

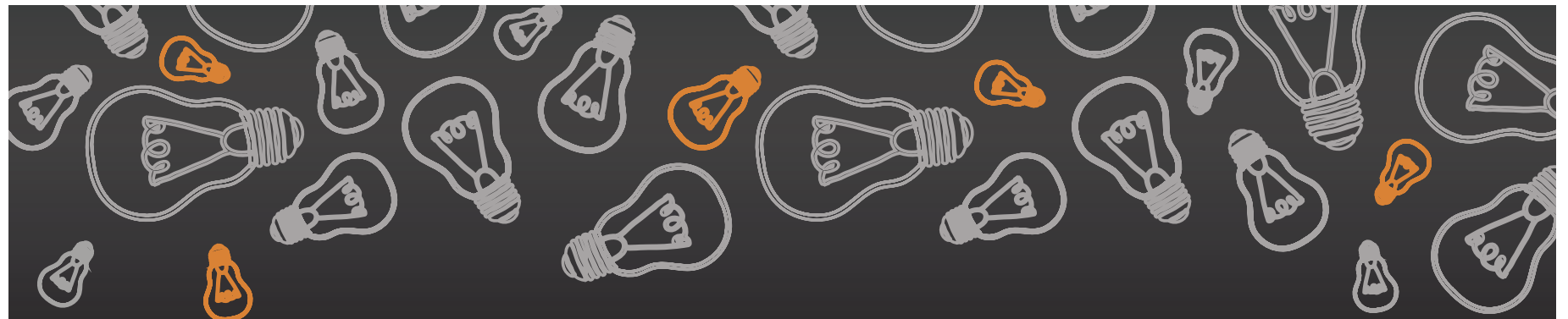


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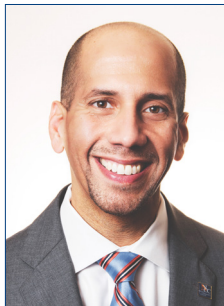
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends & Colleagues,

The 2020-2021 academic year continued to be a year of transitions as this global pandemic forced us to reimagine how we support our students

on their pathway and ensure students are learning.

We have endured so much as a College, a community, a County, a State, a Nation, and Globally and the academic landscape continues to shift. Regardless of the shifts, pivots, and transitions the SUNY Nassau community, together, continued to focus on providing a high-quality education and excellent support services for our students.

Throughout this annual summary, we highlight the inspiring achievements of our

SUNY Nassau community to continue to thrive throughout the challenges presented by the pandemic. Transitioning challenges to opportunities, as we forge forward. We remain Nassau Strong, with a universal vision of advancing in support of the College's mission.

SUNY Nassau Community College Transforms Lives

We enhanced equitable student opportunities by introducing new academic pathways as well as enhancing access to essential necessities for our students to succeed through a mobile food pantry initiative, expanded scholarship opportunities and a loaner laptop program. We continue to expand our community relationships to ensure we are meeting the needs of our local communities, County and region.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the SUNY Nassau community including our dedicated faculty, and staff, as well as

the College's Board of Trustees and our supporters, including the Nassau Community College Foundation Board, for all we have accomplished over the last academic year. Additionally, we would like to thank our federal, state, county, local and community partners. It truly is a community effort that allows the College to continue to provide our students with the academics and skills needed for their future successes and ensure they leave here as a civically engaged contributing member of their communities with a credential of economic value.

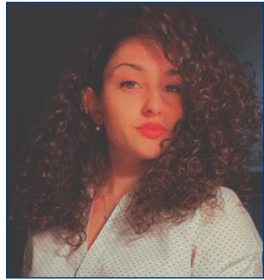
I am proud to lead this dedicated, inspiring and diverse community and am very grateful for each of you.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jermaine Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jermaine F. Williams, Ed.D.
President – Nassau Community College

WE ARE SUNY NASSAU



Ludovica Costanzo
SUNY Nassau Student

Hello all. My name is Ludovica Sophia Costanzo, and I am the President of the Student Government Association at Nassau Community College. I decided to go to the College because it offers an amazing student program in which English is the second language, and in the meantime I'm able to get my Associate's degree. My experience at NCC has been wonderful. I've had the

opportunity to study, create friendships, and learn new things about different cultures.

