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Social Media for Student Success



Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are great mediums to showcase DCC to the outside community. They can also be leveraged to help current students take advantage of the many resources and opportunities available at the College. The Office of Marketing & Communications recently collaborated with the Writing Center to share some helpful [writing tips](#) featuring student intern Kiara Marie Melendez Jemmott. Check out [the video!](#)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

DCC's Office of Marketing & Communications has been hard at work creating social media content that will help students feel more comfortable accessing mental health resources on campus. Together with Acting Director of Mental & Physical Health Diana Kiernan, the marketing team and its student interns – Kiera Stack, Jake Veglia, Kiara Marie Melendez Jemmott and Joey LaBelle – developed a series of public service announcements, which explore common misconceptions about counseling and illustrate the more welcoming reality. The short videos are part of a larger campaign, BeWell @ DCC, designed to promote Counseling Center services at DCC.

Multimedia Content Producer Eric Greenop said of the project, "Each of the student aides who assisted in developing these videos has independently brought up the importance of breaking the stigma and stereotypes surrounding mental health here. It's definitely something that's very important to this generation of students."

Kiernan said, "Our students' mental health and wellness is a campus priority at DCC. These videos and campaigns not only benefit those who are afraid to ask for help but also prepare other students to find assistance for a friend or classmate in need."

HELP US BUILD DCC'S DIGITAL PRESENCE!

Website: Submit a web request to ensure our new site is up to date at sunydutchess.edu/web-request.

Social Media: Share your events, photos and stories using our social media request form at sunydutchess.edu/social.



DEI Spotlight: The Power of Pronouns

Students in DCC's Masquers' Guild Theatre Club (MGTC), had the idea of doing a musical gender-bend show, but they didn't want to be limited to the gender binary. MGTC president Alexis Lazo (he/him) said, "We have club members that don't identify with either/or and we wanted it to be more inclusive. That's when our secretary, Drew Point-Jour, proposed the idea of the Pronoun Showdown." Everyone in the MGTC responded enthusiastically and club advisor Tommy Costello (he/him) loved it: "Each year the club comes up with new and different performance ideas, and this was a perfect twist on the traditional musical theatre cabaret event!"

Unlike other gender-bend shows that swap male and female singers in renditions of well-known musical theatre numbers, a Pronoun Showdown allows performers to be intentionally cast against traditional expectations and any pronouns within a song's lyrics to be changed. The resulting concert revue explores perspective, tone and character, leaving the audience to think about what happens when some of their ingrained mental constructions are disrupted.

The MGTC production of Pronoun Showdown was hosted by the club's vice president, Ahlam Elboukhari (they/their) and Bridget Donnelly (she/they), on the evening of Thursday, April 20 in DCC's intimate Black Box Theatre. Gender pronouns were listed in the program alongside the names of the hosts, singers and band – increasing visibility and representation. The show itself was vibrant and entertaining, while also providing a safe space for identity exploration both onstage and off.



Graduation Preview



Commencement Address

This year's commencement speaker is Professor of English Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, an extraordinary educator and accomplished professional who'll be retiring at the end of the academic year.

She shared, "For 32 years, the center of my world has been my students at DCC. What an amazing way to end a wonderful career, by giving an encouraging speech at the beginning of the rest of their lives!"



Student Commencement Speaker

Kyle Breberg '23 will be receiving his diploma on Friday, alongside hundreds of other DCC students for whom graduation represents much more than an academic milestone.

In spite of health challenges that threatened to derail his educational goals, both in high school and in college, Bredberg is on track to earn his associate degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences, with a focus in Humanities, and transfer to SUNY New Paltz. He says, "I'm excited to represent the class of 2023 – each of us has overcome a lot to be here."

VIPs in Action: The Results Are In!

DCC has many VIPs to recognize as spring semester comes to a close and we prepare for the upcoming 2023-24 academic year. Given the institution's commitment to shared governance, the elected leaders of the [Student Government Association \(SGA\)](#) and the [Professional Staff Organization \(PSO\)](#) play an important role in ensuring that the voices of students, faculty and staff are heard.

Our **new SGA leaders** are President Lisbeth Castellanos (Communications & Media Arts), Treasurer Ryan Scott (Business Administration) and Student Trustee Maya Chinkan (General Studies). The role of vice president is currently vacant.

