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ABOUT THE CSI LEGACY SOCIETY

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

The Winter/Spring 2011 issue of *Eye on CSI* featured distinguished alumni who exemplify the mission of CSI and also presented exciting news on the development of our Strategic Planning process. Indeed, our alumni are our best ambassadors who play a major role in advancing the image, vision, and goals of our institution.

As we move into the future, we celebrate a new era of the College with a number of firsts: the first issue of *Eye on CSI* with a new look and focus, our first Goldwater Scholar, our first endowed Business scholarship, our first valedictorian and salutatorian, and much more, some of which you will learn about in this issue. In so doing, we also take stock of our many past accomplishments.

Recently, we held an Early Years Alumni reception recognizing graduates of 1958 to 1976. Increasing our collaborations to celebrate the accomplishments of our alumni and former faculty enhances CSI's legacy of contributions to our community and beyond, and I look forward to future activities to laud our collective achievements.

Thus, on behalf of the entire College community, I am pleased to invite you to participate in our fall Homecoming 2011 event, another first for the College. This special occasion will provide many opportunities to build upon your College memories: to reconnect with classmates, to visit with former faculty, to reminisce upon your College years, to share your ideas for future events, and to strengthen the sense of community within our growing College family.

Homecoming 2011 promises to provide a host of activities for your enjoyment. Whether you graduated last semester or decades ago, CSI is proud to showcase the wide array of accomplishments of our students, our fac-

ulty, and the improvements to our facilities. Our tradition of offering a quality education and our commitment to teaching, research, and scholarship continues to thrive. However, these are challenging times for public higher education throughout the nation. Your support is critical to our success and the success of our future graduates.

American poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "Ah, how good it feels! The hand of an old friend." I look forward to extending you my hand at the Homecoming celebration in October.

It's time to come home. I do hope that you can visit your alma mater!

For more information on the event go to www.csi.cuny.edu

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Professors Peters and Kress pose in front of one of the Center's supercomputers.



CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales and CUNY Chancellor Dr. Matthew Goldstein at the HPCC.

COMPUTING FOR COMMUTING:

Two CSI Faculty/Alumni Use the University's Supercomputer to Make Travel Easier in NYC

Anyone who has tried to get around Staten Island knows that commuting is a difficult and frustrating process. As the population of the Borough increases, roads become more jammed, and buses, which are a major part of public mass transportation on the Island, are caught in the fray.

CSI Vice President for Technology Systems Dr. **MICHAEL KRESS** '67, '69, and Finance '75, Professor Dr. **JONATHAN PETERS** '86, who also happen to be alumni of the College, are out to do something about this problem, along with some help from the University's High-Performance Computing Center (HPCC), located on the CSI campus in Building 1M.

Dr. Kress, who received his Associate's in Arts and Science in Mathematics from Staten Island Community College in 1967, a BS in Mathematics from Richmond College in 1969, and his MA in Environmental Science from Richmond College in 1975, as well as a PhD from New York University, was the driving force behind landing the HPCC, which is one of



The HPCC is employed by approximately 300 users, from students to researchers, undertaking a variety of studies.

Dr. Kress (right) discusses some of the computer data that is driving the professors' research.

Recent HPCC Traffic and Transportation Projects

- The CSI Traffic Team worked with Senator Martin Golden of Bay Ridge to analyze the impact of MTA Bus service cuts on handicapped accessibility of transportation services in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. The MTA agreed to service restorations in July.

- After the tremendous traffic backups that occurred on Easter Sunday 2011, the HPCC Traffic Team worked with Borough President James Molinaro, City Councilman James Oddo, and City Councilman Vincent Ignizio to share with the Port Authority of NY and NJ the results of its traffic simulations of the Port Authority Staten Island Bridges to see how the cash toll collection facility can and should be optimized to maximize the flow of traffic over these facilities—especially to avoid massive traffic delay on holidays.

- Dr. Peters is working in partnership with Dr. David King of Columbia University to understand the availability of taxi services in the Outer Boroughs. Taxi and for-hire car services may well provide an important bridge to reduced household auto ownership.

- The CSI Traffic Team is analyzing taxi submarkets to understand better how taxis are utilized to support urban mobility.

the most powerful computers in the state. “I was the person who, in fact, developed the Center right from its original inception. There was an opportunity to participate with CUNY in obtaining a high-performance computer, so at that time, I worked with [then] Vice President Aponte where we suggested to CUNY that we could host the High-Performance Computing Center...”

Although the HPCC is employed by approximately 300 users, from students to researchers undertaking a variety of studies, Dr. Kress has been working with Dr. Peters to look at a number of local traffic and transportation issues.

Dr. Peters, who received his Bachelor of Science degree in Economics in 1986 from CSI, as well as an MA from Hunter College and a PhD from The Graduate Center, CUNY, recalls how he and his colleague became involved in these studies. “We got interested because we started studying toll systems on Staten Island and in the region. Toll systems are major issues, both in terms of the costs of running the systems, and in terms of the amount of money that is taken from the user population. Tolls on Staten Island are also a very political, hot-button issue. Then we became interested in traffic flow and control issues. I think everybody in the area knows that you get stuck in traffic at toll plazas and so we started to get interested in how it impacts the air quality in the region and how it impacts people’s budgets and

consumption, how much toll systems impact people’s disposable income, and how much it increases the cost of living in the region.”

Peters adds “Once we got involved in tolling systems, then the broader issues, of how the transportation system functions in the region, came into the game and that has brought in things like understanding transit systems, understanding land use patterns, understanding use of taxi cabs and for-hire car service, understanding auto ownership in the region. All have come into the game.”

Peters says that this is where the HPCC comes in, as the researchers use the high-powered computer to analyze millions of records regarding tolls paid and traffic flow (via E-Z Pass data) and also up to 378 million taxi cab records, so far. In a nutshell, Peters notes that “we’re looking at some of the data on tracking vehicles to see traffic flow, because we’re looking to start modeling what’s happening in this system on a daily basis to get a better understanding of how you can improve the system, how you can make it function better.

“When you’re the worst commute in the nation, and it’s pretty clear that we are,” Peters notes, “there’s a big discussion about other solutions...I accept the fact that maybe we are the worst commute, but I don’t accept the fact that we’ll be here forever as the worst commute. That’s unacceptable. I think that there should be both national and regional focus to try and solve this problem.”

You're invited to the FIRST-EVER HOMECOMING



The stage is set for a brand-new tradition: Homecoming CSI-style! Alumni, students, and members of the community will gather for a full day of fun, reminiscing, and networking on October 1.

Homecoming will kick off at 9:00am with registration and a continental breakfast followed by a walk-a-thon for the CSI Breast Cancer Research Initiative.

