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Arts



Tonight's Free World-Class Concert At College of Staten Island Is Valentine's Gift To Music Lovers In New York City

Free Valentine's Day performance will be dedicated in memory of Dr. Michael Shugrue, a beloved educator and a patron saint of the performing arts

New York, NY (Vocus/PRWEB) February 14, 2011

Love of a different sort will be celebrated tonight when renowned Russian violinist Yevgeny Kutik takes center stage at a New York City college campus.

The free Valentine's Day performance, at the College of Staten Island (New York) Center for the Arts, will be dedicated in memory of Dr. Michael Shugrue, a beloved educator, arts aficionado, philanthropist and a patron saint of New York City arts, who died on Dec. 1.

This evening's program will contain works from the following composers: Johannes Brahms, Dmitri Shostakovich, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Claude Debussy, Kati Agocs, Maurice Ravel and Henryk Wieniawski.

Kutik is hailed for his command of the violin, an outstanding repertoire -- and a musical embrace that harkens back to the legendary Romantic masters.

The New York Times describes his violin as having an "old-fashioned rhapsodic style, magnified by Kutik's rich, sweet tone."

In 2004, Dr. Shugrue, then a 70-year-old retired English professor and former faculty dean at CUNY's College of Staten Island (CSI), launched the Shugrue Cultural Development Fund.

His goal was to present world-class concerts free-of-charge on Staten Island; he had since underwritten nearly a dozen free performances by New York Philharmonic musicians at CSI.

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST

The concert will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the CSI campus, 2800 Victory Blvd., building 1P - 117.

To ensure your place at tonight's concert, call 718-982- ARTS (2787).

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For Island music lovers, it's double the measure

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By **Michael J. Fressola**



The Staten Island Philharmonic performed at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Stapleton.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Concert music consumers have enjoyed rare, back-to-back on-Island opportunities this week.

The Staten Island Philharmonic was in concert Sunday. The following night, at the **College of Staten Island**, 24-year-old Russian violinist Yvgeny Kutik appeared in the final Shugrue Cultural Fund performance.

The Valentine's Day program had music that is easy to hear and easy to love alongside pieces that don't give in so

easily.

It was a bittersweet concert however. Kutik's appearance and seven previous concert seasons have been underwritten at **CSI** by a fund established by the late Michael Shugrue, retired dean, author, teacher and a passionate music partisan.

The good professor died in December and his Shugrue Cultural Fund will be dissolved. Continuing the tradition of subsidized concert music presentations is under consideration, however.

At the performance, **CSI** President Tomas Morales reiterated the community's indebtedness to Prof. Shugrue and requested a moment of silence in his memory.

The cherubic Kutik recalled several exchanges in which they discussed repertory for Monday's concert. There was complete agreement over the Sonata in G Major (Op. 134) of Shostakovich.

"He loved it and so did I," the violinist said. Members of the audience were probably more divided. For all its atonal challenges, this 12-tone piece is full of invention and beauty and Kutik played it lucidly. The other unfamiliar selection, "Supernatural Love," by Kati Agocs, was more listener-friendly.

Kutik studied with its composer, Kati Agocs, a popular new-music composer.

Pianist Timothy Bozarth, a doctoral candidate at the New England Conservatory of Music, distinguished himself with sensitive playing throughout.

In more regular repertory (Ravel Violin Sonata in G and Brahms Scherzo in C Minor, Debussy's *Beau Soir* and Wieniawski's Polonaise No. 1 in D major (Op. 4), Kutik was very much the soulful wunderkind: Innocent and passionate, with an audible gift for drama.

ISLAND PHILHARMONIC

Exceptional singers find their way to the Staten Island Philharmonic, even when it's playing a late-winter Sunday matinee in Stapleton.

Regulars will recall, a few seasons back, at the St. George Theatre, when a young lyric tenor, T'au Pupu'a, sang a rich, warm Pinkerton in a concert production of "*Madame Butterfly*." (Since then, he has surfaced to considerable acclaim at Tanglewood and at the Kennedy Center, opposite Tyne Daly in "*Master Class*.")

On Sunday, it happened again. Some people in the modest-sized audience at St. Paul's Episcopal Church may have heard soprano Patricia Schuman previously but the rest of us were marveling for the first time over her big, supple, dark-hued soprano.

She has sung at the Metropolitan, Vienna State Opera and La Scala. She was Poppea some time back in a well-liked DVD of Monteverdi's "*L'incoronazione di Poppea*."

She sang just a small handful of arias, just "*Il Dove Sono*" from "*Figaro*," "*Vissi d'arte*" ("*Tosca*") and "*Habanera*" from "*Carmen*." It went beautifully — she has an obedient, lovely powerhouse of an instrument. She did not overplay the "*Habenera*," which drives so many singers to excesses.

Scott Jackson Wiley, principal conductor of Brooklyn's Regina Opera Co., conducted a 35-piece configuration of the orchestra in the Symphony No. 40 in G minor of Mozart, and the Overture to "*Il Matrimonio Segreto*" of Cimarosa and the "*Intermezzo*" from "*Carmen*."

The delicate flutes-and-harp interplay was managed beautifully by flautists Susan Karlson and Pamela Taylor and harpist Samuel Milligan.

The program turned into a pops concert (of show tunes); the conductor promised that he'd located an unusually good "*My Fair Lady*" medley, and he was right.



Worldwide music on a stage CSI's High School for International Studies

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By **Diane Lore**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - NEW SPRINGVILLE

- The program for the third annual winter concert at the College of Staten Island's (CSI) High School for International Studies was what you might have expected from a school with "international" in its name.

More than 140 spirited performers from across Staten Island took the stage at the New Springville high school for the concert a few weeks ago, and most were students new to the music program, including an exchange student from Japan. The audience of more than 300 was treated to rhythms that spanned the globe from Africa, Asia and Europe, to Latin America and American-born blues.



Music students from the College of Staten Island's High School for International Studies present a global-themed concert. (Photo Courtesy of CSI's High School for International Studies)

"Most of the students began playing this past September, most of them new to music altogether," explained Melissa Packowski, director of the high school's music program.

"They work as a team and are proud of what they have accomplished in this short period of time. They are wholeheartedly invested in the performance and determined to have fun on stage," she said.

Their music is diverse in style, as well as origin. Mrs. Packowski explained that she has a responsibility to the students, as part of the school's global-focused mission, to expose them to music from different parts of the world as well as a variety of genres and performance techniques. Students also learn to compose, perform and choreograph original pieces.

Music performed by members of the school's World Percussion Ensemble is played on instruments native to African, Asian and Latin American cultures, but instruments also include five-gallon cans typically found in

most home-improvement stores.

DIFFERENT DRUMMERS

The school was also able to acquire a hand-made set of large Japanese "taiko-drums" through the Brooklyn-based, internationally-known ensemble Taiko Masala. Students made use of the new taiko drums to perform an original composition called "Taikondoroga." It was choreographed to martial arts moves.

"Our school aims for us to become more culturally and globally aware. Well, with 'Taikondoroga,' a product of our World Percussion Ensemble, we have done just that," said student Matthew Prevosti.

Prevosti also composed an original piece titled "Sounds of Unity." Performed on synthesizer, it is described as "a pulsating percussion piece."

Another original piece, "Play Room," was written and arranged by students in the Drum Circle Facilitators. The piece was inspired by the rhythm workshop they did with 3-and 4-year olds at Wagner College's Early Childhood Center last fall.

Japanese exchange student Asuka Sakaguchi said she learned to play the classical guitar as well as the electric bass guitar since she arrived in the United States in September. "Because music is regarded as a universal language, she was able to pick it up rather quickly, despite the language difference," Mrs. Packowski explained.

Miss Sakaguchi, who performs with the Guitar Ensemble, produced a film to accompany the ensemble's performance of "Improvisation in the Blues," an original composition that represents the blues as an American art form.

Mrs. Packowski credited the success of the young, growing music program to the support of interim-acting principal Joseph Canale, and CSI's founding principal, Aimee Horowitz, who was appointed Staten Island district high school superintendent in September.



'Night of Staten Island Artists' was a great show

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By Letters to the Editor/Staten Island Advance

By EMILY COHEN
ANNADALE

What a great surprise I had on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island's "Night of Staten Island Artists." Some of the people who received 2011 grants performed on the stage of the Williamson Theatre at the [College of Staten Island](#) and others showed some of their art in the lobby there. These Staten Islanders ranged in age from young to old and they were so very good.

There were two groups of young dancers, Century Dance Complex and Cecilia Flores's ensemble. Remembering my klutzy self years ago in a dance recital from dancing school, I am wary when about to see young local dancers perform. These were a joy to see — so professional. It was exciting to watch their energy and grace and the choreography was beautiful. Wow!

Three young guys came onstage, Ghost Bunny. As an old fogie "old folkie," I thought: "Oh, no! Electric. A rock band." But these guys were fantastic. The singer, who incongruously played a ukulele, was amazing. Marilyn Kiss, a poet, came up to read her poetry. Would this be boring? No! She was a delight to listen to as she has the vocal ability to bring her words to life in a dramatic way.

The Sundog Theatre presented a scene from a play I'd already seen performed in their 2010 Scenes From The Ferry program. Since the surprising plot could not surprise me, I concentrated on appreciating the top-notch acting and the directing behind it.

Rob Ludacer's short film "The Man Who Moved Manhattan" turned out to be a beautiful example of the fine art of hand-drawn animation. In these days of computer animation, it is good to see someone keeping up the traditional way and Rob used it to tell a most interesting and unusual story.

Enjoying these performers and appreciating the outstanding art on exhibit, I felt that I would not want to miss any of the grantee's events this year!

At age 67, I got a grant myself for 2011 (my first ever!) and my husband and I were onstage doing two of our "Auntie Em and Uncle Al" songs. We enjoyed ourselves a whole lot and it was an honor to be there among such talented people. We'll be doing six concerts this year at parks and libraries, playing all kinds of folk instruments and singing upbeat songs to amuse our fellow Islanders from kids to seniors.

Check out www.statenislandarts.org to see the Cultural Calendar page on that Web site for an extensive listing of all kinds of interesting events on Staten Island. Also on that Web site is a grants section where you can read details on each and every grant performance and exhibit.

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Faculty & Staff

CSI class looking for NFPs for market research study

The College of Staten Island's Marketing Research class, an upper-level undergraduate required course for all junior or senior marketing majors, is looking for not-for-profit organizations interested in benefitting from a market research study.

Students will perform a study to help the not-for-profit determine:

- The profile of current members, donors, supporters, contributors and clients-audience, including their demographics, lifestyle, and spending and participation behavior in order to better serve their needs, as well as market segmentation.

- Who are competitors? How is the organization regarded? What marketing areas could become more effective?

Information will be compiled from a specially created questionnaire that will be sent to the organization's constituents. The non-profit will receive a comprehensive report and video presentation of results upon completion of the project.

Interested parties should contact CSI Adjunct Lecturer Bill Dubovsky at william.dubovsky@csi.cuny.edu for more information.

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Marketing and social media



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The Small Business Development Center at CSI hosted a seminar on marketing principles and the use of social media. On hand were, from left, SBDC Executive Director Dean Balsamini, presenters Bill Dubovsky of Contel Information Systems and Bart Horowitz of Relevant Public Relations, and attendee Ed Brochin of FranSight.

Arts need venues

The arts are thriving on the Island, but more locations to show work are needed

By TIM RONALDSON
Business Trends

Melanie Cohn says it's an "exciting time" for the arts in Staten Island.

Cohn, the executive director of the Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island, is overjoyed because of the success of past events and the bright prospects of initiatives looming this year.

Building on the success of its first-ever LUMEN event in 2010, COAHSI is primed for a big 2011. Already on tap for this year is Stat-

en Island Voices – a traveling exhibition that will feature four local folk artists – a role in a not-for-profit exhibit at the JCC in March, and its second LUMEN event, scheduled for this summer.

"Arts are important to quality of life," Cohn said. "Sometimes, I think we take them for granted because they are there so much. It's just very important in community building."

Since 1992, COAHSI has been providing services to artists and art groups to increase artistic and cultural offerings throughout

the borough. The non-profit organization runs an arts in education program, where it helps schools provide teaching programs in the arts; runs a folk life program, for heritage-based arts and crafts; and provides technical assistance and professional development for artists so they can learn new skills or improve on skills they already have.

Over the last few years, Cohn said COAHSI has been hard at work developing the arts in education program, training artists to

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enter public school classrooms to teach alongside New York City public school teachers. Working with The Center for Arts Education in Manhattan, COAHSI teaches artists basic, practical skills such as how to have the class work together and how to maintain crowd control.

"Sometimes, kids need different ways to express themselves," and having artists in the classroom helps encourage that development, Cohn said.

Last summer, in conjunction with Atlantic Salt, COAHSI hosted its first-ever LUMEN event, an outdoor performance and video art festival.

The organization brought in world-renowned artists to work alongside local Island artists, and the event was a success; more than 700 people visited the exhibition over the course of the day. Cohn said she expects even more people to attend the event this year, which is scheduled for late June at the National Lighthouse Museum.

Cohn is also excited for COAHSI's newest 2011 venture, Staten Island Voices, which is supported by a national endowment it recently received. Through the program, the organization is creating exhibition panels that will profile four local folk artists – one on Sri Lankin drumming, one on Mexican folk dancers, one on Irish folk dancers and one on Kente cloth weavers. The panels will travel throughout the city library system, where the artists will make presentations on their work.

"It's great to be able to share the work that's being done in the folk arts in Staten Island," she said.

While the arts in the borough are growing at a rapid rate, Cohn said one of the biggest challenges the organization, and artists as a whole, face are finding venues at which to present the work.

Outside of churches, there aren't a lot of available venues, and as such, COAHSI is constantly looking for new hosting spaces,

she said. While it has had some success in working with local businesses, it is always looking for more.

"We need more venues," Cohn said. "I think that's a problem not just with COAHSI. Staten Island has grown rapidly, and I don't think the infrastructure has caught up, and I think you can see this in a lot of areas."

Cohn said that COAHSI plays the role of the convener when it comes to hosting spaces. The organization has a list of potential venues throughout the Island, and when artists come to them looking for spaces, it can refer them to places on its list. Cohn said she would love to display more art exhibits at businesses, which could also serve as a way to bring new customers into a location.

No matter the type or venue, arts play an important role in the quality of life for all residents, and as such, each person should take a keen interest in playing his or her role.

"As we have new immigrant go-ups coming to Staten Island, we can start learning more about one another through our arts and our heritages," she said. "It may be different kinds of foods, but in the end, we all love to eat. It can be really good for the cultural fabric to have this way to share cultural experiences. We can appreciate each other's differences and celebrate coming together."

"Part of being a community, part of being civic minded, is just sort of showing up."

ON THE JOB

A. RAMONA BROWN

College of Staten Island

College of Staten Island President Tomás D. Morales appointed A. Ramona Brown as vice president for student affairs. Presently, Brown serves as vice dean for student and external affairs in the Grove School of Engineering at The City College of New York/CUNY. During her tenure, she has been instrumental in developing and implementing a broad range of student recruitment and retention programs and has secured significant external funding for these efforts.

In her current role, Brown oversees comprehensive academic and professional support services to lower-division engineering students, and critical programming to enhance student life in the school. Her work in expanding the school's external relations for faculty and students with corporate, government, community, and other sectors has been notable.

Brown developed a new undergraduate advising model for the GSOE, implemented orientation programs for new engineering freshmen, transfer students, and new engineering faculty, expanded the women in engineering effort to include distinguished role models, developed a strategic plan for the school's proposed Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and developed broad partnerships to increase the pipeline of K-12 students in STEM fields.

Spotlight on Arts

Gail Rosenberg

Arts Infusion: Clean Out Your Belly Button

Professor Cohen leaned into the blank faces of his philosophy class and barked, "Clean out your belly buttons!"

This adage evoked a peculiar image for me as a college freshman; later, it guided me as a teacher, administrator, and college professor. Professor Cohen's words motivated me to dig down to find tools that could help me gain my focus, motivate my instruction, and develop a model that others can emulate.

As a middle grades teacher, I was expected to have a working knowledge of a variety of subjects. Teaching those subjects would be a challenging task, but I knew that my competency with specific teaching tools would help me develop a creative instruction plan.

Two of my favorite tools were literature and the arts. They became the lens through which I supported the diverse learning needs of all my students. They were mutually supportive and promoted a freedom of expression that empowered, celebrated, and validated students' efforts.

Arts Across the Curriculum

The arts stimulate untapped talent and a desire to learn. Using music, drama, fine art, dance, and photography to support instruction across the curriculum is a powerful teaching strategy.

For example, in my classrooms, I began with poetry—well-known verses as well as my own poetry—to support the vocabulary and concepts in whatever area we were studying. The rhythm of the poetry provided a smooth transition into music. Weaving the two, we examined the language and rhythms of colonial hymns, early American country ditties, Native American prayers and instrumentals, Revolutionary War and Civil War songs, blues, jazz, pop, and more.

Your students can watch excerpts of a Broadway show online or on DVD, such as Rogers and Hammerstein's *Oklahoma*, and look for information about setting, period, language, and customs.

The study of musical instruments (how, why, and where they are constructed) inspires social studies, math, and science lessons. When they learn about the origin and construction of instruments, students explore such questions as, "When were they created? What materials were used? Why? What resources were available?" As students study music and music theory, they learn about patterns and fractions.

Incorporating art and architecture in the social studies classroom can guide students as they study history and culture. Students can research a painting or structure and consider such questions as, "What was happening in the world at the time?" and "What were the politics, economics, and social institutions?"

Infusing drama into the curriculum offers myriad opportunities as well. Students can read Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and then explore the music and dance of the period. They might interpret dialogue, reshape the story to make connections, write a letter to a character, use a character profile to write an obituary, or retell the story in first person. They can rework short stories and plays through a different voice or rewrite them so prose becomes dialogue.

Covering All Bases

Thinking outside the box advanced my use of the arts as a tool to support learning. My lessons addressed the standards, integrated curricula, and met school, city, and state expectations. I included relevant skills and strategies and my learners mastered those skills within context. Students made connections, clarified concepts, and developed reflective practice. They took ownership of their education, and their research led to interesting classroom discussions.

I used alternative assessments to support all learning styles. Assessments were written and oral, inquiry-based, and authentic presentations. Attendance improved as students looked forward, each day, to participating in arts-based assignments.

Cleaning out my belly button was the motivation behind my instructional philosophy; I hope others will follow my lead.

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CSI students have plenty of opportunities to quit smoking

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By Letters to the Editor/Staten Island Advance

By WENDY DeSHONG-NEUHALFEN,
PORT RICHMOND

Re: 'CSI tells smokers they'll have to take long walk," Advance, Jan. 25, regarding the City University's ban on smoking on all campuses:

On Staten Island, the news was not taken lightly. Some students liked the idea of breathing fresh air and others felt it was the last thing they needed to prove that they are responsible adults.

This plan will go into effect on Sept. 4, 2012. This is enough time for students to quit or to try and quit. The colleges will provide all kinds of support such as counseling, patches, gum and other cessation tools to help students.

Kudos go out to Ms. Linda Conte, Director of Health and Wellness services, who is looking forward to the challenge.

It is very reassuring to know that many students who smoke on the College of Staten Island Campus want to quit. This is an indication that other resources needs to be available for students, on campus as well as off, and organizations such as the Staten Island Smoke Free Partnership are also here to offer support.

Students looking to quit and need additional resources can call 1-866-NY Quits.

[The writer is executive director of New Direction Services, Inc.]



Act quickly to take part in Slim Down

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By **Diane O'Donnell**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The clock is ticking on entries for the Staten Island Slim Down. Borough residents have until midnight today to register for the 10-week weight-loss contest and health initiative.

At stake is a \$3,000 grand prize, free healthy food, personal training sessions and other perks for the contestant who makes the most substantial physical and mental lifestyle transformation.

To win, contestants must submit a photo of themselves holding a recent front page of the Advance. A second photo will be taken at the end of the contest, on April 8.

The person with the most inspiring lifestyle transformation will be deemed the winner.

So far, more than 1,100 Staten Islanders have joined online at statenislandslimdown.com. Entry to the contest is by computer only, so if you don't have Web access, you'll need to visit a library or get help from a friend who has Internet access.

The response has far exceeded the expectations of Slim Down founders Dr. Maureen Becker, a physical therapist and College of Staten Island professor, and Tony Books Avilez, a personal trainer who runs Staten Island Boot Camp.

"We really thought we were going to get about 50 or 60 people," said Dr. Becker.

The Slim Down features free weekly exercise classes, twice-a-week fitness walks at the Staten Island Mall, online coaching, nutrition tips and a community of support from fellow borough residents, including "Biggest Loser" runner-up Alfredo (Frado) Dinten.

Those who are camera-shy can forgo the contest but join as a participant and take advantage of the Slim Down offerings.

Chamber announces new chairman and board of directors

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By **Staten Island Advance**



Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel

The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce officers and members of the board of directors are sworn in yesterday at the Richmond County Country Club, Dongan Hills.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Surrogate Robert Gigante swore in Staten Island Chamber of Commerce officers and members of the board of directors yesterday at the Richmond County Country Club, Dongan Hills.

The new chairman of the board, Solomon Chemo, is a financial planner and managing partner with Richmond Group Wealth Advisors, Richmond.

He has been an active member of the Chamber of Commerce since 1998.

In addition to Chemo, current executive officers of the board are: President and CEO Linda Baran; vice chair Susan Browning, senior vice president for business development and practice management, Staten Island University Hospital; treasurer Ralph Branca, president and CEO, Victory State Bank; secretary Glen V. Cutrona, president of Cutrona Associates; legal counsel Bruce Behrins, attorney, Behrins & Berhins, and immediate past chairwoman Rosemarie Scampas, president of Inform Business.

Newly elected directors are: Tim McGovern, agent, United NY Sandy Hook Pilots Association; Roger Prince, general manager of Staten Island Bridges, Port Authority of NY/NJ; Frank Sanchez, general manager, Hilton Garden Inn; Frank Scarangelo, president, Scaran Heating & Air Conditioning; Joseph Tornello, president and CEO, Meals on Wheels; Mark Tranchina, managing partner, Vanderbilt at South Beach, and Ed Wiseman, executive director, Historic Richmond Town.

Returning to the board are: Renee Altomonte, vice president/retail market manager, TD Bank; Michael Assenza, vice president, Stat-land Security Services; John Atkins, chief operating officer, New York Container Terminal; Allen C. Bentson, co-owner, Allen C. Bentson Agency; Josh Caplan, director of ad sales, Time Warner Cable; Gail Castellano, first vice president-regional manager, Richmond County Savings Bank a division of NY Community Bank.

Also, Dr. Tomas Morales, president, College of Staten Island; Anthony Mulholland, classified manager, Staten Island Advance; Frank Pentecost, manager of economic development, Con Edison; Josephine Savastano, senior vice president, SI Bank & Trust, a division of Sovereign Bank; and Ken Schneider, residential estimator, PAC Plumbing, Heating & A/C.

In addition, Ms. Scampas will replace Tom Scarangelo of Scaran Heating & Air Conditioning, as chair of the Chamber of Commerce Foundation Board.

Serving on the foundation board are: Ralph Branca, Ms. Browning, John Vento, CPA; Annamarie Gentile, supervising partner, Angiuli, Katkin & Gentile; Evelyn Rogers, partner, Taste of Honey Caterers; Joseph Sciame, vice president of community relations, St. John's University; William Dubovsky, principal, Comtel Information Services, and Ken Doherty, executive vice president, Northfield Bank.

Returning 'turtles' no longer treated like conquering heroes

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Author: Ni Tao

MY first contact with a Chinese returnee, or hai gui, took place when I was seven, when a friend of my mother's came back from Japan. After working there at a factory processing raw fish products for three years, she made quite a fortune and radiated grace and opulence.

She was among the first generation of highly unskilled hai gui, literally translated as "sea turtles," to be followed by a steady trickle of student returnees, who brought with them skills and expertise that set the nation on a path that globalized its economy. Returnees' success stories strengthened my belief that overseas experience is necessary to build a good career.

That belief has largely fallen apart. As domestic companies begin to stress real ability over foreign diplomas in recruiting new hires, "sea turtles" now find themselves on the shallow side of an increasingly crowded talent pool. Unless they are of the highest caliber, and thus are wooed, they have no apparent edge over local job-seekers other than English proficiency. As a popular joke has it, "sea turtles" have become "seaweeds," or hai dai, referring to their modest social status.

And the pressure in finding jobs is just one aspect of a double whammy they may face once "home." Their overseas experience can be a source of what some scholars call the "reverse culture shock" that causes tremendous psychological stress.

While the effect of "reverse culture shock" remains to be seen among Chinese returnees, it has also been proven to exist among certain people, according to Nan M. Sussman, psychology professor at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York.

In an interview on January 27, Professor Sussman told Shanghai Daily that Europeans and Americans fall into the category she termed "subtractive" in their self-identification, which means they can no longer feel as American or European as they did before settling in another country.

Life back "home" is often so miserable that they change residences, quit jobs and even divorce spouses to try to relieve stress, only to find moving back to their adopted new homes can cure culture shock, said Sussman.

Unlike the Westerners, the Chinese have displayed remarkable flexibility in this regard, especially the Hong Kongers. In her new book "Return Migration and Identity: A Global Phenomenon, A Hong Kong Case," Sussman traces the "out and back" migration of Hong Kongers before and after Hong Kong's return to China in 1997.

Sussman argues that few Hong Kong returnees suffered the same kind of mental stress as do Westerners. Lured back to Hong Kong by the economic opportunities and the pull of home, they could fit in again without feeling ill at ease after living for an extended period in Australia and

Canada, two of the largest receiving nations, despite the very different lifestyles they represent - Hong Kong fast-paced, Australia and Canada laid-back.

This is because, as Sussman explained, Hong Kongers are a product of the Confucian culture, where emphasis on harmony allows for the blurring of identity boundaries. Hence Hong Kong emigrants don't lose home culture, rather, they add many layers to their identity.

Whereas in the West, based on Greek philosophy, identity is monolithic (less malleable). It has to be one way or the other, not both. And that is why Westerners cannot switch as easily as the Hong Kongers between different roles, said Sussman. While the Hong Kong case is indeed interesting, Sussman said the city may be a unique example in which "sea turtles" swim effortlessly in local currents, due to its mixture of pragmatism and cosmopolitanism.

Things may be more complex on the mainland. We've already seen small ways in which the returnees are now behaving differently from the local norm, and feeling awkward as a result.

In many online chatrooms, "sea turtles" share their experiences of cultural shock in China. For instance, they feel uncomfortable driving on Chinese roads, as motorists seldom show civility, such as yielding to pedestrians when making right turns, and to respect pedestrians when most drivers don't is considered quixotic.

The culture shock may become more explosive when returnees are forced to conform to local ways under peer pressure or parent pressure. Issues like marriage may put newfound individuality and traditional deference to parents on a collision course.



Procrastination

Just in time to help out with New Year's resolutions to stop putting things off, you'll meet a professor from the University of Alberta who believes he has discovered a cure for procrastination.

PART ONE

David Michael Lamb was our guest host today.

It's Tuesday, December 28th.

A disgruntled hockey fan who threw waffles on the ice at a Toronto Maple Leaf's game has been banned from the arena.

Currently, it's worth noting that most of those waffles got past the Leafs' goalie.

This is The Current.

Procrastination

With the New Year almost upon us, I'm betting many of you are thinking about... getting around to thinking about... resolutions. Lets face it - as a species we are the great procrastinators. But don't sink into a funk just yet... all is not lost. [Piers Steel](#) claims to have found a way to put off - procrastination. The University of Calgary professor is a leading expert on the science of procrastination. And he has just published a book, called, [The Procrastination Equation](#). It daringly promises readers a "how to" guide to stop procrastinating. Piers Steel joined us from Calgary.

We also brought someone else into the conversation. [Mark White](#) teaches philosophy at the [College of Staten Island](#) in New York City. He's the co-editor of, [The Thief of Time](#), a new collection of philosophical essays on procrastination. He was at his home in snowy New Jersey.

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Urban Forager | Salt-Loving Mushrooms

By [AVA CHIN](#)

Photographs by Ava Chin for The New York Times *Agaricus bernardii* in October: cracked and tough-looking outside...

Though winter salt's effects on the city are numerous — de-iced sidewalks, salt-splotted cars, canines sporting booties or cradled in the protective arms of owners — less immediately obvious is the impact on the natural environment, including the fungi underfoot. One byproduct of road salt may be the surprise appearance of autumn [Agaricus bernardii](#), a relative of the white button mushroom found in supermarkets, long after all the snow and ice of the previous winter has melted.

Last October, I found several curious *Agaricus* specimens, with pinkish-beige, heavily cracked caps that were as large as my outspread hand, growing along an inner road at my college campus on Staten Island. As the *Agaricus* genus includes many poisonous species, I collected several samples over the course of the month to show senior members of the [New York Mycological Society](#).

The mushrooms caused puzzlement and then excitement: this variety of *Agaricus*, *A. bernardii*, is uncommon in the city, and when it does show up, it didn't necessarily appear again in ensuing years. The freshest fungi, with thick stubby stalks and caps as robust as portobellos, were looked upon with admiration and a bit of foodie-lust by my fellow mycological enthusiasts.

When available, *Agaricus bernardii* can be found in seaside areas in Europe, and along both United States coasts, where it seems to favor salty, alkaline environments like sand dunes or sandy soil along roadsides that see a generous spraying of salt in heavy winters (like my college campus). Seasonal in summer and fall, it is also a winter mushroom in California, where it's been most heavily researched. When fresh, *A. bernardii* bleeds red when cut (in my case, a subdued reddish-orangey-pink), and has a deep, velvety, chocolate brown spore print and a rich, briny odor that some find fishy.

One distinguishing characteristic of *A. bernardii* is the odor. ... but .fleshy on the inside. The mycological society's vice president, Dennis Aita, who has only ever seen it twice, in New Jersey and the Bronx, said, "the briny smell is unique, such that a blind man could probably identify it by its smell alone." Another senior member warned against consuming any *Agaricus* species that had a coal-tar scent. (Even though my sense of

smell is largely hampered by allergies, I buried my nose into the mushroom's fleshy parts and caught a whiff of the ocean).

Mushrooms of the *Agaricus* genus, which includes the portobello, the baby bella, the crimini and the most commonly grown mushroom in the United States — *Agaricus bisporus*, a.k.a. the white button — as well as poisonous ones that wreak gastrointestinal havoc — such as *A. xanthodermus* and *A. placomyces* — are notoriously difficult to identify. I would never dream of doing so on my own, even now. As with all wild mushrooms, always a) consult experts or their books, providing fresh samples whenever possible for them to study b) make spore prints c) proceed with caution before eating.

Once Aita proclaimed my mushrooms “choice!” I took them home and sauteed very thin slices in butter and a touch of white wine. Like a white button mushroom, my *A. bernardii* yielded a lot of water in the pan, which I allowed to burn off. The result — *Agaricus bernardii* on toast — was a slightly fleshier-than-expected mushroom experience.

This snowy winter, the city has [already run through its entire salt budget](#).

Next fall, if *A. bernardii* comes up again, I'm going to grill it with goat cheese and guacamole.

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By YOAV GONEN Education Reporter

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The number of black and Hispanic students who qualified for the city's top-tier high schools continued its downward trend in 2010 -- even though many more minority students are applying, new data show.

While they comprised 44 percent of the students who sat for the competitive entrance exams, black and Hispanic students were offered just 11 percent of the 5,404 spots at Stuyvesant HS, the Bronx High School of Science and six other "specialized" high schools this year.

In 2009, these groups of students comprised 13 percent of the offers made, while in the prior two years the figure was at 14 percent.

At the same time, offers to white students have stayed relatively stable over the years, at about 23 percent of the total, while they've edged up for Asian/Pacific Islander students -- to 47 percent of the total offers made.

Figures from the Manhattan performing high school La Guardia, which handles its admissions separately because it includes an audition, were not included.

The lack of diversity among students in the specialized high schools has been a troubling issue for city officials for years -- with theories about the causes ranging from bias in the entrance exam to lack of outreach to students in low-income neighborhoods.

"Part of the point of mayoral control was we were supposed to bring housing, health, law enforcement and other social services to bear on the part of low-income kids not performing well in schools. And they just haven't done that at all, [even though] that's what it takes," said David Bloomfield, chairman of the Education Department at the College of Staten Island.

City education officials said they had worked hard to improve outreach to communities where participation in the specialized high schools' entrance exams has historically been low, and the numbers show those efforts have been relatively successful.

Nearly 700 more black students and 800 more Hispanic students took the exams in 2010 than in 2009.

The city also started a yearlong training institute for low-income middle-schoolers nearly two decades ago in an attempt to boost the number of minority students who succeeded on the grueling entrance exam.

Even though that program is directly linked to the issue of the racial disparity at the elite schools, officials surprisingly weren't able to provide statistics yesterday on the success rate of the institute.

Aside from outreach and the institute, however, Department of Education officials weren't able to pinpoint what concrete steps they were taking to address the widening gap.

"We also must ensure students taking the exam are receiving a high-quality education in elementary and middle school so more of them can access our specialized high schools," a DOE spokesman said in a statement.

Dr. Pedro Noguera, a professor of education at NYU, said: "There's a pipeline you have to create to get students into those specialized high schools, but there's a shortage of quality middle schools in the city.

"The fact is that New York City schools have become more segregated, both on the basis of race and socioeconomic status. That corresponds to school quality to a large degree."

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SELFLESSNESS IN ROMANTIC LOVE

Do you always put your partner's needs above your own?
Here's why striking a balance is important.

By Lynn Harris

In an ideal relationship, your partner always magically, borderline psychically knows what you want. If you have to ask, that means you're needy or your partner is clueless — and that, bottom line, your love is not meant to be.

Right?

Wrong, wrong, wrong, *wrong!*

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A great relationship can *feel* like magic, but — as I've learned from my own years of marriage — great relationships are not *fueled* by magic. (Or, for that matter, psychic abilities.) At some point, yes, your partner will develop a kind of sixth sense about how to make you happy, but he or she is going to need some raw data first. And if you are never able to articulate what you want, you are not going to get it, says Mark White, Ph.D., professor of political science, economics and philosophy at the College of Staten Island and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Dr. White sees this problem — a common one in relationships, especially as “needy” appears on many singles’ list of top 10 turn-offs — as a misunderstanding of the role and meaning of the word “selflessness” when you’re in love with someone.

Why putting others first isn't always a good thing

“Selflessness” *sounds* like a good quality to have... and when it comes to volunteering, feeling empathy, or the ability to feel connected to the world around you, it *is* good. But in love, White argues, there's a limit. As he recently wrote in his [blog](#) on PsychologyToday.com, White says that so-called “selfless love” — which again, *sounds* ideal — is really a paradox. Why?

“When you try too hard to be ‘selfless’ in a relationship, focusing exclusively on meeting the other person’s needs rather than getting your own needs met, you’re not letting the other person do what he or she wants to do,” says White. “You think it’s selfless to not express your needs but it’s actually *selfish*, because your partner wants to know.”

Don't we all want our needs met? Why would we stay silent? For Karen F., 40, of Washington D.C., it was her reluctance to appear dependent on a man's attention. "I used to always tell my boyfriends that they didn't need to call me all the time, since I didn't want them to feel like I was pressuring them or putting too many demands on their time," she says. "Then, when I started dating my boyfriend, I said the same thing and he was like, 'OK, do you not want me to call you?' I realized how silly it sounded and figured out that it was all my own issues to work out."

Don't suppress your needs — communicate them

Other people may genuinely feel their needs are not important, or, again, believe that in a "good" relationship, they shouldn't have to spell things out in the first place. Neither is a good strategy for a healthy relationship. "People aren't very good at mind reading. They're just not," says W. Keith Campbell, Ph.D., head of the department of psychology at the University of Georgia. "We know that everything else in life takes work. But for some reason, we have trouble imagining that relationships take work."

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And that can lead to damaging resentment. "If you do suppress your needs, you wind up resenting your partner — unfairly, of course — for not realizing and fulfilling them anyway," says White. (This, in turn, can lead to the

"blindside breakup" — where you end the relationship because your partner didn't provide things he or she never knew were important to you in the first place.)

Selflessness... or sacrifice?

Experts stress that excessive "selflessness" can also lead to excessive sacrifice. We all give things up, large and small, to be in relationships; first and foremost, the fundamental freedom to date other people. From there, we might give up eating meat (for the love of a vegetarian), our pets (even the best partners have allergies!), or... sunlight. For example, Aliza S., who never thought she'd move anywhere "for a guy," relocated — albeit reluctantly — to the Middle-of-Nowhere, Alaska (let's just say winter temperatures can reach 60 below) for her fiancé. "It made sense, deep down," she says. "His career — he's a wildlife biologist — offers only certain options. And in the big picture, I wasn't doing it for him; I was doing it for both of us."

OK, so that's the healthy kind of "give" that one expects to do while in a relationship (even considering that Aliza is from Honolulu, HI). Fluctuations in your level of give and take are also healthy: "Partners understand that on different days and at different times, they each have different needs. In a particular situation, the give/take ratio could be 70/30, but over time, the average should be closer to 50/50, where each partner is feeling heard and having his or her needs met," says Renée A. Cohen, Ph.D., a psychologist in private practice in West Los Angeles and Hermosa Beach, CA.

So if you feel that, in your relationship — or relationships in general — your average is closer to the 70/30 mark than 50/50, ask yourself whether you're drawn to overly demanding partners... and why you're not sticking up for yourself. There is a healthy, satisfying, *unselfish* way to give to your partner *and* get what you need. Perhaps, as Dr. Campbell suggests, it's best expressed by something he often heard his late colleague Caryl Rusbult, Ph.D. say: "Be loyal, but don't be a doormat."

Practice makes perfect in long-term relationships

Wondering how to find that balance? With practice, of course: "Don't start out big," says Dr. White. "Start with a little bit of self-disclosure, and you will soon discover that your partner is comfortable with it and even appreciates it. Then, gradually, you can move on to more serious needs that are even more important to the relationship." After all, as Dr. Campbell notes, "People need to be needed."

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Brighton Heights resident maintains collection miniature figurines

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By **Virginia N. Sherry**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - BRIGHTON HEIGHTS - Pamela Carlton comfortably wears multiple professional and community-minded hats. In addition, this busy lady has a passion for ceramic miniature figurines designed and produced at Hagen-Renaker, a business launched in 1945 in a family's garage in southern California.

It was impossible for her to identify a favorite among the figurines in her vast collection that includes two whimsical blue-eyed pigs dressed in red, one wearing ice-skates, the other, dancing shoes; a tiny white unicorn with gold-leaf hoofs and horn, and dainty blue flowers around its neck, and a diminutive green worm with a brown hat on its head and a yellow pipe in its mouth.

"They're all my favorites, and the really old pieces have so much detail it's incredible," she said appreciatively.

Ms. Carlton's collection is so large that she has never found the time and patience to take an exact count.

"Seven hundred? Eight hundred, or maybe more?" she guessed last week, standing in front of the cabinet that holds most of the treasured figurines.

IT STARTED WITH DAD



The collection includes two whimsical blue-eyed pigs dressed in red, one wearing ice-skates, the other, dancing shoes. (Staten Island Advance/Virginia N. Sherry)



Disney figurines are part of Pamela Carlton's collection. (Staten Island Advance/Virginia N. Sherry)

It was her father, Joseph R. Carlton, who introduced her to the fanciful figurines when she was about 8 years old.

"He was an A & R (artists and repertoire) man," for major U.S. record companies, she explained. While on assignment at Walt Disney, working on the music for Disney films, he started to bring home famous Disney characters for his daughter.

"My father got me Alice in Wonderland, everyone from Lady and the Tramp, and then Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs – although I never got Snow White herself, only the dwarfs," Ms. Carlton said.

"I loved them immediately," she recalled.

And so a tradition was born. "Every time my father went somewhere, he came back with more for my collection. It was something to look forward to," she said.

The fanciful dogs and puppies, cats and kittens, birds, horses, and other animals moved into a bookcase over the young Ms. Carlton's bed.

"It was a private place, and it made me happy," she said. The creatures captivated her imagination, and transformed her into an avid, life-long collector.

Pamela Carlton is adjunct assistant professor of biology at the [College of Staten Island](#); a New York state-licensed paramedic; an emergency medical technician (EMT) and past board member of BRAVO Volunteer Ambulance, and an instructor-coordinator for EMT training at Staten Island Emergency Medical Training, Inc.

CSI athletics honors 7 faculty, staffers for service to program

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By Jerry Lee



Photo Courtesy of CSI athletics

Posing at halfcourt are award winners and presenters, from left, Dr. William Fritz, Dr. Ramona Brown, Ira Persky, James Mardikos, Vladislav Romanov, Barbara Clark, Eddie Buttle, Danielle McLaughlin, Olivia Tierno, Michael Baybusky, Katie Arcuri, Caitlin McKeever, John Edwards and Vernon Mummert, the CSI athletic director.

WILLOWBROOK — The College of Staten Island (CSI) athletic program celebrated its sixth annual Faculty/Staff Appreciation Night recently, spotlighting seven deserving winners.

The ceremony, hosted by the CSI Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), came in-between the Dolphins' men's and women's basketball doubleheader against York College. Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. William Fritz congratulated the winners at the ceremony, which included a full dinner-reception after the games.

Coordinated by Assistant Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Services Katie Arcuri, who oversees the SAAC, the ceremony is designed to honor faculty and staff who receive multiple nominations from CSI's student-athlete body, which includes over 200 athletes spanning 13 intercollegiate sports and cheerleading.

After nominees are screened, SAAC picks the winners. All honorees received a commemorative plaque presented to them by a nominating athlete, usually a member of the SAAC.

"This night is a great way to honor and recognize those faculty and staff members who make a difference for students on a daily basis," said Ms. Arcuri. "This year the SAAC took over the event and I look forward to it growing in the future. It's a great way to help relationships grow with departments and staff members."

The honorees spanned a diverse range of platforms, combining for over 100 years of service in higher education.

Alan Hoffner from College Testing is a two-time winner. He aids in speedy testing procedures for out-of-state applicants, and personally offers students independent tutoring. Barbara Clark of International Services was presented her award by three-time NCAA national finalist in swimming Vladislav Romanov. It recognizes her outstanding work in guiding international students with acclimating to the USA's educational system.

Faculty members John Edwards (Science, Letters & Society) was honored by Caitlin McKeever (cheerleading), as was Christine Quinlon (American Sign Language). **CSI** Athletics' Eddie Buttle, the building supervisor and game-day operations specialist, was honored by SAAC President Danielle McLaughlin (soccer). Buttle has spent nearly three decades in athletics, and was cited for his dedicated service toward facility upkeep. Auxiliary Services Executive Director Ira Persky, a driving force behind **CSI's** annual Barnes & Noble golf outing, was honored by baseball mainstay James Mardikos.

In a special cap to the evening, Campus Bursar Michael Baybusky, who doubles as the lead voice for **CSI** SportsNet, a streaming Web-casting audio service covering nearly 100 athletic events per year, was honored as the only three-time winner. Baybusky was presented a lettered jacket by Olivia Tierno of the basketball team. ¶

"It's been such a pleasure to work with the student-athletes and the staff in athletics," said Baybusky. "Win or lose, our athletes conduct themselves with class and dignity, and I'm honored to be associated with them and the department. It's means so much to me to win this award once again."

