



# The Newsletter of the BCCC Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning

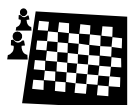


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## From the Facilitator:

The Faculty Center Advisory Board has planned a full schedule of programming for the fall including these upcoming presentations:



November 1, (Weds., 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.), Founders 239

**Games as a Teaching Tool**

Beth Ritter-Guth, Dana Burnside ---Lehigh Carbon Community College



November 21, (Tues.), 12:30-1:30 p.m, Faculty Center

**Student-Faculty Dialogue – My First Day at Bucks**



November 29, (Weds.), 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Founders 135

**The Latest in SmartBoard Ideas**

Mary Marco, Marilyn Puchalski



December 7, (Thurs.), 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Faculty Center

**Holiday Reception – Faculty Showcase – South Sea Islands**

Mitch Bunkin

The Faculty Center Advisory Board is always looking for programming ideas of interest to you. Please contact your department's representative and make your suggestions for spring 2007.

This year's Advisory Board members are: Arts, **Shawn Queeney**; Business Studies, **Lori Grady**; Health, Physical Ed/Nursing: **Dr. Joanne Bosco**; Language & Literature, **Michael Hennessey**; Learning Resources, **Margaret Montet**; Mathematics/Computer & Information Science, **Joe Erickson**; Science and Technology, **Kevin Lampe**; Social and Behavioral Sciences, **Dr. Bill Ford**.



Rebecca Stevenson, x8065 [stevensob@bucks.edu](mailto:stevensob@bucks.edu), Facilitator

## New Faculty on Board



New full-time faculty enjoy lunch with the President and the Dean of Academic Affairs. From left: John Petito, Dr. Erangee Kumarage, Dr. Brad Stiles, Julie Piotrowicz, Dr. Bill Ford (not new!), Kelly Gredone, Dr. Pat Engle, Dan Wilkinson, Susan Hagen, Maria McGrath.

BCCC welcomes 19 new tenure track and special term contract full time faculty this fall:

**Dr. Joanne Bosco**, Health, Physical Education & Nursing; **Dr. Patricia Engle**, Language and Literature; **Kelly Gredone**, Business Studies; **Susan Hagen**, Arts; **William Hemmig**, Learning Resources; **Dr. Erangee Kumarage**, Language & Literature; **Dr. Maria McGrath**, Social & Behavioral Sciences; **Lynn McCarty**, Science/Technology; **Rochelle Milhous**, Arts; **John Petito**, Social & Behavioral Sciences; **Julie Piotrowicz**, Language & Literature; **Albert Rieger**, Social & Behavioral Sciences; **Anita Samuel**, Learning Resources; **Dr. Bradley Stiles**, Language & Literature; **Ann Marie Strecker**, Health, Physical Education/Nursing; **Linda Treglia**, Health, Physical Education & Nursing; **Kimberly Witham**, Arts; **Daniel Wilkinson**, Arts; **Carolyn Woods**, Learning Resources.

The group meets monthly for presentations on the various services and functions of the College. At their opening luncheon, **Dr. Bill Ford** of Social and Behavioral Sciences shared a “readiness” quiz that he uses at the beginning of the semester. The fall session topics of the New Faculty Orientation include Student Engagement and Classroom Assessment Techniques, Academic Support Services (Tutoring, Advising, and Library), and Online Learning Resources and Technology.

## Writing to Learn Update

The Writing to Learn initiative continues this year with a few new wrinkles. The Writing Fellows are the same:

**Colleen Dunn** for the Business Studies and Health, Phys. Ed., and Nursing Depts.  
**Dr. Hendrik Booraem, V,** for the Social and Behavioral Sciences and Arts Depts.  
**Dr. Steve Sullivan** for the Science and Technology and Math/Computer/Info. Sciences Depts.

**Dr. Stephen doCarmo**, Lang. & Lit., serves as the Resource Fellow, and other team members include **John Petito**, Soc./Beh. Sci., and **Alan Rubin**, Lang. & Lit.

The WTL team will be working one-on-one with faculty this year, especially with new full- and part-time faculty. The group is also developing, with the help of **Mary Ellen Bornak**, Learning Resources, a Writing to Learn website/tutorial.

## **Faculty of the Future 2006**



The fourth annual Faculty of the Future conference was held on June 2, 2006, and attracted attendees from 37 colleges.

