as · set (aset), n.
1. A useful and desirable entity or quality.

A Community Asset

2. A higher education institution with renowned faculty, and state-of-the-art facilities, offering transformational experiences in and out of the classroom; a center for learning that offers undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree opportunities to expand career possibilities; a hub of intellectual, artistic, and community activity; an affordable resource for continuing education and lifelong learning; a community partner with non-profit organizations, non-governmental agencies, and the public sector; a source of economic impact and job creation for Staten Island and the region.

3. A unique educational resource for Opportunity and Challenge.
Our world-renowned faculty and high-achieving students.

The College of Staten Island takes great pride in the expertise and accomplishments of its highly trained faculty, comprised of scholars, researchers, and practicing professionals – all having achieved a high degree of recognition among their peers, nationally and internationally. In Fall 2011, more than 91 percent of the full-time faculty held terminal degrees in their respective disciplines. CSI faculty members have gained prestigious recognition as Guggenheim Fellows, Fulbright Scholars, and CUNY Distinguished Professors. They are patent-holders, inventors, artists, and established authors.

More than 14,000 students from New York City, the region, and countries around the world are part of the vibrant campus community. The College provides them with unique study options, internships, professional development, co-curricular opportunities, and study abroad experiences. CSI participates in CUNY’s Macaulay Honors College and offers challenging study opportunities through The Verrazano School, the Teacher Education Honors Academy, and other special programs. Baccalaureate entrants in Fall 2011 had an average SAT of 1012 and a high school cumulative academic average of 84.5, both up from the previous year.

CSI students excel in the classroom and the laboratory, on stage, in athletic competition, and in leadership settings. The campus research facilities are open to undergraduate students, who conduct hands-on research with senior faculty mentors and exhibit their findings in the annual CSI Undergraduate Conference on Research, Scholarship, and Performance. Our students have been selected for prestigious fellowships and awards, including the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship, and Fulbright Awards. They have set records in NCAA swimming competitions and have won 75 CUNY athletic championships since 1976. Our scholar-athletes have a mean Grade Point Average that exceeds 3.4.

- 2000–2001: 1,752
- 2001–2002: 1,763
- 2002–2003: 1,891
- 2003–2004: 1,797
- 2004–2005: 2,102
- 2005–2006: 2,052
- 2006–2007: 2,195
- 2007–2008: 2,161
- 2008–2009: 2,014
- 2009–2010: 1,982
- 2010–2011: 2,173
There is strong commitment to maintaining highly affordable tuition at the College of Staten Island, based on a successful, long-term financing partnership between CUNY and the governments of New York City and New York State. A College of Staten Island education culminates in a highly respected, high-quality degree at a fraction of the tuition and fees charged at private institutions. CSI costs compare favorably to those at comparable public institutions, including those in neighboring New Jersey and in much of the SUNY system.
Benefiting from CUNY’s relatively low tuition levels and the availability of grant aid, College of Staten Island students who do need to borrow funds to pay for their educational expenses borrow less on average than their peers elsewhere in the State. In academic year 2010-2011, 33 percent of all undergraduate matriculated students had their tuition and fees covered in full by need-based grant aid from State and federal programs; 44 percent of all undergraduates received a total of $49 million in need-based grants. In Fall 2011, the number of Pell Grant recipients was six percent higher compared to the previous year, while the amount of funds disbursed was eight percent higher. As lower student loan debt results in lower monthly repayment amounts after graduation, the College of Staten Island is concerned about the financial need of deserving students and takes a comprehensive approach to maintaining a responsive financial aid infrastructure.
Federal Grant Aid
$28 million (57%)

Federal Loan Aid
$8 million (16%)

New York State Grant Aid
$13 million (27%)

Total Need-Based Financial Aid 2010–2011
$49 million (100%)

Class of 2010:
Indebtedness of
Graduates with Loans

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The College of Staten Island offers six undergraduate degrees in 87 areas and four graduate degrees and professional certificates in 25 areas of study that prepare graduates for challenges and dynamic changes in the workplace. In its 45-year history, CSI has conferred almost 60,000 degrees, many of them in highly skilled professional and technical areas.

