



## Summer Changes at MCC Include Comings, Goings, Promotions and Moves

By Jonathan Stankiewicz  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Some parts of Manchester Community College may seem disorganized this school year. The summer has seen a lot of retirements and a lot of moving of faculty, staff and administrators.

Among the biggest changes is the retirement of three of MCC's five deans. Academic Dean Alice Savage left the college in June and Tom Bavier, dean of Administrative Affairs, and Alfred Carter, dean of Student Affairs, officially retired in July.

As saddened as the college community is to see three influential administrators leave, the deans are leaving on good terms. Each said they were leaving because they had other goals that they wanted to accomplish.

Bavier has spent more than 30 years working on the college's "master building plan" and has helped transform MCC from just the Lowe building and a few trailers to a beautiful campus with brand new buildings and even a magnet high school.

"[With Great Path Academy] it really was an opportunity for me to really finish the work for MCC," said Bavier.

Bavier, 62, said he had thought of retiring last summer, but decided to stay another year because he "wanted to work for President Gena Glickman." But when the state of Connecticut offered a retirement package to state employees as a cost-saving measure in tight fiscal times, Bavier said he was ready.

"My work is done," he said.

Carter said he felt the same way about leaving.

"It is a good time to retire," said Carter. And on the work he's done for MCC, Carter said he has "loved it and I am proud of the work that I have accomplished."

Carter, who will turn 62 in October, added that he wanted to retire on his own terms. He has worked in



From left, Dean of Student Affairs Alfred Carter, Dean of Academic Affairs Alice Savage and Dean of Administrative Affairs Tom Bavier celebrate their last MCC commencement. All three retired over the summer. Photo courtesy of MCC Marketing.

education for more than 40 years, 21 years at MCC.

Both Carter and Bavier said they already have itinerary in mind that will keep them busy with their new found free time. Carter wants to start writing, and will try to get more musical with his church choirs by playing the keyboard. He also wants to focus on himself and said that he wants to do some consulting in his retirement.

Bavier, who is staying at MCC until December, said he wants to go to the west coast to see his daughter and grandchild. With his second grandchild due in September he wants to see his family. Though he already has three offers for consulting jobs, Bavier said wants to do what he wants.

"I will get antsy," he said. "I'll see

where life takes me."

But as the deans move on, they will still be involved with MCC.

Bavier, who lives in West Hartford, said that he will "stay engaged" and will be helpful in any way that he can. Carter will be around as well, offering to consult for the school if necessary.

Their leaving means moves and promotions for other MCC employees. G. Duncan Harris, who was Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, will become Dean of Student Affairs for the next school year. Harris, who has been at MCC for more than 13 years, spent 10 of those years in student affairs.

Harris said that he is "excited to serve the college" and that his "experience, education, and training" have prepared him for the job.

The job of Academic Dean has been filled by Joanne Russell, who was formerly director of the Liberal Arts division. She took over her new duties in June and a new office has been built for her next to the office of Student Affairs on the second floor of the Lowe building.

But that is just one of many changes that have taken place at the school since classes ended in May. Students, faculty, and visitors should be aware that offices have been moved, teachers have retired, and renovations have been completed. The Great Path Academy building has been finished and is open.

Teachers and administrators have been moved throughout the school and students and visitors are advised to seek out the new maps of the campus that will be available.

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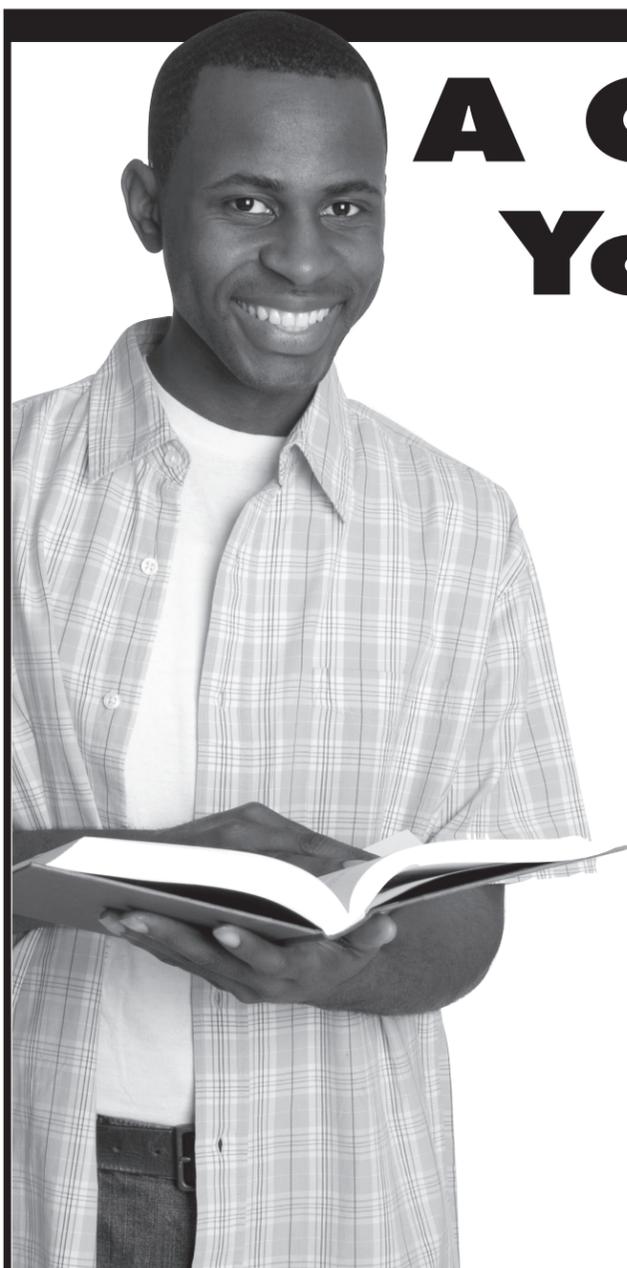
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Members of the MCC Black Student Union began their summer with a visit to Washington, D.C. Pictured above, in front of The White House, are, from left, Janet Miller, Judith Appah-Jemison and Correll T. Mayo. Photo by Lucy Anne Hurston.

