

# CSI in the News

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# ***Arts***



## SI 350 continues yearlong birthday bash with weekend art workshop

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By **Stephanie Slepian**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- SI350 continues the borough's yearlong birthday bash with a month celebrating achievements and milestones in transportation.

The next event is Saturday at 1:30 p.m. when the Noble Maritime Museum at Snug Harbor Cultural Center and Botanical Garden in Livingston holds a Family Maritime Art Workshop. Children under 10 will be admitted free. The cost for adults is \$5.



SI350 begins a yearlong celebration this week.

On Wednesday, the Staten Island Museum in St. George will host "Meet the Exhibit Designers: New Staten Island Ferry Display" at 7 p.m.

A photo exhibit, "Going Places: Transportation in Paintings and Photos," featuring the work of Robert Padovano and Mary L. Bullock -- and funded by Consolidated Edison -- opens on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the library rotunda at the College of Staten Island. It runs through Feb. 20.

Patricia Salmon, curator of the Staten Island Museum, will lead a talk on the exhibit "The Staten Island Ferry: The First 100 Years of Municipal Service" on Jan. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Artifacts, such as change machines, tickets, badges and models, are on display.

A ride on the boat will follow the lecture. Sites along the route, such as the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Governor's Island, will be discussed. The cost is \$10. Call 718-483-7123 for reservations.

The St. George branch of the New York Public Library will host "Turnaround: The Container Ships of Howland Hook" on Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.

The Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, located on the grounds of Snug Harbor, is hosting an ongoing exhibit, "Christine Oskinki: Wooden Ship Graveyard."

Over the next 12 months, SI350 -- which commemorates the August day in 1661 when Peter Stuyvesant authorized land grants to Dutch, French and Belgian settlers at Oude Dorp, today's South Beach -- will team with borough cultural groups to present exhibits, conferences, seminars, tours and contests around different themes.

Commemorative calendars, funded by Con Ed and featuring winning photos from a youth and adult digital photography contest, can be purchased for \$5 by emailing **info@si350.org**. The photo contest was administered by Johnny Chin of J. Chin Photography.

For more information on these events SI350, visit **www.si350.org**.

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Advance file photo

Staten Island is turning 350 years old.

## COASHI's 'Night of Staten Island Artists': Music, comedy, theater

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By **Ben Johnson**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Outside of the publication you're currently reading (*ahem*), the best cross-section of quality purveyors in the arts and humanities on Staten Island can be found this weekend at COASHI's Night of Staten Island Artists.

Featuring live goods from the Century Dance Complex Drumming Club, bluegrass artists Emily & Allen Cohen, indie rockers Ghost Bunny, Sundog Theater, comedian Chris DiStefano, and Cecilia Flores's dance troupe, the night is a sure bet for myriad performance and much-deserved recognition.

COASHI's Night of Staten Island Artist runs 7-10 p.m. Jan. 29 at [College of Staten Island's](#) Center For the Arts, 2800 Victory Blvd., Willowbrook. Tickets are \$15; call 718-982-2787; visit [CFAshows.com](#).



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Courtesy of the artist

Ghost Bunny was awarded a \$3,000 grant from the Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island to make an album of original music. The band gigs at COASHI's "Night of Staten Island Artists" at [CSI](#), Jan. 29.

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# ***Faculty & Staff***

## FIRST CFP: AMCIS 2011 MINI-TRACK ON COLLABORATION, KNOWLEDGE SHARING, AND DECISION MAKING IN VIRTUAL WORK GROUPS

**CALL FOR PAPERS** AMCIS Mini-track: Collaboration, [Knowledge Sharing](#), and [Decision Making](#) in Virtual Work Groups [Track: [Virtual Communities](#) and Collaborations] 17th Americas Conference on [Information Systems](#) (AMCIS) Detroit, Michigan August 4 - 7, 2011 Detroit Marriott Hotel DESCRIPTION With the globalization of business, virtual work groups have become indispensable for many business organizations. Although the virtual work groups offer enormous potential to share skills and knowledge of dispersed individuals, several challenges shape their performance. The cultural and functional diversities of the team members, the complexity of the tasks, the time zone differences, and the richness of the communicating media pose critical challenges to establish effective collaboration in these groups. In addition, the behavioral factors (e.g. [motivation](#) and distraction), and the perception of the work environment also shape interaction and outcome of the members of the virtual work groups. Finally, as collaboration technology enables the functioning of the virtual work groups, it is important to understand how the functionalities of the technology and their effective appropriation shape group performance. Although prior research in [information systems](#) (IS) has addressed some of these issues, a cohesive body of knowledge on the effective functioning of virtual work groups is yet to emerge. This mini-track will provide a platform to achieve this objective. We strongly encourage authors to submit original contributions where innovative ideas, implementations, and [empirical studies](#) are described. Possible topics for the mini-track include, but are not limited to: · Processes of collaboration in virtual work groups · Functionalities of technologies to support collaboration in virtual work groups · The effects of cultural, functional, [educational](#) specialization, and collaboration technology skill diversities on the performance of virtual work groups · Perceived group atmosphere (commitment, respect, and [trust](#)) and experienced social processes (communication and [cooperation](#)) in virtual work groups · Dynamics of conflicts in virtual work groups · Technologies and protocols to support [conflict resolution](#) in virtual work groups · Shared and distributed leadership in virtual work groups · [Decision making](#) in virtual work groups · [Knowledge sharing](#) and knowledge conversion in virtual work groups · Shared [mental models](#) in virtual work groups · Collective and transactive memories in virtual work groups MINI-TRACK CO-CHAIRS [Souren Paul](#), PhD Associate Professor Department of Business [College of Staten Island](#) The City University of New York 2800 Victory Boulevard Staten Island, NY 10314 E-mail: [souren\\_paul@yahoo.com](mailto:souren_paul@yahoo.com):

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Papers can be submitted using the online submission system at <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/amcis2011>.

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### KEY DATES

January 3, 2011:

AIS Review System begin accepting submissions for AMCIS 2011

February 17, 2011:

Submission deadline



March 24, 2011:

Authors notified of paper acceptance decision

April 21, 2011:

Camera-Ready Papers due

## **New York Repertory Orchestra FREE Winter Concert: Two Premieres and Janáček's Taras Bulba!**

**On Sat. Feb. 12, NYRO will present Leoš Janáček's masterpiece, Taras Bulba, the NY Premiere of Eduard Tubin's Piano Concertino with pianist Yoojin Oh....AND the World Premiere of Raphael Fusco's new Sinfonia Drammatica -- a NYRO Commission!**

*FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE*

*PRLog (Press Release)*

*Jan 06, 2011* – Leoš Janáček's powerful symphonic rhapsody, Taras Bulba, is the major work on a program that also includes the NY Premiere of the exciting Concertino for Piano and Orchestra by Estonian composer Eduard Tubin. Virtuoso pianist Yoojin Oh is the soloist. The concert also features the World Premiere (and NYRO commission) of a major work by young New York composer Raphael Fusco...his ebullient Sinfonia Drammatica!

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Date: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Time: 8:00pm

Place: Church of St. Mary the Virgin (145 West 46th Street - between 6th & 7th Avenues)

Admission: FREE

More info: [www.nyro.org](http://www.nyro.org)

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Here's the complete program:

Raphael Fusco: Sinfonia Drammatica (World Premiere/NYRO Commission)

Eduard Tubin: Concertino for Piano and Orchestra - Yoojin Oh, piano (NY Premiere)

Leoš Janáček: Taras Bulba

David Leibowitz, conductor

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The NYRO Season continues with the wonderful music of Czech composer Leoš Janáček. His symphonic rhapsody, Taras Bulba, is based on Gogol's historical novel of the same name and recounts the story of the Cossack leader, Taras Bulba, and his two sons Andrei and Ostap, as they set out on an epic journey to fight for their homeland. Janáček's moving music focuses on the deaths (heroic and otherwise) of the father and his sons. This is one of Janáček's most memorable, and haunting, compositions.

Estonian composer Eduard Tubin is long overdue for recognition in this country! His cycle of nine symphonies (several of which have been given their NY Premieres by NYRO in past seasons) deserves to enter the repertoire alongside the music of Sibelius and Nielsen. His Concertino for Piano and Orchestra is a cheerful, rhythmic work that shows the composer at his most outgoing! Our soloist, the critically-acclaimed pianist Yoojin Oh, will bring out both the charm and the fireworks in this extraordinary work.

And finally, NYC composer Raphael Fusco has written his first symphony, Sinfonia Drammatica, especially for NYRO, and we're thrilled to bring you this wonderful new work! Full of bustling energy and good cheer, this is a major work by a new musical voice!

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More about our soloist:

Following her debut concert performing Rachmaninov second piano concerto with the Seoul Philharmonic at the age of 16, Yoojin Oh has toured throughout Europe, America and her native Korea.

Hailed by the press as “adroit and technically accomplished,” “a real talent, expressing music with simplicity and conviction,” Ms. Oh was featured as a guest soloist with Manhattan Chamber Orchestra, the Orchestra of the Bronx, University of Alaska Sinfonia Orchestra, New York Sinfonietta, Seoul Philharmonic, Incheon Philharmonic, and the Jeunesse Ensemble Orchestra. She has also appeared at major venues such as Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, Symphony Space, Yamaha Concert Salon, Sejong Cultural Center (Korea), Hoahm Art Hall (Korea), and Olivier Messiaen Hall (France).

Ms. Oh's performances have been broadcast live for Bronxnet Television, TV36-Communities on Cable (NJ), and WXXI Radio (Rochester, NY) and her frequent chamber music collaborations have received acclaimed reviews such as “exquisitely rewarding rarity, a model of clarity” (the Anchorage Daily News), “well-polished, a performance of exceptional blending and dovetailing, striking for its unity” (New York Concert Review).

As an active contemporary music performer, Ms. Oh is a founding member of Soundclock, a contemporary music ensemble specializing in new and innovative music. She has premiered works by composers such as Toshi Ichianagi, Samuel Adler, Elias Tanenbaum, Nils Vigeland, Richard Sussman, Geon Yong Lee, and Eun Kyung Kim.

Highlights for her 2010-11 season include performances with the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra, the Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival, the Affetti Music Festival (Alaska), and the All Seasons Chamber Players. In 2011, her CD recording of W.A. Mozart's Piano Concerto in A Major, K. 414 (in Mozart's own arrangement for piano quintet) will be released on the Keuka Label.

Ms. Oh received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree as a fellowship student at Manhattan School of Music where she also earned her Master of Music degree. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Seoul National University. Her most influential teachers include Zenon Fishbein, Fiorella Canin, and Solomon Mikowsky. She currently serves on the faculties at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York, as well as Fordham University at Lincoln Center.

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More about Music Director David Leibowitz:

"Music Director David Leibowitz...is not only an excellent conductor, but also an inspiring leader." -- New York Concert Review, October 2010

Celebrated for his innovative programming and exciting performances, conductor David Leibowitz has achieved international acclaim for his work on the concert, opera, and ballet stage.

Mr. Leibowitz is the Music Director/Conductor and founder of the award-winning New York Repertory Orchestra NYRO. Some recent highlights of his tenure there have been a fully staged production of Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio" and a landmark performance of Mahler's epic Symphony No. 3. As an avid fan and champion of today's music he has both commissioned and performed local and world premieres by some of today's most important composers; such as Eduard Tubin, Harold Farberman, Paul Moravec, Stephen Dembski, John Schwabe, Salvador Brotons, William Dickerson, and Terry Pender.

Since 2004 Mr. Leibowitz has held the post of Principal Conductor with the Massapequa Philharmonic Orchestra (NY) and is the Orchestra Director at City College of New York. Recently, he directed the orchestra of the Siena (Italy) Summer Music program and from 2003-2007 was on the conducting staff of the Rome Festival Opera (Italy), leading opera, ballet, and concert performances. He is also on the staff of the International Opera Institute at the Maud Powell Music Festival Maud Powell Music Festival. (IL). Recent operatic highlights include performances of Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, *Don Giovanni*, and *Le nozze di Figaro*, Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'amore*, Bizet's *Carmen*, and Humperdinck's *Hänsel und Gretel*, all to critical acclaim.

Throughout the United States, Mexico, and Europe he has directed such ensembles as the Pleven Philharmonic (Bulgaria), the Orchester Pro Arte (Vienna), the Masterplayers Orchestra (Switzerland), the Orquestra Sinfonica de la Ciudad de Mexico, the Bach Festival Orchestra (Princeton, NJ), and the Brooklyn Opera and Dance Theater. Critics hailed his performances with the Pleven Philharmonic as “passionate and exciting.”

In the New York City area, he has conducted the Greenwich Village Orchestra, Brooklyn Symphony Orchestra, Centre Symphony Orchestra, Sound Symphony Orchestra, and Music at St. Paul's (Columbia University). He has been invited back to those ensembles and venues repeatedly. Mr. Leibowitz conducted the Third Street Philharmonia at the Third Street Music School Settlement in New York City from 2003-2005 and he has worked as a conductor and coach with many student and youth orchestras, including the Maud Powell Music Festival Orchestra, the Brooklyn

College Orchestra, and the Gemini Youth Orchestra.

Mr. Leibowitz received his MA from the City University of New York's Conservatory of Music at Brooklyn College. His main studies were in performance, musicology, and composition and he was awarded a teaching fellowship and was named a Presidential Scholar of the University. He has continued his conducting studies with, among others, Herbert Blomstedt, Carlo Maria Giulini, and Jacques-Louis Monod.

Mr. Leibowitz was a finalist in the International Masterplayers' Conducting Competition in Lugano, Switzerland in 1986 and was recently given the "Gift to the City" award from the Omega Ensemble of New York for his ongoing contributions to the musical life of New York City.

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The award-winning New York Repertory Orchestra, NYC's leading all-volunteer orchestra, is composed of talented professional and amateur musicians and presents a series of free concerts each season. Founded in 1991, NYRO strives for exciting performances, provocative programs and the highest artistic level. These qualities have become the hallmarks of this exceptional ensemble.

In 2002, NYRO was invited by Columbia University to perform the Brahms Requiem in a memorial concert for 9/11 as a participant in the Columbia Remembers program. In addition to its regular season at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, NYRO has participated in the Music at St. Paul's series at Columbia University and at the Music Festival of the Hamptons. NYRO has performed in the Chinese New Year Global Gala at Radio City Music Hall, broadcast worldwide by NTD Television and was recently given the Omega Ensemble of New York's "Gift to the City" award for ongoing contributions to the musical life of New York.



## **Musulmán decapita a su esposa por 'honor' en EU**

### **Muzzamil Hassan, fundador de la cadena de televisión Bridges TV, decapita a su mujer**

WASHINGTON, Estados Unidos, feb. 17, 2009.- Un musulmán que creó en 2004 una cadena de televisión para difundir en Estados Unidos las bondades del islamismo, supuestamente decapitó a su esposa por una cuestión de honor, dijeron hoy expertos a la cadena de televisión Fox News.

Muzzamil Hassan, fundador de la cadena de televisión Bridges TV, fue arrestado el lunes en Buffalo (Nueva York) acusado de decapitar a su mujer, Aasiya Hassan, de 37, el jueves pasado.

"La naturaleza atroz de este asesinato apunta a que se trata de un homicidio de honor", manifestó Phyllis Chesler, profesora de psicología del Richmond College de la Universidad de Nueva York.

Según Elizabeth DiPirro, la mujer, madre de dos niños, había presentado una petición de divorcio de su esposo y había conseguido un edicto de protección que prohibía a Hassan acercarse al hogar.

"Lo que hizo (su mujer) era para el hombre sinónimo de un castigo capital. En su cultura eso no se permite", añadió Chesler.

"Sin duda, tiene todas las características" (de un asesinato por una cuestión de honor), dijo a Fox News, Zuhdi Jasser, fundador del Foro Americano Islámico para la Democracia.

Este especialista agregó que "el aspecto más peligroso de este caso es decir simplemente que se trata de violencia doméstica".

Hassan, de 44 años, ha sido acusado de asesinato en segundo grado.

El cuerpo de la mujer fue encontrado en la oficina de la cadena de televisión en la localidad de Orchard Park, cerca de Buffalo.

Según Andrew Benz, jefe de la policía de Orchard Park, Hassan no ha confesado ser el autor del asesinato y cuando hizo la denuncia "solo dijo que su esposa estaba muerta".

Sin embargo, Frank Sedita, fiscal del condado de Erie, señaló que Hassan es el principal sospechoso del asesinato y deberá presentarse mañana para responder a los cargos.

"Es un bastardo sin remordimientos. No sabemos si fue impulsado por alguna interpretación de sus opiniones culturales o religiosas. Lo investigaremos", añadió.

Si es declarado culpable de homicidio en segundo grado Hassan podría ser condenado a cadena perpetua, dijeron fuentes judiciales.

Al lanzar la cadena de televisión en noviembre de 2004, Hassan y su mujer anunciaron en un comunicado de prensa que ésta tenía como objetivo compartir los estereotipos musulmanes en Estados Unidos.

En una declaración, la Sociedad Islámica de Norteamericana dijo que estaba "consternada y triste" por el asesinato.

"Esta es una llamada de alerta para todos nosotros (...) de que la violencia contra las mujeres es real y no se puede ignorar. Cada miembro de la sociedad debe ayudar a resolver el problema de manera colectiva", añadió.

## College of Staten Island's associate athletic director gets national honor

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By **Eddie DAnna**

The College of Staten Island's associate athletic director and sports information chief has been honored as an emerging star in his industry.

The National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators (NADIIIAA) has bestowed its third annual Emerging Athletic Administrator award to David Pizzuto.

The honor, given to a professional with seven or less years of upper athletics administrative experience, recognizes young trailblazers in the field.

"I am deeply humbled to have been given this distinction by my peers," said Pizzuto, 35, a Woodrow resident. "I think it's a testament to great people whom I have worked with and nurtured me into the administrator that I am and hope to continue to be."

Pizzuto's roots at CSI are deep.

He joined the staff in 1997 as a student assistant while working toward his degree in communications.

Pizzuto was named assistant sports information director in 1999, a post he held until 2004 when he became assistant athletic director for sports information at Georgian Court, the NCAA Division II school in Lakewood, N.J. The Susan Wagner HS product returned to CSI in 2006 as associate director. In 2008, when Jason Fein left CSI for Drew University, Pizzuto served as interim athletic director.



Photo courtesy of CSI

David Pizzuto, the College of Staten Island's associate athletic director and sports information chief, is the recipient of the National Association of Division III Athletic Administrators third annual Emerging Athletic Administrator award.

It was Fein whose nomination fueled Pizzuto's selection for the Emerging Athletic Administrator award.

Pizzuto is credited for helping develop the sports information office, increasing Dolphins television coverage and fan support. He founded CSI SportsNet, which provides nearly 100 webcasts annually of most road contests from CSI soccer, basketball, baseball and softball events each year.

The award will be presented to Pizzuto at the NADIIIAA reception on the final day of the 2011 NCAA Convention in San Antonio, Texas, on Jan. 15.

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## A Potpourri Of Parks & Recreation



*Photo Credit: Brenda Delgado and Estephany Bautista, Ranger Conservation Corps*

Parks & Recreation is pleased to present Parks Potpourri, an eclectic mix of striking photographs that represent four diverse programs whose impact are felt across the seasons and which support the City's arts education, horticulture, and park preservation initiatives. The programs are the Urban Park Rangers' Ranger Conservation Corps, St. Mary's Recreation's Computer Resource Center, New Yorkers for Parks' Daffodil Project, and the Parks Inspection Program. The exhibition opens to the public on Wednesday, January 12 and remains on display through Thursday, January 27, 2011.

This past fall, students from the Marble Hill High School for International Studies participated in an art project sponsored by the Urban Park Rangers. As part of the Ranger Conservation Corps (RCC) program, these students of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds were recruited to create sculptures from natural materials gathered from within Van Cortlandt Park. Inspired by the work of leading conceptual artist Andrew Goldsworthy, the sculptures--made from leaves, stones, sticks, sand, flowers, and other materials--were intended to degrade over time and highlight nature's temporal quality. The sculptures were visually preserved through documentary photography immediately after their completion.

The Computer Resource Center at the St. Mary's Recreation Center offers free computer access and instruction to the Mott Haven community in the South Bronx. The Center bridges the digital divide by

offering access to digital cameras, computers, career services, and academic and arts programming. St. Mary's teens have photographed a myriad of events, ranging from coverage of Tribeca Film Fellows screenings to Parks & Recreation festivals such as WinterJam, Street Games, and Drums Along the Hudson. The Daffodil Project is an annual volunteer beautification effort that began between New Yorkers for Parks and Parks & Recreation in the days after 9/11 when Dutch bulb supplier Hans Van Waardenburg of B&K Flowerbulbs donated a half a million daffodils to the City of New York in a gesture of support. This past fall, the four millionth bulb was planted and the Project has grown to include a year-round roster of activities, including the annual photography contest, in all five boroughs. As the photographic selections including in the exhibition demonstrate, the reemergence each year of the flowers across the city provides a collective emotional renewal.

The Parks Inspection Program's trained inspectors conduct 5,000 inspections per year, reporting on park elements such as flags, sidewalks, and signs, determining whether any are missing, damaged, faded, or worn. While on inspection patrol they have an opportunity to witness and record the best aspects of our parks. Diverting their cameras from their appointed task, they have captured glimpses of natural beauty as well as candid activities.

The Arsenal Gallery is dedicated to examining themes of nature, urban space, wildlife, New York City parks and park history. It is located on the third floor of the Parks Department Headquarters, in Central Park, on Fifth Avenue at 64th Street. Gallery hours are Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information on the Arsenal Gallery, please call 212-360-8163.

#### **FOR AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD EXPERIENCE...**

The Greenbelt Nature Center invites you to take part in an event that is truly out of this world! From January 16 through January 30, on Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., view authentic NASA lunar rocks and meteorites up-close. There will be Lucite disks containing lunar and meteorite samples on display, and a range of activities including a demonstration of the impact of craters on the lunar surface. A NASA-Certified Lunar Rock and Meteorite Educator from the Greenbelt Environmental Education Department will be help you examine the specimens, answer questions, and refer you to other resources.

Help us kick off the lunar fun at the Greenbelt Nature Center this Monday, January 17, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Professor Irving Robbins, Director of the Astrophysical Observatory at the **College of Staten Island-CUNY**, will present "Asteroid and Comet Lunar Impact Craters with Consequences for Planet Earth: A discussion of the nature of craters on the Moon and Earth." Dr. Robbins's talk will run from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. From 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Dr. Alan I. Benimoff, Ph.D., a faculty member at the **College of Staten Island** who did his thesis on lunar rocks at Brooklyn College, will present "The Nature and Origin of the Moon." To register for Monday's talks, call (718) 351-3450 or e-mail [naturecenter@sigreenbelt.org](mailto:naturecenter@sigreenbelt.org).

*-Jessica Kratz, Greenbelt Nature Center Director*

#### **QUOTATION FOR THE DAY**

"An onion can make people cry, but there has never been a vegetable invented to make them laugh."

## Griff's Place takes over where the Boardwalk pub left off

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By **Virginia N. Sherry**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - NEW DORP BEACH - Walk in to Griff's Place on New Dorp Lane on a late Friday afternoon, and a low-key, friendly camaraderie pervades the long bar, as regulars drift in after work to unwind, converse, and buy one another a round or two.

Owner and New Dorp Beach resident Dominic Griffo, 50, renovated the building, and opened the sports bar and restaurant last fall, at around the same time that he closed his popular Boardwalk pub, a fixture on Hylan Boulevard in Dongan Hills for almost 20 years. At the Boardwalk, Griffo worked side by side with his beloved father, Albert ("Al"), a constant presence until his sudden death one early morning in August 2006, at 71 years old.



Griff's Place, located at 702 New Dorp Lane, in New Dorp Beach, opened last fall. Owned by Dominic Griffo, the venture started up around the same time he closed his other business, Boardwalk Pub on Hylan Boulevard in Dongan Hills. Pictured, left to right, on the logo at left, are Dominic Griffo, his son, Devin, 11, and his father, Albert. (Staten Island Advance/Virginia N. Sherry)

### NEW AND OLD

The new name came as a strong but simple suggestion from Griffo's sister, Maria. So many customers called the Boardwalk simply "Griff's Place," she told him, "just use this as the name."

Griffo's loyal crowd from the Boardwalk has followed him to the new location.

"I bowl on Wednesdays and Fridays, and come here and hang out for a few beers," said Gene Pepe of Castleton Corners, a regular at the Boardwalk for five years.



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The new location suits him just fine. "This place is brand new, with all these flat-screen TVs," he said. "I was here on Sunday, for the Jets game. I came early, but it was packed, and I got the last seat at the bar."

What about the food?

"I like the Philly cheese steak and the onion rings," he said.

Ronnie Rosado of New Dorp, also a Boardwalk customer for five years, had nothing but praise for the new place. Griffo "is a really nice guy – I come here mainly because of him," he said. His favorites on the menu? The "mozzarella sticks, onion rings, and pizza," he ticked off.

