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Arts & Events

Things To Do In NYC This Week

March 9, 2012 at 6:30 am by Kim Stuart Swidler

Here's a list of things to do in NYC this week as published by the *New York Times*:

'Mind Over Manhattan' (Saturday) This is the last chance to see the mentalist Marc Salem mixing mind games with wit and showmanship at the Society for Ethical Culture. At 8 p.m., 2 West 64th Street, Manhattan, (800) 745-3000, ticketmaster.com; \$30 to \$60.

'The Value of Water' Art Exhibition (through March 25) Water and its depiction in art is the subject of this free exhibition which features pieces by Jenny Holzer, Kiki Smith and others. It can be viewed Mondays through Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; this Saturday, the display is not accessible due to a special event at the Cathedral. 1047 Amsterdam Avenue, at 112th Street, Morningside Heights, (212) 316-7490, stjohndivine.org/VOW.html.

'ThinkSwiss: GenÈve Meets New York' (Friday through Monday) Sponsored by the Consulate General of Switzerland in New York and the City of Geneva, this series, in commemoration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of the Swiss philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, continues with discussions and performances at several locations. Two discussions are planned on Friday: at 12:30 p.m., the topic will be education, featuring writers and scholars, at the French Institute Alliance Francaise, 22 East 60th Street; tickets, including lunch, are \$35, \$25 for FIAF members. At 7 p.m., two former governors — Eliot Spitzer, of New York and Thomas Kean, of New Jersey, will be among the panelists at a talk about social justice and democracy, at the New York Public Library, Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street; tickets are \$25, \$15 for students and friends of the Library. Other events include free concerts of classical music on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Merkin Concert Hall, 129 West 67th Street; and a free jazz performance on Sunday at 7 p.m. at Frederick P. Rose Hall, Lincoln Center, Broadway at 60th Street. Full schedule: thinkswissny.org.

A Holocaust Remembrance (Saturday) Yiddish and Hassidic folk songs, as well as music from the Terezin concentration camp and the Vilna ghetto, will be performed by the Western Wind at 8 p.m. at Temple Ansche Chesed, 251 West 100th Street, fifth floor. The performance, which also features songs by Kurt Weill and Paul Hindemith, is a preview of an appearance that the ensemble is planning later this month at the Sydney Jewish Museum in Australia. Suggested contribution, \$25, \$15 for students. 251 West 100th Street, (212) 873-2848, westernwind.org.

Acting Company Benefit (Monday) The performers Patti LuPone, Kevin Kline and David Schramm, who are among the founding members and alumni of the Acting Company, will take part in a benefit performance at 7 p.m. at the Kaye Playhouse, 68th Street, between Lexington and Park Avenues. Also appearing will be Zoe Caldwell, Kristin Chenoweth, Harvey Fierstein, Sutton Foster, Boyd Gaines and others. Proceeds will benefit the company, which was formed 40 years ago to take theatrical productions to under-served areas. (212) 772-4448, brownpapertickets.com; \$125 and \$175.

‘Political Subversities’ (Saturday) How many politicians does it take to change a light bulb? We’ll defer that answer to the actors, writers, singers and comedians who make light of politics in the show “Political Subversities,” playing Saturdays at 9:30 p.m. through May at the People’s Improv Theater. The show, which was conceived by the playwright and composer Elizabeth Swados, features music, skits and monologues drawn from the political news of the day, performed by a troupe of 11 — many of whom studied with Ms. Swados. People’s Improv Theater, 123 East 24th Street, Manhattan, (212) 563-7488, thepit-nyc.com; \$15.

‘Rendezvous With French Cinema (Friday through Sunday) This series of screenings and discussions with directors and others, co-presented by uniFrance Films and the Film Society of Lincoln Center, continues at two Manhattan locations: the Walter Reade Theater, 165 West 65th Street, and the Film Center Amphitheater, 144 West 65th Street. Many of the films will be followed by discussions. rendezvouswithfrenchcinema.com; \$9 to \$14.

Roosevelt Island Photography Show (through March 18) On display at the Octagon Gallery is the work of Dannielle Hayes, a photographer who documented the abandoned hospital buildings of Welfare Island (as Roosevelt Island was formerly called) in 1968. The exhibition, “Windows on Welfare Island,” which consists of 19 color-infused photographs of the architectural remains, will be on view daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Octagon Gallery, 888 Main Street, Roosevelt Island, (212) 688-4836, rihs.us; free.

Staten Island OutLOUD: Mark Twain Celebration (Saturday and Sunday) This celebration of the writing of Mark Twain, which began in January, continues with two events this weekend on Staten Island. On Saturday, a symposium on “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” will bring together scholars, writers, performance artists and readers from age 14 and up; a highlight of the day will be a performance piece by D.B. Lampman in which she portrays the Mississippi River. The symposium takes place at 2:30 p.m. at the College of Staten Island, Center for the Arts, Recital Hall, 2800 Victory Boulevard. On Sunday at 3 p.m. the adventures of Tom and Huck in the cemetery will be re-visited with a reading in the Historic Lake Cemetery, 1688 Forest Avenue. (718) 907-0709, statenilandoutloud.org; both free.

‘Torn in Two: The 150th Anniversary of the Civil War’ (Tuesday and continuing through April 28) Visitors to the Grolier Club can see battle strategies of the Civil War as perhaps Lincoln did with this exhibition of maps, photographs and other items in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the start of the war, organized by the Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library. Among the items is an original map used by Lincoln to plot troop movements. On Tuesday at 6 p.m., Ronald Grim, curator of the Leventhal Map Center, will talk about the exhibition and the significance of the maps in it; the talk, like the show, is free, but reservations are requested by e-mailing mbrennan@grolierclub.org, or calling (212) 838-6690. Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 47 East 60th Street, Manhattan, grolierclub.org; free.