In all, the event raised the total number of all-time members to 55 — a number Ms. Arcuri feels will expand considerably.

"Our student-athletes are a major part of the engaging and dynamic student profile on this campus. They are cognizant that without the aid of many, and the life lessons they are taught in the classroom, they wouldn't come so far," she said.

(Dave Pizzuto contributed to this report).



Brutal winters may become the norm

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By **Deborah E. Young**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Although skeptics may point to the viciousness of this winter in New York as sound evidence against global warming, this type of battering succession of storms may actually become the norm in New York as the planet heats up, according to scientists.

The 10 warmest years after records began in 1854 have all occurred since 1998, according to new data released by the World Meteorological Organization -- with 2010 tying with 1998 and 2005 as the warmest.



Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel

More snowstorms, like the post-Christmas blizzard that began a winter of discontent, may be in store for the Northeast.

This trend translates for Staten Islanders into more intense pummelings of rain and snow, coming down in more powerful bursts, like nor'easters and hurricanes.

"The 2010 data confirm the Earth's significant long-term warming trend," said Michel Jarraud, the top official of the agency, which based its findings on data collected by Britain's Meteorological Office, the U.S. National Climatic Data Center and NASA.

The warming trend has been especially strong in Africa, parts of Asia, and parts of the Arctic, the findings show.

Significantly cooler weather was also registered toward the end of last year, especially in northern Europe, parts of Russia and in the eastern United States.

"Globally speaking, the hydrologic cycle will intensify, with more evaporation, more precipitation. Regions that are wetter will become even wetter, and regions that are dry will become dryer," said Athanasios Koutavas, a professor of climate paleontology at the College of Staten Island, who studies the world's

weather patterns.

"It is entirely consistent as we go toward a warmer climate, the Northeast will experience more precipitation."

He said to expect a future with more of the type of strong weather that caused the now-notorious post-Christmas blizzard which laid waste to the landscape and had Islanders making comparisons to the film, "The Day After Tomorrow."

"There are studies that show precipitation is coming down in stronger events," he said. "We are going to be getting more rain and snow; the snow storms will deliver more snowfall than in the past. These are the general predictions, and this winter seems to speak to those trends."

Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Panel on Climate Change has also said more intense storms are "extremely likely."

The panel of experts who are helping the city prepare for future weather patterns have said that the mean annual temperatures in New York could rise by as much as 3 degrees by the 2020s and the average sea levels will rise by 2 to 5 inches. By the end of this century, the sea level could be one to two feet higher in the city and storms of epic proportions (so-called 100-year storms) could start arriving every 15 to 35 years, the panel forecasts

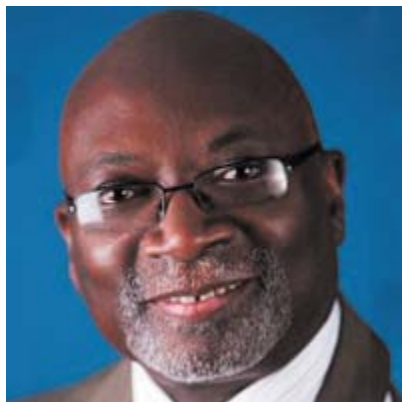
New flood maps are set soon to replace the current map drawn in the 1980s, and should include wider swaths of at-risk land. Discussions are also afoot about how to bolster the city's ability to tolerate such intense storms, and proposals include the installation of storm surge barriers in the lower bay.

"We are taking steps to improve our resilience to climate change," said Jason Post, a spokesman for the mayor.



Sound-bites on Education

By City Hall



Ernie Logan

President, Council of School Supervisors and Administrators

The most important education issue facing the city right now is, above all, the education gap between the rich and the poor, white and minority populations. The gap is not closing, and the failure to close it could spell disaster for the city, the state and the nation. There is no issue more important than this in New York City or anywhere in the country, particularly when you stop and think that today's minority will soon be the majority.

What is not on the city's agenda—and was rightly a priority of our new President, Barack Obama—is early-childhood education. Early-childhood education has been less than ignored in New York City—the city has and continues to cut back early-childhood education for the working poor and the poor. The decimation of early-childhood education, among all but the upper middle class and the rich, could set New York City back decades.



Geri Palast

Executive director, Campaign for Fiscal Equity

Absent adequate resources, the New York City Department of Education will need to target its programs and services to the schoolchildren who need the most support to meet standards and graduate. DOE must employ best practices developed in successful schools, they must focus on attendance, which is a primary factor in achievement, and they must address the growing resegregation of the schools through stepping up the use of programs such as Educational Option schools, which blend the student populations. DOE should also fix the Blue Book so that we have an accurate record of our school facilities and can strategically address overcrowding and provide appropriate facilities for programs ranging from science labs and art rooms to libraries and gyms.



Zakiyah Ansari

Coordinator, Coalition for Educational Justice

The city must address its lack of capacity and infrastructure to support dramatic school improvement/turnaround without closing schools, in addition to acknowledging the fact that the racial achievement gap is as wide as ever. Where they are closing schools, there does not seem to be a plan for the tens of thousands of students that stay in schools as they "phase out" and then often get forgotten and left without the resources and staff they need, becoming collateral damage—usually before they get shuffled off to the next struggling school.

The City is not adequately addressing capacity and infrastructure deficiencies, especially when it comes to supporting struggling schools—right now the strategy is to leave schools on their own to sink or swim. If they sink, they will be closed. In addition, despite occasional lip service, there is a lack of investment in meaningful parent and community involvement so that we are systematically left out of decisions that affect our children, our schools and our communities. We have a PEP that is a rubberstamp and a city that has gone gaga for closing schools as if that is a school-reform strategy.



David Bloomfield

Education chair, Staten Island College

The Achievement Gap and graduation data are considerably lower than even the abysmal published results for high school completion and college/career readiness. The increased rate of school closings and attacks on teachers are an intentional distraction from this failure, which has persisted throughout the mayor's three terms.

Mayoral control of schools was supposed to increase interagency cooperation. This hasn't happened. The city needs to improve coordinated health, housing, law enforcement and social-service efforts to increase student achievement. The NYCLU's revelation that suspensions spiked from 44,000 in 1999-2000 to 73,000 last year, with a smaller student population and longer periods out of school, must be addressed through better disciplinary policies, especially toward students of color and those in special education.



James Merriman

CEO, New York City Charter School Center

Charter schools do not receive facility funding, an inequity that has been ameliorated by the city's decision to provide space in public-school buildings—but not solved. Until charter schools have the financial means to choose whether to accept district space or to go into private space, it will be difficult not just to end the district v. charter mentality (which is unproductive), but to site high-performing charters wherever there is demand. Providing charters with dedicated funding they deserve should be an absolute priority for the city and the state.

More generally, we need to have open discussions about the flexibility that charter schools enjoy—and how district principals and teachers can share and apply them to their own schools. If we do, we'll find enormous common and productive ground both with teachers and the vast majority of parents. For instance, charter schools are able to set their own discipline policies, which in turn are an essential building block for creating a school culture of respect and high expectations. In turn, parents, who place a high value on a school being safe and orderly, flock to these schools. District teachers rightly chafe that their schools either are unable or unwilling to institute similar policies—and that therefore their jobs become impossible. In turn, they feel like the playing field is tilted against them. Opening a discussion around these issues (and then moving to action) will result in district and charter teachers seeing each other as partners in a shared project that is an essential component of student academic achievement.



Diane Ravitch

Education historian; research professor, NYU

The continuing poor academic performance of many students, especially African-American and Hispanic students, is a major issues. When the State Education Department revealed that the state scores were inflated, the proportion of New York City students meeting state standards fell sharply. The Schott Foundation for Public Education reported last year that only 28 percent of black males graduate in New York City. Three-quarters of our high school graduates who enroll in community colleges require remediation, and very few get a degree. This year, for the first time in memory, New York City public schools had not even one winner in the Intel science competition. Clearly, the DOE's singular devotion to accountability is not working for students.

The city should have a school improvement strategy instead of a school closing strategy. Closing schools harms fragile communities. Public schools are not like chain stores that can be closed and opened at will. The city's indifference to parent and public opinion is creating a volatile situation where rage builds without an outlet. The rage will only grow if the city continues to hold hearings where no one listens. Democracy requires a willingness to listen and respond to the public.

Huguenot dentist receives Lifetime Achievement Award

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By Staten Island Advance



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Photo

Dr. George E. Bambara

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Dr. George E. Bambara of Huguenot was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Richmond County Dental Society during its 2011 Installation of Officers dinner-dance at the Richmond County Country Club, Dongan Hills.

Dr. Bambara is on staff at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Methodist Hospital in Brooklyn and Sea View Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home, Sea View.

He served as past president of the Richmond County Dental Society and holds fellowships in the American and International College of Dentists and the International Academy of Dento-Facial Esthetics.

He is also an assistant adjunct professor at the [College of Staten Island](#), Willowbrook.

Dr. Bambara lectures nationally and internationally on attachment prosthetics and has developed a reputation for quality continuing education programs and workshops.

He has written numerous articles in dental journals and has authored a chapter in a soon-to-be released textbook, "Contemporary Esthetic Dentistry."

For the past five years, Dr. Bambara has been chosen as one of the Top 100 Clinicians by Dentistry Today Magazine. In 1997, he was entered into the [College of Staten Island](#) Hall of Fame.

[CSI](#) appoints new assistant VP

Dr. Kenneth Boyden has been appointed as the assistant vice president for Institutional Advancement and External Affairs at the [College of Staten Island](#) ([CSI](#)), Willowbrook.

Dr. Boyden previously served as vice president for Institutional Advancement at Cabrini College and at Valley Forge Military Academy and College. He was director of the Capital Campaign and Major Gifts at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, where he was later promoted to vice president.

He holds a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania and a juris doctor from The Dickenson School of Law of Pennsylvania State University. He received his bachelor's degree from West Chester University, with honors.

Dr. Boyden is also a member of the American Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association.

The **CSI** offers students associate, bachelor's and master's degrees in the liberal arts and sciences and professional studies to 14,000 students.

CSI is a senior college of The City University of New York (CUNY), the nation's leading urban university. The 204-acre landscaped campus of **CSI** is the largest in the city; it contains an advanced, networked infrastructure to support technology-based teaching, learning, and research.

2 attorneys receive state recognition

Michael O'Brien of Grymes Hill and Ron Balter of Brooklyn were recognized by the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association during a ceremony in Cipriani Wall Street, Manhattan.

Both serve as 13th District representatives for the Torts, Insurance and Compensation Law Section of the New York State Bar Association, which covers Richmond County.

O'Brien, an attorney with O'Brien & Jacobs, PLLC, Manhattan, received the Sheldon Hurwitz Young Lawyer Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the field of insurance law.

Balter, an attorney with Caruso, Spillane, Leighton, Contrastano, Ulaner & Savino, P.C., in St. George, received The District Representative of the Year Award for his work as a representative for the 13th Judicial District.

Michael Lucas Calls for Boycott of LGBT Center for Hosting Anti-Semitic Event

PR Newswire

NEW YORK, Feb. 22, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Gay adult entertainment entrepreneur and Advocate.com columnist, Michael Lucas, today threatened to organize a boycott against New York's LGBT Center for its decision to host a party for an anti-Semitic organization.

(Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20110222/NY52447>)

Lucas called on the LGBT Center to cancel a party by Israeli Apartheid Week (IAW), scheduled for March 5th.

He further demands that the LGBT Center's leaders publicly apologize, and pledge to ban any and all anti-Semitic groups from using their facilities in the future.

"I'm preparing to organize a boycott that would certainly involve some of the Center's most generous donors," said Lucas. "It was an inexcusable decision on the Center's part to associate itself with a hate group like Israeli Apartheid Week, but there's still time for them to reverse course and begin restoring their reputation."

Lucas says he has already spoken with a number of other furious LGBT Center supporters who plan to withdraw all future donations should the "Smash Israeli Apartheid" party go forward.

Anti-Israeli groups, like IAW, are using the pretext of support for Palestinians to stoke old anti-Semitic hatreds and perpetuate Jewish stereotypes. They're also growing increasingly and aggressively pro-Islam. Sociologists, like Phyllis Chesler of College of Staten Island says, "Anti-Zionism is new antisemitism." The IAW is attempting to organize a boycott campaign against Israel.

Jewish and non-Jewish members of the gay community are baffled by the LGBT Center's decision to support a controversial organization that has nothing to do with gay rights.

"At first I thought this was a joke," says Lucas. "Israel is the only country in the Middle East that supports gay rights, while its enemies round up, torture, and condemn gay people to death -- often by publicly hanging or stoning them to death."

In fact, gay people in these societies flee to Israel for safety and protection.

"If the LGBT Center wants to host a fundraising and awareness party for anti-semites, they might as well go all the way and host a tea dance for Fred Phelps," said Lucas.

Pain at the pump for Staten Islanders

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By **Deborah E. Young**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The call from headquarters came in to Mike Dara, owner of the Citgo Gas Station on Hylan Boulevard: Raise the price by 12 cents a gallon.

Yesterday he reluctantly complied. The increase he was told to make Wednesday came on the back of an 8-cent jump over Tuesday's price, he said.

"I've never seen the prices go up so quickly," said Dara, who has run the Dongan Hills service station for 15 years.

"It's just going to get worse," remarked his wife, Diane, as she stood at the cash register yesterday commiserating with customers. "Who knows, people say by summer it could be \$5. It's all the unrest in the Middle East. It's just crazy."

Indeed, across Staten Island, the city and the country, gas prices at local service stations continue to climb as a result of the response by a jittery oil market to the bloody uprisings in Libya and uncertainty in the region.

Although some borough residents merely shrugged, seemed surprised, or remarked, as one man did, before speeding off in a Hummer, that he had the wrong truck to be complaining about gas prices, most people fueling their vehicles yesterday understood the connection between politics and their bottom line, and how crude oil -- as the lifeblood of the global economy -- links them to political upheaval thousands of miles away in the Middle East.

"It's insane; there needs to be a resolution to this soon," said Nunzio Renna, as he pumped his Ford Explorer full of \$3.53-a-gallon self-service regular at the Citgo station. "I think the oil companies are just trying to



Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel

Mike Dara, owner of the Citgo Gas Station on Hylan Boulevard in Dongan Hills, was told to raise prices by 20 cents a gallon over a two-day period this week.

take advantage of us."

Oil prices hit \$100 per barrel Wednesday for the first time since 2008, as Libya's Moammar Gadhafi continued to lose his grip on the oil-rich country.

Yesterday, the wholesale market had backed down from the \$100 mark. But the first drop in wholesale prices since the crude market shot up by 18 percent beginning Feb. 15, did not translate to less pain at the pump.

"Retail prices are still racing to catch up with wholesale costs at this point," said Patrick Dehaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy.com.

Although the United States does not depend on the 1.6 million barrels of oil a day from Libya, and Saudi Arabia and OPEC have pledged to make up for any potential shortfall to global supply, the markets have responded to questions about what could be next.

"Just like your car insurance goes up when you get a ticket, we see the prices rise in relation to the unknown, Dehaan said.

At gas stations nationwide, prices rose more than 2 cents yesterday to a new national average of around \$3.23 per gallon.



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At the BP on Hylan Boulevard and Reid Avenue, regular gas was selling for \$3.83 a gallon.

At the BP Station, a bit farther along Hylan Boulevard in Dongan Hills, prices were already \$3.54 for self-service regular. "I think you've got to get rid of Gadhafi," said Bella Lapera of New Dorp, as she handed a \$20 bill to an attendant. "They should have democracy, even if we end up paying for it."

Citizens of developing countries are feeling the brunt of the increase even more strongly than we, said Roshen Hendrickson, an assistant professor of political science at the College of Staten Island.

"I think, obviously, everyone is concerned because the instability is spreading and there is no way to know how long the unrest is going to last," she said, noting that U.S. foreign policy is also being put to the test by the fall of autocratic allies in the region.

"Markets don't like this inability to predict."

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Urban Forager | Growing a Salad in Winter

By [AVA CHIN](#)

Ava Chin for The New York Times Dandelion roots can be forced indoors, producing healthy greens even out of season.

Instead of throwing down weedkiller, why not dig up dandelions for next winter's food?

Last year, I decided that instead of suffering through another winter without local greens, I would try my hand at forcing roots — an age-old practice that yields springy vegetables even in the middle of winter. The foraging guru Euell Gibbons forced pokeweed and dandelion roots in his cellar, documenting it in his 1962 book, “Stalking the Wild Asparagus,” and I was curious to see if I could recreate it in an apartment in New York City.

In preparation for the long winter, I dug up dandelion roots last fall at the [College of Staten Island](#), dreaming of the days when I'd be able to add young shoots to my pre-spring salads. (It's best to dig roots before the first frost, and from places where no pesticides have been used.)

In the process of forcing, you have to first trick the bulb or root into thinking it's winter (a refrigerator is often used), and later the roots are moved to a warm space, signaling spring. This allows plants to bloom in their off-season. Forcing roots is a lot like forcing flower bulbs — you can try it provided there's space in the bottom of your refrigerator. Since I don't have a cellar and space in the refrigerator is limited, I planted mine in a dirt-filled pot and kept it outside a friend's doorstep on Staten Island for a month and a half. Edible shoots benefit from a few good hard frosts, and, of course, mine had several.

The year before, following Mr. Gibbon's example, I had forced pokeweed roots ([Phytolacca americana](#)) — which, in maturity, is thoroughly toxic — growing in the darkened hallway of my apartment building. That tenacious plant's young shoots were once popular in the South as poke salad or “salet.” The rather alien-looking sprouts were delicious, even twice-boiled (several changes of water are necessary to extract toxins). But I felt my mouth start to tingle as I ate them, so I put down my fork (and that project). (Many medical authorities consider all parts of *Phytolacca americana* poisonous, and I do not advise consuming it.)

A few weeks ago, I brought my potted dandelion roots home, setting them on the kitchen floor, where the warmth and a good watering would simulate “spring.” Thinking they might need some time to adjust, I decided against watering the pot right away, and

promptly forgot about it as I engaged in a frenzy of cooking braises, resulting in a steamy kitchen. A week later, I noticed several toothy-looking, one-inch dandelion shoots, the color of young corn, sprouting out of the pot.

Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*), aka a lion's tooth, blowball, faceclock, is one of our most ubiquitous and identifiable weedy plants. Native to Eurasia, it was first brought over by European colonists and is the bane of many American gardeners and homeowners. But William Cobbett, author of the 19th-century classic "The American Gardener," considered its springtime shoots "one of the very best of greens." He called it "a sort of wild Endive." (When Mr. Cobbett arrived on Long Island in 1817, lacking a tended garden, he noticed the wild dandelions growing underfoot. "I have always, since that time, looked at this weed with a more friendly eye," he wrote.)

Dandelions — high in vitamins A, C and K and rich in calcium, iron and manganese — have a long culinary history in Europe as a salad green, leaf vegetable, jam, wine and even as a coffeelike beverage. Medicinally, the plant has been used as a diuretic, liver and kidney support, wart remover and respiratory aid.

But this little pot of *Taraxacum officinale* is destined for our next salad, where each young shoot tastes like summer. After that, when they've matured, they'll be transformed into a bitter-greens pie. Until then, I'm happy to watch the little basal rosettes, which I used to squash with my shoe as a child, growing under the cold glare of the kitchen window.

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Transcultural Nursing Courses

By Patricia Neill, eHow Contributor

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University of Washington in Seattle

University of Washington School (<http://www.ehow.com/education/>) of Nursing offers a nursing specialty in Community Health Nursing with a subspecialty in Cross Cultural and Global Health. Recommended courses (some of which are required) include Culture, Society and Genomics, Cultural Construction of Illness, Dynamics of Community Health Practice, White Privilege and Racism in Health and Human Services, Society and Health, Clinically Applied Anthropology and Transcultural Nursing Practices and Issues in Indian Health.

Duquesne University in Pittsburgh

Duquesne University School of Nursing awards a post Master's certificate or Ph.D in Transcultural/International Nursing. This degree provides full training in culturally relevant nursing care, principles of transcultural nursing and health care and emphasizes cultural competence. Courses listed include Transcultural Nursing and Health Care, Transcultural/International Health Practicum, Transcultural/International Research Practicum, Population Based Health Promotion, Social Justice and Vulnerable Populations and Transcultural Care and Global Health Perspectives.

Augsburg College in Minneapolis

Augsburg College School of Nursing offers a Master of Arts in nursing with a specialty track in transcultural nursing. This program offers the opportunity for unique practicums in the Pine Ridge, South Dakota Indian reservation or abroad in Namibia, Guatemala, Nicaragua or Europe. Nurses working on the MA could also work with the poor and homeless at the Augsburg Central Nursing Center and provide health care to people of diverse cultures and backgrounds. Courses for the program include Research Methods for Transcultural Nursing, Transcultural Health Care, The Politics of Health Care, Transcultural Health, Families, and the Life Cycle, Transcultural Healing Practices and the Power of Ritual and Ceremony for Transformation. The program requires a Graduate Field Project.

College of Staten Island

The **College of Staten Island** provides an Advanced Certificate in Cultural Competence to health care professionals who complete the requirements. Three courses comprise the advanced certificate, each of which requires on-campus and online components: Transcultural Concepts and Issues in Health Care, Teaching and Learning for Cultural Competence Development and Cultural Competence in Nursing Project. Dr. Marianne Jeffreys, a transcultural nursing scholar and author, teaches the courses.

Nursing Programs Offering Specific Transcultural Courses

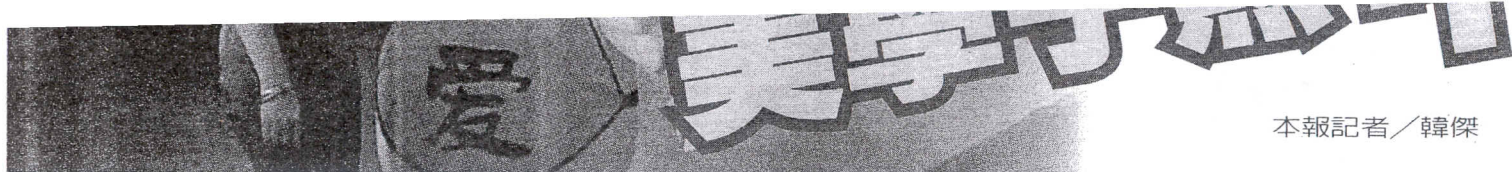
Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY requires Human Diversity/Transcultural Nursing as a core course in its Master's program. The UCLA School of Nursing offers the bachelor's-level Diversity in Health and Illness, which is also open to Master's and doctoral students. Samford University School of Nursing provides the Master's-level Cultural/Spiritual Aspects of Advanced Nursing Practice required for the Master's degree. University of North Dakota School of Nursing offers graduate courses that include Transcultural Health Care Theories, Research and Practice and Diverse Vulnerable Populations.

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美國總統歐巴馬2009年11月訪問中國時提出「10萬強倡議」(100,000 Strong Initiative)，美國政府在未來四年內派出10萬名美國學生去中國留學。今年1月，第一夫人米雪兒在華府豪瓦大學(Howard University)演講時，重申這個計畫。中國政府表示「中國向其中1萬人提供獎學金」。紐約市立大學史泰登學院院長莫拉雷斯(Tomas D. Morales)博士認為，這是美中關係非常重要的一步。

據統計，前往中國留學的美國學生每年都在增加。許多美國大學已與中國大學合作，為學生提供到中國學習的機會。莫拉雷斯(Tomas D. Morales)博士表示，該校自1984年就與中國大學建立聯繫，已有900多名學生曾經留學中國。哥倫比亞大學全球項目辦公室副主任居女士說，哥大共有三個中國項目，今年將有53名哥大學生前往中國學習。

「10萬強倡議」也引起許多華人的關注。紐約市立大學亞裔美國人與亞洲研究所的研究主管黃瓊華認為，總統登高一呼及大量派遣學生去中國留學是「美國有史以來的第一次」。這位教育學博士稱，在歷史上，都是中國人到美國學習，而美國人到中國是傳教、經商和教書，留學生很少。但是中國崛起了，美國警覺必須瞭解中國，才有這樣的大動作。

復旦大學駐美首席代表劉曄博士稱，自從復旦大學2007年在美國設

通過在中國的學習，美國學生對中國的了解加深了。(史泰登學院/提供)

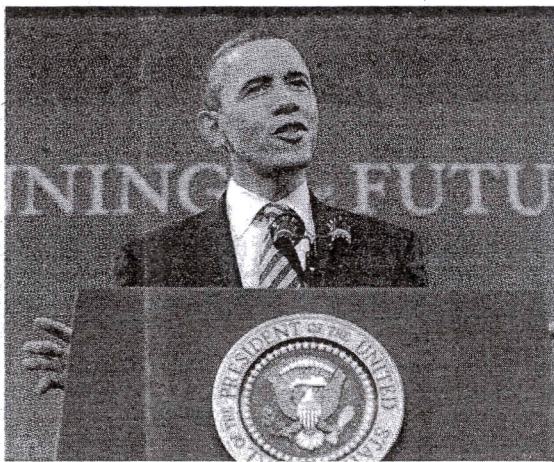
立辦公室後，他經常接到美國學生的電話，詢問去復旦留學的情況，其中相當一部分人是非華裔。他說，國家的未來競爭力在於教育，美國學生到中國留學對美國有利，「歐巴馬很明智」。不過，黃瓊華認為，中國學生到美國學習是想實現「美國夢」，但去中國學習的美國學生卻沒有「中國夢」。因此，中國政府應改善環境，

讓中國成為外國留學生的夢想之地。

政府推動 登高望遠

今年1月，美國國務院網站(www.state.gov)發布消息稱，歐巴馬總統的10萬強倡議，「大幅增加去中國留學的人數，改變美國留中學生的比重」。為此，國務卿喜萊莉2010年5月在北京正式宣布這一動議。同時，中國政府強力支持這一動議，並承諾向其中1萬名美國學生頒發橋樑獎學金(Bridge Scholarships)。

消息稱，美該倡議是為了培養下一代的中國問題專家，將來能夠處理美國和中國之間增長的政治、經濟和文化事務。動議也為缺乏機會的學生尋求資金來源。「美國對中國通的需求是明顯的」。當今世界，也許沒



歐巴馬2009年11月訪中國期間宣布「10萬強倡議」，鼓勵美國學生前往中國留學。圖為他2月10日在北密西根大學發表演說。(美聯社)

莫拉雷斯認為，歐巴馬總統的倡議「很激動人心」，能增加美國的競爭力。(韓傑/攝影)



有任何關係像美國和中國在保護全球的和平和安全方面的關係更為重要和複雜。「沒有美國與中國的通力合作，全球經濟的復蘇、環境變化及防止核擴散等問題都無法解決」。

另外，美國也需要向中國學習許多東西。在美國學習的中國學生人數超過到中國留學的美國學生人數的一倍，學習英語的中國人是學習普通話的美國人的600倍以上。「知識的平衡能夠破壞兩國間在戰略上的信任」。而糾正這種不平衡的基本條件是確保美國人對中國具有文化理解和語言技巧，「這些是支撐有效的外交和外國政策的因素」。同時，它也可加強美國學生「在全球經濟中獲勝的學術和專業能力」。

統計指出，美國人對中國的興趣也在增加。在中國學習的美國人數在2001年至2007年間平均每年增力30%。「我們估計這個數字在可見的將來還會增加」。在2007年至2008年學年中，1萬3165名美國大學生和大約1000名高中生去中國參加一些學習項目。但是，這個增長趨勢並不能滿足美中的重要關係的實際需要。

看好機會 提早準備

莫拉雷斯透露，紐約市立大學很早就與中國發生聯繫。美國總統尼克森1972年訪問中國時，隨行人員中就有史泰登學院的前院長。史泰登學院很早就看好中國的發展潛力，早在1984年就派學生去

中國學習。1993年，該校與南京大學建立合作關係，合作的對象又擴展到上海大學和香港城市大學。

他說，該校的留學中國項目涵蓋整個市立大學系統，市大23所學院的學生都可以通過這個項目去中國讀書。至今為止，史泰登學院已經派出900多名學生去中國留學。他表示，該校學生去中國主要是學習語言、文化、商業、教育等。曾經訪問過北京、上海和中越邊境的他表示，「中國實際上很摩登」。

該校中國項目資料介紹，史泰登學院的南京大學項目有四個時期：秋季、春季、1月和7月，專業分別有中文、中國歷史、中國文學、中國地理和中國政治，每門課可得三個學分，計入學生的總學分中。如果是春季或秋季課程，基本費用要6900元，旅費、餐費、個人花費、書本費約要4000元。上海大學提供1月和7月的四周課程，學生要學兩門課，分別為初級中文（中級中文）和當代中國商業。教授用英語教學，每門課三個學分。基本費用在2000元左右，旅費、餐費、個人花費、簽證費、書本費約2000元。

習，因為歐洲當時的科學文化比美國強，去亞洲學習的很少。上個世紀初，美國人到中國主要是學習語言，也有的美國人去教英語，或者去中國做生意，銷售美國的農產品、機器、洋油和洋火，開設銀行。

劉曄說，文化大革命中，就有美國學者到復旦訪問、學習中文，學習結束後回到美國做記者和專欄作家。在1980年代，一些美國學者和學生到復旦留學，最早的是在美國大學任教的華裔學者，主要是學習中國的歷史、政治和文化。到了1990年代，更多的美國人到復旦留學，許多人回國後擔任大學的教授，從事中國問題研究。他說，到了2000年後，開始有美國人在復旦讀本科。他還介紹美國大學的教授和博士到復旦從事相關

研究。

黃瓊華說，1979年卡特政府曾經發表一分165頁的教育研究報告，分

春季課程正好趕上中國春節。圖為史泰登學院留學生參加上海兔年迎春活動。（史泰登學院/提供）



美國留學生很快融入上海的生活。圖為史泰登學院留學生在上海大學參加活動。

（史泰登學院/提供）

豐富多彩的中國生活，給美國留學生留下深刻的印象。圖為上海一市場。

（美聯社）

析美國的外語教學，認為美國大學沒有規定學習外語，結果是美國人的外語很差，即使會外語，也是只能說不能讀和寫。「美國的對外聯繫主要靠第一代移民」。於是，一些大學開始加強外語教學，把外語列為必修課，要求學生至少學習兩年外語。

從1990年代中期開始，美國的大學開始在國外建立分校，讓美國學生在外國大學學習一年。有的大學甚至

哥倫比亞大學居女士說，哥大共有三個中國項目。兩個在夏季，一個在北京，另一個在上海。北京項目著重密集語言訓練，從初級中文到五年級中文。另一個在上海，重點是商業中文，專為第三年和第四年學習中文的學生而設。另外，哥大與清華大學合建一個項目，為高級中文學生設立，學生至少已經學習三年中文。「學生直接進入中文教學的正規大學課程」。

在2009年至2010年學年，入學的學生都要具有高級中文水平。這些學生最常選擇的專業是社會科學和人類學，如經濟學、政治學、歷史學、東亞研究等。在今年的夏季，學生的專業背景又有所擴大，包括工程和科學專業的學生。

留學中國 近年增加

黃瓊華說，最早到中國的美國人是傳教士。他們去中國的城市和鄉村，學習中國的語言和文化，便於傳教。她說，傳統上，美國人主要去歐洲學



讓學生在外國學習兩年，拿本校的文憑。這些到外國學習的學生支付本國水準的學費，因為亞洲大學的學費比較便宜（日本除外）。

國際教育研究所（Institute of International Education）的統計數字顯示，目前，26萬名美國學生在世界各地留學。美國學生過去多選擇到歐洲留學，幾年前去中國留學的增加了。把2007年、2008年學年與2008年、2009年學年相比可以看出，美國學生去歐洲留學的人數下降了，如義大利下降10.8%，英國下降6%，西班牙下降4.1%，法國下降2.5%；而去中國留學增加3.9%。

中國大學 積極招生

劉曄說，早在1995年，清華大學教育基金會就在美國設立辦公室，是最早設立美國辦公室的中國大學之一，復旦大學教育發展基金會的美國辦公室於四年前成立。他說，雖然他不負責招生，但是一些美國學生聽說復旦美國辦公室後，就通過各種方式與他聯繫。其中，一些學生是美國出生的華裔，他們的父輩知道復旦大學是所名校，因此聯繫希望去復旦留學。其他族裔的學生也很感興趣，打電話來瞭解情況。

他說，復旦大學為外國留學生設立專門的國際文化交流學院，學生包括本科生、碩士生和博士生。「如果讀中國的中文系，他們要讀古文，如文心雕龍、紅樓夢等古典名著，因此讀得很辛苦」。另外，歷史系、國際關



黃瓊華表示，讓美國人視中國為夢想之地，中國尚有很遠的路要走。（韓傑／攝影）

係與公共事務學院和管理學院等也向留學生提供專業課程。

復旦大學國際關係與公共事務學院還為外國留學生專門建立一個碩士項目，學習兩年半至三年就可以畢業。美國國務院每年派出一人到復旦大學學習，去年是第四年，第一批的已經畢業。他說，去年派出的一個白人學生是美國海軍少將，年僅40歲。他說，這是美國政府專門培養與中國打交道的美國軍方人士，可以看到美國如此重視美中關係。

從復旦大學招收情況來看，美國學生選擇的專業主要是人文社會科學類，如中文、中國政治和外交、商業

管理、中國文化、歷史和中醫，而西醫和理科的較少。

了解中國 改變觀念

史泰登學院國際服務中心主任何藹（Ann Helm）說，申請去中國留學有以下一些原因，如看到一個中國電視片、讀到一篇文章、聽到教授的講話等。有一位教授甚至說：「如果你夠聰明，現在就要去中國」。

她說，許多學生在南京學習後，很快就喜歡上南京。他們到上海後，更感到興奮。「紐約去的孩子，一般都喜歡大城市」。許多學生在回國以前，儘量到中國各地旅遊。去中國留學改變這些學生過去對中國的印象。許多美國人分不清中國人的長相。但是，他們到中國以後，發現中國各地人差別很大，「北方人較高，南方人較黑」等。

劉曄說，這些在中國的美國留學生很快適應中國的生活，建立自己的朋友圈子，一些人在中國找到男女朋友。許多人喜歡吃中餐，而且非常喜歡上海的豐富多彩的生活。

美國留學生到中國，讓美國人更好地瞭解中國，對未來的美中關係發揮作用。同時，中國也認識到，中國的教育尤其是高等教育與美國還是存在很大的差距，需要學習和趕超美國。他認為，這十萬名美國留學生對中國的教育是個促進，使得中國必須提高自己的教育水準。「我自己就有這樣的體會」。他在復旦教書時，就有耶魯大學的交流學生來選修課程，「教

美國學生對教師也有幫助」。

黃瓊華認為，學生到外國學有了實際生活的經驗，觀念會變化。她舉例說，美國學生潘（John Pomfret）在1980年去中國大學留學，回來後在「華盛報」擔任駐亞洲記者，獲得許多獎項，後來擔任郵報周刊的評論。幾年前，他出版「中國課（Chinese Lessons）」一書，描寫的五個中國同學的經歷，在英詠引起反響。

改進教學 適應需要

黃瓊華說，按照歐巴馬的計畫來四年中，每年將有2萬5000人中國。究竟有無這麼多的學生願中國，什麼樣的人希望去，現在知道。因此，中國要有吸引美國學生的地方。

她說，吸引留學生的方面包括授教的好，課程滿足需要，講課吸引學生。她指出，過去中國的方式是老師講，學生記，考試記。而美國的教育方式是啟發式授布置課題，學生查資料，做講美國教育方式吸引世界的留學生習，中國的教學方法可能要改變為了幫助外國留學生適應美國學，美國大學發明英語學習中心學生先學好英語，並把這種學習延伸到全美各地。她說，將來美生到中國留學時，也會面臨語言應問題。因此，中國也可能要設言中心。

她表示，普通美國人



何譚(左)表示,許多美國學生到中國學習後,非常喜歡中國。(韓傑/攝影)

史泰登學院已經有900名學生前往中國留過學。圖為該學院的藝術系大樓。

(韓傑/攝影)

她表示,普通美國人對中國不太瞭解。當這些留學生回到美國後,就會幫助美國人認識中國。同時,他們在留學中也會發現許多商機,可以促進中美兩國的經濟發展。留學生還可幫助中美兩國的文化交流,促進兩國的友好合作。她指出,美國人去中國,中國可以展現軟實力。「如果兩國發生衝突,可以不要動武,用和平方式解決」。

留中背景 增添優勢

劉曄說,去中國留學,一個根本的問題是畢業後能否找到工作,職業上是否有個光明的前景。他說,從過去的留學生的去向,可以看到未來的畢業生將有很好的發展。

他說,在1980年代,留中學生都回到美國工作,但是最近的畢業生選

擇比較多樣。有的回到美國，有的留在中國發展，或者計畫在中國發展。例如，有的在中國成立公司，有的在中國的美國跨國公司找到工作，有的找到美國駐中國使領館的職位，有的在中國的外國英文媒體工作，也有的甚至去了中國的英文媒體。

莫拉雷斯預計，這些有過中國留學背景的人將來找工作會更具優勢。「目前，許多美國公司要求雇員具有國外的經驗，特別是中國經驗」。因此，去中國留學的發展前景光明。

史泰登學院中國教育交流計畫協調負責人戴魯士（Russell Davis）曾經在中國留過學，會說中文。他說，十幾年前，一些美國人不願意去中國留學，包括一些華裔家庭。一個美國出生的華裔學生要求去中國學習，遭到父親的反對，因為他們家庭是「從中國逃出來的」。後來，這個學生到中國學習後，在國家廣播公司找到工作，現在夏威夷擔任記者。

他說，有的美國學生在中國學習後，喜歡上中國，留在當地開公司，

去年，中國已成為世界第二大經濟體，吸引美國人的關注。

（美聯社）

吳經端指出，經濟資助對美國學生去中國留學將有重要影響。

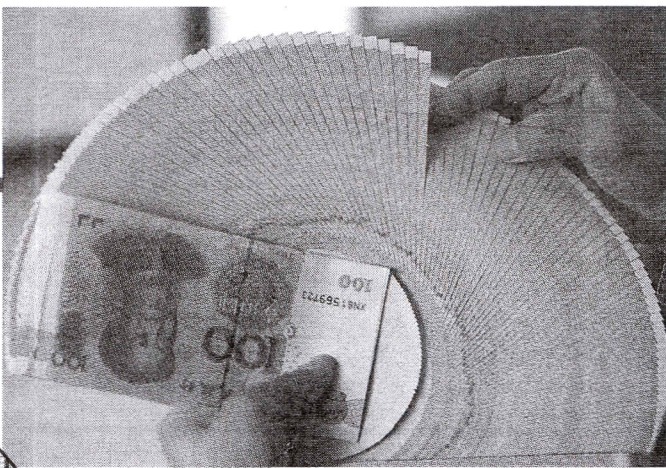
（韓傑／攝影）



如國際旅遊公司。有的成為獨立製片人，拍攝中國的紀錄片。還有的在中國設立英文網站，專門幫助在中國留學的美國人。

經濟資助 重要因素

美國國務院網站消息稱，目前美國



國務院教育與文化事務局、美國教育部和美國國防部已經設立國外的語言學習項目，但是總統的倡議是對以上項目的有力補充。和以上項目不同的是，十萬強倡議全部依賴私人資助，初步估計資金約為6800萬元。

目前，尚有九萬名學生的經費沒有著落。紐約市立大學皇后社區學院新進港學習中心負責人吳經端說，由於中國經濟不斷增強，現在美國又興起中文熱。「美國非常需要會中文的人才」。但是，是否能夠招到十萬名學

生，與是否能夠獲得獎學金以及將來是否有工作保障有關。「現在，方案已經提出，主要是經費問題」。

莫拉雷斯相信，四年內派出十萬名美國學生去中國沒有問題。「我還鼓勵高中生去中國留學」。他表示，要達到這個十萬強的目標，資金支援很有必要。目前，一些美國大公司提供這方面的獎學金，如摩托羅拉、福特汽車等。另外，一些私人基金會也有資助。

哥大居女士透露，現在越來越多的大學提供去中國學習的機會。對夏季項目來說，獎學金和資助對哥大學生特別有吸引力，因為夏季被認為是額外的學習時間。劉曄也認為，美國學生去中國留學，資助是個關鍵的因素。九萬人的學費和生活費需要自籌。不過，由於美元與人民幣的比值相對較高，因此去中國留學還是比較便宜。

美國富豪 中國發家

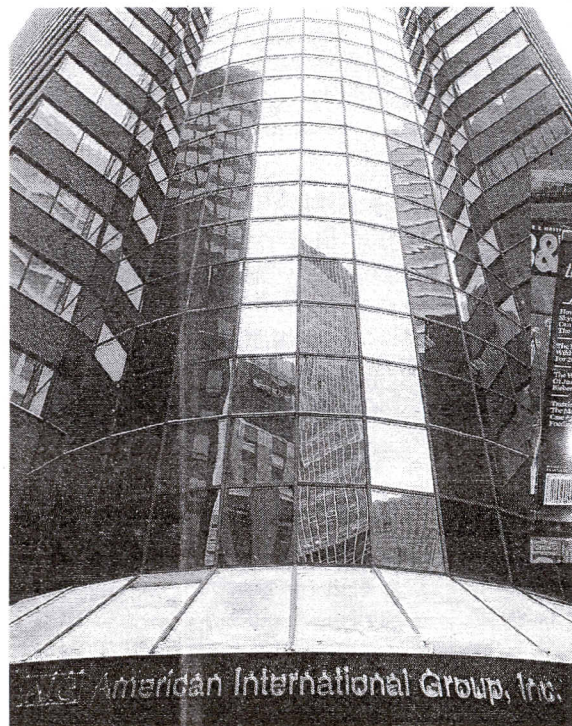
許多被採訪者認為，現在一些去中國留學的美國學生畢業後不一定回到美國，而設選擇在中國發展。實際上，在上個世紀前半葉，許多西方人

前往上海淘金，其中也包括來自美國的冒險家。目前，美國一些富人就是從中國發家，如財經雜誌「福比世」家族（Forbes）和美國國際集團創辦人史塔（Starr）家族。

維基百科（en.wikipedia.org）資料顯示，富比士家族來自蘇格蘭，18世紀移入美國，定居波士頓。家族成立一個名為皮克斯公司（Perkins & Co.），派出家庭年輕的成員去海外開拓市場，其中約翰富比世（John Murray Forbes）前往中國。一名叫做Houqua的中國商人教其做生意，對其像對待自己的兒子一樣。

在19世紀初，皮克斯公司派出商船去中國購買茶葉，運到美國銷售，有些茶葉被出口到英國和歐洲其他國家。為了支付茶葉款，他們向中國進口白銀和皮毛、製造品、布匹、棉花和鴉片等。公司在香港派駐代表，保證出口的茶葉品質優良和價格便宜。家族的年輕人輪流前往香港駐點。幾十年間，該家族從中獲得巨額財富。在1840年代，美國興起修建鐵路熱潮，該家族又將從貿易中積累的資金投向鐵路，成為巨富。

美國國際集團甚至是Made in



China。「華爾街日報」2010年3月7日報導，美國國際集團於1919年誕生於上海，當時稱做美國亞洲承銷商（American Asiatic Underwriters）。

1919年成立於上海的美國國際集團在中國發家。圖為該公司的紐約總部大樓。（美聯社）

富比世家族從19世紀初期與中國的貿易中積累第一桶金。（韓傑／攝影）

創始人史塔（Cornelius Vander Starr）是在中國創辦公司的第一個美國人，公司主要銷售人壽保險。史塔是向中國人銷售人壽保險的第一個美國人。

在當時，「較好的資訊是商業成功的前提」。在將近一個世紀以前，斯塔就認識到，人們的壽命越來越長，一旦壽險持有人活過實際的生命預期，就會降低保險理賠。他的公司很快成為亞洲最大的保險公司。1935年，「財富」雜誌報導史塔時說道，他的盈利超過美國任何一家保險公司。「他的公司的成功是中國死亡率的下降」。1949年初，公司撤離上海，把總部設在紐約市。美國國際集團曾經是世界最大的保險公司。2007年，該公司被「財富」（Fortune）雜誌評為美國第六大公司。

黃瓊華表說，中國留學生來到美國都經歷過痛苦，最後實現美國夢。但是，美國人現在沒有中國夢。她說，其實過去的中國曾經西方人的夢想之地。在古代，比較有名的有馬可波羅和利瑪竇。這些人曾經在中國生活多年，甚至人在中國宮廷裡做官。因此，讓外國人把中國視為實現夢想之地，中國現在尚有很遠的路要走。◆

Sports



Farmingdale spurts past CSI women, 81-55

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

Farmingdale State used a 20-0 second-half run to turn away host College of Staten Island, 81-55, in a non-conference game Monday night in Willowbrook.

