 68th Annual Campaign Awards Celebration. The award is given to an individual or group that has shown outstanding volunteer contributions throughout the entire community.

Crime Victims Honored

FM's Criminal Justice Program, in conjunction with Catholic Charities **Montgomery County Domestic** Violence and Crime Victims Services. held a Tree Dedication Ceremony to honor all victims of crime. A Magnolia tree, donated by Catholic Charities Montgomery County Domestic Violence and Crime Victims Services, was planted near the College's newly constructed Community Garden, a collaborative effort with Liberty. Approximately 50 students and staff members attended the dedication ceremony coordinated by FM Criminal Justice Alumna Chenda Ree Tim.

THINK

THINK is an outcome of FM's National Science Foundation grant called TEPP (Technological Education Pathways Partnership). THINK is a room where technology, both old and new, is available to help develop and refine any creative ideas. The highlight of the room is a 52-inch touch TV system.

Training Grant Awarded

FM was awarded funding through SUNY to offer a Workforce Development Training Grant Program. This program is for employers expanding their operations, looking to create new jobs, or those seeking to improve productivity, efficiency, effectiveness and profitability as a result of the training. Training to be offered includes Leadership, Management & Supervision, Team Building, Computer Skills and Industrial Electrical Maintenance. Employers selected for the first round of funding were Community Health Center, Hill & Markes, Mohawk Resources Ltd., NTI Global, Keymark Corporation, and Townsend Leather.





Summer Academy

During the month of July, FM offered a fun and educational Summer Academy for students entering grades 3 - 8. To enhance program offerings, the College partnered with HFM BOCES Career and Technical Center and their faculty. As a result, new classes were developed including; Gleek Out, Careers in Cosmetology, Junior Chefs, Game Design, Digital Photography, American Sign Language and Sci-Tech Camp. Classes were held on both campuses providing students with a unique opportunity to learn in state-of-the-art facilities and have fun in the process.

Alternative Fuel Class Offered

FM's Automotive Technology
Program has added a new course to its
curriculum, Alternative Motor Fuels.
This is an introductory course focusing
on hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles
of today and the future with discussion
on safety and basic service of these
types of vehicles.

Center for Energy Efficiency and Building Science

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRAINING

The Center for Energy Efficiency and Building Science now offers an Introduction to Photovoltaic (Solar) Technology class designed to teach the fundamentals of photovoltaic (PV) systems design and installation. FM has become a registered provider for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) Photovoltaic Entry Level Exam. NABCEP is the "gold standard" for PV and solar heating installation certification for renewable energy professionals.

Center for Employer Services

INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE TRAINING

In response to a growing need for technical training, the Center for Employer Services at FM has developed an Industrial Electrical Maintenance Training Program. A non-credit course was created and customized to meet the specific needs of local manufacturers. The equipment in FM's state-of-the-art Manufacturing Lab allows the instructor to illustrate how automated industrial systems operate and present employees with real-life hands-on troubleshooting challenges. The Program is expanding to support the rapidly increasing trends for automation in production and service industries.





Tradition

A commitment to the success of our students.





Commencement

FM's 47th Annual Commencement Ceremony awarded 472 graduates with a degree or certificate including 33 international students from 7 countries including China, Ghana, Hong Kong, India, Latvia, South Korea, and Vietnam.



Keynote speaker was Assemblyman Marc W. Butler (R,C,I), a SUNY Potsdam graduate who has represented the people of New York in the State Assembly since 1995. Student speaker was Johnstown native Madina L. Alam who earned an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies. She is continuing

her studies at SUNY Stony Brook majoring in Psychology. The graduate is an Honors student and a member of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the national two-year college honor society.

Students Honored

SUNY's Chancellor Award for Student Excellence was created 15 years ago. It recognizes students who have best demonstrated, and been recognized for, the integration of academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement. SUNY's Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Award was created 18 years ago in recognition of scholarly achievement and service to the community and college. Students Marie Thomas and Hei Laam Fong were honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award while Loc Tan Van was honored with the Phi Theta Kappa First-Team All-New York Academic Award.

38th Annual PTK Academic Awards

The Alpha Alpha Upsilon Chapter of the International Honor Society for two-year colleges, Phi Theta Kappa, inducted 87 FM students during the 2011-2012 academic year. To become eligible for membership, students must have completed at least twelve credit hours at FM and have obtained a minimum of 3.50 cumulative grade point average.

