

## Men's Basketball Team Preparing to Jump Start the Rest of the Season

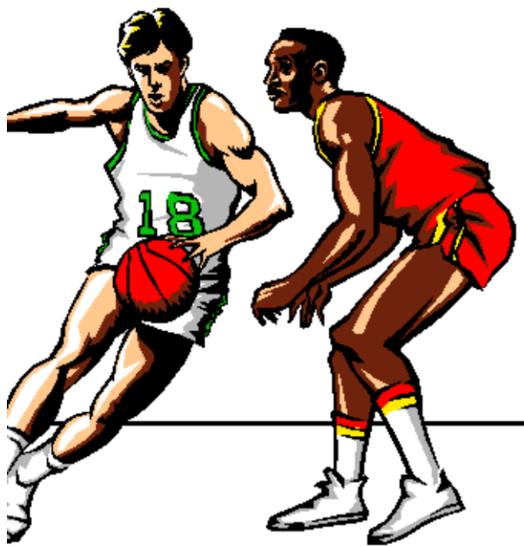
By JUSTIN HARRIS, CCC Cougars Guard  
Column Special to The Campus Press

Coming back from break, we return to the season with our record at 8-6. We've had plenty of ups and downs but it has made us stronger as a whole. It has shown us that a team is always tougher to beat than five individuals.

Our team is led by Coach Lou Abbattista who is in his fifth year as head coach. Coach Lou is now in his 35<sup>th</sup> year of coaching! He coached at Paul VI and St. Augustine High Schools before coming to Camden County College as an assistant 10 years ago. Coach Lou is the heart and soul of this team, without him the team would never have come together like it has.

### Like Playing for Coach Lou

It's really an honor playing for Coach Lou; I've learned so much! Coach Lou has been in the Regional Championship two out of his last four years as head coach, has a current record of 93-40 and most importantly has sent 15 players to play at four-year colleges with one playing professionally overseas.



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The assistants are great as well as both of them played here under Coach Lou. **Joe Santone** is a young guy just out of college. He played at Rowan University after playing at Camden County. **John Chesmond** is the other assistant who was an All American when he played at Camden County! The Camden County basketball team hasn't had an All American since the 90s before Coach Stix.

We are setting some lofty goals for the rest of this year. Even though we are loaded with freshman, we think we have a chance of being a good team. Last year we lost in the Region 19 Final game. Not everyone knows this but last year I was actually cut from the team before being brought back in the second semester. I

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## February: In Celebration of Black History



Edited By HARRY SCHONLEBER  
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The Father of Black History Month, Carter G. Woodson, was born in 1875 near New Canton, Virginia. He was the son of former slaves. In 1907, he obtained his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Chicago. In 1912, he received his Ph.D. from Harvard University.

In 1915, he and friends established the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. A year later, the *Journal of Negro History*, began quarterly publication. In 1926, Woodson proposed and launched the annual February observance of Negro History Week, which became Black History Month in 1976.

It is said that he chose February for the observance because February 12th was the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln, the so-called Great Emancipator and February 14th was the birthday of Frederick Douglass, a



**Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson (1875-1950)** was a historian and founder of *Black History Week* that evolved into *Black History Month*, February, for the celebration of the history and achievements Black people and persons of African descent.

noted abolitionist and one of the first heroes of the Civil Rights Movement.

Dr. Woodson was the founder of Associated Publishers, the founder and editor of the *Negro History Bulletin*, and the author of more than 30 books. His best known publication is *The Mis-Education of the Negro*, originally published in 1933 and still pertinent today.

He died in 1950, but Dr. Woodson's scholarly legacy goes on.

Source: Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum, St. Petersburg, Fla.



## Player Presents a Preview of the 2016 Baseball Season at Camden County College

By Alex Pappas, CCC Baseball Team Catcher  
Column Special to The Campus Press

The Camden County College Baseball team is set and eager to get the 2016 season started. Head Coach Kenny Bouillon is returning for his 12<sup>th</sup> season at CCC and looking for his first national championship.