After that, alumni can enjoy an exciting volleyball match-up between the CSI Dolphins and a team from the Culinary Institute of America. Career speed-networking, an opportunity for members of the Class of 2012 to meet and gain career advice from members of the Class of 1987—the 25th-Year Reunion Class.

The day's options expand from noon on with opportunities to attend an Oktoberfest lunch; visit reunion tables in the Campus

Center (Building 1C) for alumni from the Classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007; meet with members of the Academy of Retired Professors and current faculty; get a College update from CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales; go on a guided campus bus tour; and enjoy a Women's Soccer match, pitting CSI against John Jay. An outdoor music performance, kids activities, a gelato party, and more soccer are on tap in the afternoon, as the Men's Soccer squad takes on a yet-to-be-determined opponent.

The day's events conclude with the WSIA 30th Anniversary Dinner, welcoming back all of the alumni staff members who worked and learned the radio business at the College's radio station, and honoring former station General Manager, Greg Adamo '86.

Also, be sure to enjoy all-day events, like the

WSIA Radio outdoor remote broadcast and plenty of children's attractions, such as a pumpkin patch and face painting. Don't forget to visit the Alumni Association tent and select vendor tables.

For more information on this wonderful opportunity to reconnect with your College, and make history at our first-ever Homecoming, go online to register at csitoday.com/homecoming/, call 718.982.2290, or email alumni@csi.cuny.edu.

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Melissa Horne, Valedictorian

MELISSA HORNE, a student in The Verrazano School, was the valedictorian of the Class of 2011 with a BA in English with a Concentration on Writing. She attributes her success to the education that she received at CSI.

After she received her GED in 1992, she attended LaGuardia Community College, but she left the college and went to work. After ten years, she decided to go back to school at CSI.

“When I had so much success in my first semester my confidence completely changed... I found out that I was smart, academically smart. I switched to [an] English [major] after that because I've always been a writer, keeping journals and writing poetry.”

She fondly remembers the many social networking events through The Verrazano School, and the exposure that she gained to subjects outside of her major, thanks to the

many lectures and workshops that she attended. In fact, a psychology class in which she mentored troubled girls led to an interest in law as a youth advocate. “I kept changing my interests, but in a good way, because I didn't realize that there were all these other things that I was interested in. This carried through...I want to be informed and not float through life not knowing what's going on.”

In addition, Horne worked with the Bertha Harris Women's Center and the Campus Activities Board.

Now that she has graduated, Horne hopes to begin law school in 2012. In the interim, she plans to tutor elementary school children in Philadelphia.



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Brian Kateman, Salutatorian

BRIAN KATEMAN graduated from the Macaulay Honors College (MHC) with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a minor in Psychology. “I feel tremendous joy when reflecting upon my classes, study abroad trips, internships, and research experiences, and most importantly, the inspiring students and faculty.”

Kateman notes that the program was a great fit for him. “Vertebrate Zoology, Ecology, and Animal Behavior were my favorite classes, taught by wonderful, engaging professors, and each of them confirmed my passion for studying Evolutionary Biology in the future. I worked in the neuroscience lab, genetics lab, and dendrochronology lab.”

Kateman also had the chance to study abroad twice, both in the Galapagos Islands and in Florence, Italy, and also attend multiple national undergraduate conferences in Washington, DC and Montana to present his research.

Kateman also served as a Peer Educator at The Wellness Center, a Mentor for the SEEK and FIRST programs, and an Assistant in the Ambassador programs. “Through the help of the Career and Scholarship Center and the Horace Goldsmith Fellowship Program, I was awarded the Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship... This experience has given me the confidence to combine my passion for environmental education, research, and conservation and desire to work in the not-for-profit sector.”

Kateman is excited to begin his position at the Center for Environmental Research and Conservation at Columbia University and pursue graduate school.

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FACULTY FOCUS:

Dr. Michal Kruk, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Dr. **MICHAL KRUK**, recently received the distinction of being included on Thomson Reuters's list of the Top 100 Chemists, 2000-2010, which celebrates scientists who have achieved the highest citation impact scores (number of citations per paper) for chemistry papers published since January 2000.

Dr. Kruk explains that "my inclusion on the list was related to groundbreaking work on the characterization of structures and on the synthesis of important novel nano-scale porous materials."

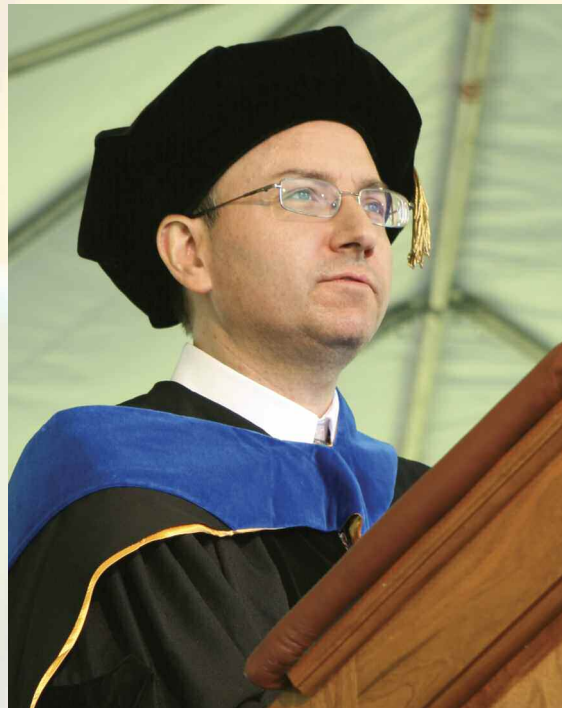
Regarding his reaction to being selected for the list, Dr. Kruk says, "I feel quite overwhelmed with this honor. Being a relatively young scientist, I did not expect to find myself on such an elite list of chemists and I would never consider myself as one of the top 100 chemists of the decade. My inclu-

published by a particular scientist (on average), rather than the cumulative influence of the body of work of the particular scientist. I was aware that my publications have attracted a lot of interest, but I have published a moderate number of papers, as compared to many of my peers. I feel that the recognition reinforces my attitude to strive to understand the structure of materials, and to develop approaches for materials synthesis and characterization.

"I am glad that other scientists have found my work useful. My recognition by Thomson-Reuters is also a tribute to my research mentors, primarily to Professor Mietek Jaroniec from Kent State University, and to many other scientists with whom I had a privilege to work over the years."

Currently, Dr. Kruk reports that his "research is focused primarily on high-surface-area nanoporous materials... These solid materials commonly exhibit surface areas of several hundred square meters per gram or even higher, which correspond to a surface comparable to that of a basketball court in one gram of the material. Such high-surface-area materials are of significant interest in catalysis (for instance as catalyst supports), separation of mixtures (e.g., in chromatography), removal of toxic substances from water and air, energy storage (hydrogen or methane adsorption, electrochemical double-layer capacitors, etc.), electronics (low-dielectric-constant materials) and, controlled release of therapeutic substances.