The **2023-24 PSO executive leaders** are Michael Adams (chair), Adrianna Greco (vice chair), Meghan McCarthy (secretary), Michael Boden and Manish Jadhav (faculty members at large), Janette McCoy (NTE member at large), Melissa Carlo (ASC chair), Margeaux Lippman (FCCC representative) and Laura Murphy (FCCC alternate). The ISC chair will also serve on the executive council and will be announced after the upcoming election. The PSO chair may also appoint a parliamentarian.



[Dutchess United Educators \(DUE\)](#) represents the interests of union members in negotiation with the College. As of July 1, the **DUE Executive Council** will consist of the following: Laura Murphy (president), Melanie Klein (vice president for full-time faculty), Danielle Williams-Bell (vice president for full-time NTEs), Wesley Lee (vice president for part-time educators), Dana Gavin (secretary), Debra Ramsey (treasurer), Carolyn Rounds (member at large, full-time educators) and Bill Benedetto (member at large, part-time educators). The second member at large for part-time educators is currently vacant.

Professional Service Alliance (PSA)

A Voice for Civil Service and College Association Employees

Recognizing the need to include civil service and college association employees in DCC's democratic processes, Dr. Jordan recommended early in his presidency that there be an additional mechanism through which the recommendations and concerns of these groups could be heard. Thanks to the work of the Professional Service Alliance (PSA) committee, this idea is getting closer to becoming a reality.

Over the past year, the PSA has voted on interim executive council members and approved a set of bylaws, with the next step being approval and recognition by President Jordan and the Board of Trustees. The interim members of the PSA executive council are Thomas D'Ascanio (chair), Matt Palmatier (vice chair), Sabrina Lopez (secretary), Jason Goldsbary (delegate), and members at large Kiana Rivera, Phyllis Black-Ruffell, Laura Fitzmaurice, Mary Ramaglia, Jenni Oyler and Erik Tomik.

Interim Chair Thomas D'Ascanio said, "Being able to give my coworkers a voice on campus that they never had before is great motivation for me, as it would be for anyone in my position. I'm looking forward to building a collaborative relationship with the College and the existing pillars of shared governance – PSO and SGA – to ensure all of our constituencies are represented."



Nursing Program Re-Accreditation & Award!

DCC received formal notification on May 5 that our Nursing program has been granted continuing accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) through 2030. This welcome news closely follows another Nursing department success – on May 2, Nursing Department Chair & Program Chair Dr. Treesa Scaria received the award for excellence in Nursing Administration from the Professional Nurses Association of Putnam and Dutchess County.



DR. TREESA SCARIA

Dr. Scaria shared, “I’m proud of the work we’ve done as a department to meet all six standards laid out by the ACEN. Most importantly, going through the re-accreditation process gave us a structure to ensure we are delivering the best possible educational experience for our students.”

Dr. Jordan said, “Our Nursing program plays a vital role in the community by training the next generation of healthcare professionals, and its recent re-accreditation gives us the assurance that it’s doing an excellent job. Congratulations to Dr. Scaria, both on winning a prestigious award and on the nursing program’s re-accreditation!”



Town Halls with President Jordan

Dr. Jordan held two Town Hall meetings in the James & Betty Hall Theatre on May 4 and 8 to provide updates from the Office of the President and Cabinet and answer questions from faculty and staff. He covered a lot of ground – from strategic enrollment management and the promising results indicated by our fall numbers to personnel and staffing, along with investments in new academic programs and physical assets. Dr. Jordan was joined by Vice President for Finance and Administration Adam Rathbun who gave a concise, easy to understand presentation on the College budget.



DCC Students Represent Oman at Model UN

Assistant Professor of Government Dr. Matthew Murray led the Hudson River Group – a team of three students from DCC and four from Vassar – in the annual National Model United Nations held in New York City from April 10 to 14. The students began preparing for the event in January, familiarizing themselves with their assigned country – the Sultanate of Oman. Over the course of the semester, they delved into its general domestic characteristics and policy priorities, acquiring the skills to participate in the Model UN – from writing position papers and resolutions to delivering formal speeches. The team was recognized with a Distinguished Delegation Award and one of the committees received an Outstanding Position Paper Award.

Fun fact: The official bird of Oman is the barbery falcon – coincidence?!



Our Man on the Street Joey LaBelle chats with students about their experience.

DCC Career Fair

Over one hundred employers – including Hudson Valley businesses and agencies and international companies like IBM and Amazon – set up in Falcon Hall on Wednesday, April 12 to speak with students and community members about a wide range of full-time, part-time, seasonal and internship opportunities. The event was organized by Workforce Pathways Coordinator Dr. Linda Haas Manley in collaboration with Career Coach John Alley of the Academic, Career & Transfer Center (ACT). To view photos of the event, [click here](#).

