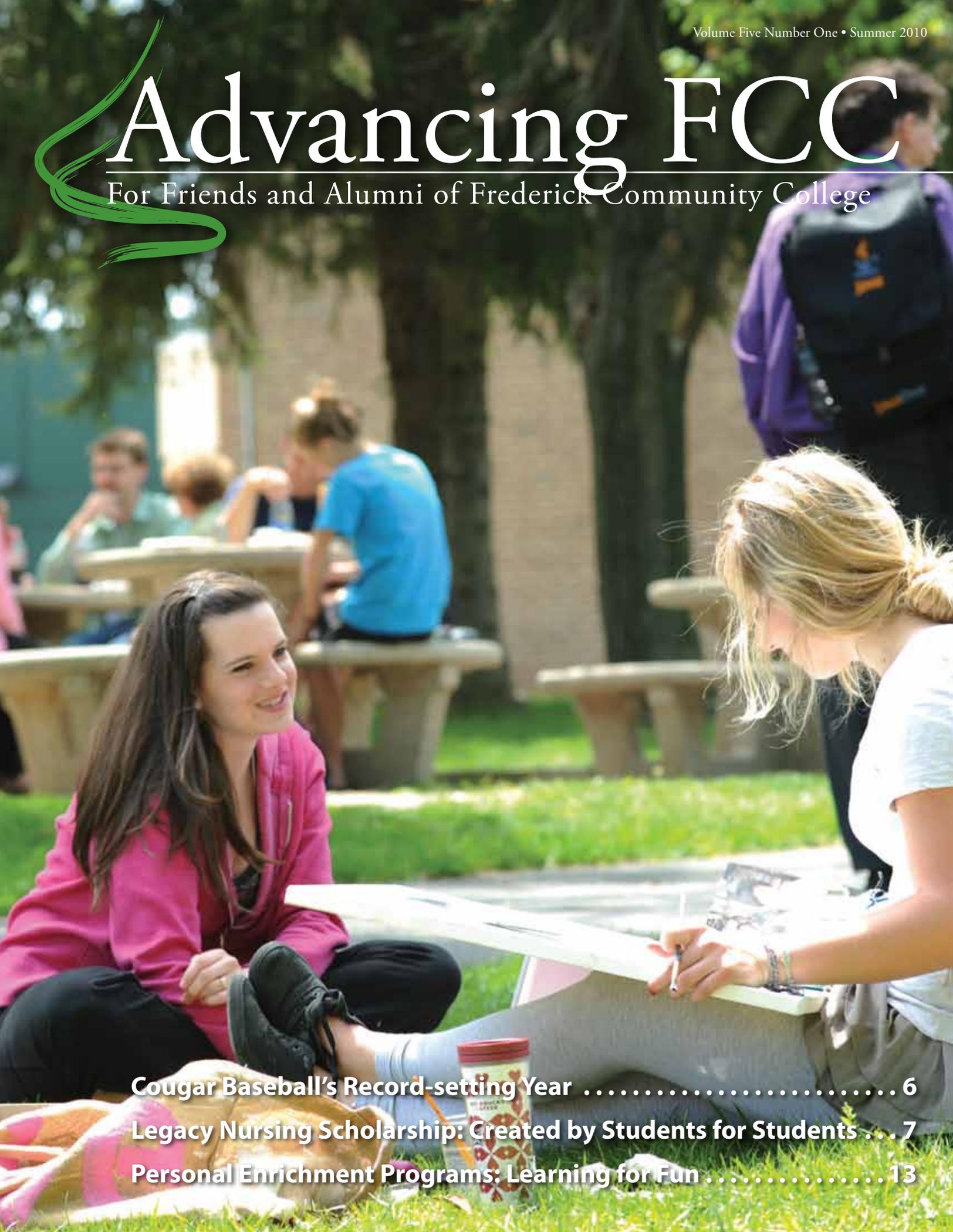


# Advancing FCC

For Friends and Alumni of Frederick Community College



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# Carol's Corner



## Tell three friends

Who wouldn't agree that 2009-10 was a year of extremes ... off-the-chart snowfalls that closed campus for nine days, record-breaking numbers of students (6,233 in fall; 6,100 in spring), our largest graduating class ever (830), and, unfortunately, deep cuts to the college's budget.