At left, **Dr. Priscilla Rice**, Asst. Ac. Dean, Health, Phys. Ed./ Nursing, speaks with a vendor. At right, it was standing room only at one of the presentations.



## **32 BCCC Faculty and Staff Team Up for CIT**

As it has for several years, the College again sent a team of faculty and staff to the League for Innovation's Conference on Information Technology. The conference, held this year in Charlotte, N.C., from Oct. 21 through 25, provides an opportunity to look at how all areas of the College are being impacted by technology and to look ahead at the technologies that are just around the corner. The team members will be working with the Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable (co-chaired by **Dean Annette Conn** and **Arta Szathmary**, Math/CIS) to disseminate the information from the conference widely on the campus. Team members are:

**Dr. Annette Conn**, Academic Affairs  
**Rebecca Stevenson**, Academic Affairs  
**Catherine McElroy**, Academic Affairs  
**Carol Smolen**, Language and Literature  
**Michael Hennessey**, Language and Literature  
**Dr. Patricia Engle**, Language and Literature  
**Marie Cooper**, Disability Services  
**Marilyn Puchalski**, Learning Resources  
**Jeanette Castello**, Learning Resources  
**Karl Carter**, Learning Resources  
**Liz Sette**, Learning Resources  
**Linda McCann**, Learning Resources  
**Anita Samuel**, Learning Resources  
**Kathy Webb**, Science and Technology  
**Dr. Paul Phillips**, Science and Technology  
**Carole Reese**, Institutional Research

**Joe Walsh**, Social/Behavioral Science  
**Al Rieger**, Social/Behavioral Sciences  
**Dr. Bill Ford.**, Social/Behavioral Science  
**Linda Treglia**, Health, Phys. Ed., Nursing  
**Ann Marie Strecker**, Health, Phys. Ed. Nursing  
**Lori Grady**, Business Studies  
**Kelly Gredone**, Business Studies  
**Tracy Timby**, Business Studies  
**Debbie Grant**, Business Studies  
**Arta Szathmary**, Math/Computer and Info. Science  
**Lisa Angelo**, Math/Computer and Info. Science  
**Arlene Franklin**, Math/Computer and Info Science  
**Joe Erickson**, Math/Computer and Info Science  
**Tom Zaher**, Business Studies  
**John Sheridan**, Arts  
**Dan Wilkinson**, Arts

Watch for announcements of CIT information-sharing sessions in your department and through the Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable and the Faculty Center.

# Professional Development Opportunities

## PILOT PROJECTS:

### **Improving Student Learning through the Learning Connections Inventory**

The Learning Connections Inventory (LCI) represents an opportunity for faculty to learn more about how their students learn and to make adjustments in their pedagogy to accommodate differences in student learning preferences and in how students engage with class content. The Inventory identifies four primary learning patterns: Sequential (Seeks order and consistency), Precise Pattern (wants to know details and exactness), Technical Pattern (Processes using stand-alone independent reasoning), and Confluent Pattern (Pulls together all the areas of experience and forms them into new ideas and thought.)