The (5-14) Dolphins, who led 33-32 at halftime, trailed 55-51 with 8:41 remaining when the (13-5) Rams went on their streak.

Farmingdale, which put 12 players on the scoreboard, turned 31 CSI turnovers into 23 points.

Allie Shanahan's 26 points and Katelyn Hepworth's 16 led the Dolphins, who play at City Tech on Friday night.

FARMINGDALE ST. (81)

Connell 3-10 2-2 9, Chappel 1-4 1-1 3, Green 5-10 0-1 14, Zubizarreta 1-7 2-3 5, Smalls 3-11 0-0 6, Hooks 3-9 1-1 9, Purvis 0-0 1-1 1, Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Cunningham 1-3 2-3 4, Harding 0-0 0-0 0, Savadel 2-4 0-0 4, Jones 1-3 0-4 2, Koch 6-9 6-6 19, Rozon 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 27-71 18-25 81.

CSI (55)

Hepworth 6-15 4-4 16, Quattrocchi 2-7 2-4 7, Tocco 0-0 1-2 1, Rosado 1-12 2-2 4, Shanahan 9-21 2-2 26, Sgarlato 0-0 1-2 1, Donegan 0-0 0-0 0, Sout 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 18-55 12-16 55.

Halftime: 33-32, CSI. Three-point goals: FS 9-23 (Connell 1-4, Green 4-7, Zubizarreta 1-5, Hooks 2-4, Cunningham 0-1, Koch 1-2); CSI 7-22 (Hepworth 0-1, Quattrocchi 1-6, Rosado 0-1, Shanahan 6-14). Rebounds: FS 47 (Chappel 10); CSI 39 (Hepworth 9). Fouls: FS 15; CSI 19 (Hepworth 5, Rosado 5). Assists: FS 16 (Chappel 5, Green 5); CSI 12 (Tocco 7). Turnovers: FS 25; CSI 31.



CSI Dolphins pick up some hardware in men's basketball

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To the victors go the spoils, according to the CUNY Conference's weekly basketball awards.

The NCAA Division III conference recognized the College of Staten Island's blazing 9-0 start by honoring junior forward Jordan Young as player-of-the-week and freshman guard Bloochy Magliore as rookie-of-the-week.

Young, a 6-foot-5 Asbury Park, N.J., product, averaged 19 points and 12.5 rebounds in two home victories. He had a 22-point, 15-rebound night in a 67-66 win over Lehman, and a 23-point, 13-rebound effort in a 71-65 overtime win over Hunter.

Young ranks seventh among CUNY scorers (16.5 ppg) and eighth in rebounding (7.2 rpg) while leading the 10-team league in field-goal percentage accuracy (123 of 195 (63.1 percent)).

Magliore has been a key offensive force during CSI's surprising run to a 14-4 overall record. The 6-3 product of Susan Wagner averaged 20.5 points in the two wins. He leads the conference in 3-point shooting — 46 of 106 (43.4 percent) — and ranks 11th in scoring with 14.9 ppg.



Advance file
photo/Bill Lyons

Susan Wagner's Bloochy
Magliore (#20)

STEVENS TECH TONIGHT AS CSI MOVES FORWARD

CSI has played a competitive non-conference schedule and things don't get any easier tonight with Stevens Tech invading the Sports and Recreation Center. The Ducks are 6-3 in the Empire 8 Conference and 12-5 overall.

The Dolphins finish the regular season with five of their last six games at home as they aim for the program's first 20-win season since the 2001-02 team finished 22-7 and earned a first-round bye into the NCAA tourney.

CSI's 9-0 start in CUNY play is the best in head coach Tony Petosa's 21-year tenure. He was working his

final season as an assistant under Howie Ruppert when the Dolphins started 10-0 on their way to a 24-7 season that included a 13-1 conference record in 1988-89.

Tom Keenan's second season on the **CSI** bench in 1985-86 brought the school's only perfect CUNY mark as a four-year program — 14-0. Those Dolphins had a 25-6 record and featured Petosa as a star forward.

DOLPHIN TIDBITS

CSI junior point guard Thomas Tibbs ranks second behind Magliore in 3-point shooting accuracy, sinking 34 of 79 (43 percent). He also leads the conference with five assists per game ... Magliore ranks second in free throw accuracy — 39 of 46 (84.8 percent) ... The Dolphins continue to lead the CUNY in scoring with 77 points per game ... York senior center Marcel Esonwune leads the nation in rebounding (14.4 rpg) and blocked shots (70 total for 4.2 per game). He ranks second in the CUNY with 20.4 ppg and seventh in field goal accuracy (146 of 278 (52.5 percent)).

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Stevens Tech handles College of Staten Island men, 87-72

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By Jim Waggoner



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CSI junior guard Dale Taranto had 17 points and seven rebounds in Tuesday night's loss to Stevens Tech.

A whirlwind season of buzzer-beating baskets, fantastic finishes and dizzying winning streaks met a reality check Tuesday night at the College of Staten Island.

Providing the reality was Stevens Tech, which rode a towering front line and impeccable scoring balance to a 87-72 non-conference victory over the Dolphins.

The visiting Ducks had six players score in double figures, led by 6-foot-5 junior forward Simon Smith (19 points and 16 rebounds). Their two big men, 6-9 senior Bryan Franklin and 6-6 freshman Patrick Sabatino, combined for 29 points on 12-for-15 shooting.

It all added up for a relatively easy night for Stevens Tech (13-5 overall). CSI dropped to 14-5.

"They killed us inside," said CSI coach Tony Petosa of the size disparity. "And their guards are bigger than our guards."

Stevens Tech has topped CSI the past six seasons by an average of 19.8 points per game, figures distorted somewhat by a 90-48 rout to open the 2008-09 season. The other victories were by margins of 14, 18, 15, 15 and last night's 15-point total.

And the latest victory came against a CSI team which has been running away in the CUNY Conference with a 9-0 regular-season record despite being picked in the preseason to finish as an also-ran.

The shortcomings of CUNY programs, and **CSI** in particular, against the rival New Jersey Athletic Conference and the Empire 8 Athletic Conference have been well-chronicled. Full-time coaches, on-campus housing and athletic budgets that dwarf **CSI's** are always at the top of the list.

"Dorms, funding ... the usual check list," said Petosa. "If you don't think those things make a huge difference ..."

Stevens Tech, an elite \$50,000-a-year private school in Hoboken, N.J., is 6-3 in the Empire 8, trailing Ithaca and St. John Fisher (both 8-2) and a half-game behind 6-2 Hartwick.

Not that the CUNY can't be competitive on any given night.

Baruch opened the season with a 79-75 win at Stevens Tech and also knocked off highly-regarded William Paterson of the NJAC, 85-81, last month. The Bearcats also took then nationally No. 1-ranked College of Wooster (Ohio) to the wire in a 79-77 loss in a NCAA Division III New Year's tourney in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Baruch is currently 5-4 in the CUNY and 11-10 overall.

Other big CUNY wins this season include John Jay's 73-60 upset over William Paterson two nights ago and **CSI's** 71-68 win over Rochester Institute of Technology, currently 6-4 in the Empire 8.

"Our conference has a lot of talent," said Petosa, "but it doesn't show up day in and day out ... and I mean physically and mentally."

Stevens Tech jumped out to an 8-0 lead and never trailed. The Ducks led 44-30 at halftime and held off several **CSI** comeback attempts — the last when Bloochy Magliore's runner in the lane cut the deficit to 64-58 with seven minutes remaining.

Franklin converted a layup into a 3-point play and the visitors went to Smith on three straight possessions — a 3-point play, two free throws and another layup — and the lead was back up to 74-60.

NOTES: Stevens Tech shot 59.3 percent for the game, making 32 of 54 shots and 20 of 25 free throws. The Ducks also had a 43-31 rebounding edge ... Dale Taranto scored 17 points and Jordan Young 16 points as five Dolphins cracked double figures. Young also had nine rebounds and junior point guard Thomas Tibbs eight assists ... **CSI** shot 36.3 percent from the floor ... The Dolphins travel to City Tech Friday night and host three CUNY games next week: York on Monday, Medgar Evers on Wednesday and Brooklyn College on Friday.

STEVENS TECH (87)

Thompson 3-7 3-4 10, Smith 6-9 7-10 19, Cutri 5-9 3-4 15, Jones 6-8 0-0 12, Franklin 6-8 2-2 14, Sabatino 6-7 3-3 15, Nattis 0-1 0-0 0, McNanamy 0-2 0-0 0, Meszaros 0-0 0-0 0, Skrelja 0-2 2-2 2, DeSeignora 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 32-54 20-25 87.

CSI (72)

Taranto 7-16 0-0 17, Tibbs 3-12 3-4 10, Hughes 6-13 0-0 12, Van Manen 0-1 0-0 0, Young 7-16 2-2 16, Brookfield 0-1 0-0 0, Magliore 4-17 2-2 13, Valdes 1-2 0-0 2, Person 0-0 0-0 0, Husslein 1-1 0-0 2, Pan 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 29-80 7-8 72.

Halftime: 44-30, Stevens Tech.

Three-point goals: Stevens Tech 3-13 (Thompson 1-4, Cutri 2-5, Nattis 0-1, McNanamy 0-2, DeSeignora 0-1); CSI 7-19 (Taranto 3-6, Tibbs 1-3, Hughes 0-1, Young 0-1, Magliore 3-8). Rebounds: Stevens Tech 43 (Smith 16); CSI 31 (Young 9, Taranto 7). Assists: Stevens Tech 22 (Thompson 9, Cutri 6); CSI 12 (Tibbs 8). Turnovers: Stevens Tech 15, CSI 5. Total fouls: Stevens Tech 13, CSI 12. Fouled out: Taranto. Technical foul: Smith.

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CUNYAC/OAI Graphics Swimming and Diving Championships Set for Thu.-Sat.



Staten Island's Nikolay Shevchenko (left) and Baruch's Priscilla Arana will look to lead their respective teams to victory this weekend.

The City University of New York Athletic Conference and OAI Graphics are set to play host to their annual Swimming and Diving Championships, Thursday through Saturday at Lehman College's APEX. This will mark the 12th championship meet on the women's side, while the men will be competing for CUNYAC hardware for the 10th time.

On the men's side, Baruch College -- behind senior standout **R. Michael Shiwnath** -- enters as defending champion after winning its first CUNYAC crown in 2010 by more than 300 points. However, look for a strong challenge from the College of Staten Island, which boasted a perfect 5-0 dual-meet record in 2010-11 and registered a host of the conference's top times throughout the campaign. The Dolphins are led by three returning All-America swimmers -- **Nikolay Shevchenko**, **Pavel Buyanov**, and **Vlad Romanov**. Also, do not count out the host Lightning, who won four CUNYAC titles in a row from 2006-09. Lehman's **Nik Shala** was named the final CUNYAC/OAI Graphics Athlete of the Week award winner on Jan. 25. York and first-year program Brooklyn will also be in line to vie for a conference crown.

Much of the story is the same on the women's side, as head coach Charles Lampasso's Baruch side is also defending champion in this circuit. The Bearcats swept through all six CUNYAC dual meets victorious this season, and have received strong swims from **Priscilla Arana** and freshman **Julia Sung**, among others. Hunter College has won seven conference titles (2002-06; 2008-09), though, and buoyed by newcomers **Jennifer Dzurita** and **Briana DiGiore**, should provide strong competition to Baruch. Other challenges for conference supremacy should come from Staten Island (and senior **Gabriella Villarruel**), Lehman, **John Jay**, Brooklyn (a first-year program) and York.

Continue to check with CUNYAthletics.com throughout the three-day affair for complete results, recaps and more.



Records Continue to Fall at Day Two of CUNYAC/OAI Graphics Swimming and Diving Championships; Baruch Leads Both Team Races



Photo by: Courtesy of Lehman Athletics

Relay swimmers from Staten Island (center), Baruch (left) and Lehman receive their medals Friday night.

Results (PDF)

Another record-setting day took place Friday at the APEX Aquatic Center, as Day Two of the City University of New York Athletic Conference/OAI Graphics Swimming and Diving Championships came to a close. Baruch leads the men's competition with 717.5 points, besting second-place Staten Island (610) and third-place Lehman (545) in the five-team competition. The women's side is also led by the Bearcats (666 points), with Hunter (539) lurking heading into Saturday's third and final day of competition (9 a.m. start time). Lehman (337) and Staten Island (322) are 15 points apart in the race for third place in the seven-team affair.

In women's action, Baruch junior **Priscilla Arana** went undefeated with four records set on the day. She swam second on the Bearcats' record-setting 200-yard medley relay squad that finished in a time of 1:57.45. The mark, which included **Julia Sung**, **Jia Feng** and **Alyssa Lubrino**, bested Baruch's 2:00.62 mark from the 2010 championships; Arana and Feng swam on the previous record-holding relay.

Arana turned around in the next swimming event of the afternoon and shattered the 400-yard individual medley record, touching the wall in a time of 5:05.87 – over 18 seconds ahead of teammate **Tiffany Wong's** record-setting time from two years ago.

Rounding out her individual performances, Arana broke Annelie Gregor's 2008 mark in the 100-yard breaststroke, completing the race with a record-setting mark of 1:10.87. Gregor's previous mark was a time of 1:11.46.

"This year I worked really hard," said Arana. "From December until now, we have been pushing for this championship. (Head coach) Charlie (Lampasso) and our coaches really motivate us, support us and push us to do our very best."

Sung, **Jacqueline Smith**, **Julianna Fricchione** and Arana teamed up to smash the meet record in the 800-yard freestyle relay (8:32.27; previous – 8:51.22, Hunter College, 2008), while Bearcats freshman **Apolonia Cieslak** garnered gold-medal accolades in the 100-yard butterfly (1:07.68). Sung wrapped up the Baruch dominance on the gold-medal stand, winning the 100-yard backstroke with a mark of 1:03.19.

"I really like the championships," commented Sung. "I am anxious to see how it all plays out (tomorrow). For me, I have been plateauing for the last couple of years, and I am excited with my recent improvements."

Brooklyn College junior **Lucie O'Donnell** performed admirably for the first-year Bulldogs program, winning the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:12.20.

Meanwhile, Lehman College dominated the gold medals on the diving boards to kick off the afternoon. Freshman **Mailys Besnard** registered a total of 313.05 points in the women's 1-meter diving event, outdistancing Staten Island sophomore and CUNYAC record-holder **April Bartlett** by just a 2.62-point margin. Also, Lightning senior **Joaquin Cruz** took home the gold in men's 3-meter diving action, registering a score of 284.55 points in the process.

The men's swimming events featured a record-shattering swim in the 400-yard individual medley by **College of Staten Island** freshman **Andrey Tarasov**. Tarasov finished the race over 17 seconds ahead of his seed time for the race, touching home in a time of 4:18.13 – over 12 seconds ahead of Haftom G Ambaye's 4:30.91 mark from the 2010 championships edition.

Junior **Vladimir Romanov** broke his own championships record in the 100-yard backstroke, as his 52.78 victorious time finished two one-hundredths of a second ahead of the Russian's mark from one year ago.

The Dolphins' senior All-American duo of **Nikolay Shevchenko** and **Pavel Buyanov** also took home individual gold medals. Shevchenko won the 200-yard freestyle (1:45.83) and 100-yard butterfly (52.10) events, while Buyanov took home the gold medal in the 100-yard breaststroke (57.37).

Romanov, Buyanov, Shevchenko and freshman **Danila Novkov** opened the afternoon with a record-setting time of 1:35.71 in the 200-yard medley relay, while Baruch's 800-yard freestyle relay of sophomore **Gabriel Yanez**, junior **Jeffrey Wong**, sophomore **Ryan Flynn** and senior **Kevin Kim** swam to a gold-medal time of 7:53.67.

City University of New York Athletic Conference/OAI Graphics Swimming and Diving Championships

Women's Team Scores

1. Baruch - 666
2. Hunter - 539
3. Lehman - 337
4. Staten Island - 322
5. Brooklyn - 234
6. John Jay - 219
7. York - 146

Men's Team Scores

1. Baruch - 717.5
2. Staten Island - 610
3. Lehman - 545
4. Brooklyn - 212.5
5. York - 146



BARUCH TAKES THE LEAD AFTER DAY 1 IN CUNYAC MEN'S & WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING



Photo by: Courtesy of Lehman Athletics

The Bearcats are sitting atop the standings after Day 1 at the Swimming & Diving Championships

COMPLETE DAY 1 RESULTS

The **Baruch College Bearcats**, the defending champions in CUNYAC Swimming & Diving, have charged out of the gate in the **2011 CUNY Athletic Conference/OAI Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving Championships @ Lehman College**. As a team, the Bearcats hold a 57.5-point lead in the men's competition and a 62-point advantage on the women's side.

On the women's side, Baruch won five of the six events contested on day one, while also capturing gold in one men's event. The **College of Staten Island** won five events on the men's side, but the Bearcats' overall depth is proving to be a tough hurdle for the rest of the field to overcome.

For the senior colleges, Baruch won five of the six events contested on day one, three individual races and two relay events with sophomore **Alyssa Lubrino** swimming the anchor leg. Lubrino and teammates **Julia Sung**, **Jia Feng** and **Priscilla Arana** started off the lead event, the 200 Freestyle Relay with a new meet record time of 1:46.41. Next up, teammate **Julianna Fricchione** dominated the day's distance event, the 500 Freestyle, winning in 5:40.05, over 20 seconds ahead of second place. Then Sung captured her own individual gold in the grueling 200 Individual Medley, winning in 2:16.83 to smash Arana's 2009 record mark of 2:24.04. On a side note, Brooklyn College marked a triumphant return to CUNYAC Swimming after a six-year hiatus with **Lucie O'Donnell**'s second place finish in the 200 IM in 2:31.88.

Queensborough Community College, the only junior college participant in this year's event, had a high note, as **Shirley Falconi** set a new meet record in the 50 Freestyle in 25.58 for the Tigers' first medal of

the championships.

Lubrino was next in 25.95 for the senior college gold, just before her 400 Medley Relay team with **Gigi Garcia, Apolonia Cieslak** and Feng closed out the evening on a high note with a 4:32.10 winning time.

"It feels great to win the win the sprint for my team," said Lubrino. "But the relays are very important and equally as fun to race with my teammates. We're swimming well as the season winds down with the postseason events in the next few weeks."

Earlier in the day The **College of Staten Island's April Bartlett**, the defending champ in the Women's 3-Meter Diving, broke her own meet record set in 2010, with 323.20 points.

In the men's competition, **CSI** set new championship marks in four of their five wins, including all three featuring senior All-American **Nikolay Shevchenko**, who crushed the previous record, winning his only individual event of the evening in the 500 Freestyle. In the first-ever sub five minute time of 4:45.93, Shevchenko's was almost 37 seconds over second place in the 20-lap race.

He also helped pace the team's gold medal relays, the 200 Freestyle relay with **Pavel Buyanov, Joe Lee, Daniela Novikov** with a 1:27.86 mark. To cap the night's races, Buyanov, Novikov and Shevchenko swam with fellow All-American **Vladislav Romanov** to smash the 400 Medley Relay record in 3:30.78, almost six seconds faster than the school's 2010 finish.

"We're giving the CUNY's our best shot this season, as Nikolay and Pavel are seniors," said Romanov. "Nevertheless, the teams are really pushing us in each event. Every team looks ready for this championship and that's exciting."

In two races in between, Novikov took center stage with two gold medal performances in the 200 Individual Medley (1:57.73) and the 50 Freestyle (21.87) to go a perfect 4-4 on day one.

In a twist, Baruch freshman **Nicholas Smith** set a new record in the day's only men's diving event, the 3-Meter, with a 346.45 score. It's the first time a Bearcat has ever won a men's dive, as it's traditionally a staple on the **CSI** scoreboard.

The action continues on **Friday, February 4 @ 1:30 pm** with the conclusion of the diving events, followed with swimming events at 4:00 pm. The 2011 Championships then finishes off on **Saturday, February 5 @ 9:00 am**.

Women - Team Rankings - Through Six Events

1. Baruch - 293
2. Hunter - 231
3. Lehman - 154
4. Staten Island - 124
5. Brooklyn - 107
6. John Jay - 91
7. York - 90

Men - Team Rankings - Through Six Events

1. Baruch - 311.5
2. Staten Island - 254
3. Lehman - 246
4. Brooklyn - 128.5
5. York - 64



CSI Dolphins visit City Tech in mens, women's basketball

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By Jim Waggoner

The basketball teams at the [College of Staten Island](#) are headed toward the same destination, but it appears the men's and women's squads are taking different paths to the CUNY Conference Tournament.

The Dolphin men bring a perfect 9-0 record into tonight's game against City Tech in Brooklyn as they try to nail down the top seed to the eight-team postseason tourney.

[CSI](#) returns home next week for its final three CUNY games — York (Monday), Medgar Evers (Wednesday) and Brooklyn (Friday). Only Medgar Evers, at 8-2, has a chance to catch the Dolphins.

[CSI's](#) only unbeaten CUNY mark as a four-year program came in 1985-86, when the 14-0 Dolphins had a young forward named Tony Petosa, who has been the program's head coach for 21 seasons.

[CSI](#) owns a 75-68 win over City Tech (2-8 CUNY, 4-17 overall). The Dolphins are 14-5 overall. The top four teams in the final standings earn quarterfinal home games in the conference tournament, with semifinals and finals scheduled for City College later this month.

Brooklyn is 6-4, Baruch and Hunter 5-4, Lehman 5-5 and York 4-4 as the regular-season race enters the final stages.

[CSI's](#) women, meanwhile, are in the unfamiliar position of dropping to No. 7 in the current CUNY standings. The Dolphins (3-6, 5-14) will be on the road for their quarterfinal tourney game as Baruch (10-0), Brooklyn



Staten Island Advance/Derek Alvez

[CSI's](#) Jordan Young shoots a jumper over Hunter's Anthony Uter last month.

(8-2), John Jay (7-3), Lehman (7-4) Hunter (5-4) and York (5-3) all have at least two-game leads over **CSI**.

The Dolphins received some bad news recently with the loss of sophomore guard Olivia Tierno to a knee injury. The Tottenville HS product is averaging 14.3 points, 5.9 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game. She could be sidelined for the remainder of the season, pending medical results.

The result is that senior Allie Shanahan and sophomore Katelyn Hepworth will be shouldering even more of the load in a paper-thin rotation.

Shanahan is averaging a team-leading 17.1 ppg and 8.2 rebounds, while Hepworth averages 10 ppg and a team-leading 9.3 rebounds.

CSI won the first matchup against City Tech (1-9, 3-18) in a 72-48 rout.

The **CSI**-City Tech women's game opens tonight's action at 5, followed by the men at 7.

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Shanahan scores 25 as CSI women rout City Tech, 75-32

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

Senior forward Allie Shanahan had 25 points and 12 rebounds to lead the College of Staten Island to a 75-32 CUNY Conference basketball win Friday night over host City Tech in Brooklyn.

Shanahan connected on 7 of 9 shots from three-point range.

Sophomore forward Katelyn Hepworth added 19 points and 12 rebounds and Jaclyn Rocco (13 points, eight assists, five steals) and Rachel Rosado (11 points, three assists, five steals) pitched in as the Dolphins improved to 4-6 in CUNY play and 6-14 overall.

CSI jumped out to a 18-2 lead and cruised to victory after taking a 41-13 halftime advantage.

City Tech dropped to 1-10 and 3-19.

The Dolphins host York on Monday night at 5:30.

CSI (75)

Hepworth 8-13 3-6 19, Quattrocchi 2-4 2-2 7, Tocco 3-5 7-12 13, Rosado 4-11 3-4 11, Shanahan 8-14 2-5 25, Sgarlato 0-1 0-0 0, Donegan 0-0 0-1 0, Stout 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 25-49 17-30 75.

CITY TECH (32)

Richards 1-12 0-0 2, Dozier 1-3 0-0 2, Simon 5-15 0-2 10, Darden 4-10 0-1 8, Battle 2-8 0-0 4, Bell 0-0 0-0 0, Norton 0-0 0-0 0, Geffrard 1-5 0-2 2, Olaniyan 0-3 4-7 4, Oriol 0-3 0-0 0, Love 0-0 0-2 0.

Totals: 14-59 4-14 32.

Halftime: 41-13, CSI.

Three-point goals: CSI 8-12 (Shanahan 7-9, Hepworth 0-1, Quattrocchi 1-1, Tocco 0-1); City Tech 0-10.
Rebounds: CSI 37 (Hepworth 12, Shanahan 12; City Tech 42 (Darden12). Assists: CSI 19 (Tocco 8); City
Tech 5. Turnovers: CSI 24, City Tech 33. Total fouls: CSI 18, City Tech 22. Fouled out: Simon.

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City Tech hands **CSI** men first CUNY loss, 78-72

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By **Jim Waggoner**

The **College of Staten Island's** drive toward a perfect CUNY Conference season ended with Friday night's 78-72 loss to City Tech in downtown Brooklyn.

The Dolphins, bidding to become the school's first unbeaten squad in a quarter-century since the 1985-86 squad went 14-0, fell victim to poor shooting and a rash of turnovers. They dropped to 9-1 in CUNY play and 14-6 overall. City Tech improved to 3-8 and 5-17 with its fourth win in five games.

CSI, which received a No. 3 Atlantic Region ranking earlier in the week— its highest NCAA Division III position in a decade — will return home next week for its final three conference games.

Nathaniel Young, a 6-foot-7 junior center from Erasmus Hall in Brooklyn, topped the Yellow Jackets with 23 points and 10 rebounds while Kashaun Henry added 21 points and 10 rebounds and Ryan Alvarado 21 points.

City Tech jumped out to a 15-2 lead but the visitors cut the deficit to 32-31 by halftime and capped a 14-0 run with a 39-32 lead early in the second half.

That's when the Yellow Jackets put together a 16-3 spurt to take control at 55-44 on Alvarado's long jumper.

CSI woke up late, using a 12-2 run over the final three minutes to pull to within 72-69 on Bloochy Magliore's 3-point play with 31.1 seconds remaining.

City Tech iced the victory from the free throw line.

Thomas Tibbs topped the Dolphins with 22 points, Jordan Young had 15 and Matt Van Manen 14.

The Dolphins host York Monday night at 8.

CSI (72)

Tibbs 5-12 9-9 22, Van Maen 5-10 4-6 14, Young 5-9 5-6 15, Magliore 4-14 1-1 10, Taranto 2-7 0-0 5, Valdes 2-4 0-0 4, Hughes 1-5 0-0 2.

Totals: 24-61 19-22 72.

CITY TECH (78)

N. Young 8-19 7-10 23, Henry 6-12 6-10 21, Alvarado 7-13 5-9 21, Longsworth 3-7 1-6 7, McNeil 2-5 0-0 4, Cadet 1-5 0-0 2.

Totals: 28-61 19-35 78.

Halftime: 32-31, City Tech.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 5 (Tibbs 3, Magliore 1, Taranto 1); City Tech 5 (Henry 3, Alvarado 2). Rebounds: **CSI** 46 (Van Manen 16, Tibbs 7, Taranto 7); City Tech 38 (N. Young 10, Henry 10). Turnovers: **CSI** 24, City Tech 15. Total fouls: **CSI** 27, City Tech 18. Fouled out: Young, Magliore, Van Manen.

Busy week for Dolphins

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

If you like basketball, you'll like the College of Staten Island's Sports and Recreation Center this week.

The CUNY Conference basketball regular season winds down with three double-headers in five nights at CSI.

Action begins tonight with South Division rival York arriving in Willowbrook, with the CSI women (4-6 CUNY, 6-14 overall) hosting York (6-3, 9-12) at 5:30, followed by the CSI men (9-1, 14-6) versus York (4-5, 6-15) at 8 p.m.

Medgar Evers visits on Wednesday and the Cougar men (9-2, 11-10) are the only squad that can catch CSI as the top seed in the upcoming CUNY Tournament. A

CSI victory would complete a season sweep and clinch the No. 1 seed.

Brooklyn College -- the men are 6-4 and the women 8-2 -- conclude the busy week with a Friday night visit. The men will launch the action at 5:30 and the Dolphin women will celebrate Senior Night in their final home game of the season at 7:30 p.m.

Baruch's women are closing in the top seed with a 10-0 record. The three-time defending CUNY champ Bearcats are 17-4 are 17-4 overall.

CSI's men will have their Senior Night next Tuesday at home against St. Joseph's of Brooklyn in a non-conference contest to end the regular season.

— Jim Waggoner

York, Esonwune reject **CSI's** chance to move closer to CUNY title, 70-58

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By **Jim Waggoner**



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College of Staten Island's Louis Valdes, left, gets in the way of York's William Holley.

Marcel Esonwune is a good-natured young man with a wide smile and a firm handshake.

The York College senior center is also a beast on the basketball court.

Esonwune scored 21 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and blocked seven shots Monday night to lead the Cardinals to a 70-58 victory over slumping **College of Staten Island** in a CUNY Conference game in Willowbrook.

The 6-foot-6, 220-pound native of Nigeria leads the NCAA Division III ranks in both rebounding and blocked shots. He's the reigning CUNY player of the year and a first-team preseason All-America pick by D3hoops.com. The Queens resident has scored 1,000 points and grabbed 1,000 rebounds during his four seasons on the campus in his home borough.

"He's a phenomenal player," said York coach Ron St. John, who convinced the nursing major to try out for the team after meeting him during a Faculty vs. Students game four years ago. "He didn't play high school ball, but he has a natural feel for the game. From the minute I saw him, I fell in love with his game."

Esonwune led a late charge as York closed with a 13-4 run after cold-shooting **CSI** had climbed to within 57-54 on two Thomas Tibbs free throws with 3:12 remaining.

He even came out to the perimeter to block a late 3-point shot attempt by the Dolphins.

"I never planned on playing college basketball," said Esonwune, who grew up playing soccer (in Nigeria). "I enrolled at York to pursue a degree in nursing. I came for the academic opportunity."

As the honors have piled up for Esonwune and he has tangled with Division I and Division II competition in summer leagues, he said he occasionally has wondered how he would fare at a larger school.

"York is my school," he said. "I never really considered leaving."

That could be bad news for the rest of the CUNY Conference, which entered its final week of the regular season. **CSI** still leads the league at 9-2 and can clinch the No. 1 seed into the post-season tournament with a victory tomorrow night at home against Medgar Evers (also 9-2).

But the Dolphins have dropped three straight overall and appear headed in the wrong direction. York, on the other hand, has improved to 5-5 in CUNY play and 7-15 overall. **CSI** routed the Cardinals earlier in the season, 76-51, when the Queens squad had major backcourt issues.

It could add up to some interesting tournament seeding, where the CUNY depth could provide some intriguing quarterfinal matchups.

"We're not playing at the level we were playing at earlier in the season," said **CSI** coach Tony Petosa. "We're trying to get through it but York had such a size and rebounding advantage against us (52-35 last night) that it's tough.

"We'd still like to get that top seed, though."

The Dolphins battled foul problems all night when junior forward Jordan Young picked up his third foul with 10:30 remaining in the first half. He joined junior guard Dale Taranto, who was whistled for two fouls in the first five minutes, on the bench.

Freshman guard Louis Valdes helped keep **CSI** in the game with a career-high 20 points, including 4-of-7 shooting from 3-point range. Freshman guard Bloochy Magliore also scored 13 points off the bench, but the Dolphins shot 31.8 percent for the game and made 7 of 23 from beyond the arc.

Esonwune, it turns out, was just warming up when York took a 30-27 halftime lead into the locker room after squandering an early 11-point edge. He had 15 points and 10 rebounds in the second half.

And those seven blocked shots told the story.

"We're picking up our game at the right time," said St. John.

NOTES: **CSI** dropped to 14-7 overall with three home games left in the regular season — tomorrow versus Medgar Evers, Friday against Brooklyn and Monday's non-leaguer versus St. Joseph's of Brooklyn ... The Dolphins will host a CUNY tourney quarter-final game on Sunday, Feb. 20 with a chance to advance to the semifinals/finals at City College.

YORK (70)

Iwu 1-4 4-4 6, Lausell 4-5 3-4 12, Holley 4-16 6-8 14, Wilkinson 4-13 0-5 9, Esonwune 7-12 7-11 21, Arzu 0-0 0-0 0, Fernandez 0-1 2-2 2, Gregoire 0-0 0-0 0, Simon 2-4 0-0 6.

Totals: 22-55 22-34 70.

CSI (58)

Taranto 2-8 1-2 5, Tibbs 1-10 4-4 6, Hughes 0-3 1-2 1, Van Manen 1-8 0-0 2, Young 4-5 1-3 9, Magliore 5-13 0-0 13, Valdes 7-11 2-2 20, Husslein 1-8 0-0 2.

Totals: 21-66 9-13 58.

Halftime: 30-27, York.

Three-point goals: York 4-8 (Iwu 0-1, Lausell 1-1, Wilkinson 1-3, Simon 2-3); **CSI** 7-23 (Taranto 0-4, Tibbs 0-3, Magliore 3-9, Valdes 4-7). Rebounds: York 52 (Esonwune 15, Holley 9, Wilkinson 8); **CSI** 35 (Van Manen 10). Assists: York 10 (Holley 5); **CSI** 12 (Tibbs 5, Taranto 4). Turnovers: York 19, **CSI** 12. Total fouls: York 13, **CSI** 22. Fouled out: Young.



Hepworth, Shanahan power **CSI** women past York, 71-62

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By **Jim Waggoner**

College of Staten Island sophomore forward Katelyn Hepworth controlled the inside with 22 points and 20 rebounds and the Dolphins broke open a close game in the final minutes Monday night for a 71-62 CUNY Conference basketball victory over visiting York in Willowbrook.

The Dolphins won their second straight and improved to 5-6 in conference play and 7-14 overall as they continue a final push toward the CUNY Tournament and a possible first-round home game. They host Medgar Evers (1-10) Wednesday night and then South Division-leading Brooklyn College (8-2) in Friday's Senior Day contest at 7:30 p.m.

York dropped to 6-4 and 9-13 as the two rivals split their season series.

Hepworth received plenty of help from 5-foot-11 senior Allie Shanahan, who had 21 points and nine rebounds along with the biggest basket of the game. Shanahan's 3-point shot from the right wing gave **CSI** a 67-62 lead with 1:55 remaining. Jaclyn Tocco followed with two free throws and Hepworth's layup capped a 11-2 Dolphin run over the final five minutes.

Hepworth, a 5-10 Notre Dame Academy product, sank 10 of 18 shots while Shanahan made 3 of 7 shots from beyond the arc and contributed a game-high seven assists.

Shadae Rice and Elizabeth Padilla topped York with 13 points apiece, while Maimouna Dabo had 11 points and sophomore guard Joanna Josama 10 points and 15 rebounds.

CSI led 33-27 at halftime but the Cardinals stayed close, pulling even at 58-58 before the Dolphins' last push to the finish line.

CSI also had a 49-40 rebounding edge but made only 14 of 30 free throws. York sank 8 of 21 from the line and fired up 29 3-pointers, hitting eight.

YORK (62)

Rice 4-19 4-8 13, Grady 2-6 2-2 8, Padilla 5-13 0-1 13, Dabo 5-12 0-0 11, Smith 3-8 1-1 7, Josama 4-8 1-9 10, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Dunn 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 23-67 8-21 62.

CSI (71)

Hepworth 10-18 2-5 22, Quattrocchi 2-6 3-6 7, Tocco 3-5 3-8 9, Rosado 3-6 0-1 6, Shanahan 6-16 6-8 21, Sgarlato 1-1 0-0 2, Donegan 2-3 0-2 4.

Totals: 27-55 14-30 71.

Halftime: 33-27, **CSI.**

Three-point goals: York 8-29 (Rice 1-13, Grady 2-4, Padilla 3-7, Dabo 1-1, Josama 1-4); **CSI** 3-9 (Quattrocchi 0-2, Shanahan 3-7). Rebounds: York 40 (Josama 15); **CSI** 49 (Hepworth 20, Shanahan 9). Assists: York 11 (Rice 4); **CSI** 18 (Shanahan 7, Rosado 5). Turnovers: York 21, **CSI** 23. Total fouls: York 26, **CSI** 20. Fouled out: Padilla, Dabo, Rosado.

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Dolphin men eye top basketball seed

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By **Glenn Nyback**

The moment of truth has arrived in the CUNY Conference's regular-season basketball race.

Medgar Evers (9-2) visits the [College of Staten Island](#) (9-2) tonight at 7:30 with the South Division men's title on the line as well as the best overall record and No. 1 seed in the upcoming CUNY Tournament.

[CSI](#) arrives with a 14-7 record and its first three-game losing streak of the season. Medgar Evers owns a 12-10 overall mark and league-best six-game winning streak.

The Dolphins won the first matchup, 77-70, in Brooklyn. The Cougars have gone 8-1 since that defeat.

[CSI](#) will wrap up the top seed with a victory and season sweep of Medgar Evers. With a loss to the Cougars, the Dolphins would need to defeat Brooklyn (7-4, 11-11) at home Friday at 5:30 p.m. and hope Medgar Evers falls at home to hard-charging City Tech.

Stay tuned.

DOLPHIN WOMEN HOME TONIGHT

[CSI's](#) women take a 5-6 CUNY record and 7-14 overall mark into tonight's 5:30 contest against Medgar Evers (1-10, 4-16).



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[College of Staten Island](#) Louis Valdes (22) plays tough defense on York's William Holley (33) Monday night.

The Dolphins are hoping to take a three-game winning streak into Friday night's home finale against Brooklyn College, a 7:30 start on Senior Day. They would have to win their final two and get lots of help to finish in the CUNY's top four and earn a home quarterfinal game in the tournament.

The tourney starts on Saturday, Feb. 19 with four games.

TIP OF THE HAT

CSI had its sixth annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation Night on Monday during the doubleheader against York.

The following employees were honored: Alan Hoffner (Colleges Testing), Barbara Clark (Center for International Service), Eddie Buttle (Athletics), Christine Quinton (Modern Languages), John Edwards (SLS-Science, Letters and Society), and Ira Persky (Auxiliary Services).

They were nominated by the school's student-athletes.

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CSI women crush Medgar Evers, 64-23

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

Senior forward Allie Shanahan had 20 points and 15 rebounds as the College of Staten Island won its third straight CUNY Conference game with Wednesday night's 64-23 rout of short-handed Medgar Evers.

Katelyn Hepworth had a game-high 21 points for the Dolphins, who take a 6-6 conference record and 8-14 overall mark into Friday night's Senior Day game against Brooklyn College.

CSI rolled to a 34-12 halftime lead against the Cougars, who suited up only five players and were led by Yvanna Jack's 12 points and 17 rebounds.

The Dolphins will honor their two seniors — Nicole Quattrocchi and Shanahan — prior to tomorrow night's 7:30 contest.

MEDGAR EVERS (23)

Jack 6-15 0-1 12, Dozier 0-7 0-0 0, Henry 0-3 0-0 0, Brittany Harris 3-17 0-0 6, Brooke Harris 2-13 0-0 5.

Totals: 11-55 0-1 23.

CSI (64)

Hepworth 8-14 4-4 21, Quattrocchi 3-5 0-0 8, Tocco 1-5 2-4 4, Rosado 4-7 2-2 10, Shanahan 9-22 0-0 20, Sgarlato 0-1 1-2 1, Donegan 0-0 0-0 0, Stout 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 25-55 9-12 64.

Halftime: 34-12, CSI.

Three-point goals: Medgar Evers 1-16 (Dozier 0-3, Henry 0-1, Brittany Harris 0-4, Brooke Harris 1-8); CSI 5-15 (Hepworth 1-2, Quattrocchi 2-4, Tocco 0-1, Shanahan 2-8). Rebounds: Medgar Evers 38 (Jack 17); CSI 40 (Shanahan 15). Assists: Medgar Evers 7 (Brooke Harris 5); CSI 20 (Quattrocchi 6, Tocco 6). Turnovers: Medgar Evers 29, CSI 18. Total fouls: Medgar Evers 13, CSI 6. Fouled out: none.



CSI men capture CUNY regular-season title over Medgar Evers, 79-77

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By Jim Waggoner



Staten Island Advance file photo

CSI junior guard Thomas Tibbs came up big with 28 points, seven rebounds and seven assists in Wednesday night's 79-77 win over Medgar Evers.

A couple of slices of cold pizza was about all that remained as the College of Staten Island coaching staff huddled late Wednesday night in a cramped office at the Sports and Recreation Center.

The assistants, Chris Peterson and Sal Picciallo, deferred to head coach Tony Petosa, who apparently worked up quite an appetite while CSI was clinching its first CUNY Conference regular-season title and No. 1 tournament seed in seven years.

The nailbiting 79-77 victory over a Medgar Evers team that pulled down 30 offensive rebounds and scored 52 second-half points had drained just about everyone

concerned.

"We'll celebrate if we win the (CUNY) tournament," said Petosa, whose squad snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 15-7 overall. "This was a great win for the kids, but it's not our ultimate goal."

CSI 5-foot-8 junior point guard Thomas Tibbs put the Dolphins on his back, scoring 20 of his game-high 28 points in the second half. He tallied six of those points in the final 74 seconds, when the home team held off the athletic Cougars.

Both teams entered the game with 9-2 records and championship aspirations. CSI takes a 10-2 mark into Friday night's conference finale at home against Brooklyn, while 9-3 Medgar Evers hosts City Tech.

