Welcome Back to School from our new Editor-in-Chief

By: Juan Cordero Jr

Welcome back to Passaic County Community College students, faculty, staff, and administrators. This is the beginning of yet another wonderful fall semester here at PCCC, and once again it is time for the gears to be set into motion.

To those of you who are just starting here for the first time, I welcome you to a wonderful learning community and I assure you that you will have no regrets of becoming part of our family here. Passaic County Community College is a special place because so many people have chosen to continue their education here, and so many people have benefited from doing so. Not only can you earn your self a degree in a field you have a passion for, but you will also earn the wisdom and experiences from those who are taking this journey right beside you.

Our professors here are some of the most knowledgeable people that you will ever meet and know. They are stern and professional, yet noticeably caring. While they are willing to help you achieve your goals of moving on toward your future, you must also be able to meet them half way. It is not a difficult task to achieve. You have to do your best and put in all the effort you possibly can to achieve that “A” in any specific course. If these professors are giving you the tools you need to succeed, you must be able to have the patience and diligence to learn how to use them effectively. But don’t worry if you begin to struggle with these complex mathematical problems or get confused by proper punctuation usage; the labs here are designed to get you through these courses with as much ease as possible. They are available to you whenever you need them, and the staff will assist you with the trickiest of issues.

While doing the best you can to achieve your academic goals, keep in mind that this is also a wondrous time to take part of your student community by joining clubs and taking advantage of all the fun aspects of college life. Life here at Passaic County Community College is what you make of it, and you will have many opportunities to expand your horizons thanks to the people you befriend and make acquaintances with.

As the new Editor in Chief of Visions, I will be taking this journey with you as we continue to make Passaic County Community College the best that it can be. I wish you all the very best as you climb these steps towards your dreams, and I want you to know that nothing will be able to stop our ascent. This will be a great fall semester, and our upcoming spring semester will be awesome as well. Once again, welcome to Passaic County Community College.
Graduate Dinner Dance

By: Jerry Gutierrez

On May 13, 2011, after the stress of homework, exams, and classes was gone candidates for graduation of the Passaic County Community College 39th Commencement Exercises relax in joyous jubilation at the Annual Graduate Dinner Dance which took place at the elegant and luxurious Bethwood in Totowa, NJ. The Dinner Dance is a special time provided by the Office of Student Activities (OSA), the Student Programming Committee (SPC) and the Student Government Association (SGA). The Dinner is an annual event where candidates for graduation come together with classmates, friends, faculty and administrators to eat and dance. It is a time set to enjoy each other before graduation which is a time for many to follow their own different paths in life.

“Prom” comes to mind when attending the dinner dance. There is a procedure for this kind of event where tickets have to be obtained (which are on a first come, first served basis), dresses and tuxedos/suits need to be purchased etc. Some bring dates, spouses, and friends for them to enjoy the time.

The theme for this year’s Dinner Dance was “Red Carpet” and it was a sight to be admired. According to Sadia-Edu Phillips, a candidate for Associate in Arts Degree, the Office of Student Activities and the Student Programming Committee did a fantastic job in decorating. The entrance was adorned with red and black balloons (which are traditional school colors) and with a red runway length carpet. A sign on a table covered with red cloth greeted all who arrived and presented them with a graduation present, provided by OSA, SPC and SGA.

As the guests entered they were greeted with warmth and delight by members of the SPC. Entering the great ball room took the guest’s breath away. Balloons on the floor and in the air filled the dance floor. The tables were adorned with red and black table cloths. Silverware set with plates and wine glasses were already set up on all of the tables. The chairs were covered in white cloth so no one could see the metal; this gave the room a more upscale and elegant look. In total there were 20 tables to 10 people capacity in the room. This year the OSA and SGA provided a professional photographer to take one picture of graduates and their guests as a keepsake of the night. The pictures were taken and printed at the moment.

The dinner consisted of chicken marsala, chicken parm, roasted potatoes, white wild rice, and rice with beans, pasta putanesca, and pasta marinara. There was a cold salad bar of green fresh vegetables, and a cold antipasto salad. An ice cream and fruit station were put in place for all to enjoy during the dessert course, while waiters served a graduation chocolate cake.

