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IT ALL STARTS AT ORIENTATION**New Student Orientation Gives Nassau Students Head Start With College Life**

New Student Orientation leaders

New Student Orientation at NCC covers a lot of ground, literally and figuratively. Literally, one important part of orientation is familiarizing incoming students with Nassau's campus—all 49 buildings and 225 acres of it. Students participate on a walking tour of the campus led by one of more than 60 New Student Orientation leaders. During the tour, students are shown classroom buildings and other significant campus facilities. Student leaders

may also be called upon during the year to give tours to prospective students and parents.

Figuratively, New Student Orientation at Nassau is a “how to” guide about being a successful NCC student. Staff members from many walks of College life, including Career and Educational Counseling, Student Activities, Health Services and Public Safety, tell students about their services.

Parents of incoming students are invited to an “orientation” session with an NCC counselor and the College President in late August. They also receive a “Parents Guide” with helpful tips about the needs and changing lives of their young adult college students.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION ESSENTIAL FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

New Student Orientation is organized by the Student Personnel Services Department's Office of Student Activities. “New student orientation is a wonderful way to begin your college career. All NCC students should take advantage of it,” said Prof. Phyllis Kurland, Coordinator of Student Activities. Moreover, she said, “Friendships are developed, even among student leaders.” Prof. Richard Conway of Student Activities agrees. “Orientation introduces students to the promise and possibilities of college. It also helps students become acquainted with the campus, especially with those resources that will be of importance to them in their first year and beyond.” Student Activities staffers estimate that tens of thousands of students have participated in orientation over the years.

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NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDED \$282,410 NEW YORK STATE GRANT TO EXPAND SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

New York State has awarded Nassau Community College's nationally recognized Surgical Technology Program a grant of \$282,410 to educate students in this high demand field. The grant will enable NCC to increase the number of students in its program by almost 33 percent and increase the number of students who complete the program by 25 percent. Graduates of Nassau's program—the only higher educational institution offering an accredited Associate Degree in Surgical Technology on Long Island and one of only four accredited Associate Degree institutions in New York State to do so—will work in a variety of surgical settings as well as for surgical equipment manufacturers.

Funding from the grant will enable the College to update the existing space used in the Surgical Technology program as well as to purchase new equipment so that students will be trained on the same quality equipment that is currently being used in the operating rooms of Long Island's health care providers. Major purchases funded by the grant will include such items as a surgical patient positioning table, state-of-the-art prevac steam sterilizer, flexmatic dual station scrub sinks and an electronic equipment management system. As a result, NCC's graduates will be more attractive to prospective employers and will be in a position to enhance the quality of care given to patients in clinical settings. Funding from the grant will also support the expansion of the Surgical Technology Program's staff.

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JOHN DEGRACE APPOINTED TO NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Nassau Community College has announced that John DeGrace has been named by Nassau County to its Board of Trustees. “I am very excited about having a person of John’s abilities and dedication to NCC on our Board,” said NCC Acting President Dr. Kenneth Saunders.

DeGrace was born in Ozone Park, Queens. He is the president of John D. Richards, a full-service insurance company. Active in the community since young adulthood, DeGrace has volunteered in a variety of civic, fraternal and youth programs, including the Knights of Columbus and the Valley Stream Kiwanis.

In 1987, DeGrace was elected as one of the youngest mayors of Valley Stream. He has held many posts within the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County and

New York State. Among them were Deputy Receiver of Taxes, Clerk of the Nassau County Board of Supervisors and New York State Labor Arbitrator. DeGrace was also the Republican Commissioner of the Nassau County Board of Elections, from which he retired after 16 years of service.

“Nassau Community College is a place that helps put people on the paths to their dreams. I am thrilled to be part of this dynamic educational institution,” said DeGrace, who took courses at NCC. He then received a bachelor’s degree from Roger Williams College in Rhode Island and a Master of Professional Studies (MPS) from LIU, C.W. Post Center.

DeGrace and his wife Barbara have two grown children. He continues to spend his free time volunteering for charitable and professional organizations within his community. He has been honored for his work by Friends of Bridge, Valley Stream’s substance abuse counseling and treatment agency, as a Bridge Builder of the Year.