## Black Student Union Visits D.C. Historical Sites

By Janet Miller  
Special to the Live Wire

**“Our minds can only carry us forward or beyond our own selves...If one is courageous enough to adventure.” (Janet Miller, 2009)**

The semester had finally come to an end. Books lay in the place I left them, resting upon my kitchen table. My cap and gown were proudly put away in a dry cleaner’s clear plastic bag. Memories of classroom discussions, nail-biting assignments, test, exams and deadlines came to an end. My experience at Manchester Community College was not just an educational experience, but a place where I found the “courage to adventure.”

My adventure began with the amazing Lucy Anne Hurston, who teaches sociology at MCC. She allowed me to “breathe” and to be myself, no expectations other than to learn, experience, apply and share with others. This experience was one of constant awareness, learning, and questioning of one’s own knowledge.

My most memorable moment of this adventure was standing still as though I myself were a statue in front of the “Marine Corps War Memorial” in Washington, D.C. earlier this summer on a trip taken by members of MCC’s Black Student Union. Hurston serves as its faculty advisor.

I stood, my eyes fixed upon this gigantic monument. In this moment,

I didn’t want to analyze the statue’s presence. I wanted to just stand and absorb its aura of magnificence. This... this is what we are...this...this is what we should strive to be. No, not one man represents “America,” but another of colors...another of belief...another of cultural differences. We must continuously live in a social society of humanization. All I believe in America became truth as I stood in front of this amazing memorial.

I also had a personal connection with it. My father was among the thousands of men and women who were present on Feb. 19, 1945, during World War II. He was not a U.S. Marine, he was aboard the naval ship USS Bountiful. He was there when she departed Manus to receive casualties of the Iwo Jima campaign. He came back un-harmed, only by the grace of God.

My father taught me at an early age that a man (or woman) will be remembered by their name and their word. Our presence in Washington, D.C. was the result of the pride from which we came.

I look forward to my next adventure wearing T-shirts adorned with **MANCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE- BSU: BLACK STUDENT UNION.**

## MCC Community Service Fair



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS SPONSORED BY STUDENT SENATE

### September

- Student Senate General Meeting  
3:30 PM Wed., Sept. 16 Community Commons Room Great Path Academy
- Welcome Back to School! Student Senate Make Your Own Ice Cream Sundaes Social!  
12:00 Noon First Week of School Outside AST
- Club Day  
Last week in September AST Rotunda

### October

- Halloween Movie Madness  
Join the Student Senate each week in October as they show one scary movie after another!  
Ghost Hunter, John Zaffis presents...A Haunting In Connecticut!  
4:30 PM Thurs., Oct. 8 Auditorium Free Admission
- Student Senate General Meeting  
3:30 PM Wed., Oct. 21 Community Commons Room Great Path Academy

### November

- Student Senate General Meeting  
3:30 PM Wed., Nov. 18 Community Commons Room Great Path Academy
- Open Mic Night in Downtown Manchester  
Join the Student Senate and Poetry Club for an Open Mic Night in Downtown Manchester...details to follow!

### December

- Student Senate General Meeting  
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 Thursday, October 22 ..... Interviewing Skills  
 Thursday, October 29 .....Job Search & Cover Letters  
 Thursday, November 5 .....Effective Resume Writing  
 Thursday, November 12 .....Interviewing Skills  
 Thursday, November 19.....Job Search & Cover Letters

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Tuesday, October 13 .....Effective Resume Writing  
 Tuesday, October 20 .....Interviewing Skills  
 Tuesday, October 27 .....Job Search & Cover Letters

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# MEET YOUR STUDENT SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD

**President: Andrew King**

Email: MA-SGA-President@mcc.commnet.edu

Andrew is studying English, film and fun at MCC! This year, he hopes to accomplish a proper representation for all students along with the creation of new and expanded student programs and making a more exciting environment for students.

**Vice President: Jonathan Rodriguez**

Email: MA-SGA-VP@mcc.commnet.edu

Jon is currently studying in the Liberal Arts & Sciences program and majoring in psychology with a minor in criminal justice. He hopes to help build a good reputation for the Student Senate and is looking forward to students reactions when they see that the Student Senate Executive Board really cares about them.

**Social Vice President: Kellie Gilbert**

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Kelly is currently studying in the Social Services program and plans on eventually graduating from the University of Connecticut with a degree in Public Health Administration. She is most looking forward to planning successful events and activities on campus that will bring MCC students together.

**Treasurer: Zev Jobs**

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Zev is currently majoring in Liberal Arts and Sciences. He hopes the Student Senate can get more student involvement, give everyone the chance to experience something new, and keep everything running well with as few problems as possible. I am most looking forward to getting back with my clubs and working with them again.

**Secretary: Edward Oleskewicz**

Email: MA-SGA-Secretary@mcc.commnet.edu

Edward is a criminal justice major at MCC. He is looking forward to serving the student body and the Student Senate in any way possible. He is looking forward to all the events the Senate has planned and wants big attendance at them all and wants to show the student body the Senate cares.

