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Many families share this perspective when it comes to the lasting value they find in a CSI education. It becomes the impetus for children to follow in the footsteps of their parents and earlier generations of relatives. Because of this proud tradition, we established the CSI Legacy Society.

WHAT IS A CSI LEGACY?

A Legacy is an alumnus/na or student in a family that has one or more generations of College of Staten Island or its predecessor institutions, Richmond College, or SICC graduates (living and/or deceased), including alumni and students who are related by marriage.

ABOUT THE CSI LEGACY SOCIETY

The CSI Legacy Society, launched in 2011, honors the families whose members have attended the College. It recognizes these families for their continued support and facilitates connection through special events and programs.

ARE YOU A LEGACY?

Are you one of the many CSI, Richmond College, or SICC alums who have continued this great family tradition through the generations? If so, please take a moment to tell us more about your Legacy family to ensure that you are included in this important program, by contacting us at the Alumni Relations Office at 718.982.2290 or via email at alumni@csi.cuny.edu.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share with you that the tradition of *Access and Excellence* is thriving at the College of Staten Island. While across the nation, college readiness is one of the most talked about pedagogical challenges higher education institutions face today, CSI is making great strides toward that endeavor, as our faculty, staff, students, and alumni participate in more than one dozen local high school access programs designed to better prepare students for transition to college, to succeed academically, and to achieve *all* their aspirations. Elevating student success, increasing professional development for faculty and staff, and strengthening the bonds between College and community—the three cornerstones of our new Strategic Plan, **Many Voices, One Vision** drive our commitment to add to the legacy of our students' success.

Examples of that legacy are on display in this issue's "Where Are They Now" feature, which gives you the opportunity to see what some of our more successful students are doing.

We will also spotlight faculty excellence by introducing you to Craig Manister, a Richmond College alumnus who is the Director of the Gallery of the College of Staten Island, an instructor, and an integral part of the Visual Arts Program on campus.

CSI alumni have realized cultural, scholarly, and service recognition for their prolific contributions to our local communities and broader citizenry. Congratulations to all.

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Eye on CSI catches up with some of the College's successful recent grads.

Recently, *Eye on CSI* had the opportunity to talk with some of the College's recent grads who have moved on to prestigious academic programs or careers. Some of these alumni, like Benjamin Hui and Saadyah Averick, who have both gone on to

Carnegie Mellon University, you have already met when they graduated. You'll also be meeting other alumni for the first time. However, the common denominator is that they have all found success after they graduated from CSI.

Michael Young '10: Macaulay Honors College graduate with a Bachelor's in American Studies with minors in Studio Art and Spanish

Michael, who was also known for his role as founder and editor of the humor magazine *Operation Three-Legged Dolphin*, is currently a Fulbright Scholar, working as an English Teaching Assistant in Spain until the end of June 2012. "My placement is Instituto Clara Campoamor in Móstoles," Young explains, "which is part of the Madrid region of Spain. This is the first year that the school has become a part of the bilingual program, which means that some students at the 'Primer' level (11 and 12 years old) get English education in all of their classes except for Math and Spanish. As an 'auxiliar,' I am part of English, Art, Science, Physical Education, and Technology classrooms, where I serve as a resource to students and teachers as a native speaker of English. I do everything from designing lessons, teaching and correcting spelling and grammar, to leading conversation groups. It's broadened my abilities as someone who relates to students and as a thinker as well. In my

classes I am reminded of my own education and feel a great sense of gratitude for all of the teachers who have led me to being here. I often tell my students that I started studying Spanish when I was their age, and because I studied in middle school and continued to study through high school and college I was able to have the opportunity to come teach in Spain."

Although he began his study of the Spanish language at an early age, Young says, "My CSI education has prepared me well for this role. My Spanish minor has helped me tremendously, as it gave me a level of Spanish proficiency on which to build during my time here. My American Studies major has been useful as I explain to students various aspects of American culture, such as our music, art, geography, and sports. Fulbright was started to promote cultural understanding and communication between people of different countries and what better way to share my culture than to draw upon what I have been



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MICHAEL YOUNG, '10
FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR

taught in college? And my Studio Art minor comes in handy as I work in Art classrooms and incorporate visuals into a lot of my lessons. I have drawn upon all of my experiences at CSI as a toolbox for being an effective teacher who brings something into the classroom. Also, CSI faculty were key in helping me prepare my application for the Fulbright, so I owe a lot of credit to them."

After his Fulbright appointment is over, Michael notes that he "can see myself continuing down the road of education in some capacity."



Saadyah Averick '09: Bachelor's in Biochemistry/Chemistry

Averick studied at CSI under Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Krishnaswami Raja, who once called him “the best undergraduate researcher I have encountered in my career as a scientist,” adding that “he is full of creative ideas, which are workable, and is passionate about chemistry, a rare trait in an undergraduate.”

A self-described “science kid,” Averick began majoring in Biology at CSI with the hope of becoming a doctor. However, Dr. Raja’s General Chemistry 1 course, and the research opportunities afforded to him in Dr. Raja’s lab, helped him to switch to Chemistry.

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SAADYAH AVERICK '09

Averick is now a third-year doctoral student at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) studying under Professor Krzysztof Matyjaszewski. “My tenure at CMU has thus far been fruitful and I have published five papers in peer-reviewed journals (with more in review),” he notes. “My research at CMU focuses on the preparation of polymer-based drug delivery systems.”

Looking back at his time at CSI, Averick says that “at CSI I was given a chance to conduct excellent research that prepared me to conduct independent research at CMU. Also, the education I received at CSI was excellent and prepared me to think on my feet at CMU.”

As for Averick’s future plans, he says that after he completes his studies at CMU, “I plan to start post-doctoral studies in the design and delivery of biological therapeutics. I eventually desire to become a professor so that I can teach and mentor to provide others the opportunities afforded to me.”

Janine LeChillgrien '05: Bachelor's in Communications



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JANINE LECHILLGRIEN '05

After her time at CSI, Janine LeChillgrien found a career with a Web company that many of us use every day, Google. “I currently work with the Mobile Ad Sales division of the Display Advertising organization at Google,” she explains. “I work with Fortune 500 clients in the Tech space, like HP, Samsung, Dell, Sony, Toshiba, and others. As an Account Manager, it’s my job to keep the clients happy, and help them grow their business through advertising on mobile devices, like cell phones and tablets.”

Discussing what she likes best about her job, LeChillgrien says, “My favorite aspect is playing the role of the problem solver. If my client is looking to reach adults who like movies, I can find specific sites and apps that skew high among this demographic to help them sell their product and fulfill their marketing needs. Google has so many great advertising products that it makes it very easy to find custom solutions. I also love working in a fun atmosphere with smart, interesting, and fun colleagues. Google creates a

wonderful work environment and really values each employee, which drives us all to work harder and have fun while we are doing it.”

Reminiscing about her time at CSI, LeChillgrien notes that her experience at the College “helped me really understand what it was like to be in the corporate world. The marketing courses I took helped prepare me for presentations in front of clients, and gave me the confidence to be able to speak intelligently on how the products I sell now fit into my clients’ marketing mix. I also was in

charge of my college career—I got to choose my path, and that really helped me shape my work career. I felt like I was ready to hit the ground running when I graduated. My degree had an interesting effect—many people might be impressed by a degree from an Ivy League school, but smart employers know that The City University of New York breeds super-hard workers. CSI’s large and diverse class schedule gave me the freedom to have an internship, a part-time job, and work at the campus radio station. This experience outside of the classroom made all the difference in my career.”