No one wanted to talk about it, but another popular item seems to be the Quadruple By-Pass: A hamburger topped with bacon, eggs, and cheese.

Cooking in the kitchen are chef Ricky Reyes, and his brother, Hector, assistant chef, both of Richmond. In addition to the printed menu, blackboard specials last Friday included everything from sausage and pepper sandwiches with French fries (\$8) to 12-ounce rib-eye steaks with potatoes, vegetables, and fried onions (\$15).

## NEW FACES

Kaitlin Vandina of Oakwood, back for a third time, brought co-workers from the College of Staten Island with her after work last Friday. The talkative group occupied a large round table in the rear.

"We love it!" enthused Matt Weiler, who lives in New Dorp. "It's a little hidden treasure in the neighborhood, within walking distance. I love the location," he said, referring to the below-the-Boulevard site, across the street from Miller Field, with a dead-on view of the sparkling lights of the Verrazano Bridge outside the front door.

Ms. Vandina and her colleague, Alessia Evi of St. George, were sipping apple martinis while their male

colleagues had beer all around, except for New Brighton resident Charles Umana, who was nursing a vodka screwdriver and proclaimed the nachos and steak fries "delicious."

## **LOYAL STAFF**

One key to success is good employees, Griffo acknowledged. "I have a very loyal staff. My people just don't leave."

Tending bar that afternoon was vivacious Kerry Costelloe of Rosebank. "That's Costelloe with an 'e' – I'm Irish," she laughed, explaining that she's worked for Griffo for 10 years.

"He's the best person I ever worked for. It's like a family, the way that he does things," she said. "The whole staff from the Boardwalk moved here with him.

"And he's always open. That's his big thing – consistency. He was even open during the snowstorm," she added, referring to the monster blizzard that hit the island on Dec. 26.

Griff's Place closes every night at exactly 4:00 a.m.

Why?

To accommodate municipal and other workers on regular late-night shifts, Griffo explained. "Some of them need a place to go, after getting off work, and they can count on us to be open."

## **SOME BACKGROUND**

Griffo, born in Brooklyn, moved to Eltingville with his family when he was about 8 years old. He graduated from St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School, where he was on the basketball and baseball teams, playing forward and catcher, respectively. He was named the basketball MVP during his senior year. He majored in history and political science at Wagner College. He continues to play as a pitcher in the South Shore Softball Association. He still competes in tournaments against the best teams in Puerto Rico every February.

Griff's Place is at 702 New Dorp Lane, 718-668-2645. The bar is open from 8 a.m. to 4 a.m., daily. The kitchen operates from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., daily.

## Pieces of the moon on display at the Greenbelt Nature Center

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By Deborah E. Young



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The Greenbelt Nature Center will be exhibiting a sample of lunar rocks and offering two lectures about them on Monday. (Staten Island Advance / JAN SOMMA-HAMMEL)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — Treasures from space to be unveiled Sunday at the **Greenbelt Nature Center** offer an out-of-this world testament to America's spirit of exploration — and could be key to the survival of humanity.

Moon rocks gathered during the Apollo missions undertaken during NASA's heyday in the late 1960s and early 1970s will be displayed alongside examples from mineral-rich meteorites that crashed to the Earth in recent decades — as part of an exhibit intended to give Staten Islanders some mind-blowing perspective about our place in the universe.

"It's nice to bring people in from the cold to see these rocks — it's not every day you get to see a meteorite or a lunar rock," said Jessica R. Kratz, the coordinator of the Nature Center, who attended a NASA workshop to learn about the rocks and to be eligible for the display of loaned samples. "This is to introduce people to the great wonders of the outdoors, here and beyond."

She said visitors to the center, at 700 Rockland Ave. in Sea View, will have the chance to hold in their palms the precious samples — encased in two Lucite disks, roughly the size of hockey pucks — every Saturday and Sunday from Jan. 16 to Jan. 30, from 1 to 4 p.m.

On Monday, Martin Luther King Day, the Center will sponsor "An Afternoon that is Out of this World," with lectures on the specimens by professors at the College of Staten Island.

'IRREPLACEABLE'

"These are irreplaceable national treasures because we're not going back to the moon any time soon," said Ms. Kratz in respect of lunar rocks made up of exotic-sounding Orange Soil, Highlands Soil, Mare Soil, Breccia and Anorthosite. "This is space exploration for a new generation because today's kids haven't experienced the excitement in the same way as another generation had during Apollo."

But the most exciting chapter of space exploration, could be in the future, said Professor Irving Robbins, director of the astrophysical observatory at the [College of Staten Island](#), who will give a multimedia presentation Monday for all ages that he has dubbed "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly of Asteroids and Comets."

The chips of meteorites on display the Center, some of which came from chunks of spacerock that fell to earth in Mexico in 1969, contain minerals increasingly difficult or impossible to find on Earth.

"There is a tremendous amount of wealth out in the Astrobelt," said Robbins, describing a place in space between Mars and Jupiter with millions of asteroids — "chunky little bodies," some of which are 1,000 miles across. "I'm going to be speaking about one value, awareness: There is a bigger universe than just Staten Island."

Energy-starved earthlings should look to comets for hydrocarbons, ammonia and methane for fuel, and the organic compounds integral to fertilizer and synthetic gasoline, Robbins said.

"So when the price of gas is \$50 a gallon, there are resources waiting for us out there," said Robbins. "If we don't exploit them, we're going back to the stone age. The future of humanity is in space."

After Robbins speaks from 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday, his faculty colleague Professor Alan I. Benimoff, who did his Ph.D. thesis on lunar rocks, will present "The Nature and Origin of the Moon" from 2 to 3 p.m.

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## Tibetan Democracy Moves Forward, Faces Challenges

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Tibet's exile community will elect a new prime minister in March, but he may have limited power to act, and challenges to democracy remain.



AFP

Exiled Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama waves to a gathering in Poland, Sept. 22, 2010.

Candidates vying to become the new prime minister in Tibet's government-in-exile are waging an increasingly Western-style campaign as the contest heats up, analysts say.

After a preliminary vote in October, Tibetans in exile have selected three final candidates for kalon tripa, or prime minister, in the India-based government-in-exile, the Central Tibetan Administration.

A final vote will be held on March 20, climaxing a decade of direct democratic elections to select the kalon tripa. Previously, these officials were handpicked by Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama.

"We're seeing a competitive election where no one knows who is going to win," Nima Binara, a U.S.-trained Tibetan lawyer, said in January to a gathering at the Washington-based International Campaign for Tibet (ICT).

"And as well, we are seeing what Tibetan democracy has never seen before, which is active campaigning by the candidates going around to the various Tibetan settlements in India and places where Tibetans live in North America and Europe."

The incumbent, Professor Samdhong Rinpoche, is stepping down after serving the two five-year terms allowed to him under the exile community's election law.

The three candidates short-listed for the March vote are Tashi Wangdi and Tenzin Tethong, both of whom have long experience in exile government service, and Lobsang Sangay, a research scholar at the Harvard Law School.



## **Vision accomplished**

“His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s vision of a robust democratic society” is now being accomplished, said Binara, whose Tibetan Political Review website tracks and reports on the campaign.

Debates among the candidates have been televised and web-broadcast in India, Europe, and North America, Binara said, adding that he expects a “very high” turnout for the final vote in March.

Binara noted, though, that the campaign so far has focused more on the candidates’ personalities than on specific policy positions—especially concerning Tibet’s right to independence versus the Middle Way policy of talks with China supported by the Dalai Lama.

The Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet in 1959 following a failed national uprising against China’s occupation of the Himalayan territory, is regularly vilified by Chinese leaders as a “splittist” seeking Tibetan independence.

But the Dalai Lama himself says that he seeks only a “Middle Way” of greater autonomy and cultural rights for Tibetans under Chinese rule.

## **A new approach?**

There is growing frustration among Tibetans over the stalled Middle Way talks with China, along with a sense that a new approach may be needed, Binara said.

“People are hesitant, I think, to address the issue full-on, because the Middle Way is associated with what His Holiness wants. And I don’t think you’re going to see a candidate who actually comes out and says, “I’m against what His Holiness wants.”

Speaking in an interview, Tibetan writer and independence advocate Jamyang Norbu said that Tibet’s new exile prime minister will have no “real powers to make [national] policy,” even after the campaign.

“As far as the Middle Way policy is concerned, he can’t touch that. He will get into deep trouble.”

A further challenge for the new prime minister will be getting the exile administration “up to par,” Norbu added.

“The administration has suffered tremendously in the last decade,” he said. “It has lost a lot of really good officials, and right now it is not functioning that well at all.”

“This is not a fully constituted democratic government-in-exile at all, not by a long shot.”

## **Exiled from homeland**

Also speaking at ICT, Professor Xia Ming—a political science teacher at the College of Staten Island in New York—said that one of the main challenges now facing Tibetan democracy is that, as exiles from their homeland, Tibetan voters have no defined, unified territory to which they belong.

Instead, they are scattered around the world, he said.

“[But] I don’t think that Tibet will be part of China forever in the future. Maybe there is a chance that Tibet will become independent.”

If that happens, the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) will not move to take power in Tibet, a statement on the CTA website says.

“Today, the CTA has all the departments and attributes of a free democratic administration. It must be noted, though, that the CTA is not designed to take power in Tibet.”

“His Holiness the Dalai Lama [has] stated that the present exile administration would be dissolved as soon as freedom is restored in Tibet,” the statement continues. “The Tibetans currently residing in Tibet, he said, would head the government of a free Tibet.”

Speaking at ICT, Nima Binara described Tibet’s incorporation into China as an “abusive relationship” that the Tibetans want to leave.

“Eventually, in the long run, I think there is going to be a divorce,” Binara said.

“I think maybe the question is how the divorce is going to happen. But in the long run, a marriage that’s based on force and slavery is not sustainable.”

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## Greenbelt Conservancy elects new board members

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By **Staten Island Advance**



DEVINE

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - The Greenbelt Conservancy recently elected four new board members to its 19-member volunteer board of directors.

James Devine is president and CEO of Global Container Terminals USA and is responsible for the operation of New York Container Terminal in Mariners Harbor. He is chairman of the Noble

Maritime Museum; a board member of the board of South Street Seaport Museum and a director of Greater New York Councils, Boy Scouts of America.



KUSICK

Monique Kusick is a project director for the New York Academy of Medicine in Harlem. She is a longtime volunteer Scout leader who has led hikes along the Greenbelt trail system. She has also participated in many high adventure Scout treks in New Mexico, Florida and the Appalachian Trail.



POPPER

Deborah Popper teaches geography at the **College of Staten Island** and Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). She also teaches as a visiting professor at Princeton University's Environmental Institute. Dr. Popper is director of CUNY's Macaulay Honors College at the **College of Staten Island**.



VOGT

Mark Vogt is a property and financial manager for Morgan Stanley Realty. He is also a consulting meteorologist who has worked as a forensic meteorologist to recreate past weather situations for trial presentations and private industry.

Greenbelt Conservancy officers for 2011 are: Kathleen E. Vorwick, president; Beverly Garcia-Anderson, first vice president; Paul Eklof, second vice president; Paul Ainslie, treasurer; Eileen Kavanagh, secretary.

Returning board members are: Christopher H. Benbow, Dr. Craig Campbell, Romaine Gardner, Donna

Hakim, Catherine Morrison Buck; Catherine Morrison Golden; Louise Petosa; Dr. Kenneth Saccaro, Henry J. Stern and Sally Williams.

The Greenbelt Conservancy's mission is to promote, sustain and enhance Staten Island's 2,800-acre Greenbelt through education, recreation, conservation and research. The conservancy works in partnership with New York City Parks.

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## For Staten Island sportsman of the year and service award winner, small ideas brought big results

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By **Tom Dowd**

From small things ...

Tony Petosa and Larry Ambrosino each had an idea that felt like more.

A mission.

An obligation.

They weren't sure what would come of it, or how long it would last. In the shadow of loss 20 years apart, they each began with modest hopes. Just get the thing off the ground for starters. Get it to five years, maybe.

What they both knew, what they both felt, was that friends had been lost. Friends who shouldn't be forgotten. It's a testament to the men they sought to honor, as well as to Petosa and Ambrosino, that both succeeded well beyond their own expectations.

It will be 39 years next week since the night Ambrosino's friend Rocco Laurie was killed walking a beat in the East Village with his partner Greg Foster. In March, they'll play the 40th Patrolman Rocco Laurie Memorial Scholarship Game

Sept. 11, 2011 will mark 10 years passed since Scott Davidson, Tom Hannafin and Terrance Aiken — **College of Staten Island** basketball players, like Petosa, now in his 21st season coaching the Dolphins — were casualties of the attacks on the World Trade Center. In December, Petosa will host **CSI's** Tournament of Heroes for the 10th time.



Staten Island Advance photo/Bill Lyons

Tony Petosa acknowledges applause as he accepts the Advance Sportsman of the Year award.

### HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Petosa, the Advance's Sportsman of the Year, followed Island coaching icons Evan Pickman and Howie Ruppert at **CSI**, and had another by his side in Matty White while he maintained improbable success with the busiest side job in the country.

Ambrosino received the Service Award for what is approaching 40 years of sustaining Laurie's legacy with a basketball game that turned into an annual scholarship and an Intermediate School that bears Laurie's name.



Advance Service Award recipient Larry Ambrosino makes a point.

"I never did it expecting anything like that," said Ambrosino as he accepted the award. "I did it because Rocco was my friend."

So Ambrosino started with a basketball game, cops from the 9th Precinct against teachers from Markham Intermediate School, where he and Laurie were classmates. They sold 714 tickets for a dollar each and put the money in a freezer for safe-keeping.

A few years later, in 1975, they named the new Intermediate School going up in New Springville, I.S. 72, the Rocco Laurie School. Thirty years later, Ambrosino pushed for a change, to call it the Police Officer Rocco Laurie School.

And each year he goes back to talk to a new group of incoming sixth graders to tell them about his friend, the champion shot putter and decorated United States Marine.

"I want to make sure they know who he is," said Ambrosino.

They all do, because of Ambrosino.

You could see the same drive in Petosa, who's into his third decade treating his second job — by day he's been teaching high school for the past 25 years — like his top priority.

After coaching the practices and the games, you can catch Petosa at one Island high school game after another, checking in with coaches and players, most of whom

are looking forward to going away to school.

## LASTING IMPACT

But Petosa never gives up on a tough sell.

"The one thing I realized is it doesn't matter who you're coaching, as long as you're coaching," said Petosa. "It could be a freshman team in high school. I would be OK with that."

Maybe because he loves it so much, Petosa doesn't necessarily see what the big deal is.



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Bill Lyons

St. Peter's cross country All Star Nasser Zayer helps Port Richmond's Danielle Sorrentino, also an All Star in cross country, put on her honorary jacket. (Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons)

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"I'm not really sure what I've done to deserve this award, except to do what others have done before me," said Petosa in his acceptance speech. "For those coaches who, win or lose, come back and try to do it a little better the next day, I don't think I'm any different from those people."

But the Tournament of Heroes is different.

In February of 2002, Petosa retired the numbers belonging to Hannafin, Davidson and Aiken. The framed jerseys hang on the walkway overlooking the court at CSI's Sports and Recreation Center.

It wasn't enough.

Petosa wanted something with an impact. Something that wouldn't fade. So he came up with the Tournament of Heroes, a four-team field each year between Christmas and New Year's, inviting top-notch Division III teams to Staten Island.

He and Jason Fein and Dave Pizzuto put in the extra time to build it from scratch. They made the impact Petosa envisioned.

He got it to five years, just like Ambrosino once hoped to do with the Laurie game, and then to 10. He'll keep it going as long as he can. Maybe down the road he'll look back and find, as Ambrosino said, that "so many good things have happened" in the name of friends lost, but not forgotten.

"This award is about Rocco," said Ambrosino. "A guy that could have easily said, 'I've done enough.' He kept doing and doing."

Petosa and Ambrosino have done the same.

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## Second school deputy chancellor resigns since new boss Cathie Black's hire

BY [Rachel Monhahan](#)  
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An architect of some of the city's key school reforms has resigned his job as deputy chancellor, city officials announced Friday.

[Eric Nadelstern](#)'s departure comes just months after [Mayor Bloomberg](#) brought in magazine exec [Cathie Black](#) for the chancellor slot and promoted Nadelstern's protégé as her second in command.

"He was central to the overall operation of the [New York City](#) public schools," said [David Bloomfield](#) of the [College of Staten Island](#).

Starting as a teacher in 1972 who rose through the ranks, Nadelstern is the second deputy chancellor to resign since Black's appointment. Photeine Anagnostopoulos, deputy chancellor for finance and technology, resigned the day after she was appointed.

When Black was criticized for lacking an education background, city officials pointed to the experience of former [Chancellor Joel Klein](#)'s eight deputies.

Nadelstern founded the [International High School](#) at [LaGuardia Community College](#), serving students still learning English.

He was central to key reforms like the city's effort to open small schools to replace failing large high schools.

"I learned a lot from him and will always be grateful for his leadership," Klein said.

To get Black approved, the mayor cut a deal with the state to install a chief academic officer. [Shael Polakow-Suransky](#), who once worked for Nadelstern, was chosen for the job.

Nadelstern said yesterday he left the city for personal reasons that had nothing to do with the transition to a new chancellor.

"I'm not retiring from the challenges of school reform," he said, adding he is weighing offers including work at a foundation and a full-time tenure-track professorship.

## Seasoned educator Alice Farkouh pens her memoirs

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By **Diane Lore**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - WEST BRIGHTON - The word "can't" does not exist in Alice Cury Farkouh's vocabulary.

After nearly half a century as an educator dedicated to her students, a mother, and now a grandmother dedicated to her family, Mrs. Farkouh has penned her autobiography, "Never Say You Can't: Memoirs of a Lebanese-Syrian American Educator" (Cedars Publishing).

The title of the book comes from a childhood experience. "My first-grade teacher was so upset to always listen to me say 'I can't do this' and 'I can't do that.' She decided to write the word 'can't' on a piece of paper and take it to the back of the school with the entire class. She made me dig a hole and bury the paper. She was tired of me losing confidence, and this is how she was going to teach me a lesson," Mrs. Farkouh explained.

In her memoirs, the distinguished educator, who influenced a generation of students at Port Richmond and Curtis high schools, writes with heartfelt gratitude about her wonderful Lebanese-Syrian American family, her dedicated teachers and her wise mentors, who together, inspired and encouraged her to take "can't" out of her life, to never give up, and to believe that her dreams were always within her grasp.

Chapters in the book are devoted to her years as a math teacher at Port Richmond and as head of the math



Longtime educator and West Brighton resident Alice Farkouh has published her autobiography. (Photo Courtesy of Alice Farkouh)

department at Curtis.

Mrs. Farkouh devotes a chapter to the late Herbert (Herb) Balish, a former principal of Port Richmond who went on to serve as principal of Tottenville High School. She refers to him as her mentor, and "knight in shining armor" who showed up on his first day in 1971, with his trademark mustache and ever-present twinkle in his eye. She describes, with admiration, how he set about defusing the racial tensions that had begun to choke the school.

A later chapter is devoted to Curtis. Mrs. Farkouh describes being welcomed by then-Principal Mitchell (Mitch) Schulich, who devoted his tenure to improving the curriculum and raising standards, and who brought the elite International Baccalaureate honors program to the school. She tells of hiring a young and talented math teacher from Liberia, Aurelia Curtis, in 1984. Mrs. Curtis would go on to become the current principal. She also writes fondly of another Curtis colleague she hired, Timothy (Tim) Gannon, who is the current principal of Port Richmond High School.

Mrs. Farkouh went on to finish her career with the public school system as principal of Fort Hamilton High School in Brooklyn.

Since 2006, she has been principal of A. Fantis Parochial School, an elementary school in downtown Brooklyn affiliated with the Greek-Orthodox Cathedral of Sts. Constantine & Helen. She also is a faculty member at the College of Staten Island.

## **FAMILY VALUES**

But more than just a who's-who in education circles, Mrs. Farkouh's speaks, in her book, of how her family, her values and her upbringing influenced who she is today – at 70, a mother of three, and grandmother to seven. "I wrote this book for them, so they would know, and never forget, where they came from," she said.

The book is flavored with wonderful family photographs of her parents and Mrs. Farkouh as a child, as well as her own children when they were young. A chapter she titled "My Charlie" is devoted to meeting her husband, Charles; the two married in 1960. Her husband died last month, not long after the couple had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Farkouh said she sees the book as an extension of her passion for learning and teaching.

"My passion is teaching and then carrying this to another level by helping educators convey this passion to their students," she said.

"The most important thing to remember is your roots, teaching your children basic values, and never giving up on your passion for what you truly believe in. Never say 'I can't do it.' "

Mrs. Farkouh's "Never Say You Can't" is available at Clove Lake Bookstore, 1174 Victory Blvd., Sunnyside (718-442-5355), and online through the Web site **[www.neversayyoucant.com](http://www.neversayyoucant.com)**.

You can contact Mrs. Farkouh at **[abf718@aol.com](mailto:abf718@aol.com)** for more details about the book, or to touch base with her.

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## With help from Frado of 'Biggest Loser' fame, Staten Island Slim Down contest is getting big

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By **Diane O'Donnell**



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Alfredo Dinton was on hand last week to announce the Staten Island Slim Down competition. Looking on are Leticia Remauro and Councilman James Oddo. Dinton will be at Bernikow JCC tomorrow when the contest officially gets under way. (Staten Island Advance / Jan Somma-Hammel) Alfredo Dinton Frado Biggest Loser

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — The Staten Island Slim Down is getting big. In numbers that is, with nearly 700 people already registered for the boroughwide weight-loss contest kicking off tomorrow from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Joan and Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center, Sea View.

"Biggest Loser" runnerup Alfredo (Frado) Dinton will be on hand at the event to answer questions about his own battle with the bulge, as registrants get weighed in, and have their blood pressure checked and their body fat measured.

The Slim Down, a 10-week health initiative, features free weekly fitness

classes, online coaching and nutrition tips and a chance to win \$1,000.

To win, contestants must submit a photo of themselves holding the front page of the Advance taken between now and Feb. 5. A second photo will be taken at the end of the contest.

The person with the most inspiring lifestyle transformation will be deemed the winner, explained Dr. Maureen Becker, a physical therapist and College of Staten Island professor, who co-founded Slim Down.

"On average, people can lose 1½ to 2 pounds each week," she said. "So in 10 weeks, some will lose 20 pounds, but those who weigh a few hundred pounds may lose 30 or 40 pounds. The transformation for some people is going to be pretty profound."

Those who don't want to be photographed can forgo the contest and register as a participant at [statenislandslimdown.com](http://statenislandslimdown.com), with access to all the Slim Down's other offerings.

The JCC is located at 1466 Manor Rd.

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# ***Sports***



## Hunter's Dubois Selected as CUNYAC/Con Edison Men's Basketball Player of the Week; Staten Island's Magliore Named Top Rookie



CUNYAC/Con Edison Basketball Weekly Award Winners 1-3-11

**FLUSHING, N.Y.** - The City University of New York Athletic Conference and Con Edison announced its weekly men's basketball award winners Monday, and Hunter College senior forward, **Maxwell Dubois** was named Player of the Week following a MVP performance at Albright's (Pa.) Reading Crowne Plaza New Year's Tournament. Meanwhile, College of Staten Island freshman **Bloochy Magliore** put on a sensational shooting display at his school's Tournament of Heroes, and was selected as Rookie of the Week.

### CUNYAC/Con Edison Player of the Week

Maxwell Dubois, Hunter  
Sr. Forward, 6-foot-3  
Hollywood, FL/Dillard

Dubois was named the Most Valuable Player of the Reading (Pa.) Crowne Plaza New Year's Tournament at Albright after lifting the Hawks to the tourney title. He poured in 25 points (10-for-16 FG; 3-for-5 3FG) in as many minutes played during an 82-75 opening-round victory against Susquehanna (Dec. 29), before registering a crucial double-double with 10 points, 11 rebounds (four offensive) and five steals in the title game against the host Lions. On the season, Dubois leads Hunter with a 14.5 points per game average that ranks 11th in the CUNYAC.

### CUNYAC/Con Edison Rookie of the Week

Bloochy Magliore, Staten Island  
Fr. Guard, 6-foot-3  
Staten Island, NY/Susan E. Wagner HS

Magliore was lights-out from the floor during Staten Island's Tournament of Heroes (Dec. 28-29), averaging 19.5 points per contest on 15-for-24 shooting (.625) and a 9-for-13 (.692) effort beyond the 3-point arc to help the Dolphins to the tournament finals. Against Dallas in the opening round, he scored a game-high 21 points on 8-for-14 shooting (5-for-8 3FG) to go with four rebounds and three assists. In the title game against Anderson (Ind.), Magliore poured in 18 points on 7-for-10 shooting, including four of five makes from downtown. On the season, he leads the CUNYAC with a .465 percentage (20-for-43) from 3-point range.