"I find CSI to be an excellent place to pursue my research program," he adds, "because of the friendly and helpful faculty and administration, highly dedicated graduate and undergraduate students willing to work with me, and excellent scientific equipment available in our College."



During his tenure at CSI, Dr. Kruk has also had an impact on our students, teaching "undergraduate general chemistry, physical chemistry, inorganic chemistry, and introduction to undergraduate research in chemistry courses, as well as a graduate polymer chemistry course. I have worked with more than 20 undergraduate independent study students, as well as seven PhD students and two postdoctoral researchers."

Looking to the future, Dr. Kruk reports that "I plan to continue my work on developing powerful, yet convenient, approaches for nano-scale materials synthesis and characterization."

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AROUND CAMPUS

Brooklyn Home Reps Learn of Benefits of Their Generosity, Attend Nursing Pinning Ceremony

BY TERRY MARES

Two representatives from the Brooklyn Home For Aged Men, George C. Schaefer, Vice President and Treasurer, and Annette E. Schaefer, Director, on June 23, 2011 visited CSI to enjoy lunch and hear reports from some of the faculty members who have benefited from their generous contributions to the College over the years, a total of \$534,750 to date. The academic areas represented were geriatric nursing, Alzheimer's disease research, and breast cancer research.

Prior to the event, George Schaefer explained his organization's philanthropic track record at CSI. "We were approached to offer a scholarship for geriatric nursing...[O]ne of our board members was a graduate of the Nursing program here and had nothing but good things to say. We started with a small scholarship stipend and we did that a couple of times. We were then made aware of a matching funds grant from the federal government and decided that that would be

appropriate. We honored our president with an endowment that was matched by the federal government. The following year I decided that other members of the board should be honored and we established eight separate scholarships for students that were matched by the federal government. Last year, we received applications for grants for Alzheimer's research, breast cancer awareness research, and a laboratory for nurses studying gerontology. We thought that each one was appropriate and we funded them..."

Faculty presenters at the lunch included Dr. Alejandra del Carmen Alonso, Associate Professor of Biology at CSI, who is conducting Alzheimer's disease research; Donna Gerstle, Director of the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative; Mary O'Donnell, Chair of the Nursing Department; and Arlene Farren, Associate Professor of Nursing.

Following the lunch, the Schaefers attended the Spring Pinning ceremony for AAS Nursing degree recipients.



(L-R:) Mary O'Donnell, Annette and George Schaefer, and Arlene Farren

Friends of CSI Announce \$33K in Support of Scholarships, Library

BY KEN BACH

The Friends of CSI held their annual meeting recently and announced the awarding of \$26,000 in student scholarship support and \$7,500 in support to the CSI Library.

During the meeting, Dr. Christine D. Cea, President of the Friends for the past three years, announced that she was stepping down to rejoin the general board of the Friends. (Dr. Cea was recently named President of the College of Staten Island Foundation Board.) Beverly Garcia-Anderson, First Vice President of the Friends and notable community activist, was elected as the new President of The Friends of CSI.

Dr. Cea told the Friends membership at the meeting, "It is because of your dedication that we have achieved the many goals that we set out to accomplish... I know that the future of the Friends will continue to flourish under Beverly's leadership."

Student support, available to eligible students in the coming academic year, includes scholarships in the name of: Stella DeLuca, Norma D'Arrigo, John Marchi, International Study Abroad, Ephraim Bodine, Louie Miller, Giovanni and Giacomo Scano, Rose Volpe, Mary F. Regan, and 14 others awarded in the name of the Friends of CSI. Scholarship recipients must be Staten Island residents with a 3.0 Grade Point Average or higher and a demonstrated financial need. One of the scholarships must be awarded for International Study Abroad.

The Volpe Library Fund will provide support to the CSI Library in the coming academic year.

Alumni Association Celebrates CSI's Early Years, Honors Stamos Zades

BY TERRY MARES

Memories of the College of Staten Island's predecessor institutions, Richmond College and Staten Island Community College, were in the air on June 23, 2011 at the CSI Alumni Association's Early Years Alumni event at the Campus Center Green Dolphin Lounge, recognizing graduates of 1958 to 1976.

The well-attended event, which honored Professor and Dean Emeritus Dr. Stamos Zades, opened with light fare and refreshments, allowing attendees to mingle and reminisce, as well as view a special display of photos from both institutions created by the Archives and Special Collections, College of Staten Island Library.

After greetings from CSI Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Affairs Barbara Eshoo and CUNY Trustee Kathleen Pesile '73, College President Dr. Tomás D. Morales spoke to the guests, reviewing the history of Richmond College and SICC, and how they merged to become

CSI. In addition, he shared some of the College's recent accomplishments with the gathered alumni, such as the recent completion of the College's Strategic Planning process, CSI's first Goldwater Scholar, and the naming of CSI Associate Professor of Chemistry Dr. Michal Kruk to Thomson-Reuters's list of the Top 100 Chemists, 2000-2010.

The President and Trustee Pesile then presented a framed photo montage of SICC images to Dr. Zades to thank him for his years of dedication to the College. In his acceptance remarks, Dr. Zades discussed how much his years at SICC, and later, CSI, meant to him.

Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Affairs Dr. Ken Boyden then thanked the Alumni Association and the Special Collections and Archives for their contributions to the event, and invited



(L-R:) CUNY Trustee Kathleen Pesile '73, Dean Emeritus Stamos Zades, and Rose Volpe, widow of former CSI President Edmund Volpe

alumni up to the lectern to share memories of their respective institutions. Quite a few alumni accepted his offer, telling stories of happy days at Richmond College and SICC.

Attendees spent the remaining time discussing their college days and catching up on more recent events.

This gathering also marks the beginning of an Early Years chapter of the CSIAA, with the hope that these alumni will continue to return to campus and bring their fellow alumni with them.



Meet CSI Phonathon Caller Sue McDonald

BY TERRY MARES

Did you ever wonder who was on the other end of the phone when the CSI Phonathon calls? The hard work is being done by students like Sue McDonald. Sue graduated from CSI last January with a BA in English with a Concentration in Writing. She says, "I feel very honored to be a part of a fundraiser that brought in so much money for the College. Knowing that my calls will help the school in so many ways, especially that my involvement will help fellow students with scholarships, brings me a very triumphant and honorable feeling."

Recalling one of her favorite calls, Sue notes that the caller "was very happy to receive my call and not only did she donate more than I asked but she shared some of her College experiences with me and began a long conversation about the College and her life after graduation. This particular call made the job more gratifying and easier. It motivated me to invite more conversations like it with other alumni.

This motivation helped me to create a friendlier atmosphere over the phone, which eventually brought more donations."