**Executive Senator II: Orlando Smith**

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Orlando is studying education at MCC. He hopes the Senate can accomplish all of its goals this upcoming year, especially the events, and establish a strong presence all around campus. He is looking forward to meeting new people.



## CLUBS AND ORGANIZAITONS

There are over 30 clubs and organizations offered at MCC. Most start meeting in September. Contact the Club Advisor to find out when meetings are held.

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 Chess Club  
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 French Club  
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Courtesy of the Live Wire Staff

- 1) Go to class, that's the main reason you're here, right?
- 2) Find out where your teacher's offices are – most have it listed on the class syllabus -and visit them
- 3) Join a club, get involved
- 4) There are more places to park than Lot C, get a campus map
- 5) There is more than one way to get off campus, drive around and find them
- 6) Don't eat the pizza in the Cougar Café
- 7) Find the library and use it
- 8) Clean up after yourself, don't leave your empty bottles, used wrappers, etc., lying around
- 9) Use the tutoring and advising services
- 10) Smoke in the designated areas. Walking down to the parking lot may be a pain, but so is walking out a door into a cloud of smoke.



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journal; more information at [www.acc.commnet.edu/freshwater.htm](http://www.acc.commnet.edu/freshwater.htm).

**John Sheirer**, *Loop Year: 365 Days on the Trail*  
(PublishingWorks, 2008). For more information on this book  
and his others: [www.johnsheirer.com](http://www.johnsheirer.com).

**Elizabeth Szewczyk**, *This Becoming* (Big Table Publishing, 2009)  
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# Sun and Heat Can be Fun, but Dangerous

By Sara Berry  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Even though it's back to school time, the summer isn't quite over- and neither is the need to worry about summer skin care and sun safety. Even though this summer didn't feel very summery with all the rain that we had, it was still possible to spend too much time in the sun, and to be afflicted with sun-related problems. If anything, the seemingly few sunny days that we did have made it more dangerous to be in the sun. Since there was so little beach weather, a lot of people (including myself) took every opportunity that they could to be outside and catch some rays, often not thinking about preventing things like sunburns and sunstroke.

It is a fairly well known fact that excess exposure to sun can cause skin cancer. But the sun can also cause wrinkles, age spots, freckles, discoloration of the skin, dilation of blood vessels under the skin, and easy bruising.

A lot of the skin changes that we consider to be normal aging are actually effects of the sun's ultraviolet, or UV, rays. The skin is made up of elastin fibers that return the skin to normal when it is stretched. UV rays from the sun break down these fibers and create a situation where the skin can no longer go back to its normal position. When this happens, sagging occurs and the skin is more susceptible to bruising and tearing, and does not fix itself the same way it does when the elastin fibers are healthy. Sunburns are a sure way to damage the elastin in the skin. Those of us who are fair-skinned are super-susceptible to sunburns, and therefore to the negative skin effects that are associated with sun exposure.

In order to protect yourself as much as possible, make sure to wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or more. Make sure to apply it to every body part that is going to be exposed to the sun, including often forgotten spots like ears, tops of feet, and backs of knees. For maximum effectiveness, apply half an hour before sun exposure, and make sure to reapply every few hours. Also, wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts and hats deflects the UV rays.

The worst time to be in the sun is between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., when sun's rays are the strongest (and most people are at the beach). Sunglasses, contact lenses, and cosmetics with UV protection are also helpful. And, sadly, tanning is bad for you no matter if it's from the sun or a tanning bed.

Most importantly, if you notice any unusual changes in skin color, or if any dark spots become larger or change in shape, make sure to have them checked out by a doctor.

Of course, skin problems are not the only health issue that can arise out of summer sun and heat exposure. Other conditions such as heat exhaustion, heat cramps and heat stroke can result from prolonged periods of time spent out in the sun and hot summer temperatures. When the human body is hot, blood rushes to the surface of the skin

in an attempt to cool the body. When this happens, less blood circulates through the rest of the body to the internal organs. As a result, when the body is too warm, too much blood can go to the skin and the lack of blood to the internal organs contributes to a loss in physical and mental strength.

It is common knowledge that when we are hot, we sweat, which is the body's way of trying to cool itself down. When the body sweats excessively, it loses too much water and salt, and heat exhaustion occurs. The loss of necessary fluids interrupts circulation and brain function. Heat cramps also are caused by the loss of fluids that can come from excessive sweating, but are often also caused by the additional loss of nutrients like potassium and magnesium. Heat stroke (or sunstroke) is the most serious heat-inflicted condition. After long and/or intense exposure to high temperatures, the body eventually becomes unable to cool itself down. This happens because the heat makes the section of the brain that controls temperature regulation malfunction and the body is no longer able to cool itself by sweating normally.

Dehydration can occur if the body is putting out more fluids than it is taking in. When a person becomes dehydrated, they often are extremely thirsty, may feel weak or dizzy, experience heart palpitations and confusion, and be unable to sweat. If you or someone around you appears to be suffering from dehydration or other heat-related illness, try to get to a cool place and remove any excess clothing. Drink water or carbohydrate/electrolyte drinks like Gatorade or Pedialyte. If fainting occurs, seek medical attention.