### Honorable Mention

Lionel Hilaire, Baruch (18.5 ppg, 8-for-14 3FG against NAIA No. 5, Embry-Riddle and No. 1 Wooster)  
Jamar Harry, John Jay (20.7 ppg, 9.3 rpg, .647 FG over three-game stretch)  
T.J. Tibbs, Staten Island (14.5 ppg, 8.5 apg - named to Tournament of Heroes all-tourney team)



## College of Staten Island guard Bloochy Magliore honored by CUNY

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By Jim Waggoner



Staten Island  
Advance/Hilton  
Flores

Bloochy Magliore, shown in this Dec. 29 photo pulling a rebound away from Anderson University's Andrew Jones, earned CUNY Conference rookie of the week honors.

College of Staten Island freshman guard Bloochy Magliore earned CUNY Conference rookie of the week honors following his two-game performance at CSI's Tournament of Heroes.

Magliore, a Susan Wagner HS product, averaged 19.5 points on 62.5 percent shooting from the floor as the Dolphins advanced to the championship game. He made 9-of-13 shot from 3-point range.

### CSI TRAVELS FOR CUNY DOUBLEHEADER

CSI visits Medgar Evers tomorrow night in a conference doubleheader, with the Dolphin women (0-1 CUNY, 1-8 overall) facing the Cougars (0-1, 3-7) at 6 p.m., followed by the Dolphin men (1-0, 6-3) against the Cougars (1-0, 3-8) at 8.

CSI's men own a healthy 50-16 lead in the series against Medgar Evers, although they were swept by the Cougars last season by 94-81 and 95-87.

CSI's women are 32-3 all-time against Medgar Evers.

Tomorrow's action begins a lengthy road stretch for both CSI teams as the Dolphins play six of seven games away from the Sports and Recreation Center.

The only home break in three weeks will be next Wednesday's doubleheader against New York City Tech.

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## Shanahan leads College of Staten Island women past Medgar Evers, 68-50

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

Senior forward Allie Shanahan had 19 points and 11 rebounds as the College of Staten Island sprinted to a 68-50 basketball victory over Medgar Evers Wednesday night in Brooklyn.

The game was delayed approximately 35 minutes early in the second half after CSI freshman Victoria Donegan suffered an epileptic seizure on the court.

"It was very scary, but she's OK," said CSI head coach Marguerite Moran. "It's something she has dealt with for awhile and she manages it."

Shanahan was presence inside along with Katelyn Hepworth, who had 13 points and seven rebounds in 22 minutes before fouling out.

Sophomore guard Olivia Tierno scored 12 points while senior Nicole Quattrocchi added 10 points and eight rebounds. Another freshman, Rachel Rosado, pitched in with eight points and seven rebounds.

CSI improved to 1-1 in CUNY Conference play and 2-8 overall.

The Dolphins return to the court Saturday with a 12:30 p.m. game at Brooklyn College.

CSI (68)

Hepworth 5-7 3-5 13, Quattrocchi 4-11 0-0 10, Tocco 1-5 2-5 4, Shanahan 8-20 2-4 19, Tierno 3-11 6-8 12, Sgarlato 0-0 0-0 0, Donegan 1-2 0-0 2, Rosado 2-3 4-4 8, Stout 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 24-59 17-26 68.

MEDGAR EVERS (50)

Lewis 2-7 3-7 7, Bischette 3-13 7-11 13, Samuels 2-8 0-0 4, McClain 0-5 7-8 7, Jack 4-11 0-4 8, Brittany Harris 2-10 0-0 4, Brooke Harris 4-7 0-0 7.

Totals: 17-61 17-30 50.

Halftime: 37-18, **CSI**.

Three-point shots: **CSI** 3-13; M.E. 1-9. Rebounds: **CSI** 47 (Shanahan 11, Quattrocchi 8); M.E. 52. Total fouls: **CSI** 22, M.E. 20. Fouled out: Hepworth, Tocco, McClain.

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## College of Staten Island slugs out 77-70 CUNY road win over Medgar Evers

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

It was rough sailing in a game with 57 personal fouls, but the College of Staten Island escaped Brooklyn with a 77-70 CUNY Conference basketball victory Wednesday night over host Medgar Evers.

Junior forward Jordan Young paced a balanced attack with 18 points as the Dolphins overcame foul problems and shaky free-throw shooting to improve to 2-0 in league play and 7-3 overall.

CSI's defense held Medgar Evers to four points over the final three minutes after the Cougars had whittled a 71-61 deficit to 71-67.

Dale Taranto and Bloochy Magliore hit free throws down the stretch and Magliore took a charging foul that helped seal the victory.

Taranto and Magliore scored 14 points apiece for the Dolphins, who sank only 23 of 38 free throws. They led 39-31 at halftime and went up 68-57 on Magliore's shot in the lane with five minutes remaining.

Freshman point guard Tony Simms scored a game-high 20 points for the Cougars, who dropped to 0-2 in CUNY play and 3-8 overall.

The Dolphins return to action Saturday with a 3 p.m. conference game at Brooklyn College.

CSI (77)

Taranto 4-13 4-6 14, Tibbs 3-4 2-4 8, Van Manen 2-2 3-8 7, Young 8-11 2-2 18, Magliore 5-13 2-2 14, Hughes 3-10 8-12 14, Valdes 0-1 2-4 2, Bloomfield 0-0 0-0 0, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 25-54 23-38 77.

MEDGAR EVERS (70)

Douglas 1-5 1-2 3, Johnson 2-5 0-0 4, Jovan Deare 6-15 4-7 16, Jerrell Deare 2-9 0-0 4, Gilmore 6-10 1-2 13, Simms 9-16 1-1 20, Willer 0-1 0-0 0, McGlashin 2-6 1-3 5, Prime 0-1 2-4 2, Quanmmore 1-1 0-0 3.

Totals: 29-69 10-19 70.

Halftime: 39-31, **CSI**.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 4-13 (Taranto 2-4, Magliore 2-6); M.E. 2-9. Rebounds: **CSI** 40 (Taranto 8, Hughes 8); M.E. 42 (Jovan Deare 15). Assists; **CSI** 14 (Tibbs 5). M.E. 9. Turnovers: **CSI** 18, M.E. 14. Total fouls: **CSI** 27, M.E. 30. Fouled out: Van Manen, Young, Douglas, Jovan Deare.

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## CUNYAC / HSS SCHOLAR-ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Vladislav Romanov • **College of Staten Island** • Men's Swimming & Diving



*CUNYAC/HSS Scholar-Athlete of the Month, December 2010*

A junior All-American swimmer at the **College of Staten Island**, Vladislav Romanov has been named the **CUNY Athletic Conference / Hospital for Special Surgery Scholar-Athlete of the Month** for the final month of 2010.

"I always thought I could use my brain to get what I want," says the determined Business Finance major, "So I take my dreams and set goals and I do what I have to do to achieve them."

Romanov holds a grade point average of 3.617. With a highly driven attitude, he wants to become an entrepreneur where he will create and run his own business.

His strong-minded approach extends from the classroom in the swimming pool. Though the month of December saw just two events it was the quality he made of them that shined. On December 5, he traveled to the ECAC Championship where he finished first in both the 200 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:50.09 and in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 51.26. The versatile swimmer finished the 200 Yard IM in 6th place out of 60 participants. Alongside teammates Nikolay Shevchenko, Danila Novikov and Joe Lee, Romanov finished the 200 Yard Medley Relay in third place with a time of 1:35.33.

Just a few days later on December 8, the Dolphins defeated Brooklyn College where Romanov finished with three golden wins that included the 200 Yard Medley Relay, 1000 Yard Freestyle and 100 Yard Backstroke.

"I am motivated by competition," said Romanov, "When we go to the Nationals or the ECAC championships, people there know what kind of swimmer I am, and that is a great feeling. Them seeing me as competition is competing to me."

Coming from Moscow, Russia three years ago, Romanov has made a good life for himself here in New York. He is a lifeguard at the CSI Sports and Recreation Center and when he isn't studying or in the pool, he is helping his peers. Romanov shares his positive attitude and knowledge volunteering as a peer tutor. "I know what it takes to achieve goals," says Romanov, "And I want to help others reach that as well."

On receiving this award; "To know I was chosen out of a large circle of academically knowledgeable and talented student-athletes is a great honor."

This season Romanov has tallied 13 individual first place wins and 6 relay wins. "I want to swim in the Olympics," Romanov states his goal, "I want to start training for the 2016 team." If his determination stays true we'll be hearing a lot more about Vlad Romanov

# Brooklyn Daily Eagle

## ***Bulldogs Roll Over York*** **Brooklyn College Wins Third Straight Behind** **Brooklyn's John**

by John Torenli ([sports@brooklyneagle.net](mailto:sports@brooklyneagle.net)), published online 01-07-2011

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By John Torenli

Former South Shore High School standout Amil John helped Brooklyn College record its third consecutive victory Wednesday night at York College.

The 5-foot-10 junior guard scored 24 points, second only to teammate Tyshawn Russell's 31, as the Bulldogs improved to 6-5 overall with a 75-71 triumph over their CUNYAC South Division rivals.

John, who is averaging just over 13 points per game this season, added three assists and four steals for Brooklyn College, which is 2-1 in league play.

BC returns to the hardwood tomorrow afternoon at 3 p.m. when it hosts the Dolphins of the College of Staten Island at the West Quad Center Gymnasium.

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The BC women were unable to give the Bulldogs a clean sweep of York, dropping a 73-63 decision to the Cardinals in Wednesday's doubleheader opener.

Brooklyn native and Bishop Loughlin alum Amber Gordon had a team-high 15 points for the Bulldogs, who fell to 6-5 overall and 2-1 in CUNYAC South action. York College jumped to 5-7, but now holds a one-game lead over BC with a 3-0 mark in league play.

The ladies hit the floor at 12:30 p.m. against College of Staten Island (COSI) tomorrow, preceding the scheduled men's contest.

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## College of Staten Island baseball team ranked 50th in NCAA Division III pre-season poll

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By **Eddie D'Anna**



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**CSI** southpaw hurler Pat Gale was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III All-American first team in 2010.

First pitch may be a month and a half away, but Dolphins baseball is still making noise.

Coming off a school-high 31-win season, the **College of Staten Island's** squad was ranked 50th in the **Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's NCAA Division III Pre-Season Poll**.

The ranking marks another **CSI** first.

"It's a complete honor to be ranked," said head coach Michael Mauro, a former Detroit Tigers farm-hand. "It shows the hard work that we are putting in is paying off."

The Dolphins are coming off a season that included a 31-11 record, a CUNY Conference baseball title and an ECAC Metro NY/NJ post-season tournament appearance.

**CSI**, which lost only a trio of seniors to graduation, has high hopes for the upcoming campaign, led by southpaw hurler Pat Gale, who was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III All-American first team.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pounder was 8-2 with a 2.09 ERA and batted .417 with a team-leading 69 hits and 47 runs batted in.

Also returning are pitchers Nick Tingos, Jeff Pontebbi, Casey Mulligan and Richard Anderson, and .300-hitters Ryan Nemoyten, Cory Sullivan, Henry Roman, Joe Cassano and Sal Todaro.

"We have a long way to go," Mauro said. "Being number fifty is great, but it gives us something to push forward to because we want to go even higher."

First pitch for **CSI** will be at the Cal Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Feb. 28.

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Photo courtesy of **CSI**

The Dolphins are coming off a school-high 31 win season.



## Staten Island: Baseball Celebrates New Year With National Ranking



The **College of Staten Island** men's baseball squad received a promising lift with the New Year, tabbing a No. 50 national ranking from the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's NCAA Division III Pre-Season Poll, announced through [www.baseballnews.com](http://www.baseballnews.com). The CBN national ranking is the first in school history, coming off of the heels of **CSI's** 14th CUNYAC Championship and an ECAC Metro NY/NJ Postseason Tournament appearance a year ago, complete with a 31-11 record, the highest win-total in school history.

"It's a complete honor to be ranked. It shows that the hard work that we are putting in is paying off," says Head Coach Michael Mauro, who is coming off back-to-back CUNYAC Coach of the Year honors.

Ohio's Heidelberg University topped the CBN rankings with 263 points, coming off of a 42-8 campaign a year ago. The preseason poll also features its share of area baseball programs, and a trio of teams that will be highlights on the **CSI** schedule this year. The Dolphins open the home portion of their schedule against SUNY-Cortland on March 4. The Red Dragons were runner-ups to the NCAA Division III National Championship a year ago, and are ranked No. 2 in the CBN poll. The Dolphins also face No. 4 Kean University in early-April, and will close their regular season in May with a trip to No. 21 Salisbury University.

"Our goal at **CSI** is to earn a spot in the NCAA Regionals and beyond, and playing those teams will only help us take the next step," Mauro said.

Graduating only a trio of seniors last year, the Dolphins are still primed for a quality run, led by ABCA/Rawlings First-Team All-American Pat Gale. The southpaw hurler was among the national leaders in wins, ERA, and strikeouts, while boasting a .418 average at the dish. Complete with returning pitchers Nick Tingos, Jeff Pontebbi, Casey Mulligan and Richard Anderson, and .300+ hitters Cory Sullivan, Henry Roman, Joe Cassano and Sal Todaro, the Dolphins are understandably excited.

"If there is ever a team that can compete against the top quality schools this is it," said Mauro, who is also quick to note a handful of recruits who will only help bolster the program.

Despite the national recognition and being tabbed as early-season favorites in the CUNY Athletic Conference, the skipper knows there is still plenty of work to do.

"We have a long way to go," he said. "Being number fifty is great, but it gives us something to push forward to because we want to go even higher."

First pitch for [CSI](#) will be at the Cal Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on February 28. Keep up with [www.baseballnews.com](http://www.baseballnews.com) and [www.csidolphins.com](http://www.csidolphins.com) for the latest CBN poll information.

## College of Staten Island hoops star Allie Shanahan continues her march to 1,000 points tonight

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By **Jim Waggoner**



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College of Staten Island senior forward Allie Shanahan needs 33 points to reach 1,000 for her career.

The College of Staten Island's basketball double-header tonight against City Tech is on as scheduled at the Sports and Recreation Center in Willowbrook.

It is the CUNY Conference home opener for the Dolphins.

CSI's women take a 1-2 CUNY record and 2-9 overall mark into the 5:30 p.m. contest as senior forward Allie Shanahan continues her pursuit to become the 15th player in the program's history to reach 1,000 career points. She needs 33 more to put her name in the history books.

City Tech brings 1-2 and 3-8 records into the game.

CSI's men, meanwhile, challenge City Tech at 7:30 p.m. The Dolphins own a South Division-leading 3-0 record and are 8-3 overall, while the winless Yellow Jackets are 0-3 and 0-10.

Baruch and Lehman share the North Division lead with 3-0 records.

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## Shanahan draws closer to scoring milestone as College of Staten Island women roll, 72-48

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By **Jim Waggoner**

Allie Shanahan will have to wait at least another day to join the 1,000-point club, but the College of Staten Island senior seemed to be in no hurry during Wednesday night's 72-48 victory over visiting City Tech.

Shanahan had a typically nice game — 18 points, nine rebounds, four assists and three steals — but the tall, graceful player who wears jersey No. 15 still needs 15 points to become the 15th player in school history to reach the scoring milestone.

"She let the game come to her, she didn't rush things," said CSI coach Marguerite Moran of the 5-foot-11 guard/forward out of St. John Villa. "We know she'll get it, but we're not really worried when."

The Dolphins were more concerned about securing a win in a bumpy season. They pulled away from the Yellow Jackets with a spurt early in the second half, unleashing their uptempo attack and shooting 50.9 percent for the game.

CSI improved to 2-2 in the CUNY Conference and 3-9 overall as sophomore guard Olivia Tierno led the way with 23 points. Katelyn Hepworth had a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds, and Jaclyn Tocco had eight assists, six rebounds and three steals.

"We attacked the basket well," said Moran. "We had a little fun playing basketball tonight."

Shanahan hit 8 of 16 shots from the floor, including a pair of 3-pointers. She needed 33 to reach 1,000, but that was asking too much for the team-oriented senior who scored nine points in each half.

The Dolphins move on to three-time defending CUNY champion Baruch Friday night. The Bulldogs are 4-0 in conference play and 11-3 overall.

NOTES: City Tech dropped to 1-3 and 3-10. Christine Jackson led all scorers with 24 points along with six rebounds, four assists and three steals ... CSI is 24-0 all-time against City Tech.

CITY TECH (48)

Richards 2-10 1-2 5, Simon 1-8 1-3 3, Jackson 10-24 0-2 24, Darden 0-4 2-2 2, Battle 0-8 0-0 0, Sarayi 0-1 0-0 0, Bell 0-1 0-0 0, Norton 0-0 0-0 0, Geffrard 0-0 0-0 0, Olaniyan 1-2 0-0 2, Dozier 5-8 0-0 10, Oriol 1-2 0-0 2.

Totals: 20-68 4-9 48.

CSI (72)

Hepworth 6-9 2-6 14, Quattrocchi 2-6 1-2 5, Tocco 1-6 3-6 5, Shanahan 8-16 0-1 18, Tierno 9-14 5-6 23, Sgarlato 0-0 0-0 0, Donegan 1-3 0-0 2, Rosado 2-3 1-1 5, Stout 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 29-57 12-22 72.

Halftime: 36-25, CSI.

Three-point goals: City Tech 4-11 (Jackson 4-7, Richards 0-3, Bell 0-1); CSI 2-10 (Hepworth 0-1, Quattrocchi 0-3, Tocco 0-1, Shanahan 2-5). Rebounds: City Tech 43 (Simon 7, Darden 7); CSI 42 (Hepworth 10, Shanahan 9). Assists: City Tech 9 (Jackson 4); CSI 23 (Tocco 8). Turnovers: City Tech 21, CSI 17. Total fouls: City Tech 15, CSI 15. Fouled out: Tocco.

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## College of Staten Island improves to 4-0 in CUNY play with win over City Tech, 75-68

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By Jim Waggoner



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For the first time in six years, the College of Staten Island has started a CUNY Conference basketball season with a perfect 4-0 record.

So why all the long faces?

"Coach (Tony) Petosa's happy with the record," said star junior forward Jordan Young, "but he's not happy with the way we played."

CSI held off visiting City Tech, 75-68, Wednesday night, but not before watching most of a 59-40 lead disappear in the final 13 minutes of the game.

"Nobody's happy," said Young, who scored 18 points and grabbed six rebounds but played only 21 minutes because of foul trouble. "When we were up 19, there was a timeout and he (Petosa) told us to put it away. Then we made some bad decisions, took some bad shots, and we looked up at the scoreboard and it was a game."

City Tech used a 14-1 run to cut the deficit to 60-54 with six minutes left. That's when Dale Taranto and Young, who both had four fouls, returned to action.



CSI's Bloochy Magliore scored a team-high 20 points in Wednesday night's win over City Tech.

Bloochy Magliore drained a 3-pointer from the left baseline and Young converted a 3-point play from a Matt Van Manen pass

and the Dolphins stretched the lead to 10.

CSI improved to 9-3 overall with Friday night's game looming at CUNY contender Baruch. Magliore led the way with 20 points while Thomas Tibbs (15 points, eight rebounds, five assists) and Taranto (12 points, seven assists and five steals) did their damage from the backcourt.

But the visitors repeatedly beat the Dolphins to the punch, enjoying a 53-37 rebounding edge powered by the 29-point, 13-rebound night of 6-foot-7 Nathaniel Young. The Yellow Jackets (0-4, 1-11) had 18 offensive boards but were hampered by 24 turnovers.

CSI struggles extended to the foul line, where the home team sank only 14 of 27. The Dolphins shot only 40.9 percent from the floor.

"I'm happy to be 4-0," said Petosa, "but I'm really disappointed with our effort tonight."

NOTES: Baruch dropped its first CUNY game, falling to 3-1 with a 85-68 loss at Lehman in the Bronx. The Lightning improved to 4-0 and join CSI as the only unbeaten teams left ... Magliore earned the CUNY's rookie of the week honors for the second time ... The Dolphins play their next four games on the road, including a Monday afternoon non-conference game at Kean. They return home on Monday, Jan. 24 and play seven of their next eight at home.

#### CITY TECH (68)

Doyle 0-4 0-0 0, Adepoju 4-10 4-7 12, Young 10-26 9-12 29, Joseph 3-3 0-1 6, Charles 4-8 1-1 9, Alvarado 0-0 0-0 0, Cadet 0-5 0-0 0, Ajayi 1-2 0-0 2, Martins 2-3 1-1 5, Longworth 0-0 0-0 0, Roidriguez 1-3 0-0 3, Henry 0-1 0-0 0, McNeil 11 0-0 2 Francis 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 26-66 15-22 68.

#### CSI (75)

Taranto 4-10 3-5 12, Tibbs 4-8 4-8 15, Hughes 3-12 1-4 7, Van Manen 1-5 1-4 3, Young 8-14 2-3 18, Bloomfield 0-0 0-0 0, Magliore 7-16 3-3 20, Valdes 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 27-66 14-27 75.

Halftime: 42-32, CSI.

Three-point goals: City Tech 1-8 (Young 0-3, Adepoju 0-1, Cadet 0-2, Rodrigues 1-2); **CSI** 7-20 (Taranto 1-4, Tibbs 3-6, Magliore 3-9, Valdes 0-1). Rebounds: City Tech 53 (Young 13, Charles 11); **CSI** 37 (Tibbs 8, Van Manen 8). Assists: City Tech 7 (Adepoju 4); **CSI** 20 (Taranto 7, Tibbs 5). Turnovers: City Tech 24, **CSI** 14. Total fouls: City Tech 22, **CSI** 20. Fouled out: Taranto.

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## College of Staten Island's Allie Shanahan continues her pursuit of 1,000th point in double-header against Baruch tonight

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By **Jim Waggoner**



**CSI** senior Allie Shanahan needs 15 points to join the school's 1,000-point club.

The **College of Staten Island** travels to Baruch College tonight for a pair of CUNY Conference basketball showdowns against the division-leading Bearcats.

**CSI's** women take a 2-2 CUNY record and 3-9 overall mark against three-time defending champion Baruch, 4-0 and 11-3, in the 5:30 p.m. opener.

**CSI** senior Allie Shanahan needs 15 points to join the school's 1,000-point club.

The Dolphin men's team (4-0, 9-3) is one of two remaining unbeaten squads --

Lehman is also 4-0. **CSI** leads the South Division and Baruch (3-1, 8-7) is one game behind Lehman in the North Division standings. Lehman topped Baruch 85-68 Wednesday night in the Bronx.

The men's game starts at 7:30 p.m.

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## College of Staten Island's Shanahan reaches 1,000-point milestone in road loss

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By Jim Waggoner



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**CSI** senior Allie Shanahan scored 15 points Friday night at Baruch to join the 1,000-point club.

Tim Shanahan, the father, gets emotional when he puts on his coach's suit and talks about the player, his daughter Allie.

And who wouldn't?

Tim and Allie Shanahan have traveled back and forth between more gymnasiums than either can count, starting when the **College of Staten Island** senior forward was in the fourth grade at St. Teresa's, moving on to the Staten Island Rebels and St. John Villa, and now concluding with her final season as a Dolphin.

"I have to go in her room once in a while and apologize sometimes," said Tim, an assistant coach at **CSI**. "I'm tougher on Allie than any of the others at times."

Shanahan needed 15 points Friday night to become the 15th player in **CSI** history to score 1,000 career points. Shanahan took a pass from teammate Victoria Donegan with 3:51 remaining and converted a layup in a 101-52 loss to the three-time defending champion Baruch in Manhattan. The Dolphins called a timeout to let the crowd, which included a small army of Shanahan's family and friends,

acknowledge the milestone.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Allie Shanahan, who finished the evening with 15 points. "It takes a lot of pressure off, too. Now I can just concentrate on the rest of the season and helping this team improve down the stretch."

The Castleton Corners resident shared post-game hugs with her mother, Susan, and little sister, Olivia. Her brother, Jack, was playing for the St. Peter's HS junior varsity. Her grandparents, Frank and Ellen Dito, attended the game.

"I'd say my grandpa has always been my No. 1 fan," said Shanahan.

Shanahan originally planned on playing basketball at Dominican College, which offered her an athletic scholarship. But she reconsidered at the last minute and enrolled at **CSI**. By that time, her father had been hired as an assistant coach under head coach Marguerite Moran.

"She followed me to **CSI**, not the other way around," Tim Shanahan emphasized.

Allie Shanahan is a slender 5-foot-11 player more comfortable on the perimeter than in the paint, where she spends a lot of time for a small Dolphin team. She took a team-leading 16 points per game average into last night's affair, and averages 7.3 rebounds.

She sank three more 3-pointers against Baruch and leads the team with 26.

"Allie can shoot the three or put the ball on the court and get to the basket," said Tim Shanahan.

Shanahan missed half of her freshman and junior seasons. Last year she broke her ankle on the opening jump of a Jan. 20 game and sat the rest of the season.