The Annual Graduate Dinner Dance is a time that all can be sure to remember as it is part of a candidate for graduation’s rite of passage.
10th Annual Human Services Dinner

By: MarieAnn Peguero

On April 29, 2011 the Paterson Room at Passaic County Community College opened its doors to celebrate the tenth annual Human Services’ Dinner. Alumni, current students, and graduates—to-be all gathered to share a memorable night overflowing with laughter, anecdotes, and opportuni-
ties.

The Human Services’ dinner was brought together by members of the PCCC community. Professor D’Arcangelo reiterated his gratefulness to Maria Pagan, Veronica Estevez, and Maria Rivas of the Center of Student Success for their help in “making it happen.”

Professor D’Arcangelo hosted the annual dinner that brings together what many guests call a “growing family.”

The night began with a light snack as Professor D’Arcangelo took over the microphone to announce the addition of the new course in September, “Intro to Mental Health” and PCCC’s subscription to the DSM-IV-TR (which is currently available online). According to the National Organiza-
tion for Human Services (NOHS) the Human Services field can be briefly defined as “uniquely approaching the objective of human needs.” Human Services workers dedicate their lives to improving the lives of others. Professor Viva White, graduate and ad-
junct at PCCC, loves the foundation PCCC has given her and is very appreciative. She says, “You don’t get paid a lot of money, but it’s priceless when you can help save someone’s life.”

The Human Services Program at PCCC focuses on preparing individuals to enter a field where giving back is everything. PCCC currently offers three separate options for an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree: Generalist, Addictions, and Gerontology. All three options for the Associate in Science (A.S.) is a stepping stone for those wishing to continue on to a four year institution.

The dinner has not only become a chance to thank the self-less individuals who have chosen the Human Services path, but also a chance to support and in-
spire. Professors, students, and alumni all understand the importance of their job and demonstrate their ea-
gerness to give back.

The first speaker, Adjunct Profes-
or Antonio Rivera, returned this year to share his knowledge. With hard work and perse-
verance, Professor Rivera has achieved many things that have led him to become a role model for many students at PCCC. Entering PCCC with a GED as a part time student, Rivera joked about finishing school in ten years.

He also expressed his grateful-
ness to Professor D’Arcangelo, PCCC, the EOF program, and the students at PCCC for the mentoring, the guidance, and the support. For Professor Rivera, PCCC provided him the “fundamentals” to get him on his feet.

Another alumni and adjunct at PCCC, Ma-
retta Hodges, has at-
tended the dinner for the past nine years yet this was her first time speak-
ing! Hodges opened her speech by describing herself as a statistic yet the worked hard and eventually became the Vice President of the EOF Professional Assoca-
tion of New Jersey, as well as the assistant director of EOF at William Paterson University and the director of EOF at Bloomfield College.

Hodges advised the guests that it is “important not to get to comfort-
able,” to always keep your goal in mind. Like Professor Rivera, Professor Hodges has also become an inspira-
tion to many students.

PCCC’s Ecology Class Goes to Central Park

By: Oscar Feliciano

Did you know that there are over 25,000 trees in New York’s Central Park, with over 1700 American Elms? Central Park’s trees, covering most of its 843 acres of land, also serve as a stopping point for over 275 species of migratory birds which make their way along the Atlantic flyway. Indigo Bun-
tings, Cedar Waxwings, Overbirds, Nashville Warblers, Ruby-crowned Kinglets, Blue Jays, and Northern Car-
dinals abound. Central Park’s famous Red-tailed Hawk resident by the name of Pale Male is a popular attraction. Of the hundreds of trees and wildflowers throughout the park, its hundreds of trees and wildflowers are a spectacular bird watching opportuni-
ties. The Ramble’s open woodlands harbor dozens of spe-
cies of warblers that fly in dur-
ing the spring and fall migra-
tions. Given its topography and location on the Atlantic flyway, the migration route that birds follow during the spring and fall seasons, the Ramble has been rated as one of the top 15 bird watching sites in the country.