The Dolphins clinched the title because of a two-game season sweep over the Cougars, including an earlier 77-70 victory in Brooklyn.

“(Petosa) congratulated us, but was very low-key about it,” said Tibbs. “If you were in our locker room, you wouldn’t have known if we had won or lost.

“Our first goal was to be the top seed, but we have another goal and that’s to win the CUNYs.”

Tibbs, a 22-year-old point guard in his first season of collegiate basketball, made a final bid for conference MVP honors. He sank 7 of 10 shots from the floor and 12 of 13 free throws for his 18 points — and he added seven rebounds, seven assists and nailed both of his 3-point shots.

The Dolphins needed every ounce of that effort to pull out the narrow win. They watched a 36-25 halftime lead evaporate in the first four minutes of the second half, then spent the rest of the game holding off Cougar comebacks, thanks in great part to junior forward Jordan Young’s 16 points and eight rebounds.

At one point, three quick turnovers capped an 8-0 run in less than a minute. **CSI’s** 55-46 lead was reduced to 55-54 in the blink of an eye.

“Those guys never quit and we knew that,” said Tibbs. “Every time we made a run, they answered. They’re the most athletic team we’ve played. They’re well coached. We knew we’d have to play 40 minutes.”

The game was bruising.

CSI freshman guard Louis Valdes was taken to the hospital at halftime to receive stitches above his left eye. Tibbs spent two minutes on the floor after taking a knee to the head and throat under the Medgar Evers basket in the first half.

“I couldn’t breathe,” he said later.

Tibbs also was forced to the sidelines briefly twice when two cuts on his left hand left blood on both his jersey and trunks.

“We were just trying to get to the end of the game,” said Petosa. “We were saying on the bench that it’s a good thing we didn’t have to play a couple more minutes.”

Tibbs buried a jumper from the free-throw line to give **CSI** a 75-70 with 38.5 seconds remaining. Jarrel Deare countered with a driving layup before Dale Taranto made a key defensive play, tipping the ball to Jordan Young.

Tibbs sank two free throws for a 77-72 edge and Bloochy Magliore’s two free throws gave the Dolphins a 79-74 lead with 10 seconds left.

Winston Douglas made a 3-pointer at the final buzzer.

The Cougars kept coming in waves, although they were hampered by poor shooting — 41 percent from the floor and a dismal 7 of 20 from the line. Jarrel Deare and Douglas (12 rebounds) had 22 points apiece, while Jovan Deare added 19 points and 13 rebounds. Donnell Lazare also had a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

CSI got big efforts from junior guard Dale Taranto (11 points, five rebounds) and freshman guard Bloochy Magliore (13 points, five rebounds), while seldom-used freshman center Frank Husslein blocked three shots and held his own in an 18-minute stint off the bench.

"It took something from everybody," said Young, a former CUNY rookie of the year who played on struggling teams his first two seasons. "I'm happy to be with this group of guys. We have great chemistry. The guys on the bench are fantastic.

"We know in this conference anybody can win on any given night. To win the regular-season championship feels great."

It makes even the cold pizza taste great, too.

NOTES: CSI last earned the No. 1 seed with a 11-2 regular season in 2003-04. The Dolphins lost to City Tech in the CUNY semifinals ... CSI will host a first-round conference tourney game on Sunday, Feb. 20. The semifinals and finals are scheduled for City College of Feb. 23 and 26.

MEDGAR EVERS (77)

Douglas 10-13 1-3 22, Johnson 0-6 0-0 0, Ja. Deare 9-17 4-6 22, Jo. Deare 9-26 1-3 19, Gilmore 0-4 0-2 0, Sims 1-8 0-0 3, Lazare 5-8 0-4 10, Willer 0-0 0-0 0, Prime 0-1 0-0 0, Granger 0-0 1-2 1.

Totals: 34-83 7-20 77.

CSI (79)

Taranto 5-10 0-0 11, Tibbs 7-10 12-13 28, Hughes 3-7 0-0 6, Van Manen 2-10 1-2 5, Young 8-13 0-4 16, Broomfield 0-0 0-0 0, Magliore 5-12 2-2 13, Valdes 0-0 0-0 0, Husslein 0-1 0-0 0, Pan 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 30-63 15-21 79.

Halftime: 36-25, CSI.

Three-point goals: Medgar Evers 2-11 (Douglas 1-1, Johnson 0-3, Jo. Deare 0-1, Gilmore 0-1, Sims 1-5); CSI 4-10 (Taranto 1-2, Tibbs 2-2, Hughes 0-2, Magliore 1-4). Rebounds: Medgar Evers 56 (Jo. Deare 13,

Douglas 12, Lazare 12); **CSI** 37 (Young 8, Tibbs 7). Assists: Medgar Evers 8 (Jo. Deare 3); **CSI** 15 (Tibbs 7).
Turnovers: Medgar Evers 15, **CSI** 13. Total fouls: Medgar Evers 20, **CSI** 20. Fouled out: Gilmore.

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Mooney Earns 200th Career Victory

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Head Coach Chris Mooney earned his 200th career victory Monday, Jan. 31 with an 81-55 win over non-conference opponent the College of Staten Island. Mooney is currently in his 11th season as head coach of the women's basketball team at Farmingdale State College. Coach Mooney now holds an outstanding career record of 200-90 (.690 winning percentage).



Farmingdale State College Coach Chris Mooney

Throughout his 11 seasons at Farmingdale State, Coach Mooney's teams have reached the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament two times. The Rams captured their first-ever Skyline Conference Title last season as they defeated 10-time defending champion Mount Saint Mary College. He has led Farmingdale State College to the conference finals every year since joining the Skyline in 2003.

Coach Mooney and the Rams look to win their second consecutive Skyline Conference Championship this season and return to the NCAA National Tournament.

CSI men drop final CUNY game to Brooklyn College, 67-62

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By Jim Waggoner



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CSI guard Thomas Tibbs tries to drive past Brooklyn College defender Steven Grant in Friday night's game.

Chris Peterson has seen the College of Staten Island-Brooklyn College basketball rivalry from both sides of the bridge.

The fourth-year CSI assistant coach was a center and 1,200-point scorer at Brooklyn College during three seasons ending in 2000. So he knows the wild mood swings of the CUNY Conference series over the past decade.

Brooklyn's 67-62 victory Friday night in Willowbrook was the Bulldogs' seventh win in the last eight meetings spanning four seasons.

It hasn't always been that easy for the two-time defending CUNY Tournament champions. CSI had won 16 straight matchups starting in 1999-2000 and extending eight seasons — and still leads the all-time series 27-13.

"Recruiting good players into the school was always the biggest problem," said Peterson of Brooklyn's dilemma. "It was tough competing in the CUNY when I played there."

No longer.

The Bulldogs rode All-CUNY standout Richard Jean-Baptiste to consecutive NCAA Division III Tournament appearances, but even with his departure they are competitive.

Junior guard Amil John scored 20 points and Darnell Cudjoe had 16 points and 12 rebounds as Brooklyn used a late 10-0 run to earn a season split against the Dolphins.

CSI had clinched the CUNY regular season and top seed to the conference tournament with a 79-77 win over Medgar Evers on Wednesday night. The Dolphins (10-3 CUNY, 15-8 overall) will host eighth-seeded John Jay next Sunday in a quarterfinal game.

Brooklyn (9-4, 13-11) had great incentive Friday — clinching a first-round home game with the triumph.

Like the recent series history, the contest was a game of runs. The Bulldogs spurted to a 35-20 lead with three minutes remaining in the first half, but CSI countered with 19 consecutive points and a 23-2 run spanning both halves to take a 43-37 advantage.

Even with junior forward Jordan Young saddled with four fouls, the Dolphins was nursing a 57-52 when Bloochy Magliore sank his fifth 3-pointer with 3:34 remaining.

Then the roof caved in under barrage of turnovers and missed shots. Cudjoe converted a 3-point play before John and Tyshawyn Russell turned steals into layups to give Brooklyn a 59-57 lead.

Russell scored another basket in transition and the Bulldogs sank six free throws in the final 30 seconds.

Close games have been the norm for CSI. In the Dolphins' previous seven CUNY victories, the average margin was 4.4 points. Three of those were two-point wins mixed in with a one-pointer.

"We're happy to be 10-3 and regular-season champions," said CSI head coach Tony Petosa.

NOTES: Magliore topped CSI with 21 points followed by Young (13 points, 10 rebounds) and Thomas Tibbs (12 points, six rebounds, four assists) ... Russell scored 11 points and senior guard Ahmad Hemingway, a Curtis HS product, added 10 for the visitors ... The Dolphins had won the first meeting, 79-58, to snap a six-game skid against Brooklyn.

BROOKLYN (67)

John 8-17 1-3 20, Hemingway 4-8 2-2 10, Russell 3-9 5-8 11, Grant 2-4 0-2 4, Cudjoe 6-8 4-6 16, Baker 1-6 4-4 6, Halton 0-0 0-0 0, Guttadaro 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 24-53 16-24 67.

CSI (62)

Taranto 2-11 0-0 4, Tibbs 4-12 4-5 12, Hughes 1-1 0-0 2, Van Manen 1-5 0-0 2, Young 5-10 3-6 13, Broomfield 0-0 0-0 0, Magliore 8-16 0-1 21, Frank 0-0 0-0 0, Jenkins 1-1 0-0 2, Husslein 3-6 0-1 6.

Totals: 25-62 7-13 62.

Halftime: 35-28, Brooklyn.

Three-point goals: Brooklyn 3-11 (John 3-5, Hemingway 0-2, Russell 0-3, Baker 0-1); **CSI** 5-13 (Taranto 0-4, Tibbs 0-2, Magliore 5-7). Rebounds: Brooklyn 37 (Cudjoe 12, Grant 8); **CSI** 40 (Young 10, Van Manen 7). Assists: Brooklyn 8 (Hemingway 3, Baker 3); **CSI** 14 (Taranto 6, Tibbs 4). Turnovers: Brooklyn 13, **CSI** 17. Total fouls: Brooklyn 10, **CSI** 20. Fouled out: Van Manen, Young, Magliore.



Brooklyn College spoils Senior Night for **CSI** women

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By **Jim Waggoner**

Senior Night wasn't the best of curtain calls for the **College of Staten Island**.

On a night when the Dolphins honored Allie Shanahan and Nicole Quattrocchi in a pre-game ceremony, visiting Brooklyn College spoiled the party with a 82-59 CUNY Conference victory.

Unofficial word following the contest was that there will be a rematch in next Saturday's CUNY Tournament quarterfinals — with the No. 7 Dolphins (6-7, 8-15) visiting the No. 2 Bulldogs (11-2, 15-9).

Both squads were still awaiting the scores of other regular-season finales prior to the posting of quarterfinal matchups.

Shanahan tallied 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds in her home finale, while sophomore Katelyn Hepworth had 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Dolphins had only seven players available because of injuries.

Lauren Plagainos and Justine O'Callahan had 16 points apiece to pace Brooklyn's balanced attack. Elisha Raiford had 12 points, 14 rebounds, eight assists and five steals.

The Bulldogs built a 43-24 halftime lead and cruised in the second half.

The visitors swept the two-game season series. **CSI** leads the all-time series 30-4.

BROOKLYN (82)

Raiford 5-10 2-4 12, Logan 2-5 1-3 5, Plagainos 6-14 0-0 16, Smith 5-10 0-0 11, O'Callahan 8-11 0-0 16, Shordone 2-2 0-0 6, Allen 2-5 0-0 6, Gordon 2-7 2-2 6, Haggerty 0-0 0-0 0, Randolph 0-0 0-0 0, Jamison 1-2 0-0 2, Donovan 1-3 0-0 2.

Totals: 34-69 5-9 82.

CSI (59)

Hepworth 9-21 1-2 20, Quattrocchi 0-3 0-0 0, Tocco 1-6 4-6 6, Rosado 3-9 0-0 6, Shanahan 10-31 2-4 25, Donegan 1-2 0-0 2.

Totals: 24-72 7-12 59.

Halftime: 43-24, Brooklyn.

Three-point goals: Brooklyn 9-23 (Raiford 0-1, Plaginos 4-11, Smith 1-2, Shordone 2-2, Allen 2-4, Gordon 0-2, Donovan 0-1); **CSI** 4-23 (Hepworth 1-3, Quattrocchi 0-3, Rosado 0-1, Shanahan 3-16). Rebounds: Brooklyn 49 (Raiford 14, O'Callahan 9); **CSI** 37 (Shanahan 11, Hepworth 10). Assists: Brooklyn 28 (Raiford 8, Smith 7); **CSI** 13 (Tocco 8). Turnovers: Brooklyn 27, **CSI** 23. Total fouls: Brooklyn 18, **CSI** 10. Fouled out: none.

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CSI set for Senior Night with CUNY tourney looming on horizon

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By Jim Waggoner



CSI photo

CSI is set to honor its lone senior, Liwei Pan, prior to tonight's game against St. Joseph's of Brooklyn.

The curtain falls on the College of Staten Island's regular season Tuesday night when the Dolphins host St. Joseph's of Brooklyn with a pre-game Senior Night ceremony honoring forward Liwei Pan.

The Dolphins, who landed the CUNY Conference's top seed heading into Sunday's tournament with a 10-3 record, want to use the non-conference contest as a springboard.

"We're looking at it as a chance to kind of create a new season," said CSI coach Tony Petosa, whose team has dropped four of its last five games to fall to 15-8 overall. "We haven't played with the intensity level at the end of the season that we had early in the season."

CSI will host eighth-seeded John Jay (3-10, 9-16) at 1 p.m. Sunday in a quarterfinal matchup with a chance to move into the CUNY semifinals for the first time in four seasons.

Pan, a 6-foot-5, 230-pound native of Nanjing, China, is one of the Dolphin team captains. He arrived from Forest Hills High School in Queens four years ago and battled injuries in two seasons. His most productive year was 2009-10 when he played in 26 games, starting four.

St. Joseph's has a couple of local products — ninth-year head coach Joseph Cocozello is a St. Peter's HS graduate. One of his guards, sophomore Thomas Karasinski, is a New Dorp HS product.

The Bears bring a 6-18 record into Tuesday's 7:30 tip-off at the Sports and Recreation Center.

DOLPHIN WOMEN CLOSE ON THE ROAD

CSI's women (6-7 CUNY, 8-15 overall) travel to the Bronx Wednesday night to face Mount St. Vincent (6-11 Skyline, 8-15 overall) in a regular-season finale.

The Dolphins dropped to the No. 7 seed and will travel to No. 2 Brooklyn (11-2, 15-9) on Saturday for a CUNY Tournament quarterfinal game.

The starting time will be 1 p.m.

Brooklyn won both regular-season meetings — 67-57 at home and 82-59 last weekend at CSI.

Other first-round games: No. 8 CCNY at No. 1 Baruch; No. 6 Hunter at No. 3 Lehman; and No. 4 John Jay hosting No. 5 York.

WATER CLUB LUNCHEON HAS ALL-STARS ON MENU

The annual CUNY Conference pre-tournament luncheon is set for Thursday at the Water Club in Manhattan.

Regular-season All-Star selections will be announced.

Garner's Mad Dash **Sophomore Guard's Clutch Shot Lifts Blackbirds to Sweep of St. Francis**

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By John Torenli

It may very well go down as the defining moment of a magical season for the Long Island University Blackbirds as they pursue their first NCAA Tournament bid since 1997.

For the St. Francis Terriers, who have never gone to the Big Dance in more than a century of Division I play, it is a memory they would sooner forget.

LIU sophomore C.J. Garner wove his way through, around and ultimately over the St. Francis defense in the waning moments of Saturday afternoon's "Battle of Brooklyn" game at the Pope Center on Remsen Street.

The Silver Spring, Md, native took most of the final eight seconds remaining on the clock before unleashing an acrobatic, off-balance jumper that tickled the twine and lifted the Northeast Conference-leading Blackbirds to a dramatic 82-80 triumph over their neighborhood rivals.

The shot, much like LIU's brilliant campaign thus far, appeared to have a will of its own, lifting the Blackbirds (20-5, 12-2 NEC) to a two-game lead in the league standings and giving them 20 victories for first time since 1998.

Garner, whose memorable drive and winning basket ended a game that featured 24 lead changes and 19 ties, also provided LIU with its 11th road victory of the season. That's more than any other team in the entire nation, in case you're counting.

"I wanted the ball at the end of the game," Garner revealed shortly after finishing with 12 points, five assists, three steals and only one turnover in 28 minutes. "I wanted it, and you see what I did."

The 853 fans stuffed into The Pope will likely never forget it, especially those who suffered through their second straight loss to the Blackbirds.

Despite 21 points and 10 rebounds from senior Akeem Bennett, the Terriers (11-14, 6-8) dropped into the eighth and final available NEC Tournament spot with the back-to-back defeats.

They are only one game in front of ninth-place St. Francis (Pa.) with four contests remaining in the regular season, including tomorrow night's visit to Mount St. Mary's (8-6 NEC).

First-year coach Glenn Braica's unit erased a four-point deficit in the final minute only to watch Garner hand them their third loss in four games with a shot that barely avoided the outstretched hand of Bennett.

St. Francis did get the ball back to Bennett for a desperation prayer that went unanswered as the buzzer sounded.

LIU, which is ahead of Central Connecticut State (10-4 NEC) for the league's top spot, also returns to the hardwood tomorrow night in Staten Island against Wagner.

The Blackbirds will host CCSU at The WRAC on Feb. 26 in a game that may decide whether or not they host the

upcoming NEC Championships.

LIU sophomore Julian Boyd, who is a candidate for NEC Player of the Year after missing all of last season due to a heart ailment, scored a team-high 19 points Saturday.

Senior David Hicks and Sophomore Jamal Olasewere added 14 each for the Blackbirds, who broke the 80-point plateau for the 18th time this year.

LIU also has shot better than 50 percent after halftime for the 16th time, making it one of the more fearsome second-half teams in the country.

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Unfortunately, the women's portion of the Battle of Brooklyn wasn't nearly as compelling.

After beating the Terriers 70-58 on Remsen Street on Saturday, the Blackbirds cruised to a 64-41 home triumph on Valentine's Day at The WRAC behind 19 points from junior Ashley Palmer.

Named the Most Valuable Player of the official "Battle of Brooklyn" game, Palmer amassed a season-high 28 points in the opener of the annual home-and-home series.

The 5-foot-10 forward ranks third on LIU's all-time scoring list with 1,359 career points after passing Dawn Coleman (1,343 points). Kim Mac Millan's 1,549 points are second all-time at the Downtown school.

Junior Ashley Wilcots came off the bench to score a team-high 12 points for St. Francis, which lost its 14th straight game.

The Blackbirds (17-8, 9-5 NEC), winners of five straight, return to action Saturday at Wagner.

The Terriers (2-23, 0-14) visit Mount St. Mary's Saturday still looking for their first league win.

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The men's team at Brooklyn College finished off its CUNYAC regular-season slate with a 67-62 victory at the College of Staten Island on Friday.

Junior Amil John, formerly of Brooklyn's South Shore High School, scored 20 points for the Bulldogs, who clinched the No. 4 seed in the upcoming CUNYAC Championships.

The defending two-time CUNYAC champs will host a quarterfinal game Sunday.

Before that, however, the Bulldogs will close out their regular season tonight at Yeshiva University

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The BC women earned the No. 2 seed in the CUNYAC Tournament with Friday's 82-58 triumph at CSI. Lauren Plagainos scored 16 points for the Bulldogs, who went 15-9 overall and 11-2 in league play.

BC will host a quarterfinal matchup on Saturday after tonight's home finale against Yeshiva.

Elisha Raiford, Ariel Smith, Ashley Allen and Amber Gordon will be honored prior to the start of the game as part of

Senior Day celebrations.

Coach Alex Lang, who's been at the helm of program since the 2002-2003 season, will also look to make some history on Wednesday night as he is one win shy of 100 for his career.

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Off the hardwood and onto the diamond, two LIU baseball players were named when the scouting service, Perfect Game USA, updated its state-by-state follow list for the 2011 Major League Baseball draft.

Junior Tyler Jones remains at No. 19 on the New York list while classmate Drew Walsh cracked the ratings at No. 52.

Jones, a catcher, was classified as a type 3 player. The list, compiled by Allan Simpson and Jeff Simpson, describe a type 3 player as a projected mid-round draft pick expected to go between the 11th and 25th rounds.

Jones batted .302 last season with five home runs and 33 RBIs. He scored 31 runs and threw out 39 percent of attempted base stealers.

Walsh is classified as a type 4 player, described as a solid college prospect expected to go in the low rounds of the draft. He batted .313 last season with seven homers and 44 RBIs.

The Blackbirds will open the 2011 season on Feb. 25 with a four-game series in Fairfax, Va., against George Mason.

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The LIU women's track team held off Monmouth to claim its second straight title at the 2011 Northeast Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships in Landover, Md.

The LIU men's team narrowly missed defending its own title, finishing third in the overall standings, six points behind champion Central Connecticut State.

Junior Jessie Gaines was named NEC Most Valuable Performer on the women's side, while also claiming Most Outstanding Track and Most Outstanding Field Performer honors.

St. Joseph's outguns **CSI** in wild college basketball shootout, 103-102

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By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance file photo

St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn head coach Joe Cocozello enjoyed a 103-102 win over **CSI** on Tuesday night.

Joe Cocozello is a mild-mannered math and religion teacher at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in West Brighton during day-time hours.

When the final lessons are taught, the St. Peter's HS product packs up and assumes his position as head basketball coach at St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn.

Nothing mild-mannered about that gig.

Cocozello could only watch as **College of Staten Island** freshman guard Bloochy Magliore's long jump shot fell off the rim at the buzzer as St. Joseph's escaped with a 103-102 non-conference victory Tuesday night in Willowbrook.

"With the season we've had," said Cocozello of his 7-18 Bears, "I knew that shot was going in ... somebody must have pulled the rim down."

St. Joseph's shot the lights out, sinking a remarkable 17 of 28 attempts from 3-point range, including four from the hot hand of New Dorp HS product Thomas Karasinski, a sophomore guard.

The Bears have faced adversity all winter, but nothing like hearing the news Tuesday morning that their best big man, senior forward Donald Foreman, has been hospitalized with a blood clot on his lungs.

"Basketball takes a back seat," said Cocozello.

St. Joseph's wouldn't give an inch to the stumbling Dolphins, however. The Bears built a 70-53 lead with 15 minutes remaining and then held off a barrage of 3-pointers from the home team.

CSI trailed 101-96 when Dale Taranto and Phil Broomfield nailed 3-pointers just five seconds apart to bring the Dolphins to within 103-102 with 3.1 seconds left.

Karasinski was fouled, missed the first free throw, and was called for a lane violation for leaving the line too soon after an intentional miss on the second shot.

CSI, without any timeouts, had Taranto throw a long lead pass to Magliore, who grabbed the ball at the right of the circle. He dribbled to the middle of the court and fired a running jumper.

"Bloochy's a great shooter," said Karasinski of his former Susan Wagner HS rival. "I definitely thought he was going to make it."

The Dolphins sank 12 of 24 shots from beyond the arc, with Taranto and Tibbs combining for 8 of 12 accuracy.

"It was just amazing," said Karasinski. "Every shot we took went in, and then it seemed like every shot they took went in."

St. Joseph's junior forward Jon Matzelle had 21 points, 13 rebounds and six assists — many of the latter on long inbound passes against CSI's shaky press. Sophomore forward Jan Rogowski scored 24 points, hitting 5 of 8 3-pointers, and freshman guard Johnny Mendez scored 23, hitting all four of his 3-pointers.

Antoine Forehand (13 points) and Karasinski (12 points) joined their three teammates in double figures.

For the Bears, a victory over the CUNY Conference regular-season champions can be considered significant. They also won at City College earlier in the season and play in the Hudson Valley Men's Athletic Conference.

On the flip side, CSI limps into the CUNY Tournament on Sunday afternoon with a 15-9 record after its fifth loss in the last six games.

"We lost because we didn't show up to play," said coach Tony Petosa, whose team started the season 14-4 before hitting the skids. "We're a bad basketball team right now because we seem to have no desire to win."

"I feel our kids, for some reason, decided to take a deep breath, and never got it back."

The top-seeded Dolphins host eighth-seeded John Jay in a quarterfinal matchup, but they definitely won't have momentum on their side. CSI has been eliminated in the first round the past three seasons.

"Bloochy got a pretty good look," said Petosa of the game's final shot, "but it never should have come down to that.

"It's up to the players. If we don't figure it out, we move on."

NOTES: Taranto had 24 points, 10 rebounds, five steals and four assists and was joined in double figures by Jordan Young with 23 points, Tibbs with 18, Louis Valdes with 14 and Magliore with 13 ... **CSI** still leads the all-time series, 9-2, with St. Joseph's other win coming in the first round of the 2008 Tournament of Heroes ... The Dolphins honored their lone fourth-year player, Liwei Pan, during a pre-game Senior Night ceremony.

ST. JOSEPH'S (103)

Matzelle 8-10 3-4 21, Forehand 5-13 2-2 13, Dabo 3-4 1-1 7, Rogowski 9-18 1-3 24, Ortiz 1-4 1-2 3, Mendez 7-9 5-6 23, Karasinski 4-10 0-1 12.

Totals: 37-68 12-21 103.

CSI (102)

Taranto 6-15 7-8 24, Tibbs 4-7 7-9 18, Magliore 6-15 0-1 13, Van Manen 2-5 0-1 4, Young 9-18 5-5 23, Broomfield 2-4 1-1 6, Valdes 6-13 0-0 14, Husslein 0-0 0-0 0, Pan 0-2 0-0 0.

Totals: 35-79 20-25 102.

Halftime: 51-43, St. Joseph's.

Three-point goals: St. Joseph's 17-28 (Matzelle 3-4, Forehand 1-3, Rogowski 5-8, Mendez 4-4, Karasinski 4-9); **CSI** 12-24 (Taranto 5-8, Tibbs 3-4, Magliore 1-7, Broomfield 1-1, Valdez 2-4). Rebounds: St. Joseph's 41 (Matzelle 13, Rogowski 9); **CSI** 41 (Taranto 10, Young 8). Assists: St. Joseph's 26 (Mendez 7); **CSI** 23 (Tibbs 9). Turnovers: St. Joseph's 21, **CSI** 15. Total fouls: St. Joseph's 17, **CSI** 19. Fouled out: Young. Technical foul: Young.

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Three cheers for St. Patrick's Elementary School cheerleaders

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By **Jerry Lee**

RICHMOND -- A year ago the cheerleaders at St. Patrick's Elementary School in Richmond didn't fare too well in the small school division at the yearly Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Islandwide competition at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)**.

It hardly deterred them.

The parish team of seventh- and eighth-graders, a year older, wiser and now bigger, is looking forward to the upcoming March 5 competition at **CSI**, as well as the yearly tournament at Fordham University in the Bronx.

And with good reason.

The large school team (now) has been working as hard as usual, but now they have some real success to boost its confidence.

This past weekend, the St. Patrick girls captured the top prize in the Grammar School's Varsity Division at St. John Vianney High School's 12th annual cheerleading competition in Holmdel, N.J.

There were seven teams in St. Patrick's division and New Dorp's Our Lady Queen of Peace finished second. In all, over 40 teams competed in the competition.

That victory came on the heels of the team's previous Grand Championship first-place finish (out of 35 other schools and recreational teams) the weekend before at David Brearley HS in Kenilworth, N.J.

The head coaches are Marie Freisen, Donna Freisen and Lou Ann Haran. Teen coaches are Meghan and Jill Wald and Nicole Spataro.



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The St. Patrick's Varsity cheerleaders show off their medals after finishing first and winning the Grand Championship at a recent tournament in New Jersey.

Captains Jillian Taylor, Gabrielle Quadrato, Cristina Como and Gabrielle Spataro, who have been on the Varsity since fourth grade.

The rest of the squad includes: Donna Fiore, Taylor Bove, Jill Varriano, Marguerite Franco, Lexi DiMauro, Amanda Thompson, Nicole Thompson, Stephanie DeNisco, Karlee DeVito, Samanth Tocci, Amanda Butler, Jessica Pearce, Alyssa Gram, Brianna Brackett, Juliana DePrimo, Mariah Alvarado, Madeline Parisi, Marilyn Randazzo, Victoria Rivkin and Alyssa Intartaglia.

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The View From the Cheap Seats: Of Fathers and Daughters

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Four years ago, when Tim Shanahan signed on as the assistant women's basketball coach at the College of Staten Island, he thought it the perfect way to transition into retirement from his professional life. A former Major in the Family Court system of New York, the married father of three was more than happy to fill the void in his daily calendar by coaching the sport he loves.

He'd worked with the basketball team at his alma mater, New Utrecht High School, and then with his boyhood friend from Dyker Heights, Tom Scalfani, who runs a program in New Jersey. This gig, however, would allow the transplanted Brooklynite, now a Staten Island resident, to remain close to home. The one drawback would be that his schedule would conflict with that of his daughter, who had accepted a basketball scholarship at Dominican College in Orangeburg, N.Y., and was beginning her freshman year. Allie Shanahan, like her dad, was a four-year Varsity player in high school who was highly recruited on the college level. She chose Dominican over more prominent basketball schools because it best fit her needs academically. Shortly after she arrived, however, came the terrible realization that she just wasn't in the right place. After a few weeks of soul searching and many conversations with her dad and mom, Susan, the decision was made to enroll at CSI and continue her basketball career locally. Her biggest concern, one she shared with her father, was how the two would interact as player and coach.

Now, we've all seen, heard and read about the "Little League" father, that guy who makes his kid's sports experience a regrettable one with criticism, unwanted suggestions and negativity, all prefaced by something like, "Well, when I played in college..." Tim Shanahan is the polar opposite. Content to let others coach his kids, supportive of their efforts and, usually, sitting at a distance from the action so that his kids enjoyed their space, he allowed his children to fall in love with sports the way he did. As a coach, however, he sees everyone the same way and is focused on making each player better and, of course, winning. With his daughter on his bench for the first time, those two worlds would collide, and he was worried about the fallout. Similarly, Allie knew that her last name would carry no weight with the coaching staff. Her dad would get on her in the same manner he would any player who was a step slow, lost focus, or missed a class. The only problem was, while all of her teammates parted company with Coach Shanahan at the end of practice, Allie would be sitting across from him at the dinner table.

"I used to tell the girls on the team that I might be living in a shelter by the end of the season," she recalled. "Especially if we were going through a tough stretch."

But, a funny thing happened on the way to the estrangement of coach and player. They each began to respect the other's position with the team and the hard work that went into their success.

"We've had injury problems for two years now," Tim said. "Even Allie missed seven games last year with a broken foot. To see how hard she worked to come back, how much she's meant to us as our captain, has made me even prouder of her as a coach than I already was as her father."

"I know how much extra stress there is for my dad because I'm on the team," Allie noted. "He's worried about all of the girls and how well we're playing, but he's also worried about me and I see how hard it is for him to balance the two."

Despite all of the existing circumstances that could distract them, the fact is that Allie's career and their time together — time they've grown to cherish — is coming to an end. That was never more evident than last Friday, when Allie was honored on "Senior Night."

"I knew it would be too emotional for both of us if we spoke in the locker room," dad said. "So, I grabbed her before she left the house. That was bad enough. I got all choked up telling her how proud I was and what a joy the last four

years had been. She's a wonderful young woman."

His daughter concurred.

"If we had tried to speak at school, we'd have both lost our focus. It was better that we spoke at home," she said. "And, once the game started, we're down to seven players because of injuries. I couldn't come out anyway, so emotions were never an issue. That was for the best."

That Allie Shanahan has left her mark on the **CSI** women's program is an understatement, as she was recently named to the All-CUNY team for her stellar senior season. The versatile forward finished third in the conference in scoring, eighth in rebounds, 10th in assists and fourth in blocked shots. However, those statistics are but a footnote to this tale.

"Someone asked me a few weeks ago how I managed to coach my daughter and still get along with her," Shanahan recalled. "I told him it wasn't as easy as it looks; that we both had to work at it. But, what gets me through is to never forget that she's mine. My daughter is always more important than basketball." Amen, Tim. Amen.



CSI women Dolphins open CUNY tournament with test at Brooklyn

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By **Jim Waggoner**

Six years have passed since the College of Staten Island's last women's CUNY Conference Tournament title, and the Dolphins don't have an easy path to travel again this season.

Seventh-seeded CSI (6-7, 8-16) travels to second-seeded Brooklyn College tomorrow for a first-round game at 1 p.m.

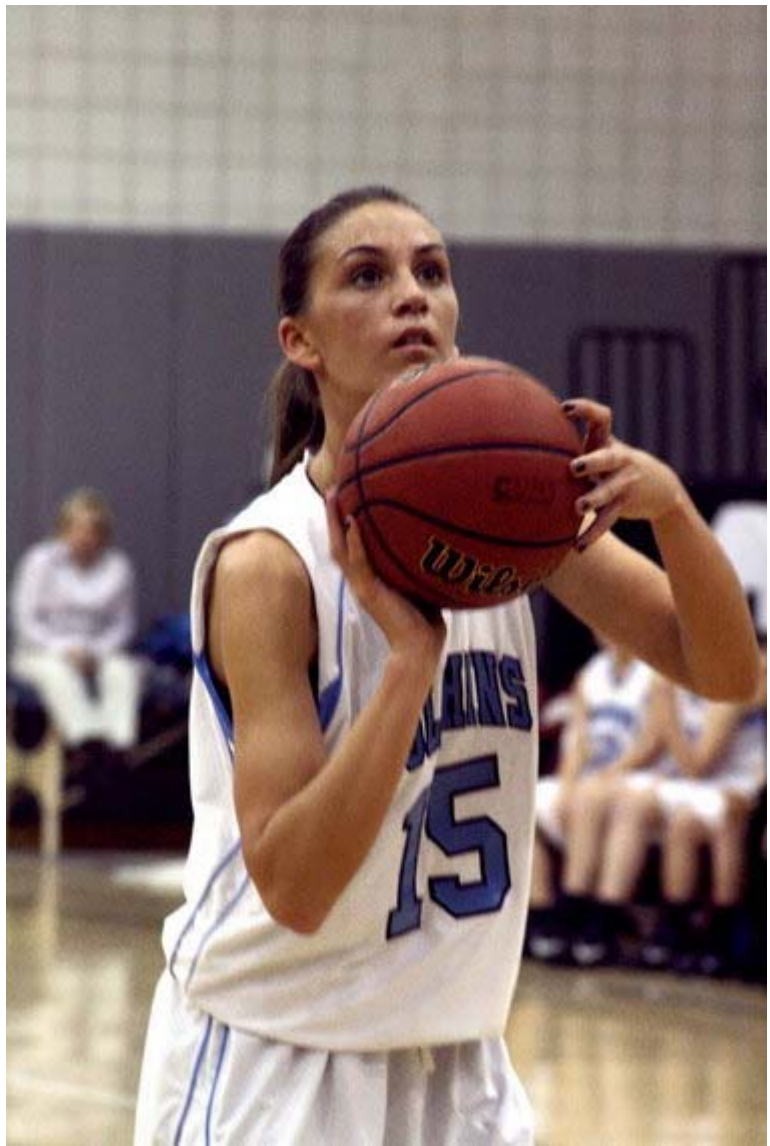
The winner advances to Tuesday's semifinal round at City College. The loser goes home.

CSI leads the all-time series, 30-5, but Brooklyn has won the last four meetings, including a two-game sweep this season (67-57 and 82-59).

The Dolphins have won six CUNY tourney titles, with the last coming in 2004-05.

The sub-.500 record is only the second losing season in head coach Marguerite Moran's 13-year tenure on CSI's bench.

The Dolphins have little depth, finishing the season with an eight-player roster. They lost starting guard Olivia Tierno to a season-ending knee injury after 17 games, and starting forward Caitlin Johnson was unable to return from a knee injury sustained during the 2009-10 season.



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CSI is led by first-team All-CUNY guard-forward Allie Shanahan (18 points, nine rebounds per game) and sophomore forward Katelyn Hepworth (12.5 points and 9.5 rebounds per game).

Allie Shanahan is leading the Dolphins with 18 points, nine rebounds per game.

CUNY CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

Women

Saturday

No. 8 City College at No. 1 Baruch, 1 p.m.

No. 5 York at No. 4 John Jay, 3:30 p.m.

No. 2 Hunter at No. 3 Lehman, 2 p.m.

No. 7 CSI at No. 2 Brooklyn, 1 p.m.

Tuesday

(at City College)

Semfinals, 6 and 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 26

(at City College)

Finals, 3 p.m.



York's Esonwune Collects Second-Straight CUNYAC/Con Edison Senior College Men's Basketball Player of the Year Award; All-Star Teams Announced



NEW YORK - The City University of New York Athletic Conference and Con Edison announced its yearly senior college men's basketball award winners Thursday afternoon at The Water Club, and for the second year in a row, York College senior post player, **Marcel Esonwune** (Lagos, Nigeria/Marist Bros.) has been selected as Player of the Year. John Jay College freshman **Jamar Harry** (Brooklyn, N.Y./Geo. Westinghouse) garnered Rookie of the Year accolades, while College of Staten Island mentor **Tony Petosa** was named Coach of the Year for the third time in his illustrious career.

In all, 13 student-athletes were recognized for their on-court achievement on the afternoon. The event also served as a preview to the upcoming 46th Annual CUNYAC/Con Edison Men's Basketball Championships, which get underway Sunday (*schedule/pairings below*).

One season after garnering All-America kudos and a host of Atlantic Region Player of the Year honors, Esonwune continued to produce in the Cardinals frontcourt. In addition to averaging 19.8 points per game (second in CUNYAC), the 6-foot-6 center ranks No. 2 in NCAA Division III in rebounding (13.8), double-doubles (21) and blocked shots (4.5). Esonwune even put up a triple-double against CCNY on Feb. 12, registering 21 points, 20 rebounds and 10 blocked shots.

Harry has been a steady presence in the Bloodhounds lineup, nearly averaging a double-double on the season with 16 points and 9.9 rebounds per outing. He ranks No. 4 in the CUNYAC in rebounding, No. 10 in scoring, and No. 2 in field-goal percentage (.581). On the season, Harry, a seven-time CUNYAC/Con Edison Rookie of the Week selection, has recorded 11 double-doubles entering this weekend's quarterfinals action.

Petosa is in his 21st season at the helm of the College of Staten Island program -- a program which he also played for during his college days. He has registered over 300 wins during his time on the Dolphins bench, and the squad earned the No. 1 seed for the conference tournament this year under his tutelage.

2010-11 CUNYAC/Con Edison Senior College Men's Basketball Award Winners

First-Team All-Stars

Chris Beauchamp, Baruch (Jr. G; Queens, N.Y.) - CUNYAC's top free-throw shooter (.884) is averaging 17.8 points per game (No. 4 in conference)

Jovan Deare, Medgar Evers (So. F; Brooklyn, N.Y.) - Team-high 15.2 points per game; ranks No. 4 and No. 8 in CUNYAC in steals (2.4) and caroms (7.4), respectively

T.J. Tibbs, Staten Island (Jr. PG; Staten Island, N.Y.) - Conference-highs in assists per game (5.5) and 3-point shooting (.422); scoring 14.6 ppg

Jordan Young, Staten Island (Jr. F; Asbury Park, N.J.) - 2008-09 Rookie of the Year; 2009-10 second-team selection; leads CSI in scoring (16.2) and rebounding (7.3)

Nathaniel Young, City Tech (Jr. F; Brooklyn, N.Y.) - Ranks No. 10 nationally and tops the CUNYAC in scoring (23.6 ppg) to go with 5.8 rebounds per contest

Second-Team All-Stars

Jerome Alexander, John Jay (Jr. F; Brooklyn, N.Y.) - Ranks among the conference leaders in scoring (third; 19.4) and assists (fifth; 3.8)

Samuel Batista, Lehman (Jr. G/F; San Pedro de Macoris, D.R.) - Posted the fifth-best 3-point FG percentage in the league (.371), scoring at a 16.3 clip

Lionel Hilaire, Baruch (Sr. G; Far Rockaway, N.Y.) - 2008-09 second-team selection, and 2009-10 first-team honoree; averaging 16.2 points and 3.4 assists per game

William Holley, York (Jr. F; Brooklyn, N.Y.) - In community college division last year was an all-star and tournament MVP; 16.8 ppg is good for No. 5 in the CUNYAC

Tyshawn Russell, Brooklyn (Jr. G; Jamaica, N.Y.) - Leads the defending champion Bulldogs in scoring (16.8 ppg - sixth in CUNYAC) and swipes 1.9 steals per game

Player of the Year: Marcel Esonwune, York (Sr. C; Lagos, Nigeria) - Ranks No. 2 in country in rebounding (13.8), double-doubles (21) and blocked shots (4.5)

Rookie of the Year: Jamar Harry, John Jay (Fr. G/F; Brooklyn, N.Y.) - Seven-time rookie of the week honoree; 16 ppg and 9.9 rpg rank in CUNYAC's top-10

Coach of the Year: Tony Petosa, Staten Island - 300-plus victory mentor garners accolades for the third time in his career after leading Dolphins to No. 1 seed in upcoming tournament

Burt Beagle Sportsmanship Award: Tammer Farid, Baruch (Sr. G; Woodside, N.Y.) - Has scored over 1,400 points in his career, which is good for the top-30 in CUNYAC history

2011 City University of New York Athletic Conference/Con Edison Men's Basketball Championships

Seeds

1. Staten Island (15-8, 10-3 CUNYAC)
2. Medgar Evers (14-11, 10-3 CUNYAC)
3. Baruch (15-10, 9-4 CUNYAC)
4. Brooklyn (13-11, 9-4 CUNYAC)
5. York (9-16, 7-6 CUNYAC)
6. Hunter (12-13, 7-6 CUNYAC)
7. Lehman (12-13, 6-7 CUNYAC)
8. John Jay (9-16, 3-10 CUNYAC)

Quarterfinals
Sunday, Feb. 20

John Jay at Staten Island, 1 p.m. ([Live Stats](#))
York at Brooklyn, 1 p.m.
Hunter at Baruch, 1 p.m. ([Live Stats](#))
Lehman at Medgar Evers, TBA

Semifinals - at Nat Holman Gymnasium (CCNY)
Wednesday, Feb. 23

York/Brooklyn winner vs. John Jay/Staten Island winner, 6 p.m. ([Live Stats](#))
Hunter/Baruch winner vs. Lehman/Medgar Evers winner, 8 p.m. ([Live Stats](#))

Finals - at Nat Holman Gymnasium (CCNY)
Saturday, Feb. 26

Semifinal winners, 5 p.m. ([Live Stats](#))

CUNY Tournament Preview: Young gives CSI lots of everything

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By Jim Waggoner



Staten Island Advance photo by Hilton Flores

CSI's Jordan Young was a CUNY Conference first-team selection this season.

Like any good recruiter, Vinny Messina wanted to see how the basketball player reacted under pressure.

So there was the ever-present College of Staten Island assistant, fixing his eyes on Jordan Young as the Asbury Park, N.J., resident played his final basketball game at Wall HS.

"He got in foul trouble ... the team was losing and their season was ending," said Messina. "I thought, 'This is trouble.' I watched his attitude, how he dealt with his teammates and adversity."