Staten Island's Chamber Music Collective and Philharmonic both have concerts coming up

Sunday, March 18, 2012, 1:37 PM



Michael J. Fressola
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Both the [College of Staten Island](#) Chamber Music Collective and the Staten Island Philharmonic have things to celebrate later this month.

'SPRING FLING'

The Philharmonic is just taking advantage of the calendar, however. Its "Spring Fling" concert next Sunday will mark the arrival (officially Tuesday) of spring 2012.

The group might have elected to play Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring," so often the soundtrack of choice this time of year, but most arrangements require a full-sized symphony orchestra.

"We can't afford it, at the moment," a spokesperson said last week.

The ensemble is a salaried entity that offers players a modest per-concert fee. But even a small-scale performance will cost \$12, 000 to \$15,000.

Instead, the "Spring Fling" program has music suitable for a 25-player orchestra: The Concerto in C for Two Trumpets of Vivaldi, Mozart's "Eine kleine nachtmusik" (A little night music") and Dvorak's Serenade for Strings.

The trumpet soloists will be Joe Loposky, director of music at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn, and Richard Titone, head of the brass department at LaGuardia High School.

Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors and \$10 for students. Call 718-273-3250 for additional information.



Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons

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'THREE, FOUR, FIVE ...'

The College of Staten Island Chamber Music Collective's "Three, four, five..." concert March 29 will acknowledge — with a performance — a new benefactor, Georgiana DiMauro.

DiMauro, who plays French horn, is the founder of the Staten Island Chamber Music Players. After the Players retirement in 2008 (after nearly 35 seasons), she deposited some 800 pieces of music in the college library.

The gift was presented in honor of the school's late president Edmond Volpe and his wife, Rose, both well known for their classical music connoisseurship

The program March 29 has music that Players' audiences will readily recognize, including Gershwin melodies and Husa's "Serenade for Wind Quintet and Piano."

Two of the featured musicians, Michael Morreale and Vinnie Ruggieri were longtime members of the Players' jazz ensemble.

Also performing will be David Wechsler, flute; Olivier Fluchaire, violin; Sylvia Kahan, piano; Lisa Kozenko, oboe; Maksim Shtrykov, clarinet; Atsuko Sato, bassoon; R.J. Kelley, horn; and Michael Larmond, trombone.

The concert will be given in the Williamson Theater, Center for the Arts (Bldg 1P) on the Willowbrook campus at 2800 Victory Blvd.

Tickets are \$10. Call the box office at 718-982-ARTS or visit www.CFAshows.com for additional details.

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Philharmonic Brings Back Free Central Park Concerts After Hiatus

March 21, 2012 5:41pm | By Amy Zimmer, DNAinfo News Editor

MANHATTAN — Get the picnic baskets and blankets ready: **The New York Philharmonic's** free concerts in **Central Park** will be back after last summer's hiatus.

The popular concert series, which brings live music to parks across the city, makes its comeback July 11 through 17, marking its 47th season, orchestra officials announced Wednesday.

Music Director Alan Gilbert will kick off the series with performances of Respighi's "Fountains of Rome and Pines of Rome" with Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 4" in Prospect Park on July 11 and Central Park's Great Lawn on July 12.

Conductor Andrey Boreyko will lead three other concerts — in Queens' Cunningham Park on July 13, Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx on July 16 and Central Park on July 17 — featuring Tchaikovsky's "Violin Concerto," with James Ehnes as soloist. The orchestra will also perform Brahms's "Symphony No. 1."

The New York Philharmonic Brass will perform a free indoor show at Staten Island's Center for the Arts at CUNY's College of Staten Island on July 15.

Gilbert, who first led the renowned orchestra's beloved free concerts in 2008, recalled attending the parks concerts when he was a boy growing up in the city.

"I have always felt deeply that these concerts are an incredibly important aspect of what the Philharmonic can give to this city," Gilbert said in a statement. "I can't wait to return to the parks and feel that overwhelming connection with the tens of thousands of people who, like me, love New York, love the New York Philharmonic, and love the New York Philharmonic Concerts in the Parks."

More than 14 million listeners have gotten their fix of classical music since the series began in 1965, orchestra officials said.

The Philharmonic pulled out of last year's Concerts in the Parks when its schedule changed because of other concerts, including the Sept. 15 performance with tenor Andrea Bocelli in Central Park and its free concert at Avery Fisher Hall in honor of the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Orchestra players had reportedly been scheduled to be on vacation that week of September and instead switched it to July, when the concerts had been taking place for more than four decades. The orchestra had hoped to do the 9/11 performance in the park, but was unable to because it was so close to the Bocelli show and parks officials feared the double whammy of concerts would damage the lawn, reports said.

All performances start at 8 p.m. The concerts at Central Park and Prospect Park will end with fireworks.

Faculty & Staff

SEMANTIC SEARCH OVER THE WEB: 2ND INT. WORKSHOP

SECOND INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON SEMANTIC SEARCH OVER THE WEB (SSW 2012)

Workshop held in conjunction with VLDB 2012
Istanbul, Turkey - August 27, 2012

Workshop website: <http://pamir.dia.uniroma3.it:8080/SSW2012/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Paper Abstract submission: June 1, 2012 - 15:00 (3:00 pm) EDT
Short and Full Paper submission: June 8, 2012 - 15:00 (3:00 pm) EDT
Author notification: July 20, 2012
Camera-ready paper submission: August 3, 2012
Workshop dates: August 27, 2012

WORKSHOP AIMS AND SCOPE

We are witnessing a smooth evolution of the Web from a worldwide information space of linked documents to a global knowledge base, composed of semantically interconnected resources. To date, the correlated and semantically annotated data available on the Web amounts to 25 billion RDF triples, interlinked by around 395 million RDF links. The continuous publishing and the integration of the plethora of semantic datasets from companies, government and public sector projects is leading to the creation of the so-called Web of Knowledge. Each semantic dataset contributes to extending the global knowledge and increases its reasoning capabilities. As a matter of fact, researchers are now looking with growing interest to semantic issues in this huge amount of correlated data available on the Web.