There is so much species diver-
sity and beauty to see here at the Ramble and it’s located just a few minutes from our PCCC campuses. It’s such a joy to see students getting en-
couraged about the natural world and about the species they share the earth with,” said Professor Baranowski when asked about the trip to Central Park.

As part of the Science Department’s growing Environmental Science Op-
on, the class studied ecological prin-
ciples, applied concepts to real habi-
tats, and yes, even did a little bit of math. In summary, if you were looking to know more about the natural world you live in, the class and trip experi-
ences were terrific. Highly recom-
mented!
Meet Your 2011-2012 SGA Officers

Vanessa Martins – SGA Secretary
Vanessa Martins was born and raised in Kenya and moved to the United States 10 years ago to better her education. Martins is a Nursing student and upon graduating PCCC in May of 2012, she plans to get a Bachelors in Nursing with minors in Music and Psychology at a 4 year university. Martins is a member of the Nursing Student Organization and the Psychology Club. Her ultimate goal as a member of SGA would be to increase student involvement and make her fellow peers productive in their education while making this an enjoyable experience for them.

Daniel Lawrence - Paterson Senator
Danny Lawrence is the new Paterson Campus Senator. His major is Pre-Professional Science and plans to become a pediatric dentist. Lawrence says that he is a determined man and he always finishes all that sets his mind too. According to Lawrence, optimism is his motto, to which he attributes all his successes. As the new senator Lawrence plans to be active in school life whenever possible. If you would like to contact him, Lawrence will be available inside the cafeteria or the library.

Marco Cordova – SGA Speaker
Marco Cordova grew up in Passaic County and attended Passaic County Technical Institute graduating in 2009. Cordova is currently studying to become an English teacher and plans on pursuing a doctorate degree in English and education.

Amanda Weiland – SGA President
Amanda Weiland was born in Westwood NJ and lived in Pike County PA for much of her life. After receiving a GED from Silk City Academy she decided to further her education and is currently pursuing an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration here at Passaic County Community College. Weiland plans to continue to a 4 year university for her Bachelor’s degree, and from their plants to attend law school to earn a J.D./M.B.A. degree.

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one
You can make new friends: one of the best ways to meet new people and build friendships that will last beyond graduation is to join a club. Club members wind up spending a lot of time together planning for events or just even hanging out in the office in between classes to eat and talk.

two
You can develop a closer relationship with faculty members. While asking for recommendation letters from professors you’ve had in class is always great, another option is to also ask someone you’ve worked closely with, such as an advisor of a club. Not only can they help you out with the school you apply to, but it’s common to also develop a friendship with the faculty advisors as well.

three
It looks good on your transcript. We live in a competitive world; and applying to school or jobs post-PCCC is no exception. Not only does your G.P.A. matter, but most schools and employers also want to see something past grades and classes. They want to see that you’re well rounded. Active participation in an extra-curricular activity shows that you are willing to go beyond just the books and challenge yourself further with skills they hope you’ll carry with you after graduation.

four
You can enhance you current skills and build new ones. Many clubs offer you the opportunity to further build your resume, not just by saying you were a part of it but listing specific things you’ve done that may be applicable to future jobs. For example, writing for or editing the school newspaper can stand out as a special skill, as can doing the layout for it. Speech and debate can help your public speaking abilities, a skill often desired in future employees. Student Government can give you experience in how government functions and the Student Programming Committee can help you become a better event planner.

five
You can learn more about a given subject or meet up with people who share your interests and have fun. Some clubs are meant to boost your skills in things you enjoy doing. Passaic County Community College has a robotics club, science, psychology and many other clubs for different religions and areas of the world to celebrate and promote diversity. All of these clubs give the students opportunities to learn more about their own or different cultures.

six
You may discover something new about yourself. Sometimes you don’t even realize what you like until you try it. College is a great time for experimentation, and joining different clubs is a great way to discover new interests or talents. Most studies show students will change their major an average of four times. This is simply because most people are not exactly the same when they graduate as when they entered. You never know who or what may inspire you, but the best way to learn the most about yourself is by trying as many different things as possible. Why not start with some clubs?

seven
You get to give back to your community. Besides this also looking good on resumes and transcripts, it actually can be a very rewarding experience. You can plan charity events like the basketball tournament held last semester to raise money for breast cancer, have a party to celebrate the holidays, make positive changes that will affect you and your peers and even leave something for the rest of the school to remember you by.
2011 is part of a bright young motivated generation to see things differently, while. Computers have enabled your generation to use laptops/computers once in a while in order to maintain thechild-like wonder which brought you to school and which you may feel as you travel life and go on your personal journey.