JOCEYLN MOLINA ELECTED STUDENT TRUSTEE



When Joceyln Molina came to Nassau Community College in the fall of 2011, she was expecting to take classes and study. But she was not expecting to get involved with—and enjoy—college life. “It wasn’t until I became a freshman student leader that I found out about all the things that Nassau has to offer students,” said the 20-year old. Now, Molina is a strong advocate for participating in NCC’s myriad clubs, events and activities. A liberal arts major and a Phi Theta Kappa honor society member, Molina is also involved with the Student Organization of Latinos.

And now, as the new student trustee, Molina will seek to be the voice of her fellow students on the College’s Board of Trustees. She believes that she can learn from the opportunity to participate on the NCC board. “This is a unique experience for me. I like the fact that I will be able to take part in the decision

making process at a large institution like Nassau,” she remarked. Molina noted that communication between the various groups at the College, including students, faculty, staff and administrators, is something that she will make a priority during her time as student trustee. “If everyone feels like his or her voice has been heard and their needs have been considered, they are more likely to feel that they are part of the solution and feel comfortable with that solution,” she said. Molina encourages any student with a question or concern to come to her or another Student Government Association representative, who will be happy to assist them.

In high school, Molina had the opportunity to “shadow” a nurse at North Shore University Hospital. This experience had an impact on her. “I realized that this is what I want to do with my life,” she said. She continues to volunteer as a floater in several different departments at North Shore, in that way being exposed to many different areas of the healthcare profession. After graduating from NCC, Molina plans to continue on to a four-year school and become a nurse.



THOMAS JACKSON II ELECTED STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Thomas Jackson’s optimism and enthusiasm are infectious. The 23-year old is brimming with ideas on how best to spend his time as the 2013-2014 president of the Student Government Association (SGA). “My feeling is that college is what you make of it. There are so many ways to get involved at NCC and such a community feeling here that it just really encourages you to join in,” he said. This year, Jackson was a freshman leader, as well as a member of the

Biology club and the Make a Difference club. “I think these experiences help students like me to gain the skills and confidence we’re going to need after we graduate,” he said. Jackson hopes to maintain and enhance that community feeling while he is SGA president. He looks forward to working with the other members of student government and all Nassau students.

At a recent student leadership conference that he attended in Orlando, Jackson said that strong emphasis was placed on the notion that student government leaders should work with other students on an on-going basis, even after their

various campus activities have received the approval of the SGA. Jackson believes that this, too, will motivate students to take part in College functions.

Using his talent as a communicator, Jackson intends to be an advocate for all students during his term as SGA president, especially at such events as Board of Trustees and Academic Senate meetings. “If you have an idea or a problem, you must have an active voice to get things done,” he remarked.

Jackson, who lives in Wyandanch and graduated from Freeport High School, went for a time to Stony Brook University. After leaving Stony Brook so he could attend to health issues, he worked full-time before returning to college, initially choosing Nassau for its affordability and location. Jackson was happy to find that NCC’s faculty are excellent and supportive. “All of my teachers have been outstanding,” he said. “I especially like the fact that many of them have had recent professional working experience.”

After graduating from Nassau, Jackson hopes to eventually obtain a doctorate in pharmaceutical studies.

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE NEW NCC STUDENT SERVICES CENTER

New 33,000-Square Foot Center Will Consolidate Many Student Services In One Central Location



Architectural rendering

Construction began this June on a new Student Services Center that will serve as the hub of student service departments at NCC, greatly consolidating basic student services from across campus into one convenient venue. The new Center will almost double the size of the current lower level of the Tower, centralizing student services and increasing the efficiency and ease with which students can be served by various departments.

Once it is completed, a comprehensive range of student services will be relocated to the Center. Among them are Admissions, Academic Advisement, Bursar, Financial Aid, Health Services, the Information Center, Placement Testing, Registrar,

Student Financial Services and Veterans Affairs. Prospective students, first-time students, and continuing or graduating students all need to visit the many student service areas offered by Nassau. These services are designed to provide them with the support and guidance needed to pursue their educational goals.