What does the future hold? “I’ve currently got my eye on a promotion,” she says, “and am working toward taking on some more responsibility among my group of account managers. I love working in Ad Sales, but I also have an interest in corporate training, so next year I might start taking courses here at Google to help me develop those skills. In the near future, I am looking forward to crushing my end-of-year revenue goals, and taking some time off in Mexico at the end of the month to recharge for 2012.”

Chin Ming “Benjamin” Hui ‘09: Bachelor’s in Chemistry

When Hui came to the U.S. from China at the age of 17, he could barely speak English. Thanks to his U.S.-based cousin, Amy Leong, who took him under her wing and helped teach him English, Benjamin flourished at CSI, working with Assistant Professor of Chemistry Dr. Michal Kruk. After graduation, he went into the Doctoral Program in Chemistry at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU).

“At CMU,” Hui reports, “I am in the same group as Saadyah [Averick], working with Prof. Matyjaszewski. Our group is a polymer science research group. We focused a lot on kinetic, mechanism studies as well as applications of polymeric products. My specialty is to combine polymer and inorganic components together to optimize both chemical and physical properties. Such materials retain the chemical advantages of the polymer and inherit thermal, mechanical, and optical properties from the additive particles. For example, we intended to make commercially available polymer products stronger while keeping their flexibility.”

Hui is glad to be a part of this program. “Being here gives me a great opportunity to get closer to science,” he says. “In this group, the majority of senior graduate students already have a master’s degree and are very experienced; they are all very nice and helpful. We also have a lot of collaboration opportunities with different companies, (e.g., PPG, Dow, Air Force, etc.) This prepares us to work as professional scientists in the future.”

Hui recalls that he is thankful for the help of a number of people at CSI. “First is my previous research adviser Prof. Kruk. The second is Mrs. Evans-Greene, the Discovery Institute Director for Minority Access Programs. The third is Dr. Geoff Hempill, the Coordinator of Fellowships and Scholarships Career at the Scholarship Center.”

More specifically, he notes, “The main thing that brings me to this point is Prof. Kruk. He is a very nice person, who helped me in all dimensions of my development. When I was still fresh to America with not much knowledge in chemistry, he taught me everything, step by step, and asked me to go



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CHIN MING “BENJAMIN” HUI ‘09

further to graduate study. I also like every professor I had when I was at CSI. When I needed recommendations to graduate school, I got very nice recommendation letters from more than 15 professors.

Looking ahead to further research in environmental and energy issues after graduating from CMU, Hui says, “I will try to become a professor who is as helpful as Prof. Kruk to pass his spirit to the next generation.”

FACULTY FOCUS:

Dr. Zaghloul Ahmed, Assistant Professor of Physical Therapy

NEW FRONTIERS IN REHABILITATION

Dr. ZAGHLOUL AHMED received the 2011 NYC BioAccelerate Award for his groundbreaking research and Pathmaker technology that have successfully helped patients with neural damage to walk again.

“Our research,” Dr. Ahmed explains, “focuses on finding new rehabilitative techniques to treat patients following spinal cord injury, brain trauma, stroke, and cerebral palsy. We have two laboratory settings: one for animal studies and another one for human studies. This arrangement is very useful and unique in the research field, and allows us to do basic testing on animals and then test its effectiveness on human subjects. Four years ago, we tested an idea that incorporates multisite electrical stimulation on augmenting signals from the brain to the spinal cord. This method includes certain patterns of electrical signals that were able to change the excitability status of nerve cells located deep inside the spinal cord. The method works like a sound amplifier; it allows the spinal cord to amplify weak brain signals by hundreds of times. The method was first tested on normal animals, which showed great augmentation of brain-induced muscle actions...Next, we tested the method on animals with a crushed type of spinal cord injury. This type of injury is similar to spinal cord injury that affected humans (e.g., a car accident). The method showed great results in the animals too. Then we took the investigation a step further by conducting some trials on human cases, in which the method showed remarkable results. Of course, before trying human cases, we intensively tested the safety of the method on animals. After consulting with the CUNY Office of Technology, it was decided that the method and the resulting device must be patented...Our method and device



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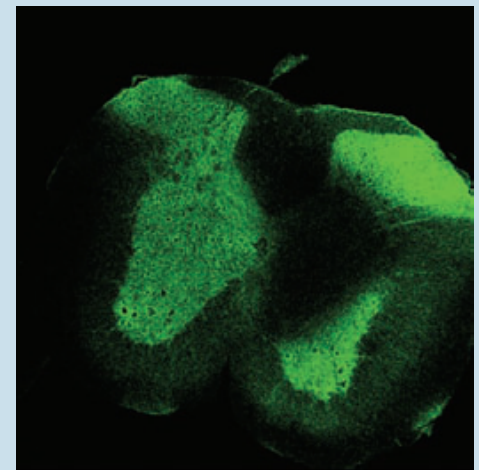
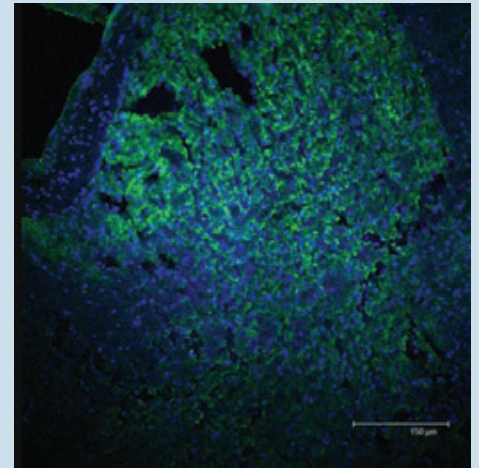
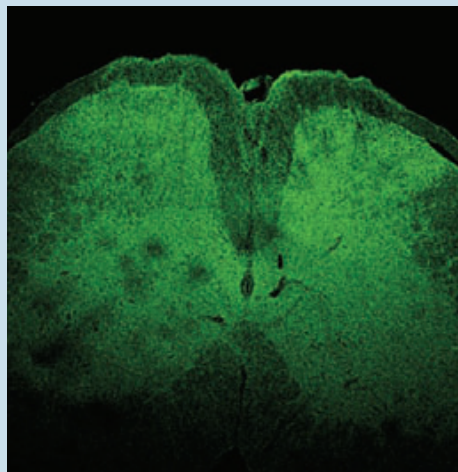
DR. ZAGHLOUL AHMED

were nominated for the BioAccelerate prize in 2010 by the CUNY Office of Technology, and it was selected as one of five to win this great prize.”

Regarding how he feels about being selected for this honor, Dr. Ahmed says, “Because the BioAccelerate Prize selects the best of the best of projects from the greater New York City area, and, given the fact that New York City houses some of the most elite universities in the United States, the Prize is an honor and signifies the importance of the research, not only to researchers in the field, but also to the public.”

Now that he has won the award, Dr. Ahmed’s research continues. “Currently,” he reports, “we are conducting a clinical trial to test the effectiveness of our method on human subjects with cerebral palsy and stroke. This trial is supported by funds from the BioAccelerate Prize...Furthermore, a large amount of our research on animals is directed to find cellular mechanisms mediating the effect of our stimulation method. One of the questions that we are asking is what happens at the spinal cord that makes it able to amplify the brain signals? We are trying to answer this question using biochemical, anatomical, and molecular techniques.”

One beneficiary of Dr. Ahmed’s research is a 16-year-old Brooklyn girl with cerebral palsy who, thanks to the Pathmaker technology, is able to walk with crutches for



the first time. For her story, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=n0znLKWgPFA&feature=channel_video_title.