More than 75 percent of CSI graduates remain on the Island or in close proximity following graduation and take their place in professional and leadership positions in the workforce and community. Whether in business or public administration; in the K-12 classroom in New York City schools; as nurses, physical therapists, or members of an allied medical team; as social workers, computer scientists, or engineers, College of Staten Island graduates are making major contributions to the Staten Island community and beyond that are projected to increase as future degrees are awarded and graduates continue to advance in their chosen professions.

As a center for life long learning, the College provides opportunities for career retooling and advancement through its for-credit classes and continuing education programs. Workforce development and training, specialized certificates, and basic skills instruction are just some of the opportunities offered at the College that serve as community resources.
**Degrees Awarded to CSI Students in Professional Fields: Spring 2000 to Spring 2011**

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The planned CUNY Interdisciplinary High-Performance Computing Center (IHGCC) will be the first newly built academic structure at the College of Staten Island since the opening of the Willowbrook campus in 1993. The facility will house the College’s expanding supercomputer cluster, allowing for additional increases in capacity and speed, and amplifying CSI’s position as the center for high-speed computational processing in CUNY and the region.
In addition to space designated for the computer and computing center, the IHPCC will feature state-of-the-art classroom and lecture facilities, faculty office space, and laboratories—all to accommodate expansive growth in enrollment, faculty, new program initiatives, and campus activities.

The IHPCC is planned to be the new home of academic departments, including Mathematics, Computer Science, and Engineering Science and Physics. It will feature student facilities, multipurpose/conference space, a café, and student service/support functions. The Center will also make space available for faculty offices and classroom scheduling for other departments, as the building’s residents move from their current campus locations into the new facility.
The College’s attractive 204-acre campus is home to state-of-the-art research facilities, which include Smart classrooms, music production studios, an astrophysical observatory, and the supercomputers of CUNY’s Interdisciplinary High-Performance Computing Center. Researchers throughout the region are utilizing the CUNY supercomputers to study and model solutions for many challenges, including those related to traffic problems, weather forecasting, and economic trends. As noted, research facilities and sophisticated equipment are accessible to undergraduates. Staten Island high school students participating in College Now, CUNY’s collaborative program with New York City public high schools, also have the opportunity to experience the College and utilize the campus through their special programs.

The College’s facilities and performance spaces are host to community events and transformational experiences for the campus community and Borough residents. Throughout the year, there is a wide array of student and faculty performances, recitals, and exhibits to entertain and enlighten. Children’s shows featured at the Center for the Arts are a holiday tradition for area public schools. Renowned performers, including musicians of the New York Philharmonic, bring the artistic experiences of Manhattan and other world stages home to Staten Island residents. The public is invited to view changes in the heavens at the College’s observatory, view creative work at the College’s art galleries, or catch up on the latest music and community information on the College’s radio station, WSIA, 88.9FM.
Through its Master Plan, CUNY has articulated an effort to modernize aging buildings, while constructing new facilities throughout the University’s 23 campuses. The College of Staten Island is a recipient of funding for these proposed transformational projects, among them planned upgrades to the Laboratory Science building ($18 million), improvements to the CUNY Interdisciplinary Higher-Performance Computing Center ($3 million), site security and lighting upgrades ($12 million), and major repairs and upgrades to the Sports and Recreation Center ($5 million).

In addition to facility upgrades, the first new construction on the campus since it’s opening is set to transform the College. Funding in the amount of $70 million has been earmarked for the College’s first student residence that is planned for completion in 2013, with an additional $221 million for the CUNY Interdisciplinary High-Performance Computing Center to be opened in 2016. These two new facilities will be catalysts for major research, innovative pedagogical initiatives, and will open the campus to residence life opportunities.
11. Job creation resulting from the College’s direct and indirect impact on the Staten Island economy. In addition to its role of training highly skilled professionals to address regional workforce needs, the College of Staten Island has a significant economic impact on the Borough and region as a major employer, a consumer of vendor and trade services, and as a source of indirect job creation. With 75 percent of the institution’s more than 14,000 students and 69 percent of its nearly 3,000 employees living on Staten Island, CSI is an integral part of the community. The College provides direct employment opportunities for its faculty and staff who reside locally and contribute to the Borough’s economy, while also serving as the catalyst for additional indirect employment opportunities. Dollars spent by CSI employees living on the Island and students attending the institution resulted in the creation of an estimated 539 additional jobs in the Borough. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the College had an estimated $64.2 million impact on the Richmond County economy.
The College’s Strategic Plan for 2011-2016 — Many Voices, One Vision — articulates the importance of mutually-beneficial exchanges through community partnerships. The College of Staten Island is resolved in its commitment to expanding and engaging community interaction as a vibrant center of intellectual and cultural activity, a host for community events and artistic performances, a resource for learning, and a source of talent and energy for community initiatives and causes.

