



Fulton-Montgomery
Community College

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2016-2017
Annual Report
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{President's Message}



I am pleased to present to you the 2016-17 Annual Report for Fulton-Montgomery Community College. These are challenging times for higher education all across the country. Colleges and universities face declining enrollments, inadequate funding, rapidly changing technology, and social conflicts that demonstrate the critical need for colleges to be involved in our communities.

Yet with all that we face, FM had a wonderful academic year. Because of the dedication of our faculty and staff, our students experience an exemplary college education while on our campus. We continue to challenge our students to think about issues, to analyze data, to listen to other points of view, to articulate their beliefs and findings and to develop as students and citizens while they attend FM. It is a pleasure to see them grow.

This past year we built a new college store and remodeled space in the Student Union in order to provide students with meeting space for clubs, student senate and social gatherings. We are deep into the planning for a renovation of the Physical Education Building, particularly the locker rooms and lavatories, bringing them up-to-date this coming summer. We are also designing a remodel of our science labs, located in O'Connell Hall, to begin this summer as well.

We launched the President's Council on Diversity and Inclusion this year. This Council is helping me plan the future of FM as we address the needs of a more diverse student body and community. The Council hosted several student and community events exploring issues like Refugees, Islamophobia and Gender Identity. The Council developed a Plan for Diversity and Inclusion that will guide our journey all across campus as we strive to make all feel welcome on our campus and in our community.

FM began the construction of the Allen House (to be completed in January 2018). This new facility will provide a location for the College to host numerous events for the community, for our students, and for professional meetings of our colleagues.

As you review the following pages, with all of the accomplishments we were able to achieve, I'm sure that you will agree that at FM, Future Are Made. Here.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dustin Swanger
President

{About Us}

VISION Fulton-Montgomery Community College strives to be an innovative leader in higher education.

MISSION Fulton-Montgomery Community College provides accessible higher education and quality programs with a focus on student success. FM partners with the community through engagement in economic development and by providing cultural and intellectual opportunities.

VALUES FM is guided by the following values:

- Excellence in education and teaching
- Student learning and scholarship
- Caring personalized service
- Innovation
- Civility
- Integrity
- Quality facilities
- Diversity
- Accessibility
- Community engagement
- Continuous improvement
- Leadership



Left to right: Geoff Peck, James Landrio, William Easterly, Lee Hollenbeck, Rio Blundell, Jennifer Gardella, Edmund C. Jasewicz, Ryan B. Weitz. *Not shown:* Taiyebah Ghazi-Moghadam.

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.

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{Accolades and Awards}

2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMS The Foundation of FM hosted its Tenth Annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner honoring Dr. Emily Etzkorn '82-'86, Ambrose C. Schaffer '03, and William T. Winsman, Sr. '87.

Emily has her own primary care medical office in Amsterdam; Ambrose is the Research and Development Manager for Functional Coatings at Coventia Inc., a global supplier of specialty chemicals for the metal finishing industry; and Bill is lead partner of the Winsman, Hellert, Fleischmann Group at Key Bank.

Keynote Speaker for the event was John Sumpter (2016 FM alum), Assistant Director to HFM Prevention's Creative Connections Program.



William T. Winsman, Sr., Dr. Emily Etzkorn,
Ambrose C. Schaffer



John Sumpter and Dr. Swanger

SUNY'S CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR STUDENT EXCELLENCE This award acknowledges students who have received recognition for student excellence. It is the highest honor bestowed upon a student by the University. This year, 256 students from 64 campuses received this award including Fulton-Montgomery Community College students Kendra Griffin of St. Johnsville, NY and Gary Thompson of Fultonville, NY.

"I congratulate Kendra and Gary on this prestigious award; they are proven leaders and I am proud of their accomplishments," said Dr. Swanger.



SUNY Chancellor Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher,
Kendra, Dr. Swanger



SUNY Chancellor Dr. Nancy L. Zimpher,
Gary, Dr. Swanger

ALL-NEW YORK ACADEMIC AWARD

Elizabeth Anderson was this year's recipient of the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Awards. Elizabeth, a General Studies major with a 3.65 GPA, is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Communications and Broadcast Journalism at SUNY Oswego and hopes to become a news anchor. While at FM she volunteered at a food pantry called Schenectady Inner City Ministry and also obtained two jobs within the communications field.