Anyone can suffer from heat related illnesses, but alcoholics, the elderly and the obese, as well as individuals taking certain types of medications are more susceptible than the average person. Antihistamines, antipsychotic medications, and stimulants like cocaine are among the drugs that contribute to heat stroke and related issues. Also, certain antibiotics, like tetracycline, minocycline, and doxycycline (frequently used to treat acne as well as Lyme disease and a variety of other infections). These drugs cause photosensitivity, which will intensify any effects of prolonged sun exposure.

Often we don't think about the negative effects of enjoying the outdoors. When it is sunny and nice, we want to get outside and take advantage of it. Unfortunately, as wonderful as Mother Nature is, it can be dangerous to our bodies. But by taking a few precautions such as those outlined above, it is possible to enjoy the summer (or what's left of it) safely.

For more information, check out the sources listed below:  
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DJ Jay Free uses high-tech digital CD turntables to entertain guests at the Crush Lounge.



DJ Jay Free spins the tunes at the Crush Lounge in the Hartford Marriott.

# Lifestyles of the Broke and Hip

By Phu Nguyen

In the age of iPods, gigabytes, CD burning and the occasional pirated song, DJ Jay Free gets ready for work at the Crush Lounge in Hartford's Marriott Hotel every weekend to perform what he believes is a dying art. Mixing music and keeping up-to-date of the hottest tracks is not just a hobby but also a way to express himself to the one-hundred-plus weekend club patrons. According to the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, the music industry made close to \$3.7 billion from digital downloads alone. Much of today's music is pirated, however. "It scares me to see how popular pirating gotten. You can find just about anything on the internet these days. To me stealing is stealing whether it is from the internet or from your own hands," said Jay Free.

DJ Jay Free has been a DJ for eight years and learned how from his father who is a mobile DJ doing weddings, private parties and corporate events.

Jay Free often feels that his profession is becoming a dying art despite how much he loves it. "People don't want to shell out money for a good DJ nowadays. They would rather hook up their mp3 players to some house speakers and save some money. Djs in general don't just play music from a CD player, they set the pace, create an atmosphere, give the crowd energy and keep everyone entertained."

Recently Apple has updated their iTunes software promoting a new feature called iTunes DJ that allows users to mix their own music. It seems like DJ Jay Free is seeing the music industry change first hand.

To hear DJ Jay Free in person, you can visit the Crush Lounge in the Hartford Marriott on Thursdays and Saturday nights.

All photos by Phu Nguyen

# PASTOR MARICHAL MONTS

By Kyla Tartt

In December of 1980 Pastor Marichal Monts began preaching and has been a faithful servant since then. Pastor Monts is the pastor of the Citadel of Love Church which is located in Hartford, CT. He was called to start this ministry in 1995 that started in a hotel and is now in a beautiful edifice, on the same street that he grew up on in Hartford. This ministry has been placed in this particular part of Hartford because there is a need for it there. At the Citadel of Love people are Loved and taught ways to embrace Holiness. Pastor Monts loves to help people no matter whom or what race they are. He is definitely a person who sees no color! The Citadel of Love hosts lunches and breakfast three Saturdays out of the month totally free for the people of the community and there are also free clothes drives, turkey giveaways for Thanksgiving and other special treats for other holidays. Pastor Monts cares about the community and he tries every way possible to make that known to the people who live here.

Pastor Marichal B. Monts attended Renbrook School (West Hartford), the Groton School (Groton, MA), and graduated from Wesleyan University (Middletown, CT). Pastor Monts, was accepted into several prestigious universities but he stayed here to be close to his mother who was having some trouble with her health at the time. With the help and constant encouragement from his mother and grandmother he successfully completed his schooling and graduated from Wesleyan University. At Wesleyan University he began a broadcast on Sunday mornings over twenty-five years ago. People from all over the world tune in every Sunday to hear what Pastor Monts has to say for that particular Sunday, and also be able to hear their Gospel favorites every week. He has been the conductor of the Ebony Singers at the University for the last 20 years.

In 2006 Pastor Monts received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. Thomas Christian College. Pastor Monts is very determined, goal oriented, he loves to help and also see people achieve their goals. He's a great role model for anyone, he's a mentor in the Hartford schools mentoring program, and he's an excellent teacher. This ministry is something he believes very deeply in and doesn't take this lightly.



Pastor Monts leads singers both young and old during a casual service at The Citadel of Love Church.

All photos by Kyla Tartt



Pastor Monts signs an autograph for Daryl K. Roberts, Hartford Chief of Police, during an event at the church, the debut of a 4-year video project about Monts.



The singing group, Cinque Cullar and the Tribe of Judah of Alabama State University, perform for the congregation of the Citadel of Love.

# A "Pageant Girl" is Born



Kaitlyn Schoeffel of Egg Harbor Township, NJ is overcome by emotion as she is crowned the 2009 New Jersey National Teenager.

By Rhea dela Cruz

The New Jersey National Teenager scholarship pageant was a two-day event with 40 young hopefuls vying to be awarded the New Jersey National Teenager 2009 titles and various awards. There were seasoned veterans such as Kaitlyn Schoeffel of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey and newcomers such as Stephanie Fitzsimmons of Wyckoff, New Jersey.

The road to royalty is not a straight path. It is rare for a competitor to take home a title from their first pageant. One might regard Schoeffel as a "pageant girl" having previous experience and earning multiple titles in 2008. She was crowned New Jersey Junior Sweetheart and awarded the National Talent winner with her dance routine. She was also second runner-up in the New Jersey National Preteen division. This year, Schoeffel not only took home the New Jersey National Teenager title but also won the "Supermodel with Style" segment.