Much progress has been made in the field of semantic technologies, from formal models to repositories and reasoning engines. While the focus of many practitioners is on exploiting such semantic information to contribute to IR problems from a document-centric point of view, we believe that such a vast, and constantly growing, amount of semantic data raises data management issues that must be faced in a dynamic, highly distributed and heterogeneous environment such as the Web.

The second edition of the International Workshop on Semantic Search over the Web (SSW) will discuss the data management issues related to Search over the Web and the relationships with Semantic Web technologies, proposing new models, languages and applications.

The research issues can be summarized by the following problems:

- How can we model and efficiently access large amounts of Semantic Web data?
- How can we effectively retrieve information exploiting Semantic Web technologies?
- How can we employ semantic search in real world scenarios?

TOPICS OF INTEREST

Topics of interest to this workshop include, but are not limited to:

- Data storage for Semantic Search
- Database technologies for Semantic Search (SQL and noSQL)
- Semantic data storage and indexing
- Models, languages, and methodologies for representing and managing semantic data
- Native DBMS for the Linked Web of Data
- Semantic data exchange and integration
- Map/Reduce paradigms for Linked Data storage
- Semantic Data Search
- Keyword-based search over semantic data
- Graph Matching of RDF documents
- Information extraction from the Semantic Web
- Semantic Data Search and Ranking
- Semantic Matchmaking
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- Use of Ontologies in Semantic Search
- Evaluation Methodologies for Semantic Search
- Mobile and streaming Semantic Web content creation and annotation
- Standard datasets and benchmarks for Semantic Search
- Wrapping of well-known data repositories (e.g. IMDB) into RDF
- Injecting Social Networks (e.g. Facebook) into the Semantic Data Web
- Visualization of Semantic Data and Expressive Document Representations on the Web

TARGET AUDIENCE

The SSW Workshop invites researchers, engineers and service developers to present their research and development work in the field of Semantic Information Management. Papers may deal with methods, models, case studies, practical experiences and technologies.

PAPER SUBMISSION

Authors are invited to submit original manuscripts, neither submitted nor accepted for publication in any other workshop, conference, or journal. They must be written in English, and formatted using the ACM double-column format.

We invite two kinds of papers:

Research Papers: We solicit submissions of original research, as well as experience and vision papers from both researchers and practitioners. The suggested number of pages is 8, and the maximum number of pages is 10. Manuscripts not submitted in the ACM style or having more than 10 pages will not be reviewed and thus automatically rejected. The final, camera-ready version must not exceed 8 pages to avoid page charges.

Short Papers: The Short Paper session is an exciting and highly interactive way to demonstrate feasibility of research and to stimulate the discussion on future trends in the application of data management solutions in the context of the Web of Data. Proposals should be focused on new modeling developments, advances in their application or innovative use of modeling techniques in such a context. The session is not intended for the demonstration of commercial products. The number of pages of the contribution must be no more than 4 pages. This page limit includes all parts of the paper (i.e. title, abstract, body, and bibliography).

Every submitted paper will be carefully reviewed by at least three members of the Program Committee. The review system is single-blind (the authors have to declare names and affiliations in the paper) and reviews will be returned to the author(s) with comments to ensure the high quality of the accepted papers. Reviewers are not required to read the appendices and the paper should be intelligible without them.

Authors are invited to send their manuscripts as an attachment (PDF/PS format) through the EasyChair system (<http://www.easychair.org/conferences?conf=ssw2012>). In case of any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the program committee chairs at: dvr@dia.uniroma3.it.

PROCEEDINGS

The Workshop proceedings will be published by ACM. Submission to the Workshop implies the willingness to register and participate in the event for presenting the submitted work (i.e. attendance of at least one of the authors of accepted papers will be mandatory). Final versions of accepted papers must strictly adhere to the ACM guidelines and must include a printable file of the camera-ready version, as well as all source files thereof. No changes to the formatting rules are permitted. Authors of accepted papers must also download and sign a copyright form that will be made available on the Web site of the conference.

Depending on the quality of the submissions, authors of selected papers may be invited to submit extended versions for publication in prestigious international journals.

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Drywater hits some paydirt

Fri, March 2, 2012 @ 12:05 a.m.

By GUY D'ASTOLFO

Back in 1973, four young men from the Hermitage, Pa., area formed a band called Drywater and recorded some of their songs at a local studio.

They sent copies of the album to record labels but received nothing but rejection letters. So, without ever playing a single gig, the band evaporated.

Drywater would soon become just a pleasant memory for the band members, who ranged in age from 15 to 24. The album, "Backbone of the Nation," would become an obscurity on the musical scrap heap.

Life went on, decades went by, and the four men rarely thought of their short-lived band.

Then something amazing happened: Collectors discovered it.

And now, in an amazing twist of fate, "Backbone" has been given a second life. It has been remastered and re-released by Time-Lag Records and is available on the label's website (time-lagrecords.com).

The members of Drywater are stunned at the turn of events.

"We had forgotten all about it," said Jack Sarvis, one of the band members. "At first, we thought they were playing a joke on us."

Time-Lag is a small company in Maine that specializes in finding obscure albums and re-releasing them on vinyl for collectors. It has pressed 500 copies of "Backbone" and is selling them for \$33 apiece. Twenty percent of the sales revenue will go to the band.

