MCCC hosts post-election conversation

By Savannah Dziepak
Photography Editor

On Monday, November 21, 2016 Mercer faculty held the discussion ‘America, What Now? An After Election Conversation’ in response to student reactions following the recent Presidential election. The event was the first of its kind at Mercer. Around 20 students and 15 faculty members, including the speakers, attended the forum. Diane Campbell, Executive Dean for Student Affairs ran the event. Campbell said that to the best of her knowledge, a post-election forum has not been held before at MCCC. In response to why it was held two weeks after election, Campbell stated, “That’s how long it took for the information to come back to us that students were being affected.” Campbell said after the election results, an MCCC student shared with a faculty member their concern of getting bombed. “When faculty are hearing these kinds of things in their classroom and share it with others, we invite students to come and have a conversation so that we can monitor if a student needs help, and also so that we can be involved,” said Campbell.

In regards to the discussion, student Blessing Cummings, who attended and participated in the event, responded, “It had it been earlier, a lot of people would have had a lot of things to say.” Cummings stated that he participated in the forum because he was “shocked” at the election results and wanted to see what other students had to say. When asked by faculty what students want from MCCC as an institution, student speaker Peira Wood replied, “I wish more people were open to having these uncomfortable conversations,” and that more students should have been at the discussion. Wood encouraged other students to speak up and that “silence is violence.”

The second student speaker, Koran Green, said he would like to see Mercer make students more aware of what they are losing and gaining by voting or not voting. “Only those who are willing to do the work are those who will have an impact on determining the answer to ‘What now?’ or ‘What next?’” said faculty speaker and Professor of Communications Alyn Haywood. “We can no longer continue to practice the religion of ignorance.”

“T’m think the turnout was low, but I was happy that the students were reflective and they were discussing,” said Campbell. “I much preferred that kind of environment.”

At the discussion, multiple speakers expressed concerns of racist acts and crimes sparked by the election, as well as their own experiences with racism. “Being muslim, being Arab is not the thing to be,” said faculty speaker and Financial Aid Advisor M. Nichole Pollard-Alford. “All of this evokes fear.” The faculty speakers shared the website which is a watchdog for racism, allowing concerned students and faculty to keep up on current events.

As a follow up event to the discussion, Professor Haywood is going to be holding a movie screening for students of the film ‘Hidden Colors’ where pizza will be provided. The movie is about the marginalization of African Americans in America and the world. The date has yet to be announced.

For students who are

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Adjoint instructors versus full-time professors

By Alyssa Fodemand
Managing Editor

Adjoint professors and full-time, tenure-track professors are classified differently in higher education. Tenured or tenure-track professors are full-time employees of a college or university whereas adjunct professors work part-time. A recent survey of Mercer students found 50 percent are ignorant of the differences between the two classifications, which, according to recent studies, could undermine student success. Simillarities between

adjuncts and full-time faculty exist. Professors and adjuncts are members of different unions but both unions are currently working without a contract because they are in negotiations with Mercer administration. The VOICE’s research for this article found professional education levels are often comparable regardless of classification. It is possible this is why half of Mercer students surveyed made it this far unaware of the differences between the two types of educators.

Full-time professors are salaried employees and at Mercer specifically, salaries average between $78,000 and $80,000 annually. According to Fall 2015 rates of the adjunct contract, pay rates range from $2,274 and $2,496 per course.

Mercer’s contract negotiations are the meetings where professors and/or adjuncts can negotiate contract terms with their superiors. Salary is discussed among other things like benefits, terms of promotion, evaluations and even a professor’s class/ work load can be negotiated. Three sessions take place in order to come to a happy medium for both parties.

Adjunct professors are educators with the same credentials of a full-time

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Faculty Speakers Elizabeth Boudrant (left) and Professor Haywood (right).

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Faculty speaker M. Nichole Pollard-Alford (left) and student speaker Peira Wood (right).

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Adjunct professor David Schnaeger teaching his Spanish 101 class.
MCCC is nation’s most military-friendly two-year college

By Tim O’Boyle
Junior Reporter

On Wednesday, November 11, MCCC held its Veterans Day ceremony. During the observance it was revealed to students, faculty and staff that MCCC had received the honor of being named the number one military-friendly school among all two-year colleges in the nation. The recognition was presented by Victory Media, a keeper of informational resource material that works with United States active duty military personnel, veterans and their families.