Falcon One Restored to Former Glory

Named for its origins as an Air Force One jet, DCC's Falcon One served in the 1980s presidential fleet, transporting Reagan and H.W. Bush. The College purchased the aircraft through government surplus in 2019 to provide hands-on learning to students in the Aviation Maintenance Technician program at DCC @ HVR Airport. Recognizing its historical value (and that it could use a new coat of paint), owners of Automaxx+ LLC in Wappingers Falls, Tracy and Glenn Urfer, offered their services free of charge. They initiated an extensive restoration project, which took place over the course of three days (April 28-30) and involved an international team of approximately 25 experienced detailers and sponsors.

In a related piece of news, the May 2023 issue of Avionics News includes a profile of DCC's aviation programs. [Read more here](#).



[VIEW PHOTOS OF THE RESTORATION »](#)



Put Me In, Coach!

Speech and Debate Coalition coach and Assistant Professor Margeaux Lippman celebrated the end of a successful debate season at Palace Diner, three days after welcoming her newborn daughter Cecilia into the world. While she was unable to accompany her students to the Pi Kappa Delta Nationals at West Chester University in Pennsylvania – because of another very important engagement! – the timing of her discharge from Vassar Brothers hospital lined up perfectly with their return, allowing her to congratulate them in person.

Two students from DCC's Speech and Debate Coalition did particularly well in the tournament. Ethan Collier finished 10th overall and ranked 12th speaker while Amelia Jensen ranked 11th speaker in the pool and came out of the preliminaries tied for 16th, narrowly missing the cut for elimination debates. Both students began debating just this past

August, so it's especially impressive that Ethan also finished seventh in the preliminaries competing against students from two- and four-year schools from across the country.

Lippman herself got involved in debate for the first time while in college and credits her coaches at Marist with helping her reach the national level. She says, "With good coaching and interpersonal support, a fulfilling debate experience is possible for any student who is committed and wants to do well."

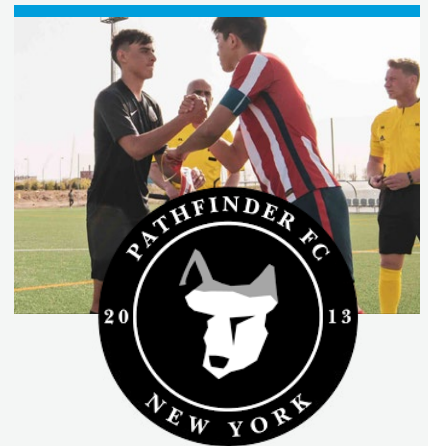
Recruiting Abroad

As you may have heard Dr. Jordan share in his recent Town Hall meetings, DCC has recently partnered with **Pathfinder FC** (Football Club) to recruit international students from countries such as Spain, Portugal and Mexico. The program, based in nearby Pleasant Valley, is owned and operated by its founder Colin McComb, a longtime resident of Dutchess County, who trains soccer players from around the world with an interest in competing professionally.

McComb discussed the new initiative: "One thing that sets us apart from other programs is that we are highly focused on academics in addition to athletic training. By collaborating with DCC, we'll be able to provide our players with a strong education so they can be successful and live their dream, regardless of their future in the sport."

The soccer players expected to attend DCC will likely be those who have prioritized athletic performance throughout their school years and would now like to attend college and improve their English language skills.

Dr. Jordan is enthusiastic about welcoming them to the College: "We are excited to be joining forces with Pathfinder FC. The DCC community stands to benefit greatly, both by attracting students who may not have otherwise known about us and increasing our cultural diversity."



Student Awards



SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence

All three DCC students nominated for the 2023 Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence (CASE) were selected to receive the honor. Their achievements were recognized at a SUNY-wide ceremony held at Albany Capital Center on April 24.

Recipients, pictured above from left, are Kaitlynn Lopez, Penny Lowry and Daniel O'Sullivan.



Honors Ceremony

The Honors Program, coordinated by Professor of History Dr. Werner Steger, celebrated its fourteenth annual awards ceremony on May 2 to recognize 11 students who fulfilled the requirements to graduate with a minor in honors studies.

Phi Theta Kappa: All-State Academic Team and New Inductees

Four graduating Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members were named on the All-State Academic Team during a SUNY-wide ceremony in Albany on April 24: Tytiana Britt, Elyssa DiDomizio, Ruth-Ann Gordon and Anne Stoll.

The longstanding international honors society also welcomed 144 new members at an Induction Ceremony on Monday, May 8. Professor of English Dr. Navina Hooker is the PTK advisor.