After the game three years ago, Messina found his way to the hallway outside Young's locker room. He remembers some small talk about how difficult these moments are in a young athlete's life, and he remembers Young looking him straight in the eye and handling defeat in a mature manner.

"He committed to us that day," said Messina, the former CSI aide under Tony Petosa. "You know what I found? A diamond in the rough."

Young leads the top-seeded Dolphins (10-3, 15-9) into Sunday afternoon's home

game against eighth-seeded John Jay as the CUNY Conference Tournament opens with four quarterfinal games on home courts of the higher seeds.

CLIMBING THE CHARTS

Young, a 6-foot-4 junior power forward, continues to climb the **CSI** career charts with a legitimate chance next season to join Jay Zieris as the second player in program history to rack up 1,000 career points, 500 rebounds and 300 assists.

Young has 1,160 points and 516 rebounds, with the current postseason and his senior year ahead of him. He has 206 assists and has that hurdle well within his sights. He also has 101 steals and 50 blocked shots and needs 29 steals and 15 blocked shots to qualify as the first **CSI** player to reach the minimum amounts to be listed among all-time leaders in all five statistical categories.

"He's kind of been the salvation of our program the last few years," said Petosa.

Two days ago, Young was named to the All-CUNY first team. Last year, he was a second-team selection. The year before that, he was named Rookie of the Year.

Young averages 16.2 points and 7.3 rebounds per game while leading the 10-team conference in field-goal percentage at 60.8 (161 for 265). He ranks eighth in scoring and 10th in both rebounding and assists.

"The best thing about him is he makes other people around him better because he passes the ball so well for a big guy," said Petosa. "He plays around the basket and away from the basket. He has deceptive quickness and great basketball instincts. He just knows how to play the game."

Messina stumbled upon Young during an Eastern Invitational Camp summer session at the College of New Jersey. He introduced himself to the senior-to-be and they quickly hit it off. Messina also had a solid character reference to fall back on: Ex-Wagner College great Bobby Mahala was Wall's varsity coach during Young's freshman and sophomore years.

Young often struggles with foul problems, going up against taller, more athletic opponents on a regular basis. His aggressive style has a high risk-reward ratio and he's never afraid to stake his ground in the lane and take a charge.

SLUMPING DOLPHINS

Petosa said he believes Young's skills would be more evident with a bigger lineup around him. The Dolphins are one of the smallest teams in the CUNY. "He has a great passing feel around the basket," said Petosa.

For his part, Young said the only milestone he's interested in is a CUNY championship. The 11-time champion Dolphins' last title came nine seasons ago, and they've been first-round casualties the past three years.

"That's what we're playing for now," said Young, "That's what I'm playing for."

It won't be easy for top-seeded **CSI**. The team faded late in the regular season, losing five of six games to fall from 14-4 to 15-9. After a 9-0 conference start, the Dolphins finished 10-3 and tied with Medgar Evers. They owned the tiebreaker with two victories over the Cougars.

"There is cause for concern, because when you're not playing well at the end of the season, there's a reason for it," said Petosa. "But we're going into the tournament optimistic and feeling good about our chances."

Young's presence won't hurt.

"He's a good kid and a good basketball player, in that order," said Messina.

NOTES: John Jay finished 3-10 in the CUNY and 9-16 overall, but boasts a high-octane offense and two prolific players — freshman guard Jamar Harry (16 ppg, 9.9 rpg), the conference's Rookie of the Year, and All-CUNY second-team selection Jerome Alexander, a 6-4 junior who averaged 19.4 ppg. ... **CSI** won the lone regular-season meeting, 90-79, in Manhattan. ... **CSI** is 52-21 all-time in the CUNY tourney and 25-8 in quarterfinal games. The Dolphins have dropped six of their last eight tourney games, however. ... Two freshmen in **CSI's** seven-player rotation, David Hughes (back) and Louis Valdes (eye) have been slowed by recent injuries. ... **CSI's** 15 wins are the most since a 17-7 regular-season mark in 2003-04. ... The Dolphins are 11-4 when holding opponents under 75 points and 16-2 since 2008-09 when holding opponents under 42 percent shooting from the floor. ... Petosa is 322-244 in his 21st season on **CSI's** bench.



Brooklyn eliminates **CSI** women in CUNY tourney opener, 79-62

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By **Jim Waggoner**

Brooklyn College senior guard Ariel Smith had 25 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists as the second-seeded Bulldogs eliminated visiting **College of Staten Island** with a 79-62 victory Saturday afternoon in the opening round of the CUNY Conference Tournament.

The Dolphins, who finished with a 8-17 record and only their second losing season in 15 years, dropped all three matchups against Brooklyn, which advanced to Tuesday night's semifinal round at City College.

Brooklyn (16-10) jumped out to a 15-4 lead in the first seven minutes, but **CSI** responded with 14-5 and 9-0 runs as Allie Shanahan's 3-point shot put the visitors ahead, 31-26.

The Bulldogs scored the final eight points of the first half, however, to regain a 34-31 halftime edge.

The Dolphins used three 3-pointers — one from Nicole Quattrocchi and two from Shanahan — to rally to within 43-40 early in the second half.

That's when Brooklyn started pulling away, using an 11-0 run to take control at 54-40. The lead would grow to 22 points late after Smith connected on her five 3-pointer of the afternoon.

Shanahan scored 22 points in her final collegiate game, while Katelyn Hepworth and Rachel Rosado added 14 apiece.

But the Dolphins shot at an icy 32.4 percent clip and were outrebounded by the deeper Bulldogs, 52-38.

CSI freshman Jaclyn Tocco had a solid all-around game: six points, nine rebounds, six assists and four steals in 40 minutes.

Smith had some help from a balanced Brooklyn attack as Justine O'Callahan and Lauren Plagynos scored 11 points apiece.

NOTES: The top four seeds all won Saturday: No. 1 Baruch over No. 8 City College; 75-41; No. 3 Lehman over No. 6 Hunter, 100-50; and No. 4 John Jay over No. 5 York, 94-86. The semifinal matchups Tuesday at CCNY: Baruch vs. John Jay at 6, followed by Brooklyn vs. Lehman at 8.

CSI (62)

Hepworth 5-17 3-4 14, Shanahan 7-25 3-4 22, Quattrocchi 2-8 0-0 6, Tocco 1-2 4-4 6, Rosado 7-15 0-0 14, Sgarlato 0-1 0-0 0, Stout 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 22-68 10-12 62.

BROOKLYN (79)

Logan 4-6 1-1 9, O'Callahan 5-13 1-4 11, Raiford 4-8 1-2 9, Plagynos 4-8 0-0 11, Smith 10-17 0-0 25, Allen 1-5 0-0 2, Gordon 4-9 0-0 2, Jamison 1-2 0-0 2, Donovan 2-4 1-2 6.

Totals: 33-72 4-9 79.

Halftime: 34-31, Brooklyn.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 8-24 (Hepworth 1-2, Shanahan 5-16, Quattrocchi 2-6); Brooklyn 9-21 (Plagynos 3-5, Smith 5-7, Allen 0-4, Gordon 0-4, Donovan 1-1). Rebounds: **CSI** 38 (Tocco 9); Brooklyn 52 (Smith 12, Raiford 9). Assists: **CSI** 17 (Tocco 6); Brooklyn 26 (Plagynos 7, Smith 7). Turnovers: **CSI** 21, Brooklyn 25. Total fouls: **CSI** 11, Brooklyn 13. Fouled out: Logan.



CSI shows some life in CUNY Tournament win over John Jay, 93-83

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By Jim Waggoner



Staten Island Advance photo by Hilton Flores

CSI's Jordan Young, left, battles John Jay's Jerome Alexander for a rebound in Sunday's CUNY Conference Tournament game.

Nothing like a quick visit to basketball boot camp to wake up a slumbering team late in the season.

The College of Staten Island endured two demanding practices and responded with Sunday's 93-83 victory over visiting John Jay in the opening round of the CUNY Conference Tournament at Willowbrook.

The top-seeded Dolphins, 16-9 overall, advanced to the semifinals for the first time in four years with a Wednesday night meeting on tap against fourth-seeded Brooklyn College at City College.

"Maybe we just needed a kick in the butt," said 5-foot-8 junior point guard Thomas Tibbs, who led the way with a game-high 29 points and five assists. "We played hard, we played smart and we shared the ball."

CSI faded late in the regular season, dropping five of its last six games. The lone victory was a big one, clinching the No. 1 tourney seed by defeating Medgar Evers. The Dolphins also had the haunting memories of being KOed in the quarterfinals in each of the past three campaigns.

"It's about time," said a relieved head coach Tony Petosa. "The first (CUNY) game is always the toughest. If you lose in the first round, sometimes it feels like it takes your whole season away."

Junior forward Jordan Young, who contributed 20 points and 12 rebounds, said the Dolphins turned back the practice clock to training camp.

"We went back to the basics," said the 6-foot-4 Asbury Park, N.J., native, "because that's what we've been lacking."

And that basic training focused primarily on the defensive end. **CSI** shot out to a 46-30 halftime lead by limiting the eighth-seeded Bloodhounds to 11-of-32 shooting, including 1-of-8 accuracy from 3-point range.

At the other end, the efficient Dolphins blistered the nets at a 62.5 percent clip (15-of-24) with Bloochy Magliore and Tibbs each connecting on a pair of 3-pointers.

"Ball pressure ... containing people ... working against ball screens," said Petosa of the practice to-do list. "The kids really responded to the practices we had."

CSI started slowly in the second half, not scoring for four minutes as John Jay trimmed the deficit to 46-36. But the Dolphins ripped off an 11-2 run to take a commanding 57-38 lead with 14 minutes left.

Tibbs drove the lane and sank a free throw to break the ice. Young converted a fastbreak pass from Dale Taranto into a three-point play, and Taranto buried a 3-pointer from the top. Young sank a layup and Tibbs converted a steal into another easy hoop.

Just like that, the Dolphins finally had some late-season breathing room.

"Defense wins championships," said Young, repeating Michael Jordan's often-used quote from the NBA title days of the Chicago Bulls.

The visiting Bloodhounds used some old-fashioned fullcourt pressure and offensive explosiveness to cut **CSI's** lead to 10 in the final minute.

The frantic finish was a prelude to what the Dolphins should expect as they continue their championship quest against athletic Brooklyn College — and then to a potential title showdown against the winner of the other semifinal pitting second-seeded Medgar Evers and sixth-seeded Hunter.

"Nobody's afraid of us," said Petosa, "because we don't have much size."

NOTES: Hunter produced the lone quarterfinal upset with its 68-63 win at Baruch — a huge triumph for first-year head coach John Alesi, a Grymes Hill resident and former 1,000-point scorer at Baruch ... The other two games: Medgar Evers 74, Lehman 52 and Brooklyn 80, York 69 ... **CSI** will play Brooklyn in Wednesday's 6 p.m. opener, followed by Medgar Evers-Hunter at 8 ... The CUNY championship game is Saturday at 5 p.m., also at City College ... Taranto scored 15 points and Magliore 12 as improved shot

selection led to 60.9 percent accuracy for the Dolphins, who had a 34-27 rebounding edge ... CUNY Rookie of the Year Jamar Harry paced the Bloodhounds with 20 points and seven rebounds while Jerome Alexander added 19 points, Isaiah Holman 17 and Kevin Phillus 10 ... **CSI** sank 30 of 40 free throws, with Tibbs making 14 of 16 and Taranto 8 of 8.

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Baseball Set For 2011 Season With Sights Set On First Empire 8 Crown

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HOBOKEN, N.J. (February 22, 2011) – Despite the loss of a trio of All-Conference honorees in graduated seniors Anthony Andrews, Mark Rasulo, and Joe Finora, the Stevens Institute of Technology baseball team enters the 2011 season with a wealth of experience and hopes of capturing its first-ever Empire 8 conference title. With six of eight position starters and the bulk of last season's pitching staff returning for another season at Castle Point, the Ducks, under the tutelage of 11th-year head coach John Crane, will look to improve upon last year's 21-19 mark and semifinal berth in the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Metro Tournament.

"Despite the losses of Rasulo, Andrews, and Finora, I think we have a really good group coming back. We have the rest of our rotation back in the fold and we have six of eight position players back, so I certainly think we'll have guys ready to step in to fill their shoes. The biggest change I think I see this year is the confidence in our team. I feel like we've had the ability and talent to capture the league championship over the last couple of years and that is our goal every season, but there's a different attitude with the guys, who really believe they can take the next step this year," said Crane. "I think a lot of that confidence just comes from experience. We have guys that have been through it and have seen top-flight programs both in conference and out over the years and having that experience to fall back on can be a big difference for us this season."

Looking to help lead the Ducks during the 2011 campaign are a three seniors in Denis Ackermann, Russ Grimes, and Kenneth Meerendonk, who comprised the heart of an explosive Stevens' lineup that ranked first in the conference in doubles, home runs, and slugging percentage, and second in hits, RBI, runs scored, and total bases.

"It's nice having that veteran presence in the middle of the order. Kenny and Ackermann have been hitting in the middle of our order since day one and while it may have been a little too much for them to handle as freshmen, they now have those three years of experience to fall back on, so we certainly expect them to play with confidence and lead us this year," Crane said. "Kenny's been a four year starter for us. He'll see time at first base and he's our number one pitcher. We expect him to have a great season. He's been consistent offensively for us and he's gotten better each year on the mound as well, so we're comfortable with him being our workhorse on the staff this year. Ackermann is also a four-year starter and I don't know if there's a better defensive catcher anywhere. He gives us some power from the left side of the plate and has a great approach. He is an excellent leader as well. Russ has gotten better every year and is coming off a tremendous season. I think this year he has a shot at putting up All-America-type numbers."

A first-team All-Empire 8 selection, Ackermann hit .328 a year ago, with two home runs, 11 doubles, 24 RBI and a .458 slugging percentage. A tremendous presence behind the plate, he amassed 182 putouts last season, moving into fifth-place on the program's career charts.

Meerendonk, a second-team all-league pick that also earned third-team NJCBA third-team accolades, enjoyed arguably his best season in Cardinal and Gray, hitting .326 with five home runs, eight doubles, and 29 RBI in 2010. Also a workhorse on Stevens' pitching staff, the Sussex, N.J. native tied for second on the team in wins with four, posting a 4.73 earned run average.

Grimes, who earned second team all-conference recognition and third-team ABCA All-Region honors, thrived in the heart of the Ducks' order last season, belting a school record 10 home runs, while finishing in the top-five of the Empire 8 in five offensive categories. Starting all 40 games in right, he hit .316, while his 42 RBI and 87 total bases ranked second and third in the conference, respectively. A native of South Brunswick, N.J., the senior also tallied a team-best .572 slugging percentage with 37 runs scored.

Hoping to set the plate for the Ducks at the top of the order this season are second baseman Tom Phillips, an Empire 8 honorable mention awardee last season, and shortstop Corey Linden. Phillips hit .299 last year in 36 starts, tallying

a .416 slugging percentage and a .373 on-base percentage with 32 runs scored. Linden came on strong as the year went on in 2010, hitting .315 with a .427 OBP and a .438 slugging percentage with nine doubles and 20 runs scored. The duo also combined for nine steals last year, as the team finished second in the conference in stolen bases.

“Phillips and Linden should provide us with a lot of speed and some pop at the top of the order and defensively I think they have the potential to become one of the best double play combinations in the region, if not nationally. They’re both really good athletes and they both have plus arms,” explained Crane. “I think we really started to take off last year once Corey got a chance to consistently play and I think having him for a full season is going to be a real plus for us. We’re expecting some big things out of him. It’ll be Tom’s third year at second base and he’s the quintessential leadoff hitter. He has a good eye, excellent speed, hits for both average and power and can really do a lot of things for us and is great defensively as well.”

Also returning to help the Ducks build on last season’s success are a core group of veterans in seniors Mike Caruso, Shawn Dorman and Mike Pagliaro, juniors TJ Alcorn, Salvatore Amato, Matt Glassman, and Ryan Kiczek, and sophomores Chris Daniele, Michael Donovan, and Cory Stryker.

Alcorn hit .310 a year ago with 26 RBI and 39 runs scored, making 38 appearances as a designated hitter and first baseman, while Stryker, who saw limited action as a reserve centerfielder, will look to improve upon a year in which he notched a .333 average and a .417 slugging percentage. Caruso, Pagliaro and Donovan will look to play an increased role in the Ducks’ infield, while Daniele and Kiczek should compete for time in the outfield.

As a team, Stevens enjoyed a record-breaking 2010, setting new school marks in runs (283), RBI (251), doubles (88), home runs (34), total bases (602), and slugging percentage (.456).

“We have a deep lineup and power-wise this could be one of the best we’ve had,” said Crane. “Top to bottom we have a lot of guys with experience and also some younger guys who can contribute right away.”

Headlining the Ducks’ starting rotation that ranked second in the conference in innings pitched (322.1), while posting a school record 212 strikeouts with a league-low 106 walks, are Meerendonk and sophomore Tyler Courter. Also competing for starting spots this season are sophomores Donovan and Mark Poinsett, senior Dan Anunziata, and juniors Vincent Vinci, Jeffrey Hart and Chris Tucci, and sophomore Kevin Mathews.

Meerendonk ranked second on the team in strikeouts (43) and complete games (3) last season, while Poinsett, who earned a place on the NJCBA Division II/III All-State Rookie team, went 4-0 in his first year with the Ducks, posting a 3.82 ERA. Donovan went 2-0 last year in seven appearances, making one start. He finished with a 2.35 earned run average, allowing just four earned runs in 15 and a third innings, while Courter logged the third-most innings for Stevens a year ago with 35.0.

“Our defense is certainly one of our strengths. Up the middle, with Ackermann, Phillips, and Linden and our centerfielders I feel like we’re in great shape. This is also probably one of the deepest pitching staffs we’ve had even with the loss of Joe Finora,” Crane said. “I think one of the exciting things is that our staff, while relatively young, should be intact for the next three years. We have guys that are going to be here and have already improved a lot in the time they’ve been with us and will only continue to get better. We only have five starting spots, but have eight or nine guys to choose from, which is a credit to our depth and is a nice problem to have.”

Hoping to make an impact out of the Ducks’ equally deep bullpen are senior hurler Kyle Hanas, juniors Timothy Griffin, John Martelle, and Rudy Morin, and sophomore Craig Leopold.

Rounding out Stevens’ roster this season is a talented freshman class that boasts several student-athletes who will look to make an immediate impact in: Dan Allen, Jose Arismendi, Jason Fiore, Andrew Golding, Curt Lowenstein, Matt O’Brien, Shane Raymond, and Matt Shubeck.

“It’s one of the most talented classes we’ve ever had, which I think is saying something because we’ve had some really good classes over the last four or five years. I think they are all really coachable and they’re receptive and make adjustments quickly,” Crane explained. “Dan Allen is a guy that’s going to be a two-way guy for us as a starting pitcher and an outfielder. Shane Raymond is very good defensively as an outfielder and is very coachable

and has a plus arm out there as well. Jose has a chance to be a great offensive player for us and has great hands as well and brings the total package for us as an infielder. We have two freshmen catchers in Curt Lowenstein, who will be our back-up this year and reminds me a lot of Ackermann, and Matt O'Brien, a fundamentally sound catcher that's technically good receiving, has a quick release and is really coming along offensively as well. We also have a pair of freshmen pitchers in Matt Shubeck, a right-hander who'll see some time in the bullpen, and Andrew Golding – who will be in the bullpen to start but we can see developing into a starter. He has good command and can throw three or four different pitches for strikes.”

Stevens will open its season against preseason No. 3 Kean University in Union, N.J. on Wednesday, February 23. The Ducks then square off with former Skyline Conference rivals College of Mount St. Vincent and Mount Saint Mary College on February 26-27, before hosting 2010 NCAA Tournament participant Skidmore College for a doubleheader on March 6.

Stevens will then embark on its annual Spring Break trip to Auburndale, Fla., from March 13-18, where the team will square off with six opponents, including preseason No. 4 SUNY Cortland and NESCAC power Amherst College. The Ducks return home for home dates against the City College of New York and preseason No. 25 SUNY Plattsburgh on March 20 and 24, respectively, before facing New Jersey Athletic Conference contenders Rutgers-Newark and William Paterson University.

After a home contest against John Jay College on March 30, the Ducks open up Empire 8 play with a four game homestand against defending conference champion St. John Fisher College on April 2-3. Following a non-conference contest with Gwynedd-Mercy College, Stevens returns to league play with four games against nine-time Empire 8 champion Ithaca College on April 9-10.

The Ducks close out the regular season with Utica College on April 30 and May 1 before facing the College of Staten Island on May 4.

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DOLPHINS FACING TOUGH BATTLE

CSI will get tested by two-time defending champ Brooklyn College in tomorrow's semis

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STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

There's no need to spring any CUNY Conference history lessons on Tony Petosa, the only person to win conference tournaments as a player, assistant coach and head coach.

Throw in regular season and tourney MVP trophies fitted snugly on the living room mantle and you have a College of Staten Island mentor well-versed as a student in CUNY hoops.

"You never know when you're going to be in a position to have a chance to win another championship," Petosa said yesterday. "When you do have a shot, you want to make the most of it. You understand what's at stake and how much it means."

Top-seeded CSI finally hears opportunity knocking once again and has the program's first title in nine years in its crosshairs heading into tomorrow night's semifinal game against fourth-seeded Brooklyn College at City College.

The Dolphins (16-9) cleared one hurdle with a 93-83 quarterfinal victory over John Jay. They had been eliminated in the first round the previous three seasons. Their last trip to the finals came in 2007 when York's Teron Simpson's halfcourt heave at the buzzer handed CSI a stunning 56-54 setback.

"It's nice to be relevant again," admitted Petosa, who has a 323-244 record and three CUNY crowns in 21 seasons. "Our goal this season was to be competitive again and we've reached that goal."

Now comes the hard part.

Brooklyn College is the two-time defending champion and has won six of the last seven meetings against CSI, including a recent 67-62 triumph in Willowbrook. The Bulldogs are gunning for their third straight NCAA Division III Tournament automatic bid — and this from a program that dropped 16 games against CSI starting in 1999-2000 in a streak that extended eight seasons.

The good news for the rest of the CUNY is that Brooklyn no longer has two-time tourney MVP Richard Jean-Baptiste, who graduated with 1,647 points. The Bulldogs (14-11) also lost 1,000-point scorers Daniel Nisbett and Thomas Guerin — a testimony to the depth of coach Steve Podias' program.

Junior guard Tyshawn Russell leads a balanced attack with a 16.8 points per game average, while senior guard Ahmad Hemmingway, a Curtis HS product, offers firepower to a super-charged backcourt.

"They're slashers who can shoot," said Petosa. "They play a very fast tempo defensively and try to turn you over."

"Their biggest advantage is they've been there before. They're still the defending champions until someone knocks them off."

The Dolphins will look to All-CUNY first-team selections Thomas Tibbs and Jordan Young to lead the way, while versatile junior guard

Dale Taranto could also be a key factor.

Petosa said he'll need contributions from everyone to achieve success. He pointed to freshman David Hughes' tenacious defense on John Jay forward Jerome Alexander as a key to the quarterfinal victory.

"There's no secrets this time of year," said Petosa. "It takes a lot of hard work, concentration and belief in your abilities."

NOTES: Second-seeded Medgar Evers (15-11) faces sixth-seeded Hunter (13-13) in the other semifinal at 8 p.m. ... The CSI-Brooklyn game tips off at 6 in Nat Holman Gym ... CSI will have a fan bus leaving from the Sports and Recreation Center tomorrow at 4 p.m. There is no charge but availability will be first-come, first-serve ... The Dolphins have a 27-13 lead in the all-time series and snapped a six-game skid against Brooklyn with a 78-59 road win earlier in the season ... The championship game is set for 5 p.m. Saturday, following the 3 p.m. women's finale at City College.

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CSI point guard Thomas Tibbs will lead the way for the Dolphins.



CSI wiggles off the hook and into CUNY Conference Tournament finals, 73-70, in OT

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Staten Island Advance photo by Hilton Flores

CSI's bench celebrates the team's 73-70 overtime victory over Brooklyn College in the CUNY Tournament semifinals.

Down 11 points with six minutes remaining, the College of Staten Island's basketball season was hanging by a thread Wednesday night.

The ball was bouncing two-time defending champion Brooklyn College's way and the Dolphins' hopes for a 12th CUNY Conference Tournament championship were fading rapidly in the semifinal game at CCNY.

Then, the worm turned.

CSI junior forward Jordan Young (29 points, 14 rebounds) started dominating inside, and Brooklyn rushed a couple of ill-

timed shots. The top-seeded Dolphins went on an 11-0 run to quickly catch up, then won a thrilling 73-70 overtime decision that puts them in Saturday's 5 p.m. championship game against second-seeded Medgar Evers.

"We had to play near-perfect basketball," said CSI coach Tony Petosa after his squad rallied from a 58-47 hole and improved to 17-9, "and we did."

Freshman guard Bloochy Magliore's driving bank shot from the right side tied the game at 64-64 with 48 seconds remaining, and the 6-foot-3 Susan Wagner HS product narrowly missed a pair of 3-point shots in the final 1.1 seconds.

Magliore's open look from the left baseline appeared to be halfway down, but rimmed out. That shot would have won the game. Brooklyn rebounded and called timeout, but Magliore stole the inbounds pass and managed a running 23-footer at the buzzer.

That shot bounced off the back iron.

"I thought both shots were going in," said Petosa. "They came as close as any shots can without going in."

So the Dolphins dug their heels in the five-minute overtime session, with Young rebounding a Magliore airball and converting a 3-point play for a 72-70 lead with 34.8 seconds remaining.

Young hit another free throw with 10.3 left in overtime, and Brooklyn guard Tyshawn Russell's 3-pointer from the right wing was rebounded by Matt Van Manen.

"Right now, it feels a little unreal," said **CSI** junior point guard Thomas Tibbs, who had 16 points, eight rebounds, four assists and three steals. "It just means everything, getting this far. We've been dreaming about playing for a championship since we got together for our first practice."

The Dolphins had fits against Brooklyn's potent three-guard attack — Ahmad Hemingway (19 points), Amil John (18 points) and Russell (16 points) — but showed admirable survival instincts in a game with seven deadlocks and 10 lead changes.

"I thought we had seized control of the game," said Brooklyn coach Steve Podias, who was seeking the CUNY's first three-peat since the Hunter dynasty (four straight titles) from 1992-95. "I give Staten Island credit. We gave them an opportunity and they took it."

"I thought Young played just a great game. He stayed out of foul trouble and stayed on the floor. He played like a first-team All-Star."

Young and Tibbs both played the entire 45 minutes, while junior guard Dale Taranto (eight points, nine rebounds, six assists) played 44 minutes. Magliore added 12 points and the Dolphins enjoyed a 43-37 rebounding edge while sinking 15 of 20 free throws.

Now they have a shot at the program's first CUNY championship in nine seasons. It will be **CSI's** first finals appearance since 2007, when York's Teron Simpson hit a halfcourt shot at the buzzer to stun the Dolphins, 56-54.

Young wasn't around for that stunning setback and **CSI** had been a first-round casualty in each of the past three seasons.

"We've worked too hard this year not go all the way," said the 6-4 Asbury Park, N.J., product. "We're almost there, but we're not there yet. Still have some work to get done."

NOTES: Medgar Evers rallied from a 36-27 deficit midway through the second half to avoid an upset by sixth-seeded Hunter in the second semifinal, 61-53. The Cougars shot just 31 percent from the floor, including 2

for 19 from 3-point range, and trailed 41-40 with four minutes left ... Brooklyn dropped to 15-12 overall ... **CSI** won both games against Medgar Evers during the regular season and both finished with league-best 10-3 CUNY records.

BROOKLYN (70)

John 6-11 6-10 18, Hemingway 8-20 2-2 19, Russell 4-16 7-8 16, Halton 1-2 0-0 2, Cudjoe 3-8 1-4 7, Shea 0-0 0-0 0, Baker 1-3 0-0 2, Grant 3-4 0-0 6, Guttadaro 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 26-64 16-24 70.

CSI (73)

Taranto 3-9 0-2 8, Tibbs 5-13 4-4 16, Hughes 2-7 2-2 6, Van Manen 1-2 0-0 2, Young 10-16 9-11 29, Magliore 5-12 0-1 12, Valdes 0-2 0-0 0.

Totals: 26-61 15-20 73.

Halftime: 33-32, Brooklyn. Regulation: 64-64.

Three-point goals: Brooklyn 2-9 (Hemmingway 1-4, Russell 1-4, Halton 0-1); **CSI** 6-15 (Taranto 2-3, Tibbs 2-5, Magliore 2-6, Valdes 0-1). Rebounds: Brooklyn 37 (Hemingway 9); **CSI** 43 (Young 14, Taranto 9, Tibbs 8). Assists: Brooklyn 10 (Russell 4); **CSI** 12 (Taranto 6, Tibbs 4). Turnovers: Brooklyn 14, **CSI** 21. Total fouls: Brooklyn 21, **CSI** 22. Fouled out: Cudjoe.



Staten Island, Medgar Evers Set to Compete for CUNYAC/Con Edison Men's Basketball Title After Semifinal Victories



Winston Douglas helped the Cougars to their first title appearance since 2002.

NEW YORK - Junior CUNYAC/Con Edison First-Team All-Star, **Jordan Young** scored 15 of his game-high 29 points in the second half Wednesday night at Nat Holman Gymnasium, and scored the final four points of the contest to lift top-seeded College of Staten Island to a 73-70, overtime victory over fourth-seeded Brooklyn College in the semifinals of the City University of New York Athletic Conference/Con Edison Men's Basketball Championship. The Dolphins will face off in the title game Saturday at 5 p.m., against the second-seeded Cougars of Medgar Evers College, which overcame a 10-point second-half deficit and captured a 61-53 triumph over sixth-seeded Hunter College. The championship contest will be aired on [WSIA \(88.9 FM\)](#) from Staten Island.

Staten Island 73, Brooklyn 70 (OT)

Young added a game-best 14 rebounds for the Dolphins (17-9), who are in search of their first CUNYAC title since 2002. Fellow first-team all-star, **T.J. Tibbs** registered 16 points, eight rebounds and three steals, while freshman **Bloochy Magliore** came off the bench to net 12 points. Staten Island overcame a 21-turnover outing by shooting 6-for-15 from 3-point range and by utilizing a 17-12 edge in second-chance points – many coming from Young.

Brooklyn (15-12), the two-time defending champions, placed three players in double-figure scoring, including a 19-point, nine-rebound effort from **Ahmad Hemingway**. Senior **Amil John** contributed 18 points, seven rebounds and a game-high four steals, while CUNYAC/Con Edison All-Star **Tyshawn Russell** added 16 points and four assists.

"It was a great game to watch," said Staten Island head coach Tony Petosa. "It took us a long time to figure it out, but both teams played their hearts out tonight."

In overtime, Hemingway converted a layup on Brooklyn's first possession before Magliore stuck a jumper with 3:41 to go. John put the Bulldogs back up by two 22 seconds later, before a trifecta by Tibbs pushed Staten Island in front, 69-68, with 2:05 remaining. Brooklyn came right back down the court to take a one-point edge on a Hemingway lay-in. However, Young's conventional 3-point play with 32 seconds remaining gave Staten Island the lead at 72-70. After Cudjoe missed a jumper in the lane, Young converted just his first free throw with 10-plus seconds left. Off the miss

of the second shot, the Bulldogs got a great look to tie the game when Russell fired a 23-footer from the right elbow. However, the shot bounced off the iron and the Dolphins ended Brooklyn's championship reign.

"It was reminiscent of the game we played two weeks ago when we lost to Brooklyn," explained Petosa. "But we managed to play a near-perfect last five minutes of the game tonight."

The Bulldogs held a 33-32 edge at halftime, and led for most of the beginning portion of the second half. Staten Island then utilized an 8-0 run, with a pair of Magliore trifectas sandwiching two free throws by Young, to take a 43-41 lead with 10:30 to go. Hemingway canned two freebies from the charity stripe with 9:04 to go in regulation, kick-starting 12-1 run that saw Brooklyn take a 58-47 lead with 6:02 showing on the clock. From there, the Dolphins made another run of their own, scoring the next 11 points (including eight by Young) of the contest to knot the score at 58-all when Young's lay-in fell with 3:03 showing.

"Young deserves a lot of credit; he played a great game," said Brooklyn head coach Steve Podias. "He was being a leader out on the floor tonight. Instead of looking at the guards, he looked for his own shot. And obviously, he was feeling it."

CSI took a three-point lead at 62-59 with 1:55 showing on a pair at the charity stripe by Tibbs, before a conventional 3-point play by **Darnell Cudjoe** knotted the score with 1:28 left. John's layup put the Bulldogs up by two on their next possession, before Magliore tied the game at 64 with under 48 seconds left. Both teams missed shots on their next possessions, setting up a full-length inbound by Brooklyn with just over one second to go in regulation. However, the inbound pass was stolen at midcourt by Magliore and his 45-footer at the horn rimmed out to send the game to the extra session.

The teams traded baskets in the opening four-plus minutes of action, with Taranto's 3-pointer knotting the score at 5-all with 15:45 remaining. However, Brooklyn scored the next eight points of the contest, with Russell and John netting four points apiece to stake the Bulldogs to a 13-5 edge with 12:48 on the clock. The Dolphins utilized an 8-0 run of their own to take a 26-25 advantage on Young's put-back with 4:51 to go. From there, **Keiran Halton** knocked down a jumper on Brooklyn's next possession and the fourth seed took a 33-32 lead into the halftime break.

"It feels special to get to this point," said Young. "Every day, we come to practice and work hard and we are going to continue the hard work the next couple of days, and get ready for Saturday."

Medgar Evers 61, Hunter 53

Three players scored in double figures for the Cougars (16-11), which will seek their first title since 1991 and compete in their first finals since 2002 – when they fell to Staten Island. CUNYAC/Con Edison All-Star **Jovan Deare** tallied 18 points and eight rebounds, while **Winston Douglas** chipped in with 14 points, nine rebounds, three blocks and three steals. **James Gilmore** added 11 points and four assists for Medgar Evers. The second seed utilized a 21-9 advantage in points off turnovers to help the winning cause – including a 16-4 edge in the second half.

Hunter (13-14) was led by a 12-point effort from **Mark Courtien**, while **Joel Cerda** shot 5-for-9 from the floor en route to 11 points. **Izzy Hoffman** scored eight points and four assists for the Hawks, who shot 40 percent from the field (20-for-50), but were victimized by 21 turnovers against a pressure defense from Medgar Evers.

The Hawks' 19-16 halftime lead slowly grew to a 10-point margin (34-24) with 11:18 to go on a layup by Cerda. However, Douglas later converted a two-handed dunk on the break with 8:49 remaining, starting a 9-0 run that knotted the game at 36-all with 6:47 left after four straight points by Deare.

"I think we finally got the nervousness out of our system with seven minutes left in the game," said Medgar Evers head coach Chris Pursoo. "We were nervous and tense the entire game, but Hunter eventually came out of their 2-3 zone and had trouble matching up man-to-man with us. And that, combined with our full-court press, allowed us to make strides and settle down. We had fresher legs in the last five minutes of the game - thankfully."

The lead flip-flopped on three occasions thereafter, with the Cougars taking control behind a 9-0 spurt en route to a 50-43 edge with 1:36 remaining that they would never relinquish.

Hunter came out strong defensively, taking a 9-0 advantage and not allowing a hoop by Medgar Evers until the 12:26 mark. The Hawks' lead hovered between three and seven points for most of the rest of the half, until an 8-1 run by the Cougars tied the game at 16-all when Douglas made his third hoop of the stretch with just under one minute remaining. **Jeffrey Daza** knocked down a trifecta with 30 seconds left to send Hunter into the locker room up by three.

"Hunter is a very long team," explained Pursoo. "They give us problems with their height and length; that's why they beat us during the regular season."

"It has been a turnaround for the whole program this season," said Deare. "We worked hard in the spring, in the summer and in the fall. We have been working towards getting to this point. It feels good getting to the final, but we want more."



2011 CUNYAC/OAI Swimming & Diving All-Stars Announced

Baruch's Priscilla Arana & R. Michael Shiwnath Tabbed Performer of the Year



The Bearcats Brought Home Both Performers of the Year in 2011!

FLUSHING, N.Y. - The City University of New York Athletic Conference and OAI Graphics announced its **2011 Women's and Men's Swimming and Diving** all-star teams, and Baruch junior **Priscilla Arana** has been selected as Women's Performer of the Year and fellow Bearcat **R. Michael Shiwnath**, has been selected as Men's Performer of the Year in a vote by the conference's coaches. Shiwnath, a senior and Brooklyn junior **Lucie O'Donnell** received the CUNYAC/OAI Sportsmanship Awards.

"I am very honored to receive such a prominent award," said Arana, who has also won Performer of the Meet at the CUNYAC Championships twice (2009, 2011). "My teammates and I have worked very hard this year and they have consistently pushed me to my limits. Special thanks to Head Coach **Charles Lampasso**, and assistant coaches **Angeoline Piguave-Cowan** and **Brian Ramirez** in for coaching me to such a successful year."

"It was a total surprise," conceded Shiwnath, a four-year swimmer for Baruch. "But I am honored to receive this award in light of the heavy competition from other CUNYAC teams."

Brooklyn freshman **Valentina Monroy** was tabbed as Women's Rookie of the Year, while **College of Staten Island** standout freshman **Danila Novikov** took home the Men's Rookie of the Year. Lehman head coach **Peter Kiernan** and Baruch head coach **Charles Lampasso** garnered Women's and Men's Coach of the Year, accolades respectively, from their peers.

"I am honored to win this award again," said Lampasso, who earned the honor for both teams in 2009-10. "Especially when you consider the caliber of solid coaches in the league, I am very fortunate that my job so much more enjoyable and fulfilling with our talented staff."

Men's Performer of the Year

R. Michael Shiwnath, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 400yd Medley Relay, 100yd Backstroke, 200yd Backstroke, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Men's Rookie of the Year

Danila Novikov, Staten Island (200yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd IM, 50yd Freestyle, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Freestyle, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Men's Coach of the Year

Charles Lampasso, Baruch

Men's Sportsmanship

R. Michael Shiwnath, Baruch

Men's All-Stars Name School Event(s)

Pavel Buyanov, CSI (200yd Freestyle Relay, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Butterfly, 100yd Breaststroke, 200yd Breaststroke, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Patrick Campbell, Baruch (500yd Freestyle, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 1650yd Freestyle)

James Chang Baruch (400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Benjamin Chu, Baruch 800yd Freestyle Relay

Daniel Donis, Baruch (200yd Medley Relay, 800yd Freestyle Relay)

Ryan Flynn, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Kenny Kim, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 50yd Freestyle, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Freestyle, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Kevin Kim, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 800yd Freestyle Relay)

Aaron Lam, Baruch (200yd Medley Relay)

Joe Lee, CSI (200yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd IM, 100yd Freestyle)

Danila Novikov, CSI (200yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd IM, 50yd Freestyle, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Freestyle)

Vladislav Romanov, CSI (400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Backstroke, 200yd Backstroke, 200yd Butterfly, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Gustavo San Martin Dancourt, Baruch (200yd Medley Relay, 800yd Freestyle Relay)

Nikolay Shevchenko, CSI (200yd Freestyle Relay, 500yd Freestyle, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Butterfly, 200yd Freestyle, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Andrey Tarasov, CSI 400yd IM, (1650yd Freestyle, 200yd Breaststroke, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Jeffrey Wong, Baruch (400yd Medley Relay, 100yd Breaststroke, 800yd Freestyle Relay)

Gabriel Yanez, Baruch 400yd IM, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd Butterfly

Women's Performer of the Year

Priscilla Arana, Baruch

(200yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 400yd IM, 100yd Breaststroke, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd Breaststroke, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Women's Rookie of the Year

Valentina Monroy, Brooklyn (400yd Freestyle Relay)

Women's Coach of the Year

Peter Kiernan, Lehman

Women's Sportsmanship

Lucie O'Donnell, Brooklyn

Women's All-Stars Name School Event(s)

Julia Sung, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd IM, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Backstroke, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd Backstroke, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Jia Feng, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Butterfly, 100yd

Freestyle)

Alyssa Lubrino, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 50yd Freestyle, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Freestyle, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Apolonia Cieslak, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 50yd Freestyle, 400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Butterfly, 200yd Breaststroke)

Tiffany Wong, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 400yd IM)

Jacqueline Smith, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 500yd Freestyle, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Julian Fricchione, Baruch (200yd Freestyle Relay, 500yd Freestyle, 200yd Medley Relay, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 1650yd Freestyle, 200yd Butterfly)

Lucie O'Donnell, Brooklyn (200yd IM, 200yd Freestyle, 400yd Freestyle Relay)

Marisa Paolillio, Brooklyn (400yd Freestyle Relay)

Stephanie Caravello, Brooklyn (400yd Freestyle Relay)

Gigi Garcia, Baruch (400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Medley Relay, 100yd Backstroke)

Olga Gaitskhoki, Baruch (200yd Medley Relay)

Jennifer Dzurita, Hunter (400yd Medley Relay, 200yd Freestyle, 800yd Freestyle Relay, 200yd Backstroke)

Kim Happich, Hunter (400yd Medley Relay, 100yd Breaststroke)

Tiffany Magno, Hunter (400yd Medley Relay, 800yd Freestyle Relay)

Marian Wu, Hunter (400yd Medley Relay, 800yd Freestyle Relay)

Briana DiGiore, Hunter (800yd Freestyle Relay, 1650yd Freestyle)

Shirley Falconi, Queensborough CC (50yd Freestyle, 100yd Freestyle)

Gabriella Villarruel, CSI (200yd Butterfly)

Sports

VIDEO: Alma College baseball ready to rise to the challenge in 2011

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By NATE SCHNEIDER
Sun Sports Writer

There is nowhere to go but up.

After going through some growing pains last season and finishing last in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, the Alma College baseball program is in good shape heading into the new campaign as its roster is a year wiser and much more well-rounded.



Folske is also not allowing any mention of 2010's 10-30 overall record and 6-22 mark in the MIAA. to creep into his players' minds as it is now in the past.

"We are not talking about last year. This is the season to make noise in the conference and these guys are determined to succeed," Folske said.

With a roster of 36 players, Folske has a lot of bats and arms to choose from with solid depth at every position.

In addition, much of the same starting lineup is returning with many familiar faces combining with some new additions to form a solid nucleus. Among the key bats returning are senior designated hitter Joe Yourchock (.304 BA, four HR, 22 RBI) and senior outfielder Nick Townsend (.283 BA, four HR, 20 RBI), while Folske hopes the pitching staff will be led by the likes of senior Corey Brohl and junior Anthony Derrer.

The Scots travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to begin the season and open play Monday at high noon versus the **College of Staten Island**.

"We have great leadership on this ballclub and a lot of veterans," Folske said. "We have 40 varsity games and an additional 28 junior varsity games, so everything will have the opportunity to play."