“The new Nassau Community College Student Services Center will increase the size of the lower level of the Tower Building from approximately 17,000-square feet to 33,000-square feet,” said Joseph Muscarella, Vice President, Facilities Management. He added, “Most of the College’s student services will be located in the same area, which will be a much more effective and user-friendly way to

assist students.” Within the 33,000-square feet will be an 8,000-square foot seating/waiting area that will allow students to make a seamless and more comfortable transition from area to area. A queuing system and self-service kiosks will expedite and simplify obtaining assistance from multiple departments in one visit. Several convenient entrances will provide easy access and guidance to one central information desk that will direct students to the appropriate area they need to visit.

Most of the exterior walls of the Student Services Center will be glass, adding to a feeling of openness and natural light. An open floor plan with wide corridors will provide an architecturally aesthetic background for the new Center. In addition, the Center will have wireless service throughout.

The new Center is expected to be completed for the fall 2015 semester. The NCC Student Services Center is funded by capital funds provided by New York State and Nassau County.

During the construction period of the new Student Services Center, NCC’s Registrar, Bursar/Cashier and Health Services departments will be temporarily relocated to the first floor of Cluster C. Their phone numbers will remain the same.

NY STATE GRANT OF \$282,410 TO EXPAND SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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Prof. Caroline Kaufmann, RN, CNOR, instructs NCC Surgical Technology students during a simulated operation.

years has averaged a post-graduation employment rate of 98 percent, including 100 percent in 2011. According to Dr. Saunders, “NCC’s Surgical Tech program is already exemplary and, with the assistance of this grant, we can propel it to the next level for the benefit of our students and the patients whom they will help to treat.”

“The advancement of the Surgical Technology Program enabled by this grant will allow us to keep up with the latest modalities in robotics, surgical microscopy, laser, endoscopy and laparoscopy as part of the students’ daily routine in surgery,” said Prof. Caroline Kaufmann, Program Director and

Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President of NCC, spoke with pride about Nassau’s Surgical Technology program. He noted that in 2012, the program had received the National Recognition/Merit Award from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting for achieving a 90 percent or higher pass rate on the Certified Surgical Technologist Exam. Moreover, the College’s program over the last ten

Clinical Coordinator of the College’s Surgical Technology program. The program is affiliated with such clinical sites as North Shore-LIJ Health System, Winthrop University Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and South Nassau Communities Hospital.

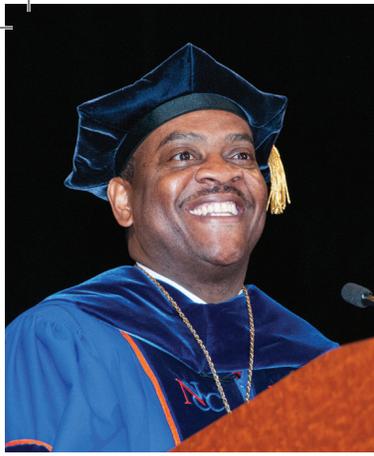
Begun in 1975, the Nassau Community College Surgical Technology Program has been accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) for nearly 40 years.

NEW YORK STATE GRANT TO HELP MEET L.I.’S HEALTH CARE NEEDS

The “High Needs” New York State grant recognizes that as the population of Nassau County ages and the number of surgical procedures increase, the need for competent well-trained surgical technologists will continue to grow. In addition, the grant will help foster economic development on Long Island by increasing the number of skilled workers who will have the opportunity for immediate employment in positions that add to the middle class wage base and have the potential for growth beyond that.

“Without the SUNY High Needs Program, campuses could not provide the instructional and support staff and specialized equipment needed to enroll more people in these fields,” said SUNY Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs David K. Lavalley.