This is the second award that MCCC has received since being honored as a Purple Heart Community College by the New Jersey Military Order of the Purple Heart during the annual 9/11 ceremony held two months earlier. MCCC has become the first two-year college in New Jersey to receive the award.

The bestowing of these two awards in such quick succession of each other is a testament to the Veterans Services office and the new Veterans Resource Center, which was opened on Veterans Day of 2015, and aims to help the 153 student veterans at Mercer through helpful resources like a study area.

“It’s a tremendous honor,” said Dean of Liberal Arts Dr. Bob Kleinschmidt. “I think on a number of different fronts it’s really important for us as an institution because it acknowledges the work we’ve done. And it acknowledges the significance that we’ve placed on dealing with veterans and the special needs that they might and could have.”

Kleinschmidt is a Marine Corps veteran and spent the 4 years between 1994 and 1998 as a saxophone and clarinet player in a field band for the Corps.

“I enjoyed my time. I spent a lot of time travelling across the United States supporting different events, retirements, public service. Pretty much anywhere we were asked to go.”

Merrill says, “Going to school and working is a lot, and if I’m focusing on my creative work, I don’t have the time to focus on school.”

Roger Kleinschmidt is a Marine Corps veteran and spent the 4 years between 1994 and 1998 as a saxophone and clarinet player in a field band for the Corps.

“I remember when I first got off active duty, and I was retired.”

That's for me the biggest part of why it's necessary and valuable to have a Veterans Services department. To make that contact, and to help some of us adjust.

Kleinschmidt said, “I see a need for students thinking about military transitioners. Keeping them on their path and being able to use their experience and different view on the world for the benefit of the classroom. It’s more than being a part of the classroom, it’s more than being a part of the community, and the Veterans Services office has been good at showing that.”

“Going to school and working is a lot, and if I’m focusing on my creative work, I don’t have the time to focus on school.”

“I think the respect for our community, and the Veterans who are out there, it strongly signals to them that this is a place that is welcoming,” said Kleinschmidt, “and we value your service, we value your time and we're here to continue to serve you.”

The honor is one that must go through careful scrutinization by Victory Media, where they look for qualities such as a nationwide presence, strong reputation within the military community, and whether your staff speaks military language/understands military transitions.

Looking ahead, Mercer has a bright future in attracting more student veterans to the school and being able to use their experience and different view on the world for the benefit of the classroom. “I think to take serving and acknowledging that population of students in our community very seriously,” Kleinschmidt said, “I see a lot of evidence that we’re very cognizant of helping, being there, and providing access to different services.”

MCCC works to comply with the Madison Holleran Act

By Allison Ballestero
Junior Reporter

The Madison Holleran Act, recently passed in New Jersey, enforces that institutions of higher education work with faculty and staff to help them recognize signs of stress in students, providing hotlines, and twenty-four hour on-campus help.

As declared in the State of New Jersey 217th Legislature, “The bill requires an institution of higher education to have individuals with training and experience in mental health issues who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available on campus or remotely by telephone or other means for students 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

Kassandra Pinero, a Visual Arts Major at Mercer County Community College, says, “Going to school and working is a lot, and if I’m focusing on my creative work, I’m failing classes.”

This is the case for many students in college. According to the article “Academic Stress of College Students,” (students and faculty members were 21 years and 42 years respectively), results indicated a considerable mismatch between faculty and students in their perceptions of student stressors and reactions to stress.

Maria Rodriguez, Professor and Counselor at Mercer County Community College, commented on what should be done in the event a student shows signs of stress. “Listening to the student very carefully, if they need a little more help I’d send them to a counselor.”

New Jersey Youth Suicide Report states, “Suicide remains the third leading cause of death in New Jersey youth between the ages of 10 to 24.”

The Student Life Department sponsors free Yoga and Zumba classes for students to relieve stress. MCCC’s website also includes a suicide prevention tab, listings of counselors and their business hours for students thinking about suicide.