Nassau is rich in diversity, and it's fascinating to me. I decided to get involved with the Student Government Association because I want the voices of all Nassau Community College students to be heard. My experience with the SGA is one of the best experiences I have ever had -- I have learned a lot about the students and faculty. I've also made many friends with other Student Government Association members. We are like one big family. My favorite memory at NCC so far has been my reading class with Professor O'Brien-Smith. I always looked forward to going to her class every day."



Carl Henry Denaud
SUNY Nassau Student

Meet Carl Henry Denaud: Nassau Community College Honors Student.

"The Honors program changed my perspective about a lot of things in my life and I would strongly advise any incoming freshmen student to become a part of the Honors program." This program provides so many

opportunities to achieve anything that you set your mind to and at the Honors Award night you are recognized for those accomplishments and presented with certificates, official Honors recognition on your transcripts and more.

If you are interested in joining the Honors Program contact Advisor Professor Elizabeth Hynes-Munisky at elizabeth.hynes-munisky@ncc.edu.



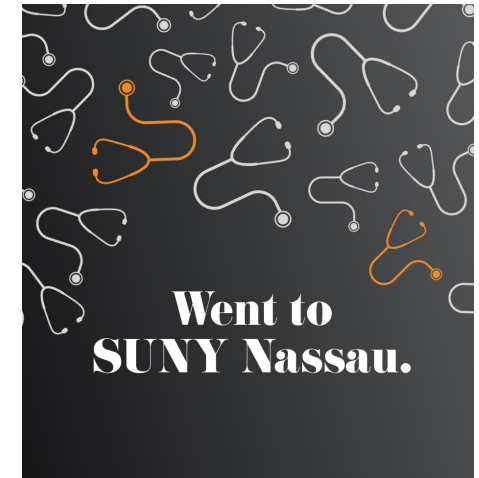
Sara Koumou
SUNY Nassau Graduate

I am truly thankful for the NCC Nursing Program. As a New Grad they told us the first year of nursing would be hard, but nursing in a pandemic is something else. Working in an acute care setting and having an abbreviated orientation to my hospital, unit, and operating system has truly been a completely stressful and difficult situation. During my clinical we used the

SUNRISE system which I have become proficient with however, I am finding out that most other hospitals are using EPIC system. The one saving grace I had, is EPIC had a similar interface to the newly mandated "post clinical" program we were using (so even though I hated doing it), I will personally say that has helped me become familiar with the system and more proficient during these stressful and crazy times.

I am truly grateful and proud to be a graduate of the NCC Nursing program. I have heard on numerous occasions that hospitals love Nassau Students, but never believed it. Well, I can say now I understand. I truly feel that I am able to provide quality care, and perform at a professional level due to my extensive and comprehensive instruction provided by Nassau. If it was not for the program and its intensity, stress, and hands on experience I really do not think I would be ready and "feel" ready to perform right now during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you NCC for not only the opportunity to be a graduate of the program, but for preparing me for the nursing profession (and nursing in a pandemic).





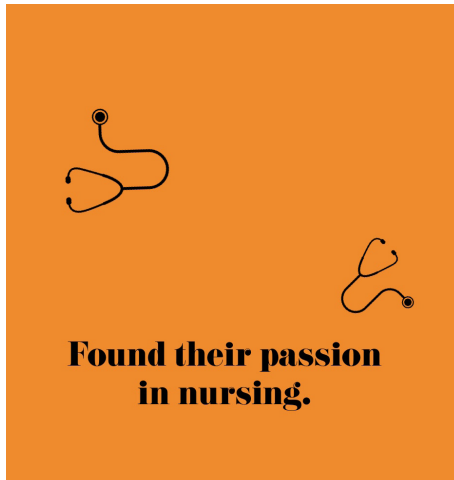
Ashley Vazquez
SUNY Nassau Nursing Student