Here is a position-by-position breakdown of how the Scots stack up:

CATCHER: Senior Jay Sackett (.313 BA, 14 RBI) was among the team's best hitters a year ago and will get plenty of starts behind the plate. Fellow senior Craig Brohl (.278 BA, five RBI) will also see playing time, while sophomore Colter Lubben also factors in at the position.

FIRST BASE: The experienced Nathan Smith, a gifted left-handed hitter, starts at first base after batting .278 with three home runs and 22 RBI last season. Sophomore Cameron Schmidt (3-for-9, four runs) and freshman Anthony Garcia are in the mix as well.

SECOND BASE: Matt Cresswell, a St. Louis High School graduate, started 28 games as a freshman last season and again will be among those seeing action at second base. He batted .235 with 11 RBI in 2010. Freshman Travis Treirweiler will also see playing time there.

SHORTSTOP: Athletic sophomore Ryan Henris hit .256 last year and sported a fielding percentage of .950, starting 26 games. Henris as well as freshmen Kevin Thompson and Bobby Beauchamp provide depth up the middle.

THIRD BASE: Junior Richard Schreiber (.250 BA, 14 RBI) will see playing time at a third base position in which Folske has plenty of options. Freshman Alex Kravat and junior Donny Lee, a Mt. Pleasant High School graduate and a transfer from Grand Rapids Community College form a solid foundation along with junior Matt Stephens at third base. Junior Micah Parshall (.257 BA, four RBI) should also see playing time there.

OUTFIELD: The projected starting trio will be Townsend in left field, senior Kyle Henris (3-for-9, two doubles) in center, and Ian Rhynard (.226 BA, two HR) in right. Freshmen Scott Coffey and Dan Johnson also project into the left field rotation, freshman Bryn Ludlow and sophomore Ross Ferrans (1-for-1, one run) will also play in center, and senior Adam Rezmer (.241 BA, two HR) as well as junior Adam Jock fill out the depth in right field.

DESIGNATED HITTER: Yourchock projects to have the most power in the lineup and should be a fixture at designated hitter as long as he stays healthy after having shoulder issues last year.

PITCHER: A deep pitching staff will be tested early and often as it must hold up for Alma College to have success this season. Brohl (2-5, 5.76 ERA) and Schreiber along with Sackett (3-2, 3.33 ERA) will have their fair share of opportunities on the mound. Derrer, senior Sam Shipman, and sophomore Tommy Kramer (1-1, 3.63 ERA) also project into the starting rotation. Filling out the depth should be sophomore Alex Ruhlman, senior Brandon Hentkowski, senior Mark Owens, sophomore Mitch Wilson, freshman Brad Gostomski, freshman Rishaul Nital, and Parshall are among the others who stand to see time on the mound.

College of Staten Island tennis program serving

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By **Jerry Lee**

WILLOWBROOK — The College of Staten Island (CSI) men's and women's tennis programs have found a new way to make the most of their talents.

The CSI players and coaches have lent a helping hand to PS 19 of West Brighton's School Enrichment Model (SEM). The 10-week program enabled a group of PS 19 students to come to the Willowbrook campus where they were taught the basics of tennis.

The program recently culminated in a field trip to CSI so the youngsters could take to the courts alongside their favorite student-athletes.

SEM is in its fourth year at PS 19, where fourth and fifth graders choose an out-of-classroom physical activity that features almost two hours of instruction every Friday afternoon. PS 19 substitute teacher Carissa Sommerlad, one of the top women players on the Island and an employee at the CSI Community Tennis Center, reached out to head coach Paul Ricciardi.

"It's a great partnership," said Ricciardi. "We didn't know what to expect from committing to a vast program like this, but the team is really having a lot of fun with it. It feels good to actually pass on the sport to young people who may otherwise never touch a tennis racket."

The PS 19 students can only participate in the program if they complete their classroom studies during the week. "It's helped them focus more in the classroom," said SEM liaison Jamie Solano.

"This is an opportunity for our kids to explore their talents in the arts and sports," Ms. Solano said. "Many of the students in our program are special education students who suffer from poor hand-eye coordination and



Photo Courtesy of CSI athletics

Members of PS 19 gather for a team photo with College of Staten Island tennis players and coaches in the gym.

behavior issues. This repetitive schedule and the patience exhibited by the CSI tennis team, has made an unbelievable difference. Our kids are loving it."

Combining a mix of tennis instruction, health and an exercise regimen, with simple fun and games, the CSI students offer one-on-one instruction and even perform for the PS 19 students. The 10-week program was so successful, both parties decided to extend the program for three weeks, two of which remain.

"The spirit of giving your time and energy when it comes to tennis; for something other than the team has really made us closer," Ricciardi said. "We're learning to work together in other ways. It's a community activity like this that really makes what we achieve as a team worthwhile."

The CSI students agree.

"It's great to help out these kids who really don't get a chance to play tennis in school yards or in their neighborhoods," said Joe Taranto, a senior. "We're teaching tennis, and they are enjoying it. It's just a great experience all the way around."

Dan Ursomanno, a freshman, loves the preseason experience.

"CSI tennis is like a family. We eat together, play together, and now we are teaching together. It's really awesome, and it's made us all a little closer," Ursomanno said.



CUNYAC/Con Edison Basketball Championships Set for Saturday; Free Tickets, Live Audio Available



Baruch and Lehman will play for the CUNYAC/Con Edison Women's Basketball title for the fourth time in five years Saturday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Nat Holman Gymnasium on the campus of The City College of New York is the place to be Saturday afternoon, as four teams of student-athletes will vie for the title of conference champion at the 46th Annual City University of New York Athletic Conference/Con Edison Basketball Championships.

At 3 p.m., the CUNYAC/Con Edison Women's Basketball Championship will get underway. For the fourth time in five seasons, Baruch College – the three-time defending champion – will take on Lehman College, which knocked off the Bearcats in the 2007 title game.

In the nightcap at 5 p.m., Medgar Evers and Staten Island will do battle for the Dutch Shoe – the trophy presented to the victor of the CUNYAC/Con Edison Men's Basketball Championship. Both teams will be looking to end lengthy championship droughts, with the Dolphins last hoisting the hardware in 2002 and Medgar Evers in 1991.

Admission to Saturday's festivities is free of charge; however, a ticket is required for admission to Nat Holman Gymnasium. Tickets are available in the athletic departments of the competing institutions on a first-come, first-serve basis, and will also be available at Nat Holman Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon. For those CUNY employees who wish to reserve tickets in advance, please contact the CUNYAC office during normal business hours Thursday and Friday at 718.997.4270.

For those who cannot make it to CCNY on Saturday, the contests will be televised on a tape-delay basis City-wide Sunday afternoon by Time Warner Cable. Time Warner subscribers can view the contest on Ch. 198, with the women's and men's contests being aired at 5 and 8 p.m., respectively.

Additionally, WSIA-FM, the radio station of the College of Staten Island, will broadcast the two championship contests live on their airwaves (88.9 FM), and through their web site, at www.wsia.fm. Anthony Pierno, Chris Bitetto and Chris Soriano will carry all the action, beginning at 2:45 p.m. Saturday.





Medgar Evers Topples Staten Island, 62-56; Takes Home First CUNYAC/Con Edison Men's Basketball Championship Since 1991



Medgar Evers captured its first CUNYAC/Con Edison title since 1991 with its victory over Staten Island.

NEW YORK - Tournament Most Valuable Player, **Winston Douglas** registered 17 points, 14 rebounds and three blocked shots Saturday night at Nat Holman Gymnasium, as the second-seeded Cougars of Medgar Evers College captured their second-ever City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC)/Con Edison Men's Basketball Championship -- and first since 1991 -- with a 62-56 triumph over top-seeded **College of Staten Island**.

"I cannot believe we just did it," said Douglas. "I am just so happy for my teammates. I am not even thinking about what I did to contribute; I am just happy for all of us. Our resilience really came through. We held them off, and never allowed them to get a (second-half) lead."

Medgar Evers (17-11) locked down defensively, limiting Staten Island (17-10) to a .316 field goal percentage -- including an 8-for-27 clip in the second half. **James Gilmore** scored 12 points and dished out a game-high three assists for the Cougars, while **Robert Johnson** chipped in with 10 points. MEC also utilized a 10-0 advantage in second-chance points, while holding a 47-39 edge on the glass.

For the top-seeded Dolphins, **T.J. Tibbs** led all players with 22 points, while **Jordan Young** registered 19 points, nine rebounds and four steals.

The Cougars never relinquished the lead in the second half, but it certainly was not for lack of effort by the Dolphins. Down 45-37 with 15:10 to go in the game, Tibbs scored the next seven points of the contest to pull **CSI** within a 45-44 score with 12:58 to go. Douglas scored back-to-back jumpers to push the lead back to five, before **Matthew VanManen** and **Bloochy Magliore** nailed jumpers of their own to cut Staten Island's deficit to 49-48 with 11:15 remaining.

After lengthy scoring droughts ensued, a Douglas free throw upped the MEC lead to 54-50 with 5:54 on the clock. Young laid home a runner with 5:06 to go, before his free throw sliced the Cougars' lead to 54-53 with 3:36 left.

Medgar Evers's lead went back to four points (57-53) on a Douglas freebie, before Magliore's pair at the charity stripe pulled Staten Island to within 57-55 with 2:27 to go.

Jarrel Deare hit a pair of free throws for the Cougars with 1:14 showing on the clock to push his team's lead to 59-55, before Young hit one free throw with just under a minute to go. Medgar Evers opened the door slightly with a pair of missed shots at the charity stripe with 54 ticks on the clock, before Staten Island turned the ball over late in its possession with nearly 31 seconds remaining. **Tony Sims** then converted three of four free throws in the final 24 seconds of play to ice the game and lift MEC to its second CUNYAC crown.

Medgar Evers took an 8-6 lead when Douglas knocked down a jumper 3:43 into the first half, before Staten Island scored seven straight points en route to a 13-8 advantage with 13:13 to go. The Cougars responded not long after with an 8-0 spurt of their own, and when Douglas flushed home a two-handed jam, his side held a 19-14 edge with 10:27 remaining. The Dolphins pulled within a 19-18 count on a Tibbs lay-in with 9:46 to go, but Medgar Evers would not relinquish the lead for the rest of the half and went into the halftime break up 37-32.

2011 CUNYAC/Con Edison Men's Basketball Championships - All-Tournament Team

Amil John, Brooklyn
Mark Courtien, Hunter
Jordan Young, Staten Island
T.J. Tibbs, Staten Island
Jovan Deare, Medgar Evers

Most Valuable Player: Winston Douglas, Medgar Evers



CSI men take aim at CUNY Conference basketball championship tonight

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By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance photo by Hilton Flores

CSI junior forward Jordan Young scored 29 points with 14 rebounds in a CUNY Tournament semifinal win over Brooklyn College.

And now for the final act.

The College of Staten Island spent much of the latter part of its basketball season walking a tightrope, but the Dolphins maintained their balance and emerged at the other end.

Their reward is tonight's CUNY Conference Tournament championship game as top-seeded CSI (17-9) faces second-seeded Medgar Evers (16-11) at City College's Nat Holman Gym in Manhattan.

The winner gets an automatic bid to the 61-team NCAA Division III Tournament. The

national bracket will be announced Monday afternoon.

CSI is shooting for its 12th tourney title but first in nine years. The opponent then was Medgar Evers, and CSI prevailed 59-57. Medgar Evers is seeking its first championship and is making its first finals appearance since that 2002 clash.

Both teams finished at 10-3 and shared the regular-season crown, but the Dolphins captured the top seed by beating the Cougars twice.

"I'm like a little kid again ... I want this as much as the players," said CSI coach Tony Petosa, who has eight CUNY titles — three as a player, two as an assistant coach and three as head coach. "We all want to win the tournament. It's a year's worth of work."

The Dolphins defeated Medgar Evers in Brooklyn early in the conference season, 77-70. They completed the sweep with a 79-77 home thriller two weeks ago that clinched the CUNY regular-season championship and the No. 1 seed.

That victory, however, was CSI's lone triumph in its last six regular-season games, as a 14-4 record and high Atlantic Region ranking turned into a modest 15-9 mark heading into the conference tourney.

"These guys recovered from a bad couple of weeks," said Petosa of tourney wins over John Jay (93-83) and Brooklyn College (73-70, overtime) in the quarterfinals and semifinals. "That says a lot about their desire, even more than their physical ability."

With the ship righted, and in the aftermath of a thrilling comeback from a late 11-point deficit in the semifinals, the Dolphins face a strong, athletic Medgar Evers squad. The Cougars are led by 6-foot-3 sophomore forward Jovan Deare, an All-CUNY first-team pick who averaged 15.2 points, 7.4 rebounds and 2.4 steals per game.

Medgar Evers had an astounding 30 offensive rebounds in the 79-77 loss at CSI. The Cougars made only 2 of 11 shots from 3-point range, however, and struggled again with a 2-for-19 showing in their 61-53 semifinal win over sixth-seeded Hunter.

"We have to keep them away from the basket ... stop penetration," said Petosa. "They have three very athletic kids in the middle. If they knock down their outside shots, they're almost impossible to beat, but it's a lot easier if they're shooting jump shots."

Both teams like a faster pace, looking to score in transition.

The Dolphins have received strong back-to-back efforts from their top three players — juniors Jordan Young, Thomas Tibbs and Dale Taranto, who combined for 53 points, 31 rebounds and 12 assists in the semifinal win over two-time defending champion Brooklyn College.

Young and Tibbs joined Deare as first-team All-CUNY picks during the regular season.

They'll be asked to complete the balancing act tonight.

NOTES: Medgar Evers is 13-2 since its home loss to CSI on Jan. 5 ... The Cougars look to 6-4 sophomore Winston Douglas and 5-11 junior James Gilmore along with Deare ... Medgar Evers second-year coach Chris Pursoo has built the program quickly — he was Coach of the Year in his first CUNY campaign, while Petosa won the honor this season ... The Cougars have won four straight ... CSI is 3-1 in overtime games and 8-4 in games determined by five points or less or in overtime ... Top-seeded Baruch (22-5) is seeking its fourth straight title in the 3 p.m. women's championship against third-seeded Lehman (17-10) ... The men's game

follows at 5. ... Both games will be broadcast on tape-delayed basis Sunday on Time Warner Cable (channel 198) with the women's game aired at 5 p.m. and the men's game at 8 p.m.

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Wagner College drops first two games of baseball season

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Wagner College dropped two games to open its baseball season Friday — a 12-2 decision to Kent State and a 9-2 verdict to Winthrop in the Johnny Gill Memorial Tournament at Winthrop Park.

Wagner senior Joe Conforti, playing his first game since 2009, had two hits in the opener. Sophomore Gaby Ramirez drove in both runs in the second game.

The Seahawks play Winthrop again Saturday afternoon and Kent State Sunday morning. They'll spend nine days in Florida early next month prior to their home opener March 18 against Mount St. Mary's.

The College of Staten Island opens its season Monday in Myrtle Beach, S.C., against Alma College and Ohio Northern. The Dolphins play Johnson and Wales on Tuesday and Christopher Newport Wednesday.

CSI hopes to improve on last year's 31-11 record that brought them under consideration for a NCAA Division III Tournament bid. They boast senior left-hander Pat Gale, a pitcher/designated hitter who earned All-American honors last spring.

The Dolphins open their home schedule next Friday afternoon against Cortland State.

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Medgar Evers bottles up **CSI** to capture CUNY basketball crown, 62-56

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By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance photo by Bill Lyons

CSI's bench watches closely as the final minutes tick down on the way to a 62-56 loss to Medgar Evers in the CUNY Conference Tournament championship game Saturday night.

There's some debate over the axiom that defense wins championships, but defense sure didn't hurt Medgar Evers' march to the CUNY Conference Tournament basketball title.

The Cougars put the clamps on top-seeded **College of Staten Island** Saturday night on their way to a physical 62-56 victory and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament at CCNY's Nat Holman Gym in Manhattan.

The Dolphins shot just 31.6 percent from the floor, scoring just eight baskets and 24 points in the second half, and lost in their

bid to bring the championship trophy back to Willowbrook for the first time in nine years.

Instead, second-seeded Medgar Evers claimed its second CUNY crown and first in 20 seasons by holding **CSI** to one point over the final two-and-a-half minutes. The Cougars allowed 52, 53 and 56 points in their three tourney triumphs.

CSI Loses CUNY Crown 62-56

CSI mens basketball team is defeated 62-56 by Medgar Evers in the CUNY Conference Tournament championship game.

Jarrel Deare's steal and ensuing two throws gave the Cougars a 59-55 lead with 1:14 remaining, and two more Dolphin turnovers led to three free throws in the final 25 seconds and the Brooklynites' joyous celebration.



CSI MEN & WOMEN IMPRESS AT METROPOLITAN CHAMPIONSHIP



CUNYAC Rookie of the Year Swimmer Danila Novikov

The College of Staten Island men's and women's swimming and diving programs impressed at every turn this weekend, finalizing their team postseason competition with a strong showing at the Metropolitan Swimming & Diving Championships held at Rutgers University in Piscataway, New Jersey. The meet, which sees competition between all metropolitan area team spanning all NCAA divisions saw CSI place 8th on the men's side, their highest ranking ever, while the women placed 14th overall.

The 40-event, three-day meet started on Friday and ended on Sunday. Preliminary rounds were held in the morning with Final heats drawn in the evening. CSI had a total of 66 entries in both men's and women's competition.

On the men's side of the ledger, CSI got off to a nice start on Friday. In the morning preliminaries, CSI qualified for final heats in six of their eight entries. To start things off, CSI's Danila Novikov, Pavel Buyanov, Joe Lee, and Andrey Tarasov raced to a 1:28.77 finish in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay, placing them 10th overall and qualifying them for the final round in the evening in the B-division. There, they finished 10th overall again with a final race time of 1:29.29, less than a second ahead of both New Jersey Institute of Technology and Baruch College.

In individual competition, Nikolay Shevchenko, Novikov, Tarasov, and Buyanov all qualified for the finals in the 200-yard Individual Medley, setting up for a spirited evening race. In the A-Final heat, Novikov was the one to shine, pulling in a time of 1:52.84, making the NCAA B-cut time in the process, placing second overall and improving his own personal best mark by almost one full second. Placing behind him in fifth place was Tarasov, who flew in at 1:55.34, also shattering his own personal best time. In the B-Final heat, Shevchenko and Buyanov were neck and neck, with Shevchenko taking 11th overall with a time of 1:57.88 and Buyanov just a touch behind at 1:58.09.

In the 400-yard Freestyle Relay, CSI finished fourth overall after scoring fifth in preliminaries, with a time of 3:32.14 in the A-Final heat featuring Tarasov, Buyanov, Shevchenko, and Novikov. Joe Lee and Paul O'Hara were participants in the 50-yard Freestyle as well in the evening, placing 36th, and 74th, respectively. Rounding out competition on Friday, CSI's Andy Gill scored a total of 248.55 points on the 1-meter board, placing 10th overall at preliminaries.

On Saturday, the action continued for CSI. In the 200-yard Medley Relay CSI placed 8th in the preliminary round with Shevchenko, Novikov, Buyanov, and Lee racing in that order. They followed up the effort by placing fifth overall during the final heat with a time of 1:36.82, beating their own personal best time by almost three full seconds. Novikov followed up the effort in the very next event, the 400-yard Individual Medley. he placed third in the field at preliminaries, and then followed by besting his personal-best time by an unbelievable eight and a half seconds, racing

the event in a time of 4:02.82, winning the gold medal, CSI's first of the meet.

Nikolay Shevchenko followed that showing up with a 9th place faring in the 100-yard Butterfly event qualifying him for the final heat, where he also improved, placing seventh overall with a time of 52.40, his best of the season. Zhihao Zhang also participated in the preliminary for the event. Paul O'Hara and Dmitriy Lyubarskiy did the same in the 200-yard Freestyle events topping out in 56th, and 58th, respectively.

That set the stage for an intense showing in the 100-yard Breaststroke event, where Andrey Tarasov bested Pavel Buyanov by coming in first in preliminaries with a time of 58:28, beating Buyanov's 58.62. Buyanov got even, however, by placing second overall in the final with a time of 56.34, which was over Tarasov's time of 58.48 which helped him finish fourth. When play shifted to diving, Andy Gill had his turn on the three-meter boards, and placed 8th in the field in both preliminaries and the final round with a score of 224.15.

More points were earned on Sunday for the men's unit. In the 100-yard Freestyle event, Novikov's time of 48.06 in preliminaries was good enough to earn a spot in the finals. Joe Lee finished 31st in the field as well while Louis Algarin also hopped in at 58.77, good for 69th. Novikov finished 11th overall in the Finals heat, coming in with a personal-best time of 47.92. Then, in the heavily-contested 200-yard Breaststroke event, Buyanov secured second and Tarasov fourth in the preliminaries, setting up another great finals race. Buyanov came in at second at Finals as well with his best time of the season at 2:04.96, while Tarasov followed with a time of 2:06.12 good for 5th in the field.

Shevchenko was next and the final CSI swimmer to qualify with a 2:00.13 time in the 200-yard Butterfly event, good for 9th in preliminaries. When play shifted to the Finals, a time of 1:59.04 was had by Shevchenko, also 9th overall in the field.

CSI earned 8th place overall in the field at the conclusion of the meet among the 18 total schools that performed. It also placed them higher than their fellow CUNYAC brethren (Baruch - 12th, Lehman - 18th) and NCAA Division II institutions Adelphi University (11th) and Queens College (13th).

Next up for CSI is the ECAC Open in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Five CSI swimmers will compete in this event, hoping to build on national qualifying times as they set their sights on the NCAA National Championships in mid-March.

Over on the women's side of the ledger, CSI placed 14th among the 19 schools in attendance, and the Dolphins continued to improve on times in the pool. CSI only qualified for one Final round in the 400-yard Medley Relay. The team of Jessica Pifalo, Elaina Lee, Gabriella Villarruel, and Priscila Alvarez turned in a time of 5:00.55, good for 16th overall in the field, which was their same outcome in the preliminary heat as well.

In preliminary heats on Friday, the same foursome swam to a 2:00.30 finish in the 200-yard Freestyle Relay which was good for 18th in the field. Later in the morning, Villarruel, originally seeded 48th in the 200-yard Individual Medley chimed in with a 36th place faring in preliminaries with a time of 2:36.28. CSI saw three competitors in the 50-yard Freestyle event as Vasiliki Stergioula, Josetta Adams and Jessica Irizarry all performed. Among 12 competitors in three-meter diving on Friday, April Bartlett was impressive, qualifying for finals and coming eighth overall with 329.70 points.

On Saturday, CSI just missed making finals in the 200-yard Medley Relay, coming in at a 2:15.99 for 17th overall. Next up, in the 100-yard Butterfly competition, Lauren Overeem led CSI with a 1:23.88 finish which helped her finish 42nd overall, a few spaced ahead of teammate Natasha Caicedo, who came in at 1:38.85. CSI's Alvarez saw a similar fate in the 200-yard Freestyle, coming in at 2:51.43, good for 59th. The Dolphins then saw three competitors in the 100-yard Breaststroke event with Lei (43rd), Jeanne Leung (52nd), and Stergioula (56th) all competing. Pifalo then improved on her own time by two seconds in the 100-yard Backstroke, placing 31st overall.

A total of 25 divers were on hand for the women's one-meter competition and again, April Bartlett shined, posting 345.95 points, good enough for 5th in the field in one of CSI's greatest highlights of the meet.

On the final day of competition, CSI had a handful of great performances as well. Pifalo placed 47th in qualifying for the 200-yard Backstroke, while Adams and Irizarry both participated in 100-yard Freestyle events. In a strong showing in the 200-yard Butterfly event, Villarruel placed 29th overall with a 2:48.50 showing. To finalize the women's side, the team of Alvarez, Lei, Pifalo and Villarruel came in at 4:33.80 in the 400-yard Freestyle Relay, good for 18th overall.



Medgar Evers to Travel to St. Mary's (Md.) for NCAA Division III Men's Basketball First-Round Contest; Staten Island, Baruch Picked for ECAC Division III Metro Championships



Winston Douglas and Medgar Evers will look to leave their mark on the NCAA Division III Championship at St. Mary's (Md.) on Friday night.

NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Championship - Bracket ECAC Division III Metro Men's Basketball Championship - Release/Bracket

The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) announced the 61-team field for its Division III Men's Basketball Championship Monday afternoon, and Medgar Evers College, champions of the City University of New York Athletic Conference for the first time since 1991, will travel to St. Mary's College (Md.) for a first-round contest on Friday night.

Meanwhile, CUNYAC runner-up College of Staten Island, and regular-season North Division champion Baruch College, were both selected for the Eastern College Athletic Association (ECAC) Division III Metro championship, which opens on Wednesday with quarterfinals action. The fifth-seeded Dolphins will travel to No. 4 Rutgers-Newark for an 8 p.m. start, while Baruch garnered the No. 7 seed and will travel to second-seeded Stevens Institute of Technology. Tip-off from Hoboken, N.J., is scheduled for 7 p.m.



CSI Men's Swimmers Finish 7th at ECAC Open Championships; Relays Qualify For NCAA Championships



The Dolphins at the Univ. of Pittsburgh

College of Staten Island's men's swim team has a lot to be proud of after this weekend's ECAC Open at the University of Pittsburgh. Five of CSI's finest swimmers combined for a 7th place finish ahead of 10 Division I teams including Seton Hall, Iona and Dartmouth.

After five events on Friday evening, CSI went into day two of the Open ranked sixth with a score of 83.

Vlad Romanov, Pavel Buyanov, Danila Novikov and Nikolay Shevchenko started the day off on well finishing third in the 200 Medley Relay with a final time of 1:33.09. The same team members broke their own school record by 2 full seconds. The finish helped CSI to an overall 5th place rank.

Next up was 400 IM for freshman star Novikov. He finished third with a time of 4:00.24, three seconds better than his preliminary time. His time broke a CSI school record, his second in the ECAC Open, by 10 seconds that was previously held by Shevchenko.

Swimming in his final Open, Buyanov followed with a 56.12 time and a second place "A" finish in the 100 Breaststroke. Romanov closed out Saturday's events for CSI with a fourth place finish in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 51.19.

The Dolphins completed the day in seventh place with 167 points.

On the last day of the Open, it was Romanov who started it off for CSI with a 6th place finish in the 200 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:51.53.

Novikov qualified for the "B" finals after a 47.87 preliminary time. His "B" final time was bettered by 84 milliseconds, enough for a 12th place finish.

In the final event for CSI, Buyanov swam to a 2:02.41 time, good enough for second place. St. Peter's Lovro Bilonic captured first and burst Buyanov's 2009 record of 2:00.58 with a new time of 1:58.69. Also swimming the 200 Breaststroke was first year swimmer Andrey Tarasov. He touched in with a time of 2:04.19 for a 5th place finish.

CSI finished in seventh place overall ahead of Division I St. Peter's, UMBC, Seton Hall, Bucknell, Iona, University of Pittsburgh, Niagara College, Manhattan College, West Virginia and Dartmouth.

The Dolphins times broke five school records and have qualified them for a trip to the NCAA Division III Championships in March.

"I am very happy about the team's performance this weekend," says Head Coach Oleg Soloviev. "They knew what they needed to qualify for the a chance in the NCAA's and they worked hard for it."

As CSI's only head coach in history, Soloviev gives us a little bit about each of his swimmers: "Danila has a possibility to stun people at the NCAA's. Pavel has not sung his last song yet, he's got more to give before his college career is done. Vlad was recovering from being sick last week and gave more than we thought he could so we know how bad he wants to be part of the NCAA's. Andrey is determined; he is improving day by day and hour by hour. Our team leader Nikolay will serve us well in the relay events."

Coming in first place was the Naval Academy with a score of 765.5, second place was Boston College with a score of 377, third place was the United State Military with a score of 336.5, fourth place was Rider University with a score of 324, fifth place was Columbia University with a score of 308.5 and sixth place was Marist college with a score of 307.5.

Stories



Traffic court a source of revenue, not necessarily justice

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By Letters to the Editor/Staten Island Advance

By TERESA WELMAN
MEIERS CORNERS

Several employees of the **College of Staten Island** last December were issued speeding tickets alleging that they all were doing 60 miles per hour on a 40-mph posted zone.

All the tickets looked like carbon copies! We sent letters of complaint to several elected officials and we also went in person to the police precinct.

Recently, there was judgment day and as you all might guess since it is the norm in Staten Island traffic court: *All were guilty!*

And because the judge "didn't like" our explanations, he upped the fine. This is just another way for New York City to collect funds! One of those **CSI** employees with his wife is expecting twins soon. Who's going to help him pay the \$235 fine and the \$300 for the next three years for something he didn't do?

God bless Staten Island and its traffic police force and the administrative law judges, but you with your actions are making the citizens of this Island very angry.

Of course, it is wrong to speed but fine the real speeders — the ones who kill innocent pedestrians on Hylan Boulevard or the ones who use Father Capodanno Boulevard as a race track. Where were the police then?

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Con Ed presents \$30,000 grant to CSI

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By Staten Island Advance



Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons

Members of the W.H.O. (Women Helping Others) Foundation presented a check for \$8,500 to Groove With Me, Inc.'s president Albert Bosch. On hand for the presentation at the Crown Palace in New Dorp are, from left, Francine Bruno, Jennifer Molinari, Helene Graci and kneeling, Karen Lorenzo. At right are Bosch, Tracy Lorenzo, Tami DiDio, Regina Corbett, Nancy O'Leary and kneeling, Lynda Gambardella.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Consolidated Edison has provided a \$30,000 grant to the College of Staten Island.

A \$25,000 grant will go to CSI's Center for Environmental Science to expand its public education program, which will give more than 100 underserved high school and junior high school students opportunities to pursue various aspects of environmental work through hands-on estuarine water quality workshops.

In addition, \$5,000 is earmarked for support of student scholarships at the school.

In the fall, high school students from area schools will visit a CSI laboratory where chemists from the Interstate Environmental Commission will join CSI faculty to demonstrate analytical techniques and explain the importance of quality control measures.

Students will gain a background on water quality and policy issues that influence estuarine health and obtain a better understanding of the primary environmental factors affecting the New York Harbor Estuary. The center's field staff will provide an overview of the parameters routinely performed in IEC water quality monitoring surveys and explain their relevancy and importance in assessments of the Harbor Estuary.

The following spring, the field component will give students hands-on experience with water quality monitoring and pollution issues. They will be able to apply their knowledge and learn water quality monitoring techniques via demonstrations of sampling equipment/instruments on the dock and on the IEC's ship, the R/V Natale Colosi.

Subsequently, field exercises will allow students to take their own series of measurements and observations. After completion of field and ship-based activities, students will go to the CSI Geographic Information System (GIS) laboratory where they will record their findings and results.

FEELING GROOVY

The Women Helping Others (W.H.O.) Foundation has donated more than \$8,500 to Groove With Me Inc. The check presentation was made at the Crown Palace, New Dorp, to Groove With Me Inc. President Albert Bosch.

Groove With Me Inc. utilizes free dance classes to attract and engage girls during after-school hours. The mission is to build self confidence in an effort to curb risk-taking behaviors. The program aims to give young girls safety and structure, a sense of belonging, opportunities for contribution and ways to develop positive character. Founded in 1996, it now gives 36 free weekly dance classes to 400 girls each year.

The funding will be used continue the program's Teen Leadership Committee program, which trains teens to assist with the classes of younger students.

Program organizers found many students often had to drop out of dance classes in order to fulfill their school community service requirements. This program allows the students to fulfill their community service requirements while at Groove With Me and at the same time, continue in their dance classes. In addition, they continue to learn life skills in weekly leadership training meetings.

The W.H.O. Foundation supports community-focused charities that serve the overlooked need of women, children and families.



Hey smokers, get ready to take a hike

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By Mark D. Stein

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - WILLOWBROOK - No smoking. Not inside. Not in front of the building. Not really anywhere.

As previously reported in the Advance a month ago, the Board of Trustees of the City University of New York (CUNY) voted at the end of January to ban smoking on all 23 of its campuses in the five boroughs, including the **College of Staten Island (CSI)**.

The ban will begin to be phased in next September.



City University of New York (CUNY) voted at the end of January to ban smoking on all 23 of its campuses in the five boroughs and the city is pressing to ban smoking at all city parks and beaches. (Staten Island Advance File Photo)

Due to **CSI's** layout, which requires as much as a 15-minute walk to get off campus, the school will install 13 or 14 temporary designated smoking sites 25 to 40 feet away from each building.

Last week, the Advance took the pulse of students who smoke – and those who don't – on the snow-covered Willowbrook campus.

"I don't think they should ban it," said sophomore student Sasha H., of Brooklyn, who says that an occasional cigarette is nice.

"I could smoke and not smoke," she added, explaining that if she wanted a cigarette during the school day, she would control herself.

"I'll just tolerate it," she said.

MANY SAY HURRAY

Jeremiah Jurkiewicz, a non-smoker now in his junior year, praised the decision.

At the school, he added, people often hold building doors open to smoke to avoid the cold. He finds it disrespectful and doesn't feel one bit sorry for those who feel the need to light up.

"If you don't like (the ban), you can attend a different college. It's a reality everyone has to face," he said. "Hopefully this helps students who want to quit do that final hurdle. It'll make it better for them,"

Jurkiewicz dislikes cigarette smoking and called it an annoyance. A dramatic arts major, the Stapleton student said it's frustrating when fellow actors take breaks for a cigarette.

"It's just interruptive, especially for a college setting," Jurkiewicz added.

Jeremy Cozzo felt similarly. The Willowbrook junior "hates" smoking; however, he believes students will still light up on campus.

"People are going to break that law anyway, but it sucks for them," Cozzo said.

Another **CSI** student, who only gave her first name, Sheila, wants to quit smoking and said the actions by CUNY will help others who want to do the same.

"I'm glad, because a lot of people who smoke want to quit," the Mariners Harbor resident said.

She said students who study and pay attention in work shouldn't be distracted by the desire to smoke cigarettes.

"It's an excellent idea. If they're not smoking, they can study and pay attention in class," she added.

Elm Park resident Chris Rodriguez, also a junior at the school and a non-smoker, said the ban will be beneficial.

"Less cigarette butts in the street," he noted. "It's a habit people have here."

He said for smokers, the process will be more difficult.

"It's a habit some people can't control," Rodriguez said, adding that he expects lateness numbers to rise due to students having to smoke off-campus.

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"We look at it as one-and-a-half years worth of education and communication, to say, 'if you were ever thinking of stopping smoking, now's the time to do it,'" said William J. Fritz, provost and senior vice president for academic affairs.

In that time frame, counseling, support, patches, gum and other cessation tools will be offered.

Though Fritz did not have specific numbers, he said he believed the percentage of smokers on campus was similar to that of Staten Island – about 20 percent – which is the highest rate of smokers in all the boroughs.

Of the student smokers who get health screenings on campus, roughly 30 percent say they want to quit, said Linda Conte, director of health and wellness services.

One student who was smoking a cigarette in front of the Center of the Arts building was devastated when told that the school will ban the on-campus habit.

"There's nowhere left to smoke," said Emmett Esnard, a freshman from Stapleton, citing that parks, beaches and now the college he attends are off limits.

Esnard said stress is a contributing factor to why he lights up.

"I don't care what they say, I'm smoking. College is stressful. You need to smoke," Esnard said. "I'm not walking out of here. I'll find a way."



Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro says pensions are draining city

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By **Tom Wroblewski**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Staten Islanders who want to see money spent on new parks, schools and playgrounds need to rally around Mayor Michael Bloomberg's campaign to fix the city's pension system, Borough President James P. Molinaro said yesterday.

"The window is open," Molinaro said in respect of the threat posed by escalating pension costs. "Close it if you don't want the rain to come in."

The stance will be a tough sell on the Island, home to thousands of public employees and pensioners. Police and fire union officials yesterday called Bloomberg a "liar" and accused him of trying to "steal" their pensions.

In delivering highlights of his canceled State of the Borough address to the Advance Editorial Board, Molinaro acknowledged that the recession has made it tough for Borough Hall to roll out ambitious initiatives or projects.

However, Molinaro said Islanders can still look forward to new stores, schools and recreational facilities, as well as continued improvements to the borough's chronic traffic congestion, before he leaves office at the end of 2013.

But Molinaro emphasized that everything -- including money to save threatened Island touchstones like Pouch Camp and Goodhue Park -- could be put at risk unless public employee pension costs are brought under control.



Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo

Borough President James Molinaro yesterday discussed his support for Mayor Bloomberg's campaign to fix the city's pension system among other initiatives.



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SOUTH SHORE: Borough President Molinaro expects City Planning to certify the planned Woodrow Shopping Center by June.

With payments to retirees exponentially increasing every year, Molinaro said he fears the city soon won't have money left for anything else.

"It cannot go on this way," he said.

He pointed out that as it is, the mayor has control over just \$20 billion of the city's \$63 billion budget. Pension costs this year alone were \$7.4 billion, he said.

"There are no more prisons to sell," he said of revenue-generating gimmicks of

the past. "No more highways to sell."

State of the Borough snapshot

*Bucks Mayor Michael Bloomberg's call to reform pension system.

Staten Island State of The Borough 2011

Staten Island Borough President James Molinaro gives his State of the Borough presentation to the Advance Editorial Board.

*Touts new stores like Trader Joe's coming to the borough.

*Will look to ease traffic by widening roads and adding lanes and "smart lights" to troublesome intersections.

*Says new Woodrow public school and Ocean Breeze indoor track are on schedule.

*Says Stapleton is poised for a comeback with home port project and other developments.

Molinaro said workers who are due to get benefits should receive them, but new employees should not be rewarded with such generous packages.

Backing Bloomberg and taking aim at unions, Molinaro called on Albany to return the power to negotiate benefits to the city. Molinaro also said overtime earnings should not be figured into pension payouts.

"It's labor that's killing us," he said.

Deputy Borough President Edward Burke said unions have been able to keep their deals in place because they are able to "scare politicians" into supporting them. He called on ordinary citizens to storm the Bastille.

"It has to be a fight between two marching factions," Burke said. "The challenge is to attach it to things people care about."

But all is not lost, Molinaro said, with a number of projects aimed at boosting the quality of life from one end of the Island to the other nearing completion.

Saying that jobs and economic development are his top priorities, Molinaro said that the popular Trader Joe's will open its first store here on the site of the old Ford dealership in New Springville.



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Courtesy/Borough President's Office

EAST SHORE: The 135,000-square-foot indoor track planned for Ocean Breeze will be one of the premier running facilities on the East Coast.

A new Target will go in next to Costco in New Springville, he said, while Kohl's opens a new store at the old Frank's Nursery in New Dorp. Molinaro said City Planning should certify both projects in April, and that the agency also would certify the Woodrow Shopping Center by June.

And a new Stop and Shop is coming to Forest Avenue in Port Richmond, Molinaro said.

"I have to get people to work," he said. "I need jobs. I need tax money."

Molinaro said he would continue to attack Island traffic problems as well.

Piggybacking on improvements being done to the Staten Island Expressway, Molinaro proposes adding a

new lane to the intersection of Clove Road and Howard Avenue to ease traffic flowing off the highway.

Molinaro said he is working to acquire the privately held land needed for the lane from Wagner College.

If it comes to fruition, the intersection heading toward Victory Boulevard will feature two straight-ahead lanes along with right- and left- turn lanes.

"If it's not done, you're going to have a mess there that's unbelievable," he said.

Calling his traffic-controlling "smart light" project at the College of Staten Island entrance a "success," Molinaro said that the city Department of Transportation will install smart lights at Clove and Howard; South Avenue and the West Shore Expressway, and Boscombe Avenue and the Korean War Veterans Highway.

He is also continuing with his plan to widen eight troublesome intersections around the borough, hoping to get them all done before the end of his term.

Ten new schools have opened on the Island over the last 10 years, Molinaro said, with another coming soon: PS 62, a 440-plus-seat K-through-5 school in Woodrow.

A new school is also set to open on the grounds of the old Doctors' Hospital, Concord.

Molinaro also said that Stapleton is primed for a comeback with the home port redevelopment project.

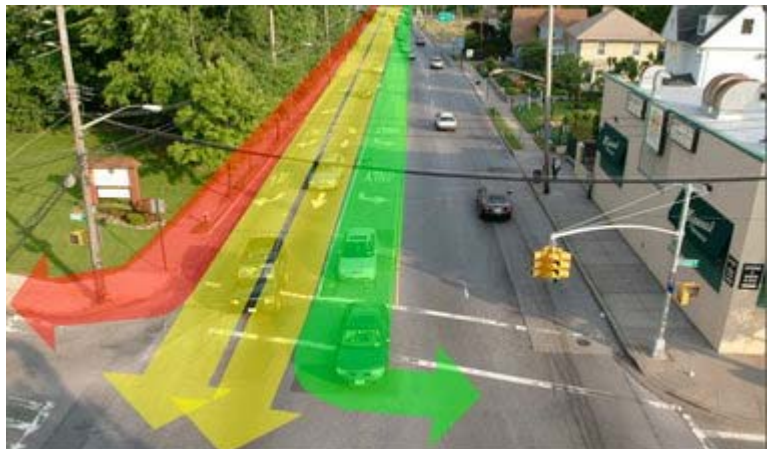
He said he had funded a \$1 million renovation to the Stapleton train station and that a Borough Hall grant



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WEST SHORE: Trader Joe's is expected to open its doors this spring in the spot once home to Island Ford in New Springville.



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Courtesy/Borough President's Office

NORTH SHORE: Molinaro proposes adding an additional Richmond Terrace-bound lane on Clove Road at Howard Avenue in Sunnyside. The lane would ease the traffic crunch expected to be created by a new exit ramp from the New Jersey-bound Staten Island Expressway. (Courtesy/Borough President's Office)

would allow Eden II to move into the neighborhood to continue serving those with autism, a top concern of Molinaro's.



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Anthony DePrimo

Deputy Borough President Ed Burke speaks during yesterday's presentation. (Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo)

Staten Island State of the Borough gallery (15 photos)

Turning to recreation, Molinaro said the 135,000-square-foot indoor track planned for Ocean Breeze is on schedule and will be one of the premier running facilities on the East Coast. The track also will be home to the Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame.

He also said that five new public playgrounds will open this year across the Island. Other new parks are also coming.

Even though the city and state are at a "crossroads" because of hard financial times, Molinaro said he is optimistic about the future.

"We have faced difficult times before," he said, "and together we have overcome them."

Molinaro's formal State of the Borough event, scheduled to be delivered at the **CSI**, was canceled after a Jan. 26 snowstorm buried the Island.

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AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR SPEAKS AT THE COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND



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Dr. Tomas Morales, left, president of the College of Staten Island, stands with Gal Beckerman, center, author of "When They Come for Us, We'll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry," which was named Jewish Book of the Year; and David Mallach, managing director of the Commission on the Jewish People, UJA Federation of New York. Beckerman's book details the plight of 3 million Jews trapped in the Soviet Union after World War II.

Rabbi visits St. John's Lutheran School in Castleton Corners

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By **Maura Grunlund**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Rabbi Dovid Winiarz, president of Survival through Education Inc., met Monday with Jennifer Aber's fifth-grade class at St. John's Lutheran School, Castleton Corners, to discuss Judaism.

