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This newsletter, published for students, is designed to enlighten, inform, mobilize, and connect all Three Rivers students to the college and their community.

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**YOU ARE INVITED
TO ATTEND**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGES
and the STUDENTS, FACULTY, and STAFF of
THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
request the honor of your presence at the
CONVOCATION and the INSTALLATION CEREMONY of

Grace Sawyer Jones

as PRESIDENT of
Three Rivers Community College
Friday, October 11, 2002
at 1:30pm in the Basinger Auditorium
Mahan Drive, Norwich

Reception to Follow
The favor of a reply is requested by September 27, 2002
by calling 383-5206 or by email at: lwaitkus@trcc.commnet.edu



Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones requests students to attend presidential installation, convocation

Dr. Grace Sawyer Jones, newly appointed president of Three Rivers Community College, has called a convocation in celebration of her installation ceremony. A convocation is an assemblage of persons from all aspects of an institution meeting together for a common goal whereas an inauguration focuses more attention on just one individual. It is Dr. Jones' express wish for the entire learning community to participate in this uniting function.

"Since a convocation by tradition begins the academic year between faculty and students, I am looking forward to continuing this tradition," said Dr. Jones.

The scheduled events will include a processional, the invocation, and a faculty-student exchange discussing the coming year and the possibilities for further development as a learning community. Following a musical interlude, the investiture, or official conferring of the office will take place, with comments from Dr. Jones and other dignitaries for the community and local academic institutions. After the recessional, a reception will follow. The program starts at 1:30 and will be about 2 hours in length. She looks forward to interacting with

the students at this special time.

Prior to coming to Three Rivers, Dr. Jones was the president of the College of Eastern Utah (CEU), Price, Utah. Dr. Jones began her work as a secondary physical education and science teacher in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Jones learned education systems in experiential ways - by doing it. She entered the community college environment in the late 70's as a faculty member at Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

A member of Phi Beta Phi, Dr. Jones received the Distinguished Alumna Award from Washburn University, and she was selected as a Distinguished Kansan in Education in 1997. She is the author of "Mission Possible - Diversity in Utah," in Community College Week in 1999.

Dr. Jones' education degrees are from Ohio, Illinois, and Kansas. She earned her Ph.D. in Organization Behavior from the Union Institute (Cincinnati, Ohio), her Master's degree in Community Recreation with Group Work Method from George Williams College (Downers Grove, Illinois), and her Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Washburn University (Topeka, Kansas).

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September 11~A Day of Remembrance

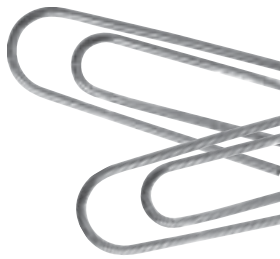
Three Rivers will commemorate September 11 by observing two moments of silence at 10:05am and 10:28am, the times at which the Towers collapsed one year ago. At 9:30am, President Jones will speak to the college community in the Basinger Auditorium and then the 18-minute documentary "September 11" will be shown. The film will be shown again at 12:00 in room 102 on the Thames campus. Other reflections, discussions, and events will be scheduled during the day; please look for informational posters and announcements.

As a public service to commemorate this event, Three Rivers is holding a food drive to help restock the United Way Food Center in New London, an agency that distributes food to 54 local agencies in Southeastern Connecticut. You may participate by remembering those less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food item to be included in the college-wide donation. Look for donation boxes around the college. Tuna, peanut butter, mac 'n' cheese, pasta, and stews are greatly needed.

In a letter to Three Rivers, the director of the Center thanked us for past donations and reminded us that donations will help provide ONE MILLION meals a year for distressed persons. Honor the day by actively supporting your community in this meaningful way.



COFFEE HOUSE
7pm, Mohegan Gallery



only \$15

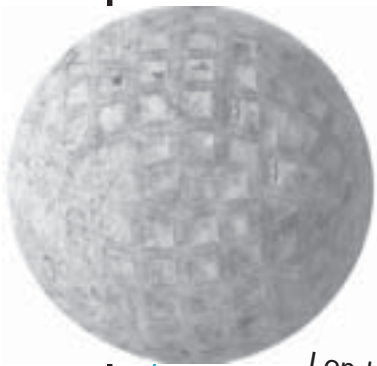
Bus Trip to Freeport Maine! Saturday, September 14

This self guided day of exploration is open for currently registered students who may bring up to two guests.