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This year’s commencement speaker Honorable Miguel de la Carrera New Jersey Superior Court Judge touched all present in a real and dynamic way. His speech full of humor and insightful world life experience kept the graduates focused and attentive to his every word. Judge De la Carrera told the graduates that they were the future and that if one was true for him was to “tackle your fears in life.” He told the graduates “do not despair too much about the future, keep part of the child-like wonder which brought you to school and which you may feel as you travel life and go on your personal journey.”

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- 9/20/11: PCCC vs MONTGOMERY CC 7:30 AWAY
- 9/22/11: PCCC vs BBCC 7:30 AWAY
- 9/27/11: PCCC vs BUCKS CC 7:30 AWAY
- 9/29/11: PCCC vs LONG ISLAND CC 7:30 AWAY

Men’s Soccer 2011 Schedule

- 9/1/11: PCCC vs RARITAN VALLEY 3:30 AWAY
- 9/10/11: PCCC vs MONTGOMERY CC 12:00 HOME
- 9/13/11: PCCC vs UNION CC 3:30 AWAY
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- 10/19/11: PCCC vs WESTCHESTER CC 7:00

Men’s Basketball 2011 Schedule

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- 11/12/11: PCCC vs NORTHAMPTON CC 12:00
- 11/15/11: PCCC vs MIDDLESEX CC 5:00
- 11/17/11: PCCC vs ESSER CC 3:00
- 11/19/11: PCCC vs LONG ISLAND CC 5:30
- 11/22/11: PCCC vs UNION CC 7:00
- 11/29/11: PCCC vs UNION CC 7:00
- 12/2/11: PCCC vs CAMDEN CC 3:00
- 12/8/11: PCCC vs Brookdale CC 5:30
- 12/10/11: OPEN
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- 12/15/11: PCCC vs Gloucester CC 5:30
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- Place: Passaic, Room 120

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May 2011 Nursing Spring Pinning Ceremony

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On May 16, 2011, the PCCC Nursing Education Program held their traditional Pinning Ceremony, a time of great triumph for the 37 individuals who took a big step into their future lives. It was another great semester for the Nursing program, which has continued to graduate large classes over a decade. The previous year graduated 43 students. Graduations were held in early January for the evening program and in May for the morning program, with all students walking at the College’s Commencement Ceremony on May 19.

The Pinning Ceremony marks the achievements of these 37 unyielding individuals who made it through the “meticulous academic program,” according to Donna Stankiewicz, Assistant Dean for the Nurse Education & Health Science.

Dean Stankiewicz mentioned that the ceremony was meant to “recognize the achievements” of these 73 scholars, who throughout two years have gone beyond the call of studentship to achieve their goal of graduating the program. More simply put, the Pinning Ceremony is to nurses what a graduation is for most other students.

The auditorium was filled with family, friends and faculty to recognize and congratulate the graduates for their hard work and dedication to the academic work. He encouraged them to continue their education so they may further their lives and their communities.

The graduates received a most inspiring speech from this year’s guest speaker Barbara Carrig, MSN, RN, APN-C, who in fact was a graduate of the Nursing Program from PCCC.

Accordin to Dean Stankiewicz introduction, Ms. Carrig began her nursing career upon graduating from Passaic County Technical and Vocational School’s Licensed Practical Nursing Program. After that she entered PCCC and earned her AAS in Nursing, then transferred to Felician College where she earned both her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Nursing. She also holds teaching and supervisory certification from the State of New Jersey. Her Clinical Practice experience includes staff and charge nurse roles in medical surgical nursing, including pediatric and maternal child nursing.

Ms. Carrig serves as the Program Coordinator for the Licensed Practical Nursing Program of Passaic County Technical Institute since 2000 and she is also responsible for day to day operations, staff and faculty supervision, as well as classroom and clinical instruction.