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION CLASS OF 2013



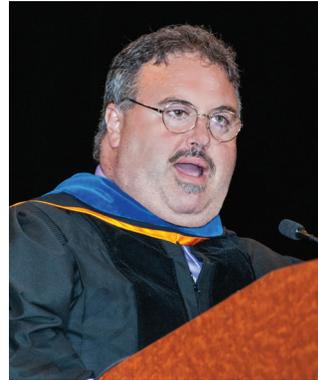
Dr. Kenneth K. Saunders,
NCC Acting President

County's Deputy County Executive, Office of Minority Affairs; Dr. Jorge Gardyn, Vice-Chair of the College's Board of Trustees; Logan Kenney, valedictorian of the class of 2013; and Faruque Amin, the Student Trustee for the 2012-2013 academic year.

In his message to the graduates, Dr. Saunders reminded them that challenges are inevitable as they pursue their educational, career and personal goals. But he added, "Yet, you should be full of confidence that you are ready for those challenges. In your hands are the tools that your education at NCC has given you to comprehend problems and to craft solutions. In your minds is the steadfastness to hold on tightly to the goals that you have set for yourselves. In your hearts are the good feelings of all of those whom you have met at the College that will help you to sustain your spirit in the years to come. Finally, in your pockets—securely in your pockets—is your degree from NCC. Carry it with pride as you carry it into your future."

Approximately 10,000 people attended the graduation of Nassau Community College's class of 2013, held at Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum on Wednesday, May 22. The 2013 class included 3,553 graduates and graduate candidates. In addition to keynote speaker Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President of the College, the graduates were addressed by Charles Schumer, United States Senator from New York; Dr. Phillip Elliott, Nassau

Dr. Jorge Gardyn, Vice Chair of the NCC Board of Trustees, also exhorted the graduates to continue on to the paths that have led to their success at NCC. "Your hard work, your perseverance, your drive and your desire to succeed," he said, "are the hallmarks that have led to where you are today. For you see, the need for 'education' never stops. There will be more courses to take, seminars to attend, skills to learn. And then there is the ever-changing need to keep up with technology. For you to follow your dreams and reach your goals, this need for continued education will always be the key to your success. The skills you learned here over these last few years will hold you in good stead. Always keep alive the spirit for intellectual curiosity, and all that you have acquired here will serve you well in the adventures that lie ahead."



Dr. Jorge Gardyn, Vice Chair of the
NCC Board of Trustees

Addressing her classmates, Logan Kenney, valedictorian of the class of 2013 and Student Government Association President, said, "In attending classes together and embracing the same campus community, we have taken advantage of what Nassau Community College offers and stands for." She added, "Now is the time for us to embrace life's opportunities in our future endeavors. Do not fear this new chapter. Enter it with the confidence you have gained in your success at this institution."



LOGAN KENNEY NAMED VALEDICTORIAN NCC CLASS OF 2013

Logan Kenney was named Nassau Community College's valedictorian for the class of 2013. Kenney will attend Cornell University in the fall, where she plans to study law, psychology and human development. "I look forward to continuing my academic pursuits, but I'll certainly miss Nassau," she said.

When Kenney came to NCC in the fall of 2011, she was ready for new experiences. "Nassau Community College gave me the opportunity to explore all aspects of college life," she said. A liberal arts major, Kenney has taken a wide variety of courses at the College, and

has been part of NCC's honors program. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. Kenney graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. "I give so much credit to my professors. They have been an inspiration to me," she said.

Through all of her efforts, Kenney has been excited to meet and make friends with people from diverse backgrounds. "From the students, to the faculty, to the staff and administrators, I have been so glad to come into contact with people from so many walks of life," she remarked.

Kenney, 19, is one of five children.

2013 GRADUATE HIGHLIGHTS



Ashley Watkins

"I love NCC. It's bittersweet leaving, but I'm leaving for a new adventure."

Ashley, a member of the Honors Program, will attend Baruch College in the fall to study accounting.



David Salgado

"I started at Nassau before I was deployed to Iraq. After I returned, I came back to NCC. Nassau is very veteran-friendly. Coming to the College was one of the best experiences of my life."

Former Marine David Salgado hopes to continue his education at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where he will study Political Science.



Louis Newton

"I began my college journey many years ago, but stopped to go to work. This College, and especially my professors, have been very helpful to me. It's true: You're never too old to return to school — but don't wait as long as I did!"