"The thing I really love about Allie though is that she's very coachable and puts her personal goals aside for the good of the team," said Tim Shanahan. "You're happy for her because you know how hard she's worked, and as a parent you see how much she's matured as a person."

With that said, the coach and father reached for the tissues.

NOTES: Baruch improved to 5-0 in CUNY play and 12-3 overall as Jessica Duleba led five players in double figures with 20. The Bearcats hit 13 3-point shots. Foloshade Akinde had 15 points and 11 rebounds ... **CSI** dropped to 2-3 and 3-10 with Olivia Tierno and Shanahan leading the way with 15 points apiece. Tierno also grabbed eight rebounds.

**CSI** (52)

Hepworth 5-13 0-0 11, Quattrocchi 1-2 0-0 3, Tocco 1-4 2-3 4, Shanahan 5-20 2-2 15, Tierno 6-12 1-2 15, Sgarlato 0-1 0-0 0, Donegan 1-4 0-0 2, Rosado 1-6 0-0 2, Stout 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 20-62 5-7 52.

BARUCH (101)

Salmon 4-10 0-0 9, Voitot 1-3 0-0 3, Bouwens 5-9 5-6 15, Akinde 7-13 1-1 15, Duleba 9-15 0-0 20, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Washington 4-9 0-0 11, Boyce 2-3 0-0 4, Sells 3-6 0-0 8, Gutierrez 0-0 0-0 0, Purcell 5-8 0-0 14.

Totals: 41-78 6-7 101.

Halftime: 47-22, Baruch. Three-point shots: **CSI** 7-21 (Tierno 2-3, Shanahan 3-13, Hepworth 1-2, Quattrocchi 1-2, Tocco 0-1); Baruch 13-30 (Purcell 4-7, Washington 3-6, Duleba 2-4, Salmon 1-4, Voitot 1-3, Bouwens 0-1, Sells 2-5). Rebounds: **CSI** 33 (Tierno 8); Baruch 46 (Akinde 11). Turnovers: **CSI** 25, Baruch 14. Total fouls: **CSI** 10, Baruch 12. Fouled out: none.

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## Tibbs' long shot at buzzer lifts **College of Staten Island** to triple-overtime win over Baruch, 109-107

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By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance file photo by Hilton Flores

**CSI** point guard Thomas Tibbs hit the game-winning shot in triple overtime Friday night at Baruch, 109-107.

If the game had been broadcast on ESPN, it would have been selected as an Instant Classic and shown again immediately.

But this is the CUNY Conference and the **College of Staten Island's** 109-107 triple-overtime victory over host Baruch in Manhattan Friday night will have to live on in the memories of a few hundred fans at the ARC Arena.

The final image is of the delirious Dolphins mobbing point guard Thomas Tibbs, who buried yet another long bomb under pressure at the buzzer to break the 107-107 deadlock in the third OT.

"I hope we didn't celebrate too much," said **CSI** head coach Tony Petosa, in his 21st season on the bench. "I wouldn't want to show any disrespect to Baruch and the game they played."

There was plenty of respect to go around in this once-in-a-lifetime thriller, where

lead changes were commonplace and everyone was convinced of a fourth overtime until Tibbs settled the outcome once and for all.

"I don't remember ever being in a game like this," said Petosa after the Dolphins improved to 10-3 overall and 5-0 in the CUNY. "It was a classic game ... at any level that's a classic game."

"I think I would have enjoyed it more sitting in the stands, though."

The most improbable moment also came courtesy of Tibbs, who scored 31 points and added seven assists in a sensational clutch performance. He took a length-of-the-court inbounds pass from freshman center Matt Van Manen with 2.2 seconds remaining in the second OT and nailed an NBA-length 3-pointer from the right wing as time expired.

That made it 95-95 and forced a third overtime.

"I've never played in a game like that," said the 5-foot-8 Tibbs, a former St. Peter's HS star playing his first season as a Dolphin. "I don't think it will hit us until we're on bus heading home. It was an unbelievable game and you have to give Baruch a ton of credit. They wouldn't back down and neither would we."

Petosa likened the game to a heavyweight boxing match.

"I kept telling the team during timeouts that it's a classic street fight," he said. "It was up to them to deliver the last punch and they did."

"It was just a thrilling game from start to finish. Maybe it was meant to be that the last team that had the ball would win. So many things happened so quickly."

Baruch (3-2, 8-8) actually had a six-point lead — 75-69 — after Mickey Abbatiello's 3-point play with 1:06 left in regulation. But the teams were just getting started, as Bloochy Magliore's tip-in of his own miss capped a furious 6-0 **CSI** run that forced the first OT at 75-75.

The Dolphins had early five-point leads in each of the first two extra sessions, with Lionel Hilaire burying a 3-pointer at the end of the first OT.

And on and on it went.

"Greatest game I ever played in by far," said **CSI** junior forward Jordan Young, who had 20 points and 13 rebounds before fouling out. "I can't remember anything like it."

In fact, the Dolphins played most of the three five-minute OTs without their three inside players — David Hughes, Van Manen and Young — all of whom fouled out. Dale Taranto (11 points, 15 rebounds, five assists and six steals) and Tibbs finished the game with four fouls apiece.

"We had a small lineup and kids on the court who haven't played much this season," said Petosa.



Hilaire topped Baruch with 33 points while workhorse Sean Loftus had a 22-point, 19-rebound night. There were 174 shots taken from the floor and 70 free throws. There were 111 rebounds, 36 assists and 45 turnovers.

And there were enough memories that not even Baruch head coach Ray Rankis, in his 29th season, and Petosa could likely conjure up a wilder game and finish.

"It's just too bad someone has to lose something like that," said Tibbs. "Both teams showed tremendous heart all night."

A night for the CUNY ages, to be sure.

NOTES: Young has 987 career points and could make a run at the school's all-time scoring record next season ... CSI visits Kean on Monday at 1 p.m. in non-conference action.

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## Kean outscores College of Staten Island men, 95-85

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By Jim Waggoner



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CSI point guard Thomas Tibbs tallied 27 points in Monday afternoon's 95-85 basketball loss at Kean.

UNION, N.J. — The College of Staten Island seemed intent on picking up where it left off in a historic victory over Baruch, but the Dolphins fell short in a 95-85 non-conference loss to host Kean Monday afternoon at Harwood Arena.

Three days after posting a thrilling 109-107 triple-overtime triumph in Manhattan, the Dolphins came out smoking, shooting 54.2 percent from the floor and nailing 11 3-point baskets.

It wasn't enough to keep pace with the Cougars.

Kean senior forward Jonathan Jones scored a game-high 31 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to pace the Cougars, who are 4-1 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference and 12-5 overall.

Kean shot 56.1 percent from the floor and sank 24 of 27 free throws, rallying from a 52-46 deficit with 16 minutes remaining.

CSI trailed by a dozen, 35-23, with five minutes left in the first half and received another monster game from point guard

Thomas Tibbs, who tallied 27 points despite playing with a painful groin injury.

Tibbs had 19 points by halftime, hitting 4-of-6 3-point shots.

It was Tibbs' buzzer-beater from the right wing that had powered **CSI** to its win over Baruch. He had 31 points in that CUNY Conference game.

Kean regained the lead for good at 71-70 with 6:41 remaining on a Jones layup. The hosts pulled away in the final few minutes.

Junior forward Jordan Young scored 20 points for the Dolphins and sits at 999 for his career. Young also had five rebounds and six assists before fouling out.

Dale Taranto had another solid line — 12 points, five rebounds, five assists and two steals — and Bloochy Magliore added 11 points.

But the Dolphins struggled trying to keep up with the 6-foot-5, 220-pound Jones in the paint, where the Cougars enjoyed a 42-28 scoring edge. Kean also had a 28-13 bench advantage and led 12-4 in second-chance points.

**CSI** dropped to 10-4 for the season while having a four-game winning streak halted and takes a 5-0 CUNY record to City College Wednesday night.

NOTES: The buzz over **CSI's** 109-107 win at Baruch required a look at the record books. The Dolphins scored a 127-92 win over against City College on Jan. 14, 1989, the highest point total. The 109-point explosion ranks 10th on the school's single-game scoring list. **CSI** defeated John Jay 106-101 in the 1990-91 campaign.

**CSI** (85)

Taranto 4-8 2-3 12, Tibbs 10-17 2-3 27, Hughes 2-6 1-2 5, Van Manen 4-6 0-1 8, Young 7-9 5-6 20, Magliore 4-10 0-0 11, Valdes 1-3 0-0 2, Husslein 0-0 0-0 0, Pan 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 32-59 10-15 85.

KEAN (95)

Burton 4-8 5-5 15, Shaughnessy 1-3 2-2 5, Gutierrez 5-6 4-4 14, Kirrey 1-4 0-0 2, Jones 11-16 8-10 31, Gibson 0-3 2-2 2, Hladik 2-3 0-0 6, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Keenan 0-0 0-0 0, Lewis 0-0 2-2 2, Pace 3-7 0-0 7, Ribeiro 0-0 0-0 0, Vitale 0-0 0-0 0, Latorre 4-4 1-2 9, Cadet 0-2 0-0 0, Fuller 0-0 0-0 0, Steward 1-1 0-0 2.

Totals: 32-57 24-27 95.

Halftime: 41-41.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 11-27 (Taranto 2-4, Tibbs 5-10, Hughes 0-3, Young 1-2, Magliore 3-7, Valdes 0-1; Kean 7-19 (Burton 2-4, Shaughnessy 1-1, Kirey 0-3, Jones 1-2, Hladik 2-3, Pace 1-4, Cadet 0-2).  
Rebounds: **CSI** 25 (Taranto 5, Young 5); Kean 30 (Jones 10). Assists: **CSI** 21 (Tibbs 6, Young 6); Kean 21.  
Turnovers: **CSI** 20, Kean 18. Total fouls: **CSI** 19, Kean 15. Fouled out: Young. Technical foul: Taranto.

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## College of Staten Island forward Jordan Young close to milestone

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By **Jim Waggoner**

Another game, another 1,000-point scorer on the horizon at the College of Staten Island.

CSI junior forward Jordan Young takes 999 career points into tonight's CUNY Conference battle at City College, with his first hoop against the last-place Beavers making him the 27th player in Dolphin history to reach the milestone.

Two of his former teammates, Ryan Hennessey and Christian Montervino joined the club last season.

Young, a 6-foot-5 product of Wall HS in Asbury Park, N.J., is former CUNY rookie of the year. He has 10 more regular-season games left this season, plus the postseason and all of his senior campaign to climb the Willowbrook school's career charts.

He'll have to light up the scoreboard to catch Michael Stewart and his 1,819 points from 2001-05. Former Dolphin great David Paul ranks second with 1,684 points and current head coach Tony Petosa (1982-86) checks in at No. 3 with 1,635.

Complicating Young's chase is the unselfish nature of his game. He ranks sixth in CUNY scoring with 16.5 ppg and is first in field-goal percentage at 65.1 (95 of 146).



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

CSI's Jordan Young goes up for two of his 15 point against the University of Dallas on Dec. 29.

The Dolphins take a 5-0 record into tonight's 7 p.m. game and are 10-4 overall. They rank first in the CUNY in field-goal percentage (46.1), 3-point accuracy (37.1), assists (17.1) and are second in steals (10.7). Point guard Thomas Tibbs leads with 5.5 assists per game and freshman Bloochy Magliore leads with a 43.7 percentage from 3-point land. The team also ranks No. 1 in turnover margin (plus-4.23) and assist/turnover margin (1.1).

City College is 0-4 in CUNY play and 2-13 overall. The Beavers hope to snap a 13-game losing streak.

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**CSI** senior forward Allie Shanahan powered into the 1,000-point club on the women's side last Friday night at Baruch. The St. John Villa product became the 15th player in Dolphin history to reach the milestone.

The Dolphins take a 2-3 CUNY mark and 3-10 overall record into tonight's 5 p.m. game against the Beavers, who are 0-4 and 1-13 with a 10-game losing streak.

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Baruch's men scored a significant victory for the CUNY on Monday night, snapping William Paterson's eight-game winning streak, 85-81. It was the Bearcats' first game since dropping a 109-107 triple-overtime thriller to **CSI**.

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## College of Staten Island women rip CCNY, 59-40

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By Jim Waggoner



CSI photo

CSI senior Allie Shanahan scored 20 points as the Dolphins topped City College, 59-40.

Senior forward Allie Shanahan had 21 points and 11 rebounds as the College of Staten Island cruised past host City College 59-40 Wednesday night in CUNY Conference basketball action at the Nat Holman Gym in Manhattan.

The Dolphins (3-3 CUNY, 4-10 overall) built a 31-19 halftime lead and outscored the Beavers 26-6 over the first 10 minutes of the second half to build a 57-25 edge.

City College dropped to 0-5 and 1-14 with its 11th straight loss.

Olivia Tierno scored 16 points and Katelyn Hepworth had 15 rebounds, six assists and three steals for the Dolphins.

CSI put the defensive clamps on CCNY, which sank just 15 of 58 shots from the floor. Donika Rexhepi topped the Beavers with nine points, 16 rebounds and five steals.

The Dolphins return to action tomorrow at 5 p.m. at John Jay College.

CSI (59)

Hepworth 3-14 1-2 7, Quattrocchi 0-2 0-0 0, Tocco 0-3 4-8 4, Shanahan 10-20 0-0 21, Tierno 7-11 2-5 16, Sgarlato 0-0 0-0 0, Donegan 1-1 0-0 2, Rosado 4-10 1-2 9, Stout 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 25-62 8-17 59.

CCNY (40)

Rexhepi 3-13 3-4 9, Li 3-10 3-3 9, Billups 0-5 0-0 0, Tharkur 2-10 1-1 5, Pressley 3-10 2-2 9, Williams 3-10 2-2 8.

Totals: 14-58 11-12 40.

Halftime: 31-19, CSI.

Three-point goals: CSI 1-11 (Hepworth 0-1, Quattrocchi 0-1, Tocco 0-1, Shanahan 1-7, Tierno 0-1); CCNY 1-5 (Rexhepi 0-1, Li 0-1, Pressley 1-3). Rebounds: CSI 48 (Hepworth 15, Shanahan 11); CCNY 41 (Rexhepi 16). Assists: CSI 18 (Hepworth 6); CCNY 10 (Rexhepi 3). Turnovers: CSI 21, CCNY 25. Total fouls: CSI 13, CCNY 11. Fouled out: Tharkur.

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## Tibbs hits another game-winning shot and Young joins 1,000-point club as CSI men edge City College, 68-66

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By Jim Waggoner



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CSI junior forward Jordan Young joined the school's 1,000-point club during Wednesday night's 68-66 win at City College.

Thomas Tibbs managed to steal the show again, even on a night when College of Staten Island teammate Jordan Young joined the school's 1,000-point club.

Tibbs, a junior point guard, drilled a 3-point shot from the right wing with 13 seconds remaining to lift CSI to a 68-66 CUNY Conference victory over City College at Nat Holman Gymnasium in Manhattan.

The Dolphins rallied from a 10-point second-half deficit and escaped with a perfect 6-0 conference mark and 11-4 overall record while handing the hard-luck 2-14 Beavers their 14th consecutive loss.

Along the way, Young became the 27th player in CSI history to score 1,000 points. He started the night with 999 and sank a layup midway through the first half to reach the milestone.

"I'm happy we got the win," said the 6-foot-5 Young, a junior from Asbury Park, N.J. "I would be disappointed if we had lost."

Tibbs, a 22-year-old St. Peter's HS product in his first season of collegiate basketball, has been nothing short of sensational

lately. His long jump shot from the right wing lifted **CSI** to a 109-107 triple-overtime victory at Baruch last Friday night, and he repeated his heroics last night.

The Dolphins trailed 35-27 at halftime against last-place CCNY, and faced a 50-40 deficit with 14 minutes remaining and 66-61 hole with 4:30 left.

The visitors closed the game with a 7-0 run in a ragged finish that at one point had six turnovers on six consecutive possessions. CCNY missed a free throw with a 66-65 lead and 25 seconds remaining, and Tibbs connected on his game-winner off the dribble.

The Beavers had a chance to force overtime, but missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw at the 1.7 second mark.

Tibbs finished with 20 points on 7-for-10 shooting, including a torrid 6-for-8 pace from the 3-point line. Bloochy Magliore and Young had 14 points apiece and Dale Taranto 10.

**CSI** was saved by its lone-range shooting. The Dolphins made 10-for-21 beyond the arc.

"We came out flat," said Young, who also had a team-high eight rebounds but sat with three first-half fouls before eventually fouling out. "We came in probably not in the right frame of mind to start a game."

Tibbs made sure they departed happy, however.

"When we need a clutch basket," said Young, "he's been the guy we go to."

NOTES: Kenny Rubenstein topped CCNY with 20 points while Brendan Barile added 12 and Matas Rascius 10 ... **CSI** travels to John Jay tomorrow night.

**CSI** (68)

Taranto 4-11 0-0 10, Tibbs 7-10 0-0 20, Hughes 7-11 0-1 14, Young 4-9 6-6 14, Van Manen 1-3 0-0 2, Magliore 3-12 0-0 8, Valdes 0-1 0-0 0, Jenkins 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 26-57 6-7 68.

CCNY (66)

Vickers 1-3 0-0 3, Rubenstein 5-10 8-9 20, Johnston 4-4 0-0 9, Roberts 3-7 0-2 7, Rascius 5-10 0-2 10, Alford 2-6 1-2 5, Hernandez 0-1 0-0 0, Rivera 0-1 0-0 0, Barille 5-11 0-0 12, Okon 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 25-53 9-15 66.

Halftime: 35-27, CCNY.

Three-point goals: CSI 10-21 (Taranto 2-5, Tibbs 6-8, Magliore 2-7, Valdes 0-1); CCNY 7-17 (Vickers 1-2, Rubenstein 2-5, Johnston 1-1, Roberts 1-4, Barile 2-5). Rebounds: CSI 34 (Young 8, Hughes 7, Van Manen 7); CCNY 31 (Roberts 8, Rascius 8). Assists: CSI 18 (Hughes 5); CCNY 14 (Vickers 4). Turnovers: CSI 17, CCNY 16. Total fouls: CSI 18, CCNY 13. Fouled out: Young.

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## Allie Shanahan's big game lifts College of Staten Island

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By Staten Island Advance



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Totals: 14-58 11-12 40.

Halftime: 31-19, **CSI**.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 1-11 (Hepworth 0-1, Quattrocchi 0-1, Tocco 0-1, Shanahan 1-7, Tierno 0-1); CCNY 1-5 (Rexhepi 0-1, Li 0-1, Pressley 1-3). Rebounds: **CSI** 48 (Hepworth 15, Shanahan 11); CCNY 41 (Rexhepi 16). Assists: **CSI** 18 (Hepworth 6); CCNY 10 (Rexhepi 3). Turnovers: **CSI** 21, CCNY 25. Total fouls: **CSI** 13, CCNY 11. Fouled out: Tharkur.

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## Staten Island Duo Sweeps CUNYAC/OAI Men's Swimming and Diving Weekly Honors



*Nikolay Shevchenko touched the wall in first place during four of his swims last week.*

**FLUSHING, N.Y.** - The City University of New York Athletic Conference and OAI Graphics announced their weekly men's swimming and diving award winners for the period of Jan. 10-16, and a pair of College of Staten Island standouts received accolades. Senior **Nikolay Shevchenko** took home Athlete of the Week praise, while teammate and freshman **Danila Novikov** was selected as Rookie of the Week. This duo helped the Dolphins to a pair of dual-meet victories last week -- against Drew and CUNYAC rival Lehman.

### **CUNYAC/OAI Men's Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week**

Nikolay Shevchenko, Staten Island  
Senior, Free/Fly  
Siberia, Russia/Krasnoyarsk

Shevchenko touched the wall first in four of his five swims during the Dolphins' 2-0 week (1-0 CUNYAC). At Drew (Jan. 11), he placed first with a time of 50.86 in the 100 Freestyle, while also swimming on the victorious 400 Medley Relay squad (3:36.02). Against Lehman (Jan. 15), Shevchenko placed first in the 100 Butterfly (59.82) and the 500 Freestyle (4:51.87), while placing second in the 50 Freestyle (23.02).

### **CUNYAC/OAI Men's Swimming and Diving Rookie of the Week**

Danila Novikov, Staten Island  
Freshman, Free/IM  
Russia

Novikov went 6-for-6 in his swims last week for the Dolphins, including four individual showings and two relay performances. Against Drew (Jan. 11), Novikov's name read first on the scoreboard in the 1,000 Freestyle (10:28.29), the 200 Individual Medley (1:58.70) and the 400 Medley Relay (3:36.02). Four days later versus Lehman, Novikov won the 50 Free (20.54), 100 Free (49.64) and swam on the winning 200 Free Relay squad (1:40.11).

### **Honorable Mention**

Gabriel Yanez, Baruch (School-record 4:39.87 in the 400 Freestyle vs. Lehman)





## Staten Island's Villarruel, Hunter's DiGiore Bestowed With CUNYAC/OAI Graphics Weekly Women's Swimming and Diving Honors



**FLUSHING, N.Y.** - The City University of New York Athletic Conference and OAI Graphics announced its weekly women's swimming and diving award winners recently, and College of Staten Island senior **Gabriella Villarruel** was selected as Athlete of the Week after winning all three of her races against York College (Jan. 6). Also, Hunter freshman **Brianna DiGiore** received Rookie of the Week kudos after a first-place finish in the 400-meter freestyle during the Hawks' lone dual meet of the week.

### Athlete of the Week

Gabriella Villarruel, Staten Island  
Freestyle, Senior  
Staten Island, NY/Curtis

In a CUNYAC dual meet against York (Jan. 6), Villarruel won both the 200- (2:46.79) and 100-meter (1:11.13) freestyle events. She also teamed up with Priscilla Alvarez, Lauren Overeem and Elaina Lei for a first-place time of 2:26.17 in the 200-meter freestyle relay.

### Rookie of the Week

Brianna DiGiore, Hunter  
Freestyle, Freshman  
New York, NY/City Honors College

Against Lexington Avenue arch-rival Baruch (Jan. 7), DiGiore placed first in the 400-meter freestyle in a converted-yards time of 6:12.45. Her 800 Free converted time of 12:39.44 was good for second place against the Bearcats, while DiGiore also swam on the victorious 200 Free Relay squad (2:15.22).

# Brooklyn Daily Eagle

## Bay Ridge Eagle

### Citizen Kane's Bay Ridge Beat: January 20, 2010

by Tom Kane ([tk@brooklyneagle.net](mailto:tk@brooklyneagle.net)), published online 01-20-2011

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By Tom Kane And Friends

From humble beginnings ... Had a chance to catch up with one of my oldest and dearest friends last week. Neil Barbella. Neil is currently the associate head coach of the men's baseball team at the College of Staten Island, no doubt as a result of the wonderful tutoring he received as a young assistant back in the day. Neil was a member of my own coaching staff in St. Patrick's Little League and an integral part of the undefeated championship season of my beloved Navajos. He's been working a little harder than that these days as he and Head Coach Mike Mauro continue to build a nationally recognized program.

"We're very excited right now," Neil told me. "We're currently ranked 50th in the nation on the Division III level. That might not sound like much, but we've never been ranked before."

And there's more to celebrate.

"We had our first-ever All-American last year, (first baseman/pitcher Pat Gale), and have a solid core returning," Neil said. "More importantly, we've been able to schedule more prominent opponents, which will boost our strength-of-schedule ranking, something that really comes into play when bids are made at tournament time."

CSI's first big game comes on March 4, when the Dolphins face national power Cortland State. Here's hoping Neil and his charges are playing well into June. Good luck, my friend.

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One more for Gang Green ... If only I'd known, 42 years ago, that I'd be waiting this long to see the Jets return to the Super Bowl, maybe I'd have rooted for another team. After all, only the Lions have waited longer. But, the wait could be over soon if my new hero, Mark Sanchez, can carry us through one more road game this Sunday in Pittsburgh. He's working against more than the powerful jinx that has cursed the franchise since 1969, though, as Sports Illustrated decided to make the task even tougher by putting the Jets on this week's cover. We all know how that usually works out – "Cancel my subscription!" But, seriously, I have all the faith in the world that Sanchez is up to the task, as is his extra large coach. On to Dallas, men!

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The long road back ... Last year, you may have read a wonderful piece by Eagle columnist Eddie Mayrose about Steve Oliver, head basketball coach at Fontbonne Hall Academy, and his daughter Jillian, who injured her knee in a New York State playoff game. It's been a long eight months for Jill as she battled to return for her senior season after surgery to repair a torn ACL. There was a lot of painful rehab and more than one setback as the Bonnies' point guard raced the clock to get back on the court. However, Jill didn't become such an accomplished player without perseverance being one of her strong qualities and, last week, she made her season debut in the Fontbonne backcourt.

Playing tentatively at first, she worked her way into the offense until she buried a big three in the third quarter of a tight game against division rival St. Saviour. The Bonnies won that one and enjoyed a nine-point contribution from Jill in her next outing. While she recognizes there are still some limitations, she's just thrilled to be back, even lining up on the court at times with her younger sister, Kate.