While we celebrate the fact that more students are turning to FCC for their continuing and higher education needs, and appreciate their motivations (more value for their dollar and, in many cases, fewer dollars to fund their educational goals), clearly the college has been asked to do more with less.

Economic issues have hit us hard, and we've been forced to raise tuition and fees. A three-credit course has increased from \$380 to \$415, not including books. Last winter and this summer, faculty and staff were furloughed for several days.

The good news is that students are still choosing FCC. Summer enrollment was up again by 2.8 percent, and fall enrollment is strong — proof that FCC is needed now more than ever.

At our May commencement, I asked graduates and families to tell three friends about FCC's outstanding faculty and dedicated and professional staff, to tell three friends how the college has impacted their lives in positive ways.

As you will see on page 2, I'm also asking FCC's supporters and alumni to tell three friends that FCC needs their help in *Creating Frederick's Future ... Now More Than Ever*. Together, our voices can let everyone know that FCC stands ready to be part of the economic recovery, and we will continue to help our students achieve their dreams.

*Carol W. Eaton*

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FCC President

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*Leaders for the Creating Frederick's Future ... Now More Than Ever campaign include, from left, David Bufter, campaign co-chair and chief administrative officer at SAIC-Frederick; Carol Eaton, FCC president; Norma and Carl Miller, honorary campaign chairs; Darby Jones, campaign co-chair and vice president and senior trust officer at My Bank! First United Bank & Trust; and Richard Haney, FCC Foundation executive director.  
Photo by Charles Studio*

## **FCC Announces \$5 Million Capital Campaign** *Creating Frederick's Future ... Now More Than Ever*

With major budget cuts and an increase in tuition for the 2010-2011 academic year, the need for scholarships among FCC students is more pressing than ever. The FCC Foundation Inc. is addressing this need through a major gifts campaign to raise \$3 million for scholarships and \$2 million for program support and equipment.

Dr. Carol Eaton announced the campaign at the Donor/Scholar Reception in April. Pledges totaling \$3.5 million have already been committed.

"When we began planning this campaign, the economic situation was not nearly as dire as it is today," she said. "As our enrollment continues to increase while our public funds decrease, the campaign theme, *Creating Frederick's Future ... Now More Than Ever*, has become even more meaningful."

*To make a pledge or a gift, to learn about creating a scholarship, or for options in planned or estate giving, contact [foundation@frederick.edu](mailto:foundation@frederick.edu) or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 301.846.2438.*

*Online giving is available at [www.frederick.edu/support\\_fccl/](http://www.frederick.edu/support_fccl/).*



**Federal employees may designate Combined Federal Campaign contributions to the FCC Foundation. Check the CFC directory for the FCC Foundation's code number.**



*Commencement student speakers Kimberly Fogle, left, and Grace Odom with Dr. Carol Eaton*



*From left, sisters Giselle and Lizbeth Carillo and twins Meghan and Sarah Tokar*





# Commencement 2010... CAUSE FOR A CELEBRATION!

The lovely spring evening of May 25 was the polar opposite of February's "snowmageddon," the once-in-a-hundred-years storms that delayed spring classes and graduation by a week. After an extra-long semester, 830 students (another record-breaking number) accomplished their goals and were invited to turn their tassels together at FCC's 52nd graduation ceremony.



## Never Too Late: FCC Professor's Mom Graduates at 73

Computer and Information Sciences Professor Susan Trost was the first college graduate in her family but not the last. Her 73-years-young mother Marlene Metcalfe accomplished a lifetime dream when she received her associate degree in general studies this May. Trost tells the story of her mother's inspiring achievement:

*"Mom started college at the University of Wisconsin in the 1950s but dropped out during her second year to take a job as a flight attendant for American Airlines. She moved to New York City where she met my dad, married, had a family and put her education aside.*

*I was the first in our family to attend college as a traditional-aged student, despite being the youngest. One by one, my brother and sister graduated from community colleges and completed their four-year degrees. My brother earned his master's degree, too. Both my siblings were nontraditional students, and my mother has followed in their footsteps.*

*When I was working on my doctorate, my mother was inspired to come to FCC to take classes, because she wanted to have a college degree, too. She toiled and toiled, particularly with the math, since she had to start with developmental courses after being away from school for so many years.*

*I was proud of how hard she worked. I'd stop by to visit, and she'd be set up in her living room by the fireplace with her books and notes and calculator spread across the coffee table where she was spending four to six hours every day reading and doing homework. She was 'over the moon' with excitement at commencement, because now all the living members of my immediate family have earned college degrees.*