Looking to the future, Sue hopes to pursue a Master's degrees in Corporate Communications.

Don't miss this meaningful opportunity to interact with students. Answer their calls and support their efforts.



(L-R:) Ronnie DiGiacomo, Director of Resources and Development; CSI marketing research students Shammy Shivaprasad and Nazia Hussain; and Diane Arneth, Executive Director of CHASI

CSI Marketing Research Students Provide Valuable Real-World Insights

BY BILL DUBOVSKY

Community Health Action of Staten Island (CHASI) Executive Director Diane Arneth and Director of Resources and Development Ronnie DiGiacomo recently heard findings from the College of Staten Island (CSI) Marketing Research 410-student team project headed by Esra Ozdol, Nazia Hussain, and Shammy Shivaprasad.

Team reps Hussain and Shivaprasad of “SEN Marketing Research,” their self-named organization, presented an executive summary of the research, including findings and recommendations for the organization whose supporter base includes well-educated individuals with six-figure incomes. The team first met with CHASI to define their research objectives, constructs, measurements, and questionnaire development. These questionnaires were sent out electronically via SurveyMonkey, with links to Facebook and the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce weekly e-newsletter, to their supporter database and members of the business community who agreed to participate.

The data were analyzed via SPSS software and crafted into a final report and PowerPoint presentation. The students were able to confirm and uncover some interesting insights that could help the organization cultivate future donor and supporter involvement and market expansion potential.

Diane Arneth commented that the presentation was, “very clear, methodical, and professional.” Ronnie DiGiacomo added that she was “impressed with the enthusiasm and professionalism of the marketing students.”

JPMorgan Chase Supports SEEK/Strategies for Success with a \$80K Grant

BY TERRY MARES AND KEN BACH

JPMorgan Chase is helping students at the College of Staten Island (CSI) and underserved elementary and middle school students on the Island with an \$80,000 grant for the SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge)/Strategies for Success program. In addition, this grant supported the initial stage of a partnership with Curtis High School as a “community school model” completing the pipeline for students from the elementary to the college level.

The mission of the SEEK/Strategies for Success program, which is administered by the Division of Student Affairs, is to deliver academic assistance to the most disadvantaged intermediate and elementary school children enrolled in after-school programs at Title I schools and local community centers. In addition to the academic assistance, college students offer personal support to the children. Through educational games, arts and crafts, and self-esteem workshops, the children are encouraged to recognize and celebrate their talents and abilities.

The second aspect of the program’s mission is to provide CSI students, drawn largely from the SEEK program, with a chance to further their development beyond the classroom. The program provides work experience that helps undergraduates clarify their own career goals, and build their own academic and personal skills. At the same time, “Strategies” provides a college work experience, where students can put into practice theories learned in the classroom, as many are Education majors.

In regard to JPMorgan Chase’s contribution to “Strategies,” Gloria Garcia, Director of the College’s SEEK program, commented, “Through the generous grant provided by JPMorgan Chase, elementary and middle school children learn about saving, spending, donating, and investing money. They learn, hands-on, how math works in their everyday lives. College students participating in the Financial Literacy workshops also learn these important principles through their involvement in the project.”

When asked why JPMorgan Chase opted to back this program Seth Edwards, Vice President, Community Relations, JPMorgan Chase, said, “At JPMorgan Chase, we are committed to providing financial education to all those who live in the communities in which we serve. The financial knowledge and skills that these students are acquiring will serve them in good stead their entire lives...”

ALUMNI NEWS



LETTER FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESIDENT

It is my pleasure as the new CSI Alumni Association Board President to welcome you to the latest issue of *Eye on CSI*. As you can see, the magazine has a new look and new departments to keep you informed on the latest events at the College, as well as the good works of people who are connected to the College.

Speaking of good works, it is my intention to continue and expand many of the Association's programs that benefit our alumni, and, most importantly, our students. These initiatives include the Alumni Legacy Scholarships for children of CSI alumni, which are supported by our annual Savor the Flavors event; financial support for regional CSIAA meetings around the country and for alumni publications; alumni outings and affinity reunions; our brand new Homecoming; and much more.

As CSI moves into a new era with the new Strategic Plan's commitment to a higher level of service to our students, our community, and our alumni, I look forward to working with you through the CSIAA to continue to improve the already exemplary opportunities that CSI affords to everyone.

Arthur J. Merola, DPM '84, '85

CSI Alumni Association Elects New Board Slate at Annual Meeting

The CSI Alumni Association (CSIAA) recently held its annual meeting on the CSI campus.

After outgoing CSIAA President Vullnet Kolari, Esq. '98 called the meeting to order and thanked all for their attendance, CSI Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Affairs Barbara Eshoo presented College of Staten Island highlights for the past year.

CSIAA Associate Director Jennifer Lynch then presented the CSIAA Student Leadership Award winners, Isabella Cardona, Dan Hoizner, and Raechel Strobel, to the Board. They are all 2011 graduates and were nomi-

nated to receive this award for their service to CSI and the community.

Following this presentation, Kolari thanked Outgoing Recording Secretary Roy Mackey '02, '03, a Board member since 2007 and Recording Secretary since 2009, for his service, and outgoing Second Vice President Arthur J. Merola thanked Kolari for his two years as President and presented him with an award from the Board for excellent service.

The election of new Board members was next on the agenda. The results include:

- Donna J. Fauci '96, '03 and James McBratney '05 were each elected to a second three-year term.
- Alan Benimoff '67, Dmitriy Bykovskiy '11, Francisco Collado '09, Fran D'Atria Romano '68, Numan Ejaz '09, Paula T. McKeown '90, and Sharmila Mohammed '10 were elected to their first three-year term.

The election of officers concluded the voting with the following results:

- Arthur J. Merola, DPM '84, '85 was elected President. Dr. Merola had held the office of First Vice President since 2008 and had previously been Second Vice President and Assistant Treasurer.
 - Theresa Marro '85, '89 was elected First Vice President. Ms. Marro had held the office of Second Vice President since 2008 and had previously been the Recording Secretary.
 - Vullnet Kolari, Esq. '98 was elected Second Vice President.
 - Marietta DeLuca '74, '85 was elected Recording Secretary. She has been on the Board since 2009.
 - Phyllis Minacapilli '86, '91 was re-elected Treasurer.
 - Linda Dianto '69, '71, '74 was re-elected Assistant Treasurer.
 - James Raggi '68, '70 was re-elected Corresponding Secretary.
- Each officer will serve a two-year term.

KEEPING TABS

1970s

CAMILLE R. BUFFA '73 retired after working as an RN for 36 years.

PATRICIA BLUMHAGEN '76 has had her book of poetry, *Winter's Mystery-Time to Go Within: Journeying* published. You can read more at her Website, www.reinventinghealth.com.