Could "pageant girls" have an advantage because of their exposure to the pageantry system? "From the moment they walk in the room, they [the judges] know who the winners are", noted one pageant mom. Is there a familiarity between the judges and some participants? It's possible. Participating in multiple pageants can become good press and a competitor has multiple opportunities to make an impression on and off the stage. There is no doubt that Schoeffel has exposure to the system. But was proper exposure the underlying factor in Schoeffel's title and Fitzsimmons's lack of one? Fitzsimmons is hopeful and feels experience can help.

"This pageant has been such a learning experience", said Fitzsimmons and admits, "I wasn't very experienced and now that I know what the competitive world of pageantry is like, I'll know what to expect next time."

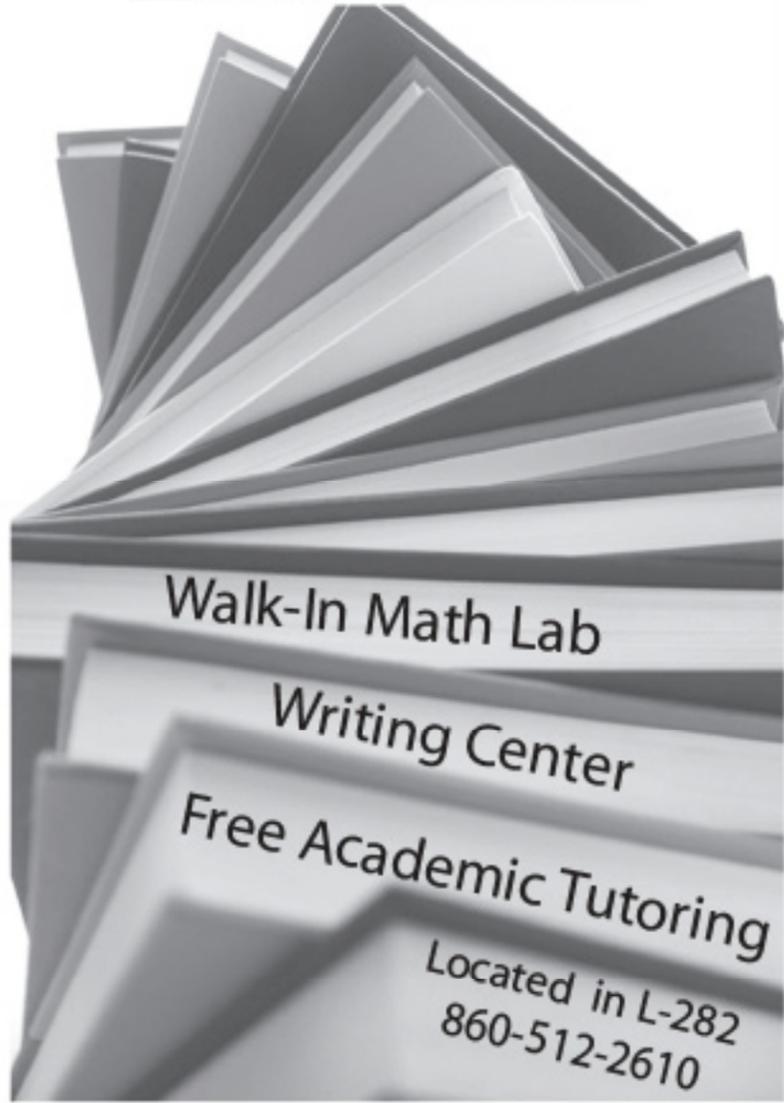


The girls seek to upgrade their paper crown, the everlasting symbol of pageant royalty.



Stephanie Fitzsimmons of Wyckoff, NJ gets ready for the final day of the pageant.

All photos by Rhea dela Cruz



## Grim "Lullaby" a Great Summer Read

By Ashley E. Lang  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Do you remember the old saying that our parents taught us when we were younger, "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me?" Well, what if those words, those tiny insignificant words, could in fact hurt you, maybe even kill you?

Chuck Palahniuk's novel "Lullaby" tackles this question with brute force. Palahniuk tells the story of Carl Streator, a newspaper reporter who was assigned to cover a series of cases, all of which involved SIDS, or sudden infant death syndrome. Streator's own child died of SIDS years earlier.

As the cases unravel in front of Streator, he discovers what he thinks to be the culprit behind the long trail of infant deaths. It's a lullaby, or what is referred to in the book as a "culling song." The song, an African chant, was in a book entitled "Poems and Rhymes Around the World," found in each of the rooms of the dead children, opened to the same exact page. Streator, piecing together the commonalities, goes on a renegade search across the country with three other individuals whose lives all interconnect as they search for the same thing: the

grimoire, a spellbook that is believed to be the source of the culling song spell.

However, everyone is not looking for the grimoire for the same reason. Helen Hoover Boyle, a real estate agent who, years ago, read her own son the culling spell, is in search for the grimoire with the hope of resurrecting her child, who lies comatose in a hospital. Along with Helen is her assistant Mona Sabbat, and Mona's nutcase boyfriend Oyster, whose intentions for the grimoire are more for sinister acts. And then there is Streator, who hopes to stop the "culling

song" before it claims another victim.

All four embark on a mission to destroy every copy of the "culling song" and retrieve the grimoire before anyone else gets hurt.

Palahniuk's "Lullaby" is a fantastic read. He not only keeps you on the edge of your seat as you flip through pages, but also combines awkward twists, scenes, and scenarios at every step of the way, providing a wide range of excitement and sheer weirdness.