*Her success makes me even more proud to be part of this institution. We have such wonderful support services that she needed and used, including tutoring, the writing center, the math lab, and the exceptional faculty and staff who helped her achieve her dream. She literally beamed with her accomplishment and showed that it can be done at any age!"*

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## Cougar Baseball's Banner Year

The Cougar baseball team finished an incredible year with a 53-7 record and won the Maryland JUCO Championship. The team also won the NJCAA Region XX and Northeast District championships to advance to the NJCAA Division II World Series. After losing their first game to eventual runner-up UConn-Avery Point, the Cougars defeated Vincennes College (IN) before a season-ending loss to Parkland (IL). The 53 wins set a new FCC record for season wins.



## Classroom/Student Center Ribbon-cutting

FCC celebrated its much-anticipated new Classroom/Student Center in April with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and tour. Distinguished guests included, front row, from left: Donald C. Linton, FCC board member; Richard Eichelberger, president of Lobar Inc., general contractor for the building; Doris White, board member; Byron Grayson, board member; Carol Eaton, FCC president; Nick Diaz, chair of the FCC Board of Trustees; Juliana Albowicz, representing Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski; Dixie Miller, vice chair of the FCC Board of Trustees; Del. Sue Hecht; back row: Michael Catoe, vice president of the FCC Student Government Association; Casey Jo Keyser, 2007-08 SGA president and now a student at Towson University; Jan H. Gardner, president of the Board of Frederick County Commissioners; Del. Paul S. Stull; Sam Young, FCC executive director of facilities; Melanie Hennigan, principal in the Grimm & Parker architectural firm; and Clay Whitlow, executive director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges.



### Frederick Reads *Presents* Elizabeth Gilbert

Elizabeth Gilbert, author of *New York Times* Best Sellers *Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything across Italy, India and Indonesia* and, more recently, *Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace With Marriage*, spoke at FCC in April as the 2010 Frederick Reads featured author.

Gilbert encouraged FCC students and staff to pursue "the thing that bends time for you so that you forget everything else." For her, that would be writing. She said her worldwide travels took her on a journey of self-discovery, but "self-examination is not limited to people who can buy plane tickets. People have spiritual epiphanies in the middle of traffic jams or dental work. Doorways are everywhere. Going through them takes the willingness to be open to two questions: Who am I, and who is God?"

*Eat, Pray, Love* has been translated into 30-plus languages with more than seven million copies sold world-wide. The book was recently made into a film starring Julia Roberts.



# FCC Students Create Legacy Nursing Scholarship

Rachel Barber and Glenn Rabbitte, 2010 graduates of FCC's registered nursing program, met last fall in Medical Surgical Nursing II class and became fast friends. Both were focused students who shared what Glenn calls "the mentality behind nursing, a strong desire to help others." In that spirit, Rachel approached Glenn about creating a scholarship to help future nursing students.

"The idea was for our graduating class to pool resources to help a student in the next class, and for subsequent classes to help those who follow them," Rachel said. "As students, we are not in a position to give a substantial amount, but our classmates were receptive to the idea of contributing. We thought if everyone gives a little, we could raise enough for at least one scholarship, enough to make a difference to one student, maybe to a person nearing the end of the program who might be at wit's end for figuring out how to pay for the final semester."

Rachel's father taught her, as the eldest child in the family, that some favors are best paid forward, rather than paid back. She hasn't forgotten his advice.

"Forty grads at \$10 each would fund a one-semester scholarship for one student to pay for one class, or for books for one class. I think that's doable," she said.

Both agreed that trying to work and complete the nursing program at the same time is almost impossible. Rachel received one \$300 scholarship and said the confidence boost from being selected was as encouraging as the financial assistance.

"If I had unlimited means, my legacy would be a scholarship for married women who work. All the students in the R.N. program are smart and capable; otherwise, they wouldn't have gotten into the program, so success comes down to time and money. This is a very rigorous program, and it's hard to get the studying done while holding a job."

Rachel hopes each year's graduating class will perpetuate the scholarship in their final semester for a student in the next class. "The Legacy Nursing Scholarship fund is now in place; it's just a matter of each class picking up the baton," she said.

