

New Portal Makes It Easier to Access Your College Information

Starting November 21, students, faculty and staff at Asnuntuck Community College will find it easier to access course and account information with the introduction of myCommNet, the new system portal.

myCommNet (<http://my.commnnet.edu>) provides access to a broad array of personal and academic services to both credit and credit-free students. myCommNet will make it easier to conduct college business, communicate with others in your classes, check your academic progress, interact with classmates, and manage your college finances, all with a single sign-on. Beginning November 21, you only have to remember one ID and one password to reach all of your college's online services.

Once inside myCommNet, you'll find:

- MyCourses: Check on class materials, receive class-related messages, review syllabi, interact with your classmates, and participate in online discussion forums through WebCT Vista.
- Student Self-Service: Apply for admission, check on the

status of your financial aid; register, add and drop classes from your current schedule; check your academic progress; view your account and make payments; and access grades and transcripts.

- College Libraries and Online Databases: Conduct a quick search of your college's library catalog, and tap into the online research materials and other resources that your college library has available.

- College websites: Access the individual college websites through myCommNet.

- Customization: Your myCommNet home page is also the source for announcements and other information you need. Each page is customizable; many of the "channels," or boxes of information, found on the myCommNet pages can be moved, deleted or resized to meet your own needs.

- Online Tutorials: Inside myCommNet, these tutorials demonstrate the full range of features.

The most frequently asked question anticipated from stu-

dents is, "How do I log in?" To get into the portal, simply use your current NetID (the account you use to log onto campus computers) and password, for example:

User name:
87654321@student.commnnet.edu

Password: Jan&1234

Brochures explaining the features of myCommNet and other information are available online at www.commnnet.edu/portal.

Look for the Blue Button on Asnuntuck's website...coming soon!!!



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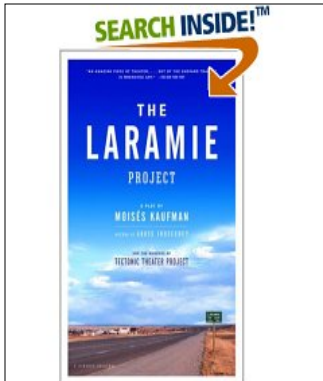
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Alumni Kudos to:

Joyce Keating Davis, alumnae of Asnuntuck Community College, member of the Foundation Board and Regional Advisory Committee has been selected as Ms Senior Connecticut 2007. She will compete in the national competition in Las Vegas next month.

First time in ACC history, the students defeat the faculty/staff in the Annual Softball Game, 11-10





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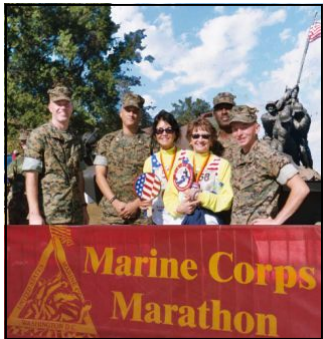
Asnuntuck Community College holds auditions for fall production

Asnuntuck Community College will be auditioning students and community members for the fall production, *The Laramie Project*. *The Laramie Project* is a deeply moving play that deals with the issues of bigotry, homophobia, tolerance, fear, courage, and hope. The play chronicles the events and the 18 months following the death of Matthew Shepherd. Shepherd, a gay college student, was beaten and left to die on a fence near Laramie, Wyoming. The play draws on over 200 interviews with residents of the town, journal entries, and published news reports. This enlightening and timely theater piece has been performed worldwide and was made into an HBO film.

There are many characters of various age and type in *The Laramie Project*. The cast size will be flexible (between eight and sixteen) and cast members may find themselves playing multiple

roles. Specific casting of roles will be determined at the time of individual auditions. Those auditioning will be reading from the script and may also prepare a monologue if you choose. Copies of the play will be available to sign-out at the library by mid-September. **Auditions will be held at Asnuntuck Community College on Saturday, October 6 and 13 from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**

Performance dates are scheduled for November 29 -December 2. The rehearsal schedule is available from the Director, Van Farrier. In addition, you may earn three college credits as a performer or as a member of the stage crew. Please contact Van Farrier for more information vfarrer@acc.comnet.edu or enroll in Theater Arts Practicum THR 190.