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# MCC Fall 2009 International Film Series Schedule Set

The MCC International Film Series will present several films offering a look into the world beyond U.S. borders. All films will be shown at 7 p.m. in the SBM Charitable Foundation Auditorium. There will be a brief discussion along with dessert after each film. Admission is free. The schedule is:

**September 25 – *The Drummer (Hong Kong/Taiwan)*** - Sid (played by Jackie Chan's son Jaycee), the rebellious son of a controlling and savage crime boss in Hong Kong, has to flee to Taiwan upon enraging his father's adversary. Hiding out in the mountains, Sid discovers a group of Zen drummers whose mesmerizing art piques his interest, and he requests to join them. Immersed in the world of Zen drumming, Sid morphs into a firm and focused young man.

His independence from the crime life and his father is profoundly challenged, however, when a twist of fate awaits him back home in Hong Kong and forces him to choose between loyalty to his family and his newfound faith in himself.

**October 23 – *Somers Town (United Kingdom)*** - Two teenagers, both newcomers to London, forge an unlikely friendship over the course of a hot summer. Tomo (Thomas Turgoose) is a runaway from Nottingham; Marek (Piotr Jagiello), a Polish immigrant, lives in the district of Somers Town. When Marek agrees to let homeless Tomo move into his room, unbeknownst to his father, the pair forms a strong bond, as they work odd jobs for an eccentric neighbor and compete for the attention of Maria, a beautiful young French

waitress. But it's only a matter of time before Marek's dad discovers what's going on.

**November 20 - *The Window (Argentina/Spain)*** - It is a significant day for 80-year-old Antonio. After an absence of many years, his estranged son is coming to visit. Everything must be perfect. There will be a toast with very special champagne, an embrace, and warm words that may finally bridge the gap between them. But before, Antonio must wait. Bedridden, he looks out his window at the Patagonian landscape and sees light and life, the past and the present, while sensing the future. He decides to secretly leave the house, unseen by his faithful caretakers, to take what might be a last walk in his fields. What could otherwise seem like insignificant memories or moments in one's life takes a special meaning and weight in this

poetic film.

**December 11 – *Eldorado (Belgium)*** - Yvan and Elie are two loners who wander aimlessly through their lives. Yvan is a quick-tempered 40-year-old vintage car dealer, while Elie is a young burglar and ex-junkie. One day Yvan catches Elie trying to rob him. Instead of beating him up, he becomes strangely attached to him and agrees to drive him home to his parents in his old Chevrolet. Yvan and Elie are both nostalgic about lost relationships, which is what leads them to undertake a bizarre journey through a region that is as spectacular as it is crazy. Both are trying to find the pieces of a puzzle that they want to put back together, but it might be too late.

For more information about the films, contact either Evelyn Angry-Smith, 512-2874, or Bob Kagan, 512-2687.

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# Great Path Academy Opening to Anticipation

By Alex Obert  
Live Wire Staff Writer

Starting this fall semester, the Manchester Community College campus is going to be having some company. If you attended MCC anytime between late 2007 to mid 2009, then you have noticed the construction that has been going on right next to the Lowe building. And having noticed it, you surely have figured out that the construction is for the brand new Great Path Academy. But what is the Great Path Academy? Well, GPA is a middle college high school for sophomores, juniors and seniors. It serves as another option for high school students in the greater Manchester area who know exactly what career path they want to take once they get into college.

Attending GPA is beneficial for those students because they can take college classes at MCC and earn up to 30 college credits by the time they graduate high school. They can continue those credits either at MCC or a four year school. There will be 300 students coming to GPA this fall, from 22 different towns, said Tom Danehy, principal of GPA. The students will consist of 45 sophomores, 140 juniors and 120 seniors. Students at GPA will be easily identifiable since they will have a dress code of polo shirts and dress pants, Danehy said.

So, now that you know about the basics, what about what the inside of the school

looks like? Few at MCC have been inside since the major construction was completed earlier this year. Danehy excitedly led a recent tour.

He explained that there are 18 classrooms and two floors. Classes will meet every other day for 75 minutes and students will have four classes a day. Danehy said the school offers the latest in technology, including a PC lab, a Mac lab and a World Language lab, as well as five Smartboards, which are a combination of whiteboards and computers.

In addition, the school also offers an Internet café with Wi-Fi, where students will be able to eat lunch daily, as well as an outdoor dining area. For science majors, there are biology, chemistry and physics labs and culinary arts rooms for students interested in cooking. The building also has a full-size gymnasium for sports.

GPA cost \$32 million to build and has been under construction since ground was broken in Oct. 2007. It is the first public high school constructed on a college campus in Connecticut.

Students of any school generally loathe going back at the end of August. However, students of GPA will be excited to attend a new and truly unique kind of school. The students, teachers and faculty are certainly ready for one memorable year!

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# Three Interesting and Amazing Years I Will Never Forget

By Rachel M. DePenning  
Former Live Wire Editor

College has changed me. After spending the last three years at Manchester Community College, I have evolved into a mature and skillful professional with the correct priorities and focuses.

I never gave high school my all. Academics took a backseat, while finding a boyfriend and making friends, and spending most of my time doing extracurricular activities were my top priorities. I was a little mixed up. Not knowing what I wanted to do with my life, and having zero interest in going to college led people to believe that I would never amount to anything. I was even told once that I was going to end up working in the Seafood Department at Stop & Shop.

But then I came to MCC for a tour during my junior year. We stopped in the TV Studio, and at that exact moment, I knew what I wanted to do with my life. I decided right there and then that I was going to be a Communications major at MCC. I did exactly that. I started in Fall 2006, and graduated in May. It has been the most interesting and rewarding years of my life.