*To contribute to the Legacy Nursing Scholarship, e-mail [foundation@frederick.edu](mailto:foundation@frederick.edu) or call 301.846.2438.*



*SAIC-Frederick Chief Executive Officer Larry Arthur, center left, and Chief Administrative Officer David Bufter, center right, accepted the Eagle Award from Richard Haney, left, FCC Foundation executive director, and Carol Eaton, FCC president. Photo by Charles Studio*

# Community Eagle Award

SAIC-Frederick received the 2009 Community Eagle Award in recognition of the company's partnership with FCC and in appreciation for the many ways SAIC-Frederick staff support learning at the college. SAIC-Frederick, a subsidiary of Science Applications International Corporation, is the private contractor that operates the National Cancer Institute at Ft. Detrick.

*To learn more about SAIC-Frederick's support of FCC, go to [www.frederick.edu/download/Foundation/FoundationNewslettervol3-1.pdf](http://www.frederick.edu/download/Foundation/FoundationNewslettervol3-1.pdf).*



*From left, Simran Gabri, Monica Jaré, and Nathan England. Photo by Charles Studio*

## Donor Scholar Reception

Monica Jaré, one of 175 Frederick Community College scholarship recipients who attended the college's annual Donor/Scholar Reception April 23, told donors, "Your gifts are moving students one step closer to that coveted degree or certificate that can mean the difference between a subsistence existence, living paycheck to paycheck, or a fulfilling career."

Jaré is working toward her dream of becoming a history teacher and has been able to attend FCC thanks to scholarships from the Ausherman Family Fund and her on-campus work/study job.

Students Nathan England and Simran Gabri also spoke about the impact of their scholarships. England received the Fin-Cor Scholarship, and Gabri received the Elizabeth Shuff Scholarship.

# Alumni Association News



## Clutch the Future Purse Auction

Two FCC alumnae, Susan Mathurin '95 and Meg Klackner '92, initiated a new kind of fundraiser this year — the Clutch the Future purse auction. The evening was great fun and raised \$26,000 to support scholarships and assist the Woman to Woman Mentoring Program, a new opportunity offered through the FCC Women's Center for Frederick County women ages 18 through 29.

After one of the roughest winters on record, March 20 was a lovely spring evening for the 331 women who flocked to the new Classroom/Student Center to enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres from local vendors, a fashion show sponsored by Macy's, and the opportunity to bid on more than 135 unique handbags, many new and some gently used, through silent and live auctions. Visit [www.clutchthefuture.com](http://www.clutchthefuture.com) to view photos of the event.

*Save the date!*

March 26, 2011

**Clutch the Future II purse auction,  
H Building**

May 23, 2011

**Alumni/Athletics Golf  
Tournament,  
Holly Hills Country Club**

Visit [www.frederick.edu/alumni](http://www.frederick.edu/alumni)  
or call 301.846.2438 for updates.



## 2010 Alumni/Athletics Golf Tournament

The 15th annual Alumni/Athletics Golf Tournament raised more than \$40,000 for scholarships and books. The tournament was hosted by Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville, Md., on May 24.

Becky Linton, vice president of the FCC Alumni Association and co-chair of the planning committee, said: "We had a sellout tournament with 36 foursomes who came out to support FCC students. We were really pleased to have this level of participation and appreciate the excellent support from our Frederick County sponsors."

*The winning foursome, from left, Chuck Ingram, Steve Buser, Jason Weddle, and Todd Parks, achieved first place at 15 under par. Photo by Charles Studio*



*DMS officers include, from left, Pam Mendelsohn, president; Jim Racheff, chief executive officer; Wayne Duncan, vice president for finance; Pete Bostian, vice president for operational management; and Stephanie Shepherd Halling, vice president for client services and process improvement.*

## Statistically Speaking ... the FCC and DMS Correlation

Data Management Services, Inc. (DMS) is the computer and statistical services contractor for the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Frederick. DMS employees are involved with FCC on many levels. Two of the four corporate officers (50%) hold degrees from FCC; 10 current employees (17%) have earned FCC degrees; three employees are currently working toward degrees; 23 current employees (38%) have taken classes at FCC, and six employees (10%) participate on one of the college's curriculum advisory groups.

CEO Jim Racheff serves on both the business and the information technology advisory boards at FCC.

"I truly believe that a strong public education is THE cornerstone of a healthy and thriving community," he said. "I consider FCC to be a jewel within our county education system, and I've been privileged to be allowed to contribute to the college's efforts in a very small way for these past years."

