



## Cape Cod Community College



*Celebrating 50 Years!*

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### **College Celebrates Largest Private Gift in its History: Dental Hygiene Program will be Transformed**

Cape Cod Community College has received the largest single gift in its 50 year history, a gift that will transform the education and training of Dental Hygienists, and make a major impact on the oral health of the greater community.



During January 4, 2012 ceremonies before a standing-room only crowd in the Lobby of the Tilden Arts Center, President Kathleen Schatzberg announced that local philanthropist and long-time supporter Mrs. Maureen Wilkens had pledged \$1.25M to support the renovation of the College's Dental Hygiene clinic and classrooms. She explained that Mrs. Wilkens will serve as Honorary Co-Chair of the campaign, and presented the gift as a challenge match to the Community. A very happy President Schatzberg is shown to the left.

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Responding immediately to the challenge, Dorothy Savarese, College Trustee and President and CEO of the Cape Cod Five Cents Savings Bank, announced that the Bank would make a \$250,000 gift, focusing especially on the Dental Hygiene Program's Children's Community Outreach. Through this program, second-year students travel to area preschools and childcare programs to provide tooth-care education, cleanings, sealants and dental



Dr. Robert Faiella (left), a dentist in Osterville who is President-Elect of the American Dental Association, and West Barnstable dentist Dr. Neil Ringler (right), a past member of the College's Board of Trustees, and long-time advocate for the College, will serve as Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs alongside Mrs. Wilkens. They are eager to encourage their dental colleague's involvement. Following the ceremonies, Dr. Ringler noted that 4 of the 5 hygienists in his practice are Cape Cod Community College graduates, and the 5th individual actually teaches in the College's program.

**Current Student and A Program Alumna Speak About Its Impact**



For Mary McDonough (left) of Martha's Vineyard the years of ferry trips back and forth to the island have been more than worth it. Speaking to the overflow crowd gathered in the Tilden Lobby, she described her island as being in great need of more dental care, noting that when she arrived, she couldn't even find a dentist who would add her as a patient to the practice, they were so full. She added that when she graduates from the program this year, she'll be able to make an immediate positive contribution to the health of those on the Vineyard, while stepping into a good paying job that will help both her life and the island's economy.

Program graduate and working Dental Hygienist (right) Jolene Sears spoke about the dramatic impact obtaining her training and certification made on her life as a single mom, struggling to provide for her family. Ms. Sears was a "Wilkins Scholar," one of approximately 15 single-parents annually whose studies are underwritten by a grant from the Wilkins Family. She spoke of her deep gratitude for the generosity of Mrs. Wilkins and her late husband Frank, and for the education and training that today allows her to make a real difference in people's lives as well as support herself and her family.

The Dental Hygiene clinic at the College provides students with valuable hands-on experience and helps to meet the dental care needs of the uninsured and underinsured population on Cape Cod, providing an average of 1,800 appointments per year to area residents. Approximately 80% of the patients are from low-income backgrounds. Students in the program do most of their clinical training at the clinic which was created in 1975.



## The Lower Level of the South Building will Become State-of-the Art Space

The lower level of the South Building is home to the College's Dental Hygiene Clinic and teaching laboratory. The physical space hasn't been dramatically changed since being completed in 1975. Equipment upgrades have taken place, but even there, it's been a very long time since major investments could be made.



The \$2.5million campaign will make the start of construction possible this summer, with the entire project expected to be completed well before the end of this year. Fourteen individual teaching stations will be created along with major redesigns to the radiology lab, dental materials lab, and the sterilization room. Plus, a new ventilation system will be installed.

Shown is the artist's concept of the completed clinic stations.



The clinic provides an average of 1800 appointments per year to area residents, with roughly 80% of those individuals considered to be under-served. Once completed the clinic will be able to offer a greater number of appointments, and additional services to the community, including some not provided at this time but in high demand by the uninsured and underinsured residents of the region.

Shown here is a conference/presentation space in the new facility.

## Learn More About the Need and How You Might Help

The excitement and anticipation on the face of Dr. Robert Faiella mirrors the energy that infused the entire crowd in the Tilden Arts Center on Wednesday January 4th. With all of the gifts announced and some smaller gifts already in hand, the capital campaign is slightly more than half-way complete. There is \$900,000+ left to reach the \$2.5million goal.

To learn more about the need and how you might become a part of this dramatic change, please contact the College's Educational Foundation office at 508-375-4015 or contact the project's Campaign Counsel, Heather Kelsey directly at 508-364-2002, or by email [hkelsey@capecod.edu](mailto:hkelsey@capecod.edu)