The company's owner, Nemo Bidstrup, is a music lover and a vinyl fanatic who is devoted to his cause.

"The music I'm most interested in is the stuff that's a very pure and direct expression from the artist, and I really felt like that music deserved to be preserved with the same sort of care and love that these musicians were putting into their records," he said in an article in Signal to Noise, a magazine devoted to improvised, experimental and unusual music.

"Backbone of the Nation" fits perfectly into Bidstrup's philosophy.

"After hearing the album for the first time — it took a few listens before it really hit me — but then suddenly, I couldn't get it out of my head," Bidstrup told The Vindicator. "Before long, I loved the whole album. There's a certain subtle charm, that in combination with the great songs, crude production and

enthusiasm make for a really special album that doesn't sound like much else. It seems to really perfectly capture its exact time and place."

Bidstrup said that album collectors are showing interest in the reissue because it is extremely rare, it is new to them and the loud fuzz guitars and garage-rock sound has appeal.

He is receiving orders from all over the world, he said, and expects the 500 copies to sell out soon.

In addition to Sarvis, of Clark, Pa., Drywater consisted of Dennis Cheplick of Hadley, Pa.; Greg Cheplick of New Jersey; and Ken Turcic of Greenville, Pa.

Musically, the songs on "Backbone" are of the folky, midtempo rock variety, a blend of acoustic and electric guitars that was in vogue in the early '70s.

The recording quality of the original pressing was very poor; sound levels rise and fall in mid-song. The whole thing was recorded in one take, so the musical muffs and the low-fidelity sound are part of the finished product.

"It cost us \$100 to record it and another \$100 to press it," Sarvis told The Vindicator. "So we put \$200 into it."

The whole recording session took 31/2 hours and was done at Marjon Studios in Hermitage.

Time-Lag has cleaned up some of the audio flaws for its re-release, which also includes 10 bonus tracks recorded by Dennis Cheplick in 1974 and two more on a 7-inch single that is included in the package.

The original cover art has been retained: A cloudy blue sky over water on the front and a black and white photo of the band posing on a hay wagon on the back. Additional vintage photos of the band and liner notes have been added to the sleeve.

The first clue of the album's appeal to collectors came in 2003 when a record collector from Texas found a copy of "Backbone" at a yard sale and bought it for about a dollar. He contacted the band, who sold him three more copies for \$100 each.

The band's initial investment finally was recouped.

Other collectors caught wind of the album. In 2010, a man from Switzerland tracked down the band and bought a copy for \$1,000. Then Time-Lag contacted the band last January, and the dream of a record contract was realized — albeit nearly four decades later.

"There is a serious market for unreleased obscure albums," said Sarvis. The band members now have only four original copies between them.

With the exception of the title cut, which is an ode to farmers, the songs on "Backbone" are mostly love songs.

“These are not manufactured songs,” said Sarvis, a retiree from Delphi who now does some DJ work on the side. He goes by JJ the DJ and works about four or five nights a month at places such as the Hickory VFW and the Sharon Elks, as well as at weddings. He was 24 and a student at Youngstown State University (he had just gotten back from a stint in Vietnam) when “Backbone” was released. He and fellow guitarist Dennis Cheplick wrote all the songs on the album.

Dennis Cheplick, who was 19 when the album was released, has continued his music career. He is part of a duo called Young- Cheplick (Ray Young is the other half) that self-released an album in 2010.

Dennis’ younger brother, Gregg, was the drummer. Just 15 at the time of the album’s release, he is now a biology professor at the [College of Staten Island](#) in New York.

The fourth member was bassist Turcic, who was 22 at the time. He is now a financial consultant with FNB Corp.

With all the attention — and appreciation — the band has been receiving of late, it has to be asked: Is a reunion show being planned? “I don’t think we’ll get back together,” said Sarvis, although once the hubbub over the re-release of “Backbone” dies down, he said he will resume writing new music.

Commencement Speaker Revealed

March 8, 2012 12:02 am

Katherine Speller



Dr. Morales to speak at commencement.

Dr. Tomas D. Morales, president of City University of New York (CUNY) College of Staten Island (CSI), was named commencement speaker for the 2012 spring commencement ceremony on May 20.

Morales attended SUNY New Paltz through the Educational Opportunity program and graduated cum laude in 1975 with a history degree, later earning his masters and Ph. D in educational administration and policy studies from SUNY Albany.

Morales became the president of the College of Staten Island in 2007. He has also held senior administrative positions in the California State University system, the State University of New York (SUNY) and the CUNY system.

Morales will receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters from the college at the ceremony, according to the SUNY New Paltz website.

The honorary doctorate is one of the highest honors the school can present to a person and, prior to bestowing the distinction, the board must approve an “in-depth nomination narrative and justification for the proposed candidate.”

“Conferring an honorary degree on Dr. Morales is especially fitting, not only because he is an alumnus with an impressive record in public higher education administration, but because of his service in various professional leadership positions at New Paltz for more than 15 years,” President Donald Christian said on *newpaltz.edu*. “Like New Paltz, Dr. Morales values the highest standards in recruitment, retention, instruction and pedagogy, and embraces a vision for diversity, acceptance and equal access to excellence in public education.”

Morales also serves on the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Board, the American Council on Education’s Commission on Racial and Ethnic Equity, the Governing Board and as Secretary to

the Board of the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities and the National Information and Communication Technology Literacy Policy Council.

He has also been appointed by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to the NYC Panel on Education Policy, a member of the Board of Directors of the Staten Island Foundation, SINY Inc. and A Vision for Staten Island.

Fourth-year linguistics major Kimberly Kelly, graduating this spring, said she is not familiar with Morales or his work.

