

Alumni Updates



Leah Mauke, left, widow of the late Dr. Otto R. Mauke, and President Raymond Yannuzzi chat following the unveiling ceremony for the Community Center.

Community Center Renamed for Mauke

Camden County College's College Community Center, which is located on the main campus in Blackwood, has been renamed in honor of founding president Dr. Otto R. Mauke.

Dr. Mauke's leadership was instrumental in building the College from approximately 500 students and nine programs of study at the start of his tenure in 1967 to more than 8,000 students and dozens of academic programs when he retired 20 years later. His efforts established the foundation for the expansion that has brought the College to more than 16,000 students and over 100 academic programs today.

In recognition of Dr. Mauke's dedication, the CCC trustees bestowed upon him the honorary title of President Emeritus in 1988 and the honorary degree of associate of letters in 1998. After Dr. Mauke died in February of this year, the trustees voted to change the name of the College Community Center to "Otto R. Mauke Community Center."

A ceremony to unveil the building's new signage was conducted following the 2009 graduation exercises in May. Among the attendees was Leah Mauke, who had been the College's "first lady" during her husband's presidency. ▶▶

Agronomy Expert Receives Alumnus Award

Dr. J. Mark Powell of Madison, Wis., an international expert in agronomy, has received Camden County College's 2009 Outstanding Alumnus Award. The Collingswood native completed his associate's degree at CCC in 1973.

Upon graduation, Dr. Powell joined the Peace Corps and spent four years working to improve agricultural practices in what is now Burkina Faso. After receiving further schooling in the United States, he returned to Africa with the International Livestock Research Institute to help develop food and feed systems to enhance profitable crop-livestock production, natural resources and rural livelihoods in Nigeria and Niger.

"When nominating Mark for this award, I kept thinking of his life's work in terms of the saying, 'Give a person a fish, and they will eat for one day. Teach them to fish, and they will eat for a lifetime,'" noted CCC Professor Richard Carney. "All



Dr. J. Mark Powell addresses commencement participants and attendees after receiving the 2009 Camden County College Outstanding Alumnus Award.

of his efforts have intended to improve people's quality of life by furnishing those in need with the tools for improvement."

Dr. Powell now holds a faculty position at the University of Wisconsin – Madison and is a research soil scientist for the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, U.S. Dairy Forage Research Center. He also is a technical advisor or advisory committee member for many national and international entities; is an editor or reviewer for

10 international scientific journals; has published approximately 200 journal articles, book chapters, monographs and technical bulletins; and has presented more than 130 papers at national and international professional meetings.

Along with his associate's degree from CCC, Dr. Powell holds a bachelor's degree from Clemson University and a master's degree from Cornell University. He earned his doctorate from Texas A&M University. ▶▶

Meet CCC's 2009-10 Alumni Trustee

Denise Weintraut of Sicklerville was elected to a one-year term as the 2009-10 alumni representative to the Camden County College Board of Trustees by her peers in the Class of 2009. She enrolled in CCC in 2007, 20 years after she stopped taking classes at Drexel University.

"Like many non-traditional students, I was quite nervous about returning to college, but found abundant support at CCC," Weintraut says. "The diverse programs, excellent faculty and engaged student body made my experience here a terrific one."

In addition to running her own in-home childcare business, Weintraut has been a substitute teacher. The mother of three also has been involved with parent groups for her children's school and community activities.

While at CCC, Weintraut maintained a 4.0 grade-point average. She also was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society.

Weintraut plans to transfer to The College of New Jersey to major in English/teacher preparation. She will apply her degree toward a career in teaching at the middle school level.



Fun to Spare at Second Bowl-A-Rama Challenge

The Camden County College Foundation's second annual Bowl-A-Rama Challenge has been scheduled at Pinsetter Bar & Bowl in October.

Pinsetter, which is located at 7111 Maple Ave. in Pennsauken, is South Jersey's most upscale bowling lounge. Features include a world-class bar and an array of contemporary continental cuisine.

Proceeds from the Bowl-A-Rama Challenge will support the foundation's scholarships and academic enhancements funds.

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