Although he is busy with his research, CSI students are benefiting from Dr. Ahmed’s vast experience and expertise in courses in “neuroscience, motor control, advanced medical physiology, and research seminars with Physical Therapy graduate students. Moreover, I teach courses to students of the Master Neuroscience program,” he says. Dr. Ahmed also teaches some doctoral-level neuroscience courses.

Whether he is restoring neural connections in patients, or establishing academic connections with students, who represent the future of physical therapy, Dr. Ahmed’s positive influence is being felt at CSI, CUNY, and beyond.

Craig Manister '74: **A LIFE IN ART**



“I arrived at Richmond College as a Business major but was quickly turned around, as my professors in art, quite simply, changed my life.”

CRAIG MANISTER '74



CRAIG MANISTER, the Higher Education Officer (HEO) in the Performing and Creative Arts department and director of the Art Gallery, has had a long and meaningful relationship with the College. His career as a gifted and accomplished painter began during his undergraduate years at Richmond College/CUNY, where he graduated with a BA in Art in 1974. "I arrived at Richmond College as a Business major but was quickly turned around, as my professors in art, quite simply, changed my life. [The late] Pat Passlof, in particular, was so inspiring and interesting, and although I could have continued on a more practical path in business, I was hooked and never looked back. I was encouraged to continue studying at other institutions after obtaining my undergraduate degree." He went on to study painting at the Studio School and to get his MFA at Brooklyn College.

Today Manister, in his turn, inspires his own students, not only in the painting classes he teaches, but also as a caring and creative presence for the Art majors who can be regularly seen discussing their work with him.

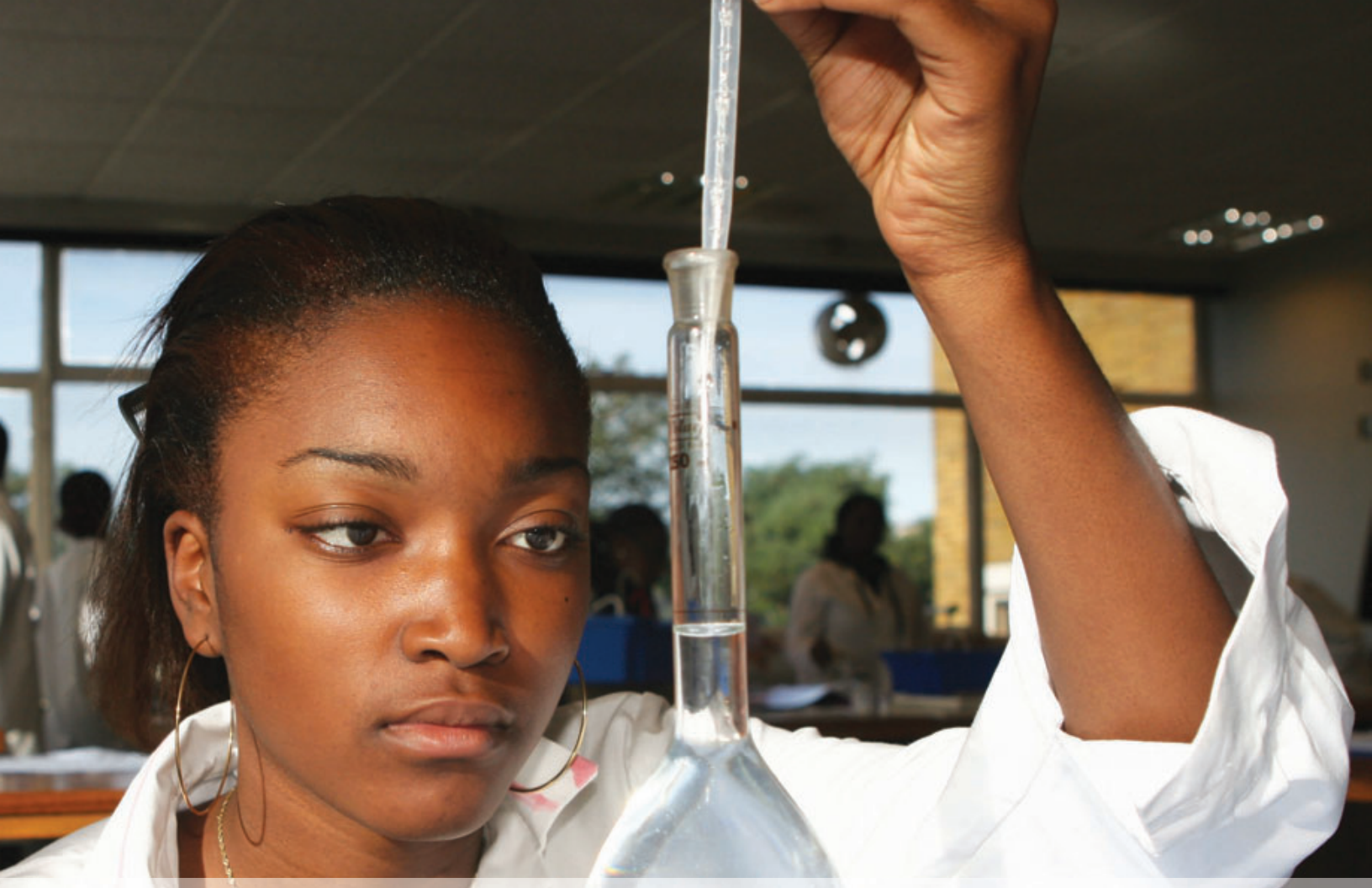
Manister has had a number of one-man shows in Manhattan, (one last fall at the Painting Center) and in Connecticut and he has been part of numerous group exhibitions. He has, moreover, curated a number of important exhibitions including the work of Sylvia Sleight at Snug Harbor, Earl Kerkam at the Painting Center, and the paintings and drawings of Gandy Brodie at the College Gallery. He is also essential to all the shows in the Gallery where he collaborates with the Curator, Dr. Nanette Salomon, to bring museum-quality exhibitions to CSI; coordinates the daily

operation of the Gallery; and supervises the student interns in the running of the Gallery.

As a HEO in the PCA Department he oversees the PCA budget and all the purchasing of supplies and services. He also supervises the visual art studios and photography darkroom spaces, making sure that the classrooms are in good condition and all of the equipment is kept in good working order.

He is actively involved in the life of art in the Department, in the College at large, and in the general community of the Island. When he is not making his own art into the wee hours of the night, he is tirelessly engaged in spreading his infectious love of art.





PREPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS, *BEFORE* COLLEGE



The City University of New York (CUNY) has a number of programs in place at the College of Staten Island to ensure students' success, once they come to the campus. However, both CUNY and CSI take proactive measures to work with students *well before* they enter college to give them the preparation they need for their road to a college degree.

All of these successful programs are designed to provide opportunities for Staten Island's middle and high school students to measure their readiness for college-level work, especially in the areas of English and the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines, and to facilitate opportunities for them to improve their skills during their senior year. One of the top priorities of CSI's leadership is to have Staten Island high school

graduates enter the College of Staten Island prepared to begin college-level study. Current college readiness programs at CSI include:

Discovery Institute GEAR UP Project

The GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) project at CSI's Discovery Institute has focused on one high-need intermediate school and two high-need high schools in economically depressed Staten Island neighborhoods. This project has sought to improve student achievement and raise student educational aspirations through student visits to the CSI campus that provide scholastic and cultural enrichment, in an effort to excite them about college life; school-year enrichment programs, summer "Boot Camp" programs, and counseling for students and their families on preparing for

and financing a college education; and tutoring and mentoring services by the Institute's "Teaching Scholars," CSI students who provide classroom and after-school tutoring, often one-on-one, with students struggling with their English and math courses. GEAR UP also attempts to have a positive impact on student learning through Professional Development Workshops for Teachers that provide training in discovery-based inquiry.