I am currently in my last semester in SUNY Nassau’s multi-award nursing program. My goals are to become a labor and delivery nurse inspired by my current rotation. When I began nursing, I worked during the day and attended night classes. Studying was extremely hard for me as I only had the weekends. I met with a daycare close to me, and for only two full days, it would have

cost me \$986 a month. A fellow student suggested I reach out to the Greenhouse, NCC’s on-campus childcare center. The Greenhouse has helped me so much, not just during class time but when I needed study time or work time. They have given me the support I needed to be successful within my program – from failing my first nursing class to now having As. I am grateful my daughter gets to learn and have fun at the Greenhouse. The entire staff is truly amazing, always so welcoming, full of smiles, and are caring towards the children.

It was extremely important for me to receive the funding from the Empowerment Grant to pursue nursing. Finding out about the Empowerment Grant was a sure sign for me to continue in the nursing program. The support that SUNY Nassau has provided, along with amazing care for my little one, has been priceless. I can attend school and focus on my studies without the stress of childcare.

I highly recommend SUNY Nassau to anyone I know, especially fellow parents. I am an advocate for education and furthering one’s career. The faculty and staff I have met at SUNY Nassau are amazing, supportive and truly care about my success. My time with SUNY Nassau has been truly positive, which has made my graduation bittersweet. I have been extremely lucky and incredibly grateful to SUNY Nassau, The Greenhouse, and the nursing faculty.



Professor Jill Burgreen

“I started at NCC as a student in 1987 and loved it from day one!” I could not wait to come back, and I got my lucky break in 1998 when I was hired as an adjunct faculty member teaching ASL (American Sign Language) classes in the evening. Our ASL program became so popular and in 2000 I was hired full time.

NCC holds a very special place in my heart. I met my husband here, my three daughters went to the Children’s Greenhouse (still their favorite place), my oldest daughter graduated from NCC and played on the women’s volleyball team and now my middle daughter is an incoming Freshman, and she plays on the volleyball team. I am a proud NCC graduate, employee and parent. Go Lions!!!

The Department of Communications offers a variety of courses including Film Appreciation, Video Field Production, Public Speaking, Phonetics, Argumentation and Debate and American Sign Language levels 1-4. We have a full-service Communication Lab and an Internship Program for students to gain experience outside of the classroom in any of the disciplines listed above.



Professor Leonardo Falcon

“I was hired in the Fall of 2019 to teach history and to help strengthen Latin American Studies at Nassau Community College.” Among the courses I teach are Colonial Latin American History, History of Mexico and Central America, and Western Civilization. I am also Coordinator of the Latin American Studies Project and Chair of the International Education Committee of the Academic Senate. My fondest memory of my time at the

College so far is the day I was hired.

My department gave me the opportunity to fulfill my dreams as a Latin American historian and to contribute to our students’ success by working towards becoming a Hispanic Serving Institution. I am also honored to be the faculty advisor to the Student Organization of Latinos(as). The multicultural nature of our student body makes us an ideal place to foster respect and grants us the opportunity to work towards the fulfillment of all our students’ potential. This environment makes teaching, advocating, and engaging, particularly our minority students, our highest priority.

ACADEMIC FAST FACTS

Following the award of the College's first CSTEP (Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program) grant in 2020, the College was awarded a STEP grant for 2021 to support students in partnering districts to pursue their post-secondary dreams.

Continuing Education
Offered a virtual (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) STEM/STEAM (STEM + Arts) program accessible via the NCC website, which attracted students from 7-14 years of age with enrollment in multiple classes in Spring and Summer 2021.

Workforce Development
Through funding provided by Nassau County and New York State:

- Provided over 70 students with full scholarships to attend open enrollment training courses such as EMT, Phlebotomy Technician, and EKG Technician.
- Funded the training of 40 Community Health Workers.