Dr. Randy VanWagoner, Chair of NYCC Association of Presidents; Elizabeth; Dr. Swanger; and, Dr. Alexander Cartwright, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of SUNY

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

Dr. Swanger was presented with the Father Joseph F. Girzone Crystal Pillar of the Community Award at Montgomery County Office for Aging's 18th Annual Awards Dinner held at Glen Sanders Mansion.



David Jordan, Executive Director of OFA, Dr. Swanger, Jason Gough, WNYT Meteorologist and Keynote Speaker, and Del. B. Salmon, Esq., OFA Foundation President



STUDENT EARNS 4.0 AND SHERIFF'S AWARD Shawn Monge received the NYS Sheriff's Association Institute of Scholarship Award from Sheriff Michael Amato. Shawn earned a 4.0 GPA from FM and is currently studying Biology at University of Albany. He is a graduate of Fonda-Fultonville High School.

ATHLETIC AWARDS FM's student-athletes celebrated a successful academic and athletic year with the inclusion of two new sports: Men's and Women's Bowling and Cross Country. At their end of the year awards banquet, each coach had the opportunity to acknowledge the Raiders for their many accomplishments on the playing field and in the classroom.

Awards went to:

- **Male Athlete of the Year:**
Kerome Grant – Men's Basketball
- **Female Athlete of the Year:**
Miranda Nethaway – Basketball, Softball & Volleyball
- **Region III Coach of the Year & Conference Coach of the Year:**
Volleyball Coach Rachael Salvione
- **Mountain Valley Conference Coach of the Year:**
Soccer Coach Cory Leggiero
- **Female and Male Academic Athletes of the Year:**
Volleyball's Jenna Putnam and Soccer's Wolfgang Reinke

Conference and Regional Awards:

- Jenna Putnam- Volleyball-1st Team All-Region and 1st Team All-Conference and Conference Player of the Year
- Miranda Nethaway- Volleyball-2nd Team All-Region and 1st Team All-Conference
- Joseph Perez- Soccer- Mountain Valley All-Conference Goalie of the Year
- Kerome Grant- Men's Basketball-3rd Team All-Region and 2nd Team All-Conference
- Dante Morgan- Men's Basketball-3rd Team All-Region and 3rd Team All-Conference
- Rylie Smith- Women's Basketball-3rd Team All-Conference
- Ryan McNamara- Baseball-Mountain Valley All-Conference Team and All-Region 2nd Team
- Richard Umholtz- Baseball-Mountain Valley All-Conference Team



RECOGNIZING STUDENT-ATHLETES

The Raiders' 3.0 Club was honored at a luncheon recognizing student-athletes who earned a 3.0 or better grade point average during the fall semester or had a cumulative grade point average above a 3.0; 39 athletes qualified for the 3.0 club.



Athletic Director Kevin Jones, Female Athlete of the Year Miranda Nethaway and Male Athlete of the Year Kerome Grant



All Conference Recipients Kerome Grant, Rylie Smith, Miranda Nethaway, Joe Perez, Dante Morgan and Athletic Director Kevin Jones



Men's Bowling MVP Damian Sullivan and Head Coach Tom Rathbun



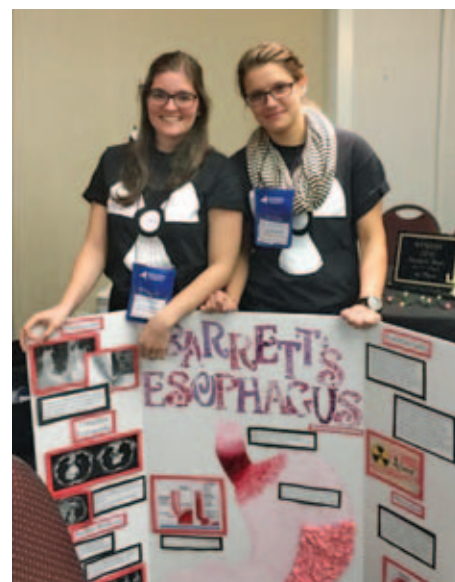
STEP participants and CSTEP volunteers with special guest visitor Congressman Paul Tonko (center).

AT&T POWERS THE FIRST REGIONAL STEP SCHOLARS BOWL More than 75 students from more than 15 Capital Region schools met at FM to test their Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) knowledge. The Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) is a grant-funded program supported in part by the New York State Department of Education. The colleges and universities in Upstate New York that host STEP Programs include: Union College, Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Albany Medical College and the State University of New York at Albany. Together these institutions hosted the first annual STEP Scholars' Bowl powered by AT&T, allowing 7-12 graders who are historically underrepresented in the STEM fields to come together for a day of STEM-related activities and competitions. Programs that encourage and celebrate STEM education are imperative to the future workforce.