The Cougars have made the Region XIX playoffs 11 straight years under Bouillon and have been to the region XIX Championship game four times. In 2012,



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Bouillon was named Region XIX coach of the year and in 2013 the Cougars won the Garden State Athletic Conference.

### Two Former CCC Players Return to Staff

Also returning on the coaching staff are two former cougars **John Merkh** and **D.J. Stinsman**. Coach

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Shortstop L.T. Struble (left) was a first-team NJCAA All-American in 2015 as a college freshman and led the nation in stolen bases.

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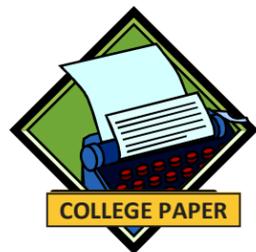
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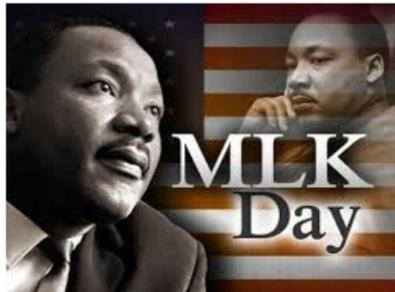
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## Profile: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. — The Man and The Day of Service at CCC and Around the Nation

Edited By **HARRY SCHONLEBER**  
Campus Press Staff Writer

**M**artin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968) was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the African American Civil Rights Movement.



### January 15 & 18 Tribute to King

In tribute to Dr. King, the college's Student Life and Activities Office organized two days of service, Jan. 15 and Jan. 18 (see below), in honor of Dr. King to benefit The Forgotten Haven, a South Jersey non-profit organization.

Dr. King is best known for being an iconic figure in the advancement of civil rights in the United States and around the world, using nonviolent methods following the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. King is often presented as a heroic leader in the history of modern American liberalism.



### King Leads Change

A Baptist minister, The Rev. Dr. King became a civil rights activist early in his career. He led the 1955 Montgomery Bus Boycott and helped found the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957, serving as its first president. Dr. King's efforts led to the 1963 March on Washington, where Dr. King delivered his now famous "I Have a Dream" speech. There, he expanded American values to include the vision of a color-blind society, and established his reputation as one of the greatest orators in American history.



### King Receives Nobel Peace Prize

In 1964, Dr. King, at age 34, became the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize for his work to end racial segregation and racial discrimination through civil disobedience and other nonviolent means. By the time of his death in 1968, he had refocused his efforts on ending poverty and stopping the Vietnam War.

### King Slain on April 4, 1968

Dr. King was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn. He was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1977 and Congressional Gold Medal in 2004.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was established as a U.S. federal holiday and of service in 1986.

Monday, Jan. 18, 2016, was the 30th nationwide celebration of Dr. King's life and legacy.

### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service 2016 Friday, January 15 and Monday, January 18

**Camden County College's** 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Days of Service were on Friday, January 15 and Monday, January 18. This event honors the life of Dr. King and his impact on the lives of Americans. Through hands-on, engaging service activities, we celebrate the legacy of the man that reminds us "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve!"

Volunteers of all backgrounds including students, faculty, and staff were needed to assist with sorting and folding clothes for donations to The Unforgotten Haven, according to CCC's Office of Student Life and Activities.

**The Unforgotten Haven** is a South Jersey non-profit organization whose mission is to help the less fortunate. This help takes many forms-feeding the homeless, assisting victims of house fires, collecting supplies for the Veterans and much more. Working in partnership with churches and other community organizations, The Unforgotten Haven is a charity that provides all its services without charge.

Images of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sources: "MLK Day" — [ksfy.com](http://ksfy.com), "1964 TIME Magazine Cover" — [theroadtomotivation.blogspot.com](http://theroadtomotivation.blogspot.com) and "MLK Jr. on USA First Class 33 Cents" — [Stamppostalmuseum.si.edu](http://Stamppostalmuseum.si.edu).

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## TRIBUTE TO ROCK STAR DAVID BOWIE: Ashes To Ashes, Dust To Stardust

By **BRIANNE LINDLINE**  
Campus Press Co-Editor and Columnist

# "Fame!" "Let's Dance!"

What happens when the immortal become mortal? Shock. Denial.

