



Coaches & Mentors Newsletter

A Program to Help You Succeed in College

SPECIAL RECOGNITION EDITION!

This issue of *Coaches & Mentors News* is dedicated to special recognition for several of our students who have worked closely with us at Cape Cod Community College. Whether or not they have achieved honors in their studies, each one has achieved personal fulfillment. Many other students come to mind as worthy of recognition too, but those described here are fine examples of determination, courage, and persistence in the face of obstacles to their success. They have been successful and we feel their example can inspire others. Therefore, the staff members of Coaches & Mentors have nominated them for the special recognition they so richly deserve.

WE CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS!



"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time; for that's the stuff life is made of"

- Benjamin Franklin

Barbara Aucchuaqui

Barbara, a resident of Dennis, was born in Cusco, Peru, and spent her childhood there. Cusco, known throughout the world, is where the sacred sanctuary of Machu Picchu is located, with its ruins and temples.

She went to primary and high school at "Educandas" in Cusco. Later she lived in Arequipa and attended San Agustin University before coming to the U.S. in 2004. At CCCC she is concentrating on Hospitality Management.

Barbara has worked at the Stop & Shop as well as the Lobster Pond in Orleans, and is currently employed by Chatham Bars Inn. "It's a luxurious and pleasant hotel," she says.

Very pleased with CCCC, she says, "This is where I have found great professors and tutors who have made my dreams turn into reality. They have shared their kindness, intelligence and humor; all those qualities made my learning valuable here at Cape Cod Community College."

Her talents include drawing, painting, and writing poems. For fun, she likes to read, watch television, and play volleyball.



Barbara's philosophy of life: "Wake up...while the rest of the world is sleeping!"

Her tutor/mentor Kyle Durborow says, "Barbara is such a pleasure to work with. She is very interested in her assignments. For the past two years she has worked very hard and it's great to witness her success. Actually, I have learned a lot from her about 'courage and perseverance.' She always arrives with a big smile and she has an excellent sense of humor which

is contagious. My favorite line to her is 'What's so funny?'"



"As human beings, our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world—

as in being able to remake ourselves."

- Mahatma Gandhi



R. Brad Deas

Brad, a resident of Hyannis, was born in New York City and raised in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Later he moved to Ledyard, Connecticut where he attended high school. He has been living in Massachusetts for 20 years and greatly appreciates Cape Cod.

A man of many talents, he plays the guitar and piano, sings, and is an artist who draws and paints with pastels. Also, he has fun playing in a band.

His experience as a band musician is impressive and includes prestigious military bands. He was with the 26th Army Band in New York City. Then in Seoul, Korea, he was with the 8th Army Band.

In the military, Brad's band instrument was the euphonium. What's a euphonium? He describes it this way: "It looks like a small tuba and can play melodies." He was also with the 36th Army Band which he called "rigorous."

He enjoys writing and although he was anxious when he started the semester he was soon getting well deserved A's for his essays.

As the semester ended, Brad learned that he had received the John Grinnell/Kiwanis scholarship for \$1,000. His GPA is 4.0!

Brad's philosophy of life: "To keep your dignity and press on."

His tutor/mentor Tom O'Connell says, "Brad has an amazing facility with words and his intelligence shines through as he speaks and writes. His essays are not only excellent in their development, they are fascinating in their content. Words have been his life-long hobby; his vocabulary includes many more words than most people have encountered. Also, he knows how to use them. He is bright, dedicated, and articulate. It's a pleasure to see Brad achieving success at CCCC."

"That which we persist in doing becomes easier for us to do; not that the nature of the thing itself is changed, but that our power to do is increased."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Wisdom is the reward for a lifetime of listening, when you'd have preferred to talk."

- D.J. Kaufman

Debra Miller

Debra, a Sandwich resident, was born in Fairhaven but has lived on the Cape for most of her life. She graduated from Barnstable High School.

At Barnstable High she was also enrolled at CCCC and completed a semester in 1979 before entering the U.S.

Air Force. In the military she completed technical school as an electronics technician for the F-15. She served in the Air Force for four years.

She spent 16 years as a finance clerk and business mail clerk for the U. S. Postal Service. Now she is "between jobs."

Currently, she is enrolled in A.S. for Database Management and says, "Cape Cod Community College is wonderful. Everyone is so helpful. Carol Dubay helped me by scheduling long-term tutoring for me."

She says Coaches & Mentors is "a wonderful program for tutoring and advising. Also, it has helped me to focus on a major and to set small goals."

Debra is a single Mom of a recent Sandwich High graduate who will be attending Universal Technical Institute (UTI) in Norwood.

She loves reading, gardening, crafts, and helping friends and family. A breast cancer survivor since 1994, she likes to participate in fund raising and special awareness events.

As the semester came to a close, Debra learned that she has a GPA of 3.54 and was the recipient of a \$4,000 Wilkens scholarship for single parents. Congratulations!

Debra's favorite quote: "Quitters never win and winners never quit." She also says her favorite poem is "If" by Rudyard Kipling.

Her tutor/mentor Patricia Childs says, "Debra is a conscientious, hard working student with excellent organization and study skills. If her ambition and pleasant personality are a reflection



of what she will be offering to the business sector, I am sure that she will succeed in any job or project that she undertakes. It has been a pleasure to be her accounting tutor this semester and I look forward to working with her in the future."

"Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials."