Louis, 70, is delighted to have had the opportunity to continue his education.



Deanna Panico

"I was inspired by my professors and enjoyed my classes at the College."

This fall, Deanna hopes to attend the School for Visual Arts.



Suheil Rivera

"I'm an army veteran. After my tour in Afghanistan, I came to Nassau, because I felt that this College would help my transition back to school."

Suheil hopes to eventually attend a four-year school to continue her personal and professional development.



Brittany Thomas

"The teachers at Nassau are excellent. I also loved the diversity of the school!"

A member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Brittany hopes to attend NYU or Pace University in the fall. She is interested in a career in finance.

ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON OF *Theatre & Dance* AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Performing arts was alive and well at Nassau Community College during the 2012-2013 school year. From drama and comedy to dance and musicals, the College brimmed with artistic activity. Over 50 performances drew about six thousand patrons to the Mainstage and Little Theatres, and approximately 150 students participated as performers as well as construction, lighting and running crews. In addition to regular performances, the Theatre and Dance Department offered free performances of its fall children's musical for Nassau County elementary school children. This academic year, close to 1,000 elementary school students attended these shows.

Each year, the NCC Theatre and Dance Department produces a major musical, a children's musical, a joint production with the Africana Studies Department, a dance concert and a wide variety of dramas and comedies. This year began with the children's musical *The Emperor's New Clothes*, based on the classic Hans Christian Andersen story. The student performers were real troupers, fitting their performances around the disturbances caused by Superstorm Sandy. *Breaking the Code* was based on a book about the person most responsible for invent-



NCC dance students during a production.

ing a machine that was used to decode ciphers created by the German Enigma machine during World War II. In December, theatre students staged *Suburbia*, which centers on a group of slackers who have to confront the lies and excuses which have kept them trapped in a shallow and meaningless existence.

During the spring semester, the Theatre and Dance Department produced *Intimate Apparel*, co-sponsored by the Africana Studies Department. *Intimate Apparel* is about a talented African American seamstress living in a boarding house in lower Manhattan in 1905. The jubilant *Hairspray* was this spring's musical. The family-friendly romp featured a plus-sized teen bent on getting on her local *American Bandstand* type television show. *Hairspray* is a Tony award winning play, a version of which was later made into a popular movie. In April, the NCC Spring Dance Concert featured original modern dance pieces choreographed by Prof. Stanley Berke. Shakespeare's *The Comedy of Errors* was the play that closed the academic year. The mistaken identity comedy was about two sets of twins who arrive in the same town at a key moment in their lives.

Maggie Edelman, who graduated summa cum laude from Nassau this spring with a degree in acting, feels that the College prepared her well to continue her education in the performing arts. "I will tell anyone that Nassau is the perfect place to get a strong foundation in the arts," she said. Edelman credits her experience at NCC for part of the reason why she did well in her audition at SUNY Cortland and will attend the school in the fall to study musical theatre.

NCC students during a performance of *Hairspray*. (L to R): Sheldon McCall, Randy Rice, Chris Vera, Maggie Edelman, Meghan McCarthy.



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NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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Students who have taken part in orientation also believe it helps new students as they come to the school. Thomas Jackson II, NCC Student Government Association president-elect, said, "I think orientation helps get rid of the anxiety associated with going to college for the first time. You meet other students and know more about what to expect."

"Last year, New Student Orientation was one of my first times on campus. I met new people, some of whom are now my friends," said Bryan Cabrera, a second-year student. "It helped me navigate the first day of classes and become acquainted with the College."

Orientation takes place at the end of August, with small groups of students throughout the week. All incoming students receive a letter inviting them to one of these sessions. During orientation, students learn about the transition from high school to college and discover the many student support services the College offers. They also meet faculty, advisors and counselors; go on a tour of the campus; sample food from the food court; make new acquaintances; and get ready for a successful, low-stress start to college life.

Student orientation leaders who participate in New Student Orientation enjoy the experience and would definitely recommend it to other students. "When I went to orientation, I felt better prepared to begin

college. Now as an orientation leader, I feel that I can help new students and that I have the ability to answer a wide variety of questions," said Kiah Brodie. "It's such a positive experience."