Liberty Partnerships Program

This program, a collaborative effort of CSI and the Staten Island Branch of the New York Urban League, the local school district, and community-based organizations and individuals, provides a broad range of educational, enrichment, and support services for academically disadvantaged students at four of Staten Island's public high schools.

The Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK Program

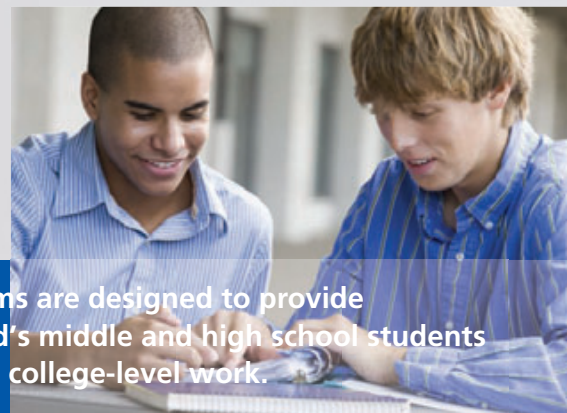
The Percy Ellis Sutton SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation, and Knowledge) Program is a higher education opportunity program offered through CSI/CUNY. It is a program designed for students who have the potential to do well in college, but would benefit from enhanced academic support and financial assistance. The SEEK Program at CSI provides access to college, and promotes academic success and personal achievement through an array of counseling and other support services. SEEK accepts between 150 and 200 new students per year.

Strategies for Success

Strategies for Success was created after the SEEK Program at CSI joined with the community in an effort to help at-risk intermediate school children improve academically. The overall goal of the program is to promote the development and application of effective learning strategies and study skills essential to academic success within the population of economically disadvantaged college students at CSI, as well as for pupils in the after-school programs at several Staten Island elementary and junior high schools.

Strategies for Success is a tutoring/mentoring program in which college students engage in a community service learning experience by offering academic and personal support to approximately 120 disadvantaged youth per academic year.

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College Success Initiative

The College Success Initiative is CSI's version of CUNY's Black Male Initiative Program (BMI), which was designed to engage successful minority students in the recruitment and retention of other minority students, especially males, at the college and high school levels.

The College Success Initiative is open to all academically eligible students without regard to race, gender, national origin, or other characteristics. The program is a collaborative effort of parents, college faculty and staff, and high school principals and teachers, as well as members of the Staten Island community.

C-STEP

The C-STEP Program is designed to increase the number of historically underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students who enroll in and complete undergraduate and graduate programs leading to professional licensure or to careers in the fields of science, technology, and education at the College of Staten Island. Exposing our C-STEP students to research opportunities in technology, scientific research, and teaching will help them to view themselves as professionals. C-STEP students will, in turn, help to reshape the culture of the professional fields as they reach their desired career goals.

CUNY Start

CUNY Start provides intensive preparation in academic reading/writing, math, and "college success." The program enrolls prospective CUNY students who have been accepted to college because they have a high school or GED diploma, but are not ready for college-level work based on their scores on the CUNY Assessment Tests.

Students who have enrolled in CUNY Start re-take the required CUNY Assessment Tests. Past students have shown significant skill gains when they re-test; many have bypassed required remedial coursework entirely.

College Now

College Now is a free program designed to prepare New York City's public high school students for college. A New York City public high school collaborates with CSI and/or another CUNY college to create a College Now partnership. The program then offers eligible students a number of ways to improve their high school performance and get a head start on college, such as academic courses (both for high school and college credit); campus-based tours and cultural events, such as theater or dance performances; and exclusive scholarship offers.

Although these programs are varied, they serve local youth, engage and stimulate students academically, and they are making a positive impact, as many participants not only undertake a college education after high school, but graduate and go on to successful and meaningful careers.

AROUND CAMPUS



Meet Phonathon Caller Almahdi Hosang

When your phone rings during the CSI Phonathon, one of the students with whom you might speak is CSI sophomore Almahdi Hosang. He's been with the Phonathon since spring of 2011, he is a veteran who has been deployed twice in the Middle East, and he has interned for Assemblyman Lou Tobacco.

Almahdi says that one of his more memorable calls occurred in the spring 2011 semester. "I was talking with a vet from Desert Storm. When I first started talking to him I could immediately tell that he had no interest in donating or even hearing the rest of what I had to say. He interrupted me and said, 'I don't feel like donating today; try again later.' I responded, 'Will you at least give me a question about YOUR former college?' He relaxed and said 'How do you deal with people like me all day?' and I casually said 'I've been deployed twice; this is cake.' After that exchange, we started to compare stories for a bit and he finally gave a donation with his credit card."

CSI students like Almahdi will be reaching out to you this spring. Won't you please answer the call and give as generously as possible to provide support for the next generation of CSI graduates?

New Phonathon Call Center Coming

For the past ten years, each fall and spring, CSI students have been reaching out and calling our alumni to update them on their alma mater and to request donations to the College's Annual Fund. Alumni donations help support scholarships, undergraduate research, Library and technology needs, and "fill a gap" wherever student need is greatest.

Until now, a small corps of students has used staff offices in the Advancement and Alumni offices during evening hours to place these important calls.

Now, as the College evolves and grows, so does our Annual Fund Phonathon program with efforts that are underway for a new call center on campus, planned for spring 2012.

Under the supervision of the Division of Institutional Advancement staff, students will now be able to call more alumni from a professional call center. This next step is in keeping with College's Strategic Plan to expand opportunities for direct giving and increase alumni engagement in the life of the College.

Jennifer Lynch, Associate Director of Annual Giving at CSI, commented, "Reaching more than 55,000 alumni is no easy feat, so the development of a dedicated call center will be a valuable asset for fundraising and connecting the current generation of students to those who came before them."

According to Lynch, increasing alumni participation in the Annual Fund is crucial to the life of the College since the participation rate is used in evaluating an institution's strength and worthiness when corporations and foundations consider awarding grants to CSI.

So, please take a moment the next time a CSI student calls and asks you to consider a gift to the Annual Fund. Every donation makes a difference and goes a long way in helping our students achieve a quality education.

CSI Faculty Center Opens

The Faculty Center for Professional Development, located in Room 202 of the CSI Library, was home to a virtual ribbon cutting last September during its inaugural Celebration and Open House.

CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales noted that "The Faculty Center for Professional Development represents a major element of our 2011-2016 Strategic Plan, entitled *Many Voices, One Vision*, in that several Strategic Directions identified the need for this type of resource on campus. I am pleased to say that we have now made considerable strides in our Implementation Plan by opening the Center."

President Morales described the Center as a resource for all full-time, part-time, and retired faculty that will house multifaceted programs focused on such topics as faculty career stages, teaching-related issues, technology and pedagogy, and others.

Convocation 2011 Celebrates *Many Voices, One Vision*

CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales underscored the unity of the College community as he celebrated CSI's 2011 Convocation last October.

Speaking to a near-capacity audience, the President mentioned that this year's accomplishments were the result of the hard work, dedication, and, most importantly, unity of CSI's faculty, staff, and students.

Dr. Morales noted that *Many Voices, One Vision*, the theme of this year's Convocation, is also the title of the College's new Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan, and a self-study, which is part of the ongoing Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaccreditation process, he pointed out, are significant examples of large numbers of College faculty, staff, and students uniting and working together for the betterment of CSI.

As he concluded his comments, the President reminded those in attendance that "Student success and achievement is a cornerstone of our new Strategic Plan, and our greatest show of unity has—and always will be—centered on our students."