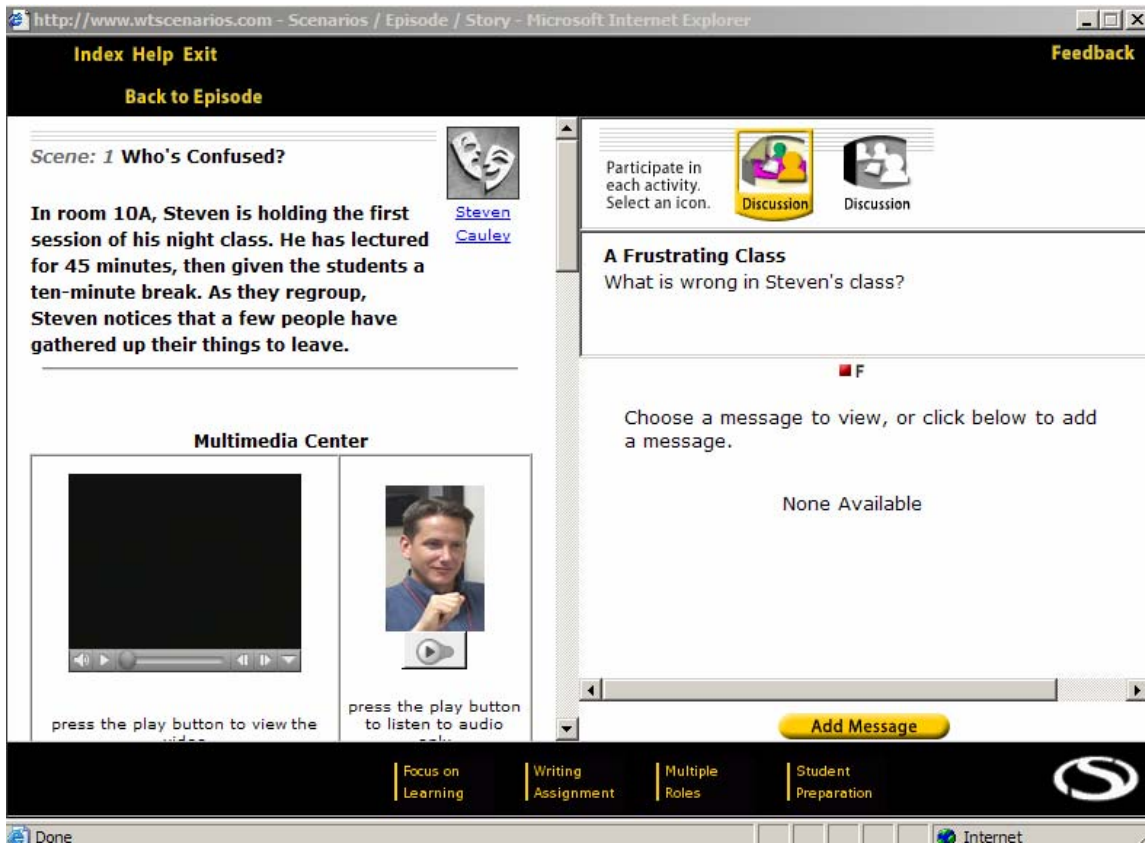
Our project will ask faculty volunteers to take the Inventory and administer it to selected classes at the beginning of the second semester. We are targeting faculty who teach in areas where student cohorts can be readily identified (such as developmental education) so that we can do follow up with the students more effectively. The project has been funded through a grant from the Bucks County Community College Foundation.

### **The Scenarios Online© System**

Scenarios Online is a system for online faculty development managed by Valencia Community College in Orlando, Florida, using software developed at the University of Indiana. It allows faculty to participate in asynchronous, interactive, online courses focusing on pedagogy. In this project, we will be working with several other community colleges in the region (Community College of Philadelphia, Delaware County Community College, Reading Area Community College, and possibly Montgomery County Community College). At BCCC, we will pilot two of the available courses, and our faculty will be able to sign up for additional courses being piloted at the other colleges.

The courses available to us during this pilot include "Teaching in the Learning College," "Succeeding with Online Group Projects," "Doing the Write Thing: Developing Readers and Writers," and "Making It All Add Up" (teaching developmental mathematics). Scenarios works by creating a cast of characters and a series of episodes that are developed through written dialogue and video clips. Participants read and view the Scenario and then participate in discussions, projects, and other activities which are monitored and encouraged by facilitators. **Dr. Bill Ford** Soc./Beh. Sci., and **Marilyn Puchalski**, Learning Resources, will serve as the BCCC onsite facilitators.

The illustration below shows how Scenarios is organized and some of the features and activities available to participating faculty. The course is open and available to participants 24/7, but the facilitators are able to monitor participation and will help the faculty through the course during a six-week period. Scenarios includes online assessment tools to measure what participants have learned. This project is funded by a grant from the Bucks County Community College Foundation.



**Student Engagement Institute**, Bucks County Community College

Session One: Mondays from 2 to 4 p.m., Jan. 29 through March 7

Session Two: Spring Break, Monday – Friday, 9 to 11 a.m., March 12-16, 2007

Submit request to participate in one of these sessions to Dean Conn by Dec. 8, 2006.

One of the areas we have targeted for improvement, based on our CCSSE scores, is Active and Collaborative Learning. While we have made gains in this area in recent years, we have room for improvement and have decided to pilot a program that will help a group of 30 teachers try specific strategies to make classroom learning more active and to teach students skills that will help them learn in collaboration with others. (Research has shown collaborative learning to be an effective student engagement tool.)

**Marianne Kepler** and **Al Rieger** (Soc./Beh. Sci.) will design and lead an institute to be offered in spring 2007. Topics will include: Inspiring Student Success from Day One, Student/Faculty Interactions, Using Collaboration as a Learning Tool, The Latest Brain Research and Active Learning, Games as Teaching Tools, and Working with Digital Natives (students who have grown up in a “wired” world).