Having gotten good enough grades to pass high school, my mother told me that if I didn't do well in my classes, meaning C's or above, she would no longer pay for school. My mother ended up paying every semester, for I got C's and above my first year, and made the Dean's List three semesters following it. I also did very well in my final semester. My mother gave me motivation, but I was also driven by my past. As I mentioned before, I wasn't that great of student in high school. I was looked upon as stupid by my peers. Therefore, I had something to prove. I excelled academically and proved everyone wrong. This gave me confidence and increased my motivation and drive to be successful.

I focused my first year on my classes. Basically, I took the year to adapt. Not only was I starting at a new school, but it was college. I knew it was going to be a lot different from high school. Turned out, this different was a good different. Students seemed to be a lot more mature, I was more independent, and I was without high school drama, which allowed me to focus and do well. The sad part of my first year was the deaths. Not long before attending my first day of college, my paternal Grandmother died. Later on, not long after starting my second semester, my last surviving Great Grandmother died. These deaths didn't bring me down. I stayed focused.

In Summer 2007, I decided to take a couple of summer classes, one of which was Film Study and Appreciation. For this class I had the greatest professor ever, Robert Kagan. Prof. Kagan is the Communications Department Chair and I have a lot of respect for him. I've always looked up to him as a mentor. He has given me praise for my films and TV Production work, as well as support and great career advice. I strive to follow in his footsteps and become a Communications Professor. He helped me discover my passion and desire to teach, and with his support and advice I feel like I can achieve that dream.

Albert Kim is another professor I admire. He helped me discover my talent in radio. With the training I received from him in his Broadcast Performance class, I now feel comfortable in front of and behind the microphone. He is one of the most entertaining professors I have ever had, and I would recommend to anyone to take a class with him.

When I first started at MCC, there weren't as many clubs as there are today. The only clubs I had a slight interest in, at the time, were the *Live Wire* and the Film Guild. I never joined the Film Guild, for whatever reason. But in my third semester, I had an opportunity to join the *Live Wire*. I had a desire to join my first year, but I couldn't make the meetings and I didn't feel qualified because I had never written for a newspaper before. Turns out, you don't need to attend meetings or journalism experience to join. I found this out when taking the Reporting and Writing News Stories class with Stephania Davis, who is faculty advisor for the *Live Wire*. She encouraged everyone to join. I was able to make the meetings, so I attended and have been writing ever since. I became Editor in Fall 2008.

In Spring 2008, I landed an internship at Community Voice Channel, a non-profit public access station in Bolton. After showcasing my TV Production skills to my supervisor, and being told by her that I was the best intern they ever had, I was offered and accepted a part-time job there. So not only did MCC help me get the internship, but it gave me the skills I needed to get hired.

I honestly think MCC saved my life. Five years ago I was a clueless high school student with no ambitions and no idea of where I wanted to go in life. Now, five years later I'm a college grad with a positive future and plenty of dreams and ambitions. MCC showed me what I was capable of. With the school's help, I have reached my full potential by making the Dean's List multiple semesters and doing well in other semesters, and being proficient in a variety of Communication fields like TV Production, Radio, and Journalism.

I'm leaving MCC with confidence and the skills I need to be successful. So to all faculty, staff and students who have helped me and been part of this journey with me, I'd like to say thank you, I couldn't have done it without you.

# Michael Jackson: father, brother, son, legend.



Image courtesy of Google.

By Sara Berry  
Live Wire Staff Writer

The summer of 2009 was the summer of celebrity deaths. The world lost the likes of pitcher legend Billy Mays, actor David Carradine, and sidekick Ed McMahon. But June 25 shocked the world by claiming the lives of both actors Farrah Fawcett and pop superstar Michael Jackson. Both were sad and tragic death, but the news that Michael Jackson, King of Pop had died, was completely unexpected.

I remember when I first heard. I was at work that afternoon and my boss's iPhone nearly vibrated off the counter. He had CNN.com on his Twitter. "Whoa," he said after he picked it up. "What? Michael Jackson was rushed to the hospital via ambulance following a heart attack. Wow."

We kept working. About an hour later, a customer came up to the pharmacy counter and said "Did you guys hear? Michael Jackson is dead!" Everything stopped, just for a second.

One of my coworkers called her husband and told him to turn on the TV. A few hours later, after hearing a wide variety of "updates" on his condition, the boss's phone Twittered again. "Sources have now confirmed that Michael Jackson has died."

It was official, but didn't seem possible. I wasn't really a Jackson fan as of late, but I had grown up on his music. My mom was the same age as Jackson, and used to talk about watching the Jackson 5 on TV as a kid. Her *Thriller* cassette tape was nearly worn out. I was in the third or fourth grade when the movie *Free Willy* came out and the song "Will You Be There" had me hooked. My other favorite was "Heal the World." I had taped it off of the radio on my little red tape recorder, and played it almost non-stop. I can remember spending hours with my then-best-friend in her basement, dancing to her Michael Jackson tapes.

The last 10 years or so of his life were clearly not his best, and found him embroiled in child-molestation trials and near-bankruptcy, among other controversies. Yet that image of that Jackson didn't reconcile with the image that I had from my childhood of the singer and dancer that I, along with millions of others, had worshipped.

In the days and weeks following Jackson's death, I have heard every possible viewpoint and opinion. He was loved, hated, and respected. He was an inspiration for generations of young aspiring musicians, and it is truly amazing the variety of people that he touched.

