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Dear Lifetime Learners:

I hope that you enjoyed a nice and relaxing summer. This fall, we will continue NCC's year-long celebration of its 50th anniversary. The college was founded in September 1961 as a municipal college of the City of Norwalk. Since then, NCC has enriched countless lives and has evolved into a national role model for community engagement and student success initiatives.

We were honored this year to have Connecticut Governor Dannel Malloy as our guest speaker at NCC's commencement exercises in May. NCC was the first community college to have Gov. Malloy as its featured speaker, since his taking office last November. NCC's graduation Class Speaker Vennette Perez was featured in two radio broadcasts on CBS News Radio 880. She also was the lead story in the national graduation round-up in the American Association of Community Colleges *Community College Times*.

NCC's extensive involvement with the communities it serves earned it a place on the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching's 2010 Community Engagement Classification.

Earlier this year, NCC became one of only four community colleges in the world to join the United Nations Academic Impact, a consortium of institutions committed to the principles of sustainability, literacy, human rights and conflict resolution.

The college's new Center for Science, Health and Wellness is moving closer to completion and by late spring faculty were packing up offices for the move to the new building. The \$35 million facility is slated to open in time for Fall 2011 classes. It will house a new Health and Wellness Center, science laboratories, nursing clinical labs, classrooms and faculty offices.

The Norwalk Community College Foundation, Inc. will host Le Bal d'Ecole 2011, a biennial fundraiser to benefit scholarships, student success and academic achievement, on Saturday, October 29, 2011 at NCC. More than 500 guests are expected to attend the black tie gala, which will include dinner, dancing and a live auction. This year's theme will be "One Golden Night," in celebration of our 50th anniversary. Le Bal d'Ecole Guests of Honor will be Olympic Gold Medalists Donna DeVarona and Rafer Johnson.

I look forward to seeing you soon and welcome you back to what I'm sure will be an enriching semester at NCC.

Best regards,

David L. Levinson, Ph.D.
President