Heartbreak at the least. On January 10, glam rock star, David Bowie was announced dead at age 69 from cancer. The next day became a day of mourning and grief over the otherworldly hero.

### Ziggy Stardust, A Bowie Persona

Almost everyone knows of David Bowie and his loss brings devastation for all. The music industry was forever changed when in 1967, he released his self-titled debut and in 1969, we were given "Ziggy Stardust" a character introduced in Bowie's album *Space Oddity*. This character was the beginning of several personas Bowie took on throughout his career along with *Aladdin Sane*, (pictured top center) which is a pun for "A Lad Insane" and the popular, well known, lightning bolt across his face represents the duality of mind.

From our childhood and possibly our first crushes, he brought us Jareth the Goblin King from *The Labyrinth* (pictured top right) and several other movie roles including an immortal vampire in *The Hunger*. David Bowie was unlike any artist



Photos: davidbowie.com

I have ever seen or heard. He had an element about him that was so unique that if anyone even tried to imitate him it would be tacky. Like his life, his death seemed to be a work of art in itself. Eighteen months prior to his death, he was diagnosed with liver cancer but decided not to have this news made public.

### Blackstar, Bowie's Last Album Released on His Birthday, January 8

He worked on his last album *Blackstar* which was released on his birthday January 8. His producer, Tony Visconti said that this album was Bowie's "Parting Gift" and that even though ill while making it "he wanted to do it his way and he wanted to do it the best way" which he did.

He also released a music video for his song "Lazarus" which features an eerie sound and an ending scene of him backing up into a closet, another way for him saying goodbye. Although the news was upsetting and left a lot of people in tears, I believe his spaceship knew which way to go and he finally went back to his home planet proving that there is now life on mars.

► Bowie's top-selling single songs include: Fame! Let's Dance!, China Girl, Heroes, Starman, Ashes To Ashes, and Life on Mars?

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## Lady Cougars Soccer Team Focuses on Kicking Off Successful 2016 Season

By **EMILY GOELTZ**, Lady Cougars Soccer Team Column Special To The Campus Press

**C**CC Lady Cougars Soccer enjoyed a very successful fall 2015 season. The team returned only two players from the 2014 squad, but they added 11 first time players to raise their roster to 13 dedicated soccer enthusiasts.

Contrary to popular belief, 13 turned out to be a very lucky number for the Lady Cougars. Considering that in several previous seasons the soccer program fielded less than a full squad for a majority of the games played while the 2015 team never played short-handed, 13 turned out to be a very good number, indeed. In fact the 2015 Lady Cougars Soccer Team qualified for the Region XIX Post-Season Tournament for the first time since the 2010 season.

### Hope to Build on Success of 2015

After four grueling weeks of pre-season training in August, the 2015 Lady Cougars made the hard work pay off as they reeled off three consecutive wins before hitting the first bump in the road. After the first three wins, they went two wins and three losses in the next five games, to reach an overall record of five wins three losses at the midpoint of the season. Next, the team tied arch-rival Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC) Roadrunners. RCGC held the

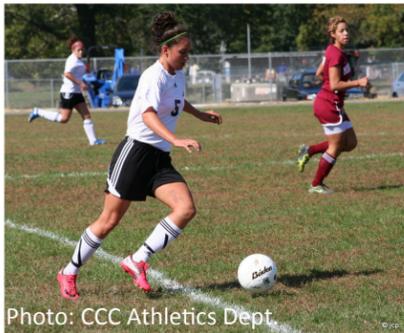


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Lady Cougars prepare for 2016 season.

advantage in the previous five seasons, so this was a major breakthrough for the 2015 campaign, since it boosted their regional record to 4-2-1 with four regional contests remaining.

The payoff came in their next regional match, as they traveled to Northampton Community College and garnered a 4-1 victory to raise their regional record to 5-2-1 with three regional contests remaining, thus insuring at least an even regional record and clinching a spot in the post season tournament. The team finished the regular season at 6-4-1 in Region XIX play, and posted their first overall regular season winning record since 2010, finishing at 7-6-1 overall.