- Trip is open to staff & faculty.
- Bus Leaves Thames Campus at 7am
- Bus leaves Maine at 6pm

Freeport offers more than 110 shops from brand-name designer outlets to quaint Maine artisan shops. Remember, this is the home of LLBean. Dine on lobster and save room for Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream. Enjoy the day and let someone else do the driving.

CT WOMEN'S
Tuesday, September 15



The Three Rivers College Foundation is sponsoring the Annual Golf Tournament on September 9 at 1pm at the New London Country Club. This year the goal is to raise \$50,000 for student scholarships. For volunteer opportunities, call 885-2657.

SKI CLUB INFO SESSION
Monday, September 16, noon - 1, Thames cafe

BOOT CAMP AEROBICS INFO SESSION
Wednesday, September 18, 11:30am-12:15pm

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CALENDAR

~September~

- 9/2— Labor Day-COLLEGE CLOSED
- 9/5— Student Government meeting-4pm, Thames Advising Days-Classes in session
Instructor's signature required to add classes
- 9/6— Advising Days-Classes in session
- 9/9— Advising Days-Classes in session
SNA-first meeting, 3:45, Student Government room, Mohegan
- 9/11— Day of Remembrance - watch for informational posters
Last day of Add/Drop & partial tuition refund
- 9/12— Student Volunteer and Work-Study meeting, 4pm, Student Conference room. Mohegan cafe
- 9/14— Bus trip to Freeport, ME-call 885-2301 for info
- 9/16— Welcome Week Activities-Get involved!
Ski Trip information session, noon, Thames
- 9/17— CT Women's Hall of Fame lecture by Grace Parks Mitchell (Assistant Director of CT Women's Hall of Fame)-2pm, Basinger Auditorium
- 9/18— Boot Camp Aerobics info session, 11:30, Thames Gym
Cookout on front steps of Mohegan-10:30-1:30-join your classmates!
- 9/19— Professional Day—NO CLASSES IN SESSION
Senior Ambassadors meeting-1pm, room 102, Mohegan
CLEP test date, DC Training room, Mohegan, 11am
- 9/23— Banned Books Week-see displays and posters for more info
- 9/25— Last day to select audit option
- 9/26— Nursing info session-5-6:30
- 9/27— Coffeehouse, 7pm, Mohegan Gallery, \$2 suggested donation to benefit St. Vincent dePaul's
DANTES test date, 10am, room 105 Mohegan
Deadline to apply for October 18 DANTES test

GET INVOLVED IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES DAY
Thursday, September 19, between 10:30 & 1:30,
outside the Mohegan cafe

HALL OF FAME DISPLAY OPENING
September 17, 2pm, Basinger Auditorium

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CLOSED

Due to repair work, food service at the Thames campus will not be available until September 9.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS
ELIZABETH CORMIER
President, TRCC Student Government

The Student Government has openings for students to serve. To obtain a petition (intent form) please contact either the Student Programs Office at 885-2301 or the Student Government Office at 885-2369 or email: studentgovernment@trcc.commnet.edu
The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, at 4pm, Thames Student

WHALE WATCHING TRIP TO P'TOWN MAKES SPLASH

As part of its mission to provide quality activities for student and their families, the Student Programs Office sponsored a Whale Watch cruise and day of sight-seeing in Provincetown, Massachusetts on Saturday, August 24. Forty-six persons, including students, their guests, staff, and faculty left Three Rivers at 6:30am for a 3 hour bus ride to Provincetown.

After lunch in P'town, most of those in the tour group boarded a boat owned by the Dolphin Fleet. One the four-hour cruise photo opportunities were plentiful with sightings of fin-backs and minke whales.

Those few who were more interested in keeping their feet on solid ground toured the historical town of Provincetown, located on the north tip of Cape Cod.

Student Kim Mann, General Studies, took her 11 year old daughter, Ashly. Kim had been on a whale-watch only once before, when she was a child and thought the experience was worth repeating. She and Ashly also took in the views at the Pilgrims Monument, seeing an "awesome view of the whole Cape."

They also enjoyed walking around the town,



Student Tonya Ossowski and her guest on the deck of the Dolphin Fleet 7, enjoying the salt air and seeing the whales.

visiting the shops, restaurants and museum. She feels that these trips offer "a great opportunity for students," and is "looking forward to other trips."