Mercer County Community College provides hotlines and numbers for students as well. For after hours students can contact the security office at, (609)970-3503. There is also the New Jersey Hopeline, (1-855-654-6735) and the Mercer County Helpline, (609-396-4357).

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Photography department receives endowment

By Carl Fedorko
Editor in Chief

Mercer Photo Department Coordinator, Professor Michael Dalton, received an endowment of more than $700,000 from the estate of Charles David Walker and Drucella Anna Walker in mid-November.

The endowment honors Mercer alumna Drucella Anne “Dee” Walker, daughter of Drucella Anna and Charles David Walker. “Dee” Walker was a lifelong photography enthusiast and attended college at night before earning a Psychology degree in 1982.

College awarded a $2.25 million Title III federal grant

By Svetlana Craft
Reporter

In September, Mercer County Community College was awarded a Title III Federal Grant of $2.25 million to improve student-centered services and upgrade equipment from the US Department of Education.

In a recent VOICE interview, Mark Harris, Vice President for Finance and Administration, explained how grant money will be invested in e-advising, additional student success coaches, summer tutoring programs, a new writatlist system, upgraded computers and labs.

Jennifer Smith, one of three Student Success Coaches at Mercer, added online accommodations to the list of changes the grant money will induce.

According to Dr. Jianping Wang, President of the college, this grant was not just handed over. “It was a lengthy process in which a team of faculty and staff worked on for four years. With the particular guidelines that needed to be followed, the administration team just recently was able to get their hands on the grant in November,” Dr. Wang said.

This grant will be provided to Mercer over the next five years, allowing the school to spend $450,000 annually, according to Dr. Harris.

One of the changes this grant enabled is hiring additional Student Success Coaches. “They advise students, they reach out to the students, they monitor their progress, they provide guidelines and counseling to those students to make sure they make adequate progress towards completion,” Dr. Wang said.

Before this grant Mercer had just one part-time student success coach. Now, it has two full time student success coaches and one part-time.

They are available on e-advising and in school or they are available to get in contact with them via email and phone calls.

Jennifer Smith, who started working for Mercer in 1997 as an English Instructor, became a Student Success Coach in 2013. Smith primarily stays on the West Windsor Campus, although the Coaches do go to the James Kerney Campus as well. Smith noted that she is currently working with about 800 student this Fall semester alone. “Students come in here and have a sigh of relief,” Smith said.

In addition to Success Coaches, Mercer instituted “Student Planning,” an online self-tracker that enables students to search for courses, make schedules for multiple semesters, print unofficial transcripts, keep in contact with your advisor or student success coach and, in the future, pay for transcript requests.

Students are able to learn about Student Planning through their announcements in Blackboard. “The hope is that increased access will help inform students on their next step towards graduation.”

“It tells you how far you are towards your completion, it tells you what courses you yet have to take, and tells you how far you are away from your graduation,” Dr. Wang stated.

Future goals to bolster student success include more tutors available during the summer to reduce the need for students to take developmental classes.

The new Waitlist System is another new process this fall in which students are able to sign up for courses that are filled and be notified via e-mail if a spot has opened up for them. “Once the e-mail is sent to the student, they must reply within 24 hours to save their spot in that class,” according to Dr. Harris.

“We’re trying to do the basic things students must have,” Dr. Wang said.
By Svetlana Craft
Reporter

John Simone is a prominent figure at Mercer County Community College. Having served as Mercer’s Athletic Director for 20 years, he has seen drastic changes in the athletic program and how it has also impacted students’ lives and futures. In his time at MCCC, he has renovated the gymnasium, the swimming pool, added turf to the soccer field and has sent 200+ athletes to the next level where they continued their athletic goals.

Before joining MCCC, Simone worked at Notre Dame High School for 22 years where he coached basketball and baseball while serving as Athletic Director. According to the Notre Dame website he had over 400 victories including two Men’s Basketball CVC championships, 17 Women’s Basketball CVC titles, County and State Sectional Championships and 5 Parochial State Baseball Championships.

Simone has been nominated by his peers for “Man of the Year” award in both 2007 and 2011. Simone does not just work with athletics, he is also involved in the school’s academia dealing with budgets, various committees and mentoring students.