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## KUDOS: Students Give High Marks to CCC Professor Lester Owens

Edited By **BRIANNE LINDLINE**  
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**A** Camden County College faculty member ranks among the top 20 two-year college instructors in North America and the United Kingdom, according to student ratings entered on the website RateMyProfessors.com.

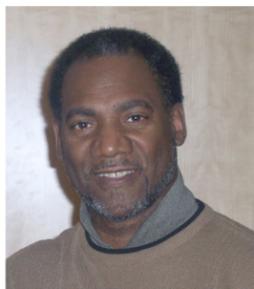
Professor Lester Owens placed 16th on this year's Highest Rated Junior and Community College Professors list, which may be viewed at <http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/blog/toplist/top-jr-college-professors-of-2014-2015>.

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### Lone Teacher on College List

Owens is one of 905 full- and part-time Camden County College faculty members that RateMyProfessors.com users have rated. His page and the comments students have made about him is at <http://www.ratemyprofessors.com/ShowRatings.jsp?tid=298836>. Almost all of the comments include that he is always available to help students and that he makes math look simple and fun.

The Blackwood resident was the only teacher from New Jersey,



Prof. Lester Owens

from Pennsylvania or Delaware to make the junior/community college list. He has been a full-time member of CCC's Academic Skills Math Department since 2005 and was an adjunct for the college for 10 years prior. He teaches primarily on the Camden City Campus. He previously received an African-American Legend Torchbearer Award from the Camden County Cultural and Heritage Commission; a Camden County Martin Luther King Freedom Medal; and an EOF Champion Award from the New Jersey Educational Opportunity Fund.

### Prof. Owens Tutors in Math

Owens is known for providing technologically enabled math tutoring and assistance to CCC students and the community at large and currently is offering free algebra tutoring at Camden County Library System locations. He received a \$15,000 grant in 2008 to study the use of web conferencing as a tool for learning elementary algebra, and he has advised the college's Urban Unity Club and its Brotherhood of Men group; served as a Commencement marshal; and co-authored mathematics textbooks. He also has been the owner of Cultural Software Design since 1991 and has given many community presentations on local African-American history.

Owens holds a bachelor of arts degree in applied mathematics from what is now West Chester University and a master of arts degree in instructional technology from what is now Stockton University. He is pursuing a doctorate at Northcentral University.

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## Cross Country Teams on Track to Win National Championships in 2016

By **Savino Borreggine**, Men's Cross Country Team Column Special To The Campus Press

**T**he men's and women's cross country teams just completed their fourth season since the program was reinstated after a thirty year absence.

The team's head coach is **Wayne Merkh** and the assistant coach is **Michele Gegenheimer**. Both are Camden County College graduates and former cross country athletes. Together they guided both men's and women's teams to their highest finish at the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Nationals this past November.

### Teams Excel in Sport

The 2015 cross country season teams ran in a total of eight competitions, beginning last September 1 at the Bryn Mawr College Invitational in Media, Pa., and ending November 7 at the NJCAA Nationals in Westfield Ma. The teams traveled together to invitational competitions mostly in New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. The races were held in some state parks, recreational facilities, and some at the host colleges and universities.

The women's team was led by **Candace Daywalt**, a graduate of Sterling high school in 2015. Candace was a first time cross country runner, having played four years of soccer in high school. The experience or lack of was not a factor due to her athleticism and drive to be the best. Candace earned some individual awards



Cross Country Runner Susan Snuffins runs her course. The photo is courtesy of Greg Schenker, father of Cross Country Runner Julia Schenker.

while leading the team of **Susan Snuffins, Julia Schenker, Caitlin Cassidy, and Emily Sachs**. The team for a time was nationally ranked in the NJCAA Division III top ten poll, before ending up finishing in 12<sup>th</sup> place at the nationals.