Racheff said DMS has provided clients in the region with high quality information science services for more than 30 years. In terms of

sharing real-world expertise from the business community with FCC faculty and students, DMS employees offer considerable technical expertise, but Racheff said the greatest benefit they bring to FCC is an understanding of "the soft skills and lessons learned that empower students, who eventually become employees, to truly succeed in the workplace."

By incorporating on-the-job experiences into the curriculum, FCC better prepares students to meet the varied challenges they will face after graduation.

"Although learning is an admirable goal in and of itself, students often rely on their educational experiences to open the door to greater employment opportunities," Racheff said. "By more closely matching curriculum with 'real-world' requirements, we can better help students achieve their workplace goals."

In addition to the personal connections DMS employees have with FCC, the company created the Data Management Services Endowment in 1994 with a gift of \$20,000. The endowment continues to provide scholarships for FCC students as the principal generates income.



*Rick Heffner*



Rick Heffner '88 is president and creative director of his own graphic design company in Alexandria, Va. Leading Fuzion Collaborative is the accomplishment of a dream that started during his student days. The fuse of his ambition was sparked at FCC where he learned about the possibilities of fusing art and business.

Heffner said Wendell Poindexter, professor and program manager for art and Art Center director, was a major influence in keeping him focused and passionate about pursuing a career in art.

“Wendell pushed me hard to do my best and let me know that there were careers out there for artists. He showed me what was possible in graphic design and taught me how to develop a career with art. I knew I wanted to do art, but FCC persuaded me to pursue a liberal arts education rather

than just attending an art school. I think that decision prepared me to use my love of art to make a living in the business world.”

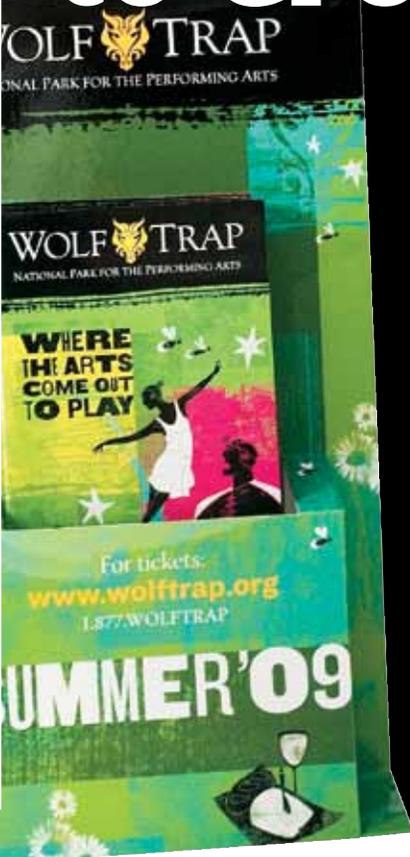
Heffner started his college education at FCC because he wasn't sure about his career plans just out of high school. “FCC was close to home, had a good reputation, and was affordable, which was important because I paid my own way. Like most students, I had numerous part-time jobs while attending school. I worked as a grocery store clerk, a mail carrier, and a movie theater usher. The flexibility of living at home and the proximity of the campus gave me more time and freedom to concentrate on my studies and my art projects.”

Originally from Brunswick, Md., Heffner earned his associate's degree in general studies and then his Bachelor of Graphic Design from Shepherd University. After freelancing for a year, he had built a portfolio that landed him a position with Supon Design in Washington, D.C. He then joined Discovery Design Group, which supports The Discovery Channel Networks. During this time

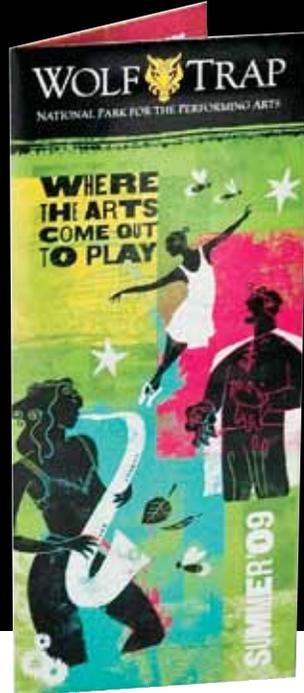


*Rubik's 360 Toy Packaging - Hasbro*

# Fuses Art & Business to Create Career Success



*Wolf Trap - 2009 Season Creative*



*Beverage Packaging - Pepsi-Cola-Co.*



he also earned a master's degree in publication design at the University of Baltimore. He launched Fuszion Collaborative in 1996.

