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Monday Report

Calendar Events

Bergen to Host "Mental Health Awareness Training for Safer Campuses"

Bergen, in partnership with Passaic County Community College, will host "**Mental Health Awareness Training for Safer Campuses**" on **Wednesday, May 14**, from **8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** in **TEC 128B**. This event is offered through Bergen's Division of Continuing Education. Members of Bergen and Passaic County Community College are invited to attend.

The intent of this training seminar is to enhance mental health awareness and availability of local mental health resources among students, faculty and staff. The New Jersey Campus Security Task Force recommended to Gov. Corzine that colleges and universities take steps to improve their emergency management plans, enhance training for mental health awareness and increase information sharing.

At the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- Identify and describe mental health issues facing individuals on and around college and university campuses.
- Review the importance of information sharing.
- Describe the provision of mental health services to individuals in need of these services.
- Examine information sharing and the "duty to protect" responsibilities.

To register for the conference, please email Vivian Tongue - vtongue@bergen.edu, by **close of business** on **Monday, May 12**. Refreshments will be provided.

This event is sponsored by the Violence Institute of New Jersey at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, in collaboration with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education and the New Jersey Department of Homeland Security and Preparedness.

The Violence Institute of New Jersey at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey is a multi-disciplinary center dedicated to the study and prevention of violence. It conducts research into the causes, prevention, and reduction of all types of violence, including youth violence, child abuse, domestic violence, and intentional assault injury.

The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, established by the Higher Education Restructuring Act of 1994, provides coordination, planning, policy development, and advocacy for the state's higher education system. The Commission is also responsible for institutional licensure and the administration of the Educational Opportunity Fund and other programs.

The New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness administers, coordinates, leads and supervises New Jersey's counter-terrorism and preparedness efforts. The goal of the office is to coordinate emergency response efforts across all levels of government, law enforcement, the emergency management and response community, nonprofit organizations, the private sector and other jurisdictions as necessary, to protect the people of New Jersey.

Final Reminder: CIRD 2008-2009

The Center for Instructional Research and Development (CIRD) is pleased to announce the request for Mini-Grant Proposals. Online applications may be obtained from the Office of the Academic Vice President by request to rharrison@bergen.edu, or please call (201) 447-7190. The deadline for submitting proposals is **Friday, May 16**.

American Heart Association

Start! Tri-County Heart Walk - (Serving Bergen, Passaic and Rockland Counties) on **Sunday, May 18**, at **Rockland Community College**, Suffern, NY. Walk festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. If you intend to participate, please contact Health Services at (201) 447-9257. For more information, please visit the Web site at www.tricountyheartwalk.org.

... Save the Dates

Bergen to Hold Commencement at Izod Center – May 15

Ralph Izzo, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of Public Service Enterprise Group Incorporated (PSEG), will deliver the keynote address at Bergen Community College's 39th Commencement on Thursday, May 15, at 10:00 a.m. at the Izod Center, in the Meadowlands Complex, East Rutherford. Dr. G. Jeremiah Ryan, the fifth president of Bergen, will preside over the exercises.

Angela Kelichner, of Kearny, will deliver the valedictory remarks. Kelichner will graduate with an Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts and has achieved a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. Kelichner is a member of Bergen's Honors Program and has been on the dean's and honor's lists. She was also the vice president of fellowship for the College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of the two-year college.

The Class of 2008 at Bergen includes **1467 graduates** for August 2007, December 2007 and May 2008. **1418 graduates have earned Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Applied Science degrees, 46 earned Certificates and 3 earned Certificates of Achievement.** The majority of the graduates will continue their education at four-year colleges and universities.

The candidates for degrees will be presented by Academic Vice President **Dr. Gary Porter** and Vice President of Student Services **Raymond Smith.** Board of Trustees Chair **Stephen J. Moses** will confer the degrees.

Ralph Izzo is a well-known leader within the utility industry and the public policy arena. Prior to his current position, he served as the president and chief operating officer of PSEG. Since joining the company in 1992, Mr. Izzo was elected to several executive positions within PSEG's family of companies, which allowed him to broaden his experiences in the areas of general management, strategic planning and finance.