On his busy schedule, Simone says, "trying to make the time to go to every scheduled game can be difficult. It’s hard having time away from family. I work during the summer and do not get long holidays."

Vinny Vaccone, a shortstop on the Viking baseball team said “Whenever I’ve needed help, Mr. Simone was there for assistance. He is around most of our games. If it’s [a home game] he will be there. He even flew out to Oklahoma for the World Series last season!”

Ryan Zegarski, a 2000 Mercer graduate and Viking baseball veteran said in a recent interview with The VOICE "Simone has always been a caring person and made the effort to come to all of their games.” Mr. Simone has always had a passion for sports. By age 9 he already knew that he wanted to play sports and work for something sports related. As a kid, he played basketball and baseball.

Simone’s record and accomplishments are irrefutable. But according to the man himself, the real difference makers are in the small gestures. “I don’t just do my job and go home at the end of the day. I try to know the athletes by their first name and get to know where they would like to go after MCCC.”

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Women’s cross country wins regionals

By Zayvion Thompson
Reporter

On Sunday, October 30th, at Branch Brook Park Mercer defeated rivals Essex County College and Del Tech at the Regional Cross Country meet with a total score of 39. Essex finished with a score of 48, while Del Tech finished with a score of 43 at regionals. In cross country, the lower the score the better it is for the team.

Breanna Santini, a runner for the Mercer squad, offers this advice to women willing to give the sport a shot, “You have to do cross country for the love of the sport. If you love the sport, each and every practice should be a practice to where you work your tail off and do not half ass your training. For every minute of every day you are getting stronger and have the confidence to cross that finish line.”

Staying focused is another crucial element needed in order to do well in cross country. Andrea Foster, a member of Essex County College Women’s Cross Country team, said about her running philosophy, “I focus on achieving my goal.” Santini said, “I stay focused by thinking ahead and predicting things.”

For a sport that requires so much strength and endurance, Coach Michael DeAngelis says “It doesn’t get much shine.” Lack of shine contrasts with the Mercer Women’s Cross Country team’s accomplishments this season. By winning regionals the team earned the right to compete in the National Finals where the ladies hope to stay a step ahead of their competition.
Celebrating 20 years of success with Simone
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Mercer, and has found success
of the Music Department at
Coordinator, and Director of
Community College’s Music
department will be holding
its bi-annual concert at Kelsey
theater. The Radio City
Music Hall of Mercer County
Community College is playing the
timeless classic “Twas the
Night Before Christmas.”
You won’t be disappointed.

There were technical
difficulties with the sound
quality but what performance
doesn’t have its issues? Some
members of the cast sang
louder than the others, which
was conflicting and noticeable.
Occasional static coming from
the speaker was distracting.
Despite a couple snags the cast
remained in character.
Vibrant lighting and
creative scenery made up for
those minor issues, making
“Twas the Night Before
unforgettable. Changing from
red, white and blue, the lights
suited the mood of each scene.
A variety of props, such as
warm, glowing street lanterns
and Christmas wreaths, added
to the already endearing show.
The fake snow flurrying
from above the stage and
audience helped seal my five
star rating.
A detailed and varied
wardrobe was first to catch my
eye. Any similar outfits among
the cast had minor differences
in shoes or hats, to make each
one unique to its character.
The wardrobe was colorful
and bright, and the costumes
also had great features, like
antlers or heels on the shoes for
those playing a deer.
While at some plays, the
audience and cast are separate
entities, “Twas the Night Before
Christmas” proved otherwise.
In addition to the fake snow, by
interacting with the crowd and
asking questions, the cast kept
the audience engaged. Most
of the actors kept a lively face
while they sang and danced,
but some did not seem to be as
engaged as the others.
The Director, Diane
Wargo, was a fellow Mercer
County Community College
graduate in 1983, having once
served as an Entertainment
Editor on the College VOICE.
Diane Wargo has been behind
production for this play for the
last ten years, having worked
on “Twas The Night Before
Christmas” many times before.
“I think each [play] brings its own unique feel to
it. I don’t necessarily have any favorites. I live in the
moment and I love the people I work with at that moment. I love
this cast. This cast has been fast
to learn this show,” said Wargo.
The cast auditioned for the
role and the majority of the
children come from all around
Mercer County and Bucks
County, PA. Many of them
found out about auditions
for the play on the Kelsey
Theater website and seized the
opportunity.
“I did three school plays
before. Since I am being home
schooled this year, I can’t do
drama. So I decided I would
look on the internet for another
play, and I found this one and it
seemed really fun,” said Sophia
Phelan, who had multiple roles
in the play including narrator,
snowdancer, and reindeer.
The play has something
to offer to both children and adults. For the
children it will be a fun sing-
along and for the adults it
will encourage them “to be a
child sometimes,” as the play
describes it.
“I feel like everyone is
gonna enjoy it. I feel it is going
to be a great play,” said Bridget
Godfrey, who plays Mrs. Claus.
Opening night is Friday,
December 4th at 7 PM. You can
buy tickets at the box office or
get them online at http://www.
kelseyatmccc.org/. Tickets are
12 dollars for adults and 10
dollars for students, children
and seniors.