RAD TECH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN STATEWIDE STUDENT QUIZ BOWL

Each year the New York State Society of Radiologic Sciences sponsors three student competitions during its Annual Conference: the Essay Contest, the Poster Contest, and the Student Quiz Bowl. FM's Rad Tech Class of 2017 returned from this Annual Conference, held in Corning, New York, with three wins.

The students placed first and second in the Poster Contest, which included displays of educational interest and value to radiographers and radiography students; and, placed second in the Student Quiz Bowl, which consists of two rounds of 40 multiple-choice questions each related to the art and science of radiography. The questions are rapidly flashed on a screen where the students have 10 seconds or less to answer each question.



Students Angela Hanke and Allana Clough with their poster presentation, "Barrett's Esophagus." The presentation focused on the abnormal changes to the lower portion of the esophagus from chronic inflammation such as GERD. The students took 2nd place for their poster project.

{Ground Breaking}

III BREAKING GROUND FOR THE NEW ALLEN HOUSE Construction on the planned Allen House began this summer. The project is made possible thanks to the generous \$2 million donation to the Foundation from George and Frances Allen. The Allen House will be the new home to the President, Vice President and Provost, and the Foundation. It will contain a full-service kitchen, an event room, and a new Board Room. Construction of the Allen House looks to be complete by January 2018.



Left to right: Dr. Swanger, Trustee Chair Edmund C. Jasewicz, Foundation Board Chair Del B. Salmon, Esq., and Foundation Executive Director Lesley Lanzi

III PERRELLA GARDEN In the fall of 2016, FM opened The Perrella Garden to the campus and community. The Perrella Garden is home to sculptures created by artists Lawrence Faust, Paul Kant, Caroline Ramersdorfer, and John Van Alstine. In the center is the Friello Fountain. Along the garden's path are benches to sit and enjoy the tranquility and peace that this beautiful garden provides. The Perrella Garden was made possible through gifts from generous donors to the FM Foundation.



The entrance to the Perrella Garden



Kay Friello (center) surrounded by her family in front of the Friello Fountain

III STUDENT UNION ENHANCEMENTS

- The former college store in the basement is now three meeting spaces for student clubs and college functions.
- New office space and storage has been provided for Student Activities.
- The former Game Room (with pool tables) is now a large Student Activities Office.
- The Large Lounge was remodeled to include new paint, carpet, HVAC, lighting, and sound enhancements.
- New lighting and door hardware was installed for better student safety.

III RAIDER TRADER COLLEGE STORE

This Spring, FM held a grand opening for its new Raider Trader College Store. The store (operated by Follett Higher Education Group) officially opened in January 2017.

The store was once located in the basement of the Student Union in a crowded, small space. This new location allows for more merchandising which now includes not only text books, notepads, and school supplies, but also health and beauty products, food, FM-branded clothing and backpacks, and electronics as well as name brands such as Apple, E.L.F. Cosmetics, FitBit, and Kate Spade.



L-R: Dave Klein, Follett Higher Education Group VP; Drew Franczak, Follett Higher Education Group Regional Manager of Sales & Operations, Dr. Swanger; Dave Morrow, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Heather Lyng, Store Manager; and Sandy Schwed, Assistant Store Manager, at the official ribbon cutting.

{Community Engagement}

III FOUNDATION CREATES FIFTH FRIDAY SPEAKER SERIES On Friday, September 30, 2016, The Foundation of FM launched its first of the Fifth Friday Speaker Series: “The Political View: A Panel Discussion,” to educate students and the community on the differences and similarities of the Democratic and Republican Parties regarding the year’s elections. Panelists included Democratic Party Chairs Bethany Schuman-McGhee (Montgomery County) and Edmund Jasewicz (Fulton County) and Republican Party Chairs Susan E. McNeil (Fulton County) and Rosemary Smith (Montgomery County).

This series happens each month with a fifth Friday. Other speakers in the series included Proctor’s Theater CEO Philip Morris, St. Mary’s Healthcare CEO Vic Giulianelli and Nathan Littauer Hospital’s Medical Director Dr. Fred Goldberg.



L-R: Ed Jasewicz, Bethany Schuman-McGhee, Susan McNeil, Rosemary Smith, and Dr. Swanger (moderator) at the Foundation's first Fifth Friday Speaker Series.

III HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY Over the September 11, 2016 weekend, FM’s Veterans Club and campus community hosted the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall on campus. The Wall is a 3/5 scale model of the Vietnam Memorial on permanent display in Washington, D.C., stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end.

The Opening Ceremony of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall took place on Friday, September 9. Later that evening, the College’s Perrella Gallery hosted an Art Show Opening: “Through a Laborer’s Eyes, 9/11 (World Trade Center Exhibition).” The exhibit included several photos taken by FM alumnus Louis Pabon (class of 2015). Lou worked construction in New York City and after the events of 9/11, was placed on the clean-up crew. Through his personal experience of viewing the aftermath and his love of the arts, Lou’s mission was to secure a piece and bring it to FM to be displayed in an artistic way. In this exhibit, Lou shared his photos and his personal experiences with the aftermath of 9/11.

On Saturday, September 10, a Re-dedication Ceremony of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was held in memory of the 37 local men killed in action in Vietnam.

On Sunday, September 11, FM hosted a World Trade Center Artifact (9/11) Dedication Ceremony. In December 2015, a piece of history was delivered to the College’s campus – a 33-foot tall section of the television antenna that stood at the top of the north tower of the World Trade Center.



The Opening Ceremony of the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall



Dr. Gus Kappler speaks to the crowd at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Re-dedication Ceremony

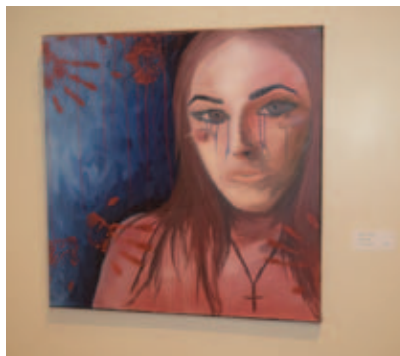
III SEARCHING FOR SANCTUARY The President’s Diversity Council hosted “Searching for Sanctuary.” This program consisted of four presenters – three refugees and one minister who works with refugees. The presenters discussed their experiences as a refugee, the tragedies in their home countries, and gave a very humanizing, moving perspective on the life of a refugee.



Grace Rutagengwa, a graduate of FM who lost her entire family in the Rwandan genocide when she was only three years old, speaks to the crowd as program guests Reverend James Brisbin, an Episcopal priest at St. Francis Mission who works with The Albany Refugee Resettlement Ministry; Mahmood Karimi Hakak, Professor of Creative Arts at Siena College; and, Guillermo A. Maciel, a farmer and organizer of Cosecha – a movement working for the Dignity, Respect, and Permanent Protection of Undocumented Immigrants Nationwide, listen to Grace’s story.



Devan Colley's 1st place drawing *Origin*



Bethany Ritter's oil painting *Depression*

FM STUDENT WORKS FEATURED IN 26TH ANNUAL ART EVENT This year's Annual Juried Art Exhibition featuring art created by FM students contained 28 works of art selected from 100 works submitted for judging by Jurors Joe Mulone and Sandra Smith, both regional artists. The exhibit featured a broad selection of works created in drawing, painting, sculpture, photography, multi-media, and video.

The juror's selections were awarded to: 1st Place, Devan Colley for his drawing *Origin*; 2nd Place, Joe Solmo for his colored photograph *Foggy Bay*; 3rd place, Bethany Ritter for her oil painting *Depression*. Two Juror's Honorable Mention awards were also awarded to: Grace Chan for her drawing *Forbidden Fruit* and Caitlyn Russell for her digital photograph *En Point 2*.

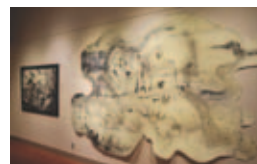
The annual event was sponsored and funded by the Student Art Guild of FM with additional donations from the Graphic Arts Club.

LOCAL ALUMNI ARTIST Local artist Tyler Schrader, a native of Johnstown, displayed some of his large scale charcoal drawings in his exhibit, *Equal Matter*.

