

COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND  
THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

THIRTY-YEAR  
SERVICE AWARDS

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*Today is the product of many yesterdays.  
The men and women we honor have helped  
put CSI on the map of higher education*

Tomás D. Morales  
*President*



**Dennis Casey** joined CSI in 1976 as Assistant to the Security Director. In 1983 he was reclassified as an Assistant to a HEO, with the title of Assistant Security Director. During a restructuring process in 2000, he moved to a civil service line and his current title is Assistant Campus Security Director/Lieutenant. Although he may be best known for his lack of sympathy when College employees lose their office keys, his thoughtful “grace under pressure” approach to his duties has helped to break up an auto theft ring in conjunction with the NYPD Auto Squad in 2003. He met his wife at CSI in 1985, and they share a loving home with their two dogs Bling-Bling and Toby.



**Clarence (Clem) Daughtry** joined CSI as a Computer Operator in January 1977. Braving the blizzard, he began his new career taking mass transportation from Brooklyn to the Sunnyside campus of CSI. Today, as an Information Systems Assistant Level 2, he is the manager responsible for scheduling, submitting, and monitoring computer programs requiring access to data stored in the University’s student record-keeping system known as SIMS. He reviews each request from the College community for a report or data and checks all output for accuracy, ensuring the integrity of the information. Basically, he processes every report, file, or email received by the community that involves mainframe data. He and his wife Beverly have three sons, Kenneth, Lloyd, and Clarence Jr.

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**Robert (Scotty) Franklyn** joined CSI in 1977. He is the second-shift computer operator responsible for submitting and monitoring computer programs requiring access to data stored in SIMS. While many are thinking about heading home, his day is just beginning, as many jobs, including large-scale updates, can only be run after close of business or late at night. On a daily basis, he is responsible for the integrity of the information flow, generates daily reports regarding the status of registration, loads data nightly to the accounting and financial aid servers, and refreshes the data required by the ACCESS database system.



**Dorothy (Dottie) Kovacs** joined CSI's Department of Business in 1977. She has worked on three campuses with three departmental chairs, and has found her time at CSI to be a rewarding experience. Celebrating 31 years to the day tomorrow, her knowledge and support routinely benefit students and professors. She is an integral part of the internship program known as Business 598, part of the Business Department's curriculum. She will miss CSI tremendously when it is time to retire, and knows that her happy memories will last long after she says goodbye to campus life. She is the mother of four wonderful children, four fabulous grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



**Dr. Michael Kress** began his service at Richmond College in 1969 as systems administrator of the College's first Scientific Computer, an IBM 1150 with 16 kilobytes of memory. A native Staten Islander, he taught in the College's Office of Mathematics and the Office of Engineering Science and Physics throughout the 1970s. He joined the Computer Science faculty in 1984. He co-founded the CUNY Multimedia Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students in 1994 and was promoted to Full Professor in 1995. He was named Assistant Vice President for Technology Systems in 1998 and was promoted to Vice President in 2003. A member of the CUNY Doctoral Faculty and the recipient of many grants, he is a lifelong champion of people with disabilities, and received a National Science Foundation grant to develop audio-tactile materials that help blind students learn calculus and chemistry. He continues to mentor students and co-teach graduate courses in environmental science, and recently spearheaded the Virtual Classroom Project to foster cross-cultural interactions. Today he is spearheading the CUNY High-Performance Computing Facility, 39 years since his start in scientific computing at the College.



**Abraham Malz** joined CSI's Department of Chemistry in 1977. As a Senior College Lab Technician at the College, he has been responsible for the maintenance and the implementation of advanced nuclear magnetic resonance instrumentation as well as student instructional laboratories in physical, analytical, and polymer chemistry. He earned a Master's degree in Environmental Science from CSI in 2003. He is married to CUNY Distinguished Professor of Chemistry Ruth Stark, whom he met at CSI in 1985. Their daughter Aliza is currently a Physics major at Caltech, where she is a President's Scholar recipient.



**Barry Martin** joined CSI in 1978. He is the developer of the Martin Method, an interactive software program used to help students learn basic accounting. An Assistant Professor of Accounting, he served as point person in getting CSI's Accounting Program registered with the State of New York. His area of expertise is taxation. He has served on the Appointments Committee in the Department of Business for many years.

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**Mary Mingola** was hired in 1977 as a College Assistant in charge of incoming calls to the College. Early in her career, each of the six phones in the telephone room didn't have too many buttons. Today, there is only one phone, but the power and functionality of that workstation has grown tremendously, as has the number of buttons and the skill needed to juggle the lines, answer the questions, and route the calls. Working as the "voice of CSI," she routinely proves that there is no substitute for the human voice when a caller has a question. What is the most popular question? It seems that for every snowflake that falls, a person lights up her lines with the sudden need to know when school will be closed.



**Dr. John Oppenheimer** joined CSI in September of 1978 as an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology, and as the Director of the Master's Program in Environmental Science at CSI (1978-1999). He has been a faculty member of the CUNY Biology Doctoral Program since September 1998. He worked on the development of and served as the Director of the Center for Environmental Science from 1987 to 1994, and as Associate Director until September 1999. He has guided graduate students at the Master's and Doctoral levels and has dedicated himself to helping students become better at critical reading and thinking. Since joining CSI he has had 20 publications and has received a number of research grants. He has worked on the preservation of Staten Island wetlands, given testimony at New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Administrative Law hearings, and has done research on Staten Island air quality in conjunction with the United States Environmental Protection Agency. He has worked on numerous committees over the years, including College Curriculum, Academic Assessment, and Administrative Review and Evaluation.



**Linda Revenson** began teaching at Staten Island Community College in February 1969, when the College's Department of Mathematics and classes were located in the cozy, friendly, and pleasant working environment of Building "B" with its close-knit family. In addition to multiple moves with the College, she has seen the math curriculum evolve from pencil and paper calculations to calculators, graphing calculators, and even to computers. She has enjoyed her nearly 40 years with CSI, and finds her interactions with students and fellow teachers stimulating, entertaining, and encouraging.



**Nicholas Saccone** was hired in the fall of 1977, the first non-faculty full-time hire to CSI after the merger of Staten Island Community College and Richmond College. He began his career in the Bursar's Office, and moved to the Accounting Office in 1982. After 20 years he moved to the Budget Office, and in 2006 was named the College's Budget Director. In 2008 he was promoted to full HEO and was the recipient of the Dolphin Award for "Outstanding Service to the College by a Member of the Non-teaching Instructional Staff in a HEO Title." He is a graduate of CSI, as is his wife and daughter Amy. His "best friend" is Ragnar, the family's Neapolitan Mastiff, and his two grandchildren, Alyssa and Ryan, are his greatest pride.



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