1990s

JANE DEFAZIO '91 was granted tenure at Wagner College's Evelyn L. Spiro School of Nursing. An Assistant Professor in the Nursing School, DeFazio's specialties are medical-surgical nursing, critical care, psychiatric nursing, oncology and geriatrics, and learning styles. She serves as faculty adviser for Wagner's Epsilon Mu chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, the nursing honor society. Currently a PhD candidate at Seton Hall, she earned her MSN at Wagner College and her BSN at the College of Staten Island.

2000s

GABRIEL AND MICHELE CYNOWICZ are proud parents, both class of '04. Zachary Frederick and Ariel Juliet were born on March 21, 2011. Zachary weighed 4 lbs., 10 oz. at birth and Ariel weighed 4 lbs., 14 oz. at birth.

PETER DECRESCENZO '09 is

completing his Master's in Higher Education Administration in December 2011. He is also a graduate assistant with the College of William & Mary in their Washington, DC office and a research intern with the Pell Institute.

BONNIE LEE '07 graduated from Teachers College at Columbia University with an MA and EdM in May 2011. She has been teaching for four years and is loving every moment of it. She says that "CSI's Early Childhood Ed program definitely prepared me for teaching and prepared me for the rigorous work at Teachers College."

ENGAGEMENTS

Jennifer Aiello '97 and James Crinion
Lauren Baydal '07, '10 and James Giamboi
James Cambria '99 and Alicia Polizzi
Alyssa Castagliola '10 and Kenneth Sohmer
Dr. Dianna D'Amore '06 and Anthony Marandola
Jeanine Dogery '05, '07 and Brian Risley
Renee Drennan '06, '09 and Michael Markovics
Lauren Esposito '07 and Ali Shirazi
Alexander Griffiths '05 and Dr. Chantel Njiwaji
Kerry Kerrick '05, '08 and Jon-Louis Berti '02

Kathryn Kotula '08 and Donald Sense
Jennifer Laudadio '02 and Kevin Fabrizio
Lisa Marceante '05, '08 and Michael Kruszka
Charles Milatta '07 and Heather Nelson
Kelly Monahan '08, '11 and John Cipollone
Patricia Rodriguez '09 and Marc Mammon
Jason Spandorf '02 and Eva Kaminsky

WEDDINGS

Theresa Cassano '08 and Rolando Pitre
Jaime Danischewski '06 and Reginald Punla
Nicole Frisina '07 and Jeffrey Smith
Laura Gray '05

and Bruce Ceparano
Matthew Mignone '07 and Christie Greco
Thomas Mottola '09 and Rosanne Ragone
Kaitlin Van Dina '10 and Richard Sheahan

OBITUARIES

Frederick Facciponti Jr., '74
Paul Fedorschak, '87
Floria Ferretti, '78, '82
Agnes Kerber, '77, '79, '82
Phyllis Kolstad, '78, '80, '83
Marianne Moeller, '76
Patricia Pristera, '78, '90
Carolyn Ragucci, '84
James F. Regan, '71
Joan Schauder, '67, '72
Jean Sheahan, '74
Frederick Tarter, '76, '85
Steven Walker, '76
John Whalen, '74, '77



35th Annual Commencement Celebrates Student Achievements

A beautiful sunny day set the tone for the College of Staten Island's 35th Commencement, which honored the scholarly accomplishments of the graduating class of 2,534 students.

We'd like to hear from you.

Send your Class Notes to
alumni@csi.cuny.edu.

SCHOLARLY ACHIEVEMENTS

Appointments

Following a nationwide search and extensive campus participation, Dr. William J. Fritz, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, is pleased to report the appointment of Dr. **DEBORAH VESS** as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies and Academic Programs at the College of Staten Island. Dr. Vess has a strong background in faculty development, and curricular and co-curricular activities.

Prior to joining CSI, Dr. Vess held the position of Special Assistant to the Provost and SACS Liaison at the Georgia College and State University in Milledgeville, GA. She also served as the Assistant to the University President for the University System of Georgia Core Curriculum Strong Foundations Project.

Following a nationwide search and extensive campus participation, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William J. Fritz, is pleased to report the appointment of Dr. **ALEX CHIGOGIDZE** as the Dean of Science and Technology at the College of Staten Island. Dr. Chigogidze is the managing editor of the journal *Topology and Its Application* and is a member of the editorial board of the *Tbilisi Mathematical Journal* and the *JP Journal of Geometry and Topology*, and has received research grants from the National Science and Engineering Research Council.

Prior to joining CSI, Dr. Chigogidze held the position of H. Barton Excellence Professor and Head of the Department of Mathematical Sciences at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Publications

The *San Diego Union-Tribune* published Professor of Political Science, Economics, and Philosophy **MARK D. WHITE**'s opinion piece "Captain America Reminds Nation of Shared Values."

Biology Professor **RICHARD VEIT** was awarded \$330K from the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, in partnership with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, for the field survey of birds.

Assistant Professor of English **TYEHIMBA JESS** has been named a judge for the InterBoard Poetry Competition, July-September 2011, part of the InterBoard Poetry Community on About.com.

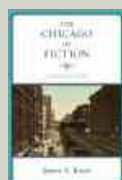
Psychology Professor Dr. **NAN M. SUSSMAN** has written a featured article in the July 2011 edition of the *Hong Kong Journal* entitled "Resilient Returnees: Hong Kongers Come Home."

A research team from the College of Staten Island, led by Associate Professor of Biology Dr. **WILLIAM G. WALLACE** and Sea Grant Scholar Daisuke Goto, looked at how metals move up the trophic levels of a food chain in a cover story entitled "Heavy Metal in the Food Chain" in the Spring 2011 issue of *New York Coastlines*, a publication of New York Sea Grant.

Recent Books



Discovering Staten Island: A 350th Anniversary History of Staten Island by **KENNETH GOLD**, The History Press, 2011



The Chicago of Fiction: A Resource Guide by **JAMES KASER**, Scarecrow Press, 2011



Queer Pollen: White Seduction, Black Male Homosexuality, and the Cinematic by **DAVID A. GERSTNER**, University of Illinois Press, 2011



Green Lantern and Philosophy: No Evil Shall Escape This Book edited by **MARK D. WHITE**, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2011



Kantian Ethics and Economics: Autonomy, Dignity, and Character by **MARK D. WHITE**, Stanford University Press, 2011



The Limits of Ferocity: Sexual Aggression and Modern Literary Rebellion by **DANIEL FUCHS**, Duke University Press Books, 2011



Queering the Public Sphere in Mexico and Brazil: Sexual Rights Movement in Emerging Democracies by **RAFAEL DE LA DEHESA**, Duke University Press, 2010



Framing Equal Opportunity: Law and the Politics of School Finance Reform by **MICHAEL PARIS**, Stanford University Press, 2010