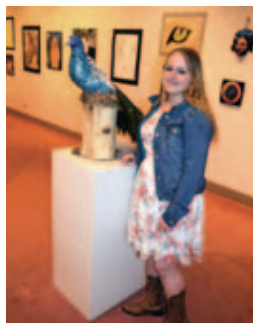
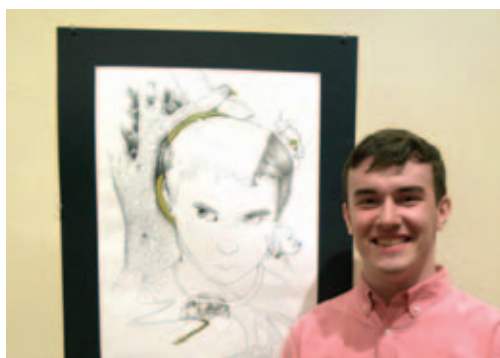
Tyler is a 2014 alumni of FM's Fine Arts program where he first began working on large scale paintings and drawings. Tyler said the exhibit explored the forces of energy found in nature from recordings of his daily interactions with his surrounding environment.



L-R: FM alum Ben Chapin, Fine Arts Professor and Gallery Director Joel Chapin, Tyler Schrader, FM alum and Schrader's mother Kaye Schrader, FM alum Lucas Chapin, FM alum Hikari Morakowa, FM alum Linda Wasson Chapin, and Ian Chapin at Tyler's exhibit.



One of Tyler's pieces



Top: Liam Nugent stands next to his self-portrait drawing
Bottom: Sammantha Heyer with her award winning mixed media sculpture *Steve the Peacock* and Ashley Alexander in front of her drawing installation *Lost In a Story*.

25TH ANNUAL REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT This annual exhibit highlights the artistic achievements of young artists throughout the Region in grades 9-12; a total of 345 works were submitted to the exhibition for judging and were 95 pieces were selected by Juror Bethany Gessinger.

Five Juror's Choice awards of \$100 each were presented to: Ashley Alexander, grade 12 at Shaker High School, for her drawing installation *Lost In a Story*; Sammantha Heyer, grade 10 at Broadalbin-Perth High School, for her mixed media sculpture *Steve the Peacock*; Helen Ryu, grade 11 at Shaker High School, for her acrylic painting *Inside Out*; Helen Yang, grade 11 at Guilderland High School, for her oil painting *Andrew through the Looking Glass*; and, Louise Xie, grade 12 at Bethlehem High School, for her acrylic painting *Mind of Flowers*.

Two Honorable Mention awards of \$50 each were presented to: Liam Nugent, grade 11 at Shaker High School, for his self-portrait drawing; and Joe Reluzco, grade 12 at Guilderland High School, for his acrylic painting, *No Service*.

The People's Choice award of \$50 went to Ashley Alexander, grade 12 at Shaker High School, for her drawing installation *Lost in a Story*. This award was announced at the conclusion of the exhibition based on ballots cast by exhibition visitors for their favorite piece.

Awards were made possible by the Foundation of FM.



III M[ODD]IFIED LIFE DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURES

BY ROBERT STURGESS This Spring, the Perrella Gallery featured M[odd]ified Life by regional artist Robert Sturgess, which featured ceramic sculptures and drawings that explore the topic of genetic manipulation and evolution. By creating bizarre (and often disturbing) life forms, his work draws attention to the consequences of genic experimentation.

Robert holds arts degrees from both FM and the State University of Buffalo. His work has been exhibited widely in group and solo exhibitions in the past several years.

III TEDx AT FM In January 2017, FM hosted a TEDx talk which focused on innovation in higher education, innovation in health care, and innovation in community development. The speakers included Chris Curro, Manager of Mohawk Harvest Cooperative Market; Mike Dardaris, Principal and Chief Learning Officer of HFM-BOCES PTECH; Vincent DeSantis, Gloversville City Council Member, Ward 3; Irina Gelman, Director of Public Health for Fulton County; Charlie Giglio, Retired Latin Teacher at Gloversville High School; and, Dr. Ronald Marsh, Physician.

TEDx is an independently organized event; it's a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)



L-R: Dr. Ronald Marsh, Irina Gelman, Vincent DeSantis, Charlie Giglio, Mike Dardaris, and Chris Curro.



Criminal Justice Associate Professor Paul Giudilli, Steven's mother Sylvia Barnes, and Steven Barnes

III THE INNOCENCE PROJECT FM's Criminal Justice Club welcomed guest speaker Steven Barnes to campus. In 1989, Steven was convicted, in upstate New York, of a murder he didn't commit based on questionable eyewitness identification and three types of unvalidated forensic science. Nearly two decades later, DNA testing obtained by the Innocence Project proved his innocence and he walked out of the Utica courthouse a free man on November 25, 2008.

Steven spoke to hundreds of students about his experience and the justice system.

III GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT This Spring, the Barto Lecture Series, in conjunction with Student Activities Board, hosted guest speaker Rosa Clemente. Rosa is the Black Puerto Rican organizer, an independent journalist, a hip-hop activist, and the 2008 Green Party Vice Presidential candidate. She spoke on grassroots movements and what it is like to organize under a Trump administration.

The William M. Barto Memorial Speaker Series is named after a popular FM Professor of History and Psychology who died in a tragic accident in August 2000 at the age of 37. The lecture series honors Dr. Barto because he initiated the practice of inviting significant guest lecturers to speak at FM. This series is part of FM's commitment to provide opportunities for cultural, intellectual and athletic enrichment for students and the community.



L-R: Barto Lecture Series Committee members Susan MacLeod (Assistant Professor of Biology), Lena Andersson (Assistant Professor of English), Rosa, and Elizabeth Press (Instructor of Media Communications) prior to Rosa's talk at FM.

{Giving Back}

|||| FUNDS FOR FUN The Fulmont Association of College Educators (FACE), the faculty union of the College, raised money for the Creative Connections Clubhouse – a community organization which provides a safe, supportive, and nurturing alcohol and drug-free environment with equal access for all adolescents ages 12-21 who are at risk of developing a substance use disorder.

Members of FACE raised over \$800.00 which was used for the Clubhouse's Holiday Party at High Rollers in Amsterdam.



Members of FACE, along with Creative Connections Clubhouse staff and youth, gather for a donation photo at the Clubhouse.

|||| THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE FM's Veteran Support staff hosted a "Thank You for Your Service" luncheon for any student or employee (including family members) who has served or is actively serving in the military.

"Because of you, we were able to bring the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall to our campus, to share with our friends, family and community," said Veteran Club President Gary Thompson. "Because of you, people see there is much more to us (Veterans) than just fighting. We keep the peace, we share love, and we help bring communities together."



Veteran students and staff along with FM's Veteran Support staff at the "Thank You for Your Service" luncheon in the College's X-Kitchen.

|||| FOOD FOR FINES For the entire month of October, the Public Safety Department gave students an opportunity to make a difference in their community; in lieu of paying a parking fine, students could bring in non-perishable food items to be donated to those in need.

According to Public Safety Director Mark Pierce, between 250-300 pounds of food items were collected and delivered to the Gloversville Senior Center.



Public Safety Officer Michael Waldynski and Public Safety Director Mark Pierce prepare their vehicle for the donation delivery to Gloversville's Senior Center.

|||| TOYS FOR TOTS The Veterans and Graphic Arts Clubs sponsored a Toys for Tots Toy Drive where employees and students were asked to donate a new, unwrapped toy to be donated to children in need at Christmas. Toys for Tots is supported by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve with a goal to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters that will assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.



Students of the Veteran Club, Graphic Arts Club, faculty advisors, and Educational Support Personnel Union gather with Ryan Lorey, Public Affairs Coordinator for the Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program (back row, center). Ryan came from Albany to collect the approximately 200 toys donated by the clubs and campus community.

||| SHARING KNOWLEDGE The Inaugural Future Women of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Conference included over 150 middle school girls from 12 local school districts participating in hands-on STEM workshops. Workshops were facilitated by FM faculty including: Kullen



Bailey (Radiologic Technology Instructor), Sonnet Gravina (Math Assistant Professor), Lynne Illsley (Nursing Assistant Professor), Kathie LaBarge (Liberty Partnership Program), Laurie Lazinski (Chemistry

Assistant Professor), Susan Mac Leod (Biology Assistant Professor), Julia Merritt (Computer Science Instructor), Julie Mihalcik (Math Assistant Professor), Denise Passero (Systems/ Application Technology Coordinator), Ruth Scott (Math Assistant Professor), Flor Trespalacios (Science Instructor and Keynote Speaker), and Marcia Wojcik (Nursing Assistant Professor).

The conference was organized by Laurie Lazinski, Lucas Prime, Christie Davis and Ruth Scott and sponsored by FM and Amsterdam High School's Science Technology Entry Program (STEP) which is an FM pre-collegiate grant program. STEP students also participated as part of their day of service for the program; students spoke with the middle school girls about STEP and their enthusiasm for STEM-related career paths.



ESP members Kathy Deal, Courtney Mahoney, Kathleen Romano, Carol White, Christina Dygon, Cathi Willette and Tammy Beauregard

||| CLEANING UP Members of the Clerical Union of Fulton-Montgomery Community College, ESP (Educational Support Personnel), spent a lunch hour cleaning up the outdoor area of the Administrative Building.