### Nationally Ranked

The men's team had Matt Walker a graduate of Camden County Vocational (Sicklerville) 2014 and me, **Savino Borreggine**, Audubon high school 2015 lead the team of **Hira Baruwal, Chris Whitener, and Josh Hyland**. The team

was also ranked in the NJCAA Division III top ten poll for a majority of the season. The men's team placed third at the Dukes Invitational, and later at the Region XIX Championships took another 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish by one point. All Region XIX honors were earned by Borreggine, sixth place and **Matt Walker** seventh place. The men's team then went to the NJCAA Nationals and competing for the first time at the national championships, ran to a 14<sup>th</sup> place finish.

The goals for the fall 2016 season are the same as it has been for the past two seasons, since Mr. Merkh has been the head coach, to increase the numbers of both male and female runners, therefore creating more internal competition for the team's top spots. The greater the team depth, makes winning the Region XIX Championship a real possibility, and the ultimate goal of bringing Camden County College a NJCAA National Championship.

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# Lady Cougars Soccer Team Strives Toward Winning Goals in 2016 Season

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The Lady Cougars entered the post season tournament as the sixth seed and faced third seed arch-rival RCGC Roadrunners in the first round. In a very hotly contested match, the Lady Cougars couldn't quite get it done as they fell 4-3 to end their fall 2015 season at 7-7-1 overall.

Even with the disappointing playoff loss, there is much to look forward to for the 2016 season. The team has the potential to return 11 experienced players for fall 2016. The 2015 roster included the two captains, attacking midfielder **Natalie Acciani** (Cherry Hill East) and defender/midfielder **Becca Wilson** (Michigan Lutheran), who both completed their two years of eligibility and will be moving on to some lucky four-year program. Their playing abilities and leadership will

both be missed. But that's just business as usual in NJCAA athletics.

The 2016 attack will be in good hands. Two All-Region XIX forwards who lead the 2015 team in goal-scoring as freshmen, Linda Kovacs (Cherry Hill West) and Sara Roselle (Haddon Heights) each scored 12 goals as they combined for 24 goals of the team's total of 39, will return to pick up where they left off.

## Men's Golf News

By John Kennedy  
Member, Men's Golf Team

The upcoming golf season will be a good one. Our team finished in third place in Region XIX in 2015. **Pete DeStefano** will be missed as he was on our team for two straight years and competed at a high level, making it to Division III National Golf Championship.

He will be competing in 2016 for Rutgers Camden. Returning to this year's team will be **Ed Barycki, Matt Everett, John Kennedy, Brendan Schiesser** and **Zachary Smith**. New additions to the team will be freshmen **Anthony DeStefano** and **Collin Belinsky**.

We are looking forward to improving over last year's finish and with such a strong team we should achieve success.



## Bridges

### Held So Tight

By CHLOE BOHNE

The summer fades with names exchanged, lifelong and beheld; Dreams have changed, discretely misbehaved; they twist too soon to tell.

These often unconscious fantasies have led to many coherent plans; If only just a might, I'll hold you ever so tight, I'll love you through all life's jams.

Whimsical things these may seem for our age to conjure up, however In the end all will be well while our living dreams run amuck. Like the sun is under April days, hot, humid, wild, and yet tame; Gentle swoons under silver moons, in still crystal waters bathe.

The tempest's sheath is gentle compared to thy love's hazel gaze; The days are gone and nights are long, our love has turned time to haze.

These melodies of rhapsodies our signs have composed by the fire, Held so tight, passions ignite, physically unknown to tire. And should we yearn a little much, and seek out the others touch? Then fervently pray to gain your hug, and share with you our honey love.

The tintinnabulation sounding beautifully the coming years Of our love's coronation to end the sovereign tears.

I cannot think nor concentrate on reality anymore, The only thing that speaks to me is our coming joined doors.

So open them, these doors that hold our fantasies, whims, and future pleas; We fit so right, held so tight, let's put this time to ease.