His public policy experience includes service as an American Physical Society Congressional Science Fellow, in the office of U.S. Senator Bill Bradley. Mr. Izzo also served four years as a senior policy adviser in the Office of New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean, specializing in energy, science and technology. He is a member of many organizations and foundations, including serving on the board of directors for the Electric Power Research Institute and the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Izzo's career began as a research scientist at the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, performing numerical simulations of fusion energy experiments. He received a bachelor of science and master of science degree in mechanical engineering and a doctor of philosophy degree in applied physics from Columbia University. Mr. Izzo also completed requirements for a master of business administration degree, with a concentration in finance from the Rutgers Graduate School of Management. He has been listed in numerous editions of Who's Who and has been the recipient of national fellowships and awards.

The commencement exercises will be simultaneously interpreted in sign language for the benefit of hearing-impaired graduates and guests, and will be Web cast live to a worldwide audience for students with families around the world.

Bergen to Host Autism Summit – June 5

Who: Bergen Community College will host a county-wide Autism Summit.

What: The conference will discuss the needs of children, teenagers and adults with autism. Dr. G. Jeremiah Ryan, President of Bergen Community College, will open the event with an introduction detailing the College's current efforts and future plans on behalf of individuals with autism. Linda Meyer, Executive Director of The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC), will give the keynote address. She will discuss the needs of individuals with autism, as well as recent New Jersey autism related laws and bills.

When: Thursday, June 5, from **11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in the **West Hall Recital Hall.** This event is for invited guests from Bergen Community College and local organizations.

Why: The College believes that this event will serve as the beginning of a county-wide forum whereby parents, service organizations, schools, corporations and other related entities can collaboratively address the needs of people with autism. Bergen formed an Autism Task Force in October 2007 to evaluate how the institution could better address the needs of children and adults with autism. To address autism in an academic setting, the College will offer six non-credit courses as part of a certificate program, with an autism specialty track in fall 2008. The courses will be made available to professionals and parents.

For further information on Bergen Community College's upcoming Autism Summit, please contact Ilene Kleinman, Director of the Division of Continuing Education, at ikleinman@bergen.edu or (201) 447-7160.

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Mid-Career Fellowship Program - 2008-2009 Academic Year

Applications for the **Princeton University Mid-Career Fellowship Program** are now available at: <http://web.princeton.edu/sites/mcgraw/mcfp.html>. The deadlines for applications for participating in the 2009-2010 academic year are **Monday, November 3, 2008** and **Monday, March 2, 2009**. For more information, please contact Janine Calogero, Program Administrator, at (609) 258-2379, or via email at jcaloger@princeton.edu.

Community & Cultural Affairs – Final Event for the Month of May

Roger McGuinn in Concert-McGuinn is the founder and front man for the Byrds, and an accomplished singer-songwriter. He will perform on **Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 p.m.** in the **Cicccone Theatre**. Tickets: \$24; \$22 for student and senior citizens (65+); \$20 for all of Bergen Community College.

Faculty Accomplishments/Highlights

Bergen's Sidney Silverman Library was well represented at this year's Annual Conference of the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) that was held on April 29 - May 1, 2008, in Long Branch, NJ. Mark Thompson and Pat Denholm led a poster session, "New Approaches to Replacing the Fortress Reference Desk," which showcased the innovative, modular reference desk, installed as part of the Library's renovation. Mr. Thompson also moderated two sessions on current library research, as part of his role as Chair of the Research Committee of the College & University Section of the Association. Lynn Schott, another member of Bergen's library staff, continued her work with both the Member Services Committee and the Information Technologies Section. Ms. Schott worked on the conference wiki, recorded and posted podcasts from the conference, assisted at the gaming event, ran two sessions of the "Lunch Buddies" program, served at the Hospitality Table and headed the project to recognize long-time members of the Association. She will serve as Chair of the NJLA Member Services Committee for the coming year. Additionally, Kate McGivern, of Bergen's library staff, moderated a session, "Full Circle Harvest: Farms, Schools and Libraries in Partnerships of Community Learning," which was sponsored by the Professional Development Committee. Other library faculty attending the conference included Barbara Walcott and Joan Dalrymple.

Andrea Geller Jablonski's oil painting, titled "Floating" will be exhibited in the U.S. Embassy Residence in Athens, Greece, for a period of three years, as part of the Art in Embassies Program of the United States Department of State. This program was established in 1964 and is a global museum, exhibiting works of art by U.S. citizens in the public rooms of American diplomatic residences.

Monday Report Submissions

Please submit your news and accomplishments to Kim Meekins, of Vice President Porter's Office, via email at: kmeekins@bergen.edu.

When forwarding information, regarding an upcoming event, please make sure that you have included all information, i.e. time, location and contact person.

For timely appearance of your announcements, all submissions must be received by **1:00 p.m. Thursday** for Monday publication.