Look for Jill and her talented teammates, currently sitting atop the standings in their division, on the MSG Varsity Network when they visit St. Saviour next week.

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Blue Devils gain state honors ... Two of my favorite high school football players, Poly Prep's Faton Bauta and Ryan Pearce, were both recently recognized as All-Stars by the New York State Sports Writers Association for their accomplishments during the 2010 season. Bauta, who actually took some snaps at quarterback, was a first team selection as a linebacker while the hard-hitting Pearce, a senior offensive lineman, was named to the fifth team. Congrats, gentlemen!

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Calling all artists ... What an excellent opportunity for all the budding artists and photographers that make Bay Ridge such a creatively refreshing place in which to live. Georgine Benvenuto, owner of Gallery 364 in Bay Ridge, is hosting an "Artist Choice" art competition this month in which contestants are granted the freedom to select the theme for their works.

Two "Best in Show" winners will each receive a \$150 cash prize and two "Honorable Mention" winners will each receive a \$50 gift certificate. Winners will be announced at a special reception held at the gallery, 364 72nd St., on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. All art will be for sale at the reception and will be displayed through Feb. 10. The deadline for submissions is Jan. 25, so don't miss your chance to let your creative juices flow. Contact Georgine at 917-767-3848 for more information.

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Picks of the week... My movie of the week is The Last Rebel, a 1971 release starring acclaimed actor Joe Namath as a Confederate soldier. My book of the week, in a nod to Big Remy, is The Toe: The Lou Groza Story. My song of the week is "Bennie and the Jets," by Elton John.



## John Jay women post rare victory over CSI, 65-62

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

John Jay held off a late College of Staten Island rally for a rare CUNY Conference victory over the Dolphins, 65-62, Friday night in Manhattan.

The Bloodhounds built a 58-43 lead on sophomore guard Allana Beddoe's 3-point shot with six minutes remaining, then watched a pair of CSI shots to tie the game misfire in the final 20 seconds.

CSI had won 17 of the previous meetings against John Jay, including last season's 84-57 rout. The Bloodhounds' only other victory since the 1996-97 season was a 76-65 win late in the 2006-07 campaign.

The Dolphins still lead the all-time series, 32-14.

CSI dropped to 3-4 in CUNY play and 4-11 overall. John Jay improved to 5-2 and 7-9.

Jessica Lirio topped a balanced winning attack with 16 points while Dominique Grice added 15 and Beddoe 14.

Beddoe sank 4 of 9 shots from 3-point range.

Allie Shanahan and Katelyn Hepworth paced CSI with 16 points apiece and Olivia Tierno added 15. The Dolphins didn't shoot well, however, sinking only 4 of 22 3-pointers and 12 of 24 free throws.

CSI returns to action Tuesday night at home in a 6 p.m. non-conference game against St. Joseph's, Brooklyn.

**CSI (62)**

Hepworth 8-18 0-4 16, Quattrocchi 2-6 1-2 6, Shanahan 6-22 2-4 16, Tierno 4-9 7-9 15, Tocco 2-6 2-5 7, Rosado 1-6 0-0 2, Donegan 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 23-67 12-24 62.

**JOHN JAY (65)**

Grice 5-20 5-5 15, Beddoe 5-11 0-0 14, Forsythe 3-7 2-3 8, Lirio 6-11 4-9 16, Smith 2-8 0-0 4, Moses 2-8 0-0 6, Newton 1-5 0-0 2.

Totals: 24-70 11-17 65.

Halftime: 28-25, John Jay.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 4-22 (Quattrocchi 1-4, Tocc 1-4, Rosado 0-2, Shanahan 2-11, Tierno 0-1); John Jay 6-16 (Beddoe 4-9, Lirio 0-1, Moses 2-6). Rebounds: **CSI** 45 (Tierno 11, Shanahan 10, Hepworth 8); John Jay 56 (Newton 11, Smith 10). Assists: **CSI** 18 (Tierno 5, Shanahan 5); John Jay 19 (Grice 9, Lirio 6). Turnovers: **CSI** 19, John Jay 22. Total fouls: **CSI** 18, John Jay 19. Fouled out: Grice.

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## CSI men improve to 7-0 in CUNY play with 90-79 win over John Jay

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By Jim Waggoner



Staten Island Advance file photo by Hilton Flores

CSI freshman forward David Hughes had 18 points and nine rebounds in a 90-79 victory Friday night at John Jay.

There are still six games remaining on the CUNY Conference schedule, but the College of Staten Island is well positioned to secure the top seed in the postseason tournament.

The Dolphins ran past John Jay, 90-79, Friday night in Manhattan to improve to 7-0 in CUNY play and 12-4 overall and maintain a two-game lead over their closest pursuers. Better yet, six of those victories have come on the road, and five of the final six are home games.

CSI built a 47-31 halftime lead, held off a John Jay rally that cut the deficit to six points, and shot a blistering 55.9 percent from the floor with five players cracking double figures.

Junior point guard Thomas Tibbs paced a balanced attack with 22 points, sinking 15 of 16 free throws. David Hughes added 18 points and nine rebounds, and Jordan Young 17 points and nine rebounds.

Dale Taranto continued his outstanding overall play with 15 points, 11 rebounds, eight assists and three steals.

Bloochy Magliore pitched in with 12 points and four steals.

The Bloodhounds (2-5, 7-11) also excelled offensively with a 49.3 percent shooting clip. Jerome Alexander had 22 points, followed by Darryl Dennis with 16, Jamar Harry 15 and Matt Collins 13.

John Jay junior guard Joseph Padell, a Tottenville HS product, scored three points with three rebounds and two assists in a reserve role.

But the Bloodhounds couldn't keep pace with the Dolphins, who made 21 of 30 free throws and continued to slice through their CUNY schedule.

Next up is Lehman Wednesday at 7:30 as part of a Sports and Recreation Center double-header.

### **CSI (90)**

Taranto 7-14 1-4 15, Tibbs 3-7 15-16 22, Van Manen 3-4 0-0 6, Hughes 9-14 0-2 18, Young 6-9 5-8 17, Magliore 5-11 0-0 12, Valdes 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 33-59 21-30 90.

### **JOHN JAY (79)**

Holman 1-6 0-0 3, Collins 5-11 2-4 13, Dennis 7-9 1-3 16, Abbott 1-4 2-4 5, Padell 1-3 0-0 3, Harry 7-9 1-2 15, Duran 1-1 0-0 2, Tenorio 0-1 0-0 0, Crosby 2-3 0-0 4, Alexander 9-22 0-0 18, Zaher 0-0 0-2 0.

Totals: 34-69 6-15 79.

Halftime: 47-31, **CSI**.

Three-point goals: **CSI** 3-11 (Taranto 0-3, Tibbs 1-3, Magliore 2-4, Hughes 0-1); John Jay 5-18 (Holman 1-3, Collins 1-6, Dennis 1-2, Abbott 1-1, Padell 1-3, Tenorio 0-1, Alexander 0-2). Rebounds: **CSI** 36 (Taranto 11, Hughes 9); John Jay 36 (Tenorio 5). Assists: **CSI** 18 (Taranto 8); John Jay 19 (Alexander 6). Turnovers: **CSI** 23, John Jay 23. Total fouls: **CSI** 15, John Jay 23. Fouled out: none.

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## CUNY honors for Tibbs, Markoe

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

CSI point guard Thomas Tibbs was named the CUNYAC Player of the Week for Jan. 10-16 after coming up clutch in helping the Dolphins remain undefeated in conference play.

The dynamic Tibbs not only had the game-tying basket in the finals seconds to force overtime against Baruch but he also had the winning hoop to lift CSI to a 109-107 victory.

Tibbs had 31 points in that contest and two nights earlier he had a 15-point, eight-rebound, five-assist performance against City

Tech.

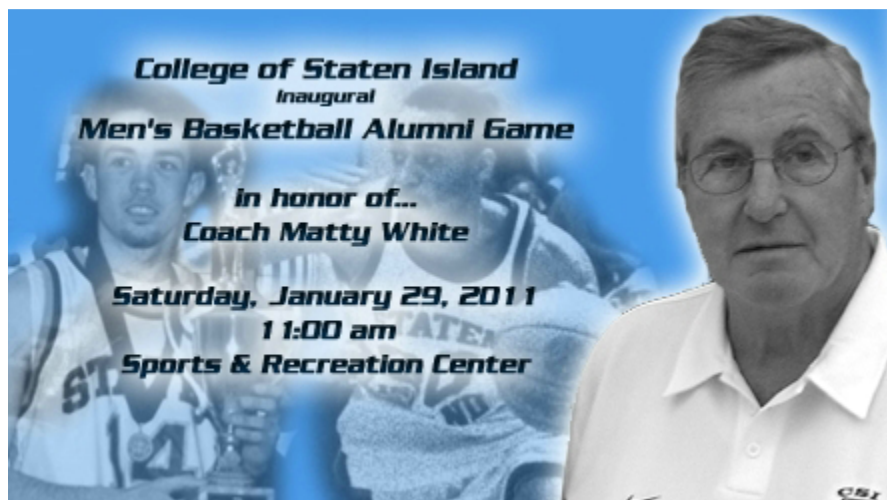
Tibbs may be a repeat winner considering he drilled a three-pointer with 13 seconds left Wednesday night to help CSI nip CCNY 68-66 and raise its league record to 6-0.

Jaques Award winner Kristen Markoe (McKee/SI Tech) was named the CUNYAC Rookie of the Week after averaging a double-double for Hunter College.

Her fourth double-double of the season came against NYU and then had 19 points against Brooklyn. She is averaging 12.2 points and 8.9 rebounds per game.



## Staten Island: Inaugural Men's Basketball Alumni Game Set for Jan. 29



It has been a long time coming, but the College of Staten Island men's basketball program will be holding its Inaugural Men's Basketball Alumni Game on Saturday, January 29, at 11am at the Sports & Recreation Center. Designed to welcome back alumni that played for CSI both when it was a two and four-year institution, the event will be used as a fund and friend-raiser for the program with all proceeds generated supporting the program in the name of late assistant coach Matty White.

CSI alum Craig Sleep, a member of the basketball program from 1996-2000 while doubling on the baseball team crafted the idea to host the inaugural event along with CSI Head Coach Tony Petosa.

"Craig and I spoke a few times about an alumni game, and when Matty passed away, a collection of alumni really wanted to do something fitting in his honor," explained Petosa. "I think this alumni game is a great way of preserving his memory. Having a group that he admired and that looked up to him assembled in one place to celebrate what once brought them together is overwhelming. We are very excited about it."

Approximately 40-50 former alumni have already committed to participate, as CSI sent invitations to hundreds of former alums collected from databases kept by the CSI Alumni Relations Office. Associate Director of Alumni Relations Jennifer Lynch was excited at the concept from the start.

"The inaugural Men's Basketball Alumni Game will recognize the legacy of Assistant Men's Basketball Coach Matty White. At the same time, we also recognize the amazing contributions of our alumni athletes through the years," commented Lynch. "We look forward to welcoming them back to campus for a historic game and encourage our alumni and campus community to come cheer them on."

The event will feature a full game played before CSI men's and women's doubleheader tip-off vs. CUNYAC-rival Hunter College, beginning with the men's game at 1pm. Alumni will be provided with complimentary game jerseys and a full luncheon at the conclusion of the event. Registration is \$30 with all proceeds generated assisting the men's basketball program.

An assistant coach for the Dolphins for 17 years, coach White lost his battle with kidney cancer this past May, he was 74. In a dedication ceremony prior to tip-off, members of the Alumni will present the White family with a commemorative plaque dedicating the event in future years be officially renamed the Matty White Men's Basketball Alumni Game.

"Coach White never played a minute of basketball at CSI, and you won't find his name in the wins and losses annals of coaches here either, but what he meant to our program is immeasurable," said Associate Athletic Director David Pizzuto, who has helped organize the event. "For the alumni to dedicate this day to him is a strong indication of just how valued he was and how he was embraced by the CSI family. There is no one more truly deserving."

Those wanting to register early for the event can contact Petosa or Pizzuto at (718) 982-3169/3166. Late registration will take place beginning at 9:30am at the Sports & Recreation center on January 29, with tip-off slated for 11am.



## Dolphins ready for Lehman

### STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

The best start in recent memory at the College of Staten Island has been earned through a high-powered offense and balanced scoring. The Dolphins, 7-0 in the CUNY Conference and 12-4 overall, return home tomorrow night against Lehman with momentum on their side and an eye toward a strong finish to the regular season.

CSI leads the 10-team conference with a 77.2 points per game scoring average and also in field-goal percentage (47.0) and three-point shooting percentage (38.1).

The up-tempo Dolphins have four players in double figures — **Jordan Young** (16.1 ppg), **Thomas Tibbs** (14.7), **Bloochy Magliore** (14.4) and **Dale Taranto** (12.7) with **David Hughes** (9.1) knocking on the door.

They top the CUNY in both assists (17.4 per game) and assists/turnover ratio, while leading in scoring margin that includes a rug-

ged non-conference slate.

Individually, Young leads in field-goal percentage (63.9) and Tibbs in assists (5.3 per game) while Tibbs and Magliore rank 1-2 in 3-point shooting percentage.

Taranto's versatility is evident: He ranks in the top five in assists, steals, free throw percentage and assist/turnover ratio.

It's all adding up to a possibly remarkable season, with the Dolphins launching a stretch of seven home games in the final eight regular-season contests.

### ALUMNI GAME SALUTES MATTY WHITE'S MEMORY

The men's program will play its first alumni game Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Sports and Recreation Center.

The contest is expected to draw 40-50 former Dolphins who played for assistant coach **Matty White**. White died of kidney cancer last May at the age of 74. He retired

from his CSI coaching position in 2005 after 17 seasons as **Tony Petosa's** top aide.

In a dedication prior to Saturday's tip-off, players will present the White family with a commemorative plaque dedicating the event in future years to be named, "The Matty White Men's Basketball Alumni Game."

A varsity double-header against Hunter will follow, with the men's game tipping off at 1 p.m. and the women's game at 3:30 p.m.

### BARUCH'S RAY RANKIS JOINS 400-WIN CLUB

In typically low-key fashion, long-time Baruch head coach **Ray Rankis** collected his 400th career victory last week in a 65-63 road thriller over City Tech.

Rankis is in his 29th season on the Bearcats' bench.

— Jim Waggoner

## Dolphins hold off St. Joseph's, 58-50

### STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

Wins have been hard to come by for the College of Staten Island this season, and last night's 58-50 non-conference victory over visiting St. Joseph's of Brooklyn was no exception.

The Dolphins jumped out to a quick 10-0 lead and never trailed, but needed four consecutive free throws from **Allie Shanahan** and **Katelyn Hepworth** in the final 25 seconds to close the door after the Bears had climbed to within 54-50.

It was fitting that **Shanahan** and **Hepworth** did the honors for CSI, which improved to 5-10 overall. Both

players grabbed 17 rebounds as the Dolphins enjoyed a 56-45 advantage. **Shanahan** scored a game-high 18 points and **Hepworth** had 13.

**Nicole Quattrocchi** and **Shanahan** connected on three 3-point shots apiece as the Dolphins sank six overall to help compensate for a 12-for-30 showing from the free throw line.

**Shanahan** came out of the gate hot, sinking two long jumpers in the first three minutes.

St. Joseph's kept scraping, however, whittling the early deficit to 25-21 by half-time.

**Ashley McQuillan** topped the visitors with 15 points, hitting three 3-pointers, and

**Janine Doran** (10 rebounds) **Teresa Mangan** added 10 points apiece.

CSI returns to CUNY Conference action tomorrow night at home against Lehman.

### ST. JOSEPH'S-BROOKLYN (58)

Kakavas 2-5 1-2 5, Doran 3-10 4-5 10, Mangan 4-13 0-0 10, Gleason 0-3 0-0 0, Moran 1-6 2-2 4, Kavanaugh 2-8 0-0 4, Crimeni 0-0 0-0 0, Marciniak 0-0 0-0 0, Quick 0-1 0-0 0, McNamee 0-1 0-0 0, McQuillan 6-12 0-1 15, Blacken 1-4 0-0 2.

Totals: 19-63 7-10 50.

### CSI (58)

Hepworth 5-14 3-10 13, Quattrocchi 3-9 0-0 9, Tocco 2-6 3-6 7, Shanahan 6-12 3-5 18, Terno 2-14 2-7 6, Spariolo 0-1 0-0 0, Donegan 1-2 0-0 2, Rosado 1-7 1-2 3, Stout 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 20-65 12-30 58.

Halftime: 25-21, CSI.

Three-point goals: St. Joseph's 5-16 (Kakavas 0-1, Doran 0-2, Mangan 2-5, Gleason 0-2, McQuillan 3-6); CSI 6-20 (Hepworth 0-2, Quattrocchi 3-8, Tocco 0-2, Shanahan 3-7, Spariolo 0-1). Rebounds: St. Joseph's 45 (Doran 10, Mangan 9); CSI 56 (Hepworth 17, Shanahan 17). Assists: St. Joseph's 15 (Doran 4); CSI 14 (Tocco 5). Turnovers: St. Joseph's 20, CSI 20. Total fouls: St. Joseph's 21, CSI 16. Fouled out: Doran.



## CSI basketball double-header postponed until Thursday night

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By **Jim Waggoner**

Mother Nature has knocked out tonight's CUNY Conference basketball double-header featuring Lehman College at the [College of Staten Island](#).

The rivals have been re-scheduled for Thursday night at the Sports and Recreation Center in Willowbrook, with the women's game tipping off at 5:30 and the men's game at 7:30.

On Saturday, there will be a triple-header at [CSI](#), with a men's alumni game in honor of late assistant coach Matty White starting the day at 11 a.m. The men's varsity game versus Hunter is set for 1 p.m. and the [CSI-Hunter](#) women's game set for a 3:30 tip-off.

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## Lehman runs past **College of Staten Island** women, 87-63

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By **Jim Waggoner**

Lehman junior guard Amanda De La Cruz had 27 points, 10 assists and five steals to lead the up-tempo Lightning to a 87-63 victory Thursday night over the **College of Staten Island**.

Visiting Lehman saw its 39-31 halftime lead cut in the first minute of the second half, prompting coach Eric Harrison to call a quick timeout.

The visitors responded with a hot streak to bury the Dolphins.

"We got out of the press and went to a man-to-man," said Harrison. "We got the game speeded up with our defense and really took off."

Lehman improved to 5-4 in the CUNY Conference, with two of those games hard-fought losses to three-time defending champion Baruch, and 11-8 overall.

**CSI**, which was led by Olivia Tierno's 19 points and Allie Shanahan's 17, dropped to 3-5 and 5-12.

De La Cruz hit 12 of 26 shots from the floor. Louvinia Hayes added 17 points, eight rebounds and six steals. They are the CUNY's top two scorers.

"When we get those two guards on the same page, we can be tough to stop," said Harrison. "It's a matter of getting everyone playing together."

Lehman topped Baruch in the 2007 tourney championship game. The Lightning dropped the next two finales, with the 2009 decided by a controversial call in the final moments.

"We'd like to get back there," said Harrison, "and give it another shot."

"We have a lot of work to do in the next month or so."

NOTES: Jaleesa Gordon had 16 points and 11 rebounds and Taniefa Taylor grabbed 15 rebounds for the winners ... Katelyn Hepworth had 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Dolphins, while Jaclyn Tocco had 10

rebounds ... **CSI** was undone by 28 turnovers and Lehman had 20 steals ... The Dolphins host Hunter on Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

#### **LEHMAN (87)**

De La Cruz 12-26 2-3 27, Martinez 3-10 0-0 7, Hayes 5-18 5-6 17, Gordon 7-16 2-3 16, Taylor 4-7 0-0 8, Robinson 5-11 0-0 10, Brochero 0-0 0-0 0, Ledey 0-0 0-0 0, Bentley 0-0 0-0 0, Campbell 1-2 0-0 2, Souffront 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 37-91 9-12 87.

#### **CSI (63)**

Hepworth 1-12 9-13 11, Quattrocchi 1-2 0-0 3, Tocco 2-6 2-3 6, Shanahan 6-21 1-2 17, Tierno 8-15 3-6 19, Sgarlato 0-0 2-2 2, Donegan 0-0 0-0 0, Rosado 2-4 1-2 5, Stout 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 20-60 18-28 63.

Halftime: 39-31, Lehman.

Three-point goals: Lehman 4-18 (Hayes 2-11, De La Cruz 1-1, Martinez 1-5, Robinson 0-1); **CSI** 5-17 (Shanahan 4-12, Hepworth 0-1, Quattrocchi 1-2, Tocco 0-2). Rebounds: Lehman 55 (Taylor 15, Gordon 11); **CSI** 47 (Hepworth 13, Tocco 10, Shanahan 8). Assists: Lehman 17 (De La Cruz 10); **CSI** 13 (Tierno 4). Turnovers: Lehman 15, **CSI** 28. Total fouls: Lehman 19, **CSI** 10. Fouled out: none.

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## Markoe finds unexpected niche at Hunter College

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By **Charlie R DeBiase**



Photo courtesy Hunter College/David W. Hahn

Hunter freshman Kristen Markoe has started at three different positions for the Hawks this season.

Around this time last year, Kristen Markoe was thinking about what it would be like to play college basketball and how she'd fit in on the next level.

"You're only 5-(foot)-8 - that's kind of smallish for a (shooting) guard," the McKee/S.I. Tech product recalls thinking to herself. "I remember wondering if I was going to be big enough."

Fast forward one year later and Markoe has done more than enough to satisfy her curiosity. Not only did the Hunter College freshman do a superb job in her first 10 games as either point or shooting guard, but she's also raised eyebrows as the Hawks' starting power forward in recent games.

And how does one go from guard to the ultra-physical position of power forward? As the Hawks look ahead to Saturday's road game at the College of Staten Island

(3:30 p.m.), it appears Markoe has nobody to blame but herself.

The 2010 Jaques Award winner has done such a phenomenal job rebounding this season, Hunter coach Vana Loukissas moved her into the front court.

"It's a challenge - you certainly get hit a lot down there," laughed Markoe, who is averaging 10.1 caroms per game - seventh best in the CUNY - and has led the Hawks in rebounding in 12 of 18 games with a season-

high 17 on two occasions. "But I've been able to do it because of the work I've done in the weight room (since the summer).

"I guess it proves that you don't have to be big to play the position. I'm pretty small. But it's not really how tall you are, but rather how badly you want the ball."

The move hasn't hurt Markoe's offensive numbers either. In fact, the Dongan Hills resident says matchups have often favored her.

"As a four, I'm put in the middle to swing the ball," Markoe said. "The good thing is, (the players) that guard me might not have quick feet.

"And since I'm able to shoot (from the perimeter) or drive, I may have an advantage on a slower person guarding me."

Markoe is currently second on the team with an average of 13.4 points per game, including 25 3-pointers. In the CUNY, she's 13th in scoring and 14th in assists (2.5 per game).

On the flip side, Markoe often has to guard a bigger player. Against Richard Stockton earlier this week, she was matched up against a 6-1 girl.

"It's sometimes difficult to defend the post," she admitted. "It's hard when they're taller, but you just have to let them know you're there."

The Hawks, who start three freshmen, are currently 6-12 overall, including 4-3 in conference play. The Manhattan school absorbed a huge blow just five minutes into its season opener against Western Connecticut State Nov. 15 when its best player, Megan McKenna, went down with a season-ending foot injury.

Markoe was in the starting lineup when McKenna was injured, but she's been asked to play a bigger role since. It's certainly not an easy task for a freshman, but the two-time Advance All Star has done so admirably.

"(McKenna's) injury was a rude awakening for me," she admitted. "She got hurt and, in my first (college) game, you can't help but notice the players are bigger and stronger and you're like, 'Is this what it's going to be like?

"But I think I've done all right. Teams know what's going on through scouting reports and I think they might pay more attention to me. You just have to be ready and know what you're going to do with quick decisions.

"The coaches have been pushing us to get better," Markoe added. "It's up to you if you want to get better. I've never played (power forward) before, but in practice, we go through post moves over and over again and I think I'm getting there."

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## College of Staten Island basketball double-header on tap tonight

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk

The local sports schedule wasn't much yesterday. Good thing, since Mother Nature wasn't in a playful mood.

Yesterday's Friends Seminary at Staten Island Academy boys' basketball game was postponed to Feb. 12.

The College of Staten Island's men's and women's basketball home games against Lehman were postponed to tonight. The women's game is at 5:30 tonight. The men play at 7:30.

And a reminder: CSI has a tripleheader lined up for Saturday. A men's alumni game in honor of late assistant coach Matty White starts the day at 11 a.m. The men's varsity game versus Hunter is set for 1 p.m. and the CSI-Hunter women's game set for a 3:30 tip-off.

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## College of Staten Island tabs Rebay as men's soccer coach

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CSI photo

Jose Luis Rebay has been hired as men's soccer coach at the College of Staten Island.