In addition to New Student Orientation, the Office of Student Activities hosts a Welcome Back party for students during the first club hour of every semester and a Student Activities Fair, during which many of the major student clubs provide information about their groups.

For more information about New Student Orientation at NCC, call 516.572.7148 or visit www.ncc.edu/orientation.

THIRTEEN NCC STUDENTS WIN SUNY STUDENT CHANCELLOR AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE AND TWO NAMED TO THE PHI THETA KAPPA NY STATE ALL-AMERICAN TEAM

Thirteen students from Nassau Community College were recipients of the 2012-2013 SUNY Chancellor Award for Student Excellence. To qualify for the award, the students were reviewed by a College committee for academic excellence and record of service to NCC and the community. In addition, two Nassau students were named to the New York State Phi Theta Kappa All-American Team. "By being recipients of these honors, the students of Nassau Community College have once again demonstrated that they are part of the proud tradition of SUNY, where educational excellence is achieved and where service to their school and their community is fostered and recognized," said Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President of Nassau Community College.

The Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence was created 16 years ago to recognize students

who have best demonstrated their ability to integrate academic excellence with accomplishments in the areas of leadership, athletics, community service, creative and performing arts or career achievement.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society that recognizes and encourages scholarship among two-year college students. In addition to academic achievement, students who are named members of the All New York Community College Academic Team are also evaluated on their leadership and their participation in community service activities.



NCC student award winners. Front Row: Kathleen Lee, Jennifer Jacks; Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President, NCC; Jean Chen, Sandra Garcia. Back Row: Blanch Zahran (Phi Theta Kappa All N.Y. Community College Academic Team), Desiret Neusi, Janelle Clausen, Pierre Mombeleur, Anil Adhikari, Megan Murphy, Logan Kenney. Not pictured: Joy Adler, Jennie Eagle, Brittany Thomas, Weiner Jean-Baptiste (Phi Theta Kappa All N.Y. Community College Academic Team).

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE WRESTLING TEAM NJCAA NATIONAL CHAMPS



First Row (L to R): Anthony Herring, Coach Paul Schmidt, Adam DeJesus. Second Row: Steven Drew, Yaseen Mudassar, Dan Sutherland, Dave Agu. Third Row: Hector Paez, Chanse Menendez, Felix Perez. Fourth Row: Andrew Trificante, Juan Diaz.

The Nassau Community College 2013 men's wrestling team won its second consecutive National Championship at the NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Champion Wrestling Tournament held this year in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Repeating as champions is great," said NCC wrestling Coach Paul Schmidt, "but what made it particularly satisfying this year was that we had to take on not only other schools

but also the adversity brought on by Superstorm Sandy and then a blizzard that affected our training schedule and facilities." He added, "The guys were really resilient and handled every adversity thrown at them. At the end, I was very proud of all of them when they held the National Trophy up high."

INDIVIDUAL WRESTLERS FINALISTS, ALL AMERICANS, ACADEMIC ALL AMERICANS

At the tournament, NCC wrestlers also won individual awards, including having four wrestlers reach the finals (the most in NCC's history), six wrestlers being named NJCAA All Americans and seven wrestlers making the NJCAA All Academic Team. Wrestlers who won individual accomplishments included: John Pellegrino; James DeKrone - NJCAA 2013 National Champion (NCC's 11th National Champion); Kyle Wade (NJCAA 2013 Sportsmanship Award); Chanse Menendez; Ian MacInheirghe; and Yaseen Mudassar (two-time NJCAA All American). The following wrestlers were Academic All Americans, with GPAs of 3.0 or higher: Juan Diaz, Basil Lawson, Ian MacInheirghe, Chanse Menendez, Hector Paez, John Pellegrino and James Rolla.