NASSAU STRONG: Academic Excellence & Student Support

Nassau-Adelphi Gateway: *Nassau Community College, Adelphi Launch Co-Curricular Partnership for Student Success*

This Fall, 30 SUNY Nassau students are earning their associate degrees while being a part of campus life at Adelphi University. In addition to being able to live at Adelphi and participate in University activities, they also have access to streamlined transfer pathways for completing their bachelor's degrees.

Called *Nassau-Adelphi Gateway*, the distinctive partnership is a first of its kind on Long Island and one of only a few in the country. The option provides a best-of-both-worlds choice with the affordable tuition of beginning one's studies at Nassau Community College while taking advantage of the four-year co-curricular experience -- living and dining on campus, participating in clubs and recreation, and generally being part of the Adelphi community outside the classroom. Students will then be able to easily transfer into an Adelphi degree program and hit the ground running.

"Adelphi is committed to helping students achieve success in individualized ways, and I am pleased that this program offers an equitable and appealing option to students planning to earn a bachelor's degree," said Christine M. Riordan, PhD, president of Adelphi. **"As part of our vibrant Adelphi community from the start of their academic journey at Nassau Community College, students will seamlessly have access to a four-year experience in a way that works best for them. We look forward to building on our strong partnership with**

Nassau Community College, and supporting students' success in accessible and meaningful ways."

NCC students who are enrolled under the new program are able to use Adelphi facilities, participate in Adelphi student clubs, organizations and leadership development programs, have a parking decal for Adelphi's campus at no charge, have their application and deposit fees waived and have access to early academic advising from Adelphi's transfer student success team.

"At Nassau Community College, we are focused on providing our students with equitable opportunities that provide a solid foundation for their future successes, and with Nassau-Adelphi Gateway we are doing just that," said Jermaine F. Williams, EdD, Nassau Community College president. **"This partnership builds on an already existing positive relationship NCC has with Adelphi and we look forward to advancing the College's efforts around student access, completion and post-completion success."**



Baldwin High School Partners with SUNY Nassau Community College on Innovative Early College Program

Eligible BHS Seniors Attending SUNY Nassau's Campus, Earning Credits Towards Degree

Baldwin Union Free School District is unveiling an exciting initiative with Nassau Community College (SUNY Nassau). Through SUNY Nassau's Dual Enrollment Program, starting this month, pre-qualified Baldwin High School Seniors are starting their back-to-school journey by walking onto a college campus instead of through the front doors of the high school.

Thirteen students from the Class of 2021 started taking college courses on September 1, 2021 at the SUNY Nassau Campus to earn college credits towards a degree as part of an innovative education partnership between the Baldwin Union Free School District and the College. Baldwin is the first district to enter a dual-enrollment partnership with the College where students are on the community college's campus and considered full time.

"Our students will take courses that will help determine their future area of study and be

able to graduate high school and attend higher education, not only prepared and confident, but as sophomores," Baldwin Schools Superintendent Dr. Shari Camhi said.

The students are taking up to 6 classes this semester, including a math course, a political science course, an economics course, a science course, an English course, and a Physical Education course. These classes are dual enrollment courses that were selected to align with high school graduation requirements. The students will simultaneously earn high school and college credits.

"Community Colleges are a critical access point to higher education and a bridge to fulfilling the dreams of so many students. SUNY Nassau's Dual Enrollment Program seeks to provide high school students with the opportunity to advance in their collegiate academic journey while still

enrolled in high school," said Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, President, SUNY Nassau. **"I appreciate Dr. Camhi's innovative and strong leadership that has been a driving force for bringing this partnership to fruition. As New York State's, largest single campus community college, it is imperative that we are meeting the needs of the communities we serve and providing equitable opportunities for students so they can achieve their goals both inside and outside the classroom."**

The credits the students earn at SUNY Nassau will be transferable to any State University of New York (SUNY) College. This distinctive partnership will allow the high school students to be full-time non-matriculated college students and take their courses on the SUNY Nassau campus next year, which will save students time and money, as they will already have one year of college study completed whether they attend a two-year or four-year college or university.