Jose Luis Rebay has been named men's soccer coach at the College of Staten Island, the school announced.

Rebay takes over a team which went 4-11-2 in 2010 and lost in the CUNY quarterfinals.

Rebay replaces Armen Simoniants, who coached the Dolphins for three seasons.

"I am very excited to be here and to have been given this opportunity," Rebay said. "To be offered a chance to build the program and get it to the national level is something I am really looking forward to."

A native of Buenos Aires, Rebay has a USSF A coaching license and a wealth of playing and coaching experience going back to 1979. His most recent stop was as head coach at CUNY rival City Tech from 2007-2009.

"Coach Rebay has the perfect coaching and playing background to be a successful soccer coach at the College of Staten Island," said CSI athletic director Vernon Mummert. "His network of recruiting contacts and his coaching experience in the competitive CUNY Athletic Conference will allow CSI to hit the ground running in his first year. With a solid nucleus of returning players and a solid freshmen recruiting class, CSI expects to contend for a CUNY soccer championship in 2011."

A junior division member of the Independiente De Avellaneda in Argentina from 1979-86, Rebay was a member of Argentina's U-17 national team during the 1982-83 season, and later played professionally for Universitario De Sucre in Bolivia's top pro league. He also played for the San Diego Nomads in the Western Soccer League.

Rebay's lengthy sideline resume includes a current post as coach of the Boys' Olympic Development Program for New York State South, and head coach for the Massapequa Rough Riders U-17 program.

CSI was a CUNY finalist in 2007, but is just 11-41-3 (.200) record since. The Dolphins won CUNY titles in 1996 and 1998 and have made five ECAC Metro NY/NJ Postseason Tournament appearances.

"First and foremost our goal is to bring in good people to our program," commented Rebay. "We will move forward from there to bring in quality kids who have a skill set for soccer that will help our program."

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## Smith Leads Men's Basketball to 67-57 Win Over Utica

**HOBOKEN, N.J. (January 28, 2011)** – Junior forward Simon Smith notched his ninth double-double of the season with 17 points and 15 rebounds and the Stevens Institute of Technology men's basketball team improved to 6-3 in the Empire 8 with a 67-57 win over Utica College on Friday night at the Canavan Arena in Hoboken, N.J. Sophomore guard Russ Thompson (West Orange, N.J.) had 17 points and seven assists in a strong effort for the Ducks.

Smith, who has a total of 13 games with double-digit rebounds, added a pair of assists and steals to his line. Thompson had two rebounds and a steal in addition to his 17 points and seven helpers. Junior guard Mike Cutri ended with nine points and six boards, while sophomore guard Sheldon Jones finished with seven points, five rebounds, and two assists.

For the game Stevens shot 41.5 percent (22-for-53) from the field and 37.5 percent (6-for-16) from three-point land. The Ducks were 17-for-24 (70.8 percent) from the free-throw line and ended the game with a 40-26 advantage on the glass.

Utica (8-8 overall, 2-6 Empire 8) shot 40.4 percent (19-for-47) from the field and hit just one of its 10 three-point field goal attempts. The Pioneers were 18-for-23 (78.3 percent) at the line and were led by 16 points, five rebounds, and four assists from senior guard **James Paterson (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.)**. Senior forward **Robert Whyte (Pompton Plains, N.J.)** had 15 points and five rebounds.

Each team started slow but once the Ducks took the lead at 6-4 with 16:12 left, they would never let it go, quickly upping that two point edge to 10 with 13:06 remaining in the first half after a fast-break dunk from Smith.

The Pioneers scored the game's next six points to trim the margin to four (16:12) with 11:21 left in the half, but the Ducks fired back, going on a 9-1 run over a span of 2:58 to push the advantage to 12. On several occasions Utica was able to get the game back to single digits, but the Ducks eventually took a 12-point lead into the locker room.

Senior center Bryan Franklin gave Stevens its largest lead of the game (14 points) after two free throws early in the second and the two teams went back-and-forth over the next five-plus minutes as the Ducks were unable to deliver the knockout punch.

Utica sliced into the Stevens lead on several occasions, getting as close as five twice (49-44 and 53-48) but the Ducks always seemed to find a big shot. Up 53-48, with 4:21 showing on the clock, Thompson buried a long three from the right wing to push the lead back to eight, and after a Utica bucket on the next possession, a Smith tip-in following a battle underneath took the wind out of the Pioneer sails and Stevens cruised to the win.

Stevens, now 12-5 overall and 6-3 in the conference, is one game behind Ithaca College and St. John Fisher College who are both 7-2 in the league and a half game behind Hartwick College who is 6-2.

The Ducks return to the hardwood on February 1 at 7:30 p.m. when they travel to the College of Staten Island for non-conference contest.

## Unity Games are preparing to celebrate 10th birthday on Staten Island

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By **Jerry Lee**



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The 10th Annual Unity Games are returning to Petrides in March.

SUNNYSIDE - Many traditions have faded from the Staten Island sports scene in the past few decades, but fortunately for hundreds of youngsters, another has started and continues to pick up steam.

The weekend of March 19-20, the 10th annual Unity Games will be held at Michael J. Petrides Educational Complex in Sunnyside.

Almost 300 seventh- and eighth-graders from around the Island gathered for a weekend's worth of basketball match-ups and tolerance-building workshops a year

ago ... and it figures to be just as many, or more, this time around.

Each year, the two-day event tries to bring together a diverse group of students from different schools and communities. The games promote tolerance, with the help of founders Dr. Mark Sherman and Jacob Carey, a host of volunteers, coaches and workshop leaders.

"The programs have grown," said Carey, a Livingston resident and surgical technician. "We try and keep them interesting and pertinent to the kids, bringing them together and showing them what can be accomplished."

At the event, an observer will see kids grouped together by color – of their basketball shirts, not their skin – enjoying the camaraderie of teammates who, in most instances, they didn't know until they put on their uniforms. But what's equally impressive is the generations that have come together to help the founders, Carey and Sherman, Advance Sportsmen of the Year in 2006, who have always had the support and use of the facilities at the Jewish Community Center (JCC), Sea View, the Catholic Youth Organization, Port Richmond, and West Brighton YMCA.

People like Bert Levinson, former Curtis baseball and basketball coach and Dreyfus Intermediate School principal; Evan Pickman, the former College of Staten Island (CSI) basketball coach and physical education department head, and Tony Navarino, whose retirement as Island CYO director hasn't kept him from continuing his commitment to the kids and the program.

The list goes on.

There is Wagner College women's basketball coach Gela Mikalauskas and her staff and players; Tottenville High School football coach Jim Munson and former CSI basketball standout Gerard Nicholson.

People like Pickman's wife, Miriam; Petrides athletic director Mike Duffy; Ingrid Ebanks, from the Beacon program at Dreyfus Intermediate School; Pete and CC Diamond and Steve Kessler; Chris Brennan, a Monsignor Farrell grad who works for the NBA; Lois Schwartz; and Mike Reape of the JCC.

They have all been there lending a hand from the beginning, and will, more than likely, be there again in March.

Online registration is open. The games run from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. each day. Registration is free and team assignments will be determined at the evaluation sessions on March 13 from 9-11 a.m. at Petrides.

Youngsters can expect to receive free team uniforms, as well as a host of other giveaways and a full breakfast and lunch. Free bus transportation is also available. Applications must be received by March 13. To register, visit [www.unitygames.net](http://www.unitygames.net). The information number is 917-640-7593.

## Tibbs converts three-point play to lift the **College of Staten Island** past Lehman, 67-66

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By **Jim Waggoner**



Staten Island Advance photo by Anthony DePrimo

**CSI's** Thomas Tibbs sinks what proves to be the winning three-point play against Lehman defender Samuel Batista with 9.7 seconds remaining Thursday night in the Dolphins' 67-66 victory.

The **College of Staten Island** wanted the ball in the hands of Thomas Tibbs, even on a night when the junior point guard was struggling.

Tibbs worked the oldest play in basketball, the pick and roll, to perfection, making a driving layup and a free throw with 9.7 seconds remaining Thursday night to give the Dolphins a 67-66 victory over visiting Lehman.

Tibbs disrupted Alain De La Cruz's driving layup and then grabbed the rebound at the buzzer to assure the win for **CSI** (8-0 CUNY, 13-4 overall).

On the winning 3-point play, Tibbs found a lane on the right side after teammate Jordan Young (15 points, 12 rebounds) set a screen at the top of the circle. It was the St. Peter's HS product's only basket of a 1-for-9 night.

He calmly sank the subsequent free throw to break the 66-66 deadlock.

"They defended that play well all night," said Tibbs, who has made a habit of late-game heroics this season. "I wouldn't have guarded me either, the way I was going."

Freshman guard Bloochy Magliore saved the struggling Dolphins earlier in the second half, nailing five 3-point shots as the home team rallied from a 45-35 deficit to take its first lead since the opening minute, 55-54, with eight minutes remaining.

Magliore scored 18 of his 22 points after intermission after struggling through a 2-for-8 first half when he missed all four 3-point attempts. He made 5 of 6 from long range in the second half.

"That's Bloochy," said Tibbs. "Once he comes off the bench and hits that first one, the basket looks like the ocean. We just try to get him the ball."

CSI took Lehman's best shot. The Lightning dropped to 5-3 in CUNY play and 10-9 overall, but obviously have to be considered title contenders in a conference filled with parity.

"They're very talented," said CSI coach Tony Petosa of the visitors. "They're a very good offensive team. They're athletic. They rebound.

"The depth of the CUNY this season worries me. Every game has the potential to be like this game. There's no question our record makes us somewhat of a target, too."

Petosa credited freshman reserve Louis Valdes for 16 strong minutes off the bench. The Mt. Olive, N.Y., product had three points and three rebounds and played admirable interior defense in the second half.

"We went small and Valdes did a lot of very good things," said Petosa.

So too did Tibbs and Young, who teamed up for the game-winning play.

"We have great chemistry," said Tibbs. "He set a great pick. I know exactly where Jordan is going to be. That's our bread-and-butter play."

And Tibbs has been the money man.

"You want the ball in his hands at the end," said CSI assistant coach Chris Peterson. "You know he wants it."

NOTES: Junior guard Dale Taranto had 14 points, nine assists and four steals for the Dolphins ... CSI struggled with 22 turnovers and a chilly 9-for-20 free throw shooting exhibition ... Victor Garcia topped Lehman with 19 points while Jonathan Batista added 17. Jonathan DeJesus had 10 points and 10 rebounds ... CSI returns to action tomorrow at 1 p.m. against visiting Hunter. The day begins with an alumni game at 11 a.m. honoring late assistant coach Matty White.

LEHMAN (66)

De La Cruz 2-7 0-0 5, Batista 7-13 0-0 17, Garcia 5-15 7-8 19, DeJesus 4-13 0-0 10, Ndukwe 1-2 0-0 2, Rock 1-1 0-1 2, Weems 0-2 0-0 0, Young 1-2 2-2 4, Nangle 2-2 3-4 7, Odedina 0-1 0-0 0.

Totals: 23-58 12-15 66.

CSI (67)

Taranto 5-8 1-2 14, Tibbs 1-9 3-5 5, Hughes 1-5 0-0 2, Van Manen 2-3 2-4 6, Young 7-11 1-4 15, Magliore 8-15 1-3 22, Valdes 1-4 1-2 3, Husslein 0-0 0-0 0, Pan 0-0 0-0 0.

Totals: 25-55 9-20 67.

Halftime: 34-29, Lehman.

Three-point goals: Lehman 8-21 (De La Cruz 1-3, Batista 3-7, Garcia 2-5, DeJesus 2-4, Weems 0-1, Young 0-1); CSI 8-18 (Taranto 3-4, Tibbs 0-2, Magliore 5-10, Valdes 0-2). Rebounds: Lehman 36 (DeJesus 10); CSI 38 (Young 12). Assists: Lehman 8 (DeJesus 3); CSI 17 (Taranto 9). Turnovers: Lehman 23, CSI 22. Total fouls: Lehman 20, CSI 18. Fouled out: DeJesus.

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# ***Stories***

## Brooklyn's 'Freshman Class' Enters Albany and Washington

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### Republican Malliotakis Praises Democrat Cuomo

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BROOKLYN — The borough's legislative freshman class of 2011 entered office this week, breaking ranks with a political sea of returning incumbents.

The new faces include cross-Narrows Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis and Congressman Michael Grimm, along with Kevin Peter Carroll, a district leader tapped by Councilman Steven Levin for a top staff post.

As Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo took the helm in Albany on New Year's Day, the new state leader earned the praise of Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, who represents the cross-Narrows 60th Assembly District covering north Bay Ridge and Staten Island's east shore.

The new Republican-Conservative legislator, a former Pataki community liaison, spoke right after Cuomo's remarks at the inauguration ceremony, giving support for change in a dysfunctional Albany.

"I was inspired by Governor Cuomo's remarks today and am eager to get to Albany to support him in his efforts to solve the many problems facing the state," she said. "The decisions we make this session will define the state for years to come and we must all work together if we are going to succeed."

To achieve success, said Malliotakis, who campaigned for Albany reform, the state must "stop overtaxing and take measures to consolidate government," as well as focus on ethics reform and transparency. "As Governor Cuomo said, this is what the people voted for, and this is what they deserve."

### Brooklyn Offices Still To Be Set Up

Malliotakis, a Staten Islander who defeated two-term Democratic Assemblywoman Janele Hyer-Spencer in November, is unlikely to occupy Hyer-Spencer's district office on Fifth Avenue. She may set up office space within state Sen. Marty Golden's office two blocks south on Fifth Avenue, according to sources.

Grimm's Brooklyn district office may be located on 13th Avenue in Dyker Heights, according to media reports. The 13th Congressional District covers southwest Brooklyn between Bay Ridge and Marine Park as well as all of Staten Island.

With the 2010 U.S. Census results in and the state losing two seats in the House of Representatives because of population decline, the congressional district may be expanded by a state redistricting panel, noted Brooklyn Conservative Party Chair Jerry Kassar.

Although former Democratic Congressman Mike McMahon, who Grimm defeated last November, represented 210,000 Brooklyn residents, Staten Islander Grimm may gain an extra 20,000 local constituents, Kassar speculated.

Grimm, who was sworn in yesterday in Washington, D.C., will have his district inauguration ceremony on Sunday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. at the College of Staten Island's Art Center. He recently announced his district director for Brooklyn

and Staten Island, Staten Islander William Smith, whom he called “a remarkable young man.”

Grimm said Smith, former communications director for Staten Island District Attorney Dan Donovan and a former financial professional, “will manage my district offices and serve as my liaison to the Staten Island and Brooklyn communities, New York government entities and local media, as well as [be] an advisor on policy matters, especially with respect to local matters.”

### **Councilman Levin Taps Carroll of Bay Ridge**

Kevin Peter Carroll, the new Democratic male district leader for the 60th A.D. in Bay Ridge and a founder of Brooklyn Democrats for Change, has been tapped by Councilman Steven Levin as his new legislative director. Levin represents DUMBO, Greenpoint, Brooklyn Heights, Downtown, Williamsburg, Gowanus and Park Slope.

Levin is the former chief of staff for Assemblyman Vito Lopez, the controversial leader of the Brooklyn Democratic County Committee. Levin was also previously employed at the Ridgewood Bushwick Senior Center, which has been in the news recently because of its ties to Lopez.

Political bloggers have noted that Carroll, 24, who campaigned as a reformer, may come under the influence of party leader Lopez, who has been criticized by reformers such as Lincoln Restler, new male district leader for Williamsburg.

“Lopez does a good job,” said Carroll at a Brooklyn Democrats for Change fundraiser holiday dinner in Bay Ridge. Carroll worked as a campaign aide for former Councilman David Yassky, now city taxi commissioner, when he ran last year for city comptroller.

## Fledgling congressman Michael Grimm settles old Staten Island scores

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By **Judy L. Randall**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Admitting it might be a "politically incorrect" move, incoming Rep. Michael Grimm said yesterday he has decided not to invite three top Republicans who failed to support his candidacy to his ceremonial swearing-in Sunday.

Grimm said it would be "inappropriate" and "hypocritical" of him to ask state Sen. Andrew Lanza, Assemblyman Lou Tobacco and GOP chairman John Friscia to join him on stage at the College of Staten Island's Center for the Arts.

"This is not a snub," said Grimm. "I ran because Congress has failed to live up to certain standards. My election was about a new beginning for the Republican Party. I want people to be proud of their

congressman. I would feel like a hypocrite to have them share the stage. And it would be hypocritical to the people who worked hard for me, like [Councilman] Vinnie Ignizio and Guy Molinari. It would degrade what they and all of my supporters did. I don't want to start off my elective career that way."

Lanza and Tobacco backed Grimm's failed primary opponent, Michael Allegretti, and never got around to endorsing Grimm in his general election battle with former Rep. Michael McMahon.

Prior to the primary, in a shocking move, Friscia engineered the party nod for disgraced former Rep. Vito Fossella, whom Lanza and Tobacco supported. When Fossella said he would not run, Lanza and Tobacco switched their allegiance to Allegretti. Allegretti was viewed as the weaker candidate against McMahon, and thereby a possible place-holder for a Fossella comeback in 2012.



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Michael Allegretti, center, not Michael Grimm, was the fair-haired boy of Staten Island's GOP establishment, including state Sen. Anthony Lanza, left, Assemblyman Lou Tobacco and, at right, party chairman John Friscia.

Grimm (R-Staten Island/Brooklyn) said Lanza and Tobacco had issued a series of "beyond inappropriate telephone robo calls" to fellow Republicans in support of Allegretti, "falsely demeaning and questioning my military record."

"It was unfit of them as Republicans," said Grimm, a first-time elected official, decorated Gulf War Marine veteran and former FBI undercover agent. "After the primary, I was the Republican candidate. I felt they had an obligation to their party to support me. If there was a personal reason, where they felt they could not, that might have been something. But there was none; I had no prior relationship with them."

"Behind the scenes they were telling people to vote for Mike McMahon, that I couldn't win," continued Grimm, adding that Friscia "did absolutely nothing" for him in the general election and failed to even call to congratulate him on election night.

"Sharing the stage with them would be like me supporting their behavior," said

Grimm. "This sends a clear message to everyone in the Republican Party that the way things have been handled are completely unacceptable. This is about setting standards for all of us as elected officials, as people and as Republicans. We can disagree with each other and have a spirited debate, but we have an obligation to treat each other with decency and respect. And we have an obligation to the people who do the grunt work in the campaigns, who knock on doors and get [petition] signatures, to conduct ourselves with honesty and transparency."

Grimm said he tried to set up a meeting with Lanza to tell him in person he wouldn't be getting an invite, but said Lanza "is more difficult to get hold of than the president of the United States."



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Invite list proves there's nothing amiss with Michael Grimm's memory.

But Lanza (R-Staten Island) told the Advance conflicting holiday schedules prevented him from meeting with Grimm. Lanza also said he wanted to endorse Grimm in the general election, but was rebuffed -- something Grimm called "simply not true."

"He is entitled to invite who he wants," said Lanza, but said Grimm was "breaking with tradition" by failing to invite the borough's full complement of elected officials.

Grimm said he met with Tobacco in Tobacco's Tottenville home yesterday to inform him of his decision. Grimm said Tobacco was "extremely gracious" and he believes the two will "work well together" in the future.

Tobacco (R-South Shore) issued a statement saying he wishes "the congressman every success" and looks "forward to partnering with him."

Grimm, who will be officially sworn in tomorrow in Washington, D.C., said some in his camp told him his action could be seen as a breach of "political correctness," but said he made his decision "independent" of their views.

Grimm spoke to the Advance in McMahon's old New Dorp congressional office, which he has assumed. Staffers buzzed about and Molinari -- Grimm's chief political strategist who accompanied the new congressman to Washington last night -- was in attendance. The former borough president was wearing an exquisite Cartier watch, a gift from Grimm, engraved with the inscription: "With love and respect. Semper Fi. Michael."

(For updates from Washington as Michael Grimm is sworn into the House of Representatives today, go to [silive.com/elections](http://silive.com/elections).)

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## Health Happenings

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By **Diane O'Donnell**

### Tomorrow

**West Shore: Blood drive.** Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old (with a parent's written consent) and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donors should eat prior to donation and bring photo ID. Drive sponsored by Staten Island University Hospital at PS 58, 77 Marsh Ave., New Springville. Call 718-761-2757.

**Mariners Harbor: Blood Drive.** Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old (with a parent's written consent) and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, 3:30 to 8 p.m. Donors should eat prior to donation, bring photo ID and Social Security number. Drive is sponsored by Brooklyn/Staten Island Blood Services at **UNITED ARTISTS STADIUM** 16, 2474 Forest Ave. Call, 718-777-3456.

### Saturday

**West Brighton: Alzheimer's support group** is for caregivers, spouses and adult children of Alzheimer's disease patients, 10 a.m. **ALZHEIMER'S FOUNDATION**, 789 Post Ave. Call 718-667-7110.

### Sunday

**Mariners Harbor: Blood Drive.** Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old (with a parent's written consent) and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Donors should eat prior to donation, bring photo ID and Social Security number. Drive is sponsored by Brooklyn/Staten Island Blood Services at **CALVARY CHAPEL**, 30 Maple Parkway. Call 718-720-5390.

### Monday

**Alcoholics Anonymous. AA meetings** are held seven days a week at various times and locations throughout the borough. Go online at [www.statenislandaa.org](http://www.statenislandaa.org), or call 212-647-1680 for more information. **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS STATEN ISLAND**, P.O. Box 140591, New York, NY.

**West Shore: Blood drive.** Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old (with a parent's written consent)

and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds; donors should eat prior to donation and bring photo ID. Hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 12:30 to 7:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **BROOKLYN/STATEN ISLAND BLOOD SERVICES**, 2791 Richmond Ave., New Springville. Call 800-933-2566.

**East Shore: Free cancer screenings.** The Cancer Services Program of Staten Island provides free mammograms, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings to the borough's underinsured and uninsured; services are provided at Staten Island University Hospital, Richmond University Medical Center, Breast Imaging Center, Regional Radiology or the mobile mammography van, and four physicians' offices. **CANCER SERVICES PROGRAM OF STATEN ISLAND**, Staten Island University Hospital, 242 Mason Ave., Ocean Breeze. Call 718-226-6447.

**East Shore: Blood Drive.** Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old (with a parent's written consent) and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, noon to 6 p.m. Donors should eat prior to donation, bring photo ID and Social Security number. Drive is sponsored by Brooklyn/Staten Island Blood Services at **CARMEL RICHMOND HEALTHCARE AND REHABILITATION CENTER**, 88 Old Town Rd., Dongan Hills. Call 718-979-5000.

**East Shore: Grief Support Group.** University Hospice hosts an afternoon and evening grief support group for adults on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.; a children's grief support group runs simultaneously with the evening adult group. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Karen Goldman, bereavement coordinator for University Hospice, at 718-226-6451. **CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW**, 40 Old Mill Rd., Richmond. Call 718-390-6616.

**West Shore: Blood Drive.** Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old (with a parent's written consent) and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors should eat prior to donation, bring photo ID and Social Security number. Drive is sponsored by Brooklyn/Staten Island Blood Services at **GREEN DOLPHIN LOUNGE/CSI CAMPUS CENTER (BUILDING 1C)**, **College of Staten Island**, Willowbrook. Call 718-982-3268 or e-mail [cab@mail.csi.cuny.edu](mailto:cab@mail.csi.cuny.edu).

**East Shore: Prostate cancer support group.** The Staten Island Region of the American Cancer Society hosts the Man-to-Man Prostate Cancer Support Group on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Nalitt Institute in Staten Island University Hospital. For more information, call Loretta DeSimone at 718-226-8888. **NALITT INSTITUTE FOR CANCER AND BLOOD-RELATED DISEASES**, 475 Seaview Ave., Ocean Breeze.

**North Shore: Blood drive.** Donors must be healthy, at least 16 years old (with a parent's written consent) and must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds; donors should eat prior to donation, bring photo ID and know their Social Security number. Open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. **RICHMOND UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER**, Blood Bank, 355 Bard Ave., West Brighton. Call 718-818-3065.





## Together we can win the fight against diabetes

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By Letters to the Editor/Staten Island Advance

By PAUL J. PROSCIA  
ARROCHAR

My fight with juvenile diabetes (also known as Type-1 diabetes) began when I was at the tender age of 11 years old. It was a difficult time in my life. I just transitioned to a new school as a sixth grade student and had made new friends. My mother took my younger brother to the doctor and mentioned that I had a sore throat. On a fluke, the doctor found that I was spilling sugar in my urine and I had juvenile diabetes.

I will never forget sitting in my mother's car while she went into the house to get my clothes because I was being admitted into the hospital. My mind focused on one question: "Will I be able to live with or die from this disease I know nothing about?" What scared me more was the fear and pain displayed in mother's voice and face.

My fear then changed to perseverance about three days into my seven-day hospital stay. Showing more emotional strength than most adults, I sucked it up and said to myself this disease is not going to stop me from achieving my life goal of one day having a wife and kids.