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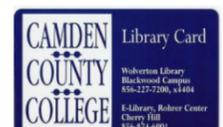


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## Men's Soccer Scores Big Success

By **JAMES WHITTY**, Men's Soccer Team Captain  
Column Special to The Campus Press

**M**y name is **James Whitty** and I was the captain of the men's soccer team last year which went 17-4. We finished #4 in the country at the national tournament in Utica, New York. We were 11-0 in conference play which made us the #1



Photos: Bill Banks, CCC Athletic Director

**A WINNER** — CCC Men's Soccer Coach Giuseppe Lamberti has been named Coach of Year for three consecutive years by the Garden State Athletic Conference, and the National Junior College Athletic Association.

seed in the Region XIX playoffs. We had three first team all-region players and second team all-region players. We also had three out of the 10 top players in the region. **Derek DeSantana** was named second team All-American. Key players returning next season are **Allan Costa, Marquinos Pinto Fihlo, Derek DeSantana, Hugo Barbier, Ethan Perry, Gus Avender** and **Rob Munday** who was a first Team All-Region player in 2014.

### Coaches Push Players to Winning Goals

The coaches were great. They helped us whenever we needed anything and strived to make us better every day. They pushed us to achieve something the team has never done before by finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the Nation. Head coach **Giuseppe Lamberti** who has been Coach of the Year the past three years recruits kids from around the world to attend Camden County College. We have over 30 international players that attend Camden County College each year with hopes of making the team. Associate Head Coach **Jimmy Connor** who has a long resume as a player and coach has been vital in the skill and strategy development of the players each year. Assistant Coach **Andrew Baus** handles goal keeper development which has helped tremendously in making us a strong defensive team.

The 2016 season will begin at the end of August. On the schedule will be other Division III NJCAA power house schools as well as numerous Division I and II NJCAA schools. To continue to develop and grow and be the best we have to play the best.

CCC men's soccer team prepares for a winning season.



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**MATCHING WITS** — Head Coach Gary Papa (left) and his Assistant Coach John Chillem (center), who are well known in the sport of wrestling for their success, talk strategy with wrestler Samer Younes.

## Wrestling Takes Hold Again at CCC

By **IAN LYNCH**, CCC Wrestling Team  
Column Special to The Campus Press

**A**fter nearly 30 years, the Camden County College administration and board of trustees decided to bring back the sport of wrestling to the Blackwood Campus.

Approximately eighty South Jersey high schools offer the sport of wrestling and the CCC administration saw the opportunity to better serve the needs of the local student athletes by offering them an additional location to continue their education and participate in an intercollegiate sport.

### Great Expectations in '16

Last season the Cougars posted a four win-seven loss dual meet season and qualified three individual wrestlers to the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) National Tournament. Additionally, I — freshman **Ian Lynch** (from Haddon Heights) — became an academic All-American to cap off his first season.

Last fall the wrestling

team entered their second season with better expectations. Over 50 student athletes signed up for the team and 25 showed up for the first week of practice.

This year's team is currently 5-1 in dual meet competition and has finished better than .500 in three different individual tournaments. One of the dual meet victories was over defending Garden State Athletic Conference Champions, Rowan College at Gloucester County. Team leaders this year are **Ian Lynch, Matt O'Donnell** (Paul VI), **Brock Worrell** (Eastern), **Chaz Bramble** (Buena), and **Dymere Rappa** (Paulsboro).

### Coach Papa a Winner

Entering his second season as head coach is Gary Papa, who was one of the winningest high school wrestling coaches in New Jersey State history with a 25-year record of 440-95-2. His teams won 15 state

championships over his career. Associate Head Coach, **Nick Papa**, also enters his second season with the Cougars. Previously, Coach Nick Papa was a ten-year assistant coach at Camden Catholic High School where his teams won Conference, District, Sectional and State Championships all ten years!

### Chillem an All American

Coach **John Chillem** is in his first year as assistant coach for the Cougars. Coach Chillem received his master of science degree in psychology from Rowan University. Coach Chillem wrestled collegially at Gloucester County College where he was an NJCAA All American. He went on to wrestle at Rowan where he became an NWCA All American in 2015.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from the CCC wrestling program, spread the word! This program has a bright future and we are excited for what is down the road. Come out and support your fellow Cougars.