Guided Pathways

Guided Pathways is an integrated, SUNY system-wide approach to student success utilizing intentionally designed, structured educational experiences to guide each student from high school to postsecondary entry through to attainment of high-quality credentials and rewarding careers. At SUNY Nassau we continue to advance the Guided Pathways initiative so students can quickly identify an academic path that is linked with their end goal(s), get on their path, and stay on their path while learning the essential knowledge and skills that will yield success in their lives. The College continues to map changes to guided pathways pillars and assess outcomes through student surveys and software data which provide key insights that help to advance and enhance student access, completion, and post-completion success.

- Implemented 124 Live Teach classrooms in a matter of months.
- Over 6,600 new students, including transfers, were advised by a professional advisor compared to 3,800 last year.

STUDENT ENRICHMENT & ENGAGEMENT



Nassau Community College Celebrates 10th Annual "Day of Service"

NCC Community Joins Together to Serve Those in Need & Honor NCC On-Site Workers, including 30 Nursing Students on the Surveillance Testing Program Team

Nassau Community College continues its annual "Day of Service" on Tuesday, April 13th with a day-long celebration to serve those in need and honor NCC on-site workers who have unselfishly dedicated their time over this past challenging year, including 30 nursing students who serve on NCC's Surveillance Testing Program team.

"At Nassau Community College we are committed to providing not only a high-quality education to the communities we serve, but participating as active members of those communities. For the last decade the College community has come together to dedicate their time to NCC's Day of Service and provide necessities for members of our Long Island communities," said Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, President, Nassau Community College. "This year, we also acknowledge the service of our NCC community members who were physically present at the College during this past challenging year, including 30 of our nursing students who have volunteered their time to serve as part of a team managing the College's Surveillance Testing Program. Without these critical

members of the NCC community, the College would not have been able to continue to provide the caliber of education and support resources our students are accustomed to and for that we honor them."

A decade ago, NCC's "Day of Service" was developed by the College's First Year Experience Program with the goal of bringing together the NCC community, administration, students, faculty and staff, to volunteer their time and talents to help those in need. For this year's celebration, the NCC Fashion Club, working with local high school students, have created a digital button to commemorate the 2021 celebration. The image is included below and has been incorporated into a pin that will be distributed to all of our NCC frontline faculty, staff, and student aides involved in the COVID testing process on campus.

Additional projects for NCC's Day of Service include a children's book drive, a campus cleanup with Covanta, an animal shelter donation drive as well as a donation drive for the Nest, NCC's on-campus food pantry. All collections will take place in the parking lot across from Public Safety.



Student Activities Thrive at SUNY Nassau

Throughout the year, the College hosted several events and educational panels for students including a Welcome Back Party for students in early September and January, the College also hosted a remote Student Activities Fair during which students had an opportunity to learn about clubs and organizations on campus and about how to get involved in campus life. Also offered were a wide variety of career planning workshops, a First-Generation Panel presentation to celebrate first generation college students, interactive entertainment programs, academic workshops, and panel discussions on current events such as Black Lives Matter. In December, and again in June, a drive onto campus event was held where students were invited to drive onto campus to receive giveaways and food, enjoy music, and celebrate the end of the semester. We further hosted with NYIT a virtual concert featuring Andy Grammer where students enjoyed a night under the stars with great music and fun food trucks.

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

The Title is Back! SUNY Nassau Men's Lacrosse National Champions



The SUNY Nassau Men's Lacrosse team secured its 22nd NJCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship with a thrilling double-overtime victory over second-seeded Harford (MD). The Lions currently hold the NJCAA record for most championship titles, with 22. The last title came in 2008, when Nassau defeated CCBC Essex.



Additionally, Nassau head coach John Savage earned Coach of the Tournament honors on the Lions' home field. In his fifth season at the helm of the tradition-rich Lions' program, John Savage led Nassau to its 50th championship appearance and its 22nd title. Savage took over the program in 2016, having accomplished winning seasons in each of his five years in Garden City.