It has been a humbling experience with many ups and downs with this sometimes unpredictable disease. It has been my fighting spirit and ability to take charge (proactive nature) that has kept me in relatively good health 22 years later.

Two years ago, I made a decision that changed my life forever. For the first time in my life with diabetes, I participated in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation's (JDRF) Walk for A Cure. It started with just me signing up to walk and then before I knew it 20 close family members and friends joined me to raise over \$900.

My greatest and most touching experience came at the next JDRF's walk. With my gorgeous wife looking on, I ran around the field at the College of Staten Island playing and climbing on rocks with my two beautiful sons. At that moment, I felt on top of the world. I knew this disease would not rule me and I am in charge of my own destiny.

My message is one of humility, inspiration, courage, and continuous perseverance. Failure to diabetes is not an option because I believe you and I can come together or synergize to make a difference. I encourage everyone to turn up their sleeves (as I did two years ago) and start doing little things to raise awareness and fight against diabetes.

Together Everyone Achieves More (T.E.A.M.) in this fight to make a profound difference in the lives of millions of men, women, and most of all children with this potentially debilitating disease.

My goal in writing this is to touch and encourage you to visit the JDRF's Web page at <http://walks.jdrf.org> and join the mission to find a cure as either an advocate or donor. I have confidence, or in other words, together we can move forward with faith to win this battle.

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## Deputy mayor to speak at CSI Jan. 27

### STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs will address participants at a conference geared toward the nonprofit sector on Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the College of Staten Island, 2800 Victory Blvd., Willowbrook.

She will speak at the opening of the Neighborhood Technical Assistance Clinic's

annual Dialogue Between Funders and Nonprofits. Similar conferences take place in all five boroughs.

The day will also include "Outcome Thinking and Management," a workshop led by David Watson-Hallowell, senior program consultant at the Rensselaerville Institute, an upstate New York think tank, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

A luncheon seminar on "Governance Matters" follows from noon to 2 p.m.

Conference sponsors include CSI, JP Morgan Chase, Macy's, Northfield Bank Foundation, Richmond County Savings Foundation, United Way of New York and Verizon.

To register, call 718-455-3784 or visit [www.jotform.com/form/3163151477](http://www.jotform.com/form/3163151477).



## Several Staten Island groups cancel meetings with snow storm in forecast

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Several meetings and events are being canceled or rescheduled due to the upcoming snowstorm.

Community Board 2's Aging Committee meeting, scheduled for tomorrow at 11 a.m. in the board office, Sea View, has been canceled. The board office number is 718-317-3235.

The College of Staten Island's Small Business Development Center rescheduled tomorrow's free "Marketing Your Business Seminar" for Jan. 19. The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Building 1P (Center for the Arts). For additional information, call Eileen Sullivan during business hours at the SBDC at CSI, 718-982-2560.

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## Blurring the Line Between Onstage and Off

By Tom Diriwachter  
January 12, 2011



*Photo by Peter Welch*

Burned out on the service industry after a decade waiting tables at the same Times Square restaurant, and—having had four full-length plays and countless one-acts produced in New York City and Los Angeles—feeling that, maybe, my playwriting career had peaked, I was finally determined to get a "real" job. This is what I'm contemplating on the deck of the Staten Island Ferry, on my way home from a particularly trying Tuesday lunch shift at the restaurant. Arriving at my apartment, I check my voice mail. There's a call from Lissa Moira, from Off-Off-Broadway's

Theater for the New City. She's interested in including "Age Out," my play about struggling for years as an artist while waiting tables, in the theater's Chrysalis Workshop. When I call Lissa back, my intention is to decline the offer, but she persuades me to consider it. A couple days later, I tell her yes.

"Age Out" is developed throughout the 16-week workshop. The play is cast. Rehearsals begin. Fact and fiction become very blurry with an autobiographical play when the lead actor—the one playing Tim, the character based on me—is about my age, looks something like me, and happens to have gone to Rutgers, majoring in communications with a concentration in advertising, just like I did. He even wears the same blue suede Pumas. But things get downright uncanny when the actor, Bob Homeyer, has a dire prediction for what becomes of his character: me. One night, a miscommunication about a canceled rehearsal leaves Bob and me alone in the theater lobby, where we get into a revealing conversation.

"I think I know what happens to Tim," he declares.

"What happens to Tim?" is the question that everyone asks. My reply is always that I don't know. Though it makes perfect sense that the actor playing Tim would be concerned with this, given the actorly practice of creating a character bio, it never occurred to me that someone else would attempt an answer.

"What?" I finally ask, unable to mask my desperation.

"Well, he's done with the restaurant business, that's for sure," Bob says.

"I think you're right," I say.

We stare at each other.

"...So...he goes to work for his father selling real estate, and that's it for him."

Tim's father owns a real estate agency in north Jersey. Mine is a retired state worker. That's where the similarity between my life and Tim's ends. Our existential crises, however, are identical, and in the days leading up to the show, Bob's words play as a refrain in my mind: "And that's it for him."

The stress of watching a play about your life—with people in the audience who've lived it with you—soaks my shirt with sweat that doesn't dry until I realize the show is a success. After the theater has emptied, Lissa pledges to fight for "Age Out" to get picked up for a full production. Awaiting word from the theater, I fall back into my routine at the restaurant. As the summer draws to an end, one afternoon I peruse the website for the College of Staten Island's graduate education program, looking for registration information. A couple days later, during family meal at the restaurant, I check my email. There's one from Jonathan Weber, the play's director, with the dates for a full production.

Guess that's not it for him, yet.

## 2 events salute the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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By **Maureen Donnelly**



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Photo

REV. BAKER: Will be the keynote speaker at Fellowship Church on Sunday.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Two events will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by paying homage to both the life of the slain civil rights leader and the inspiration that he is to people who continue his work for peace and justice.

The Martin Luther King "Step Up/Speak Out" family summit will bring together youth, parents and youth organizations at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)** on Saturday for an event that combines empowerment workshops and inspiring entertainment.

On Sunday, the legacy of Dr. King will be acclaimed by Fellowship Baptist Church and the Staten Island Ministerial Alliance with a commemorative program and service at Fellowship Church in Mariners Harbor.

### STEP UP/SPEAK OUT

Hosted by **CSI**, the Liberty Partnership Programs, Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK), both education programs; and the Black Male Initiative, "Step Up/Speak Out" will offer workshops on a wide range of subjects. Topics include "From G's to Gents," real talk from men who went from the street corner to the board room; "Your Body is Your Temple," a Zumba class; and "Can I be 'Cool' and have Faith?"

After lunch, the second half of the event will be an awards ceremony, entertainment and a fashion show, produced by Immaculate-Enterprises with models from FashPhenomenon.

Founded by Serena Brothers-Mohamed, director of Young Talented and Gifted, the fourth annual event will begin at 8 a.m. with registration in the Center for the Arts, Building 1P, and end with Celebrating Diversity entertainment. Performers include the Pink Diamond Steppers, DJ BME (Eric Hines), and the band Renaissance E.M.S.

Pre-registration is recommended by going to Facebook.com/YTG or e-mail [ytgsummit@yahoo.com](mailto:ytgsummit@yahoo.com). For more information, call Ms. Brothers-Mohamed at 718-506-5198.

Admission is a can or nonperishable food which will be donated to local food pantries.

Sponsors of the event include Century Dance Complex and Mi'Jessa Nail Spa, in Stapleton, and Celebrating Real Family Life, New Brighton.

## **SHARING THE DREAM**

Adopting "Living and Sharing the Dream" as a theme, Fellowship Church's 33rd annual memorial service will honor the slain civil rights leader with an address by keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Tony Baker of St. Philip's Baptist Church, Port Richmond, an awards ceremony and candlelight service.

Guest ministers will present the "Dr. Martin Luther King Legacy Award" to members of their churches who demonstrate commitment of service both in the church and the community. The honorees are: Yamda Johnson, Gateway Cathedral Interdenominational Christian Church, Oakwood; Clarice Davies, Staten Island Deliverance Temple, West Brighton; Deetra Mimms, Majestic Praise Tabernacle, New Brighton; Kelvin Alexander, Mount Sinai United Christian Church, Tompkinsville; Linda Collier, Reach Out and Touch Ministries, International, Port Richmond; Gloria McCombs, Rossville AME Zion Church; Rosie Moody, Fellowship Baptist Church, Mariners Harbor.

Rev. Kathryn B. Layne, pastor of Outreach and Touch Ministries, will present the slate of officers of the Ministerial Alliance to be installed.

Rev. Alfredo Archibald, senior pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church will preside over the candlelight ceremony to close the service with a "community united."

The event will begin with refreshments at a meet and greet at 3:15 p.m. in the lower hall, followed by the memorial service at 4 p.m.

Chairwomen of the event are Thomasina Williams of Mariners Harbor, Clara S. Ogburn of St. George and Rev. Layne.

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## Snowstorm KOs events

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Several meetings and events have been canceled or rescheduled due to the snowstorm.

Community Board 2's Aging Committee meeting, scheduled for today at 11 a.m. in the board office, Sea View, has been canceled.

Also, the board's special combined meeting for the Environmental Protection, Health, Traffic and Transportation and Public Services committees scheduled for this evening at 7:30, has been canceled. The board office number is 718-317-3235.

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## CSI joins other city universities in raising money for charity

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By Mark D. Stein

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - WILLOWBROOK - The [College of Staten Island](#), in partnership with the City University of New York (CUNY), has been working to give a little back. Literally.

For the 27th year, the CUNY Campaign for Voluntary Charitable Giving is working to raise money for dozens of charities citywide and across the world.

Employees of the city's colleges and universities are urged to donate from their paychecks to over 1,200 agencies.

The Pledge Form and Campaign Brochure can be found online at [www.csitoday.com/cuny-campaign](http://www.csitoday.com/cuny-campaign), or they can be mailed out by Susan Been upon request to interested contributors.

Checks are made payable to The CUNY Campaign as noted on the pledge form.

According to information posted by the Willowbrook-based school on its Web site, the CUNY Campaign provides assistance to the homeless, home-bound senior citizens, teens struggling to complete high school, and others who are facing economic and social challenges.

CUNY's goal is to enrich social and recreational programs for youth; promote self-sufficiency in education and job training; provide for child care and family service programs, and to help others obtain food, clothing, shelter and financial assistance.

Last year, the campaign brought in \$648,658 from almost 3,000 donors; \$245,000 of the money raised went to college-based agencies, which support valuable programs in CUNY, such as scholarship funds and campus child development centers.

[CSI](#) contributed \$12,539 of that amount.

"Every year the CUNY Campaign, conducted in conjunction with the United Way and other community agencies, helps thousands of friends and neighbors across the city access a range of much-needed services," said CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein, in a message directed toward the 23 colleges and institutions run

by New York City.

Barbara Eshoo, **CSI** Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Affairs, is the campaign coordinator at **CSI** this year.

Questions can be directed to Ms. Been in the Office of Institutional Advancement at 718-982-2365.

The fund-raiser ends Jan. 28.

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## Public service summit at CSI on Saturday

Community come-together is held in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., a civil-rights activist who will be officially honored by the nation on Monday

By **MARK STEIN**  
STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

**WILLOWBROOK** — In honor of an American icon, the College of Staten Island (CSI) will be hosting its Fourth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service "Step Up/Speak Out" Family Summit on Saturday.

The event, open to the public, runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the CSI Center for the Arts building on the school's Willowbrook campus.

The event is designed "to educate, empower, enrich, and entertain our youth, families, and communities, while teaching the importance of being involved in their community and promoting global citizenship," according to the

College's press release, which can be found on [csi-today.com](http://csi-today.com).

"The Summit," it continued, "will provide an opportunity for youth and families to discuss and create solutions to critical and relevant topics that are plaguing our community, such as violence, self-esteem, family structure, and positive community engagement."

The event is part of "I AM Staten Island," a boroughwide effort to combat violence and hatred on Staten Island that is backed by numerous community organizations, local politicians and government agencies.

The eight-hour gathering will include workshops for attendees of all ages. It's expected to be featured

in the "Journey to Manhood" documentary directed by Young Talented & Gifted Productions and Moodswing Multimedia.

The MLK Family Summit is a collaboration of the College's Liberty Partnership Program, CUNY Black Male Initiative, S.E.E.K., Office of Access and Success, Young Talented & Gifted, the New York Urban League's Project Ready, the Pink Diamonds Steppers Association Inc., and other local community businesses and organizations.

For more information, contact **Shawn D. Landry** of the CSI Liberty Partnership Program at 718-982-2157 or via e-mail at [shawn.landry@csi.cuny.edu](mailto:shawn.landry@csi.cuny.edu).

## College of Staten Island/CUNY using OWL Testing Software

The College of Staten Island/CUNY is using OWL Testing Software for language testing of more than 800 students.

*PRLog (Press Release) – Jan 18, 2011 –*

PITTSBURGH, PA - OWL Testing Software, a premier provider of affordable web-based testing and assessment systems, announced today that the Department of Modern Languages at the College of Staten Island (CSI) City University of New York (CUNY) is using OWL Testing Software. The department is using OWL for oral language testing of more than 800 students for all proficiency levels of French, Spanish and Italian. The Department of Modern Languages plans to expand their use of the language assessment software to include Mandarin Chinese and Basic Arabic in the Spring 2011 semester.

The Department of Modern Languages at the College of Staten Island/CUNY selected OWL based on the software's superior functionality and flexibility in the three important components of the assessment cycle – test building, test administration and test evaluation. Specifically, the Department of Modern Languages cited OWL's integration of multimedia into oral tests as critical. Also, the ability to design customized exams for different languages and levels of proficiency was an important contribution to their choice of OWL. Furthermore, the Department of Modern Languages chose OWL for the software's many features that help to control assessments in a large language- or computer-lab environment. For example, multiple options for randomization help ensure student integrity. Other controls, such as the ability to time students' responses and control how many times students can see or hear an input for video and audio questions, further facilitate and control test proctoring.

The Department of Modern Languages also cited OWL's robust online assessment module as a key determining factor. With OWL, the department can design built-in rubrics and apply different rubrics to different parts of an oral exam. Also important is OWL's voice and text feedback system which allows raters to give direct verbal feedback to the test taker. This feature both automates and enhances the language learning process.

"As a Language Lab Director, one of my top priorities is to find ways to gain efficiencies and free valuable lab resources." According to Valeria Belmonti, Director of the Modern Languages Media Center at the College of Staten Island, "In this regard, it is extremely beneficial to use one platform across multiple languages and levels of learning. Training efficiencies are quickly realized by having students and professors using the same software. By selecting a versatile online assessment software that is hosted remotely, those efficiencies are further amplified." Ms. Belmonti continues, "OWL's ability to generate reports makes it easy to record and analyze the results of our programs."

"The OWL Hosting Team is happy to serve the Department of Modern Languages at the College of Staten Island of the City University of New York." Chris Dalessandri, OWL Testing Software president and CEO, explains, "OWL Testing Software's Web-based platform for language assessments is used by organizations around the world. By selecting OWL, The Department of Modern Languages reinforces the college's goal of providing a state-of-the-art, global classroom for all students." Mr. Dalessandri continues, "We look forward to working with CSI/CUNY's Department of Modern Languages to further understand the efficiencies that using OWL contributes to a large language-lab environment."

### About OWL Testing Software

OWL Testing Software is a leading provider of test building software to academia, business, and government markets. Built as a Web-based solution for test creation, administration, and management, OWL Testing Software is unique in its ability to create tests for all four communication skills – oral, aural, reading and writing. OWL is available as licensed software and as a hosted solution to meet the needs of organizations concerned with enhancing the learning and assessment process. For more information, please visit [www.owlts.com](http://www.owlts.com) or call (877) 695-3305.

### About CUNY College of Staten Island

The College of Staten Island (CSI) is a senior college of The City University of New York (CUNY), the nation's leading urban university, offering master's, bachelor's, and associate's degrees in the liberal arts, sciences, and professional studies to approximately 14,000 students. The 204-acre landscaped campus of CSI, the largest in NYC, is fully accessible and contains an advanced, networked infrastructure to support technology-based teaching, learning, and research. Master's programs at CSI include Biology; Business Management; Cinema & Media Studies; Computer

Science; Education (Childhood (Elementary), Adolescence (Secondary), and Special Education); English; Environmental Science; History; Liberal Studies; Mental Health Counseling; Neuroscience, Mental Retardation, and Developmental Disabilities; and Nursing (Adult Health and Gerontological). In addition to the 43 undergraduate and 15 Master's degree programs, students at CSI can earn a Post Master's in Leadership in Education and Nursing (Adult Health and Gerontological), as well as advanced certificates in Nursing (Cultural Competence and Nursing Education.) CSI participates in the University's Macaulay Honors College. CSI is also home to the Teacher Education Honors Academy and The Verrazano School, a selective program that expands upon the college's successful Learning Communities model. CSI offers Doctoral programs jointly with The Graduate Center of The City University of New York in Biochemistry, Biology (Neuroscience), Chemistry, Computer Science, Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Physics. For more information please visit: [www.csi.cuny.edu](http://www.csi.cuny.edu) or [www.csitoday.com](http://www.csitoday.com) or [www.ml.csi.cuny.edu](http://www.ml.csi.cuny.edu).

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# World Book and News

## Noted Business Strategist, SBA Award Winner to Offer Marketing Advice During Free Seminar at CUNY's College of Staten Island

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If you are a business owner whose goals for 2011 include bigger returns, head for the City University of New York's College of Staten Island (CSI) tomorrow morning.

That's when the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at CSI will present "Marketing Your Business."

The free seminar will focus on strategies entrepreneurs can use to strengthen relationships with established customers, engage new prospects and gauge the effectiveness of marketing efforts.

Keynote speakers at the event will include Bill Dubovsky, principal technology specialist at Comtel Information Services, and Barton Horowitz, president of Relevant Public Relations. Both companies are headquartered in Staten Island, N.Y.

Horowitz, a former editor and senior business writer at the Staten Island Advance, is a recipient of the 2010 U.S. Small Business Administration Financial Services Champion of the Year Award.

Dubovsky will discuss "The Marketers' Peak Performance Checklist;" Horowitz's presentation will focus on "Promoting Your Business With Social Media."

"The relationship between social media and a carefully designed marketing strategy is too important to be ignored," Horowitz said.

The seminar will take place 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., in building 1-P (Center for the Arts), on the CSI campus, Willowbrook.

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## "Step Up Speak Out Family Summit" at CSI encourages community service

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By Vincent Gragnani / Advance Correspondent

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - WILLOWBROOK - On the 82nd birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the annual "Step Up Speak Out Family Summit" drew more than 300 young people and parents to the College of Staten Island in Willowbrook for a day of workshops and performances designed to educate, empower, enrich and entertain families.

"This event is an annual must-do for me," said City Councilwoman Debi Rose (D-North Shore), who cofounded the summit four years ago. "It's not only a celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday, but it provides a venue for the community to express what Martin Luther King's vision and dream means to them.

"It brings the entire community of Staten Island together and gives us an opportunity to reassess and redirect our efforts that young people make to improve our community," the councilwoman added.

The Saturday morning workshops ranged from a Zumba class designed to encourage healthy living to one that aimed to prepare high school students for college. But community service was also a major focus.

"All of the workshops are geared toward making the community a better place," said Shawn Landry, interim director of the College of Staten Island's Liberty Partnership Program. "You have to be prepared to give to the community. Some of our students are not aware of what they have to give to the community."

Aniya Allen, a student at Life Science Secondary School in Manhattan, attended two workshops Saturday: "Turn your talent into Ca\$h" and "What do my clothes say about me?"

The first gave her a few lessons on how she might run a business as an adult. The advice may be valuable as she pursues her goals of becoming a chef and teaching children how to cook.



Participating in the annual 'Step Up Speak Out Family Summit' at the College of Staten Island, Willowbrook, are members of Girl Scout Troop 5363. (Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores)



"Since I was little, I have loved to cook," said Miss Allen, as she waited for the afternoon performances to begin.

Alana Hamm, a student at Curtis High School, wants to be a pediatrician or obstetrician. For her, the morning workshops emphasized that her goals were within her reach, but that it would take work to get where she hopes to go.

Her classmate, Vielka Clardy of West Brighton, took a similar message from the workshops.

"You can do whatever you want, if you put your mind to it," Miss Clardy said. "But you're the person who has to do it. You can't wait for someone to do it for you."

Almost as important as the messages about community service was the venue itself, said Ms. Landry.

"It's an opportunity to bring people to the campus and show them that college is not a scary place," she said. "This showcases the campus, opens doors and shows them exactly what we have to give."



The event drew more than 300 young people and their parents, all of whom were invited to partake in various workshops and scheduled performances. (Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores)

#### **PAY NOW OR LATER**

The morning started with a keynote address from Gregory Dickerson, a Staten Island resident and author of the book, "Steven," a short story that explores the use of the "N word" in today's society.

"He is from the community," Ms. Landry said. "He writes about today's society and appreciating where you come from. If you don't know your history, you can't go forward."

After the keynote address, morning workshops and lunch, the event featured awards, entertainment and a fashion show. Among those in attendance for the afternoon performances was state Senator Diane Savino (D-North Shore/Brooklyn), who has supported the event since its inception.

"The organizations involved in this event are doing good work with the youth of Staten Island," she said. "These are the types of programs that mentor the leaders of tomorrow."

More than 40 of the attendees were volunteers. They arrived at 7 a.m. to help coordinate the proceedings.

The program was sponsored by the College of Staten Island's Liberty Partnership Program, Black Male Initiative and S.E.E.K., groups that provide academic enrichment and leadership training throughout the year.

"You pay now or you pay later," Ms. Landry said. "If you don't put money into young people, you put money when they are older. It's cheaper to educate kids than to incarcerate them. It's much cheaper to educate them on how to be a productive part of society."

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## Trend is slow to catch on here, but interest growing

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By **Andrea Boyarsky**

No longer simply framed as is for hanging, photos today are available in different mediums — i.e., printed on aluminum panels or canvas — and can be manipulated by computer programs like Photoshop to form an image that stands out and adds an appealing element to a room's decor.

George Roos, one of the founders of the Island-based Creative Photographers Guild, said professional photos still can be a hard sell, but believes consumer interest is growing.

"The main thing is to create an interesting and beautiful image," Roos said.  
"People buy something they associate with."

The non-profit guild maintains a New Brighton gallery, where members' works are on display and may be purchased. The current exhibit, "Work," which runs through Feb. 13, focuses on photos of people engaged in a variety of tasks.

Other shows this year will highlight images revolving around themes including "Abandonment," "Common Objects, Uncommon Views," and "Poem."

Those interested in photographic art also can visit the Alice Austen House, where reprints of works by the renowned Island photographer of Victorian New York, are for sale. Additionally, the Rosebank museum hosts photographic exhibits throughout the year and images often may be purchased from individual photographers.

"Whereas people used to see art [only] as oil paintings in frames, that's no longer the case," said Carl Rutberg, the museum's executive director, insisting, "A photograph can have the same aesthetic value as any other art form."

Alice Austen House has been host to a mix of local and well-known photo artists, including Donald Weber, Tim Hetherington, Jason Nocito and William Meyers.

"Fire" is the theme of the museum's current exhibit and features photos of fires in New York City around the



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On display at the Creative Photographers Guild(CPG) in New Brighton: "Burano Scape 332," of Burano, Italy 2007," a digital photo on aluminum plate by Fritz (Steven) Weiss

turn of the century. The spring exhibit will revolve around Staten Island's car culture, with photos culled from the Advance's archives.

## ART AT BAY



Also exhibited at the CPG Gallery is this digitalized image on aluminum by Ken Martin titled, "Gallery Painter," in Grant St., Soho, NYC, 1992.

Photographic art often is on the menu at Art at Bay, the Staten Island Creative Community's collaborative gallery.

Founder Joyce Malerba Goldstein said it has done well in the past, pointing to shows featuring works by members of the Creative Photographers Guild and students from the AHRC New York City's Melissa Riggio Higher Education program at the [College of Staten Island](#) for people with developmental disabilities.

"When you're decorating and have something very personal [like a photograph], it makes it more

meaningful," Ms. Goldstein commented.

Digital photography has made it easier for amateur photographers to get good, display-worthy results, observed Charlie Stoffers of Hall of Frames.

"You don't have to wait to get something developed to see if it's a dud or clear and crisp. You can just keep taking pictures," said Stoffers, who owns the Grasmere shop with his wife, Janice Giacalone-Stoffers.

## NOT BIG HERE

Connie Mauro, owner of Mauro Graphics, noted that about 80 percent of those who bring photos in to her Sunnyside establishment for framing took them themselves. But while she believes the trend toward photographic art is becoming more popular in general, she said she's yet to see a big uptick on the Island.

Many of the images photographers bring to her for framing are of landscapes, including abstract forms of objects, like window boxes and gates that offer, she said, "a juxtaposition of different objects that are interesting."