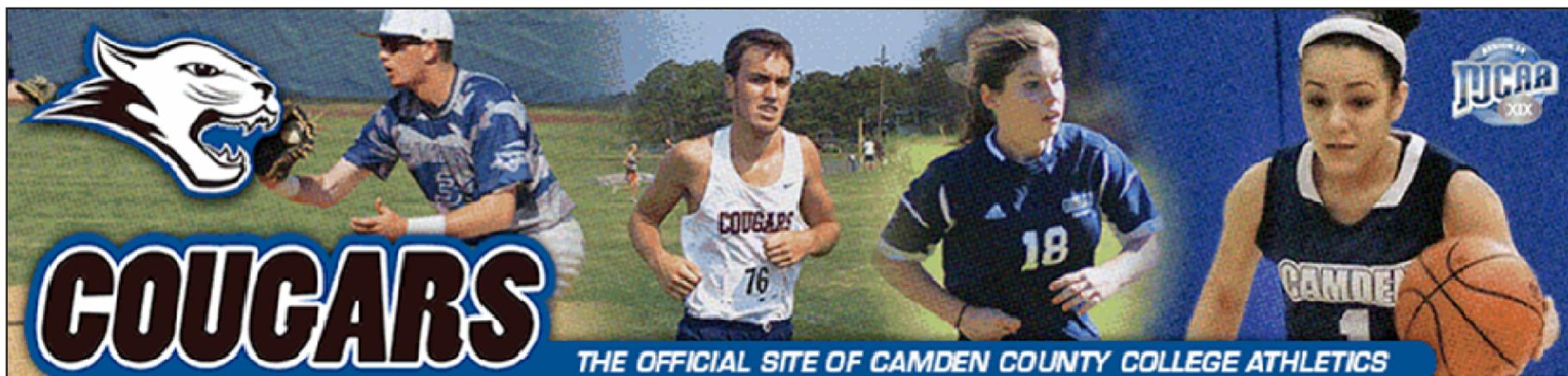


The popular and athletic competition of wrestling returned to the college in 2015 after a 30-year absence.

**Wrestling's Remaining 2016 Schedule** Head Coach: Gary Papa

Date	Day	Time	College	Place
January 23	Saturday	TBD	GSAC Championship @ Rowan College	A
January 30	Saturday	TBD	York College Quad Meet vs RCGC, Penn State Mont Alto, York College	A
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Temple University</b>	<b>H</b>
February 12-13	Fri. – Sat.	TBD	District 19 Championship @ RCGC (National Qualifier)	A
February 25-27	Thur. – Sat.	TBD	NJCAA National Tournament @ Council Bluffs, Iowa	A

## COUGARS TEAM SPORTS NEWS



To see CCC team schedules and statistics, go to [www.camdencc.edu](http://www.camdencc.edu). Contact: Athletics Director William Banks (in Papiano Gymnasium).

### Players Hoop and Pitch Lady Cougars Basketball and Softball

# Cougars' News

#### On Women's Basketball

By Sophomore Player **LORRAINE VELEZ**

The Lady Cougars started off the season with a huge 64-26 victory over Community College of Philadelphia, and then things took a turn.

With an already inexperienced team, as the Lady Cougars had all first year players, over the next eleven games, they had six different players miss a number of games due to injury or illness. Their last two games of the first half they played with five players against Valley Forge Military College and six players against Rowan at Gloucester College.

Even with the bumpy road the team traveled during the first half of the season, there were definitely some highlights. In the win over CCP Freshmen **Kylea Patterson** and **Mariah Jones** combined for 44 points in their first ever college basketball game, and Kylea matched her career high with 25 points against Passaic College on December 12th.

Through four games, sophomore **Natalie Acciani** was leading the nation in rebounding with an incredible average of 20 rebounds per game. She set the school record for rebounds in a single game with 25 versus Passaic College, and one game later broke her own record by pulling down 26 rebounds versus Atlantic Cape College.

As the team enters the second half of the season, the team will have a few new faces and be even younger. We may not have the experience most of our conference opponents have, but we will work hard and compete hard every time we step on the court, said Coach **Chip Reitano**. We have to adjust our mindset a bit, and focus on just getting better everyday.