"I don't think anyone remembers anything specific about a commencement speaker or their speech," Kelly said. "Graduation is a time that we reflect about our personal experiences at this place that we stayed at for four years."

Fourth-year physics major Ryan Lynch, also graduating in May, said the choice of an unknown speaker makes the ceremony less intimate.

"I don't really see the point in having someone speak that didn't have anything to do with our time here at SUNY New Paltz," Lynch said. "I just don't really see why we need a commencement address, and if we did need one, I'd rather it be from someone like the president of our school, or ideally, small speeches from the heads of the departments to make it more personal to us as a group of peers, graduating with degrees and entering into the work force."



Middle East studies in the News

The One State Conference at Harvard: March Madness [incl. Marc Ellis]

by Janet Tassel
American Thinker
March 9, 2012

"I'm looking for Rick Santorum. I guess he preferred to go to AIPAC." Thus lamely, Stephen M. Walt broke the ice in the opening panel of Harvard's One State Conference Saturday. With these lines, Walt, the co-author of *The Israel Lobby* and professor of international affairs at the Kennedy School, delivered one of the very few light-hearted remarks at the deadly serious two-day conference.

In the packed auditorium, Walt was unique, too, in saying nice things about the two-state solution, which is apparently now known as "partition," and which in any event was pronounced dead by every other speaker. "At first glance," he said, "the two-state solution still looks good: the Green Line separating two states for two peoples." Forcing these two people together in one state would be a "mess." But why have we failed at two states? He blamed, on the Palestinian side, "the Palestinians' lack of unity, personal corruption, and a series of tactical errors following the Oslo Peace Process," including poor public relations. All of which naturally necessitated "reliance on suicide bombers." Of course, "the real culprit is Israel. Their leaders have never been interested."

At this, one grew dizzy recalling names from all over the Road Map, from Madrid to Oslo to Camp David to Wye River, from Taba to Annapolis to Gaza, this last, by the way, still considered "an occupied prison." But none of these destinations was mentioned. Meanwhile, Walt went on to harpoon Netanyahu and also to castigate the United States, calling it "Israel's lawyer," defending as usual the stronger party, thanks again to "domestic politics," aka the Israel Lobby. Even Obama came in for criticism -- for "raising hopes at Cairo, and later retreating by working to prevent Palestinian membership in the UN." Strange as it may seem, Obama was frequently chided at this conference -- while simultaneously being lionized at AIPAC.

Being at the One State Conference was a disorienting experience; somehow one had been translated to an alternate, not quite parallel universe, a cloud cuckoo land blooming with exotic pathologies. But navigating this terrain requires an awareness of its guiding principles, which include Marxism, multiculturalism, globalism, secularism, sexuality (any kind), inclusivity/diversity, and gender equity. And it is helpful to have a command of the vernacular (college students will not need this guide). For example, every chronicle, every story, is a narrative: a hegemonic narrative, a nationalistic narrative, one that is heteronormative, colonial or postcolonial, feminist, transgressive, progressive, regressive, or repressive.

However, having navigated this paradise, one unfortunately finds the obligatory serpents, in this case organized religion, capitalism, racism, imperialism, and of course, Zionism, which conveniently encompasses them all.

Interestingly, it is a land where certain words are never uttered; for example, Sharia. Apparently, it doesn't exist there.

Walt, like many others, managed to incorporate many of the requisite shibboleths into a couple of sentences, as in "Israel's support depends on far-right, xenophobic racists and fanatical Christians. But there is a community there that cares about human rights, and this opens a space for us." And: "The Old Testament is not a good guide for political action." The Qur'an, along with Sharia, was not mentioned.

Now, touching on the Old Testament brings up the question of anti-Semitism. One wag muttered as he took his seat next to me, "There haven't been as many anti-Semites in one room since the Nuremburg rallies." But in fairness to the participants, it must be said that they earnestly endeavored to keep separate -- imagine a Green Line -- the concept of Zionism and actual human Jews. As stated by Nimer Sultany, an Israeli doctoral candidate at Harvard Law School, "There is no identifiable correlation between Jews and Zionism. Zionism, a political and colonialist movement, has created a new nation."

This concept was shared enthusiastically by the numerous Jews and Israelis, including rabbis, at the conference. Indeed, panelist Rabbi Brant Rosen of Evanston, Illinois, announced that he routinely preaches that Zionism is idolatry. "My Torah," he said, "is the Torah of universalism and humanism."

The protestors on the sidewalk outside, alarmed at the potential extinction of the Jewish state, had thus ironically nailed the precise outcome hailed by the participants. A "Jewish" state is the problem they came to solve. Indeed, the word "Israel" came up only in its context as conqueror, occupier and supremacist. Otherwise, it was supplanted in the conference vocabulary by "Palestine," which will be the name of the proposed single state.

One questioner, a rabbi without a congregation, asked a panel member whether "Jews, even Lefties like me, will be able to live in Palestine." After the desired approbatory chuckle, the participants were unanimous in emphasizing the absolute equality of Palestinians and Jews in the coming state. This sentiment was repeated in every panel, but the quid pro quo would of course be a "voluntary" dismantling of all the modalities of Israeli power and identity. Everyone agreed this won't be easy for the Jewish Israelis, which is why they also stated repeatedly that change must come from the bottom. The Occupy movement was suggested as a model. Incidentals such as Article 7 of the Hamas Charter ("The Day of Judgment will not come until Muslims fight Jews and kill them") were not considered, perhaps because of time constraints.

One possibility for the newly disempowered Israeli Jews, said Leila Farsakh, associate professor in political science at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, would be to "reconnect with their Arabism." Indeed, the term "Arab Jew" became ubiquitous toward the end of the conference. Or, as Marc Ellis, director of the Center for Jewish Studies at Baylor University, himself a Jew, said, "Becoming un-Jewish is the first step." After that would come, in his words, "revolutionary forgiveness."

