

Newsletter March 2025

## Sussex County Community College is excited to share our latest updates with our community.

#### **Academics**

SCCC and the Sussex County Technical School have partnered to provide a seamless pathway for students in the sports medicine track. These students, like students in other SCTS programs, can take their entire senior year on the SCCC Campus. Read More.

Dr. Nancy Gallo has spearheaded the 2025 Spring Activity Calendar for the Center for Lifelong Learning. This joint venture is in partnership with the Senior Services Division of Sussex County. See the <u>Spring schedule</u>.

The <u>Public Safety Training Academy</u> offers two new telecommunications and emergency dispatch courses. Public Safety
Telecommunicator is an interactive workshop that gives overviews of the dispatcher profession. Emergency Medical Dispatch will provide dispatchers with a baseline of medical knowledge to identify the nature and severity of emergency medical calls. Participants will learn how to provide life-saving techniques to callers in need over the phone. The College will present as a model for other community colleges at the Pennsylvania Association of Public Safety Communications Officials.

SCCC is presenting a **Horticulture Mini-**



Enrollment & Marketing Spring Enrollment is up 3.4% compared to last spring and summer enrollment is continuing to look good across all areas.

Spring Open House is scheduled for April 26. The College is looking forward to welcoming the hundreds of students who attend each spring.

Dr. Homer was interviewed by Newton Town Manager Tom Russo as a special Conference in the Performing Arts Center on 3/29/25, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The Conference will feature guest speakers and industry professionals who will share their expertise on agricultural topics. This community event is free and welcomes all participants. Topics include Trees, Pruning, and Decay, Stormwater Management in the Home Landscape, Managing Common Landscape Pests and Diseases through Cultural and Preventative Maintenance Practices, Turf Grass and Turf Grass Management, and Conserving & Restoring Local Ecological Communities in Your Home Garden.

Students from Pope John presented Bye Bye Birdie in the SCCC PAC from February 20th to 23rd. All shows were sold out, and it was a great partnership between Pope John and the College.



Skylands Research Institute (SRI) is partnering with the University of Rochester. The Department of Energy's RFP has been submitted and is under review. The funding could equal \$75k per year for SRI.

Below are the renderings done by HQW Architects for the new Optics Center. The College awarded a bid for the project and this grantfunded expansion will ensure adequate space for new equipment purchased through AmeriCom.

guest. This interview can be viewed here:
<a href="https://www.newtontow">https://www.newtontow</a>
<a href="https://www.newtontow">nhall.com/297/Tom-Talk</a>

Kathleen Peterson, Marketing Director, will attend the National Conference for Marketing and Public Relations in New Orleans. The Conference, celebrating its 60th year, is for 2year community colleges across the country. She was additionally awarded a scholarship to attend the event due to her ongoing commitment to marketing innovation at the two-year college level.

# Information Technology

The College is launching an Artificial Intelligence Taskforce to advise the administration and governance entities on the use and study of artificial intelligence (AI) in teaching, learning, research, and all other applications.



### **Athletics**

Thank you to everyone who attended the unveiling of the John Kuntz Hall of Fame. It was great seeing the former players, coaches, Board Members, County Commissioners, and campus community come together to support John.

Women's wrestler Sophia Lombardo has qualified for the Nationals and will compete in Council Bluffs, Iowa, in March. She is the first in school history.

The men's wrestling team had nine qualify for the Nationals and will compete in Council Bluffs, Iowa in March.

The baseball team opened their season with two wins against Salem County College this weekend, scoring 17-3 and 14-3. They will head to South Carolina on March 10th.



### **Student Affairs/Campus Life**

Dr. Homer met with Lorraine Henz from the Division of Senior Services to continue planning an outdoor recreation space for fitness equipment. The College will partner with the County for a grant to cover the expense.

The Community Connections Office in the Student Center, room D113, will host local community partners to connect students to local resources. NORWESCAP's SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Navigator and DASI (Domestic Abuse & Sexual Assault Intervention Services) have secured regular hours in the space.

Athletics, Student Success, and Campus Life have joined to host the inaugural Women in Sports Leadership Summit. Junior and Senior female student-athletes from area high schools will engage in conversations about leadership development, nutrition and performance, and the college recruitment process.

The College's Radio Station has worked hard to bring more student scholarships to the College through underwriting opportunities. Last calendar year, the radio station brought in almost \$12,000 through this initiative.





The SCCC Foundation and <u>"The 100 Women Project"</u> will host the annual breakfast in honor of Women's History Month at 9 am on Wednesday, March 19 in the PAC Atrium. This year, our keynote speaker, Annette Niemtzow, will present "The Accidental Producer."

The Foundation sent its Spring appeal and outreach to our Annual Scholarship donors to renew. The Foundation has already secured \$45,000 in gifts and pledges toward our \$75,000 goal in Annual Scholarships for the next academic year. Between these Annual and Endowed Scholarships, the Foundation awards over \$160,000

each academic year.

See the <u>social media posts</u> from the Foundation.



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