Ms. Carrig received the NJ League for Nursing Nurse Recognition award in 2010. She is a member of Sigma Theta Tau, International Nursing Honor Society, the American Nurses Association, The National League for Nursing, the New Jersey League for Nurses, the New Jersey Education Association, and the Practical Nurse Educators Council, according to Dean Stankiewicz.

Ms. Carrig told the graduates that excitement and eagerness fills everyone that wants to make a difference as a nurse. She shared her story of struggle and hardship with a sick husband and while balancing work and the nursing program’s “intense and demanding curriculum.” She knew that she couldn’t give up. Her ambition and determination was all she had to make her future happen the way she wanted.

Ms. Carrig mentioned that nursing is both a challenging and rewarding profession. Being a nurse takes a lot of caring, sharing and love of people. She continued by stressing that nursing was not a job; “it is a dedication to a profession that brings satisfaction. As nurses your sacrifice requires honestly, patience, compassion and empathy and a commitment to those who need your care.”

She continued to say that as caregivers “you will grow and gain qualities that will enhance your life as nurses,” as mentioned by Dr. Jacqueline Kineasy, Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, a nurse herself. You will learn something new every day. But the graduates would need not to forget the simplest things of their training such as holding a hand or lending an ear to listen, which are as simple as placing a bandage on a wound or finishing ones notes.

“Compassion is a wonderful medicine as a nurse. The patient is your number one priority,” said Ms. Carrig who explained that anyone could give physical care, but it takes a special individual to be focused on the needs of others but that does not mean you must be a superhero.

During the ceremony the graduates prepared a slide picture show. The pictures showed the different stages of their education and training, as well as that of fellow classmatess who had been with them but for some reason or other had not finished. They did this to remember the struggles that they had to endure during this past two rigorous years.

Four students were recognized for their hard work and dedication to their education. Dawn Lobosco received the New Jersey League for Nursing Award for being a resident in the State of New Jersey, being involved in student activities and being involved in community activities, particularly those related to consumer health projects. Lauren Danzi received the Professional Nursing Award for clinical excellence throughout the Nursing Education Program (this was determined by Nursing Faculty in the following areas: provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession). Dawn Lobosco received the Academic Achievement Award for the highest GPA. Ana Rendon received the Spirit of Nursing Award, an award given by the U.S. Army to the candidate who most demonstrated professional involvement, leadership, and academic achievement. And Carolyn Cedeno received the Nurse Education Service Award.

During the 100-year-old traditional Pinning Ceremony graduates wear the time-honored white nursing uniform as a symbol of the profession. The pinning tradition is reserved to a member of the faculty who is a baccalaureate Nurse. The graduates received their school pin (a unique pin for every program “awarded to the graduates by the faculty to welcome them into the profession”). Professor Valerie Edwards RN was the honored person for the pinning, it is the tradition that the students wear the pin on their uniforms as they begin their nursing careers.

The Candle Lighting Ceremony is a solemn and profound act for the graduates. The graduates lit Nightingale lamps and recited the International Council of Nurses’ Pledge. In the pledge they acknowledged their responsibilities as not only professionals and but humans as well. They promise to uphold their obligation to care for the sick and to continue their education for the well-being of themselves and others.

Graduates:

Jacqueline Babits, RN
Marie C. Berokes
Maria Bonevely
Mary Grace M. Briones
Laurn Cedeno
Kasey M. Ciewel
Rachel Constantine
Lauren Danzi
Latisha G. Dean
Gina Docteur
Barbara Dwomicka
Carol Gomez
Neomi Soto Hismel
Michaela Hruskova
Joanna Kolb
Maria Elena Lara
Carolyn Cedeno
Dawn Lobosco
Viviana Lozano, RN
Monica Marin
Maria Arcos
Gilda M. Meliza, RN
Rossee Mercedes
Laura Merza
Eliah Mogaka
Emmanuel Mdocia
Marie-Juline Mythil-Cherubin
Magda Podgorska
Joaquim Ramos
Ana Rendon
Hazy Norbard
Sherreen Stubbs
Kristen Thomas
Helen Trujillo (In Absentia)
Donna Antonielle (In Absentia)