After Dr. Morales's remarks, CSI Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Fritz came to the lectern to recognize the contributions of faculty and staff members who have reached milestone anniversaries of service.



President Morales and other members of the College community gathered at the 9/11 Memorial to remember those who were lost on that tragic day.

CSI Marks Tenth Anniversary of September 11, 2001

A breezy, partly sunny day provided the setting for the College's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony, last fall, as CSI students, faculty, staff, alumni, and family members of some of the 27 alumni lost on that day gathered in the Memorial Garden to mark the tenth anniversary of the tragic attacks on our nation.

Vice President for Student Affairs Dr. A. Ramona Brown, who served as the emcee of the ceremony, introduced CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales, who offered welcoming remarks. "We will never forget those whom we lost and we will never forget their families, friends, and loved ones who continue to try and heal from this unspeakable tragedy," he said. The President recalled where he was when he heard the news of the attacks and mentioned that he spent time as a high school student working in New York City's Financial District.

"Students come to the College of Staten Island to fulfill their dreams and aspirations," President Morales added, "to pursue productive careers in the hopes of achieving better lives. The stark realization that 27 CSI alumni, 27 of our former students, were taken from us on 9/11 is indeed especially painful. The names of these former students, engraved on a plaque in the Memorial Garden right here before us, serve as a reminder of a great loss that continues to resonate with all of us."

Following President Morales's remarks, Music student Stephanie Geraci performed "Meditation" from Jules Massenet's *Thaïs* on solo violin and English Professor Cate Marvin read her poem, "On Trying to Write a Poem after 9/11/01."

Representing the CSI student body, Cpl. Joseph McDonough, a member of the United States Marine Corps and the CSI Armed Forces Club, shared his feelings on 9/11, noting that he was personally affected by the tragedy, having lost a family member and many loved ones on that day.

Next, Arthur J. Merola, DPM '84, '85, President of the CSI Alumni Association Board, and Linda Dianto '69, '71, '85, Assistant Treasurer of the Alumni Association Board, read the names of the CSI alumni who lost their lives on 9/11.

Elaine R. Schenk, MEd from Catholic Campus Ministry offered closing thoughts, calling on everyone in attendance to focus on forgiveness, peace, and kindness in an effort to heal.

ALUMNI NEWS



College Community Celebrates First Annual Homecoming

More than 400 CSI alumni, students, staff, and faculty had the chance to enjoy a new tradition, last October—the College’s first-ever Homecoming.

Homecoming began with a walkathon to benefit the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative (SIBCRI). Con Edison was the lead sponsor of this event. Walkathon participants, many of whom donned pink t-shirts, enjoyed a refreshing stroll through campus. The SIBCRI also hosted a table where walkers could purchase handmade scarves and other knitted goods to raise funds for the important research and work that the Initiative conducts in the hope of combating breast cancer on Staten Island.

As no Homecoming would be complete without sporting events, the morning included a volleyball game between the CSI Dolphins and a team from the Culinary Institute of America and a tennis match. In addition, there was career speed-networking, which gave members of the Class of 2012 the opportunity to connect with and get career advice from CSI alumni. This event was made possible thanks to the assistance of the Business Department, including Chairperson Professor Thomas Tellefson, and other faculty members such as Professor George Stearn, who participated with his business students.

The afternoon’s offerings included an Oktoberfest luncheon at which Ken Tirado of Killmeyer’s Old Bavaria Inn gave a presentation on the origins and history of Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany; a free gelato party and reception with a historic poster display on Italian heritage

that was organized by the professors and students from the Italian Studies program to commemorate Italian Heritage Month; alumni reunion tables for alumni from the Classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2007; a meet-and-greet with members of the Academy of Retired Professors and current faculty; a report on the College’s progress from CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales; and a guided campus bus tour.

There were also more athletic activities on tap as visitors enjoyed a Women’s Soccer match featuring the Dolphins and John Jay, as well as a Men’s Soccer game that pitted the Dolphins against the A-Team of the NYPD.

An outdoor music performance and all-day events, like the WSIA Radio outdoor remote broadcast, and children’s attractions, such as a pumpkin patch and face painting, were scheduled throughout the day. The CSI Alumni Association Board was also on hand with an information table.

Summing up the entire Homecoming experience, which, of course, included the hard work and preparation that went into creating the event, Homecoming Committee Chairperson and CSI Athletic Director Vernon Mummert said, “The first-ever CSI Homecoming Day was a wonderful success! I was so pleased to have the great work of so many colleagues in putting together an event of this magnitude. It was through their spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation that we were able to provide a wonderful experience for our alumni.”





Calling All Alumni! Come Back to Campus for Reunion!

Join alumni from every generation and each of our predecessor schools. This year, CSI will pay special tribute to alumni class years ending in 2s and 7s (1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007), as well as alumni from the Early Years (1958 through 1975). At Commencement on Thursday, May 31, reunion classes are invited to join the Class of 2012 in the academic procession. Then, in June, another special Early Years reunion will celebrate key individuals who played important roles in the lives of our alumni and in the life of CSI. Mark your calendars and come reminisce about your student days, reconnect with beloved professors, and commemorate your college years with friends and classmates.

Plans are underway to provide a memorable experience for you. Look for complete details in the mail in the next few weeks or online at: www.csi.cuny.edu/alumni. For further information, please contact Donna Garambone, Coordinator of Alumni Relations, at 718.982.2290 or via email at alumni@csi.cuny.edu.

Alumni Association Board Supports the Celestial Ball

For the third year in a row, the CSI Alumni Association (CSIAA) has supported the Celestial Ball with a \$5,000 sponsorship. CSIAA Board President Dr. Arthur J. Merola explained, "Support of the Celestial Ball by the Alumni Board serves as a means to ensure the success of our students." Alumni Board member Donna J. Fauci '96, '03 once again served as a tri-chair for the event.



Members of the Alumni Board at the 2011 CSI Celestial Ball



WSIA Celebrates 30 Years with Reunion

CSI's 2011 Homecoming concluded with a dinner in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the College's student-run radio station, WSIA, which honored former station General Manager, Greg Adamo '86. The event gave WSIA alumni a chance to catch up with old friends and colleagues, and meet with current WSIA students, in a light-hearted atmosphere.

Among the speakers were Dr. Adamo, who worked with students to get the station on the air; former Program Director Ron Resnik '82, who facilitated WSIA's FCC license; and Maurice "Buddy" Watson, a former student and WSIA staffer. In his remarks, Watson, who eventually went on to become Schenectady City School District Teacher of the Year for the 2008-2009 school year, gave a lot of credit for his professional and personal success to WSIA and Greg Adamo.

WSIA 88.9 fm



Meet Legacy Society Member Ann Rodberg '05



(L-R:) Jennifer Rodberg LeChillgrien, Ann Rodberg

Although many CSI alumni have a family member or two who are also alumni of the College, Ann Rodberg, who graduated in 2005 with a BS in Communications with a minor in Publication Design, has five. Her brother, Harrison Barritt, blazed the trail, getting his BA in English Literature in 1992, and his MA in English in 1994.

“My brother was definitely an influence on my decision to attend CSI,” Ann recalls. “He had a positive experience as a student and also was able to teach here for eight years as an adjunct English professor.”

All three of Ann’s children are also connected to CSI: Thomas is an Engineering major in the Macaulay Honors College and David studied Cinematography at the College. Ann’s daughter, Jennifer LeChillgrien, is an alumna, having received a BS

in Accounting with a minor in Finance in 2009, and her husband Adam LeChillgrien (son-in-law) graduated from CSI in 2010 with a BS in Marketing and a minor in Economics.