“Our members feel it’s important to provide community service, even within our own campus community,” said ESP Co-Chair Cathi Willette. “We decided we would utilize our lunch hour on the first nice spring day to help clean up all the debris that the harsh winter left behind.”



Science Instructor Flor Trespalacios (in green) works with the middle-schoolers.

{Faculty Highlights}



SCOTT COLLINS, Registrar

Mr. Collins presented at TedX Schenectady on the topic “Past Forward: At The Intersection of Art, Commerce and Scarcity.” Aside from being the College’s Registrar, Scott plays in a band named “Korisoron,” an instrumental acoustic trio that combines rock and progressive influences with musical traditions from across the globe. He is the author of the pedagogical/reference guitar series, “The GuitArchitect’s Guide To Series,” and several ebook titles about the music business.



MICHAEL V. DALY, Instruction/Public Services Librarian

Mr. Daly was a Co-Presenter at the 51st Annual Conference of Two-Year College English Association, “Critical Literacy in the Computer Lab” in Hartford, Connecticut. The presentation was: “Using the Computer Lab to Foster Collaboration and Critical Inquiry at Two-Year Associations of English.” He was Co-Presenter at the 16th Annual International Open Education Conference, “SUNY Open Education Resources: Improving Faculty Discovery and Adoption,” in Richmond, Virginia. Mike served as Keynote Speaker at Hudson Valley Community College’s Dwight Marvin Library Development Day, “Measuring Meaningfully: High Impact Information Literacy Assessment.” He was a Panelist and Presenter at the Northeast Regional OER Summit, University of Massachusetts, in Amherst. Mike was also a Presenter at the SUNY Conference on Instruction and Technology, “One Community College’s Year-Long Experience with SUNY’s OER Services” at SUNY Oneonta.



ROBERT JONES, Foreign Language Professor

Professor Jones continued his role as Curriculum Coordinator for Cymdeithas Madog – the Welsh Studies Institute in North America. Each year Cymdeithas Madog sponsors a week-long residential Welsh language and culture course, Cwrs Cymraeg, with instructors from Wales and North America. The course moves from location to location each year across Canada and the United States. In addition to serving as Curriculum Coordinator, Professor Jones served as the “local host” bringing the course to the Capital District during the third week of July at Siena College in Loudonville, New York.



KEN VENNETTE, English Assistant Professor

Over the summer, Assistant Professor of English and Humanities Ken Vennette, published his first chapbook of poetry titled, “*Illegitimi non Carborundum*,” which chronicles early life experiences growing up in Canajoharie, New York. The chapbook was published by Errant Pigeon Press, Poughkeepsie, New York. In addition, he had two poems titled, “*Dead Leon*” and “*Currant Berry Jam*” published in the 10th anniversary edition of the *Red Wheelbarrow*, a publication of White Chickens Press in Rutherford, New Jersey. The latter is an annual anthology produced by the Red Wheelbarrow Poets, a society of poets in the hometown of William Carlos Williams.



MARY DONOHUE, Professor/Library Director

Professor Donohue presented at the Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery School Library System Workshop “Future Plans R Us.” She joined the Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville high school librarian in a discussion titled: “Thinking of Learning Commons Yet?” Mary’s presentation included a 10-year retrospective on the Evans Library & Learning Commons, which opened during the Summer 2007. The presentation included changes made since the initial Commons was created and detailed potential next steps for the campus library in terms of resources and services.



STEVEN HYMOWECH, PH.D., Assistant Professor of English and Humanities

Assistant Professor Hymowech was a Co-Presenter at the 51st Annual Conference of Two-Year College English Association, “Critical Literacy in the Computer Lab,” in Hartford, Connecticut. The presentation was titled: “Using the Computer Lab to Foster Collaboration and Critical Inquiry at Two-Year Associations of English.”



FRANK YUNKER, Computer Science Professor

Professor Yunker presented at the 14th International Conference on Teaching, Education and Learning (ICTEL) Tecnico (Universidade de Lisboa), Campus da Alameda, Lisbon, Portugal in May 2017. His presentation was titled “Creating a Web-Centric Learning Environment for Improved Student Outcomes.”