Asnuntuck Employees Run/Walk with a Purpose

Mac McHenry, Counselor, and Donna Jones-Searle, Director of Financial Aid, will be running in the USMC 10K on October 28, in Washington, DC, in support of our nation's surviving military families, by being a part of "Team TAPS 2007." TAPS (Taps Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) is a non-profit organization that does so much to help and support families, friends, and provides a "Good Grief Camp" for children as they cope and recover. We will be

running in memory of Professor Jerry Arens, former Asnuntuck adjunct, and Professor of Law, Tunxis Community College. Your donation made to TAPS will be matched for the Gerald F. Arens Memorial Scholarship Fund. No donation is too small. Running with Team TAPS is a very special way of honoring our fallen heroes, past and present.

<https://www.kintera.org/faf/donorReg/donorPledge.asp?event=220513&lis=1&kntae220513=8272BE13C7294B9DA9E37750A427C5BC&supId=178228930>



Student Activities in October...

October 20, 6 pm Local Band Festival- in the auditorium. The bands featured will be Andrew Jamieson, Mesmer, and a'tris. Andrew Jamieson is described as an acoustic/folk artist. Mesmer is described as a glam/new wave/rock band. The last group, a'tris is described as alternative/Indie/rock.

October 24, 7 pm, in Café II Coffee House to bring awareness to domestic

violence featuring Liz Solomon. Liz has used her personal experiences to bring awareness to domestic violence. Her debut album includes 12 adult-contemporary songs written by Liz and songwriter/producer Bob Yen.

<http://www.lizsolomon.com/>

October 26, FREE Halloween Costume Party and Haunted Hay Maze. There will be a costume contest, with a prize for best overall costume! 6 – 10 pm on the back fields.

Freshwater COFFEE HOUSE

The Coffee House in Cafeteria II

Thursday, October 11, 2007

8.00-10.00 PM

Reading
by New England Poets
Published in *Freshwater* 2007

Readers:

Sean Arcarese

Yvonne Barile

Dianne Bilyak

Lisa Butler

Tracy Capello

Carolyn Cushing

Mary Ann Govine

Steffen Horstmann

Charles Lipka

Lisa Mangini

Rennie McQuilkin

Gay Paluch

Sheryl Woods

Jonas Zdanys

Reading will be followed by an Open Poetry Mic.

Copies of Freshwater 2007 and copies of the poets' books

will be on sale.

The reading is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Edwina Trentham at etrentham@acc.comnet.edu or 860-253-3105

Thinking about Graduating in December?

Students eligible to graduate in December must submit a graduation application and \$42.00 fee to the Registrar's office by

December 1, 2007. The applications can be found on the panel outside the Registrar's office window or on our Web Site at www.acc.commnet.edu

Students eligible to graduate in May of 2008, must submit their application by March 31, 2008. Questions? Contact the Registrar's office at 860-253-3017.



Asnuntuck Community College welcomes new Director of Institutional Advancement

Susan Stoppelman of Manchester has joined Asnuntuck Community College as Director of Institutional Development. Ms. Stoppelman was formerly Staff Liaison and Director of Development and Communications for Greater Hartford Legal Aid.

At Asnuntuck, Ms. Stoppelman will be responsible for fund raising and will work with the Asnuntuck Community College Foundation Board of Directors to increase dona-

tions from both individuals and businesses in the several communities the college serves.

Ms. Stoppelman says she looks forward to "working with the staff and board to make our communities more aware of the jewel on Elm Street and build greater support for the wonderful and important work going on at the college. I've been very impressed at the caliber of staff, the nurturance and caring for students, and

the variety of training opportunities I find here."

The mission of the Asnuntuck Community College Foundation is to obtain funds from corporate, alumni, and community members to assist in the development of programs to meet the economic, educational, and employment need of North Central Connecticut.



Susan Stoppelman, Director of Institutional Advancement



ACC students relaxing outdoors.

Faculty and Staff Notes

~Professor Jean Egan presented a workshop on Gender Communication in Business to the Southern New England Business Women's Association in September.

~To my Monday and Wednesday Accounting Class. Thank you for being great students, but more importantly thank you for being you.

-Camilla Ross

~Elizabeth Szewczyk was invited to attend the Colrain Poetry Conference in August. She has poems forthcoming in Chantrelle's Notebook and The Chicago Review.