- Lin Yutang



Kent Churchill

Born in Syracuse, NY in 1961, Kent lived in New York and then Seekonk, Mass. He received his Bachelor's Degree in 1984 from SMU in Political Science. At CCCC, he graduated this spring with a Paralegal Certificate. He has a younger sister who lives nearby.



Kent says he has appreciated Coaches & Mentors. "It was a resource for me when I needed help with advising and my disabilities. It has been a great support structure."

CCCC, he says, "has been a wonderful

experience and it's an outstanding institution with excellent professors.

He has been substituting as a library tech at Harwich Public Library. Also, he has an internship with South Coastal Counties Legal Services in Hyannis for four months. He is working there from 20 to 30 hours a week, and his duties include client intake, helping in the law library, working with lawyers.

A goal he intends to pursue is moving to Houston "where the cost of living is less and the economy is stronger."

Kent's hobbies are gardening, both flowers and vegetables, and he enjoys reading history, law, and religion. He has traveled to places such as South Carolina and Mexico.

His favorite saying: "Driven to success." His success track includes these words: "Be persistent." "Get a goal." "Got a goal."

Carol Dubay's comment: "Kent personifies the word 'persistent' and he is one of the most focused students I have known. He has great powers of concentration and when a job needs to be done, he applies himself to it and completes it effectively and right on time. Wherever he works, he will be a great asset."

Taylor Melville

Taylor is a Cape Cod native and has resided here all of her life except for one year in Florida. She lives in Centerville and graduated from Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School in 2004. She reports that she spent her senior year in the CCCC Diploma Plus Program so she would be ready for college.



Places where she has worked include Donut Works and the Olive Garden. For the past four years she has been at the 99 Restaurant in Yarmouth, working a full-time schedule while pursuing a full-time course of study at CCCC.

For fun, she says she used to play drums and also enjoys going to the beach and listening to music, relaxing, and just plain hanging out.

The youngest in her family of five girls, she describes herself as disciplined, organized, and adept at setting priorities. "School comes first," she points out. Taylor graduated in spring of 2007 with a Liberal Arts Degree in Psychology."

An honor student, she was elected to Phi Theta Kappa. And as the semester was coming to a close, she was notified that she had been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Hyannis Rotary Club. She graduated with a 3.9 GPA.

She has been accepted at UMASS and is aiming for Hofstra University in New York where she will work toward her goal of being a civil rights lawyer, working with juveniles. She has a variety of goals, including love, law school, paralegal work, clinical psychology, and working with immigrants.

Taylor's philosophy of life:

"You can do anything you put your mind to; you can overcome obstacles."

Carol Dubay's comment: "Taylor likes to study and enjoys accomplishing something. She is dedicated to giving it her all...and it shows in her achievements. I think great things are in store for Taylor."

"Wisdom is knowing what to do next,
skill is knowing how to do it,
and virtue is doing it."
- David Starr Jordan



Jamie Bennett

Jamie was born on Cape Cod and raised on the Cape but lived in Florida for a couple of years. Married at 18 to her high school sweetheart, she recently celebrated her 11th anniversary. She is the mother of two daughters, ages 11 and 9.

A resident of Centerville, she is a graduate of Barnstable High and her concentration here at CCCC is on Website Design and Development, with an intention of transferring to a four-year university to study Computer Science. She has served as Secretary of Alpha Epsilon Mu, our campus chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

She says, "I love CCCC! I have met so many wonderful people here, professors and students alike. The Coaches and Mentors Program has made a HUGE difference for me in my educational endeavors. There is something reassuring about having a wonderful support system.



Jobs she has held include CVS,

Barnstable Schools, chambermaid, retailing, residential cleaning, and babysitting.

She says she is "sinfully good at baking tasty treats." And her cooking is "pretty darned delectable." Also, she sings at every opportunity and took voice for four years.

Jamie is a woman of many interests. For fun and recreation, she knits, crochets, draws, sews, works with wood and metal, manipulates photos, and loves a good horror movie. "I'm forever listening to music of many different genres as well as hiking in the woods with my kids, gardening, and swimming."

Jamie's favorite quotations: "What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal." -Albert Pike

"Courage does not always roar. Sometimes it is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying, 'I will try again tomorrow.'" -Anonymous

Theresa Bowse, her academic advisor, reports: "Jamie is an outstanding student. She is highly focused, motivated, extremely detail oriented and a pleasure to have as my advisee. She balances her school work and family with charm and grace. I know she will be an outstanding success at whatever goals she sets for herself."



Apollo Silva

Apollo was born on Cape Cod and raised in Provincetown where he resides today. He thinks the Coaches & Mentors Program is very helpful and he says, "I have been succeeding very well."

A 2006 graduate of Provincetown High School, he has worked at Duarte Motors and more recently at Grand Union Family Markets. His parents, Mary and Anthony, originated from Portugal.

"Provincetown is an interesting place," he says, and he enjoys walking downtown and hanging out with friends.

He plays the trumpet and was a member of the high school band. Now he enjoys using the computer with its many capabilities, especially exploring for information and general research.

As for life at CCCC, he says, "It's a very interesting place to explore in the field you intend to follow later on."



Apollo's Philosophy of Life: "Life is stressful, but I still work hard to succeed in it."

Maurice Worth, his tutor/mentor, says, "Apollo is a perfect gentleman with the perseverance to succeed."



"Re-examine all you have been told;
dismiss what insults your Soul."
- Walt Whitman