Nassau Community College Offers Men's Volleyball and Women's Flag Football

Grant Funds Received from NJCAA Foundation, First Point Volleyball Foundation, National Football League (NFL) and Reigning Champs Experiences (RCX)



Nassau Community College has been selected to receive \$20,000 in grant funds from the NJCAA Foundation, First Point Volleyball Foundation, the National Football League (NFL) and the Reigning Champs Experience (RCX) to begin offering men's volleyball (Spring 2022) and women's flag football (Spring 2023) as official sports at the College. SUNY Nassau was one of 15 NJCAA member colleges chosen to receive \$10,000 in grant funds for men's volleyball and \$10,000 in grant funds for women's flag football. The grants were awarded to schools who expressed an interest in starting the two collegiate varsity offerings on campus.

"At Nassau Community College we are focused on providing

our students with a high-quality education, excellent support services, and extracurricular activities that provide a solid foundation for their future successes," said Dr. Jermaine F. Williams, President, Nassau Community College. "We thank the NJCAA, the First Point Volleyball Foundation, the NFL and Reigning Champs Experiences for providing the College with the opportunity to bring these athletic offerings to our students. We truly are a community at SUNY Nassau and our coaches are laser-focused on the student-athlete achieving. We look forward to cheering on all of our Athletic teams in the upcoming seasons."

With the addition of both men's volleyball and women's flag football, the College now offers 25 intercollegiate athletic offerings including baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, Esports, football, golf, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, outdoor track and field, volleyball and wrestling.

Nassau Community College Selects Former Olympian and World Champion Vougar Oroudjov as Men's & Women's Wrestling Head Coach

Oroudjov returns to SUNY Nassau for his 18th year with vast experiences and knowledge after serving previous successful stints as the College's Associate Head Coach and Assistant Coach. Oroudjov has succeeded at the highest levels of Wrestling garnering numerous honors including the European and World Champion in 1995 and Olympian, winning bronze and taking fourth in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics.

"This is an exciting day for Nassau Community College Wrestling as we announce Vougar Oroudjov as the Head Coach of the College's Wrestling program. Vougar is a tremendous asset to the sport and is highly recognized and decorated in the wrestling world. He has successfully mentored countless student-athlete across the wrestling community and this September he will be inducted into the prestigious National Wrestling Hall of Fame," said Kerri-Ann McTiernan, Nassau Community College Director of

Athletics. "From his ability to develop wrestlers to his skill at building relationships and providing wrestlers collegiate opportunities at the four-year level, his success is outstanding. This is a great opportunity for SUNY Nassau and our student athletes, and I am confident that Vougar and the strong coaching staff he has formed will maintain the College's Wrestling at a level that we have come to know and expect."

"I'm thrilled to be able to follow Coach Schmidt and the winning tradition he's had at Nassau Community College and I am honored to lead this exceptional coaching staff. I look forward to coaching, developing and mentoring these outstanding student athletes as they work to get to the next level in their athletic careers and continue their wrestling and academic futures," stated Vougar Oroudjov, Nassau Community College Men & Women's Wrestling Head Coach.

VIRTUAL COMMENCEMENT



The College produced a personalized virtual commencement ceremony for over 2,800 students. The ceremony had 4,200 individual views over 1,700 hours, was shared on over a dozen platforms, including WhatsApp, Facebook, and Email and was viewed in 58 countries.

IN THE NEWS: MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

Media coverage for the fiscal year garnered a potential audience reach of 2.81 billion and a total of nearly 2,000 placements.

Newsday

- Adelphi has living, dining plan for Nassau Community College students
- Curran: Nassau Community College gets HUD grant for jobs training
- Nassau County Executive Laura Curran names 10 people to newly formed police diversity committee

Newsday & News12

- Once-homeless teen becomes valedictorian at Nassau Community College
- Nassau opens first COVID-19 vaccine distribution center

ABC7, News12, Newsday

- Nassau County launching 3-day campaign to get high schoolers vaccinated against COVID-19

Inside Higher Education

- Best of Both Worlds' Nassau Community College and Adelphi University are partnering to provide community college students with a residential university experience

Long Island Press (Op-Ed)