"The students were studying the stories and lessons of the Old Testament and the Ten Commandments, and an entire discussion ensued as to the differences between the different religions," Mrs. Aber said.

Misconceptions based on lack of knowledge are what lead to misunderstandings, the teacher believes. She invited Rabbi Winiarz, whom she has known for a decade, to speak about his religion.

In welcoming Rabbi Winiarz to the classroom, Mrs. Aber explained that, while different people worship in various ways, they have much in common, such as laughing at jokes and feeling happy or sad.

"Everyone is human and, regardless of differences, is deserving of respect," said Mrs. Aber, who was honored last year at Teacher Appreciation Day at the College of Staten Island.

The students asked questions about the types of food Jewish people eat at holiday time, whether they celebrate birthdays, whether they keep pets, and differences between Jewish, Christian and Muslim beliefs.

Rabbi Winiarz also took time to explain the one unifying word that defines Judaism, "relationship," and how all Jews, regardless of the labels applied to them, are defined by their relationship with God.

"The children were all very respectful and sincere," the rabbi said. "There was no topic that was taboo



Rabbi Dovid Winiarz , President of Survival through Education Inc. poses with students from Jennifer Aber's fifth-grade class at St John's Lutheran School, Castleton Corners.

because the only bad question is the question not asked.

"I saw the future of Staten Island in these kids and it was a very good thing to see."

He is the rabbi at the Multi-Faith Center at **CSI** and a representative of Fidelity Merchant Services, Westerleigh.

For information, visit the web site Survivalthrougheducation.org or Jewtooth.com or contact the rabbi at 718 -983-9272 or **dovid@dovid.com**.

SUPPORT THE TROOPS

The Staten Island Jewish Alliance will hold a free program next week for **College of Staten Island** students to show support for the U.S. military.

Speakers are to be announced for the event, which also is sponsored by the Jewish Awareness Movement.

Students will prepare care packages to be sent to the troops in honor of the Jewish holiday of Purim. Students are encouraged to donate pre-packaged toiletries, such as toothpaste and deodorant, snacks such as dried fruits and granola bars (no candy or canned goods) and socks and gloves.

The event will be held on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in building 5N at **CSI**. RSVP is suggested and may be done by contacting Rabbi Dovid Winiarz at 718-983-9272 or **dovid@dovid.com**.

JEWISH MUSEUM TRIP

The B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School, West Brighton, visited the Jewish Museum in Manhattan on Jan. 30.



About 40 people, roughly half of them students, attended the event organized by PTA President Judy Saltiel.

The tour they took was of a year of Jewish holidays, featuring works of art for those occasions. The children were fascinated by a room of Hanukkah menorahs from all over the world and various time periods.

A free Friday Night Dinner will be held at 6:30 tonight at B'nai Jeshurun. Reserve to Mark Ben-Aron at 347-424-9745.

Hebrew School teacher Seth Schneider, second from right, poses with some of his students on their trip to the Jewish Museum in Manhattan.

Krav Maga, an Israeli martial arts class taught by Steve Lerner, will resume with a free session on Thursday.

Shabbat Across America will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 4, featuring a free dinner followed by services. This year's theme is "Shabbat Across Europe and the Middle East."

Attendees born in these regions will have the opportunity to showcase Sabbath traditions from their native lands. Reserve to Ben-Aron.

CYBERSPACE TALK

Rabbi Gerald Sussman will give a lecture, "Judaism in Cyberspace," regarding virtual Minyanim and other issues related to Jewish Law in the age of Internet communication, on Feb. 18 at Temple Emanu-El, Port Richmond.

The lecture will be during Friday night services.

Professor Xu Xin, chairman of the Department of Jewish Studies at the University of Nanjing, China, will speak about the role of Jews in modern China on Feb. 27 at the temple.

The Men's Club talk is at 10 a.m. Admission is \$7 at the door and includes breakfast. RSVP by Feb. 22 at the temple's number, 718-442-5966.

Temple Emanu-El holds daily morning services at 7:20 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Shabbat services are held at 8 p.m. on Fridays, followed by an Oneg, and 9 a.m. on Saturdays, followed by a Kiddush. Sponsors are needed for the Friday night Onegs and the Shabbat morning Kiddushes for the winter months.

Temple Emanu-El, 984 Post Ave., is a traditional conservative synagogue serving the Jewish Community since 1907.

TOT SHABBAT

Rabbi Michael Howald and student Cantor Stephen Long will officiate services this weekend at Temple Israel Reform Congregation of Staten Island, Randall Manor.

Shabbat service will be at 8 tonight. Tomorrow, Torah study will be at 10 a.m., followed by Shabbat service at 11 a.m.

A Tot Shabbat will be at 6 p.m. on Feb. 18 followed at 7:30 p.m. by an early Bring-a-Dairy-Dish-to-Share Supper.

The Tot Shabbat is suggested for children age 5 and younger, but older siblings, parents and other family members are welcome. Everyone in the community is invited to the supper.

Temple Israel Reform Congregation of Staten Island is at 315 Forest Ave. For information, call 718-727-2231 or consult **TempleIsraelsi.org**.

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There is no safe level of exposure of tobacco smoke

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By Letters to the Editor/Staten Island Advance

ANGELA DAIUTO
PORT RICHMOND

In response to the recent article about creating Smoke-free campuses at all City University campuses, I think it is a step in the right direction. These campuses, such as the College of Staten Island, are busy almost 24/7 with students, faculty, staff and the general public. Universities are community hubs, similar to many other places where people gather. With the new policy for a smoke-free campus, the risk of exposure to tobacco smoke will be greatly reduced or eliminated for anyone that visits the campus.

There is no safe amount of exposure to tobacco-smoke and Staten Island has the highest rate of smokers in the entire city! There are no negative effects to providing information and awareness to the current smokers. However, there are many negative effects for both smokers and non-smokers who are exposed to tobacco-smoke.

Other community facilities/hubs need to consider enacting similar policies. How often do you go to the local shopping center, visit religious or office complexes? How often is there a smoker standing at the entranceway? Probably more often than you realize.

So if there is no safe level of exposure of tobacco smoke, why aren't all public spaces smoke-free?

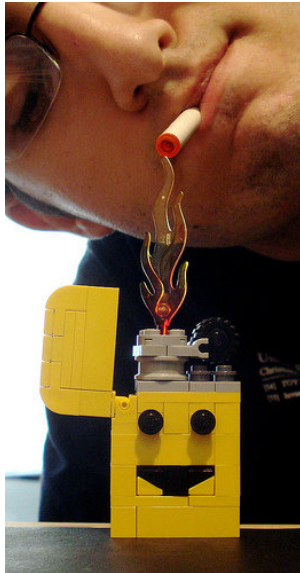
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GOOD

That Cigarette's Banned on Campus

LIZ DWYER

Education Editor



Itching for a smoke break between classes? If you attend one of 23 City University of New York campuses, you're going to need to get completely off campus. At least, that's what a vote last night by the CUNY Board of Trustees decided. The CUNY system joins 420 other campuses nationwide that ban puffing on tobacco anywhere on school property.

The vote was considered a mere formality since the university made its views on smoking, and its responsibility to its students' health, clear last summer in an open letter on the school's website. CUNY just opened a new school of public health focused on the "prevention of chronic diseases and reducing health inequities." Given that, the school feels they have "an opportunity—and a responsibility—to set new standards for healthy universities."

In case something went awry with the vote for all 23 campuses, the College of Staten Island planned to enforce the ban anyway—and smokers there said it's discrimination.

Student Rob Assini told New York Press that smoking's a choice that adults have the right to make, "and if people choose to do so, especially in a highly stressful environment such as a college environment, and people feel the need to blow off steam by smoking, then I feel they should be free to."

Unfortunately for Assini, neither his smoking habit nor his opinion are shared by most CUNY students. Eighty-five percent of students in the system don't smoke tobacco and plenty more want to stop. The ban also reflects the priorities of the NYC Health Department which hopes to ban smoking at public parks and beaches, and, as Gothamist snarkily notes, "within 500 yards of Mayor Bloomberg."



Lowdown on the SI Slim Down

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By **Diane O'Donnell**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — taten Island Slim Down 10-week weight loss contest and health challenge is in full swing.

Nearly 1,200 borough residents have decided to revamp their lives with free fitness classes, online coaching and nutrition advice. And while all have something to lose, one contestant will have something to gain — a \$3,000 grand prize.

The person with the most inspiring lifestyle transformation — not necessarily most pounds lost — will be deemed the winner when the Slim Down ends on April 8.

From now through the beginning of April, we'll profile several of the contestants to see what healthy changes they're making in their lives.

ALBERTO RIVERA

At one time, Alberto Rivera, 56, enjoyed bowling, handball and other sports. But after being injured in a 2001 auto mishap while on the job as sergeant with the College of Staten Island's public safety department, his active lifestyle became sedentary.

"Since that time I've gained about 80 pounds and I've never been able to take it off," said the 310-pound Rivera. He tried dieting, Weight Watchers, and even hypnosis.

Diagnosed with type 2 diabetes three years ago, he's had five cardiac stents put in. Rivera decided to do Slim Down to get back his life.



RIVERA

"I've been told by my doctor that I'm not going to get many more chances," said the West Brighton resident. "He said, "You're going to die if you don't lose the weight.""

On Feb. 2, Rivera was among more than 200 people who worked out in a free Slim Down boot camp class at CSI.

"I'm hoping that in 10 weeks, I can lose 40 pounds," he said. "I give myself maybe a year to lose 80 or 100 pounds."

Rivera will have company on his weight-loss quest, because he's inspired his wife and 18-year-old daughter to join him in the Slim Down.

PAUL EHRMAN

As a financial specialist, Paul Ehrman, 71, tries to educate his clients on the importance of maintaining their financial and physical wellness.

But when it came to his own fitness, the Willowbrook man needed help.

"I needed to do something to lose about 30 pounds. My wife had been urging me to do that," said Ehrman.

"I didn't have any regiment on my own, so I figured I would give this a try and see what I could learn from this as far as reaching my goal as well as making changes to my lifestyle," he added.

So far, he's lost three pounds from his 211-pound frame, cut back on snacks and incorporated the Slim Down's nutrition tips into his eating habits.

"I'm more conscious of my portion size and the combination of foods that I'm eating," said Ehrman.



EHRMAN

NATALIE GAWEDA

A recently divorced mom of a 15-year-old son, Natalie Gaweda's fall from fitness crept up on her over the years.

"Life just takes over sometimes," she explained. "Everybody else and every other fire that needs to be put out has been a priority above me."

But now, Ms. Gaweda, 47, a paralegal at a Brooklyn law firm, is reassessing her priorities.

"I'm at a new season in my life. I want to reinvent myself, redefine who I am," said the Dongan Hills woman.



GAWEDA

At the Jan. 29 Slim Down launch at the Joan and Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center, Ms. Gaweda ran

into a childhood gal pal from her old neighborhood in Brooklyn.

Since then, the two old friends have been attending the Slim Down's walks at the Staten Island Mall and weekly fitness classes.

Following the program's nutrition advice, Ms. Gaweda's switched from eating three big meals a day to six smaller ones. She's also learned how to divvy her plate into three sections with vegetables occupying half of it, and protein (like turkey or fish) and a complex carbohydrate (like a potato or pasta) making up the balance.

"This is a huge commitment for me," said Ms. Gaweda, now 10 pounds slimmer than her starting weight of 200. "I want to win this."

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Veterans still need our help after they come home

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By **Letters to the Editor/Staten Island Advance**

By TERESA CALIARI
GRANITEVILLE

On Feb. 2, a veterans' forum was held at the **College of Staten Island**.

Sponsored jointly by **CSI's** Student Veteran Center and Staten Island for Change, the event featured a presentation by Robert Diamond, vice chair of the Democratic National Committee's Veterans and Military Families Council. He outlined the many benefits now available under the new G.I. Bill and efforts by the Obama administration to clear the backlog of claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Though all this was very informative, the thing that I walked away with was how we are letting our vets down.

Sure it's nice to collect things to send to the troops when they are deployed, but what do we do when they come home? Unemployment among veterans is 11.7 percent.

Many in the audience expressed frustration with their job searches. Despite the special skills they have acquired while in service, and the degrees which they have earned, many employers view them as "head cases," or if they are on active reserve, scheduling around their deployments as being too difficult.

I am asking the Chamber of Commerce and the local Rotary Clubs to beseech their members to take a chance and hire the veteran — they've earned that opportunity.

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Otorgan becas a estudiantes mexicanos

Por: NY1 Noticias



El Consulado de México en Nueva York anuncia que el programa de becas del Instituto de Mexicanos en el Exterior otorgó \$20.000 dólares para apoyar la educación de la comunidad inmigrante en uno de los centros educativos de la Ciudad.

Dinero con el que se otorgarán becas a ocho estudiantes de origen mexicano que adelantan estudios superiores en el **College of Staten Island**, afiliado a la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York, CUNY.

Los jóvenes mexico-americanos ya adelantan sus estudios superiores en áreas como Historia, Enfermería, Administración de Empresas y Relaciones Internacionales.

Y aseguran que es una ayuda que los impulsa más en el camino hacia la graduación.

El acuerdo entre el gobierno mexicano y CUNY busca motivar a los jóvenes y evitar el abandono escolar.

"Son \$20.000 dólares esta vez, pero mi sueño es que se le vayan añadiendo ceros a este cheque que van a ver pronto y muy pronto se tengan más de \$500.000 dólares para nuestros estudiantes", dijo Jesús Pérez, asesor académico de IME.

"Los estudiantes son el futuro de la ciudad, el país y el mundo", dijo Jay Hershenson, vicedecano de CUNY.

La entrega fue presidida por el Cónsul Ismael Naveja, quien agradeció a CUNY y al personal del **College of Staten Island** por su arduo trabajo para lograr convenios.

Naveja enfatizó la importancia de la educación superior como mecanismo de superación para la comunidad mexicana y mexico-americana que reside en la región y reiteró la disposición del gobierno de México de brindar apoyo a la comunidad mexicana en materia educativa.

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México envía ayuda económica a estudiantes mexicanos en NY

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NUEVA YORK (AP) - El gobierno mexicano ha concedido una beca a estudiantes mexicanos de Nueva York que se espera sea la semilla para alcanzar un millón de dólares en ayudas e impulsar así a jóvenes con pocos recursos, dijeron el jueves funcionarios y educadores.

La beca de 20.000 dólares concedida por el Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) será el inicio de un fondo de ayuda y sentará el precedente para la posible llegada de más recursos.

“Yo lo agradezco mucho”, dijo Pablo Olivier, de 19 años y estudiante del College de Staten Island, una facultad de la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York (CUNY) que recibió los fondos.

“Mi padre vino aquí ilegalmente desde Puebla, y sin nada. Y hoy, el gobierno mexicano me ayuda a mí a estudiar. El está orgulloso de eso”, añadió el estudiante de Relaciones Internacionales que espera trabajar algún día para Naciones Unidas.

Varias universidades de la ciudad han reportado un significativo aumento de su cuerpo estudiantil mexicano en la última década, con CUNY registrando un alza del 215% en las matrículas de alumnos mexicanos en los últimos 10 años, dijo Jay Hershenson, vicedirector de la universidad. El aumento en matrículas de la población estudiantil en general en la universidad ha sido del 38% y de la población estudiantil hispana del 51%, dijo Hershenson.

“Este es un inicio que esperamos tenga un impacto mayor”, señaló Jesús Pérez, quien trabaja para Brooklyn College, también parte de CUNY, y es consejero ciudadano del IME. “Ahora son sólo 20.000 dólares los que verán en este cheque, pero espero que se le puedan añadir muchos ceros”.

La beca será repartida entre ocho estudiantes de origen mexicano que recibirán 2.600 dólares cada uno para cubrir el coste de un semestre de estudios.

Irvin Ibarquén, de 20 años y estudiante de historia en el College de Staten Island, dijo que la ayuda es un impulso más en el camino hacia la graduación.

“Esto va a ayudar mucho a mis padres. Ellos trabajan en una fábrica textil y son los que me pagan la educación”, dijo el joven, nacido en Estados Unidos pero con padres de Puebla.

El gobierno mexicano lleva varios años colaborando con CUNY, una universidad que ofrece clases para mexicanos sobre cómo trabajar en un restaurante o en el sector de la construcción.

“Nuestra universidad está comprometida a educar a los miembros de la comunidad mexicana”, dijo Tomás Morales, presidente del College de Staten Island.

CUNY tiene entre 5.000 y 6.000 estudiantes de origen mexicano, aunque podría haber más, ya que no todos reportan su nacionalidad u origen.

Staten Island, uno de los distritos de la ciudad de Nueva York, ha experimentado un significativo aumento de la población mexicana en los últimos años, lo que también ha desembocado en un aumento de las tensiones entre habitantes de la zona. Varios mexicanos fueron víctimas de episodios de violencia en Staten Island el año pasado.

La población estudiantil hispana también registra altos niveles de deserción escolar en la ciudad, dijeron los educadores. Becas como la anunciada el jueves podrían ayudar a cambiar esa tendencia.

“Llegamos a este país para lograr una vida mejor. Gracias a la educación que recibí obtuve una llave que me abrió puertas que nunca soñé poder abrir”, dijo Pérez. “Esperamos que con este proyecto ocurra eso. Esperamos que se cree un efecto dominó”.

Gobierno de México da becas por 20.000 dólares para alumnos mexicanos en N.Y.

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Nueva York, 17 feb (EFE).- El consulado general de México en Nueva York entregó hoy un cheque por valor de 20.000 dólares en becas a la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York (CUNY por sus siglas en inglés), para beneficiar a alumnos de origen mexicano.

Las becas forman parte del programa de apoyo para estudios superiores del Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME), y se destinarán en concreto a alumnos del campus de Staten Island de la citada universidad, indicó el consulado en un comunicado de prensa.

El cónsul mexicano, Ismael Naveja, destacó la importancia de la educación superior como mecanismo de superación para la comunidad mexicana”.

Asimismo reiteró la “disposición del gobierno de México de brindar apoyo a la comunidad mexicana en materia educativa”.

Por su parte, el vicerector de la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York, Jay Hershenson, destacó el interés que tiene la institución académica por “la comunidad mexicana y su acceso a la educación superior”.EFE

Otorga IME fondos para becas a estudiantes mexicanos en Nueva York

jueves 17 de febrero, 01:21 PM

Por Angélica Peña. Corresponsal

Nueva York, 17 Feb (Notimex).- El consulado de México en Nueva York anunció hoy que el programa de becas del Instituto de Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) otorgó 20 mil dólares para apoyar la educación de la comunidad inmigrante de bajos recursos que reside en esta ciudad.

Con estos fondos se otorgarán becas a ocho estudiantes de origen mexicano que llevan a cabo estudios superiores en el centro educativo **College of Staten Island (CSI)**, instituto de la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York (CUNY).

Los beneficiarios son jóvenes de entre 19 y 27 años, tanto nacidos en México como estadounidenses de padres mexicanos, que ya realizan sus estudios superiores en áreas como Historia, Enfermería, Administración de Empresas y Relaciones Internacionales.

Para Araceli Neri Marón, quien llegó de México a Estados Unidos hace 20 años cuando tenía siete años, es una gran motivación que la hayan otorgado esta beca, que asciende a dos mil 500 dólares por estudiante y que cubre un semestre de sus carreras.

“Quiero capacitarme para poder ayudar a la gente que no habla inglés. Además cambiar el estereotipo que tenemos los mexicanos de que tenemos trabajos mal remunerados”, señaló Araceli, quien estudia Enfermería.

Los ocho estudiantes fueron seleccionados entre 20 jóvenes que se postularon para obtener la beca.

“Es fundamental que nuestra juventud tenga las mismas oportunidades de estudio”, explicó Ismael Naveja, cónsul general encargado.

Irvin Ibarguen, otro de los beneficiados, nació hace 20 años en Nueva York poco después de que sus padres, originarios de Puebla, llegaran a tierra estadounidense en busca de un mejor futuro.

Ibarguen usará su beca para pagar el inicio de su cuarto año de estudios de Historia, dinero con el que aliviará la carga de sus padres, quienes trabajan en una fábrica de la ciudad.

“Este dinero baja un poco la carga que mis padres tienen para darnos estudios; por ello mi padre tiene tres trabajos”, añadió Irvin, uno de tres hermanos.

Entre los 250 mil estudiantes que en la actualidad tiene el sistema de la CUNY, sus directivos calculan que entre cinco y seis mil son de origen mexicano, aunque podrían ser más ya que es voluntario que señalen su origen.

Por su parte el vicedecano de la CUNY, Jay Hershenson, indicó que esta alianza envía una clara señal a la comunidad mexicana sobre la importancia de la educación.

“Especialmente durante este periodo económico es crítico que las personas reciban educación. Los estudiantes son el futuro de la ciudad, la nación y el mundo”, acotó Hershenson, y resaltó que la CUNY ha experimentado un incremento de 215 por ciento en la matrícula de estudiantes mexicanos en la última década.

“El objetivo es promover la educación entre los jóvenes mexicano-americanos y disminuir el índice de alumnos que abandonan sus estudios desde la secundaria”, explicó Jesús Pérez, asesor del IME y quien dirige el Centro Consejería Académica de Brooklyn College.

Según Luz Valdéz, quien estudia Administración de Empresas, es una gran oportunidad para poder seguir estudiado. “Fue difícil conseguir la beca pero lo logré”, dijo la estudiante, quien reside en Staten Island, condado que ha visto un mercado aumento de población mexicana.

El gobierno mexicano ha suscrito varios convenios educativos con la CUNY, como el recientemente concretado que ofrece clases de inglés a mexicanos que laboran en las industrias de restaurantes y construcción.

BECAN A ESTUDIANTES EN STATEN ISLAND DAN LANA PA' IR A LA SCHOOL

Aumentará el número de mexicanos y mexico-estadounidenses-profesionales

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Nueva York.-En una ceremonia emotiva autoridades mexicanas entregaron la primera beca que el Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME), otorgó a la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York (CUNY) y que beneficiará a estudiantes mexicanos y México-Estadunidenses que cursan estudios en el Colegio de Staten Island.

"Es una suma de 20 mil dólares, que para nosotros es un primer paso para mejorar la educación de nuestra comunidad en esta región del país", destacó el Cónsul alterno Ismael Naveja durante la entrega de fondos de la beca que anualmente otorga el IME para programas de educación en la Unión Americana.

Tradicionalmente el IME otorgaba apoyos financieros a agencias que proporcionaban programas de educación para



PRIMERA ENTREGA. Autoridades mexicanas dieron un cheque por 20 mil dólares

emigrantes mexicanos radicados en la Unión Americana y en otros países del mundo.

Jay Hershenson, Vicecanciller de CUNY expresó su confianza en que los programas que realizan con las autoridades mexicanas sigan creciendo y beneficiando a más mexicanos en la ciudad de Nueva York.

"Tenemos una relación de trabajo de muchos años, des-

de principios del 2003 hemos colaborado con las autoridades mexicanas y este nuevo apoyo nos llena de gran alegría porque podremos tener más jóvenes profesionales mexicanos saliendo de las aulas de CUNY", expresó Hershenson.

Saten Island, es el condado de Nueva York que presenta el mayor crecimiento y desafíos para las autoridades mexicanas

debido a que la población requiere de más programas de apoyo en seguridad y educación.

El Dr. Tomás D. Morales, Presidente del Colegio de Staten Island y miembro de la mesa directiva de la Asociación Hispánica de Colegios y Universidades (HACU), reconoció dicha aportación y agradeció a su equipo por su empeño a servir estudiantes mexicanos en Nueva York. ■

CONSULADO SOBRE RUEDAS

UNIDAD 1

New Brunswick. Nueva Jersey.

Ubicado en New Street & Kirkpatrick Street, en New Brunswick, Nueva Jersey. Gracias a Emmanuel Lutheran Church y Lazos América Unida. Del martes 15 al sábado 19 de febrero de 2011.



UNIDAD 2

West Haven, Connecticut. Four Roses Restaurant.

Ubicado en el número 315 de Campbell Avenue, en West Haven, Connecticut. Gracias a Asociación de Mexicanos en Connecticut y Four Roses Restaurant. Del miércoles 16 al domingo 20 de febrero.

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## Staten Island native Terre T's freeform approach to rock radio nets her a global audience

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By **Ben Johnson**

STATEN ISLAND, NY — It is just after 3 p.m. on a desolate Saturday in Jersey City, and DJ Terre T is in a state of frenzied focus.

"It's going to be The Insomniacs next," she exclaims, swiveling in her chair and dispatching CDs and small pieces of vinyl to their respective battle stations. "Song's called 'She Brings' — and that's brand spankin' new. Then The Dishes from Chicago — they're an old girl punk band."

Terre's not on air or speaking into the mic at nonprofit radio station WFMU 91.1 FM. The announcements are at the moment for the benefit of associate producer Paul Bruno, of Stapleton, who is updating a live **online playlist** of everything that gets spun from 3-6 p.m. Saturdays during Terre's show, "**The Cherry Blossom Clinic.**" The list continues as Terre T plays an oft-favored track, "Satan Island" by the Subway Surfers — a tongue-in-cheek tribute to her native borough.

"Punk rock was invented in Staten Island," she quips, slender arms flying over the sound board to cue more tracks. "The New York Dolls started it, and the Sex Pistols stole it!"

This running commentary seems like a method the Staten Island native has developed over two decades of slinging albums, from learning radio ropes at the College of Staten Island's WSIA station, to ordering product for Our Music Center record store in New Dorp. With an encyclopedic knowledge of punk, garage



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**LISTEN TO 'THE CHERRY BLOSSOM CLINIC':** Terre T's show airs Saturday's from 3-6 p.m on WFMU 91.1 FM. The DJ hosts a live remote broadcast at 3 p.m. Saturday in Maxwell's, 1039 Washington St., Hoboken, NJ; 201-653-1703; [MaxwellsNJ.com](http://MaxwellsNJ.com). Admission is \$10. For more information, visit [WFMU.org](http://WFMU.org).

and hardcore rock, a sunny attitude and a deep love for music, Terre T has drawn everyone from underground legends like Pere Ubu to The Strokes to play live in the studio for her, making "The Cherry Blossom Clinic" a staple in WFMU's weekend programming on 91.1 FM for over a decade.

## ENDANGERED SPECIES

On Saturday, this local radio institution will lead the charge in WFMU's annual fight for survival. The listener-supported, non-commercial radio station's yearly pledge drive runs for the first two weeks of March, and like all of the station's unpaid DJs, Terre T will be doing her part. Along with the usual swag giveaways for those who donate money to the station in the beginning of March, she's throwing a **fundraising party at Maxwell's in Hoboken**, featuring a remote broadcast of her show with a performance by garage rockers the Reigning Sound.

"Back in the day if I wanted to hear CAN or Wire or something, I'd have to go track those records down. Now, you just Google it," she says. "But since there's so much more stuff available it is very difficult to sort through it. Why I think FMU is important is it sort of acts as a filter.

Whether it's old soul, experimental music, world, whatever, you can say 'Oh, I never heard of this band.' We're helping you filter the sea of music out there."

In an era where the Internet and satellite radio are pushing terrestrial radio out of business, a non-commercial station playing freeform programming is an especially endangered species. But an early adoption of online tools has also helped the station — which runs on a \$1.2 million annual operating budget — both retain and grow its audience. That audience (estimated to be more than 300,000 listeners monthly, and rising) is especially devoted, in part because "FMU" regularly features top-notch indie talent for serious music lovers of a variety of genres. A New York Times Magazine article called it "a station whose name has



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WFMU

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become like a secret handshake among a certain tastemaking cognoscenti.”

### AUDIENCE EXPANSION

Terre T. says nearly half of the station’s listener contributions each year now come from Internet listeners, many of them overseas. Evidence of this comes during Terre’s radio show, when she wonders over the air whether the title of a song by Dutch rockers De Brassers is in the Belgian national language Flemish, the following comment by user “Kees” pops up online:

“Yep: De Brassers: ‘Ik Wil Eruit’ indeed is Flemish, which is the same as Dutch — but Belgian. Translated: ‘I want (to get) out’. And...that was quite a flow, that first hour. Great! Greetings from, Nijmegen, the Netherlands-East.”

Terre T. also has plenty of local fans. She’s even played some Staten Island indie acts on the air, like The Great Unwashed, Dead Set On Destruction, and The Amber Jets — of which her brother, John Telenko, is a member.

“Our airplay on Terre’s show has been responsible for generating a great deal of interest in the band,” says Amber Jets guitarist Greg Swanson. “She’s been a huge influence on me personally, exposing me to a ton of new music. ‘The Cherry Blossom Clinic’ is a very important part of my Saturday.”

### STATEN ISLAND ROOTS

A young convert to hardcore music while growing up in Staten Island, Terre T. has fond memories of watching local shows and taking the Staten Island Ferry to Manhattan. As a CUNY student, she became a music director at WSIA, and modeled her own programming at that station after her favorite New Jersey institution: WFMU, 91.1 FM. She also worked for Your Music Center in New Dorp as the independent music purchaser.

“I remember the ‘Y’ fell off, and it went from Your Music Center to Our Music Center,” she says, laughing. “I loved working there; Paul Bruno (her aforementioned associate producer who also created **The Unblinking**



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DJ Terre T at work in the WFMU 90.1 FM studio.

**Ear, an underground music broadcast and blog)** and I got to know all the cool people on Staten Island who love music.”

In the mid-1990s, an ex-boyfriend who began working at the station in New Jersey eventually got Terre T. to send in demo tapes and she eventually got a show. A few years later, a diagnosis with cancer sidelined the music lover, but she beat the disease and returned committed to having more live acts perform on her show. Pere Ubu, The Strokes, the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, The Dirtbombs, Jay Reatard, and a long list of other acts can be heard performing for her in the station’s extensive online archive. She also keeps a day job in retail, and plans to open her own vintage clothing store this year.

“It’s going to be sort of like the music I play,” Terre says. “Stuff from the ‘60s, ‘70s, ‘80s and ‘90s. That’s the kind of clothing I’ll be selling.” But contemporary acts need not lose hope of making it onto “The Cherry Blossom Clinic.” Terre’s still plugging away, and she’s more open to new things than you might assume a knowledgeable DJ would be.

“Basically anything that has a good beat, that rocks, I’ll consider,” she says. “It can’t be too jammy — not longer than three and a half minutes. And not too slow. If it has good energy, I won’t press ‘stop.’”

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## Annual home show at the College of Staten Island to feature local businesses, contractors

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By **Sharon Cohen**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - NORTH SHORE -  
The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce will hold its Annual Home Show on Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the College of Staten Island Sports and Recreation Center, 2800 Victory Blvd., Willowbrook.

The Annual Home Show, sponsored by the Home Improvement Contractors Association of Staten Island, will feature windows, doors, real estate, appliances, kitchen counters, interior designers, financial planners, gutters, patio and landscaping materials, bathroom contractors, real estate companies and more.



More than 70 vendors were on hand during last year's home show at the College of Staten Island's Sports and Recreation Center in Willowbrook. (Staten Island Advance File Photo)

"We are very excited for this year's show and are anticipating a great turnout from local consumers all across the tri-state area. Every year, thousands of residents attend for the unique opportunity to speak with a wide range of contractors in one location about all of their home renovation needs," said Linda Baran, president & CEO of the Chamber.

One local company that's planning on attending again this year is Golden Key Interiors, which has been in business on the Island for more than 30 years.

"We've been participating in the show for many years," said owner Sonny Golden. "The show attracts a wonderful group of people that want to know what's new and what's out there."

Ms. Golden's booth will feature an array of home decor products including the latest in window treatments.

"People want visual presentations, they are very important to buyers. Everyone is more careful with their money these days and they want to see the products before buying them."

Another company that plans on having a booth at the show is Camp Bow Wow, New York City's largest day and overnight camp for dogs, located at 4707 Arthur Kill Rd., Charleston. Owner Diane LaFemina said the home show is a great way to let Islanders know about their unique services which include large indoor and outdoor play areas; overnight kennel services; grooming, and a retail store. The camp also offers live Internet access so you can watch your dog play all day, indoors or outside, with certified camp counselors.

"People who are renovating their homes will often send their dog to us so the dog doesn't get hurt during the construction process," said Ms. LaFemina. "People selling their homes also use us to prevent the dog from possibly biting, or barking at, a stranger looking at their home."

Other companies scheduled to attend are ADT, Alure Home Improvements, Apex Credit Solutions/Financial Eq. Solutions, Approved Oil Company, Bathfitter, Bob Mims Heating & Air Conditioning, David Lerner, Eversafe Security Systems, EZ Bath, Foreverlawn, FTN Building Supply, Gillani Homes Inc., Great Atlantic Group, Home Theater Connection, KCM Plumbing & Heating Corp., Kitchen Magic, Metlife/ Bridge Financial Group, Mr. Sandless, Northfield Bank, Northwestern Mutual, NYC Day Lighting, NYSERDA, Pella Windows & Doors, Power Home Remolding Group, Red Alert Inc., Renewal Windows By Andersen, Richmond Aluminum, Salmon Real Estate, Sovereign Bank and Dream Kitchens.

Also this year, local Staten Islanders will be displaying and selling their paintings, photography and jewelry. Booths are still available for companies interested in exhibiting.

General admission is \$5 per person; \$4 for senior citizens, and free for children under 14.

For more information, contact the Chamber at (718) 727-1900.

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## Vets learn benefits should improve

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By Mark D. Stein



Robert Diamond, vice chair of the Veterans and Military Families Council, held a presentation about the new GI Bill during the Veterans Empowerment Forum at the College of Staten Island on Feb. 2 (Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - WILLOWBROOK - There's an abundance of benefits that military veterans can take advantage of, but are they fully aware?

On Feb. 2, the College of Staten Island played host to the Veterans Empowerment Forum, an event designed to educate and broaden the public's understanding of issues facing veterans today.

It was held in the college's Center of the Arts building (1P). About 30 people attended, some of whom had served in wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The guest speaker was native Staten Islander Robert Diamond, a Navy veteran who now serves as vice chair of the Veterans and Military Families Council of the Democratic National Committee.

"The issues that face the community are unique and not that well-known," he explained, noting that Veterans Affairs (VA) branches in New York state and city provide benefits in terms of college tuition, housing, and mortgages. "If they (vets) don't know about them, they're not going to get them."

James Spataro, of Annadale, a Navy reservist for the last 28 years who served multiple tours overseas, attended to check on benefits that could be provided for his family.

"It helps to have a supportive spouse and family," he said, referring to how his wife and kids have assisted him during his time spent in the military.

Diamond noted that many veterans from the most recent wars are struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

"We really don't know the number (affected)," he told the audience. "That's the scary part."

He said the military is trying to get a handle on what PTSD really is. Its effects on people and the severity of it are being studied.

Unemployment among the veteran community is also high, said Diamond. Right now, he said, it stands at 11.7 percent, which is a big improvement over where it was last year (close to 20 percent).

"It's always higher than the national average," Diamond said before explaining that veterans represent one-third of America's homeless population, with 95 percent being men.

Diamond reported that the federal VA's budget for fiscal year 2010 was \$113 billion; in 2011, it's \$125 billion. Diamond said the uptick represents the largest one-year increase in 30 years.

He explained that the VA is finding ways to upgrade its technology so it can better serve veterans filing claims, acknowledging that the agency is a year behind on processing claims.

"It's getting better," he said. "I think you have, for the first time, a real commitment at every level of government to fix what's wrong with the VA."

Diamond said the agency is doing its best to change its method of outreach, especially among members of the younger generation exiting the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, the VA is communicating via Facebook and Twitter, as well as running a blog called VAntage Point, which could be found at **[www.blogs.va.gov](http://www.blogs.va.gov)**.

Diamond also said that college campuses need to be aware of what veteran students need that others need to contribute

"It's critical we fight tooth and nail for these benefits," he said.

### **Veterans, expect more support**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is working to shape itself for the 21st century, said Robert Diamond, vice chair of the Veterans and Military Families Council of the Democratic National Committee.

Changes include:

Making it easier for 200,000 Vietnam veterans who may have been exposed to Agent Orange (a potentially toxic herbicide) to get health care and benefits they need.

Funding for veterans' health care "across the board" has increased, improving care for rural and women veterans.

Funding delays for veterans' medical care are over. The VA is working overtime to create a single lifetime electronic record that troops and veterans can keep for life.

The hiring of thousands of new claims processors to break the backlog once and for all. For the first time ever, veterans will be able to go to the VA Web site to download personal health records.

The VA is helping with job training and placement for veterans trying to work in a tough economy.

Unprecedented resources are being directed to treat wounds of today's wars – traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder. The Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act not only provides treatment for such problems, but gives support to caregivers who put their own lives on hold to care for a loved one.

For more information, visit **[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)**.



## Photos and video: Biggest Loser runner-up Alfredo 'Frado' Dinten joins Staten Island exercise class

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By **Jillian Taratunio**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. --- Zumba enthusiasts Stephanie St. Ana and Elaine Francisco warmed up to the Staten Island Slim Down's second exercise class by dancing to the Black Eyed Peas song "Time of My Life."

Approximately 200 Staten Islanders, including the "Biggest Loser's" Alfredo (Frado) Dinten, joined Ms. St. Ana and Ms. Francisco at the **College of Staten Island** to participate in the free 10-week weight loss program.

"Zumba is fun for everyone! It doesn't feel like you're working out. The program helps motivate people to work out. There's no judgment here," said Ms. Francisco, of Grasmere.

Each week, Islanders can participate in a different fitness activity. This week, Elaine Gil, owner of Bubbles Playhouse, taught a Zumba class.



Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo

Staten Island Slim Down contestants follow the night's fitness challenge - Zumba - conducted by Bubbles Playhouse inside the **College of Staten Island's** Sports and Recreation Center.

### Staten Island Slimdown contestants get surprise Zumba class

Slimdown contestants are joined by Frado Dinten as they have their third fitness workout in the **College of Staten Island's** gymnasium for a surprise Zumba session conducted by Elaine Gil of Bubbles Playhouse in Grasmere.

Upon learning the activity would be Zumba, Dinten said, "Frado does not Zumba. I'd rather walk through glass or fire. But I'll give it a try tonight. Why not?"

Program founders Dr. Maureen Becker and Tony Books Avilez said the activity remains a secret until the night of the event to prevent folks from staying home if they don't like the type of exercise.

"We want the maximum amount of people to do the maximum amount of fitness activities. The results have been astounding. People have lost eight, 12, 16 pounds in less than two weeks. People who have been struggling with weight loss for years are seeing a real difference," said Avilez, of Concord.

The person who makes the greatest lifestyle transformation at the end of the 10 weeks will win \$3,000, personal training sessions and healthy meals.

Dinten said the program provides Staten Islanders with the opportunity to adopt a healthier lifestyle.

"The program is great because it gets people moving. There's no other incentive than to help your fellow man and yourself," said Dinten.

Rick Catalano of Dongan Hills said he hopes to lose 40 pounds through the program's regimen of lifestyle changes, diet, and exercise.

"I've done exercise programs in the past, but I never kept up with them. With a group, it's easier to get motivated and involved. You want to be there for everyone else, and they want to be there for you," said Catalano.

Dr. Becker said the focus of the program is not weight but a transformation of one's lifestyle.

"We don't ask people to write down how many pounds they've lost, because that isn't what this is about. We want to educate people [into] changing their eating habits and exercising," she said.

At the end of the class, Dinten exclaimed, "I like it! I'm a Zumba man now."

He advised participants to vary their workouts to stay active.



**Enlarge**

**Anthony DePrimo**

Biggest Loser runner-up Alfredo (Frado) Dinten reacts as he finds out the night's Slim Down challenge is Zumba -- which he says he "doesn't do" -- at the College of Staten Island Sports and Recreation Center yesterday. (Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo)

**Biggest Loser runner-up Alfredo (Frado) Dinten joins Staten Island exercise class** gallery (13 photos)

"I'll do anything to work out. You have to mix it up. Do it all," said Dinten.

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## Staten Islanders in the Slim Down are in it to win

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By **Sharon Ng**



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Ralph Cefarello, left, a contestant in the Staten Island Slim Down weight-loss contest, gets in the groove during a Zumba class at the **College of Staten Island**. "You'll be taking more pictures of me," said the Richmond resident. "I'm winning it."

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — As a member of New York's Finest for nearly three decades, Ralph Cefarello has braved many situations. But asking him to do Zumba, a blend of cardio-dance done to Latin and house music, was almost above and beyond the call of duty.

"I was considering walking out, but it wound up being fun," said a burly Cefarello. He was among more than 200 people attending the Staten Island Slim Down's free weekly fitness classes at the **College of Staten Island**.

Each week contestants are surprised with a new fitness challenge in order to expose them to different types of exercises.

This week, we talk to Cefarello and two other Slim Down contestants about the healthy lifestyles changes they're making toward winning a \$3,000 grand prize.

### **RALPH CEFARELLO**

Cefarello, 59, a retired detective, was a strength coach for the NYPD football team.

Now, the former weightlifter is 300 pounds and a type 2 diabetic.

Cefarello looked in the mirror recently, and did not like what he saw. With some prodding from his son, he took action and joined the Staten Island Slim Down as a contestant.

The Richmond resident hopes to lose 50 pounds by the end of the 10-week program. His ultimate goal is to

lose 100 pounds by his 60th birthday in June.

With 20 pounds already shed, he is headed in the right direction. Cefarello's blood sugar level is down and he feels more energetic.

He's cut out soda and drinks only water and coffee. Red meat has also been slashed from his diet. Cefarello eats smaller portions and makes sure to go to the gym three times a week.

These small changes have produced big results. One of the most significant is the chance to bond with his 18-year-old son. They walked two miles together one night after "The Biggest Loser."

"You can't talk to your kid when you're watching TV," he said.

Cafarello thanks his son for the motivation. He is working hard to ensure his involvement in milestones in his son's future.

Overall, he is doing Slim Down for himself. He is confident he is going to win, and hopes to go back to the active lifestyle he once enjoyed.

## **CRAIG CARUSO**

During college, Craig Caruso, 26, gained some weight. He continued to put on the pounds after he graduated, with a desk job that allowed for a laidback lifestyle.

Every year, the Great Kills resident made a New Year's resolution to lose weight. Despite efforts to diet and work out with friends, life always sidetracked him.

Finally he joined Staten Island Slim Down as a contestant, and he feels it works for him.

"It's community-based and Tony (Books Avilez, the co-founder) and the Facebook Fan Page are always available for guidance and outreach," said Caruso, an iPhone developer and owner of CarusoApps.com.

He is currently 10 pounds lighter than the 205-pound frame he started with. By making deliberate changes such as eating every three or four hours, cutting out bread and going to the gym at least four days a week, Caruso is blown away by the results.

"My pants are looser, and I feel more energy and strength," he said. "My weight, body mass index and body fat have dropped dramatically in the past two weeks."

With warmer weather on the horizon, Caruso is motivated to keep with the program.

"I am sticking to it because summer and softball season is right around the corner," he explained. "My goal is to be 180 by the end of the Slim Down. Week 10 will be here before I know it."

## **RICKY CATALANO**

Entering his third week of the Slim Down, Dongan Hills resident Ricky Catalano has already lost six pounds and two inches off his waist.