NCC TEAM WINS MEDALS AT NATIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPEECH AND DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NCC Speech and Debate Team received medals and honorable mentions at this year's Phi Rho Pi national community college speech and debate championships, held in Woodland Hills, California, according to coach Prof. Trent Webb. Tolitha Henry received a silver medal in both Prose Interpretation and Program Oral Interpretation. Allison Kellett was awarded a bronze medal in Persuasive Speaking. In addition, Alex Watkins-Lopez, Steven LaMantia and Gamal Moodie received honorable mentions for their performances in Drama Interpretation, Poetry Interpretation and Parliamentary Debate, respectively.

"Superstorm Sandy took a heavy toll on our team's membership," said Prof. Webb, "but the remaining team members stepped up to the challenge and did an outstanding job. I am so pleased to see them recognized for their extra efforts and their extraordinary commitment to excellence."

NAMED TOP IN THE NORTHEAST FOR 12TH YEAR IN A ROW

Prior to the Phi Rho Pi competition, NCC's team was named by the Northeast Forensics Championships the top community college team in the Northeast for the 12th year in a row. The team was awarded this honor at the Long Island Forensics Extravaganza

Tournament.



Members of the NCC Speech and Debate team. (L to R): Tolitha Henry, Allison Kellett, Gamal Moodie. Front: Team Coach, Prof. Trent Webb.

In this competition, Tolitha Henry was named regional champion in Prose and Oral Interpretation; Allison Kellett was a regional finalist in Parliamentary Debate and Persuasive Speaking; and Gamal Moodie was a regional finalist in After-Dinner Speaking and Parliamentary Debate.

FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Agyemang Attah-Poku, Africana Studies, has published his fifth book, *Contemporary Africa's Growth and Development*, published by the University Press of America.

Prof. Emanuel Boussios, Sociology, has been selected to serve as Visiting Scholar for Summer 2013 at Columbia University's School of International Public Affairs Saltzman Institute for War and Peace. He will be working with several world-renowned scholars on his research in international security and domestic terrorism. Dr. Boussios has been supported for his tenure at Columbia through a grant.

Prof. Darci Burdge and Dr. Lori Postner, Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Technology, were awarded a National Science Foundation grant of over \$200,000 for a project entitled "Collaborative Research: OpenFE—Developing Faculty Expertise and Creating Learning Materials for Humanitarian Free and Open Source Software (HFOSS)." The project was developed with colleagues from Western New England and Drexel Universities. As part of the grant, Prof. Burdge and Dr. Postner will be running a two-day workshop in Philadelphia where over 20 faculty will come to learn how to incorporate HFOSS into their classrooms.

Dr. Vic Caliman, Psychology, serves as the educational consultant to a financial literacy initiative for children, "The Centsables." He has also been named to the board of directors of the non-profit organization, Financial Literacy Through Edutainment, Inc.

Prof. Dominic Ciardullo, Engineering/Physics/Technology, was the recipient of the Verizon Next Step Program STAR (Special Tribute and Recognition) Award. The Next Step consortium is comprised of business, union and 25 partner colleges working together to create a common two-year curriculum consistent across New York and New England. STAR awards are bestowed on individuals who have contributed in extraordinary ways to the Next Step Program.

Dr. William Feigelman, Emeritus Sociology, his wife Beverly and two psychologists (John Jordan and John McIntosh) have co-authored the book *Devastating Losses: How Parents Cope with the Death of a Child to Suicide or Drugs*.

Dr. Gabriel Feldmar, Psychology, has published *The World of Mental Health*, a guide about such topics as children's psychological development, the nature of mental illnesses, treatment providers and the legal rights of mentally ill individuals.

Prof. Susan Goldson, Administrative Business Technology, has been named President-Elect of the Long Island Health Information Management

Association (LIHIMA). LIHIMA is the component local association of the New York Health Information Management Association. Prof. Goldson is the director of NCC's Health Information Technology program.

Dr. Bernard Gorman, Psychology, co-authored several articles: "Replicated Single-Case Design of an Alliance-Focused Treatment for Anorexia Nervosa" in *Psychotherapy Research*; "Satisfaction with Treatment by Training Analysts and by Non-Training Analysts" in *Psychoanalytic Psychology*; "Exposure and Response Prevention with or without Parent Management Training for Children with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder Complicated by Disruptive Behavior: A Multiple-Baseline Across-Responses Design Study" in the *Journal of Anxiety Disorders*; and "The Development of a Measure of Irrational/Rational Beliefs" in the *Journal of Rational Emotive and Cognitive Behavior Therapy*. He also presented "Steps Toward Rigorous (But Not Rigid) Qualitative Analysis" at the Eastern Psychological Association.