Urban Pastoral: Natural Currents in the New York School by **TIMOTHY GRAY**, University of Iowa Press, 2010



Disappearing Tricks: Silent Film, Houdini, and the New Magic of the 20th Century by **MATTHEW P. SOLOMON**, University of Illinois Press, 2010

EVENTS

Education Alumni Event

May 10, 2011, Staten Island, NY



(Top:) Members of Cohort 13, a post-master's advanced certificate program for leadership in education

(Bottom Left L-R:) Dr. David Bloomfield, Dr. Deirdre Armitage, Jennifer Armitage '04

(Bottom Right L-R:) Linda Dianto '71, '74 and Frederick Huston

Staten Island Yankees

August 5, 2011 Staten Island, NY



(Top L-R:) CSI Employee of the Game Alan Hoffner and guests

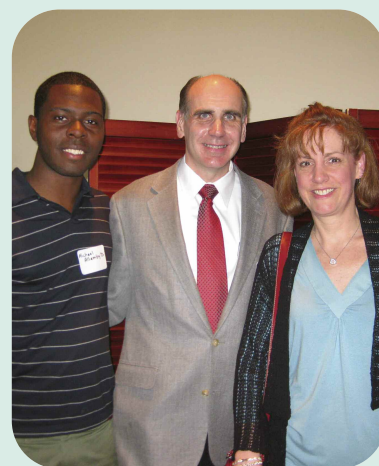
(Bottom L-R:) Roseann and Jim Raggi '68, '70; Theresa Marro '85, '89 and family; Phyllis Minacapilli '86, '91

Faculty and Staff Reception for CSI Alumni

May 11, 2011,
Staten Island, NY

(Right L-R:) Maria Hoffmann '93, '07, Dr. Ann Merlino, CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales, Dr. Irene Deitch

(Far Right L-R:) Michael Allamby, Dr. Thomas Tellefsen '77, Susan Pace '03



CLUB NEWS

ALPHA Club Volunteers at SIKC Dog Show

While the Staten Island Kennel Club (SIKC) proudly paraded their pups at its 106th annual Dog Show, organized by CUNY Trustee Kathleen Pesile '73, which was held at the CSI, the Office of Disability Services at CSI had something else to be proud of. For the second year in a row, the Office's student organization, the ALPHA Club (Academics, Leadership, Public Service, Honor, & Acceptance) came out to help with the event on June 25 and 26, 2011. About 12 ALPHA volunteers did everything from setting up canine agility courses to assisting in scorekeeping.

"Thanks to the members of ALPHA, we were able to volunteer and show support to the community. It was great to see how we all worked as a team to help make this event successful," noted Kelyn Potes, ALPHA Club President. "I'm proud of all our members for their hard work in the blazing sun. They are continually giving of their time to help others, and that is what makes ALPHA such a wonderful club," added Marybeth Melendez, Club Adviser and former Club President.

The ALPHA Club is certainly making their mark, both at CSI and in the Staten Island community. They have raised and donated over \$1,500 to the American Red Cross relief efforts in Haiti and also volunteered to make, donate, and distribute food, as well as hold recreational workshops for children at Project Hospitality. The Club was the recipient of CSI's Philanthropic Club Award for two years in a row (2010-2011) and also received the Ellen Krieger Service Award for its "Peanut Butter & Jelly Jam" program, in which students made hundreds of sandwiches and bagged lunches for the homeless.



Stephanie Pietropaolo enjoys her time as a volunteer at the SIKC Dog Show.

WSIA to Celebrate 30 Years as Licensed Station with Alumni Reunion at Homecoming

WSIA, the student-run campus radio station, and Staten Island's only FM outlet, had its humble beginnings in a broom closet on the Sunnyside campus. Today, it is a state-of-the-art station, broadcasting from CSI's Willowbrook campus. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Federal Communications Commission granting a license to WSIA, so the station is celebrating with an alumni reunion during Homecoming on October 1. The event will feature a dinner honoring former General Manager Greg Adamo. All WSIA alumni are invited to attend, catch up with old colleagues and friends, and learn more about today's WSIA. Call General Manager Philip Masciantonio at 718.982.3056 or email him at gm@wsia.fm for more information.



FOUNDATION NOTES

Jay '65 and Lucille '65 Chazanoff Establish First-Ever Business Department Endowment

It's been quite a while since **JAY AND LUCILLE CHAZANOFF** graduated from CSI predecessor institution Staten Island Community College in 1965 with Associate's degrees in Business, but they haven't forgotten the impact that the school had on them. Not only did SICC lay the foundation so that they were able to forge extremely successful careers in business, with Lucille eventually moving on to become COO of her family's more than 80-year-old family business, Royal Press, and Jay turning to entrepreneurial ventures in finance, technology, and real estate, but the Chazanoffs also met at the College.

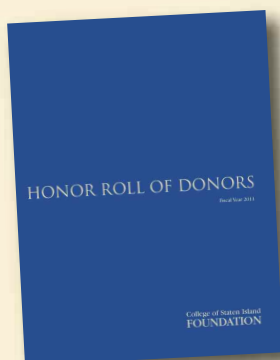
Now, because the College made such a difference in their lives, they have established the Jay and Lucille Chazanoff '65 Endowed Scholarship Fund. The result of a \$100,000 gift to the College of Staten Island, the endowment will provide free tuition to full-time Business majors who maintain at least a 3.0 GPA.

When asked why they decided to establish the endowment, Lucille first mentions their connection to the College, but offers another reason. "We think that the current administration is terrific and we wanted to partner in the College's future." Jay adds, "We're quite impressed with President Morales and his vision, and we are appreciative of the opportunity that [the College] afforded us. We feel very fortunate that we've been able to navigate our way through life's journey, a successful path, so that we're in a position to do for others. As you get older in life, you get to recognize that there's much greater satisfaction in having the ability to do for others as much as it is to do for yourself. The idea that there will be at least one student

each year who will be able to pursue a CSI education as a result of our endowment, who otherwise would not have been able to, is a wonderful feeling."

The Chazanoffs are no strangers to helping others, as they are committed to a number of not-for-profit organizations on the Island, including their own foundation, the Carmine and Robert DeSantis Charitable Foundation, which is named after Lucille's late brothers and serves children with special needs.

This spirit of philanthropy is something that the Chazanoffs hope to instill in others through the example that they have set with their new endowment, and in their opinion, it is time to instill a new perception of the need to support CSI. Jay explains, "The College of Staten Island is a public institution and the initial perception is that it should be supported by government...but from what I understand, the actual cost for CSI to provide for students at the level that they need is much greater than the public funds that are available. Therefore, we need to supplement that. It seems to me that people who have gained from their CSI experience, to the extent where they find themselves in a position to be able to afford to help others, should support education. If our alumni can reach out and give back, the College should be able to flourish."