Rabbi Rosen emphasized that the "hysteria" of people like Abe Foxman and Alan Dershowitz is a symptom of desperation, completely out of touch with this new vision, which, by the way, is understood primarily by academics and the young. Another sign of desperation is Birthright Israel, he said. "Look how much money is being spent to send rich kids to Israel." Evidently, a Jewish Israel is so yesterday.

So if the promised land is to be a haven for Palestinians and de-Judaized Arab Jews, who will be the elect and how will it work? According to Susan Akram, a professor at Boston University School of Law, there must be Palestinian self-determination. Then there must be a recognized Right of Return -- for all Palestinian refugees "to the same dwellings they left." She called this "mass property repossession," and emphasized that "a return to the West Bank for refugees from Jaffa is not a satisfactory recognition of their right." But to be fair to Akram, she did add that Jewish refugees from Arab countries should have the same right of return. This might be hard to picture.

"Two peoples in one democracy is not an impossibility," said Sa'ed Atshan, who, like all the other speakers, does not consider Israel a democracy. A doctoral candidate in Anthropology/Middle East Studies at Harvard, Atshan predicted that in the future state, Arabic and Hebrew would both be taught, and that there would be a joint Palestinian-Jewish police force. Since both of these goals became facts on the ground in Israel long ago, perhaps Atshan was reading from the wrong notes. As for his claim that Christians cannot access the Holy Sepulchre, nor Palestinian Muslims the Temple Mount, well, these were far from the worst howlers of the day.

Professor emerita Elane Hagopian of Simmons College rejected any suggestion that Jordan might play a part in the one-state solution. The problem is the Jewish state, and that is where the work must be done. Israel, she said, "is a unique colonial settler-state in that its aims were always to transform Palestine into a state for the Jews." But of course there will be obstacles to the new single state. For example, can Israel accept a new orientation to the East? Would it be willing to share its nuclear power, even demolish its bombs? Would Israeli Jews be willing to give up their "European style of life?" They consume "much more water than the Palestinians. Would they be willing to share their water?" (One wonders: Would Hagopian be willing to read the Interim Agreement?)

Sharing the panel with Hagopian was Amahl Bishara, assistant professor of anthropology at Tufts University. Bishara was particularly focused on the isolation of the Palestinians: "They have no advocates (!), they can't be in touch with other Arabs because they don't have the technology, and they're even forbidden to pray." Then, too, the infamous Wall keeps them segregated and out of touch. Still, she admitted, "there's a lot of cool stuff going on," like "a new transgender Palestinian singer."

Which brings us to Sarah Schulman, a gay professor of humanities at The College of Staten Island, for whom the envisioned promised land will recognize the "multidimensionality" of gay Palestinians. Speaking of her work with "three queer Palestinian organizations (we talk almost every day!)," she mentions "homonationalism," or "pinkwashing," terms with which the audience seemed familiar, to judge by the nodding of heads. What these terms signify, apparently, is that just because Israel is so happy to be *the* cool destination for gays, "white gay people" should be taught not to "privilege their racial and religious identity." Don't ask.

Schulman, it seems, led a six-city LGBT trip to Israel recently, where she met with groups like Palestinian Queers for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (the initials BDS are now officially out) and other gay activists. One of the trip's members was panelist Timothy McCarthy, a lecturer at the Kennedy School, who dissolved into tears when he recalled the trip. Although he described himself as "a fierce queen" who "steps right up to bullies," he brimingly lamented that he found "violence all over Israel" -- check stops, searches, and the like. He did find new Palestinian queer friends, however, who were "painfully" jealous when he spoke about his husband.

We close by noting that the world-class celebrity whom everyone was waiting for, Ilan Pappé, delivered one of the other two witticisms of the conference: "I want to get through in time for lunch. I can deal with angry Zionists, but not hungry activists." The conference organizers promised his multitude of breathless admirers that his speech, the usual viciously delusional polemic, will be posted in its Orwellian entirety, at the One State Conference website. But let the reader beware: As Pappé himself has often said, "We do [historiography] because of ideological reasons, not because we are truth seekers....There is no such thing as truth, only a collection of narratives."

Which is not a bad description of the madness known as Harvard's One State Conference.

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Treatment being studied at **College of Staten Island** stimulates the brain, spinal cord and muscles in those with cerebral palsy, stroke

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Andrea Boyarsky
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Christopher Neves describes himself as someone who doesn't know the meaning of the word "quit."

Since birth, the 30-year-old Charleston resident has coped with cerebral palsy, a neurological disorder that affects movement. Despite undergoing several surgeries, he uses a wheelchair to get around and has limited mobility in his arms.

But it hasn't stopped Neves from being optimistic that he will one day walk and "make his mark on the world." When he heard of a new study at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)** that may be able to help patients like himself with mobility, he quickly signed up.



Staten Island Advance Photos/ Irving Silverstein

Dr. Zaghloul Ahmed uses a device to send a magnetic pulse to the brain - similar to an MRI - while simultaneously sending electrical signals to the desired muscle group and spinal cord. The treatment aims to help those with cerebral palsy, like Christopher Neves of Charleston, increase mobility.

"I want a better quality of life. I want to be more independent," the **CSI** communications major said. "Some people would be happy to settle. I'm not happy settling."

Dr. Zaghloul Ahmed, an associate professor in the college's Department of Physical Therapy, created the PathMaker Neuromuscular Treatment System, a City University of New York (CUNY) trademarked therapy that uses electrical and magnetic stimulation to improve mobility in those with cerebral palsy, stroke and spinal cord injuries, all of which originate in the brain.