### View full size

One of the hottest trends in home decor is hanging photograph art, either your own prints or professional photos purchased at a gallery. It makes a big impact

without costing a lot of money.

Ms. Mauro pointed out that photographic art tends to be less expensive than paintings, which can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Photos, which can be reproduced exponentially, can cost a few hundred dollars or less, making photographic art “an art form available to all people.”

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## CUNY To Vote On Smoking Ban For All Its Campuses

By: Amanda Farinacci



*Hoping to reduce the number of student smokers in its ranks, the City University of New York is making plans to ban smoking from all of its campuses by next year. NY1's Amanda Farinacci filed the following report.*

The entrance to the student center at the [College of Staten Island](#) is littered with cigarette butts. It is a popular spot for smokers on the Willowbrook campus, because smoking is prohibited inside the buildings of the City University of New York.

Soon, students and teachers may not be allowed to smoke out here either. The board of trustees for all 23 city colleges is set to vote Monday to make CUNY schools smoke-free.

"We're going to phase this in over an 18-month period and we hope that by June 2012 we'll have a completely smoke-free campus," said Dr. Tomas Morales, the president of the [College of Staten Island](#).

More than 440 colleges nationwide have adopted smoke free policies for their campuses.

And while the specifics of the plan are still in the works, CUNY officials say one of the proposals the board of trustees will vote on would designate certain areas for smokers, away from main buildings to shield others from second-hand smoke.

Doctors say banning smoking on college campuses is a great way to target student smokers and discourage them from lighting up.

"You have to start good habits as early as possible," said Dr. John Maese of Staten Island University Hospital. "So with students on campus, if they can't smoke, it's just one more deterrent to them picking up a bad habit."

An educational outreach campaign is planned to warn students about health risks, and how they can get help quitting. The city's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene estimates that 19.4 percent of Staten Islanders smoke -- the highest rate in the city.

Word of the coming ban had smokers at CSI wondering where they will go for a fix.

"I think it's pretty discriminatory. Smoking is a choice that's made by adults," said student Rob Assini. "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."

Not everyone agreed.

"I think it's a good idea health-wise, but people are going to do what they're going to do," said student Mike Guarneri.

As for enforcement, CUNY officials say they have not yet determined the punishment for breaking the smoking rules.

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## CSI tells smokers they'll have to take long walk

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By Amy Padnani



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

These cigarette butts in an ashtray outside the entrance of the CSI Campus Center could soon be a thing of the past.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Soon smokers at the College of Staten Island will have a decision to make before lighting up: Walk 15 minutes in (enter inclement weather condition here), or quit the habit.

The Board of Trustees of the City University of New York voted yesterday to ban smoking on all 23 of its campuses in the five boroughs, citing its responsibility to ensure the public health of roughly half a million students.

"When we know about the toxic effects of smoking, it just seemed to me that this was the right thing to do," said CUNY Chancellor Matthew Goldstein immediately

after the unanimous decision was made at a board meeting.

But what appears to be a public health issue on the surface is a touchy topic about equality and fairness among smokers and non-smokers alike at CSI's Willowbrook campus.

"It's our right as adults, and we already go outside in the cold, so we're being as respectful as we can," said Rose Ellicott, a sophomore from Eltingville. "I already have enough stress between classes, family and studying that the last thing I need is to be told not to smoke. Don't take the one thing that prevents me from ripping someone's head off during the day."

Others, like Alicia Rebelo, argued for their privilege to breathe fresh air.

"I have seasonal asthma so I try to avoid smokers -- If I see people smoking outside a main entrance, I'll go in through the side," the 25-year-old from Westerleigh said. "I'm glad CUNY is conscious of it and they're aware people are being bothered by it."



## Marketing students at **CSI** develop better business plans

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By **Staten Island Advance**



Marketing research students at the **College of Staten Island** are helping local entities and a business in Brooklyn learn how to build a better business model. (Staten Island Advance File Photo)

S TATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - WILLOWBROOK - As part of their college course work, students of the **College of Staten Island** branched out to assist local entities, including one for-profit business in Brooklyn, on how to build a better business model.

Four teams of upper-class marketing research students presented the results of their semester-long research projects to the Sundog Theatre, Richmond County Orchestra, Riverside Opera Company and the Little Cupcake Bakeshop on Dec. 20 last year, at the Center for the Arts building on the Willowbrook campus.

On-Point Marketing Research members Lorna Wilson, Jeffrey Drouillard, and Gideon Omagbemi gave a 20-minute presentation on their findings to Susan Fenley, executive director of Sundog Theatre.

Student researchers from Elite Entertainment – including Katie Kapitan, Kiki Kosmidou and Sandy Tang –

presented their results to Maestro Alan Aurelia of the Richmond Country Orchestra. Members of C3 Research, including Vincent Cannone, Melissa Castellanos, and Shannon Clark, focused on the maestro's Riverside Opera Company.

Market research for a **CSI** alumni's Little Cupcake Bake Shop in Brooklyn, a for-profit business, was

presented by NEKS Level Research team members Sagi Alkobi, Kristie Draper and Nelson Ortiz.

"These Student Service Learning presentations were executive summaries of information gleaned from their marketing research projects," reported William Dubovsky, adjunct lecturer of the business department at CSI. "Each team met with their client to determine the problem areas, define the research objectives, constructs and measurements, and to develop a questionnaire."

The questionnaires were completed electronically and manually to a convenience sample of both organization supporters, as well as Staten Island Chamber of Commerce members who agreed to participate. The student's data were analyzed via SPSS, a statistical software application, and then crafted into a final report and PowerPoint presentation.

Each team was able to offer new and surprising insights to each organization from their support base as well as Chamber members. Each provided real-world suggestions for cultivating future donor/supporter involvement and market expansion potential.

Past research projects from CSI marketing research students have included a study for a St. John's University's continuing education program, for SCORE, Staten Island branch, the American Cancer Society, Staten Island Division, and COAHSI, Council on the Arts and Humanities for Staten Island.

"I learned a lot about how we can reach more people on Staten Island and what our general audience is thinking. The teams of students you selected to work on this report were fantastic to work with. I also learned from the other teams' remarks during their presentation," said Aurelia.

Ms. Fenley was grateful for allowing Sundog to be part of the program.

I think it was a completely win-win situation, with everyone benefiting," said Professor Thomas Tellefsen, chairman of the business department at CSI. "The feedback has been great. It's particularly gratifying when real managers speak well of our students."

Each attending client-sponsor received a copy of the research report, data, the PowerPoint presentation and a PDF copy of "Non-profit Marketing – Capacity Building Workshop Participant Workbook," to act as a guide in developing marketing strategy from the data.

"I wanted to thank you for allowing me to be part of something a select few students get to participate in. I have learned so much in this quick semester. This class gave me an insider look into the real business world – late nights and very early mornings," Drouillard said. "Thank you for the learning experience – I will hold it with me wherever I go in the future."



## NYC public schools closed: What will you do this snow day?

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The NYC Department of Education today closed schools because of the inclement weather that dumped about 18 inches of snow on Staten Island.

It's only the seventh time since 1978 that public schools have shut because of winter weather.

Most private schools are closed as well, as are Wagner College, the **College of Staten Island** and St. John's University.

What are you planning to do today?

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\*Submit your **photos** and **video** of snow cleanup, fun in the snow, inconveniences caused by the storm or other moments you want to share on SILive.com.

\*How much snow did your neighborhood get? **Take a measurement** and let us know in the comment field below.



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Ian Blugh, 9, of Livingston, and his sister, Sydney, enjoy the snow during a recent snow day at Clove Lakes Park.

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## Staten Island BP James Molinaro's State of the Borough speech postponed

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By **Tom Wroblewski**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Borough President James P. Molinaro's State of the Borough address tonight has been postponed due to the extraordinary snowfall.

"Factoring in all the safety and logistical issues, it's just not possible to do it," Deputy Borough President Edward Burke told the Advance this morning.

The speech was set to kick off tonight at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts at the **College of Staten Island**. But last night's storm caused **CSI** to close today.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg also called for the cancellation of all "non-essential" government services today, which also factored into the decision.

"It's prudent to postpone," said Burke.

Burke said that Borough Hall would announce a new date for the address "sometime in the future."

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Borough President James  
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## Staten Island police chase leaves cop, 2 suspects with injuries

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A police chase that left a cop and two suspects injured began with gunfire in Castleton Corners, according to a witness who spoke with the Advance.

Dozens of officers remain on the scene in front of the Manor Heights Shopping Plaza at Manor Road, near Holden Boulevard, where a report of "shots fired" came over emergency radio channels at approximately 1:30 p.m.

According to the **New York Post**, a white Hyundai occupied by the two suspects struck a plainclothes officer from the District Attorney's squad, who was conducting a drug investigation.



Staten Island Advance/Michael Oates

An injured official is helped to an ambulance outside the Manor Heights Shopping Center in Castleton Corners.

A police officer suffered "minor injuries" at that location, an NYPD spokesman confirmed.

Witness Danny Panzella told the Advance he saw what he believed to be plainclothes officers firing shots at two men in a vehicle.

He estimated a total of three gunshots were fired, two of which struck the car the suspects were driving.





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A man is placed in an ambulance at Manor Road and Holden Boulevard in Castleton Corners. (Photo by Artie Farkis)

**Chase on Staten Island leaves cop, two suspects injured** gallery  
(17 photos)

"It sounded like a car backfired over and over again," Panzella said of the gunshots.

The suspects then drove off.

The chase came to an end behind the College of Staten Island, on the 1100-block of Forest Hill Road in Willowbrook, where the two suspects were taken into custody.

According to a report on 1010Wins, the suspects suffered gunshot wounds to the arms and legs, but injuries are not life-threatening.

The cop and the suspects were all hospitalized.

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## Veteran forum Wednesday at CSI

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By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. — There will be an informational forum for veterans and their families on benefits, post-traumatic stress syndrome and related matters on Wednesday at the College of Staten Island.

The free event will be held in Building 1 P from 6 to 8 p.m.

It is being sponsored by Democratic Staten Island for Change and CSI's Student Veterans Center.

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## Cop pegs shots at suspects fleeing Manor Road drug bust

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By **Staten Island Advance**

**By JEFF HARRELL and MARK STEIN**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Mayhem engulfed a Castleton Corners strip mall yesterday afternoon as police and two drug suspects battled it out.

A plainclothes detective was struck and injured by the car in which the alleged drug transaction took place and one of the suspects was grazed in the head by a police bullet before a chase ensued.

Arrested were Joseph Goepel, 24, of Calvanico Lane, Willowbrook, and Frank Consentino, 18, of Dora Street, Westerleigh. (Authorities also gave the teen's name as Cosentino.)



Staten Island Advance/Michael Oates

Detective is assisted at Manor Heights Shopping Plazar after he was struck by drug suspects' car. They were captured after chase.

The wild episode began about 1:15 p.m. in front of the Manor Heights Shopping Plaza on Manor Road, police sources said.

Police said two detectives with the Staten Island district attorney's squad observed Goepel and Consentino make a drug deal. As they approached the suspects, who were sitting in a white 2011 Hyundai Sonata, Goepel, the driver, backed up, then shot forward and struck one of the detectives, police said.

The injured detective opened fire on the vehicle as it sped from the parking lot.

A witness, Danny Panzella, said at least three shots were fired, two of them ricocheting off the sedan's roof. Police confirmed the shooting.



Panzella, who lives nearby, said the vehicle quickly disappeared into traffic as it headed toward Victory Boulevard.

Officers responding to a call for assistance spotted Goepel and Consentino in the Sonata on the 1100 block of Forest Hill Road, Willowbrook, behind the College of Staten Island, where they were pulled over and arrested without incident, police said.

Sources said police searched the vehicle and found oxycodone and ketamine, more commonly known as "Special K."

They were transported to Richmond University Medical Center, West Brighton. Goepel was treated for a graze wound of his head and Consentino for cuts inflicted by flying glass.

A hospital spokesman said both were in stable condition.

Both detectives were taken to Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze, where the one struck by the car was treated for knee, hand and arm injuries, police said. Sources said the second detective was under observation for chest pains.

While police blocked off a portion of Forest Hill Road and redirected traffic away from the arrest scene, K-9 units nearly up to their necks in snow also searched a wooded area behind CSI.

The investigation caused traffic tie-ups throughout the neighborhood behind CSI that extended into the evening rush hour.

According to a police spokesman, the investigation is ongoing and charges against Goepel and Consentino are pending.

# ***Students & Alumni***

## Blizzardgate claims first victim as commissioner boots Fire Department's EMS chief

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By **Ben Johnson**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The first head has rolled.

Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano tonight replaced the chief of the FDNY's Emergency Medical Service Command in the wake of the city's woeful response to last week's blizzard.

The wind-driven snow brought the city -- and many EMS vehicles -- to a standstill.

Sources said the demotion of Chief John Peruggia relates directly to the department's problems in responding to the storm.



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John Peruggia, who was demoted tonight, is shown at 2007 function in his capacity as chief of the FDNY's Emergency Medical Service Command.

His replacement, Abdo Nahmod, captained the first combined Fire-EMS station, in Rossville, in 2003-04. Most recently, Nahmod has been deputy assistant chief overseeing the department's Emergency Medical Dispatch.

"Despite Chief Peruggia's dedicated service to this department, I felt new leadership was needed at this time," said Cassano, a resident of Huguenot. "Last week's blizzard presented tremendous challenges for the department that are currently being addressed with an eye toward improving performance."

A source told the Advance that a rumored 70 percent of FDNY ambulances working in the storm got stuck in the snow, while private ambulance companies fared far better. At one point, there was a backlog of more than 1,300 emergency calls for assistance. In the case of a woman with a broken ankle, the wait stretched to 30 hours, and a child born unconscious at home was declared dead later at the hospital.

"We didn't do the job we had wanted to do, that I wanted to do and everybody else wanted to do," Mayor Michael Bloomberg has said.

After emigrating from Paris in 1969, Lebanese native Nahmod studied health science at the [College of Staten Island](#) and volunteered with an ambulance company in Bay Ridge before joining the former Emergency Medical Services as an EMT in 1986.

Chief Nahmod will face tough challenges almost immediately in his new position as Blizzardgate rages: Beyond the snow forecast for this weekend, multiple inquiries are moving forward on the storm front. Skip Funk, the city's director of emergency communications, is looking into why the dispatch system underperformed.

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## Head Of FDNY-EMS Demoted After Storm Fiasco

(Wednesday, January 5th, 2011)



The chief of the city's EMS was abruptly demoted tonight – becoming the first head to roll because of the city's disastrous response to the crippling blizzard, sources told The NY Post.

Chief John Peruggia, who has served as head of the Emergency Medical Services Command, was replaced by a 25-year veteran of the Fire Department, which is in charge of EMS.

Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano said Peruggia will stay in a "new role to be determined."

But sources told The Post Peruggia was unceremoniously dumped because of the inadequate response of EMS during the Dec. 26 storm, when ambulances got stuck in the 20-inch snow and there was a 1,300-call backlog in the 911 system.

Peruggia told aides that Mayor Bloomberg was especially angry over the 911 backlog, a source said.

He may not be the only storm casualty.

Sources said Bloomberg is also furious at Office of Emergency Management commissioner Joe Bruno.

But a mayoral spokesman insisted Bruno was not being fired.

Peruggia's problems also stemmed from a conflict of interest case, sources said – he took a trip with a vendor that makes defibrillators, and could face a fine of \$12,000.

Still, EMS union head Pat Bahnken suggested there were bigger fish to fry.

"I'm sure Cassano ... will find there were certain choices made that went beyond an EMS chief's pay grade," Bahnken grouched.

In the storm's aftermath, the city was deluged with 49,478 calls to 911 – the sixth-largest volume in history, resulting in a backlog of 1,300 calls on Dec. 27.

Peruggia will be replaced by Abdo Nahmod, whose new position will also be elevated from three to four stars.

**The following press release was emailed to YWN by the FDNY:**

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*(YWN Desk – NYC / NY Post)*

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## Staten Island Soccer League Hall of Fame welcomes new members

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By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

The Staten Island Youth Soccer League honored the accomplishments of John Liantonio, Joe Schirripa and John Zayer as all three were inducted into the Staten Island Soccer League (SISL) Hall of Fame during the fifth annual dinner last night at the Staaten Restaurant, West Brighton.

All three had an impact on the league, and soccer in general, in every way possible, and their inductions bring the Hall of Fame membership to 15.



Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons

From left, Staten Island Soccer League Hall of Fame inductees John Zayer, Joe Schirripa and John Liantonio celebrate last night at the Staaten.

### **JOHN LIANTONIO**

Liantonio began playing (as an 8-year-old on Silver Lake Soccer) the same year (1978) the league was formed.

From 1978 thru 1983, he played on two teams with the Silver Lake Soccer Club — the Cosmos travel team and a SISL recreational team, before moving on to the SI Mola Club, an Italian-American organization in Midland Beach of which his father, Dominick, was a member.

Liantonio developed a reputation as a speedy player with a dangerously accurate shot. This reputation and dedication was recognized in 1984 and 1985 when he earned a spot on the NYS Olympic Development Team and represented NYS at various tournaments and competitions.

In 1983, the South Beach resident began playing at St. Peter's High School and during his three varsity seasons, he amassed over 100 goals, led the Eagles to two Island championships and earned Advance All-Star recognition.



Liantonio went on to play two years of Division 1 soccer at nationally ranked St. Francis College of Brooklyn before transferring to the **College of Staten Island**. At **CSI**, he earned top honors in both the CUNY and Skyline conferences. He scored 29 goals his senior year to lead both conferences in scoring, a record which still stands today. He also played five seasons of semi-pro soccer for Calabria Roma in the Brooklyn-Queens Italian Super League.

In 1991, Liantonio began his coaching career at Silver Lake Soccer and spent 11 years as the trainer for the SI United program before becoming the head coach at St. Peter's in 1997.

He has been coaching at St. Peter's ever since, 12 as the varsity coach, posting a 120-48-12 record, which includes four CHSAA Island championships and three SIHSL championships, two B Division city championships and four trips to the A division final four.

He is also the director of training for the St. Joseph Hill Soccer Club and a trainer for Tab Ramos and Breakaway Training Schools.

## **JOHN ZAYER**

Zayer's involvement began in 1983 when he signed up his son, Christopher, and was talked into coaching at Our Lady Queen of Peace by Hall of Famer (Class of '09) Eddie Gamarra.

A year later, with Eddie's "help," Zayer was nominated and elected vice president of the league and then enrolled in coaching and referee license courses.

It was refereeing that ignited Zayer's passion and, by 1992, he had become a state ref and assignor. A year later he became an associate assessor and assistant instructor, and by 1995, he was assessing refs throughout the state.

In 2001, Zayer was elevated to a Grade 5 instructor and named the lead instructor for Eastern New York State Soccer Association. In 2004, he was named a Grade 15 state emeritus ref and, in 2006, was named the state assessor for ENY. By 2008, the Dongan Hills resident became one of only three state assessors to appear on the United States Soccer Federation Professional List.

Zayer led the first United States Soccer Federation (USSF) bilingual referee instructor course and he continues to work for the USSF on ref development and instructor development for the Eastern US and California. He also regularly participates with ref development as part of the Olympic Development Program.

Throughout his career, he has officiated 1,340 games.

## **JOE SCHIRRIPA**

For the last two decades, Schirripa has been a fixture coaching soccer at Miller Field, New Dorp.

He started his coaching career in 1990 with Eltingville Lutheran School (ELS) Soccer club, and put in nine years mentoring kids and along the way became the club's director.

He coached the Staten Island United Eagles travel team for eight seasons, reaching the State Cup semifinals in 1998 and 1999, a huge accomplishment.

Schirripa became the junior varsity coach at St. John Villa in 1999 and a year later moved up to varsity and coached the team to winning seasons through 2005, winning a league championship and earning a spot in the Catholic state finals in 2004.

Since 2002, Schirripa has been an Executive Board Member of the United program and is presently the girls' coordinator.

Schirripa presently coaches the under-15 SI United Fire and has enlisted his daughter Kathryn to the coaching fraternity.

Last year, the Oakwood resident started a junior varsity team at Moore Catholic High School.

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## Morgano named Pearl River schools chief

PEARL RIVER — The Board of Education tapped the assistant superintendent Tuesday night to lead the Pearl River school district.

Board members Jackie Curtiss, Robert Davis and Thomas DePrisco voted 3-0 to appoint John C. Morgano as the new superintendent of schools.

He will start July 1 with a base salary of \$249,000 as part of a five-year contract.

Morgano, a Goshen resident, will replace Superintendent Frank Auriemma, who announced his [retirement](#) at a Jan. 11 school board meeting. Auriemma, who joined the district in 1987, has served as superintendent for the past eight years.

The Board of Education entered into negotiations with Morgano two weeks ago. The five-member school board did not form a search committee or interview other candidates to fill the position.

Speaking before a room full of school officials and parents Tuesday night, Board of Education [Vice President](#) Robert Davis said the board was proud to see Morgano take over, and highlighted his working experience.

"During this time period John's contributions couldn't be greater," Davis said. "I have full confidence that he is up to the [challenge](#)."

Morgano received his bachelor's in history education from the [College of Staten Island](#), his master's in special education from State University of [New York](#) at New Paltz and a doctorate of education in administration and supervision from New York University in 1990.

Morgano started his education career as a special-education teacher on Staten [Island](#). His first assistant-superintendent stint was in Minisink Valley Central School District in Orange County, where he worked beginning in 1995.

He has served as assistant superintendent in Pearl River since 2003, when Auriemma left the position.

As assistant superintendent, Morgano oversees all personnel, curriculum and instruction, [technology](#), special education, labor relations, central

registration and health services.

Morgano takes over at a time when the school district is in transition. Like other districts in Rockland County, Pearl River is facing cuts in state aid and a tough budget season.

The district also recently purchased the 4.6-acre Africa Inland Mission property at 135 W. Crooked Road for \$4.4 million to move administrative offices and free up classroom space at the high school.

"The challenge for the next couple of years is going to be maintaining our educational standards when we're likely going to have less resources," Morgano said in a brief interview following the meeting.

Board of Education President Michael Clohessy was not at the meeting, as was board member Bruce [Bond](#).

## Olivet Presbyterian celebrates installation of new pastor

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By **Maura Grunlund**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

The new pastor, the Rev. Melodee Bottari, has been trained in Gestalt Pastoral Care and utilizes this training by ministering to people who are incarcerated, ex-offenders, homeless persons, alcohol and drug abusers and people with HIV and AIDS.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- In a ceremony that was both solemn and joyous, the Rev. Melodee Bottari of Fort Wadsworth was installed this past Sunday as pastor of Olivet Presbyterian Church, West Brighton.

The Rev. Bottari replaced the Rev. Lee McCallum, who was Olivet's pastor for 35 years before his retirement in 2007. The Rev. McCallum was at the installation.

Prior to coming to Olivet, the Rev. Bottari served for almost two years as the designated pastor of Pompton Valley Presbyterian Church, Pompton Plains, N.J.

She recently moved into the church manse, but became a Staten Islander in 1990 when she relocated to Grasmere.

"I'm looking forward to incorporating some contemporary praise music while honoring

the traditional worship style," the Rev. Bottari said. "I am definitely planning on mission trips, both adult and youth."

A youth trip to Appalachia/ West Virginia this summer is already being organized. Spiritual and contemplative retreats and regular Bible study sessions on one afternoon and one evening a week are other goals.

She looks forward to resuming partnership in ministry with Project Hospitality, the Arthur Kill Correctional Facility, Staten Island Council of Churches and the Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island, and participating in many ecumenical events.

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The new pastor is married to Gregory Piwinski, a social worker for Richmond University Medical Center. She has no children of her own, but is involved in the lives of her husband's children and grandchildren.

The Rev. Bottari was born in Manhattan, grew up in Brooklyn and Queens, where she graduated from John Adams High School in 1981. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1996 from the College of Staten Island and a master's in divinity in 2007 from the New York Theological Seminary.

On March 29, 2009, she was ordained by the Presbytery of the Palisades and is a minister of word and sacrament in the Presbyterian Church USA.

At Sunday's installation, the Rev. Tilda Norberg and the Rev. George McClain of United Methodist Church, regular attendees at Olivet, were joined by Olivet elders Tony De La Rosa -- also interim executive Presbyter, Presbytery of NYC -- and John Fiore, Sue Lamberti, Chris Peet and Peter Changpertitum. The Rev. Bottari's husband was also on hand.

Participating in the installation were: the Rev. Cathy Stilwell, Calvary Presbyterian Church, West Brighton; the Rev. Mary Speers, Union Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn; the Rev. Raymond Bagnuolo, Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, Manhattan; the Rev. Carlton Knight and the Rev. Perry Wootten, Eastchester Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Carmen Rosario, Fort Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Manhattan; the Rev. Grace Bowen, Presbytery of NYC; the Rev. Liz Alexander, retired, Presbytery of NYC; Elder Melanie Squillante, Church of the Covenant, Manhattan; Elder Rosemarie Napoli, Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn.

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