{Striving for Success}



Students and faculty gather for a photo in NYC

LEARNING FINANCES IN THE FINANCIAL DISTRICT Last fall, FM's Biz Hub (Business Club) and Wall Street Club journeyed to New York City for what has now become an annual tradition. Over two dozen students and faculty participated in the Federal Reserve Bank Guided Tour of the gold vault and Federal Reserve Bank Museum, toured Wall Street, the New York Stock Exchange, and the Museum of Finance.



FM Student Shiwani K.C. of Nepal helps Derek Bunn of Broadalbin make a hand printed holiday greeting card.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TEACH & LEARN WITH DAYCARE CHILDREN

The English as a Second Language (ESL) Speaking and Listening class and Writing class participated in a service learning project at The Playmates Daycare at FM, operated by the Fulton County YMCA.

ESL students from China, Japan, Nepal, Puerto Rico, and Turkey participated, assisting children with various activities and teaching them

how to speak in their native language. This project allowed ESL students to practice their English language, take leadership roles, work within our community, and bond with the children.



SAFETY FIRST Body cameras have been provided for all Public Safety Officers to wear while performing their duties on campus. This has provided additional evidence of interactions between officers and students, as well as student to student, during times when Public Safety Officers are called upon.

TOWNSEND LEATHER TOUR

General Chemistry II and C-STEP students, along with Chemistry Instructor Laurie Lazinski and C-STEP Counselor Michelle Moore, attended a tour of Townsend Leather in Johnstown.

Laurie said the purpose of the trip was to show students the use of chemistry in a real-life job setting. "We discuss the concepts of pH, intermolecular forces, polarity, and many other chemistry topics in lecture and lab, but this was a unique look at how chemistry is used in manufacturing of products. Students saw that there is a lot of problem solving involved to dye the leather to the customer's specifications," she said.



Townsend Leather tour guide Taslim Yousaf shows the students the Rolling Press Staging Area

RAD TECH STUDENT SELECTED FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Radiologic Technology student Kyle Kearsley was selected to participate in the American Society of Radiologic



Technologists 2017 Student Leadership Development Program in Orlando, Florida. The ASRT represents more than 153,000 members who perform medical

imaging procedures or plan and deliver radiation therapy treatments. The Society also provides radiologic technology students with the tools, services and support they need to prepare for careers in medical imaging and radiation therapy. Kyle was one of few radiologic science students from around the country chosen to participate in the program.



Local students fill the Raiders Den for the first TCC daytime program

|||| NIGHT AND DAY PROGRAM For the first time, the Annual Tri-County Counselor's College Night included a daytime program at FM, allowing for Fulton and Montgomery County school districts to send students to FM's campus during the day while the night time program allowed for both parents and students.

|||| WORLD TRAVELERS As part of the International Business: Study Abroad course, Accounting and Business Instructor Mark Swain, along with EF Tours, took a group of students, alums, and community members to Ireland this past Spring Break.

The group visited Dublin and Belfast where they saw landmarks such as Trinity College (displaying the Book of Kells), St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Guinness Factory, The Brazen Head (the oldest pub in Ireland), Causey Farm,



Some of the brave travelers who crossed the Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge during extremely high winds.

and Giants Causeway. Students also met with the head of innovation at the Bank of Ireland as well as the Marketing Director at LOGOGRAB, an entrepreneurial startup that helps companies improve brand detection and mobile engagement.

Next year a trip to Belize is planned.



|||| MAKING COLLEGE AFFORDABLE FOR ALL FM hosted an Excelsior Scholarship Information Session with RoAnn Destito, Commissioner, NYS Office of General Services, and Rebecca Cozzocrea, FM's Financial Aid Coordinator, to educate students, parents, and faculty about opportunities presented by the Excelsior Scholarship. Under this Scholarship, nearly 80 percent, or 940,000 middle-class families and individuals making up to \$125,000 per year, would qualify to attend college tuition-free at all CUNY and SUNY two- and four-year colleges in New York State.

|||| RAD TECH CELEBRATES 10 YEARS

This Spring, FM held its first Radiologic Technology White Coat Ceremony. The event provided recognition of the Rad Tech program's success having graduated 10 classes of clinically trained and ARRT board certified Radiologic Technologists (2006–2016). In addition, it served as a lesson and reminder for program graduates, current RT students, and those in attendance of the core values held by someone choosing a career in medical imaging.



Rad Tech Grads at the White Coat Ceremony

|||| MARCH FOR SCIENCE In honor of Earth Day, hundreds of people marched in support of science including several faculty and students from FM. The Albany march was one of many taking place across the country to celebrate science and show support for the scientific community.



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