As her brother influenced her decision to attend CSI, Ann says, “I would like to think I had an influence on my children attending. They saw my journey through college first-hand as they were ages 6, 9, and 11 when I started. I know they were proud to see me finally graduate and get a job in my field.”

Today, Ann reflects fondly on her time at CSI. “My experience at CSI has had a positive effect on my life. As the only member of my family who didn't go to college, I always felt like something was missing. Now I feel a sense of pride and accomplishment.”

KEEPING TABS

2000s

JOAN SEGUIN '08 graduated from Pepperdine University in June with her law degree, she recently passed the NY Bar exam.

ERICA SALZILLO '07 and her husband Frank welcomed a baby boy, Frank Richard Salzillo, on 11/1/11. He was 8 lbs, 5 oz.

ENGAGEMENTS

Katrina Carocchia '08 and Cataldo Fracchiolla '08, '10
 Jessica Centineo '08, '09 and Vincent Lastella
 Melissa DeMartino '10 and Richard Prignoli '09, '10
 Tara DiFanzo '04, '06 and Tyan Watson
 Keith Entis '03 and Catherine Lonecke
 Ann Ferrera '06, '08, '10 and Jonathan Hamill '11
 Meaghan Gorman '10 and Christopher Mulea
 Tara Ketchel '07 and Jason Halvorsen
 Jennifer Monahan '03 and Mark Barber

Robert Racano '09 and Stefanie Carpenter
 Jason Russo '08 and Angela Barone

WEDDINGS

Joshua Krupitsky '09 and Rachel Markowitz

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Alice Burke '74 and John Burke
 Joanna Pizzolo '77 and Natale Pizzolo
 Kathleen Roche DeMeo '59, '70 and Donald DeMeo

IN MEMORIAM

Mitchell Ackerman '81
 Barbara Archipolo '99
 Tara Gianoulis '03
 Donna LaMendola '88, '95
 Mary Ellen McGivney '84, '87
 George Perretti '92
 Anna Spollen-Doyle '82
 Adeline Stevens '82
 Judy Welsh '76, '79
 Dorothy Zarrilli '73, '75

What's New with You?

“Keeping Tabs” is always happy to hear the latest news from our alumni! Do you have a new job or did you receive a promotion? Are wedding bells in your future? Are you expecting or have you just had a baby? Have you received any recent honors? Have you moved or retired?

Please let us know so that we can share your exciting news.

Email your latest information to alumni@csi.cuny.edu.

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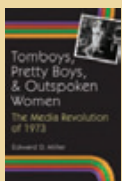
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EVENTS



Scholars and Donors United at Scholarship Awards Ceremony

The Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony, held on October 19 in the Williamson Theatre in CSI's Center for the Arts, was an opportunity to recognize the academic success and hard work of scholarship recipients, but also an opportunity for the College community, and particularly these students, to thank the scholarship supporters for their generosity.



New Foundation Coordinator

CSI Alumnus Francisco M. Collado '09 has been selected as the new CSI Foundation Coordinator. Francisco has worked at the Division of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs since 2008, where he started as the Government Relations Intern during his senior year at CSI. After graduating, Francisco was welcomed as the Development Assistant within the same division. It was at this post that Francisco assisted in the coordination of fundraising events such as the CSI Community Fall Festival. Additionally, Francisco has helped to bring in more than \$500,000 of student support through corporate and foundation grants.



2011–2012 Alumni Association Board Convenes Meeting Last September

Front Row: Donna J. Fauci '96, '03, Marietta DeLuca '74 '85, Recording Secretary; Dr. Arthur J. Merola '84, '85, President; Patricia Carroll '85 **Second Row:** Vullnet Kolari, Esq. '98, Second Vice President; Sumi Raj '90; Fran D'Atria Romano '68, '70; Paula McKeown '90, '96, '00; Phyllis Minacapilli '86, '91, Treasurer **Back Row:** Francisco M. Collado '09; Robert Shullich '76, '85, '88; Audrey Tesora '02, '06; Susan Pace '03; Adam Silberlight '98 **Not in Photo:** Theresa Marro '85, '89, First Vice President; Linda Dianto '69, '71, '74, Assistant Treasurer; James Raggi '68, '70, Corresponding Secretary; Dr. Alan I. Benimoff '67; Dmitriy Bykovskiy '09; Numan Ejaz '09; Anna Fiorentino '03; Carole Gervasi '02; Maria Hoffmann '93, '07; Michele Karpeles '08, '10; Stephen Kaufer '77; Lynne Libert '03, '06, '09; James McBratney '05; Sharmila Mohammed '03.

CLUB NEWS

Green Thumbs Club Works to Make the World More Beautiful and Sustainable

The CSI Green Thumbs Club is on a mission to make our campus more sustainable. One way that they are accomplishing this goal is through the organic garden that they maintain by the Campus Center.

Club President Joseph DePaulo, says, “We’ve been growing lots of greens and delicious vegetables, like tomatoes, peppers, arugula, basil, and various other herbs. We’ve had a few green markets in which we sold the produce back to students and faculty for a really low price. We really want to spread our great and healthy food to the whole campus. We’re uniting all ages through simple Mother Nature.” The Club has also given free basil plants and arugula seeds to the campus community to share the wealth.

This spring, DePaulo reports that the Club hopes to augment the beauty of the garden by planting trees, flowers, and bushes to add more places for visitors to sit and relax, including, possibly a hammock.



CSI Student Life Offers a Club for Everyone

Students at CSI have a wide variety of clubs from which to choose, making their college experience richer and more rewarding. Here is the latest list of clubs from the CSI Office of Student Life. *Eye on CSI* will be spotlighting these organizations in upcoming issues.

A Reason to Write	Caribbean Students Association	Green Thumbs	Pre-Medical Society
Accounting Club	Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship	Hillel	Psychology Club
A.L.P.H.A. Club	Computer Club	IEEE Club	<i>Serpentine/Artifacts</i>
American Chemical Society	CSI Business Innovation Club	International Business Society	Sri Lankan Student Association
American Sign Language Club	CSI Macaulay Honors	Israel Club	Student Government
American Society of Mechanical Engineers	Early Childhood Education Club	Japanese Visual Culture Club	<i>The Banner</i>
Armed Forces Club	Edge of Dance Club	Legions of Historians	Theta Phi Club
Art Club	Encouraging Equality Organization	Love Your Neighbor Club	<i>Third Rail</i>
Asian Student Association	Film Club	Marketing Association	Upsilon Lambda Club
Autonomous Students United	Gaming Club	Math Club	Viva L'Italiano
<i>Caesura</i>	Gay-Straight Alliance	<i>Operation Three Legged Dolphin</i>	WSIA-FM
Campus Activities Board	Gospel Choir Club	Photography Club	Young Americans for Liberty
		Pre-Dental Club	

FOUNDATION NOTES



L-R: CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales; Donna Fauci, event co-chair; CSI Provost, Dr. William Fritz; honorees Dr. Mary O'Donnell, Rose Volpe, and Denis Hughes; and Dr. Christine Cea, event co-chair

2011 Celestial Ball Boosts Student Scholarships and Support

CSI students were the beneficiaries on December 3, as the Third Annual CSI Celestial Ball succeeded in raising more than \$500,000 for student scholarships and support.

A diverse group of nearly 250 people, comprising community and business leaders, students, faculty, staff, friends of the College, the honorees and their family members, attended the event at the Richmond County Country Club. Everyone at the Ball provided crucial support to CSI students, as the scholarships and contributions made possible by this event provide students with the opportunity to complete their degrees, and gain the confidence and tools that they need to successfully enter the job market and affect positive change in their communities and beyond.