Announcing Our Honor Roll of Donors for Fiscal Year 2010-2011, covering the period of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

See it online at www.csi.cuny.edu/foundation, or you may call the Institutional Advancement Office at 718.982.2365 to request a printed version.

CSI Foundation Board Elects New President, Officers

The College of Staten Island (CSI) Foundation Board of Directors recently elected Dr. **CHRISTINE D. CEA** '88 as its new President.

Dr. Cea is currently a researcher at the New York State Institute for Basic Research in developmental disabilities. In addition, she is a member of the New York State Board of Regents. Her experience at CSI includes former President of The Friends of CSI, and Adjunct Lecturer in Psychology and Sociology. She is Chair of the Staten Island Developmental Disabilities Council, and a member of the Borough President's Advisory Board on Disability and the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Mental Health Society.

She also serves on the local Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Human Rights Committee on Informed Consent, and was honored as a Woman of Distinction by Soroptimist International for her work as a rights advocate for people with disabilities. Dr. Cea received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from CSI, and her Master of Arts degree in Psychology and her PhD in Developmental Psychology from Fordham University.

CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales, commented, "The Foundation is proud to have Dr. Cea, a CSI alumna with a long and distinguished history of service to the people of Staten Island and the State of New

York, as its new Board President. Her experience and commitment to the College will be valuable assets as she directs the future of the Foundation."

The Board also approved a new slate of officers, including **SAMIR FARAG**, Vice President; **JOSEPH M. RICCIUTTI** '94, Secretary; and **EDGAR RIOS**, Esq., Treasurer.

In addition to the new officers, **JEFFREY O. SCHNORBUS**, Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Northfield Bancorp, Inc., was elected as a new Board member to a three-year term.

The re-elected members of the CSI Foundation include **JOSEPH A. FRANZESE** '88; **JOHN MAZZA**; **RICHARD M. PRINZI, JR.**, CPA '93; **PETER SALVATORE**; and **NORMA D'ARRIGO**.

As the College's fundraising body, the Foundation supports many educational initiatives at CSI. For more information about the CSI Foundation, call 718.982.2365 or visit them online at www.csi.cuny.edu/foundation.



Dr. Christine D. Cea '88

SAVE THE DATE
Reach for the Stars!

The Third Annual CSI Celestial Ball

To raise much-needed funds for scholarship, and College support, and to recognize leaders in our College community: **Saturday, December 3, 2011 at 6:30pm**
Richmond County Country Club, 135 Flagg Place, Staten Island, NY

For more information, sponsorship opportunities, and ticket sales, please contact the **Office of College Advancement** at 718.982.2365.

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SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



AD/SAAC Honor Roll Unveiled on Student Athlete Day

Sponsored by the National Consortium of Academics and Sports, the College of Staten Island Office of Intercollegiate Athletics held its inaugural ceremony for Student-Athlete Day in the CSI Sports and Recreation Center, honoring its scholar-athletes on April 6. The short ceremony honored over 70 CSI scholar-athletes who maintained a 3.0 GPA or higher.

The scholar-athlete citations were noted with CSI's first-ever Athletic Director Honor Roll, released in March covering the fall 2010 semester, sponsored by the CSI Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC).

National Student-Athlete Day is celebrated nationwide, commending scholastic achievement by student-athletes. Since 1987, the National Consortium of Academics and Sports has been on NCAA campuses to promote the accolades of its finest student-athletes, who take their headstrong discipline and passion for what they do on

the field of play and transfer it to the classroom.

Among the honored student-athletes were a foursome of CUNYAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year honorees, including **NIKOLAY SHEVCHENKO** (Men's Swimming), **GABRIELLA VILLARRUEL** (Women's Swimming/Women's Tennis), **RAEHEL STROBEL** (Softball), and **ROBERT HARGRAVES** (Men's Tennis).

CSI will hold a similar event in the fall of 2011, honoring future members of the AD Honor Roll for the spring 2011 semester.

Dosse Complements Coaching Lineup as New Fall Addition

The College of Staten Island Intercollegiate Athletics program bolstered its fall coaching staff with the addition of former volleyball professional **ATEF DOSSE** as new head coach for Women's Volleyball, making his debut with the program this fall. Dosse will take over the program from Interim Head Coach **MELISSA**

QUILES, who guided the Dolphins to a 4-17 campaign a year ago. Making his first entry into the collegiate coaching ranks, Dosse brings a vast wealth of experience as a former professional volleyball player and youth and high school coach.

"I am very excited to get back into coaching at the College of Staten Island," said Dosse, who currently resides on Staten Island. "Everyone is motivated to move our program to a high level and I'm anxious to be a part of that."

A former professional volleyball player in his hometown of Alexandria, Egypt, Dosse was a member of the Smoha Sports Club from 1980-1996. He still participates in high-level volleyball sports clubs locally as well, although his primary focus has shifted to coaching. Dosse spent two years as a youth coach and a physical education instructor in Egypt before moving to the United States in 1998.

Once in the U.S., Dosse became a member of Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Brooklyn, NY, substitute teaching in both mathematics and physical education. In 1999, when the school's fledgling volleyball program needed a coach, Dosse answered the call, guiding the team for the next four years, turning around a program that went from only a single PSAL win when he took over, to a team that sported only a single blemish two years later.

While doubling as a volleyball coach at FDR, Dosse also taught physical education at Maxwell High School, Harry Van Arsdale Vocational High School, Abraham

Lincoln High School, and Acorn Community High School. He also coached the FDR boys soccer program for two years in 2000-2001. He currently is a licensed real estate broker with Vitale Sunshine Realty and manages the vast fitness center at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Manhattan.



Atef Dosse

CSI Student-Athletes Shine at Annual Awards Banquet

The College of Staten Island honored a host of its student-athletes, coaches, and distinguished staff members with its annual Athletics Awards Banquet held at the Sports and Recreation Center on May 20. More than 80 award winners were highlighted as part of the gala, among them members of CSI's 13 intercollegiate sports teams in 2010-2011.

Major awards were presented to Female Athlete of the Year **GABRIELLA VILLARRUEL**, senior on both the Women's Tennis and Swimming teams. Villarruel capped a sensational senior year by earning first-team all-star honors in both sports. Men's swimming sensation **PAVEL BUYANOV** was named Male Athlete of the Year. The two-time

CSI Male Athlete of the Year capped his senior year with six CSI and CUNYAC swim records, taking a silver and bronze medal at this year's national championship in Tennessee in mid-March.