View more photos of the induction ceremony [here](#).



Alpha Beta Gamma Induction Ceremony

Seven new initiates joined the Delta Zeta chapter of national business honor society Alpha Beta Gamma on April 19, with Assistant Professor Meghan McCarthy as their advisor.

Photo: From left are Department Chair and Associate Professor Joan McFadden, Assistant Professor Meghan McCarthy, ABG member Jessica Spadafino, ABG member Stefanie J. Healy, ABG member Elvin F. Alarcon Cortes, ABG President Daniel O'Sullivan and DCC President Dr. Jordan.



LEFT: PTK ALL-NY ACADEMIC TEAM HONOREES TYTIANA BRITT AND ANNE STOLL RECEIVE THEIR PTK ALL-NY MEDALS IN ALBANY.

ABOVE: THE PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY.

Student Awards



DUE Awards

Dutchess United Educators recognized 26 students for academic achievement at the 37th Annual Awards for Academic Excellence ceremony on May 3. Thirteen students were nominated by faculty and staff for individual DUE Awards, while 13 others received special awards, which are given by entire academic departments or in honor of past DCC faculty and staff members. DUE Awards Committee Chair Doris Diaz-Kelly, DCC President Dr. Jordan and DUE President Dr. Werner Steger gave the greetings and welcome.



Sheridan Awards

The History, Government and Economics (HGE) Department presented awards to four students at its annual Eugene Sheridan Awards Ceremony held on April 27.

Eugene Sheridan Award: Aaron Yeung

Xavier H. Verbeck Award: Keven Martinez

HGE Departmental Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the Social Sciences: Joshua G. Clark and Mitchell Langley



Denton Writing Awards

Eight students were selected for this year's Denton Writing Awards across six categories. The awards are given annually and named after Tom Denton, who founded the Writing Center and congratulated students in person at the ceremony on April 27.

Academic Writing: Susanna Gilgert & Trinity Ridenhour

Creative Non-fiction: Susanna Gilgert & Kuiper Steinmeyer

Fiction: Emmet Arimborgo & Kuiper Steinmeyer

Math and Science: Melody Burke

Poetry: Ethan Nelson & Angela Sanchez

Screenplay: Jake Veglia

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A Pivotal Visit

While we can't yet provide any definitive results – these are expected in June – DCC had a constructive site visit from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) team, and the College received very positive feedback on April 19.

Dr. Jordan shared, “We enjoyed having our Middle States visiting team here and receiving their input, which is crucial to fulfilling our mission and purpose as an institution. Thank you to everyone involved!”

The Middle States Self-study Co-chairs – Dr. Susan Rogers, Scott Shnackenberg and Michael Hall – would like to sincerely thank DCC faculty and staff for their enthusiastic participation.



Future Falcons

The Admissions office hosted two “Accepted Students Days” on April 21 and 22. Friday’s event was an intimate gathering, specifically geared toward students from New York City. On Saturday, 204 students checked into the event with an estimated total attendance of over 550. Most were from New York State, but some came to DCC from as far away as Virginia and Maryland!



Human Resources’ Employee Appreciation Breakfast a Scrumptious Success

What a treat to start National Administrative Professionals Day on April 26 with a hearty breakfast and heartfelt gratitude from the appreciation team in HR – Associate Vice President of Human Resources Marc Bowman and staff members Mary Gabel, Coreen Simms, Terriann Texiera, Jessica Whelan, Kimberly Facey and Dolores Hoover.



Dr. Jordan shared, “There was something extra special about this year’s Employee Appreciation Breakfast – Marc and his team did a terrific job organizing the event and creating an enjoyable atmosphere where colleagues could mingle and reflect on their accomplishments. Thank you!”

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Hoop! (There it Is)

DCC faculty and staff gave the students a run for their money at the annual basketball game on May 2 in Falcon Hall. The tradition has been going on for many years and is a fun way to bring the campus community together at the end of the academic year. Participants from our team represented departments across the College and included: Jason Bishop, Jim Brady, Philip J. Darcy, Daviyuan Dobbins, Caleb Evans, Darren Jackson, Elisha James, Henry Mendoza Rivera, Vincent Pedi, Rob Piano and Erik Tomik. See them in action [here!](#)

Dutchess Community College Sponsored

Patient care is evolving, and so are you! Are you looking for a new way to apply your skills in nursing? From part-time to tenure-track, nursing tutor to lab assistant, there are so many ways to make an impact. Come to our Nursing Educator Job Fair on April 4 to learn more!