PTK Members Attend International Convention

Members of FM's Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) chapter traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for the 94th Annual International PTK Convention. With over 4,000 PTK members representing 587 community colleges from all over the world, two of FM's PTK members, Brianna Young and Tomass Krilovs, were recognized for their efforts and service to the New York State Regional Team by being recognized as a member of a "Distinguished Regional Officer Team."



FM Student Wins \$1500 First Prize for Civil War Essay

Since its founding in 2003, The Historical Society of the Courts of the State of New York annually sponsors the David A. Garfinkel Essay Competition. This year's first place winner was FM student Rodney Schuyler. SUNY and CUNY Community College students from around the State were invited to write an original essay on the topic, "THE BLUE AND THE GRAY: NEW YORK DURING THE CIVIL WAR." Rodney focused his essay on the role African-Americans played in the Civil War in pursuit of freedom and citizenship. It is entitled: Slave. Contraband. Soldier. Citizen. He was presented with a \$1,500 first prize by Deputy Chief Administrative Judge Fern Fisher.

FM Hosts Raiders Athletic Awards Banquet

For more than 20 years, FM has held an Annual Raiders Athletic Awards Banquet. This year's award highlights included Lady Raiders basketball player Champagne Hazel receiving Female Athlete of the Year and Raiders basketball player Wynn Adams receiving Male Athlete of the Year. Twenty-four student athletes were inducted into the "Raider 3.0 Club" (student-athletes who earned a 3.0 GPA or higher) with Lady Raiders volleyball player Cassie Brancato receiving Female Academic Athlete of the Year and men's baseball player Nicholas Natoli receiving Male Academic Athlete of the Year.

Men's Basketball Head Coach Ed Collar was named Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year and Region III Coach of the Year. In only his second season as head coach, Lady Raiders Softball Coach Dan Towne was named Mountain Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and was nominated for Region III Coach of the Year.

FM Faculty: Committed to Our Community

It is tradition with our community college's faculty to provide education and leadership to both fellow educators and the community at large.

LAURIE FREEMAN

Professor of Chemistry Laurie Freeman gave a capnote speech for the May 2012 Sister to Sister Summit which took place at FM. "Tech-Savvy and Ready for Anything" was the title of her speech, which she presented to 200 13-year old girls from the local communites.

DR. KAREN MARTIN

The Empire State Association of Two Year College Biologists (ESATYCB) held its annual conference at FM. Conference Coordinator Dr. Karen Martin, Assistant Professor of Science, said approximately 25 faculty and students from community colleges attended from across the state.



ROBERT JONES

Robert Jones, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages, was invited to teach for Cymdeithas Madog's Cwrs Cymraeg this past summer. Cwrs Cymraeg is a week-long intensive Welsh language course with staff from Wales and North America who go to a different location in the U.S. and Canada each year. This year the course was in Salt Lake City. He was also invited to write an article for the "Journal of Celtic Language Learning" on learning Welsh in North America.

FRANK YUNKER

Professor of Computer Science Frank Yunker presented at two conferences this year, "Trade-Offs in Teaching Economics: Comparing Traditional, Blended and Web-Based Courses," at the International Journal of Arts and Sciences Conference held in Aix-en-Provence, France (the paper will be published in the October 2012 issue of the journal) and "SUNY Open Access and the 3C's: Contributions, Commons and Copyright" in Stony Brook, New

York where Professor Yunker took part in a panel discussion on Intellectual Property Rights at the SUNY Conference on Instructional Technologies. Professor Yunker represents FM on the FACT2 Advisory Council.

SUNY Chancellor's Award Presented to Sue Sammons

SUNY as a whole consistently demonstrates the University's commitment to individuals who provide superior service to its students and the community at large. This year, Technical Assistant Sue Sammons was honored with the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Classified Service, an award which recognizes a SUNY employee for superior performance and extraordinary achievement in Classified Service.

FM Participates in NYCCT Community College Advocacy Day

Each year, a group of FM students and administration attend New York Community College Trustees (NYCCT) Community College Advocacy Day at the Legislative Office Building in Albany. This year's group visited with Assembly Member Deborah Glick, Chair of Assembly Higher Education Committee; Senator Kenneth LaValle, Chair of Senate Higher Education Committee; Assemblyman George Amedore; Senator Hugh T. Farley; and Assemblyman Marc Butler. Students shared stories of how valuable FM is to them and showed their appreciation of the Governor's Executive Budget proposal to keep community colleges at the same funding level as last year.