Outside speakers will present fresh perspectives, and the Institute leaders and presenters will lead discussions with the participating faculty. The Institute participants will commit to sharing what they have earned within their departments, to providing feedback on their classroom trials of the techniques they are earning, and to making recommendations for specific faculty development programs to be offered on the most successful techniques. The Student Engagement Institute is funded through a College Strategic Initiative.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Northeast WebCT Users Group, Friday, Nov. 3 from 10 to 4:30 p.m. at Villanova University.

Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators Southeast Region Fall 2006 Workshop: *Leading with Effectiveness: Curriculum and Student Success* sponsored by West Chester University of PA and The Southeast Region of PADE, West Chester University – Sykes Student Union Building, November 10, 2006

**Technology Day**, sponsored by the Teaching and Learning with Technology Roundtable, BCCC  
Friday, January 5, 2007. Newtown Campus.  
Watch the College intranet for the schedule and registration information.

**INTG Institute**, Bucks County Community College  
Jan. 8-11, 2007  
Letter of Interest must be submitted to Dean Conn by Friday, Dec. 8, 2007

**Information Literacy Institute**, Bucks County Community College  
Jan. 8-10, 2007  
Letter of Interest must be submitted to Dean Conn by Friday, Nov. 17, 2007

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Fulbright Scholar Program: Competition **opens March 1, 2007;**  
**Application deadline is August 1, 2007.**  
For information, contact Rebecca Stevenson at x8065.

League for Innovation in the Community College: Innovations Conference,  
March 4-7, 2007, New Orleans, Louisiana <http://www.league.org/i2007/>

American Association of Community Colleges, Annual Conference  
April 14-17, Tampa, Florida [www.aacc.nche.edu](http://www.aacc.nche.edu)

NISOD (National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development International Conference on Teaching & Leadership Excellence  
May 20-23, 2007, Austin, Texas [www.nisod.org](http://www.nisod.org)



BCCC Faculty of the Future Conference, June 1, 2007

EDUCAUSE national conference (Information technology in higher education) October 23–26, 2007, Seattle, Washington [www.educause.edu](http://www.educause.edu)

# Professional Development Activities

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**N.B.** This section of the newsletter is based on information received in the Academic Affairs Office between Apr. 10, 2006 and Oct. 26, 2006.

## Attending/Presenting at Conferences:

**Annemarie Tuffner**, Math/CIS, presented "Numeracy and Literacy in the Elementary Classroom" at the National Conference of Teachers of Mathematics in Phoenix.

**Dr. Lois Gilmore**, Lang. & Lit., is organizing a MAWSA (Mid-Atlantic Region Women's Studies Assoc.) conference for spring 2007.

**John Harrison**, Math/CIS, attended a Novell Hands On workshop in September.

**Lisa Angelo** and **Julie Piper**, Math/CIS, attended the Serious Gaming Conference in Arlington, VA.

**Dr. Michael Hoffman**, Arts, attended a jazz conference.

**Jim Freeman**, Lang. & Lit., attended the TYAC conference.

**Barbara Boyle**, Soc./Beh. Sci. attended a childhood education conference.

**Marian Colello** attended an Integrated Learning conference and the Governor's conference. She is also the co-coordinator of A Day for All Women, scheduled for Nov. 4, 2006.

**Mary Ann Klicka**, Math/CIS, attended the PADE meeting (Pennsylvania Assoc. for Developmental Education).

**Carolyn Woods** Learning Resources and **Scott Bradshaw**, Health/Nursing/P.E. attended a conference in Las Vegas. She is also presenting at the Fall Federal Depository Library Conference & Depository Library Council Meeting in Washington on the topic, "Oh My God! What Do I Do Now – Things have changed just a TAD since I last wore my Depository Librarian's hat!"

**Lynn McCarty**, Sci/Tech, and **Marilyn Puchalski**, Learning Resources, attended the Educause Learning Initiative conference on technology and assessment in September.

**Marilyn Puchalski**, Learning Resources, spoke at Drexel U.'s Information Science and Technology School at one of the Governor's Schools of Excellence on I.T. careers.