- Community College is a Path to a Bright Future

Long Island Herald

- Baldwin district, SUNY Nassau introduce early college program: Baldwin's first to take part in dual enrollment partnership
- Nursing grads discuss starting work amid Covid-19
- At Nassau Community College, the shows went on: College theater, dance department adapted to the pandemic

Patch

- Nassau Community College Receives \$10,000 Grant From NJCAA Foundation And First Point Volleyball Foundation
- Nassau Community College Gets \$314,000 Grant



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



SUNY Nassau Awarded Community Block Grant

The College was awarded the Community Block Grant from the County. These funds allow the College to enhance access, for Nassau County residents, to job training in high-demand fields. Fields that both meet the needs of our communities and also lead to jobs on established career pathways and economic mobility.



SUNY Nassau Partners with Island Harvest and Long Island Cares to Address Food Insecurity for Our Students, Their Families and Our Communities

The Island Harvest mobile pantry visits our campus monthly and offers free non-perishable groceries to those in need. All students can take advantage of this service. Our goal is to create a food security safety net for students as they continue their education.

Dr. Jermaine F. Williams visits with SUNY Nassau graduate and Island Harvest President Randi Shubin Dreser at their new warehouse and corporate headquarters in Melville.



SUNY Nassau Hosts Virtual Legislative Breakfast

The College hosted a virtual Legislative Breakfast that was attended by our New York State Representatives, as well as by SUNY Nassau leaders and student government leaders.



SUNY Nassau Hosts Nassau County Vaccination Distribution Site

The College hosted Nassau County's First Vaccination Distribution Site (with a total of 45,310 doses dispensed).



SUNY Nassau Supports Nassau County's 18+ Vaccination Program

The College hosted and participated in Nassau County Executive Laura Curran's launch of the COVID 18+ Vaccination initiative



NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION DONOR REPORT



Thank You From Joy DeDonato Executive Director, The Nassau Community College Foundation

Thank You for your dedication to SUNY Nassau Community College (NCC). The Nassau Community College Foundation has been persistent in our efforts to supporting the mission of the College and raising critical funding for our students. Your gifts throughout this fiscal year have made a direct impact on our students, faculty programs and innovative initiatives that have been a benefit to NCC as a whole. Your collaborative efforts, partnerships and funding help facilitate the mission and vision of NCC. It is with your support we can continue to advance in the areas of equitable opportunities and access for our students which include completion and post-completion in their future endeavors; academically, personally and professionally. We appreciate your continued commitment!

To follow is a list of our generous donors from fiscal year 2020-2021. We would like to include you in next year's report; please visit www.ncc.edu/givetoncc to make your donation. Please remember your gift makes a difference!

With Sincere Gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy DeDonato". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joy DeDonato
Executive Director
Nassau Community College Foundation

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- SUNY Nassau received more than \$27 million in new grants.
- Corporate Collaborations, Scholarships, Legacy Gifts, and Individual Donor support exceeded \$1.3 Million.
- Foundation supports Faculty with resources for Faculty scholarship, conferences and professional development: NCC Foundation Faculty Development Fund: \$34,000
- Workforce Development: Through funding provided by Nassau County and New York State the College provided over 70 students with full scholarships to attend open enrollment training courses such as EMT, Phlebotomy Technician, and EKG Technician. Also funded the training of 40 Community Health Workers.

Nassau Community College Foundation Receives Bank of America Funding for Workforce Development Programs

Funding from Bank of America, part of its \$1.25 billion, five-year commitment to advance racial equality and economic opportunity, is helping to expand the College's Workforce Development Training Equity & Inclusion Opportunities Program to additional Black, Latino and other students who have been adversely impacted from the pandemic-led economic downturn.