The bus arrived back in Norwich at 11pm with many who went on the boat agreeing that, despite the rough waters on the ocean, the sights and experiences were worth the trip.

To be a part of an upcoming trip, be sure to look for posters, advertisements, and announcements made by the Student Programs Office, or call 885-2301 for more information and schedules of events.

TRCC welcomes new faculty members

Students will want to welcome and meet new faculty members who display diverse talents, backgrounds and areas of expertise.

Barbara Maurice, Math Dept., has her Master's degree in Math Education and will be teaching both basic and intermediate algebra. A TRCC adjunct instructor since 1982, Barbara also taught locally at the Norwich Free Academy, from where she herself graduated before attending Central Connecticut State University and UConn.

The Math Department has also appointed **June Decker** who previously taught at the Pomfret School. June also enjoys playing the viola.

Jon Brammer, Humanities Dept., was raised in California where he attended the University of California. Later, he both attended and taught at the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. He did his grad work in Second Language Acquisition, became an English teacher, and moved to Yokohama, Japan where he "taught a wide range of students such as cooperate executives, as well as high school students."

Jon speaks Japanese and Chinese. Moving to the East Coast to be near family, he will be teaching Eng080 and Eng111, as well as helping to develop the new Writing Center (Mohegan, room 106) as its director. (SEE RELATED ARTICLE, BELOW LEFT.)

William Hare, III will be teaching Anthropology, and is also a former Three Rivers adjunct. He has previously taught at ECSU as a Learning Center Specialist. He plays the bagpipes and is a collector and player of woodwind instruments and performs with Fullgael, an Irish band playing sea music.

Nursing Instructor **Kathryn Nelson** was recently appointed, after serving as an adjunct faculty member for the last two years. Kathy received her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from UConn. She is also a pediatric nurse practitioner and has had 17 years of experience in nursing education and in the clinical field. Prior to coming to TRCC, Kathy held the position of Director of Health Services at Conn College.

As a lifelong local resident, Kathryn often has a connection with many of her students. As a mother with children in college, she appreciates both sides of college attendance.

New Writing Center provides specialized assistance

A new resource is now available to students in the form of the newly developed Writing Center. Located on the Mohegan campus in room 106, the Center's primary function is to help students who have writing assignments, or who have drafts of papers for review. Designed to provide specialized support for essay development and the writing function, the Center will concentrate on the process and development of the writing process.

Addressing general writing concerns, helping ESOL students to write for an American audience, correcting grammar, spelling, and punctuation, and learning how to research and document sources are just some of the professional services offered, says Director Jon Brammer.

The Tutoring and Academic Success Centers (TASC) will continue to concentrate

on subject, content, comprehension, and learning skills in addition to other services to students, but will refer students to the Writing Center when students require specific assistance with the mechanics of writing.

Students are strongly encouraged to utilize these resources by seeking help early and working with tutors regularly. Jon invites students to stop in to the Center at Mohegan or into TASC located in the Learning Resource Centers on both campuses. Both Centers have the capability to book appointments for each other.

Students may reach Jon by email: jbrammer@trcc.commnet.edu

Additional information may be obtained by reading the informational posters and signs displayed on both campuses or by logging onto: www.commnet.edu/EdResources/TASC/index.htm

Students become Literacy Volunteers after intensive week-long training

Seven students took part in an intensive, week-long training session offered by Literacy Volunteers of America (LVA), in their New London office. The students, Javier Diaz, Marlene Pontes, Naomi Irizarry, Patricia Tellekamp, Virginia Fletcher, Sunthary Keth, and Lina Chankar all became Literacy Volunteers on August 19. Literacy Volunteers offers free tutoring services to motivated adults through professionally trained tutors who assist them in achieving measurable literacy goals. LVA also provides the professional training to those who want to tutor.

Javier and Marlene were especially enthusiastic about their accomplishments as they were once helped to learn English by other Volunteers. Marlene says "If I didn't have a tutor I wouldn't have learned English, and I wouldn't be at TRCC."

Five of the seven took the training as part of the 3-credit Eng298 course offered at TRCC. However, all seven will be working one-on-one with individuals who wish to learn speak, listen and comprehend English as their second language.

For further information about becoming a Literacy Volunteer or for other volunteer opportunities, contact Naomi Irizarry at the Student Programs Volunteer Office at 885-2627.



Students Lina Chankar (far L) and Marlene Pontes (far R) stand with LVA trainers M. Scott and J. Foster on August 19.