Distinguished Alumni Recipients

The Foundation of FM hosted its Fifth Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner at Johnstown Holiday Inn. This year's recipients were: Pierre Alric '66, Angelo Graziane '75, and Jim Landrio '80. The evening also included special recognition of FM's Scholarship Program donors, student recipients, and outgoing board members of the College's Foundation Board.



Annual Golf Classic

The College's 19th Annual Golf Classic, "Keeping Futures on Course," raised an estimated \$30,000 to support the College's much anticipated Raiders Cove. "We are so grateful to our sponsors and golfers for their continued support of this tournament which is the College's largest fundraiser," said Lesley Lanzi, Foundation Executive Director.

FM Supports United Way

To support the local chapters of the United Way, FM's Foggy Mountain Players, Peer Tutor Club, and Phi Theta Kappa sponsored the 8th Annual Follies Show, "FM's Got Talent!" The Follies is a variety show open to all members of the college community including students, alumni, faculty, staff, and board members.

Ready To Work Week, Annual Job Fair

In preparation for FM's Annual Spring Job Fair, the College hosted a "Ready to Work Week." Each day students were invited to attend a career-related workshop. The highlight of the week was the "Faulty Fashion Show," a runway style show where FM students wore proper outfits for a job interview while FM faculty donned styles of "what not to wear to a job interview."

The Annual Job Fair was held in collaboration with the Fulton County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and the FMS Workforce Solutions System. Sixty employers were present to assist the over 550 job seekers.

Community Awareness

FM has long-established itself as a leader in providing important educational topics for its students and community.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

To show support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October), the Student Activities Office sponsored several awareness events including a bake sale and T-shirt sale. Proceeds from all funds raised benefited the domestic violence shelters serving Fulton and Montgomery Counties. The month also included a candlelight vigil to shine the light on domestic violence, a workshop discussing violent relationships, and a presentation of "In Her Shoes," a domestic violence simulation experience.

SPEAKER DISCUSSES TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

Transgender Rights Speaker and FM alumnus Dr. Wayne Maines explained how his values and beliefs were tested when one of his twin boys began presenting as a transgender girl. His daughter, Nicole, began openly attending school as a transgender girl in the fifth grade, but her world quickly fell apart with relentless harassment and bullying. Wayne



and his family continue to advocate on behalf of their daughter and transgender youth everywhere.

FM Student Art Show

A popular annual tradition since it first began in 1992, FM's Annual Spring Juried Student Works Exhibition contained 37 works of art selected from over 127 works submitted for judging by two external jurors. The jurors this year were Susan Blackburn of Saratoga Springs and Patricia Kay of Galway. Both jurors are recognized regional artists.

21st Annual Regional High School Art Exhibition

The 21st Annual Regional High School Art Exhibition highlights the artistic achievements of young artists throughout the region in grades 9-12. This year's exhibit included 54 student works from 12 school districts within a 50-mile radius of the College. A total of 255 works were submitted to the exhibition for judging. Participating schools included Amsterdam, Bethlehem, Berne-Knox-

Westerlo, Broadalbin-Perth, Cobleskill-Richmondville, Fonda-Fultonville, Gloversville, Guilderland, Niskayuna Central, Shaker-North Colonie, Scotia-Glenville, and Wells High Schools.

Perrella Gallery Hosts MECCA Arts Showcase 2011

The Perrella Gallery featured an artist's



showcase of members of MECCA, the Montgomery County Educational

and Cultural Council on the Arts. The works of 17 local artists were displayed, representing a wide variety of mediums. "The exhibit celebrates the diversity of creative expression found in our own community," said Joel Chapin, Fine Arts Professor.

The Vagina Monologues at FM

Under the direction of Math Instructor Sonnet Gravina, FM presented Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues. For more than 12 years, The Vagina Monologues has given voice to experiences and feelings not previously exposed in public. Several female FM faculty, staff, and students, along with female members of the community, participated. All proceeds from the day benefited The Family Counseling Center's Domestic Violence Program of Fulton County and Montgomery County Domestic Violence and Crime Victim Services.

100% of 2012 Nursing Grads Pass NCLEX-RN

FM's Nursing Class of 2012, which included 32 graduates, passed the National Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) with a 100% first-time pass rate. The NCLEX is an examination for the licensing of nurses in the United States. It is required by each state and must be passed before a nurse can practice in that state. According to the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), historically 86% of first-time United States educational candidates pass the NCLEX.



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