Dr. Ahmed previously conducted trials on mice using the same technology. The animal study, funded by the

state Health Department and CUNY, featured 14 mice with spinal cord injuries; seven received the treatment and seven did not.

"The mice with the spinal cord injury could not walk as normal," Dr. Ahmed said. "And after the treatment, they walked significantly better than the ones that didn't get treated."

WEAK SIGNAL

He began his human trials – funded by a \$250,000 BioAccelerate NYC Prize for research – in October. Dr. Ahmed explained that when a person moves, the brain generates a signal that it sends down the spinal cord and to the appropriate muscle. But when someone has a brain or spinal cord injury, the signal is weakened and the muscle doesn't respond correctly.

His system aims to strengthen these neuromotor connections and make the muscles more responsive. During treatment sessions held three times a week for six weeks, Dr. Ahmed uses a device to send a magnetic pulse to the brain – similar to an MRI – while simultaneously sending electrical signals to the desired muscle group and spinal cord.

"With precise timing, the signals will reach a junction at the spinal cord, where they all meet, and it seems to strengthen the connection between the brain, spinal cord and muscle," he said.

"After we stop the signals and remove all these stimulators, the brain becomes effective itself and can generate muscle action, even with the injury," he continued.

"It's like teaching and strengthening the brain."

During a recent session, Dr. Ahmed placed electrodes for the electrical stimulation along Neves' right arm and spine. He then held a device to his head to deliver the painless magnetic pulse as he instructed Neves to move his arm in varying ways to teach the brain to efficiently move the muscles.

"My right arm was kind of tight and not as flexible. It was difficult to touch my thumb to my fingers," Neves commented. "Now, I'm able to lift the arm up higher and my thumb moves better."

This is evident in the dexterity and stamina tests Neves performs after their sessions. One has him placing pegs in a board. When he first started, it took more than three minutes to complete the task; now it takes a minute-and-a-half.

"(Dr. Ahmed's) given me hope," said Neves, who wants to have the therapy done on his left arm and legs. "I want to live a normal life and just be recognized as 'Chris,' not as someone with a disability."



Neves performs dexterity and stamina tests, such as placing pegs in a board, to measure his progress. When he first started, it took more than three minutes to complete the task; now it takes a minute-and-a-half.

STROKE SUFFERERS

Timothy Poore of Brooklyn suffered a stroke in August, which, he said, “took out my whole left side.” Used to an independent lifestyle, he now uses a cane and has trouble with everyday tasks like turning pages in the newspaper, cutting food and brushing his teeth.

When the 59-year-old learned of the **CSI** study from one of his physical therapists, he decided to apply for it. Dr. Ahmed began by using the stimulation on his left arm, which Poore described as “just heavy” following the stroke. After a week,

he noticed small improvements.

“I can move my hand up higher and was able to turn the newspaper pages with my left hand,” he reported. “That was something I wasn’t able to do since August.”

Dr. Ahmed has worked with four cerebral palsy and two stroke patients since his human study began, and has been approved for a total of 94 subjects.

He is looking for more participants; currently, the study is open to those ages 21 and up, although he hopes to include younger individuals in the near future. Additionally, Dr. Ahmed has applied to the Institutional Review Board at CUNY to start a spinal cord injury study later this year.

The studies, he said, have the potential to lead to a federal Food and Drug Administration trial, which could make his system more widely available.

“So far, the preliminary results have been nice,” Dr. Ahmed observed, noting, “Overall when we finish this, it can lead to a device that we can have in a clinic and everyone can apply it to their patients.”

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An electrifying study

Dr. Zaghloul Ahmed is conducting research utilizing the PathMaker Neuromuscular Treatment System, a

therapy that uses electrical and magnetic stimulation to improve mobility in individuals with cerebral palsy or who have suffered a stroke.

Who can apply

The study is currently open to those age 21 and up.

Where it's held

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Experts Say Warm Winter Could Lead To A Hot, Buggy Spring

By: Shazia Khan



If there's one thing New Yorkers talked about on Tuesday, the first official day of spring, it's what happened to winter and what the unusually warm weather means for the seasons ahead. NY1's Shazia Khan filed the following report.

After a surprising snowfall just before Halloween, winter passed by with most New Yorkers waiting for it to start. It never did.

"It's certainly abnormally low compared to a normal winter," says Dr. Benjamin Cook, a climate modeler at the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

The snowfall was just 4.5 inches for all of December, January and February. This was a radical shift from the past two winters, when there were record snowfalls — 61.9 inches for last winter and 51.4 inches for the winter of 2009-2010.

At Central Park, this winter was the second-warmest on record. The average temperature, 46.9 degrees, was 5.9 degrees warmer than normal. What changed?

"Probably a combination of La Nina, the opposite of El Nino, and also a strong positive phase of the Arctic oscillation that was in place for most of the winter and late fall," says Cook.

Another weather pattern shifted the jet stream, locking Arctic air well to our north. It could also lead to a steamier spring.

"We're probably going to have warmer than normal conditions," says Cook.

Next winter, however, is a tougher call.

"It's really hard to predict from one winter to the next what the winter's going to be," says Cook. "I think what we're going to be seeing over the next 50 to 100 years is a tendency for winters like this winter to be more common."

It's not just people that are reacting to the change.

"Birds are returning earlier from migration, the frogs are coming out of hibernation earlier," says biology professor Lisa Manne of the College of Staten Island. "Also we might see some migration of species that are previously more southerly might move into our region."

Then there are the bugs.

"We're probably going to see an early start to the Lyme disease season as insects emerge from hibernation earlier," says Cook.

All this may have some people worried but Brooklyn Botanic Garden foreman Leonard Paul says there's no cause for alarm.