"My energy level has gone up, I'm not as winded, and I'm eating and feeling healthier," said the 51-year-old contestant.

This wasn't always the case, however.

Once 250 pounds at his heaviest, Catalano, a personal banker, had a bunch of health problems.

"In the last five years I've had right ankle tendon repair surgery, surgery on my right knee to repair torn cartilage and a sports hernia surgery. I also suffer from a hiatal hernia. My doctors have told me I needed to lose weight, but I just laughed them off."

In the past, Catalano would join a gym and then, after a few weeks, make excuses and quit. And even though he played softball, he noticed it was getting harder and harder to keep up.

After his brother underwent quadruple bypass surgery two years ago at the age of 56, he finally decided to get healthy.

Motivated by Tony Books Avilez, the co-founder of Slim Down, and Alfredo (Frado) Dinten, the runner-up in Season 10 of NBC's "The Biggest Loser," Catalano is sticking to his current regimen.

"I've learned that by taking care of my body and eating the right foods and combining it with exercise, a lot of the stress is relieved," said Catalano.

"My goal is to be down to 220 pounds by the time April comes around and continue playing softball," he said. "Eventually, I would like to get down to 205 pounds."



## Borough has many resources to help parents who want to move in more meaningful directions

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By **Sherrina Navani/Shore Family Fun**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - ALL SHORES - As I celebrate my 34th birthday today, I start to reminisce about how much has changed in my life since last year. I enrolled in graduate school; my older daughter started expressing her views on life and the world, and my younger daughter started walking – all in a matter of 12 short months.

I realize how lucky I am to lead the life I lead, surrounded by supportive family and friends. I can enjoy simple pleasures, like eating out at least once a week, and popping open a bottle of wine in the middle of the week.

But then, my thoughts turn to those who may not be as satisfied in their lives and whose birthday wishes include a change in career, a happier family or just more economic stability. If you find that you are not quite satisfied with your life, here are a few local resources that may help you make changes for the better. After all, you can't be happy if you have no fun in your life.

### CAREER

I spent over 10 years of my life as a marketing professional, a career I disliked, but it paid the bills. It wasn't until I was laid off that I realized an economic downturn can have a silver lining to it. It forced me to re-evaluate what would make me happy. If you are in a similar situation, or if you just hate going to work in the morning, visit the [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/catalog/graduate) or peruse their online course offerings at <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/catalog/graduate>. With over 15 graduate and certificate programs, [CSI](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/catalog/graduate) can get you on the road to a better career.

If you need more guidance on what career path you should transition to, call [CSI](http://www.csi.cuny.edu/catalog/graduate) at 718-982.2010 and ask to speak to one of their enrollment or career counselors. They can help you figure out what path would work best for you.

### FAMILY

Do you feel disjointed from the rest of your family? Do you sense that your children feel more connected to their smart phones, game consoles and social networking sites than they do to you? Spending time as a family is not hard, it just requires that each family member disconnect from electronic media.

Work and school schedules can interrupt family dinnertime, and it might be difficult to plan an hour a day, everyday, together. So be sure to start small and set realistic goals for you and your family to spend quality time together. Try watching TV together for one hour a week. Set aside 10 minutes a day to discuss current events. One of my favorite things to do is go for a ride with the entire family, in the car, with no destination in mind. Turn on your favorite songs and enjoy a half an hour exploring your neighborhood. And don't forget walking. That serves the same purpose.

Do you need more family bonding time inspiration? Visit <http://www.statenislandzoo.org/>, [www.statenislandmuseum.org](http://www.statenislandmuseum.org), or [www.regmovies.com](http://www.regmovies.com) to find out what family friendly events and entertainment they offer.

## **MONEY**

There are ways to increase your income, but one fun and quick way to make money, as a family, is to clean out your closets. Don't throw away what you don't want: Re-sell it. Remember, one person's old fashioned trend is another's new look. Hold a garage sale, or visit a local consignment shop, if you don't want to do the work.

Want a steadier increase in income? Try cutting back on the amount of money you spend. Shop less; clip more coupons to use at the grocery store. Buy a cheaper bottle of wine, and don't stock soda. You don't have to curb all your favorite things; just be smarter about how you buy them. These small steps can help you grow what's in your wallet.

## 'Recyclemania' campaign urges students: Don't trash it, stash it

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By Mark D. Stein

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - WILLOWBROOK - The [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](#) and more than 600 other learning institutions across the nation may be battling each other for top recycling honors, but the true winner is everyone.

"Recyclemania," a 10-week competition, began at [CSI](#) in mid-January; its aim is to encourage students, faculty and staff to join the nationwide campaign to improve resource conservation by expanding recycling volume throughout the campus.

" 'Recyclemania' is a friendly competition among college campuses to reduce greenhouse gases through increased recycling," said James Pepe, assistant vice president of the Facilities Management department. "In a spirit of friendly competition, [CSI](#) can contribute toward huge environmental gains."

The program will track materials such as paper, cardboard, bottles and cans. A formula, based on the number of full-time equivalent students, staff, and faculty, is used to calculate pounds collected per person of recycling occurring on campus, the school said, via [csitoday.com](#).

[CSI's](#) goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of recyclables per week, for a grand total of 10,000 pounds over the course of 10 weeks.

Pepe indicated that recycling efforts are being supported by the New York City Department of Sanitation, which is recycling plastic and glass bottles, tin cans, and aluminum, and by Flag Trucking, which is accepting paper, cardboard, magazines, catalogues, and mail in green 30-yard containers placed throughout the campus.



The [College of Staten Island](#) is currently participating in a recycling program called "Recyclemania." The event is a 10-week competition to see which school, out of more than 600 nationwide, can recycle the best. (Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein)

Collection bins – each with separate slots for waste, aluminum, glass and plastic bottles, and mixed paper/newspaper – have been strategically located in lobbies, café areas, and other high-trafficked spaces in virtually every campus building. Another 46 bins are located outdoors.

"Tossing an empty can of Coke or yesterday's Staten Island Advance in the proper bin assures that the item will enter a recycling stream, and not simply be buried in a landfill," wrote Pepe, on the school's Web site.

Recycling at **CSI** has grown exponentially in recent years. **CSI** collected 48.25 tons in 2008 and 60.20 tons in 2010. The number of schools competing in "Recyclemania," which began with just two in 2001, was at more than 600 in 2010, the assistant vice president noted.

"There are recycle bins throughout the campus, and everyone's help in using them would be greatly appreciated," Pepe said. "This is our first year in the contest. It would be quite an accomplishment if we were to win or place among the top campuses. If our past performances are any indication, we should do well; however, we will need everyone's participation to succeed. The equipment is in place; the vendors are ready to respond and our staff is trained."



## College of Staten Island gives the students a chance to have impact on community

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By Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A new fundraising initiative, The Hillel Kavod Circle of Honor, was launched at a cocktail reception and book talk at the residence of CSI President Dr. Tomás Morales and his wife, Evy.

The Staten Island Foundation has challenged Hillel with a matching grant of \$10,000. All of the funds raised at the event have been applied to help match that grant.

David Mallach, managing director of the UJA-Federation of New York's Commission on the Jewish People, gave introductory remarks at the event on Feb. 9.

The 2011 Jewish Book of the Year author Gal Beckerman discussed his tome, "When They Come For Us, We'll Be Gone: The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry."



On hand for the kickoff of the Hillel Kavod Circle of Honor are Tomas Morales, president of CSI, author Gal Beckerman; Amy Posner, executive director of Hillel at CSI; Emma Dukhovny, event chairwoman; David Mallach, managing director of the UJA Federation of New York's Commission on the Jewish People, and Steve Acker, president of the CSI Hillel Board.

"Hillel at CSI's Kavod Circle is ensuring that the next generation of Staten Island's young leadership is ready to carry on the work of the community," said Amy Posner, executive director of the campus chapter.

"Hillel at CSI sets the standard in opportunities for our students to make a difference through service, leadership, spiritual growth and strong community."

Students spend many hours doing community service, including tutoring homeless children, collecting for a food pantry and a women's domestic-violence shelter, and raising money to sponsor seeing-eye dogs for the blind in Israel.

The event was chaired by Emma Dukhovny. For information about Hillel or to donate, call Ms. Posner at amy.posner@csi.cuny.edu or call 718-982-3006.

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## Friends of CSI will gather to hear author

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A Pulitzer Prize-winning author will be the special guest at The Friends of the **College of Staten Island** literary brunch Sunday, March 13 at noon in the **CSI** Library, Building 1L, second floor. Tickets are \$65. RSVP by March 8. Call 718-982-2365.

The event will be dedicated to the life and work of Mary F. Regan, educator, longtime member and past president of the Friends of **CSI**, who died in January.

Featured guest speaker John T. Matteson is the author of "Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father." The book won the 2008 Pulitzer Prize. Professor Matteson teaches literature and legal writing at John Jay College of the City University of New York.

Chief Librarian Wilma P. Jones will chair the event.

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## Google Cameras Go to College

Online mapping tool arrives on campuses

By **CHRIS GLORIOSO**



The world's biggest search engine is bringing its cameras to a college campus near you.

For years, [Google](#)'s online mapping tool has been offering users street-level photography taken from public roads. Now the internet Goliath is cutting deals with private property owners.

Among the institutions now welcoming Google cameras are universities, a private nature preserve, wineries, and even Sea World.

"It's about getting their property live and online and getting their own website more traffic," said Google spokesperson [Deanna Yick](#).

Fordham University and the [College of Staten Island](#) are the first two New York City schools to allow Google's cameras on campus.

Google says the street view tool will allow users to take virtual tours of colleges and other private destinations without leaving the comfort of their homes.

Users won't necessarily see everything behind the campus gate though. The search engine says private property owners will be allowed to censor parts buildings or land that they don't want internet surfers to see.

"So, for example, if the university has a certain area that is under construction, we work with them in order not to capture imagery of that area," Yick said.

Google says some owners have refused to allow the street view cameras on their properties.

Among the private institutions who have agreed: Cornell University, Ithaca College, Rancho San Antonio Open Space Preserve, University of San Diego, Sea World Orlando, [Dublin](#) Botanical Gardens in [Ireland](#), and [Tunghai University](#) in Taiwan.

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## Staten Island family discovers the wait for a liver transplant depends on where you live

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**Ap** By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Doctors dropped another bomb soon after telling Matthew Rosiello of Prince's Bay it was time for a liver transplant: The 21-year-old isn't likely to get one any time soon in his home state of New York. Consider traveling to Ohio, they advised, where the wait's a lot shorter.

Where you live plays a big role in how sick you are, and how long you wait, before getting a scarce liver transplant — if you survive long enough. Now the network that runs the U.S. organ transplant system is exploring steps to ease some of the disparities. Critics who want more nationwide sharing of donated livers fear any changes won't help enough.



Associated Press

Matthew Rosiello, 21, of Prince's Bay, is aided by his mother Randy as she checks his surgically placed catheter at their home.

"I'll go anywhere for my son. This is his life," says Matthew's mother, Randy Rosiello, who has begun researching waiting lists from Ohio to North Carolina as the family debates its next step.

But she doesn't think her son should have to leave his doctors at New York's Mount Sinai Medical Center, or undergo the stress of travel. Plus, she worries, "if I have to go, I'm putting my family into financial ruin."

The nation has a severe shortage of donated livers. More than 16,000 people are awaiting a liver transplant, and just 6,300 a year get one. More than 1,400 others die waiting each year.

To avoid this, the Rosiello family is also exploring a living liver donation. Mrs. Rosiello, her husband Ken and son, Jason, 26, are in the process of getting tested to see if they could be donors. But this, too, comes with its potential risks and scares the family who already has one member suffering from liver problems.

Those who have heard about Matthew's plight, including old friends from PS 36 in Annadale, Paulo Intermediate School in Huguenot and Tottenville High School — some who he hasn't spoken to in years — are also reaching out to the aspiring DJ to become possible donors and support.

When it comes to deceased donors, however, the sickest patients have been ranked atop waiting lists to receive a liver since 2002. They're given a so-called MELD score, based on laboratory tests, that predicts their risk of death. Rising scores move them up on the waiting list. The change by all accounts has greatly improved the system, which once was based instead on time spent waiting.

Here's the lingering trouble: Patients with liver failure and would-be donors are not distributed evenly around the country. And the nation is divided into 11 transplant regions that have wide variations in patients and available organs, between regions and within them.

A donated liver is offered first to the sickest patients in the local transplant center, and if there's no good match, then to the sickest patients throughout that transplant region. If there's still no good match, the liver can go to someone who's not as sick — rather than to someone sicker in the next transplant region.

Patients can shop around for shorter lines, even get on more than one list, if they have the means to get to a far-away hospital within hours of a liver becoming available. For instance, Apple CEO Steve Jobs' 2009 liver transplant was in Tennessee, where the wait was much shorter than back home in California.

But Mount Sinai liver transplant chief Dr. Sander Florman says that system isn't fair to those who can't afford to maximize their chances.

"If a patient can get on an airplane and go to Florida, why can't the liver get on an airplane and come to New York?" he asks.

For patients like Matthew Rosiello, the news that New Yorkers wait longer for a liver complicates already agonizing treatment choices.

When he was a baby, Rosiello had complex liver surgery for a rare birth defect, biliary atresia, and more surgery a few years ago that postponed a transplant. But now repeated liver infections and other complications have put him in the hospital three times in about a month, require IV care and forced him to stop attending classes at the College of Staten Island, where he was working toward a bachelor's degree in communications. Rosiello also recently took disability leave from his cashier job at Pathmark in Rossville.

Still, his MELD score is low, something doctors warn could change rapidly — but that also means he should consider a place with a shorter wait.

"He's frightened to death," says Randy Rosiello as the family peruses an Internet database — the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients — that compares wait times and success rates.

How big are the differences? The United Network for Organ Sharing says that in three regions stretching from Ohio down through Tennessee and on to Florida, adults receiving new livers in the past year had median MELD scores of 23 to 24. But in the New York and western Vermont region, liver recipients were far sicker, with a median score of 32. Only the region that includes California fared worse, with 37.

Within regions, rates of people who die on the waiting list or become too sick to transplant range from fewer than 10 percent to more than 25 percent each year.

So UNOS' liver committee is seeking feedback from transplant centers about options to improve, in hopes of proposing changes later this year.

Topping the list: If a liver isn't a good match to the sickest patients within one region — as measured by a MELD of 15 or more — offer it nationwide before giving it to a less sick local patient.

But small steps won't help the toughest regions, contends Mount Sinai's Florman.

New York transplant centers suggest splitting the country into four or five "super regions" where the sickest patients in the entire zone would get first dibs. No, livers don't last outside the body as long as kidneys that often are shipped long distances. But Florman says his hospital successfully flies in livers from Florida that hospitals there turn down as less-than-optimal — because, say, the donor was elderly — meaning better organs should have no problem.

And often less-than-optimal organs go to waste, because of restrictions on when hospitals can take a chance with them, adds Dr. Thomas Fishbein of Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., another hard-hit area.

Bigger moves would encounter more resistance, cautions Dr. Kenneth Washburn of the University of Texas Health Science Center, who chairs UNOS' liver committee and views modest change as an important first step. A proposal for regional sharing that skipped the local transplant center prompted "a lightning rod" of objections from hospitals that stood to lose organs, he says.

Indeed, centers with shorter waits say they do a good job of encouraging organ donations and other regions should try to improve.

"If you equate it to hunger, people try to figure out how to come up with more food, not which kid gets the sandwich," says Dr. Joseph Tector, transplant chief at Indiana University Health.

While short-term relief is needed, more organ donation is the long-term answer, agrees Georgetown's Fishbein: "It's only because we're so short of livers that we fight over the livers that are there."

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## Internacional

# Otorga IME fondos para becas a estudiantes mexicanos en Nueva York

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**Con estos fondos se otorgarán becas a ocho estudiantes de origen mexicano que llevan a cabo estudios superiores en el centro educativo College of Staten Island en NY**

Nueva York.- El consulado de México en Nueva York anunció hoy que el programa de becas del Instituto de Mexicanos en el Exterior (IME) otorgó 20 mil dólares para apoyar la educación de la comunidad inmigrante de bajos recursos que reside en esta ciudad.

Con estos fondos se otorgarán becas a ocho estudiantes de origen mexicano que llevan a cabo estudios superiores en el centro educativo College of Staten Island (CSI), instituto de la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York (CUNY).

Los beneficiarios son jóvenes de entre 19 y 27 años, tanto nacidos en México como estadounidenses de padres mexicanos, que ya realizan sus estudios superiores en áreas como Historia, Enfermería, Administración de Empresas y Relaciones Internacionales.

Para Araceli Neri Marón, quien llegó de México a Estados Unidos hace 20 años cuando tenía siete años, es una gran motivación que la hayan otorgado esta beca, que asciende a dos mil 500 dólares por estudiante y que cubre un semestre de sus carreras.

“Quiero capacitarme para poder ayudar a la gente que no habla inglés. Además cambiar el estereotipo que tenemos los mexicanos de que tenemos trabajos mal remunerados”, señaló Araceli, quien estudia Enfermería.

Los ocho estudiantes fueron seleccionados entre 20 jóvenes que se postularon para obtener la beca.

“Es fundamental que nuestra juventud tenga las mismas oportunidades de estudio”, explicó Ismael Naveja, cónsul general encargado.

Irvin Ibarguen, otro de los beneficiados, nació hace 20 años en Nueva York poco después de que sus padres, originarios de Puebla, llegaron a tierra estadounidense en busca de un mejor futuro.

Ibarguen usará su beca para pagar el inicio de su cuarto año de estudios de Historia, dinero con el que aliviará la carga de sus padres, quienes trabajan en una fábrica de la ciudad.

“Este dinero baja un poco la carga que mis padres tienen para darnos estudios; por ello mi padre tiene tres trabajos”, añadió Irvin, uno de tres hermanos.

Entre los 250 mil estudiantes que en la actualidad tiene el sistema de la CUNY, sus directivos calculan que entre cinco y seis mil son de origen mexicano, aunque podrían ser más ya que es voluntario que señalen su origen.

Por su parte el vicedecano de la CUNY, Jay Hershenson, indicó que esta alianza envía una clara señal a la comunidad mexicana sobre la importancia de la educación.

“Especialmente durante este periodo económico es crítico que las personas reciban educación.

Los estudiantes son el futuro de la ciudad, la nación y el mundo”, acotó Hershenson, y resaltó que la CUNY ha

experimentado un incremento de 215 por ciento en la matrícula de estudiantes mexicanos en la última década.

“El objetivo es promover la educación entre los jóvenes mexicano-americanos y disminuir el índice de alumnos que abandonan sus estudios desde la secundaria”, explicó Jesús Pérez, asesor del IME y quien dirige el Centro Consejería Académica de Brooklyn College.

Según Luz Valdéz, quien estudia Administración de Empresas, es una gran oportunidad para poder seguir estudiado.

“Fue difícil conseguir la beca pero lo logré”, dijo la estudiante, quien reside en Staten Island, condado que ha visto un mercado aumento de población mexicana.

El gobierno mexicano ha suscrito varios convenios educativos con la CUNY, como el recientemente concretado que ofrece clases de inglés a mexicanos que laboran en las industrias de restaurantes y construcción.

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## Legacy of Willowbrook State School takes center stage at Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council event

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By **Judy L. Randall**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The legacy of Willowbrook took center stage yesterday at a legislative breakfast for the developmentally disabled, as advocates implored state officials to "keep the promise" Albany made when it shuttered the reviled facility in 1987 after generations of people were warehoused there.

They told lawmakers that, despite the expectation of severe budget cuts that will be handed down by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the pain should not be borne by those least able to fend for themselves. They also recalled that his father, former Gov. Mario Cuomo, committed the state to caring for physically and mentally disabled New Yorkers in the wake of the atrocities committed at Willowbrook State School.

"What do we eliminate?" asked Christine Cea, chair of the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council, who headlined the event in the Vanderbilt, South Beach, before an audience of 400. "Early intervention? Special education? Residential living? Health care? Employment?"

Mrs. Cea and others highlighted the group's support for maintaining the state Office of People with Developmental Disabilities as a separate and intact agency, rather than merging it with another entity to save money.



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Attending the annual legislative breakfast hosted by the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council are, from left, Barbara Devaney, the organization's first vice chair; Arthur Palevsky, executive director of the Staten Island Center for Independent Living, and Gail and Ed Checkett, parents of a developmentally delayed daughter.

They also voiced opposition to any delay in opening more community-based residences, cuts in early intervention programs and cuts in Medicaid funding for the disabled.

"Society is judged by how it treats its most vulnerable," said Mrs. Cea, a member of the state Education Department Board of Regents and the mother of a disabled daughter.

Other speakers said a 10 percent across-the-board agency cut will trigger a matched loss of federal dollars, which they predicted will never be recovered.

Speaker Ed Checkett of West Brighton, the father of a developmentally delayed daughter, now 33, spoke with pride about how she is thriving in a residential setting, noting she works, appears in dramatic productions and takes a class at the College of Staten Island.

But he said families are "terrified" that budget cuts could decimate such programs.

Another speaker, Rita Bueti of Rossville, lamented that she has been unable to secure a residential placement for her 25-year-old disabled daughter and described her personal hardships in caring for her.

Audience member Jennifer Lerner of New Springville, the mother of two developmentally delayed boys, told the Advance that "early intervention programs are a miracle." She said the progress made by her sons, ages 7 and 4, with the help of various therapists and counselors, is a "testament" to the importance of such offerings.

Assemblyman Michael Cusick, a member of the Assembly Mental Health Committee and chair of the Assembly Task Force on Disabilities, was among the elected officials present.

"In these tough fiscal times, the issue is to make choices that won't devastate these programs," said Cusick (D-Mid-Island). "The cuts we make have faces to them."

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*Downtown Express photo by Aline Reynolds*

Paul Hovitz asks a question at last week's meeting with U.F.T. President Michael Mulgrew about the emphasis placed on standardized tests in NYC public schools.

## Downtown is epicenter of crisis, says union prez

BY Aline Reynolds

United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew is just as fed up with the city's Department of Education as are some Downtown education activists. School overcrowding, standardized testing and student-teacher evaluations were among the union president's main talking points at a special forum Community Board 1 held last Wednesday evening at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. The D.O.E., Mulgrew said, has created and perpetuated many of the problems that are plaguing public schools Downtown and around the city.

"We cannot allow this really unscrupulous, disgusting behavior to stop us [from being] a part of the work that might help us help children in the long run," Mulgrew told the local parents and activists at the forum.

Mulgrew took the helm as union president in August 2009. He previously taught English for several years at a public high school in Brooklyn and has a master's degree in special education from the College of Staten Island of the City University of New York.

C.B. 1 Chair Julie Menin reiterated her criticism of the D.O.E. for failing to plan ahead to avoid overcrowding in Downtown K-12 schools.

"We've organized this town hall because of the number of important issues that have arisen in our district recently," Menin said, citing the rise in population and other factors that have contributed to overcrowding in the area.

Schools are bursting at the seams all around the city, according to Mulgrew, who said he hears "nothing but frustration and anger" from the public school teachers he represents.

"Congratulations. You're the epicenter of overcrowding," Mulgrew told the audience.

The problem, Mulgrew explained, lies in the fact that the city lacks a systematic urban planning process. It doesn't require developers, for example, to outline the potential impacts their projects could have on local neighborhoods, such as a population boom.

The board passed a resolution last March urging the city's charter revision commission to enforce standards for developers seeking to build in a community, such as the effect a proposed development would have on schools and other local infrastructure.

Instead, Menin said, new developments in the area are routinely approved without attention to school capacity. The city, she said, has "an attendant duty to provide the [estimated] number of school seats" when approving Downtown construction projects.

Mulgrew said he would be pushing City Council to pass legislation that would modify the planning process as it pertains to new developments.

"We're always looking for better ideas, to [figure out] how to move education forward," he said. "We can no longer go to the D.O.E. for that. That's really sad."

Mulgrew accused the D.O.E. for misleading the Downtown community by making false promises about new classroom space that was supposed to be reserved for neighborhood children.

Downtown parents were dismayed by the D.O.E.'s recent decision to designate two unused classroom floors at 26 Broadway to an unscreened, nonselective Upper East Side high school rather than open up a second Millennium high school there. The department also granted six vacant classrooms at the Tweed Courthouse to a charter school rather than to a district elementary school the community said it badly needs.

Menin pointed out that, even with the new schools Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's overcrowding task force helped found, the area faces severe seat shortages in the coming years. The Tweed Courthouse and 26 Broadway, she said, are spaces Lower Manhattan cannot afford to lose.

"It broke my heart that we lost the space at 26 Broadway," said Erica Weldon, a Millennium High School parent.

Menin told her and the other distraught parents to rest assured that the community board would not remain "silent" on the D.O.E.'s recent decisions.

Mulgrew said the D.O.E. should focus on finding district seats for all public school students before worrying about screened versus unscreened schools. The U.F.T. president took a more neutral stance on charter schools. While the fundamental concept is sound, he said, many of them are not working, and some are wrongly casting aside special needs students who underperform on standardized tests.

"You can't just open charter schools and not give them support and help in instruction," said Mulgrew.

Growing class sizes have become widespread across the city, Mulgrew reported, and the U.F.T. has taken legal action to try to mitigate the problem. It sued the D.O.E. early last year for failing to allocate more than \$760 million the department purportedly secured from the state since 2007 to reduce class sizes and the case is currently pending in state supreme court.

"The class size at every grade in every level has increased dramatically since the money was sent here," Mulgrew said. "It's inexcusable."

Mulgrew also noted that larger classes are making it more difficult for public school teachers to do their jobs effectively. The D.O.E. did away with its teaching and learning division, thereby no longer offering teachers the structure and support they need.

"Teaching and learning in the classroom is the fundamental main piece we should all be concentrating on," said Mulgrew. "It saddens me – it makes me feel the administration is getting to the point where it's pathetic."

C.B. 1 Youth and Education Committee Chair Paul Hovitz remarked that teachers spend “inordinate” amounts of time on test preparation. “How can we recreate a well-balanced education for our children?” he asked Mulgrew.

The solution in part, Mulgrew said, is to modify the city’s student progress report system, which now hinges on English and Math test score results. Harvard University recently audited the state’s system, he said, and concluded that the progress reports are useless.

Mulgrew worked successfully with NYS Education Department Commissioner David Steiner to craft the state’s application for the federal Race to the Top program with the aim to use the funds to focus on a more well-rounded curriculum rather than merely teach to standardized tests.

Mulgrew said “real learning” doesn’t happen when teachers simply try and drill students to memorize facts for a test

## Dr. Jennifer Falcone: Snow shoveling 101

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By Marjorie Hack



DO: Dr. Jennifer Falcone, a chiropractor with a practice in New Dorp, demonstrates the proper way to shovel snow. (Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel)

### THE HEALERS

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - ALL SHORES -

Chiropractor Dr. Jennifer Falcone returned to her native Staten Island to open a solo practice in New Dorp last month – just in the nick of time. She came back bearing tips for the proper way to shovel snow.

Most people do it wrong, she said, primarily because they approach the task with a "weekend warrior" mentality – fast and furious. The other problem, she noted, is that "everybody has to do it, whether they're in good shape or not." Those who are less than fit are at greatest risk.

Although it may sound counter-intuitive, Dr. Falcone urges shovelers not to bend over. "It's important to squat down using our strong leg muscles while keeping our back as vertical/straight as possible," she said. "You should feel your glutes (backside muscles) and thighs contracting" as you lift.

Dr. Falcone said it matters little whether you're squatting to pick up a pencil that weighs next to nothing or a pile of snow that tops 50 pounds. When you bend from

the waist, you are using the heaviest part of your body – everything from the waist up – and it bears down on your spine. It's a recipe for disaster, she claims.

## WELL-SCHOOLED

Dr. Falcone said she's thrilled to be back serving her community. She grew up in Dongan Hills and graduated from New Dorp High School, before earning a bachelor of science degree in biochemistry at the **College of Staten Island**.

She said that at **CSI**, "You have to earn your grade. Nobody's giving you a hand out. You have to study and do your stuff."

She went on to the New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, N.Y., where she picked up a second bachelor's degree in professional studies as well as her doctorate in chiropractic. She graduated summa cum laude in 2005, among a class of 110 students.

She worked for five years in a practice in the Borough Park section of Brooklyn, eventually being named head doctor, before deciding to lose the stress and come back home. She's set up shop on Richmond Road in a suite where she painted the walls herself. Her grandmother lives above her in a house in Dongan Hills. And her 4-year-old son, Salvatore, along with three of her brothers who still live on Staten Island, support and keep her company.

At just 30 years old, she managed to get Mayor Michael Bloomberg's office to issue a proclamation declaring this March National Nutrition Month. She said the proclamation is a "big deal" and important to her because chiropractic medicine is rooted in natural cures that address seemingly intractable problems, if possible, without the use of medications. Part of living without pain, she said, is living a healthful life, which means, in part, eating correctly. She will be making a presentation to that effect to the students at St. John's Lutheran School in March as part of her mission to spread the word.

## A HEALER, BY NATURE

Dr. Falcone said she knew early on that she wanted to be a doctor. "I used to cut up my Scooby Doo doll, then stitch it together," she said.

But she was also drawn to a holistic approach to life. As a teen, she said, she and a friend would go to the grocery store, shop, then return holding the bags in their hands on the walk home while doing bicep curls. She started keeping an eye out for natural food products and juices.

And when her friend called her from Georgia during a visit there, saying he'd found the perfect profession to pursue, Dr. Falcone knew she had found her calling.



DON'T: Here, Dr. Falcone shows the improper way to shovel. (Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel)

"I think everybody's health consciousness is shifting to being more proactive than reactive," she said. That's a good thing, she added, because "it starts now."

She says she loves to help people and that she's thrilled to be back on home turf, in a borough where her mother worked as a nurse in the rehabilitation unit of Staten Island University Hospital and her father once ran Silver Mount Cemetery.

"I always knew my place was back home," she said.

Dr. Falcone's office is at 2375 Richymond Rd., New Dorp. Her office telephone number is 718-987-2273.

### **Words to live by**

According to Dr. Jennifer Falcone, there are 5 Facts of Health.

- \* Exercise.
- \* Practice good nutrition.
- \* Get enough sleep.
- \* Maintain a positive mental attitude.
- \* Make sure your body has a proper nerve supply. (This requires a scan, she said.)

### **Scoop it up properly**

It's hard for Staten Islanders to put on the brakes, but when it comes to shoveling mountains of snow, said Dr. Jennifer Falcone, it's a must.

"Take your time. Don't try to bang it out. And if you can, go out a few times. Don't wait and do it all at once," she said.

Also, don't go out and start swinging a shovel cold. Warm-up with some stretching exercises indoors before heading out, she said.

Finally, if at the end of a clean-out, your back or legs start feeling sore, make an ice pack and ice the affected area for 10 minutes. Depending on the severity of the ache, remove ice for 20 minutes, then reapply. Continue as necessary.

And just so you understand why it's important not to bend at the waist when shoveling, here are a few facts from Dr. Falcone:

- \* When we bend over, approximately two-thirds of our body weight is being lifted in addition to what we're lifting. Hence, a 180-pound person has to lift 120-pounds of body weight every time he or she bends over.

\* A 5-pound weight equals 50-pounds to our backs when it is held out in front us. Consider that when you're hefting 10 to 20 pounds of snow on the end of a shovel.

\* If a person can bench-press 300 pounds, he can usually leg-press 500 pounds, almost twice as much weight. Yet, most of us use our arms, not our legs, when shoveling.

Here's what most of us do wrong:

\* We bend over using poor technique; we lift the shovel with the arms and back (not the legs), and we rapidly extend and twist the back when we toss the snow. That's three things, done even once, that can easily cause injury.

\* Repeat this action many, many times, and is it any wonder that many of us can barely move after an hour of shoveling snow?

Instead, said Dr. Falcone, here's what to do:

\* Try sticking out your fanny (to keep an inward curve in your back), lift the shovel and its load of snow straight up with your legs, maintaining that arched back/butt out position.

\* Keep your arms and elbows straight and walk the shovel load over to the dumping location. Do not try and throw the load a distance by twisting your body.

\* Take multiple breaks and switch sides so you don't "beat up" the same muscle groups repeatedly."



## Security guard at Wagner College receives his degree alongside his daughter

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - GRYMES HILL - In the dead of night, behind the front desk of Parker Towers Residence Hall on the campus of Wagner College, sits a weathered-yet-robust-looking man with silvery white hair and an austere air.

Sometimes, he is surrounded by little tools and pieces of raw leather, twine, thread, wood, or a supply of different-sized beads. Wearing reading glasses, he concentrates on his most recent handmade creations – among them moccasins, bracelets, necklaces, even faux Olivanders wands from the wizarding world of Harry Potter.

At other times, Richie Williams of Eltingville, senior desk attendant for the hall, used the computer, working on a paper for class the next morning.

When he intuits someone walking down the Towers Bridge, and then hears the familiar beep of an ID card being swiped, he glances at the face of the incoming. If he finds it friendly and familiar, he reaches underneath the desk and flips the switch to unlock the doors to the upperclassmen residence hall.

"My job is to keep out strangers. I can spot someone who doesn't belong here in a heartbeat," said Williams.

**NIGHT OWL**



Richie Williams, of Eltingville, graduated from Wagner College last spring with his daughter, Jennifer. (Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel)

Williams has been working the midnight to 7 a.m. shift at Wagner College since October of 2001, though this is by no means his first late-night gig. He always got stuck working nights, from the age of 16, whether it was loading trucks at Pathmark, working at a factory, or for the police force.

Adopted and "supposedly" born in the Bronx ("I've learned not to trust adoption records – people lie"), the 53 year-old grew up in Oakwood and got married at the young of age 20. He earned an associate's degree in civil engineering at the College of Staten Island, but did not pursue a career in that field.

"I never seemed to do anything the smart way. If I was more on the ball I would have worked harder in high school, made a bigger thing out of college the first time around," reflected Williams.

He went on to work in a factory in New Jersey that made sheet rock. After three years of physical labor, Williams took government tests to try and get a city job. He landed one as a bus sweeper. Unsatisfied and slightly embarrassed, Williams felt fortunate when he got a call from the New York City Housing Authority Police Department.

"It's the same thing as the NYPD (New York Police Department) but you work for the Housing Authority, and even though the working conditions were a lot more dangerous, the pay and vacation time was the same as the NYPD at the time," said Williams. "It was essentially the same as being a city cop today, except instead of riding around writing tickets, I walked around dangerous housing projects and locked people up – drug dealers, prostitutes . . ."

## **LONER KEPT WATCH**

Williams worked in every one of the city's housing developments on Staten Island at one point or another during his 20 years in uniform. Eventually, he was promoted to sergeant. He usually worked alone and loved to work outside, in the streets.

"It was like playing cops and robbers to me," laughed Williams. "I didn't like being inside and I still don't." .

It was as a housing police officer that Williams learned to nip things in the bud – a skill he would keep with him; it was one of the first things he learned as a cop.

"Once you work in the same place every day you can't just drive away from s – t, you have to deal with it, because if you don't, the next day it's worse," said Williams. "If you let people see that you're not going to do something, the next time it's going to be worse. So you take care of it immediately, and you let them know how it's going to be. You have to be consistent and pay attention to everything, take care of things as they occur so people learn not to mess with you and your job becomes progressively easier."

After two decades with the police department at 44 years-old, Williams considered himself "too old to do it anymore."

On a relatively standard family dispute call one night, Williams knocked on the door in question and was answered by a man who immediately replied, "Oh no, everything is fine, officer." While other officers might have walked away, Williams instead called the dispatcher on the radio to ask whether the call was made by a male or a female. In this particular case, it was a female who had made the call. Williams then went back to the door, knocked, and said, "Listen, you're going to let me in."

"No, I'm not."

Williams reiterated: "I need to talk to whoever is in there," and the man replied, "I'm the only one here."

Williams then said: "You got two choices: Either you're opening the door or I'm opening the door."

The door remained closed.

Williams kicked the door in, and said they started going at it; Williams had the fellow on the ground and they were rolling around when Williams looked up to see six pairs of shiny black police-issued shoes standing by the door – his rookie backups.

"You mind jumping in?" Williams had to ask, and it was at that point he decided it was time to retire; he felt that the newer officers were not of one mind, didn't want to get their hands dirty, as Williams did. Soon, he filed for retirement.

## **POST 9/11**

Williams' last day in the department was Aug. 31, 2001, and after applying for several jobs and not hearing back, the plane crashes of September 11 occurred. Suddenly, the job offers started rolling in, specifically in the field of security. His wife insisted that he not work in the city after the World Trade Center terrorist attacks.

In the next few days, Wagner College called him back for an opportunity to work the front desk in one of the residence halls. The job would pay \$10.15 an hour, an offer that nearly prompted Williams to walk out of the interview, but he paused when he learned that he and his family would be eligible to receive free tuition as well.

It was an offer he couldn't refuse, and Williams spent his seven hours at the desk, five nights a week, wisely.

He wrote two books in his first few years, a memoir called "Twenty Years in the Bag," about his life as a cop, and a novel entitled "The Toucher," a dark psychological thriller, also reminiscent of his experiences as a cop.

He taught himself how to craft in the fashion of his Native American roots, making gifts for his family and friends.

When he started working the overnight shift, Williams said, Parker Towers Residence Hall was anarchy.

"You had kids here who had never had anyone tell them what to do for four years, from freshman to senior year, and nobody had ever stopped them from coming in the building, and then I showed up," reflected Williams. "There had essentially been no rules."

With the help of the Residential Education staff at the time, who worked as late as 4 a.m. on the most chaotic nights, Williams radically transformed the culture of the residence hall within a few years, grandfathering in the new status quo.

## **AT LAST, A DEGREE**

Last spring, Williams graduated with a degree in history and a minor in education.

His daughter, Jennifer Williams, a former resident assistant (RA) at Parker Towers, graduated with him.

Jenn, the president of Wagner's History Club, won last year's top undergraduate award from the History Department, the Verrazano Memorial Prize, and headed to Peru for the summer for a position in anthropological research with Wagner professor Gordon McEwan.

"If this thing taught me anything," said her father, her fellow graduate, "I wish I'd been a better student when I was your age. I wish I had been able to live the life that you guys live. I wish I could have had that kind of fun . . . To me, when I was young, the thought of going to college was like, 'Four more years? What do I wanna do that for?' I didn't understand what it could be."

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## Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Awards: Dr. Jack D'Angelo

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Dr. Jack D'Angelo

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Dr. Jack D'Angelo has his parents to thank for the man -- and the doctor -- he is today.

"I was blessed with really good parents," Dr. D'Angelo, 53, said. "They raised me to believe I could do anything I wanted to do and I believed it."

So when a young Jack D'Angelo didn't get into an American medical school like he had planned, he considered doing something else for the first time in his life. Law school seemed like a good choice.

"I graduated at the top of my class; I could get into law school," he told himself.

But when he told his parents of his new plan, Jack D'Angelo Sr. turned to his son and said: "So, you are kind of giving up?"

"That was the first time my parents ever said something like that to me," he said, admitting that he was angry at first until he realized his father was right.

So rather than take the easy way out, the young man who could have been a really good lawyer went to medical school in the West Indies and turned out to be an excellent doctor at the Institute for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

"I could never be anything else but a doctor," Dr. D'Angelo said. "I was cut out to be a doctor and it's made clear to me every day."

For his skill, his professionalism, his concern for patients and his work toward bettering the medical community here, Dr. D'Angelo is the latest recipient in the Established Category for the Louis R. Miller Business Leadership Award.

Dr. D'Angelo is a founding partner of the Institute for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, based at 361 Edison St., New Dorp. Founded in 1994, the outpatient center is committed to providing a supportive place

for patients to heal. The center focuses on healing chronic pain, and musculoskeletal, neurological and functional rehabilitation issues.

In addition, in 2009, Dr. D'Angelo co-founded Real Medicine for Real People, a physical medicine and rehabilitation wellness center located at 2955 Veterans Rd. West, Suite 2D, Charleston. There are four doctors and 35 employees at the two sites.

Dr. D'Angelo prides himself on healing patients with an extensive focus on alleviating pain. The fancy name for what he does is non-intervention pain management specialist. His objective, he said, is to understand pain, specifically joint pain and musculoskeletal pain, and find non-surgical interventional approaches to it.

"Our goal is all about function. So someone says, 'Doc, I can't walk.' So we tailor their needs to how far they need to walk, what are the goals, etcetera. It's not so much about diagnosing, for example, what might be a bad back, but how we can get people to walk through a supermarket without pain, to get people to be more functional," he said.

Interestingly, Dr. D'Angelo began his career as a pediatrician. But once he saw the inroads that managed care had been making in the field, he said he saw the handwriting on the wall, prompting him to go into pain management.

He believes his services stand out because he has a great relationship with his patients in a welcoming and comfortable environment -- one that prompts 15,000 patient visits per year.

"I treat every patient that walks in the way I would treat my mother," he said.

As much as he loves being a doctor and caring for his patients, Dr. D'Angelo said that practicing in the age of managed care has left him somewhat "disillusioned." Insurance companies' involvement in medicine now, he said, often prohibits doctors, through regulations and high costs, from giving patients the best treatment possible.

Practicing since 1986, he said doctors now need to run their offices like they are businesses if they want to continue to exist.

"We are a vital part of the local business ... and at some point, to keep doing what we are doing, we have to be more straightforward about it because we are an economic business that is too big to fail."

Most recently, he got an MBA, which he said will allow him a greater voice at the table when it comes to future changes in health care.

A former Todt Hill resident, Dr. D'Angelo now lives in New Brunswick, N.J.

Dr. Jack D'Angelo Louis Miller Business Award Established Category

### **Life philosophy**

"I take life with a smile and see the world as half full. I never really see it as half empty."

### **Goals**

"My chief goal is just to continue to be able to do my job in a way that makes my patients happy."

### **Community activities**

Member, American Medical Association; member, New York State Medical Society; member, Richmond County Medical Society; former Executive Board Member, Community Health Center of Richmond; former president/Executive Board Member of Staten Island Heart; former president, Richmond County Medical Society; fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics; member, American Academy of Physical Medicine; Board Certified by the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### **Education**

Graduate, bachelor's degree in religion and bachelor's degree in biology, Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.; Doctor of Medicine, St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies; internship and residency in Pediatrics, Georgetown University Hospital; residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, George Washington University Hospital, Washington, D.C. -- completed at National Rehabilitation Hospital, Washington, D.C.; fellowship in Pediatric Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Children's Hospital, National Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; graduate, New York Medical College Program in Acupuncture; MBA in healthcare, George Washington University; graduate, College of Staten Island Leadership Program; former adjunct assistant professor of Clinical Community and Preventive Medicine at New York Medical College. Has attending privileges currently at Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island University Hospital, and the Silver Lake Specialized Care Center.

### **Other affiliations**

Currently licensed to practice medicine in New York and New Jersey. In addition, he is a practicing psychiatrist, a medical specialty that focuses on the functional issues that patients deal with. Co-starred and produced CTV medical show "Real Medicine for Real People." Writes health-related columns for the Advance.

### **Family**

Mother, Yolanda D'Angelo; one brother, Angelo D'Angelo; two sisters, Sandy Traina and Alicia Durante.