CSI Scholar-Athlete of the Year honors were given to softball star and senior **RAEHEL STROBEL**. Strobel, a four-time CUNYAC All-Star and back-to-back recipient of the CUNYAC Softball Sportsmanship Award, batted close to .400 last season, and held a 3.892 GPA majoring in Mathematics in CSI's highly touted Teacher Education Honors Academy. Dr. **SUSAN HOLAK**, CSI Associate Provost, also honored the CSI Men's Cross Country team for posting CSI Athletics' highest Team GPA, at 3.49.

DEAN KUNJRAVIA, junior for Men's Cross-Country, was awarded the Sixth Annual Bill Cali/John Scrivani Sportsmanship Award, named after CSI's baseball skippers who earned similar honors from the *Staten Island Advance* in 2005.

For a complete list of award winners, visit the CSI Athletics homepage at www.csidolphins.com.



(L to R:) Katie Arcuri, Asst. Director for Student-Athlete Services; Pavel Buyanov; Gabriella Villarruel; and Vernon Mummert, Athletic Director

Fall Lineup Holds Promise For Six CSI Programs

CSI will kick off its lineup of 14 sports with six programs getting underway this fall.

Reigning CUNYAC Regular Season Champion Women's Soccer will be the torch-bearers, kicking off the season September 1 against NYU-Polytechnic. Coming off an 11-5 season that saw CSI make it all the way to the CUNYAC Final, the Dolphins have a majority of their roster back in 2011, including their top three offensive scorers **DEMI-JEAN MARTORANO**, **NATALIE TOMBASCO**, and **LAUREN NEGLIA**. Martorano, the CUNYAC Rookie of the Year in 2001, dumped in 16 goals last year, a CSI freshman record, and with defensive and midfielding stalwarts **PAIGE BUONO**, **AMANDA PERCACCIO**, and **NICOLE QUATTROCCHI** patrolling the back end, CSI is viewed as the early favorite in 2011.

Over on the men's side, the operative word is potential, as CSI finished in fourth place last year in the CUNYAC standings and graduated just a single player from last year's lineup. The young Dolphins are also guided by new skipper **JOSE-LUIS REBAY**, whose South American soccer style could see CSI employ a wide-open attacking style. Team captain **AHMED EL-GHAREIB** is a sound stopper on the back-end, and with the lightning-quick **LIRIM BEGAI** and **KENNETH ZAW** up front, the Dolphins have a nice one-two punch. At the very least a

solid foundation was built in 2010 and 2011 seems primed for a quality run by the Dolphins, one that comes with the hope of contending for a championship that has eluded them for over a decade.

Nowhere may improvement be seen more than from the wooded trails that house both the CSI Men's and Women's Cross-Country squads. Labored by roster numbers in 2010, the teams are bustling with personnel in 2011, and if early dividends prove true, CSI could be in the mix for a championship this year under third-year head coach **ROBERT RUSSO**. CSI will host its first-ever invitational on Staten Island on October 9, inviting some of the region's top programs to participate. It promises to be a handsome prelude to what could be an exciting season.

The CSI Women's Tennis program celebrated its best season in over a decade in 2010, with a second-place finish in the final CUNYAC standings. The program will have to overcome the losses of five players from its lineup in 2010, including CSI Female Athlete of the Year **GABRIELLA VILLARRUEL**, but with players like CUNYAC All-Star **ILONA STOYKO**, the team will look to capture the same magic from a year ago and look to build with CUNYAC

Coach of the Year **PAUL RICCIARDI** returning as head coach.

The CSI Women's Volleyball team has enjoyed just one winning season over the last decade, but that seems likely to change with the employ of new head skipper Atef Dosse on the sidelines. While the learning curve should still be in effect for the Dolphin netters, CSI is returning all but one player from its 2010 roster, and now seems primed for a quality run in the CUNYAC conference and beyond. With recruiting made a priority and the promise for improved play on the hardwood, the buzz will be back at the Sports and Recreation Center as the Volleyball program looks to build a winner.



Ilona Stoyko ready to hit

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Artist rendering of the High-Performance Computing Center

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Vice President and Risk Control Analyst for Rabobank



Dr. Jerod M. Loeb '71



JEROD M. LOEB, PhD, who received a BS in Biology from Richmond College (a predecessor institution of CSI) in 1971 holds an extraordinarily influential position in U.S. healthcare as Executive Vice President for Healthcare Quality Evaluation, essentially the number-two position, at The Joint Commission in Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Although many Americans have never heard of The Joint Commission, according to its Website it “accredits and certifies more than 19,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization’s commitment to meeting certain performance standards.”

Beyond his 17 years at the Joint Commission, Dr. Loeb has been on the faculty at Northwestern University Medical School since 1979 in both full- and part-time capacities, received tenure in 1985, and is currently Adjunct Professor of Physiology.

In addition, he has more than 160 publications, has been the recipient of many grant awards from the federal government and other sources, and serves on numerous national and international advisory bodies and as a referee for several scientific journals including *JAMA* and *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Calling the years that he attended Richmond College, during the turmoil of the Vietnam War, “both a taxing and exhilarating time,” Dr. Loeb says, “I think going to a school like Richmond was really an interesting choice for me because it helped me appreciate the value of a diverse public education. It clearly wasn’t an Ivy League school by any stretch of the imagination, nor did it even have a traditional college campus, it was a commuter school, but what you got was a solid basic education, very focused on the power of learning, but without the accoutrements that come with an Ivy League education.

He has two children, one who went to the University of Michigan as an undergrad and another who is attending the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Regarding his children, Dr. Loeb adds, “They both went to Big 10 schools and I must say it’s a very different experience than I had, but, when I compare the education that I got in New York with my daughters’ education at well-known (and expensive) state universities, the question that arises relates to what additional value accrues with the enormous expense, even using today’s dollars versus yesterday’s dollars.”

Summing up his Richmond College experience and how he chose his current career path, Dr. Loeb notes, “I think the quality of the instructors that existed across Richmond was superb, remembering that the school was very small and the class sizes were incredibly small. It was a very different and innovative style of education (especially for the time) and there were tremendous advantages, I think, to having been educated that way. It’s not so much the power of the piece of paper you get when you graduate as it is the power of the life experience you derive from having been immersed in a culture of learning.”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2011
7:00pm
Building 1A, Room 308

FIRST-EVER CSI HOMECOMING

October 1, 2011
9:30am
CSI Campus

CSI GALLERY EXHIBIT:

Donatello, Michelangelo, and Bernini: Photographs by Ralph Lieberman
October 12-December 10, 2011
Gallery of the College of Staten Island
Center for the Arts
Call 718.982.2553 for Gallery hours.

COLLEGE CONVOCATION

October 27, 2011
2:00pm
Center for the Arts
Williamson Theatre

ALUMNI BOARD MEETING

November 21, 2011
7:00pm
Building 1A, Room 308

MEET AND GREET THE PRESIDENT OF CSI

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CSI CELESTIAL BALL

December 3, 2011
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