On Fuszion's Web site, Heffner says: "We believe strongly in the power of ideas. Our goal is really pretty simple — to deliver our clients' message strategically with a sense of style, intelligence and professionalism that exceeds expectations time and time again. We believe in 'focused creativity' — the fusion of creativity and strategy. That blending of design skill and business smarts is what gave us our name. That ability to communicate the essence of a product or service in vividly visual terms is ultimately the 'Fuszion look.'"

Heffner credits the success of his business with his very talented and diverse staff. "You can't do everything yourself, so having the right team is vital," he said. The company creates logos, fundraising materials, advertising, packaging, brochures, annual reports, online media campaigns, and Web site designs.

Heffner enjoys working on a variety of projects for different types of clients, from the entertainment industry (TimeLife, Weather Channel, PBS Kids, Hasbro, XM Satellite

Radio), to advocacy organizations (Ocean Conservancy, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Galapagos Conservancy), to the arts and private entities (National Children's Museum, International Spy Museum, and the various Smithsonian Museums).

"I love seeing our packaged designs on the shelves, but especially if they're used for a good cause, for supporting something important like animal and human rights, education, or the environment," he said. "My liberal arts background has been really helpful because we're involved with so many different kinds of clients. My work is not just sitting at the Mac and designing all day; that's only half of what I do. Knowing how to write proposals and how to communicate during presentations are fundamental skills. I remember taking a speech class at FCC. The skills I learned there still help me in making presentations to clients. My work is about communicating, both verbally and visually."



# Continuing Education Personal Enrichment Programs From Do-it-yourself to Do-it-for-yourself Classes

While FCC students can encounter the joy of learning in any class that moves them toward their academic and career goals, somehow Ballroom Dancing, Cookie Decorating 101, Disc Golf and Vegetable Gardening for Beginners sound more like fun than schoolwork. And fun is what Continuing Education (CE) personal enrichment classes are supposed to be, according to Leslie Ruby, coordinator of personal enrichment and Kids on Campus programs.

“We all say we’re going to do something just for ourselves, but we rarely do. And yet, doing something totally different from our routine helps create a balanced, well-rounded life. I encourage people to try something that will enrich their lives, whether to boost their income, their knowledge, or just for fun,” she said.

Personal enrichment classes nurture our need for variety, diversion and relaxation. They are intended to help students explore their creativity and passions, their personal interests and pleasures, the “other side” of life from the daily grind.

“Say you work in an office or behind a desk all day, you need to do something different in the evening or on weekends,” Ruby said. “Maybe you would enjoy learning yoga or how to play a musical instrument, or maybe you’ve always wanted to explore landscape design or sewing. CE classes let you dip your toe in, just to see if you like it. We ask people in the community what they want and need to know; then we find someone to teach it and start a class. We strive to meet people wherever they are in their lives.”

Classes are offered in smoking cessation, kayaking, motorcycle safety, and a variety of foreign languages — especially good for the

overseas traveler. With the recent economic downturn, Ruby said people seem more interested in the practical kinds of classes, and students are developing their “counter skills,” like writing and photography.

“They’re thinking, ‘If I lose my job, I’m going to finally pursue my passion.’ In any event, taking a few extra classes never hurt anyone’s resume.”

CE also offers do-it-yourself home improvement classes that can save amateurs from making costly mistakes. Some of the options include Plumbing for Homeowners, Tiling for Homeowners, and Conducting an Energy Audit, which includes tips for improving energy efficiency. Ruby said people have been especially interested in that class after last winter’s blizzards.

Enrollment in personal enrichment classes comprises 30 to 40 percent of all the continuing education classes offered at FCC each year. Ruby said the success of these programs is directly related to the fact that they feed people’s interests, the part of their lives that they can’t explore through their jobs.

“It’s important for all of us to keep our brains active. It’s also important for adults, as well as children, to have creative outlets and fun. Learning just makes us better human beings.”

*For more information about Continuing Education offerings — including professional development classes (allied health, business skills, career training and certifications, vocational training), Kids on Campus, the Institute for Learning in Retirement (55+), and personal enrichment classes — visit [http://www.frederick.edu/courses\\_and\\_programs/](http://www.frederick.edu/courses_and_programs/) or call 301.846.2431.*

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