The College of Staten Island is proud of its increasing presence in Staten Island and the larger region through its training of professionals and leadership in K-12 education, social service organizations, allied health, and public administration. Symbiotic partnerships with schools, hospitals, and the Borough improve the educational experience at the College while contributing to the broader community in a myriad of ways.

Volunteers from among CSI’s student, faculty, staff, and administration participate with service providers and in community organizations — large and small — that strive to improve the quality of life for Island residents. Recent surveys conservatively estimate that CSI students contributed more than 8,000 hours in 2009-2010 as community volunteers. The College of Staten Island received a Distinguished Award in Service for its strong campus mobilization and extensive network of community partnerships as part of the City of New York’s first Service Challenge.
The organizations noted here are among the many community partners hosting College of Staten Island volunteers.

Organizations:
- College of Staten Island
- Aging Homecare Registry
- Alpha Multicultural Society
- Alzheimer’s Foundation of Staten Island
- American Cancer Society
- American Diabetes Association
- American Red Cross
- Arthritis Foundation
- Assisting the Elderly
- Bellevue Hospital
- Boy Scouts of America
- Breast Cancer Walk
- Center Against Domestic Violence
- Chai Lifeline
- WNET, Channel 13
- Children’s Hope Foundation
- Citywide Council on High Schools
- Community Health Action of Staten Island
- Coney Island Hospital
- Council of Neighborhood Organizations Inc.
- CUNY Citizen and Immigration Project
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- Emerging Leaders Program
- Families Helping Families
- Family Torah Center, F.T.C.
- Future City Competition
- Girl Scouts
- Girls Write Now
- Golden Gates Rehabilitation and Health Care Center
- Habitat for Humanity
- JDRF Walk Student Government Team
- Jeannette K. Watson Foundation
- Jewish Community Center of Staten Island
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Intl.
- Knights of Columbus
- Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- March of Dimes
- Meals on Wheels
- Medical Care Center
- MS Society
- Multiple Sclerosis Association of America
- Muscular Dystrophy Association
- New Vista for Families
- New York Cares
- New York City Animal Care and Control
- New York City Outward Bound
- New York City YMCA
- New York Road Runners Club (NYC Marathon)

College of Staten Island Students Engaged in Services Activities by Type of Service:
- College of Staten Island Activities: 1,431 (17%)
- Health Care Activities (Hospital Volunteer or Health-Related Activities): 1,549 (18%)
- Community/Non-Profit Activities: 3,085 (36%)
- Total Number of CSU Students Engaged in Service Activity: 8,588 (100%)

Organizations:
- Project Hospitality
- Relay for Life
- Richmond County Public Administrator
- Richmond County Young Republicans
- Richmond University Medical Center
- Robin Hood Foundation
- Seaview Hospital Rehabilitation Center and Home
- Second Saturdays Staten Island
- SEEK Program/Strategies for Success
- Snug Harbor Cultural Center
- South Shore Babe Ruth Little League
- Special Olympics Staten Island
- St. Vincent’s Catholic Medical Center
- St. Joseph Hill Academy
- Staten Island Children’s Campaign
- Staten Island Children’s Museum
- Staten Island Chinese Christian Church
- Staten Island Council for Animal Welfare
- Staten Island Council on Alcoholism Substance
- Staten Island Historical Society
- Staten Island Tech HS Volleyball Program
- Staten Island University Hospital North
- Staten Island University Hospital South
- Staten Island Zoo
- Stitches from the Heart
- Susan E. Wagner HS
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
- United Cerebral Palsy of NYC
- United Jewish Appeals Federation
- United States Military