Lt. Douglas Griffin, Public Safety, participated in the Fun Run in May and collected \$1,050, the most money ever collected by an individual person participating in the Run. The money was raised for the North Shore Pediatric Unit.

Prof. Rosanne Humes, Library, is serving as the 2012-2013 president of the SUNY Librarians Association, a statewide organization that promotes the collaboration of library personnel and services across the 64-campus SUNY system.

Prof. Laurie Joseph, Student Personnel Services, and the Community Service Committee coordinated the senior citizen event "Footprints in Time" in March. The event highlighted the talents of Nassau County's senior citizens, featuring 18 performers and three art exhibitions. Despite a heavy snowstorm, over 100 people attended the program, which was co-sponsored by several student clubs, including the NCC Nursing Club, whose members were on hand with a visual display of important health topics. Profs. Fran Gulinello and Stefanie Lewis, Communications; Jacqueline Gavigan, Mary Ann Hellmer-Saul and JoAnn Festa, Nursing; and Angela Oglesby, Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Technology; also contributed to the success of "Footprints in Time."

Dr. Jane Maher, Reading and Basic Education, published the article "The First Leaf in the Historical Record: An Interview with Margalit Fox" in the spring issue of *Writing on the Edge*, a journal of the University of California, Davis.

Prof. Jack Mandel, Marketing/Retailing/Fashion Buying and Merchandise/Fashion Design/Interior Design, was featured in an article in the

Long Island Business News entitled "Part-Time Professors." His monthly column "Prof. Mandel's Business Basics" appears in the *Oyster Bay Guardian*. The spring issue of *Aspire* college magazine included his article "Are You a Magnet to Others Around You?" Finally, the Equinox Metro Fitness Club invited Prof. Mandel to be their keynote speaker at a spring motivational luncheon for area clubs.

Dr. Cheryl Novins, Reading and Basic Education, was recently elected first vice-president of the New York College Learning Skills Association.

Prof. Deborah O'Brien Smith, Reading and Basic Education, was recently selected as the "Outstanding ESL Teacher of the Year" by the Long Island Professional Committee for ESOL Education."

Prof. Frank Reiser, Emeritus Biology, wrote the guest editorial for the *American Biology Teacher's* April issue. His photograph of a butterfly's microscopically-sized wing scales is featured on the journal's cover.

Dr. Helen Rice and Profs. Sharon Masrour and AnneMarie Monaco, Reading and Basic Education, presented "Service Learning: Academics in Action" at the International Reading Association in San Antonio, Texas.

Prof. Paul Schmidt, Criminal Justice and head coach, men's wrestling, was voted New York State College Coach of the Year by his peers in the New York State Coaches Association, which includes all the colleges and universities in New York State that have wrestling.

Dr. Mario Susko, English, has been named Poet Laureate of Nassau County by the Nassau County Legislature and The Nassau County Poet Laureate (NCPL) Society. The NCPL Society encourages the discovery of the poetic voice and appreciation for the written word in the Long Island community.

Dr. Silvina Trica-Flores, Foreign Languages, presented a paper at the "XII Congreso Internacional de Literatura Hispanica (CILH)" in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, this spring. Her paper dealt with the political and metaphorical use of Eva Peron's embalmed body as a powerful symbol in Argentine literature.

Profs. Deborah Tyler and Lucy Landesberg, Reading and Basic Education, presented "Introduction to MoMath, the National Museum of Mathematics" at the 22nd annual conference of the New York City Mathematics Project at Lehman College in May.

Dr. Pramila Venkateswaran, English, has been selected as the Poet Laureate of Suffolk County by the Suffolk County Legislature. She was chosen based on the recommendation of a panel consisting of past and present Suffolk County Poet Laureates.



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