**John Harrison** and **Bob Porche**, Math/CIS, attended a computer conference by Thompson Learning in White Plains, NY.

**Dr. Kelly Kelleway**, **Dr. Celia Shiffer**, **Dr. Lois Gilmore**, and **Megan Ryan**, Lang. & Lit., attended a national Women's Studies conference in California.

**Dr. Lois Gilmore**, Lang. & Lit., attended the Virginia Woolf Conference in England.

**David Snellman**, Learning Resources, has had a proposal accepted to present at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Educause conference in January: "Who Supports Smart Classrooms?"

**Dr. Michaeleen Lee**, Sci./Tech., attended the 2YC3 meeting in San Antonio, TX.

**Maxine Plummer**, Sci./Tech., attended the American Assoc. of Small Ruminant Veterinarians.

**Kathy Webb**, Sci./Tech., and **Kathleen Morgan**, Ac. Affairs, attended the regional Biotechnology meeting.

**Ken Koerber** and **Judy Toland**, Bus. Studies, attended the Montgomery County Community College Technology Conference.

**Mary Ellen Bornak** and **Georglyn Davidson**, Learning Resources, attended a recent E-Learning conference.

**Sherry Eichert**, Lang. & Lit., hosted a PennTESOL (Teachers of English as a Second Language) conference for the tri-state area on Oct. 28 at BCCC.

**Kay Chen**, Math/CIS, attended a weeklong workshop at Duke University on the ALICE programming language.

**Arta Szathmary**, Math/CIS, attended a Mobile Computing Conference in Florida.

**Shawn Queeney**, Arts, attended the Edward Tufte Workshop in Philadelphia in August.

**Dr. Stephen doCarmo**, Lang. & Lit., **Coleen Dunn**, Bus. Studies, **Dr. Steve Sullivan**, Sci./Tech., and **John Petito**, Soc./Beh. Sci., attended the international Writing Across the Curriculum conference in June at Clemson Univ.

**Tom Shields**, Soc./Beh. Sci., attended a Prentice Hall conference on writing humanities texts.

**Fran Orlando**, Arts, attended a 2 day conference, "Secrets of Political Influence" by the American Association of Museums. She also attended the AAM annual meeting in Boston and the Museum Expo.

The following faculty are presenting programs in the Faculty Center this fall: **Dr. Bill Ford**, Soc./Beh. Sci. and **Marianne Kepler**, Soc./Beh. Sci., **Michael Hennessey**, Lang. & Lit., **John Petito**, Soc./Beh. Sci., **Denise May**, Lang. & Lit., **Mary Marco**, Math/CIS, **Marilyn Puchalski**, Learning Resources, and **Mitch Bunkin**, Soc./Beh. Sci.

### **Honors, Awards, and Publications:**

**Rodney Altemose**, Executive Director of the Upper County Campus, will be receiving his Ed.D. from Wilmington College.

**Caryn Babaian**, Sci./Tech., received the second place award from the National Science Foundation for illustration in the Science and Engineering Visualization Challenge. Her submission was featured in a special edition of *Science* magazine. She was also nominated for an Outstanding Teaching award by the National Assoc. of Biology Teachers.

**Dee Jones**, HPEN, was recognized by the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association with the Pioneer Award for nearly 30 years of coaching.

**Charles Beem**, Bus. Studies, was selected as a Faculty Scholar for the 2006 Phi Theta kappa Faculty Scholar Conference and 2006 PTK International Honors Institute.

**Craig Scioscia**, HPEN, was named Coach of the Year by the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference.

**Dr. Brad Stiles**, Lang. & Lit., is the editor of the Stone Table Review, "an online journal publishing new works in traditional or new media formats by emerging and established writers", <http://www.stonetablereview.com/>

**Dr. Alan Hoey**, Lang. & Lit., had three poems in the inaugural edition of The Stone Table Review. He read poetry from two of his collections, *Provençal Light* and *The Precincts of Paradise* at the Oxford Valley Barnes and Noble in August. Dr. Hoey also recently published his first novel, *Chasing the Dragon*.

**Blaine Greenfield**, Bus. Studies, gave the first annual Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award Winner lecture at the October 19 Dean's Reception.

Professor Emeritus, **Lyle Rosenberger**, is writing a column, "Preservation at Work in Bucks" published in seven local newspapers. Earlier this year, he was featured in an April article on restoration in the [Bucks County Courier Times](#)

**Bob Bense**, Lang. & Lit., published a book of poetry, *BLACK WATER*???? He was also recently published in *Poets of New Jersey*.