Jazz band prepares for end of the year concert

By Tim O’Boyle
Junior Reporter

On Wednesday December 14, starting at
7:30 p.m., Mercer County
Community College’s Music
department will be holding
its annual concert at Kelsey
Theater for the school’s Jazz
Band.
The multi piece Jazz
Band enjoys a wide variety
of sound from the three horn
brass section, three guitarists,
and two bassists to two
pianists, a drummer and even
two bassists to two
professional brass players for
four out of their nine song set
list.
The new Music Coordinator, and Director of
Mercer’s Jazz Band, Professor Scott Hornick is a product of
the Music Department at
Mercer, and has found success
by playing with Jazz legends
like Mr. Scottfield and the
Blues-Rock legend Chuck
Hammer, who is known for his
textural guitar work with Lou
Reed and David Bowie.
“Name it, I’ve played
it,” said Hornick. “I’ve done
records with Orchestras, I’ve
done Death Metal records,
I’ve done Country
music, I’ve done Jazz, Big band, Small
band, and Avant-Garde, you name it.”

Hornick first came to
Mercer’s music program at the
age of 16 after dropping out of
school at Hamilton West. “This
place helped me out when I
was a teenager trying to get my
stuff together.”
Hornick went on to finish
an undergraduate degree
at Berklee College of Music in
Boston Massachusetts.
Guitarist, and Jazz Band
Director for Hornick’s new position as
Jazz Band Director, and some of
the songs on the set list

seem to reflect that excitement.
Pieces such as “September” by
Earth, Wind, and Fire and a
Ballad version of “Sweet Child
O’ Mine” will be featured
during the performance, and
Hornick claims, “It will be
hard to sit there and not tap
your foot.”
Speaking of the
upcoming performance, one
of the pianists of the group
Matt Tucci said, “I particularly
am fond of “The In Crowd.” I
also like playing the Christmas
tunes, especially those in the
Charlie Brown collection.”
This is Tucci’s final
semester playing with the Jazz
Band and he is very
happy with the changes that Hornick has
brought. “He has us playing extra gigs and we learn a large
amount of songs.” Tucci said.
“In semesters past we’ve only
learned the songs we were
going to play, but this semester
we’ve been given about 20 or
so songs that we’ve practiced.”
“The performance on the
14 will not be the first time
this group has performed
in front of a live audience.
On November 28 the group
performed for the residents at
Bear Creek Assisted Living in
West Windsor Township.
The group also performed for
shoppers at Princeton
Market Fair on November 30,
playing holiday themed music.
“The Jazz Band needs to be
playing to get experience,” said
Hornick. “So next semester we
are hoping to do 6 or 7 shows
including Kelsey.”
The concert at Kelsey
is free and will also include
independent student projects.
Hornick sees the concert as
an opportunity for MCCC
students who may not be
versed in Jazz to support their
fellow students as well as local
art.
“Music’s an art, and we
need to support live art to
begin with,” said Hornick. “It’s
12 people, we’re adding 4, so
we’re going to have 16 people
playing at times, that are going
to be playing together. They’ve
worked hard. It’s really musical,
it’s a fun event. I think it’s just
a really good experience.”
The performance will be
taped and broadcasted by
89.1 WWFM, MCCC’s radio
station and a student from the
TV department will videotope it as well.
However, according to Hornick, “You don’t want to be
the one to say you weren’t there.”
Matt Carvin describes himself as a carefree, happy-go-lucky person before addiction entered his life. He became addicted to Percocet at age 18 everything changed. Matt’s story is only one of many stories of people from New Jersey who have also had to battle opioid addiction.