CSI President Dr. Tomás D. Morales presented the President's Medal, with the assistance of Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. William Fritz, to the Ball honorees who were Denis Hughes (Hon. '11), President of the New York State AFL-CIO; Dr. Mary O'Donnell, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Nursing; and Mrs. Rose Volpe, community activist, founder of the Friends of CSI, and widow of Dr. Edmond L. Volpe, the first President of the College of Staten Island.

Thirteen CSI scholarship recipients were on hand to show their appreciation for the support that they have received, and to serve as examples of the positive effects that scholarships have on students. Student Government President Kevin Storberg represented the student body, underscoring the importance of scholarships in his remarks. In addition, following a beautiful rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner" from CSI alumna Marissa Pontecorvo '11, which began the program, attendees were treated to a video featuring other scholarship recipients, who emphasized the critical need for funds which help them to stay in College and excel in their chosen fields.

This year's Celestial Ball Chairs, Dr. Christine Cea '88, New York State Regent representing Staten Island, President of the CSI Foundation and Scientist at the Institute for Basic Research; Donna Fauci '96, '03, Member of the Board of Directors of the CSI Alumni Association; and Joseph Ricciutti, Executive Director, University Event Management at Columbia University, graciously volunteered their time and efforts to make this year's event a success.

Jazz Recital Celebrates Music Collection Donation



The Center for the Arts Recital Hall was alive with the sounds of jazz, last fall, as CSI students and alumni, under the direction of Professor Michael Morreale, treated an audience of students, faculty, and staff to a recital.

The event was held in celebration of a gift of a music collection from the former Staten Island Chamber Music Players to the Music Department and the Library, made in honor of former CSI President the late Edmond Volpe and his wife Rose, who were two of the Chamber Players' earliest and most enthusiastic supporters. The gift was facilitated by Georgiana Di Mauro, the former director of the Chamber Players. Although the gift of approximately 759 chamber music selections was made in 2009, the event called attention to the fact that the music has been cataloged and is now available to CSI students and faculty in Special Collections.

When asked about the importance of the gift to the College, Prof. Morreale said, "It's a significant benefit because it provides a wealth of music of various styles and genres for the students to use."

The program began with greetings from Music Program Coordinator Dr. David Keberle, who recognized Mrs. Volpe, who was in attendance. Then, Prof. Morreale and the student and alumni musicians took the stage to present a program of jazz compositions, standards, and original numbers to an appreciative audience. Prof. Morreale also recognized Ms. Di Mauro.

Commenting on how he felt about reconnecting with some of his former students, and playing with some of his current pupils, Prof. Morreale stated that the concert shows where [the Jazz Program has] come and what we'd like to maintain and improve upon. "I'm so lucky to have these young musicians, many of whom I've played with professionally, in my life, as a result of CSI."

Joining Prof. Morreale were Alan Aurelia '11, Rafael Calderon '11, Casey Heuler '09, David Immiti '09, junior Joseph Lamanna, Ann Marie Nacchio '09, and Isidore Ramkissoon '07.

Following the recital, Mrs. Volpe and the donors visited the CSI Library to see the collection.

Library Receives Lutzker Estate Gift

Former Assistant Professor of History at CSI Professor Michael Lutzker, who passed away on May 9, 2011 at age 81, bequeathed his collection of more than 140 books to the CSI Library in appreciation for the College giving him his first opportunity to teach. He taught at CSI from 1968 to 1980, and spent the remainder of his career at New York University from which he retired in 2001.

Dr. Lutzker's area of expertise was diplomatic history and peace studies. He exposed his students to how, in some instances, war can be averted and, in other circumstances, the opposite course occurs with long-lasting repercussions. He never lost his enthusiasm for teaching and had a way of enabling students to open their minds and actively participate in classroom discussions.

Commenting on the gift, CSI Chief Librarian Wilma Jones says "The books from Dr. Lutzker's estate fill gaps in the CSI Library collection. Money for book acquisitions has varied dramatically over the years and the Library has not always been able to buy important works as they were published. Fortunately, Dr. Lutzker was consistently buying books to support his research in peace studies and foreign relations. Many of the books from his library, now out of print, would be difficult to locate and purchase today. On behalf of the CSI Library, I would like to thank the Lutzker estate for this generous gift."



SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS



DOLPHIN ATHLETES GIVE BACK AT P.S. 44 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Appreciating where you come from and giving back to that very same community is a theme often expressed by the College of Staten Island's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee—a group of student-athletes spanning each of CSI's intercollegiate programs who share their opinions and discuss concerns in the Athletics office, and who take part in community service activities. Last fall they hosted a Halloween party for P.S. 44's United Activities Unlimited After-School Program.

On Friday, October 28, 20 CSI athletes and staff, dressed in costumes, decorated the school's lunch room to welcome the after-school program in for some fun. The group of more than 100 students entered the room with high energy to get the festivities underway.

Not only was the day about fun and candy, it was about the future. "As soon as the kids came in the

room they started hugging the athletes and I immediately remembered being in their shoes. You could tell right away how much these kids looked up to them just as I did to those before me," said Intramural Assistant Ednita Lorenzo. "The students were so engaging with each of the athletes, asking questions about their sport. Some of these students aren't able to get involved in sports and hearing the athlete's stories can give them a sense of hope."

SAAC/AD HONOR ROLL CITES 89 DESERVING SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

The College of Staten Island Office of Intercollegiate Athletics, together with the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, awarded its first-ever Athletic Director Honor Roll citations in 2011, recognizing a staggering 78 student-athletes who had achieved a 3.0 grade point average or better during the fall 2010 semester. The student-

athletes at CSI outdid themselves yet again, as now 89 citations have been handed out after the spring 2011 semester at the College. The students will be honored in a special Student-Athlete Day ceremony in April 2012 at the College, when the Dolphins host Student-Athlete Day in cooperation with the same national initiative brought forward by the National Consortium of Academics in Sport.

The Honor Roll, unique to the Athletics program at CSI, was the brainchild of the CSI Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and CSI Athletic Director **VERNON MUMMERT**, who commented, "Many times our student-athletes have to balance part-time and full-time jobs with full academic class loads, varsity team commitments, and family responsibilities at home," Mummert said. "The institutional recognition shows these young men and women that we are taking notice, and it will hopefully inspire them to greater heights of academic achievement and athletic performance."

The 89 athletes are a cross section of CSI's 13 intercollegiate sports and cheerleading program. CSI boasted 201 total student-athletes in 2010-2011, meaning that 44.3% of the student-athlete body is being honored, an impressive number. Of the 89 honored, 69 are carrying overall GPAs over a 3.0 (34%), while a select 23 have an overall GPA of over 3.5.

"It speaks volumes about the balance exhibited by our athletes and the tremendous academic

support they receive on campus," Mummert said.

FALL SPORTS WRAP-UP SEES ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN'S SOCCER



Demi-Jean Martorano

The College of Staten Island sports program saw another CUNYAC Championship unfold at the conclusion of its Fall 2011 season, as the Dolphins Women's Soccer squad took home their sixth title in early-November. CSI turned a 0-0 stalemate with CUNYAC-rivals John Jay College into a 4-2 win on penalty kicks, to send the team to the ECAC Metro NY/NJ Postseason complete with a program-best 13-5-1 record.

CSI was dominating the entire season in conference play. They finished 6-0, outscoring their opponents 24-0 during the year, before turning back York College in the playoff semifinals by a 6-0 count. Sophomore **DEMI-JEAN MARTORANO** won conference MVP honors by striking in a CUNYAC-best 18 goals on 97

shots. Freshman **MELISSA GELARDI** was among the national leaders in assists with 13 on the year to go with a couple of goals, earning her Rookie of the Year honors.