#### CCC Women's Softball

By Freshman Catcher **LINDA KOVACS**

There hasn't been a softball team at CCC since the spring of 2014. Well it's time to welcome back the Lady Cougars softball program. There are already a number of girls slated for this springs team, with many more showing interest in coming out for the team. It will be a welcome sight to see action on the CCC softball field once again.

I am excited about the possibilities for our team this season, said first year head coach Chip Reitano. Coach Reitano said there will be a number of players that will make an immediate impact such as pitchers **Alaina Shukdinas** (Highland High School) and **Lindsey Farmer** (Sterling), catchers **Linda Kovacs** (Cherry Hill West) and **Samantha Kasavage** (Winslow Twp.), as well as outfielders **Sharelle Boyer** (Overbrook), **Lorraine Velez** (Pennsauken).

The Lady Cougars are hoping for an exciting season. Come out and support us!

### CCC Baseball Season 2016 in Preview

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Stinsman was a member of the cougars in 2009 and eventually went on to play professional baseball in the PECOS league for the Roswell Invaders. Stinsman returned to Camden County College last season as the pitching coach.

Coach Merkh played from 2009-2011 for the cougars. In 2012 Merkh joined the Cougars coaching staff and is now the head assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. Coach Merkh said earlier in an interview last year "I'm very excited about this upcoming season. We were very young last year and managed to keep ourselves in hunt but the lack of sophomore leadership really hurt us down the stretch. This year should be a much different story with a large number of returning sophomores and a great recruiting class of talented freshman."

#### Key Players Return to Team

One of the key returning sophomore players is shortstop **L.T. Struble**. Struble was a first team National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American last year as a freshman and led the country in stolen bases. **Kyle Harris**, **Brandon McCafferty**, **Brett Kuchera**, **Ryan Van Snick**, **Brandon Sanchez**, **Tyler Fletcher**, and **Angel Rodriguez** are also returning sophomores with a lot to prove. Van Snick, a Canadian native, feels "this is a tough group of guys. We endured so many ups and downs last year. There isn't much we haven't been through already so now it's just time to go out and take care of business."

All Cougars fans are encouraged to come out March 29<sup>th</sup> for our home game against Rowan College of Gloucester County. The Roadrunners are the Cougars' biggest rivals and it is expected to be one of the best games on the region XIX schedule this year. GO COUGARS!

### Women Tennis Team Ranked Sixth in Nation in 2015

By **MACKENZIE CARR**, CCC Tennis Team Column Special to The Campus Press

Camden County College has not had a tennis program since the early 1980s. Tennis returned to CCC in 2014 when Coach **Brad Rose** was hired and after just two seasons he led the team to an overall record of 16-6 and finished second in Region 19 and was ranked the sixth team in the nation in 2015.

Freshman **Sapphira Payne** played second singles and made it to

the semi-finals in the Regional tournament. Third singles **Julia Eggie** (freshman), fourth singles **Alyssa Cruz** (freshman), and sixth singles **MacKenzie Carr** (freshman) all placed second in Regions while fifth singles **Nathalie Rivera** came in first. Second doubles, Payne and Cruz, placed second in the tournament and third doubles, Rivera and

Carr, came in first. The team also included seventh singles **Diana Aguilar** (freshman), eighth singles **Naomi Payne** (sophomore), and ninth singles **Dom Watkins** (sophomore).

The Cougars qualified for the NJCAA National tournament which took place in Peachtree City, Georgia where Nathalie Rivera was name Second Team All American.



CCC's Women Tennis Team is set to have a winning season.

Photo: Bill Banks, Athletic Director

### Second Half of CCC Men's Basketball Season Jumps Off

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was never recruited in high school. Now I have Division three coaches coming to check out my games! I saw what it took to win from last year's team. I bring that same hustle and compassion to this year's team.

Some of our key players are **Tyriq Wilson**, **Ishmael Sangrea**, **Jerrel Burke** and **Ronkevis Clardy** and we are adding 6-feet, 6 inches wing, **James Stanbeck**, a transfer from Brookedale Community College. He is going to be a great addition to our team.

There are only a few home games left in the season before the playoffs begin. Hope to see you at a game soon!

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