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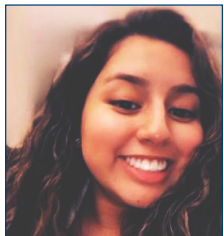


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Ricardo Melendez, Class of 2021

"During these two years at NCC I have grown a lot as an individual and as a student. Many people tend to look down on community colleges because "they do not have state-of-the-art instruments or huge facilities"; Although in some cases this is usually true, this is completely minimized by the level of passion that professors have for teaching, by the atmosphere of aspirations and dreams that surrounds the students, by the quality of academic and personal instruction, by the ethics and values that are promoted, etc. Certainly, NCC has given me many of the tools and skills that have made me who I am now, for which I am totally grateful. Being a foreign student for both myself and my parents, paying for a higher education is incredibly challenging. Scholarships, like the Marathon Challenge scholarship, represent an enormous help, not only financially, but also serve as an incentive since it rewards the effort of students and motivates them to continue with their education and boost their goals and dreams."



Natalie Asitimbay, Class of 2021

Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Political Science - Boston University

"Nassau Community College offered me a pathway to a quality education while being close to home and afforded me the chance to help my mother adjust to being a single parent. As a first-generation college student, affordability has been a pivotal concern for me in pursuit of my academic success. Nassau's accessibility has given first-generation students like me, the ability to pursue an affordable high-quality education. Without scholarships I would be unable to continue my higher education in order to serve my community through my career ambition of being a doctor."



Orel Simms, Class of 2021

Finance and Economics – Adelphi University

"To me, attending Nassau Community College meant I have an opportunity to prove to myself that I can succeed in anything if I work hard to achieve my goals. Community College gives young people a chance to better their lives, regardless of their background. As a student, I felt defined by my actions and judged on my merits. When I just started at NCC, I did not have a clear idea about my future and was discouraged by my inability to figure it out. Attending NCC changed that. It has shown me that anything is within my reach and gave me the courage to undertake the studies of a bachelor's degree for which I am now enrolled in a four-year University. Scholarships are very important to me. Without scholarships, I would have been financially uncertain about continuing my education. Many recipients of federal

financial aid, such as myself, quickly find that tuition assistance is not enough to cover the full costs of attendance at college. The availability of scholarships helps me and other students to bridge the gaps. Financial feasibility is an important consideration when considering enrolling in a senior college having graduated from community college. Scholarships are a good way to help capable students in need to fulfill their potential and pursue a higher degree."

ALUMNI NOTES



SUNY Nassau Graduation Drive Thru Parade

On May 24, 2021, the SUNY Nassau Community College Alumni Board was happy to participate in the Graduation Drive Thru Parade. The event was organized by the Office of Student Activities and the Dean of Students' Office.

Representing the Alumni Board was Jay Goldfarb, Lawrence Engel and Lori M. Jorge. The entire SUNY Nassau community was in attendance from faculty to staff to students. There were many tables and food trucks helping to celebrate the graduates.

The Alumni Association distributed iPhone connector cords and coffee mugs branded NCC Alumni Association to all graduates in attendance.

Congratulations to all the 2021 graduates for a job well done!

To join the NCC Alumni Association please visit www.ncc.edu/alumni.



LION TALES

Dr. Lynnda M. Nadien, Host | Aurora Workman Host

Lion Tales is a radio show hosted by Aurora Workman, and Dr. Lynnda Nadien. The show is designed to welcome back famed alumni of the college who have established success in their fields and aired on 90.3 WHPC, Nassau Community College Radio!

Alumni from all over the country have been interviewed and state proudly that their journey's began at SUNY Nassau Community College, and without that solid beginning, they may or may not have been who they are today!

From the fields of music, art, dance, education, business, medicine or self-care, our alumni are brilliant, vibrant, scholarly and well rounded. All thanks to SUNY Nassau! More than 60 interviews have been conducted and well received. Did we mention that both hosts are alumni?

The original producer of the show was Rudy J. Breedy, who developed the concept of bringing successful alumni back to discuss their lives after SUNY Nassau. Although production was halted due to the pandemic, we all look forward to bringing the show back in all its glory!

The SUNY Nassau mascot is the 'Lion', and the alum share their 'tales' and continue the quest of celebrating the power of an education at the College. We are extremely proud of the show and the foundation it has built for highlighting the success of our alumni!



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