~On August 18, 2007 Katie O'Connell graduated from Marlboro College Graduate Center in Brattleboro, VT, with a Master of Arts in Teaching with Technology. The

one-year accelerated hybrid program emphasized instructional design and learning theory, application of technology for classroom and online learning, and the investigation of current web technologies and the implications for education and impact on the complex legal and ethical issues involved. Katie is currently the Director of Educational Technology at Asnuntuck

WACC, 107.7 FM updates

Asnuntuck's radio station, the only low-power FM station in Connecticut's community college system and one of only two LPFM stations in the state, offers a great opportunity for ACC students, especially those enrolled in the Communications and Broadcasting program, to gain on-air or

behind-the-scenes experience in professional radio programming.

Contact WACC Operations Manager and ACC Media Services Director Tom Vesce (860-253-3173; tvesce@acc.commnet.edu)

) if you'd like to get involved with WACC.

Transfer Tuesday and other transfer information

Interested in Nursing? Check out visiting colleges on **Transfer Tuesday**.

CSI fans learn about the Forensics program at Bay Path College on Transfer Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Oct. 9: Western New England College, Westfield State College.

Oct. 16: Elms College, and Bay Path College.

Oct. 23: American International College, Saint Joseph College, and Springfield College.

Oct. 30: Cambridge College

All colleges will be here:

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. &

4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the main corridor.



Freshwater editors gather to work on the poetry book.

Poetry Schedule

Thursday, October 11

New England Poets
Published in Freshwater
2007

Monday, November 19

Reading by Edwina
Trentham's Creative
Writing Poetry
Students

Monday, December 3

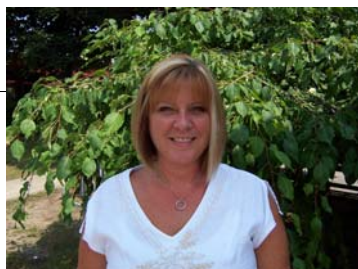
Poets and Musicians
Among Us
Asnuntuck Faculty, Staff
and Student Poets and
Musicians

**All Coffee Houses
take place from 8 to
10 PM**



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A college so close...that can take you so far!



Stacy Tweedie, Associate Director of Career Services at Asnuntuck.

The Career Corner....

Career Services Workshops– Fall 2007 Schedule

These workshops are open to all students. They are held on the front hall outside of Stacy's office.

Tuesday, October 2 Effective Resume Writing
 Tuesday, October 9 Job Search Skills & Cover Letters
 Tuesday, October 16 Interviewing Skills & Networking
 Tuesday, October 23 Effective Resume Writing
 Tuesday, November 13 Effective Resume Writing
 Tuesday, November 27 Job Search Skills & Cover Letters
 Tuesday, December 4 Interviewing Skills & Networking

Wednesday workshops are held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, October 3 Job Search Skills & Cover Letters
 Wednesday, October 10 Interviewing Skills & Networking
 Wednesday, October 17 Effective Resume Writing
 Wednesday, October 24 Job Search Skills & Networking
 Wednesday, November 14 Interviewing Skills & Networking
 Wednesday, November 28 Effective Resume Writing
 Wednesday, December 5 Job Search Skills & Cover Letters

CCN College Central Network

Asnuntuck Community College is now on board with 7 Connecticut Community College's offering an on-line tool for the job search. College Central Network (CCN) is a new and **free** "on-line" job listing service. Utilizing this system, employers can post position announcements statewide by visiting this single site. Students can also search for jobs, local and statewide, along with posting their resume. If you have any questions, I am located in room 105 across from the information desk. Email: stweedie@acc.commnet.edu Phone: 253-3025

Learning Resource Center (Library & Media Services) News

LRC Director Mike Moran and his staff are pleased to be joined for the Fall 2007 semester by an intern from the LTA (Library Technical Assistant) program at Capital Community College in Hartford. His name is **Paul Lap-
pen**, and he's working 10 hours per week in the LRC this semester: Tuesday, 11AM – 4PM; Wednesday, 3:30-8:30 PM. Please introduce

yourself to Paul, make him feel welcome at Asnuntuck, and take full advantage of his knowledge and skills!

Last month we highlighted a few links on the LRC web site (www.acc.commnet.edu/lrc) that are especially helpful for your research and information needs. Here are a few more:

*the latest additions to the LRC collection (<http://libris.acc.commnet.edu/newbooks/newbooks.cgi>)

*computer software and equipment designed to make your work easier (<http://www.acc.commnet.edu/LRC/adaptivetechnology.htm>)

*24/7 professional reference service when the LRC is closed (<http://aal20.tutor.com/nGEN/Apps/SocWeb/main.aspx?ID=c22adde4-d6c6-4853-a746-127716b051eb>)