Professor Emeritus **Charlotte Schatz** participated in an exhibition for the Philadelphia Open Studio tour in October.

**Ira Bellow**, Math/CIS and Soc./Beh. Sci., received an award at a conference for correctional officers for his work in counseling felons.

**Barbara Pearl**, Math/CIS, has some of her origami work on exhibit as part of this year's Artmobile program. She also published a new book, *Whale of a Tale*."

**Mark Sfirri** participated in a group show in Michigan City, IN, at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, "Woodturned Sculptures Too, Oct. 7 through 29. He also had work featured in the Museum of Arts and Design and taught classes at the North Carolina School of the Arts over the summer. Also, the Michener Art Museum in Doylestown purchased "Rejects from the Bat Factory" for the permanent collection.

**Tony deFiore**, Soc./Beh. Sci., is publishing a political novel.

**Jack Byer**, Arts, did an interview of Michael Berg which appeared on Primetime A & E.

**Cooper Robb**, Arts, was interviewed in August on Radio Times, a National Public Radio show.

**Jeff Baumeister**, Arts, was featured in Montgomery County newspaper articles in October in an article by Kyle Schutz. He has also published articles on works of Herbie Hancock, Dave Douglas, Tomasz Stanko, and Uri Caine in *Downbeat* magazine. His quartet participated in the Slought Jazz Fest in October.

**Rik Booraem**, Soc./Beh. Science, spoke at the unveiling of a historical marker placed in Doylestown by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in honor of Casimir Sienkiewicz, artist, advisor to federal, state, and local governments, and the first chairman of SEPTA.

**Margaret Montet**, Learning Resources, published an article, "All About Independent Learning and How the Library Fits into the Plan," in the *International Journal of Learning*.

**Donna Greenfield**, Health/PE/Nursing, organized a modern dance benefit to help victims of Katrina.

**Pamela Perkins-Frederick**, will read her poetry as part of the BCCC Poetry Reading Series in November.

**Dr. Bill Ford**, Soc/Beh Sci., and **Marilyn Puchalski**, Learning Resources, are serving as leaders and facilitators of the Scenarios Online faculty training project.

**Al Rieger** and **Marianne Kepler**, Soc./Beh. Sci, are designing and leading the Student Engagement Institute for faculty to be offered in spring 2007.

**Sachi Horback**, Soc/Beh. Sci., and **Michael Hennessey**, Lang. & Lit., are leading Quality Matters workshops for faculty this semester.

**Dr. Stephen doCarmo**, Lang. & Lit., **Colleen Dunn**, Bus. Studies, **Dr. Steve Sullivan**, Sci./Tech., **Dr. Rik Booraem**, Soc/Beh. Sci., **John Petito**, Soc./Beh. Sci., and **Alan Rubin**, Lang. & Lit., are working with Mary Ellen Bornak and other Learning Resources staff to create an online component for Writing to Learn training.

**Earl Arrowood**, Bus. Studies, created a DVD for the culinary arts program featuring pictures of his food presentations with background music.

**Dr. Joanne Bosco** coached the BCCC Tennis Team to a 2006 Pennsylvania Collegiate Athletic Association Championship

**James Freeman**, Lang. & Lit., raised funds for a student scholarship through a summer book tour for his novel, *Parade of Days*; each stop on the tour featured a discussion of the creative writing process. He also received the BCCC Alumni Association's award for Professional Achievement.

**Dr. Christopher Bursk**, Lang. & Lit., had his book, *The First Inhabitants of Arcadia: Poems*, reviewed in an article in the "Poetry Chronicle" of the *New York Times Book Review*.

**Nelly Zieziula and Anita Manders**, Bus. Studies, were featured in a *Bucks County Courier-Times* article about BCCC TOTAL Lab program.

**Matt Rusnak**, Lang. & Lit., presented a slide show and poetry reading on "Urbino."

**Joanne Corn**, Sci./Tech., received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the BCCC Alumni Association.

**Denise May**, Lang. & Lit., received a Professional Achievement Award from the BCCC Alumni Association.

**Dr. Earle Meyers**, HPEN, and **Joe Walsh**, Soc./Beh. Sci., received Advisor of the Year awards for their work with the BCCC Ski Club.

**Dr. Maria Finizio**, Lang. & Lit, published two poems, "Ears" in *Poetry Motel*, and "Tropical Sun" in *Poetry Explosion*.