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Nursing Educator Job Fair
Tuesday, April 4 at DCC

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Nursing Educator Job Fair Draws New Talent

To generate interest in career opportunities within DCC's Nursing department, offices across campus worked together on an innovative project, hosting the College's first Nursing Educator Job Fair on April 4 in Ritz Lounge. The Marketing department successfully developed a social media campaign that generated 97 inquiries and 25 resumes in response to open positions while members of the Nursing department, Human Resources, Instruction and Learning, Workforce Development and Physical Plant worked together to make the event a success. Associate Vice President of Human Resources Marc Bowman commented, "These are promising results. This could be a new way to recruit for hard-to-fill positions."

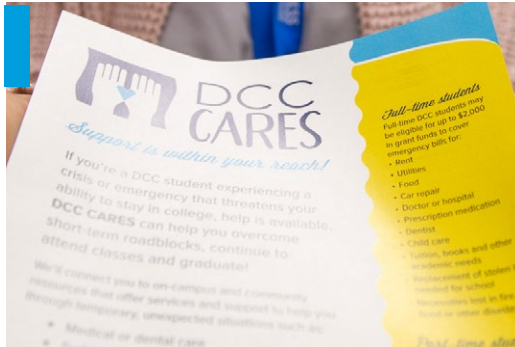
President Jordan Speaks at Dutchess County Legislature



On May 4, Dr. Jordan presented a State of the College address to the Dutchess County Legislature Budget, Finance and Personnel Committee, in which he shared an overview of the institutional achievements and priorities over the past academic year. He was joined by Cabinet members Adam Rathbun, who provided an update on the College budget, Dr. Raymond Houston, Scott Schackenberg and John Meagle in addition to Board of Trustees Chairman Michael Dupree.

Dr. Jordan expressed his appreciation for the DCC team noting, "We received a lot of positive feedback from the Legislature; members were grateful to receive so much detail regarding the College. I'd like to thank all who helped make the presentation a success, including those who joined me that evening, and county legislator and DCC board member Stephen Caswell, who helped make the visit possible."

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DCC CARES Receives Funding to Keep Students in School

The DCC Foundation received \$20,000 from the Dutchess County Youth Board to provide assistance and resources to struggling students through the DCC CARES Surviving to Thriving Initiative. The program is designed to promote the empowerment and self-sufficiency of 40 students who are homeless, housing insecure, lacking in material basics and/or managing mental health challenges. Monies will go toward emergency funds, dropout prevention and mental health support.



Rounding Out the Year: Pizza with the Prez

To celebrate the last day of classes and refuel for a successful round of finals, Dr. Jordan broke bread ... er, pizza ... with students in the cafeteria on Monday, May 8. At the informal gathering, students enjoyed time socializing and gleaning a few words of presidential advice.



Experiencing U.S. History

Associate Professor of History Dr. Michael A. Boden took his civil war history class and one DCC alumni to visit two historic battle sites in Maryland this April to wrap up the spring semester. The seven budding historians visited Fox's and Turner's Gap at South Mountain and Antietam. This enriching trip was made possible by funding from the DCC Foundation through the Richard Reitano Endowed Faculty Chair in the Social Sciences.



Students visited the IX Corps/Reno Monument at Wise's Field in Fox's Gap and the Irish Brigade Monument at Bloody Lane at Antietam.

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Encouraging Young Poets

For the past six years, Professor of English and esteemed poet Dr. Lucia Cherciu conducts a service learning project in which students from her spring semester poetry class hold a poetry contest for students at Morse Elementary School in the city of Poughkeepsie. The winners receive awards to demonstrate their accomplishment. Dr. Cherciu says, "The children will be so happy to show the certificates to their parents and family."

New Hires – Welcome to DCC!

Celeste Emmons, pathways communications strategist, Marketing and Communications

Alexander Moore, A&P mechanical lecturer, Aviation

James Williams, academic coach, ACT Center

Retirements

Joseph Cosentino, professor, Performance, Visual Arts and Communications

David Freeman, assistant professor, Architectural Technologies

Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, professor, English

Maryanne Johnson, assistant professor, Mathematics

Deborah Priest, senior program assistant, Office of the Registrar

Mark Roland, instructor, Mathematics

Promotions

Briana Abbate, onboarding career coach, ACT Center

Susan Barlanti, nursing program clinical & assessment coordinator, Nursing

Kathy Knauss, academic support coach for non traditional students, ACT Center

Lara Simmons, executive assistant to executive director & DCC Foundation, Dutchess Community College Foundation