Matt, now a 24 year old Hamilton resident and former patient at the Seabrook House in Bridgeton, NJ, points the blame at the doctors who he says made him and his entire graduating class dependent on prescription opioids. “The doctors were giving them [Percocet] out like they were lollipops,” Carvin said. Matt said it was his addiction to Percocet when he was a senior in high school is what led to him using heroin by the time he turned 20 years old.

Matt credits his strong religious beliefs for helping him overcome his addiction and says it keeps him clean and sober today. “I pray every day and every night to God to keep the temptation to use away from me and help me stay strong,” said Carvin.

His sister Gabriella detailed the physical and emotional toll her brother’s addiction had on her, him and their family. “He would have panic attacks and outbursts of anger when he was going through withdrawal. In a way the withdrawals were as bad as the addiction. Seeing him go through that was not just horrible for him, but also for me and my parents.”

While many, including Matt have pointed blame at the doctors for making opioids so accessible, not all heroin addicts in New Jersey turn to heroin due to a pre-existing painkiller addiction. Jason Covijo, a 21 year old recovering addict and Hightstown resident, turned to heroin at 16 years old in order to relieve the stress of life. “A heroin high makes you feel numb so you don’t worry or stress about anything,” he said.

Matt has been sober for over a year now and is pursuing a career in electrical work. Also, Jason was recently released from rehab facility that he chose not to name and faces the beginning of his sober life. However, some individuals who have battled heroin addiction got second chances.

Data from the N.J. Department of Criminal Justice shows that the number of heroin related deaths in New Jersey from 2005-2014 has ranged from 362 in 2005, all the way to 741 in 2014. Heroin related deaths more than doubled in that nine year span.

According to Roseanne Scotti, New Jersey’s State Director of the Drug Policy Alliance, there has been some progress legislating harm reduction strategies in the form of The Good Samaritan Emergency Response Act. A bill that gives people immunity from arrest if they call 911 to report an overdose, allowing first responders to prioritize lifesaving above drug arrests.

However, Scotti thinks more effective prevention methods and more access to treatment are needed. “There’s a waiting list for treatment providers all across the state” Scotti said. “We need more money for drug treatment, that’s something that’s just gonna cost money, and the state seems to be in a bad place in terms of budget deficit. So, I’m not sure that more money is going to come for that.”

For the past six years, Mercer County Community College has released a crime statistics report in accordance with the Clery Act. A federal law which requires institutes of higher education nationwide to collect and report annually all crimes that occur both on and near campus. Clery reports require inclusion of previous years crime statistics. MCCC’s most recent Clery report indicates that one drug related arrest occurred on the West Windsor campus in 2014. It also states that a combined 13 drug related arrests occurred on public property near the Trenton campus during 2013-2014.

Michael Flaherty, Mercer’s Commanding Officer of Security and Title IX Investigator, said “According to Clerial (sic) geography, any drug related incident that happens either on our campuses or on public property near both our campuses has to be reported.” Flaherty added the 2014 West Windsor campus arrest was not opioid related, but was an instance of a student caught smoking marijuana on campus.
In 2015, the West Windsor campus saw an increase in reported burglaries (1 incident) compared to 2014 (0 incidents). The James Kerney Campus remained the same for both years (0 incidents).

In 2015, the West Windsor campus saw an increase in illegal weapons (1 incident) compared to 2014 (0 incidents). The James Kerney Campus remained the same for both years (0 incidents).

In 2015, the West Windsor campus saw an increase in reported stalking incidents (3 incidents) compared to 2014 (0 incidents). The James Kerney Campus remained the same for both years (0 incidents).