One of my coworkers is the daughter of refugees from Vietnam who came to this country during the Vietnam War. Her father, a very conservative, traditional man, had a Jackson outfit that he wore every year at Halloween. The 16-year-old girl that I mentor was shocked by his death. She and her friends were not even born at the height of Jackson's popularity, but they regarded him much the same way I regard singers Elton John or Paul McCartney: a living legend.

The controversy surrounding Jackson did not die with him, as the police investigate the "real" cause of his untimely death and theories continue to cover the front pages of the tabloids.

Whatever you might think of Jackson as a person, there is no denying that he was one of the true trendsetters and icons of his time. His music transcended race, nationality, politics and time, he inspired generations of fans in every country and on every continent. His influence will long surpass his, or even my own, lifetime, and the world of music and pop culture will never be the same.

# MCC Athletic Programs Looking to Build on Past Success

By Paul Ofria  
Special to the Live Wire

The Manchester Community College Athletic Department's four intercollegiate teams all enjoyed success in the 2008-09 school year and look to pick up this fall where they left off in the spring.

The Men's soccer and baseball teams each finished their respective season at National Tournaments in Texas. All told, the athletic programs produced a National Junior College Athletic Association Distinguished Academic All-American, seven NJCAA Division III All-Americans and 23 All-New England (Region XXI) players.

Julia Connor, who was a two-time All-New England Women's Soccer player for Coach Alex Calpa, was MCC's first Academic All-American since baseball player Jason Banks in 2007. Connor's 3.92 GPA over 56 credit hours elevated the honor to the Distinguished level.

"We don't focus on winning," MCC Athletic Director Cynthia Washburne said. "Our goal is to enhance the lives of our student-athletes outside the traditional classroom environment. If we do the little things right, the winning takes care of itself."

For



Lindsay Estok

accomplishments on the fields and court, Jemmy Cange (men's soccer), Jeff Gregor (men's soccer), Nicole Morehouse (women's soccer), Shanika Hines (women's basketball) Jhenel Franklin (women's basketball) Steve Simon (baseball) and A. J. Lowers (baseball) were named to All-American teams. Cange, Morehouse and Simon were first team selections; Cange and Hines were second teamers; Franklin and Lowers were on their respective third teams.

The four teams – men's and women's Soccer, women's basketball and baseball – had a combined record of 78-29-2 in 2008-09. Cange led all Division III players in scoring with 31 goals and 12 assists for 74 points. Gregor, who was named to the All-Tournament team as a goalkeeper at the National Championship Tournament in Richland, Texas, last November, allowed under a goal a game over two seasons as a Cougar.

The women's soccer team went undefeated at home last fall, set a program record for wins (16) and played in the Region XXI Championship game for the first time. As a goalkeeper, Morehouse had a hand in 10 shutouts and contributed to the offense with three goals, including a dramatic game winner vs. Massasoit Community College on Oct. 4.

In basketball over the winter, Hines averaged 22.3 points per game in her second All-American campaign and Franklin led all NJCAA D3 hoopsters in assists per game (10.5) as Coach Robert Turner's team posted a 17-3 record.

The Cougar baseball team, under the guidance of tenth-year Head Coach Chris Strahowski, went 28-19-1 and repeated as National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Region XXI Division III Champions, and went on to represent the school in the NJCAA Division III World Series in Tyler, Texas, for the second consecutive year.

Simon went undefeated (7-0) and was the Division III ERA Champion (1.19) while Lowers led the Cougars with a .455 average and 45 RBI.

Looking ahead, MCC's 2009-10 athletic season begins on Saturday, Sept. 5, when both soccer teams travel to Fall River, Mass., to play Region XXI rival Bristol Community College.

The woman's team, led by Calpa, now in his fifth-year as Head Coach, will play its home opener the following day, Sunday, Sept. 6, in a 1 p.m. game against the Community College of Rhode Island. Jim Insinga's (tenth season) men's team will host its first game on Tuesday, Sept. 8, when Roxbury Community College visits the MCC campus.

Calpa returns midfielder Lindsay Estok, who played all 19 games for the 16-3 Cougars in '08, scoring nine goals and assisting on nine others for 27 points.

Insinga is looking forward to returning players Mariusz Kurzatowski, who scored 17 goals with 11 assists as a freshman, and former All-State goalkeeper Hami Kara.

"We had a great season last fall," Insinga said. "And we've got an outstanding recruiting class and a solid core of returning players with national championship experience."

MCC will host the Region XXI Men's Soccer Tournament on Nov. 1, at McCormick, with the winner advancing to the District Championship to be hosted by the winner of the District 15 Tournament. The District Champion will play in the National Tournament, which will be hosted by 2008 Division III National Champion Herkimer College in Herkimer, N.Y., Nov. 14 and 15.

In early October, the basketball team will play in the brand new Great Path Academy gym on the MCC campus and begin its quest for a berth in their National Tournament, which will be held in Rochester, Minn., March 11-13. Turner looks forward to returning guard Erika Murphy, who averaged 18.6 points per game last winter and Amanda Colon, who averaged 9.2.



Hami Kara

"All four of our athletic programs are well established," Washburne added. "We have strong coaching staffs and look forward to another successful year."

The baseball team plays an informal schedule in the fall, which Strahowski

Photo's courtesy of MCC Athletics said he uses to evaluate players for the following spring. Anyone with interest in trying out for or helping out with any of the school's four intercollegiate team should contact the Athletic department office at 512-3353 or email [pofria@mcc.commnet.edu](mailto:pofria@mcc.commnet.edu).

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