CSI also had plenty of highlights in its other fall sports. The Women's Tennis squad finished 7-9 overall, but 5-3 in conference play, which merited them a fourth-place standing in the CUNYAC, and the team whizzed by their playoff quarterfinal before falling to Brooklyn College in semifinal play. **ILONA STOYKO** and freshman **ALENA VEDENNEVA** both earned first-team all-CUNY honors for their efforts.

ALFONSO CASTENEDA scored a season-high six goals for CSI this season on the Men's soccer pitch, good enough to earn first-team honors for the Dolphins, who finished CUNYAC Quarterfinalists with a 3-11-1 record.

On the hardwood, CSI actually improved in every single offensive and defensive category in Women's Volleyball under first-year coach **ATEF DOSSE**. Unfortunately, the Dolphins finished just 4-18 overall, but optimism is high as the extraordinarily young Dolphins graduate only one senior, **DANIELLE PONSIGLIONE**.

In the hills, both the CSI Men's and Women's Cross-country squads made great strides in 2011. The Women's side featured a pair of anchoring all-stars in **JOANNA VILLEGAS** and **AMINA HUSEINBEGOVIC**, who helped lift the Dolphins into a fourth-place standing at the

annual CUNYAC Championships, which were held in early November. The CSI Men took eighth place, and their entire team is expected back in 2012 ready to make longer strides.

WINTER SPORTS SHOW TREMENDOUS PROMISE IN 2011- 2012

As the weather grows colder and the attention of sports enthusiasts turns indoors, high hopes surround the Dolphins on the hardwood and in the pool. Graduating only a lone senior from a year ago, the Dolphins Men's Basketball unit is returning four out of five starters of a team that finished 17-11 a year ago (10-3 CUNYAC) and all-but erased the memory of a pair of sub .500 years preceding it.

Senior dynamos **JORDAN YOUNG**, **T.J. TIBBS**, and **DALE TARANTO** anchor the unit. A four-year starter, Young could be only the second player in CSI history to record 1,000+ career points, 500+ career rebounds,



T.J. Tibbs

and 300+ career assists, while Tibbs comes in as the CUNYAC's Pre-Season Player of the Year. Sixth-man **BLOOCHY MAGLOIRE** is expected to fit into a starting role this time around, and the emergence of 6-foot-11 transfer **DYLAN BULGER** makes the Dolphins a power in the middle.

CSI fell just short of a conference postseason championship when they lost to Medgar Evers College on the season's final day. The excellent season, however, did feature a trip to the ECAC Postseason, and has the Dolphins squarely focused for a trip to the nationals this year.

The CSI Women have a long history of success, which made their 8-17 season a year ago an anomaly. Losing a host of talent to injury and with the loss of graduated 1,000-point scorer **ALLIE SHANAHAN**, CSI has hit the recruiting trail and has landed a total of ten new faces that will make the Dolphins a virtual new-look team in 2011-2012. The nucleus will continue to rest with juniors **KATELYN HEPWORTH** and **OLIVIA TIERNO**, who returns after a season-ending knee injury a year ago. Sophomore backcourt tandem **RACHEL ROSADO** and **JACLYN TOCCO** are a year older and wiser and should quarterback the team as CSI expects the emergence of players like **DOMINIQUE FABOZZI** and **JENNIFER COUGHLAN** to pay dividends.

In the pool, CSI is always expected to make a splash and the same holds true on the

Men's side again. Senior **VLADISLAV ROMANOV** anchors the unit, while emerging young stars like **DANILA NOVIKOV**, **YURY ZIMAREV**, and **TIMUR RAKHIMOV** are always one race away from potentially setting NCAA and school records. Newest diver **JOHN PIGNATELLI** has shown great strength on the boards as well, making CSI a worthwhile contender for local prominence and beyond.

On the Women's side, CSI is small in numbers but not stature. **VASILIKI STERGIOULA**, who doubles on the Volleyball squad, is the leader, turning in top times that seem to improve with every race. Fellow competitors **PRISCILA ALVAREZ** and CSI Rookie of the Year **LAUREN OVEREEM** also return.



Vladislav Romanov

Look for **STEPHANIE COLLYER** to really be a sparkplug on the diving boards this year. The freshman could break school records if she keeps up her form from practice.

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2012 Senior Class Gift - Building a Legacy



The Class of 2011 generously participated in making the first-ever Class Gift with a donation of a bench for the campus's Alumni Walk. Students had identified the need for more seating on campus to gather, socialize, and discuss ideas.

The legacy continues with the Class of 2012 Gift. Graduating seniors and alumni are invited to support this new tradition with a suggested donation of \$20.12 or more. Please visit www.csi.cuny.edu/foundation and click on "Make Your Gift Now" and select "Senior Class Gift" from the drop-down menu or call the Office of Institutional Advancement at 718.982.2365 for more information.



Peter J. Bonici '74



PETER J. BONICI, who received an AAS from Staten Island Community College (SICC) in 1974, holds the position of Vice President of Operational Risk at Rabobank, a global financial institution specializing in the food and agricultural business sectors. According to the institution's Website, "Rabobank Group is a full-range financial services provider that operates on cooperative principles. Its origins lie in the local loan cooperatives that were founded in the Netherlands nearly 110 years ago by enterprising people who had virtually no access to the capital market." Some of Rabobank's clients are people in developing nations who are trying to make a living through agriculture.

The bank's Website also underscores Rabobank's commitment, not only to the citizens of the world, but to the planet. "We believe that sustainable prosperity and well-being require careful nurturing of our natural resources and living environment. We respect the culture and traditions of the countries where we operate, insofar as these do not conflict with our own objectives and values. We aim to make a positive contribution to social, economic and environmental development in all our activities, always focusing on our clients' best interest."

Bonici says that his role in this institution "involves maintaining an effective internal control oversight that is designed to minimize operational risk throughout the bank." In addition, Bonici provides "training to staff covering operational risk and appropriate controls."

As he looks back on his education at SICC, Bonici recalls that he initially needed some direction. "When I started my education at SICC, like most students, I wasn't sure what my career path should

be. I took computer and business courses, which allowed me to highlight my best skill attributes. I was strong in math so after taking a few accounting classes I decided to pursue a career in the accounting field. I graduated from SICC with an Associate in Applied Science degree. I enrolled at Baruch College and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Accountancy. My education at SICC provided me with the confidence and tools to further my education and follow a career in the accounting field.

Bonici isn't the only member of his family to benefit from a College of Staten Island (CSI) education. "Both my son and daughter graduated from CSI," he reports, "and I am very proud of them. They realized the importance of a quality undergraduate education at an affordable cost."

He notes that his son and daughter are "both currently employed in accounting positions with good opportunities for advancement, and they are considering pursuing advanced degrees and certification in the accounting fields."

Bonici "encourages them to pursue their dreams and goals, and by attending CSI, they're well on their way to careers that will be as satisfying and successful as their father's."



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UPCOMING EVENTS

ALUMNI BOARD MEETING

January 23, 2012
7:00 pm
Building 1A, Room 308

ALUMNI BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2012
7:00 pm
Building 1A, Room 308

SAVOR THE FLAVORS

March 18, 2012
CFA Atrium

GRACE HILLARY BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

BASEBALL GAME

April 24, 2012
7:00 pm

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE

April 26, 2012

ALUMNI BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2012
7:00 pm
Building 1A, Room 308

COMMENCEMENT

May 31, 2012

CLASS REUNIONS

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Honoring alumni class years ending in 2s and 7s (1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007)
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