In 2015, the West Windsor campus reported one incident of domestic violence. This remains unchanged from 2014 (1 incident). The James Kerney Campus saw an increase in reported cases of domestic violence (2 incidents) compared to 2014 (0 incidents).

having trouble coping there are counseling services in SC 239 on the second floor of the Student Center. Counselors Dorothy Gasparro (gasparrd@mccc.edu, 609.570.3563), Fred Weiner (weinerf@mccc.edu, 609.570.3354), and Martha Gunning (gunning@mccc.edu, 609.570.3470), and Martha Gunning (gunning@mccc.edu, 609.570.3470) can be met with by an appointment call, email, or stopping by the Counseling Services office. Counseling Services hours are Monday through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. “I have no doubt that the future will bring something positive if we all put our efforts together,” said faculty speaker and Student Success Coach Jehan Mohamed. “Be the change that you want to see in the world.”

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS VS FULL-TIME PROFESSORS
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Adjuncts are only offered health benefits like vision and dental plans, while full-time professors have their own offices available for office hours for students. Mercer adjuncts have an adjoint office, but close quarters could lead to students feeling a lack of privacy. Adjuncts are also forced to take on a heavier workload in order to make financial ends meet. Some adjuncts teach classes at other colleges forcing them to divide their time. According to Leonard Winogora, an assistant professor of Liberal Arts, philosophy professor, and on-site coordinator for the William Paterson University, “they [adjuncts] can never take on more than 80% of a full-time faculty member’s load. Adjuncts are usually capped out at teaching 9-10 credit hours.”

Nancy Byrne, Coordinator of Adjunct and Evening Services for Liberal Arts Division, added that the adjunct “payment scale is based on credentials, starting roughly at $800 per credit hour [for the liberal arts division].” As a result of the class cap some adjuncts teach classes at multiple schools for the money.

Students are not aware of the fundamental differences between adjunct professor and full-time professor because most professors don’t take the time to educate them. “They don’t want to make them [adjuncts] feel less important,” says Heather Jennings, Professor of Psychology and Chair of Social Sciences.

According to a study conducted by Inselsheimered. “By having a lot of part-timers, the college becomes less effective. Many adjuncts don’t have offices, aren’t on campus when they aren’t teaching, and don’t have the consistent involvement in departments that makes them able to fully help students.”

Mercer County Community College currently employs 401 adjuncts and 110 full-time faculty.

To ensure the students do not encounter the pitfalls illustrated by the Inside Higher Education website, “Adjuncts must attend training programs at the beginning of each school year,” says Diane Campbell, Executive Dean for Student Affairs, “which supply them with more up-to-date knowledge” as well as an annual orientation. Full-time faculty are also required to attend training-like programs, but for a longer period of time. According to Leonard Winogora, in addition to the orientations, adjunct training programs are in developmental stages, and are set to take action with orientation once they are complete.

Administrators are slowly changing the current model of education into a business model of education. This model forces the school as the provider and the students as consumers. According to Dean Campbell, “the terms that we use, ‘consumer,’ we use those terms so that we can sharpen our approach to the way we’re interacting with you and the way that we’re serving you. As a consumer you have a right to the highest quality.”

In a recent interview with The College VOICE, Campbell explains the business model approach to education. She says, “Our greatest mission is to teach you and to also help you to function as a citizen, wherever you may go in the world... the business education model is not set up to be negative, it is setup to run the business [school] better.”

When asked if becoming an adjunct professor is a sound career choice today, Dr. Winogora said “No. It’s not a sound career choice based on the academic climate and debt load inherent to education these days. We all have to enjoy teaching to spend any period of time doing it. Bright young people have the responsibility to give the world something through teaching.”

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Be wary of your spending this month and read the fine print. You will want to evaluate each aspect of your life for the new year.

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There is something you need to resolve; You will get everything done if you remain calm. In your busy schedule, don't forget to make time for loved ones. Being social energizes you.

Virgo

You enjoy mental stimulation, so you will find yourself wanting to keep busy in your free time this month; try mind games and any physical challenges. Your creative nature will make the holidays fun.

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