"Stuff is blooming early because of the warm weather and if there's some possibility of a frost coming in, nature will take care of itself too. I mean, we've seen it before," says Paul.

So happy spring to everyone, but it doesn't quite seem the same without having suffered winter's cold and snow.

Wagner College Mitzvah Awards Dinner on Staten Island

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Maura Grunlund
By

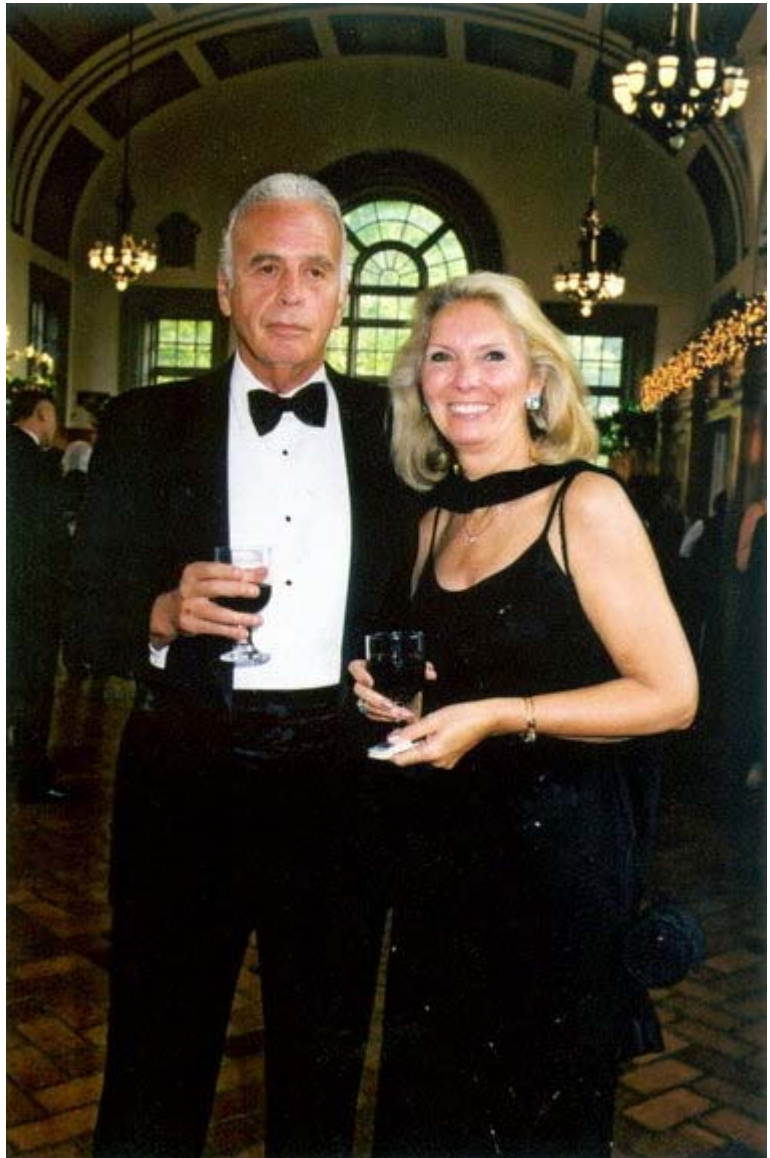
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The Wagner College Chai Society has announced the honorees for its fifth annual Community Mitzvah Awards to be given on Tuesday at the Joan and Alan Bernikow JCC in Sea View.

Samantha Zanatta of Annadale will receive the Outstanding Student Award. The Chai Society Member Award will go to Aletta and Robert Diamond of Scotch Plains, N.J. Henry Salmon of Edison, N.J., will garner the Outstanding Community Member Award.

Ms. Zanatta is a graduating senior who has served on the board of Hillel and been involved in the Jewish community at Wagner College since freshman year. She taught Hebrew School at Temple Ahavath Israel in Tottenville from her freshman through junior years.

"My job was to coordinate the social events, and although attendance is not so high, I would say it definitely has improved since the beginning," said Ms. Zanatta of her efforts at Wagner College.

"We also have had many social events with the Chai Society during which I have highly enjoyed the networking aspect of things."



Aletta and Robert Diamond of Scotch Plains, N.J., are the winners of the Wagner College Chai Society's Outstanding Community Member A

With a major in psychology and minors in Spanish and education, she is looking forward to graduation.

"I'm unsure where my future may take me: grad school, working - or maybe even Israel," Ms. Zanatta said.

The Diamonds, who grew up on Staten Island, are charter members of the Chai Society and, along with Dennis and Elaine Bloomfield, were founding co-chairs. Diamond is part owner and recently retired as the manager of Henco Realty Company, a family-owned commercial real estate business in Grymes Hill. Mrs. Diamond taught in the public schools for 30 years before retiring in 1995. A Wagner College alumna, she has served on the college's board of trustees since 2003.

Salmon earned his bachelor's degree in real estate and urban development from American University, where he won the Charles C. Glover Award for Student Achievement. After earning his master's in business administration from Cornell University, Salmon spent five years at Citicorp in Manhattan before founding FNS Corporate Funding in San Francisco.

Since 1985, Salmon has been president and chief appraiser for Equity Valuation Associates in Castleton Corners, which does commercial, industrial and residential real estate appraisals, consulting and feasibility analysis in New York and New Jersey. Salmon is the immediate past board chairman of the Staten Island Museum and a recipient of the Allan Weissglass Distinguished Leadership Award from the JCC. Salmon has served in a number of leadership volunteer positions at the College of Staten Island, on various community boards and on the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Linda, have three children and two grandchildren.



Samantha Zanatta of Annadale will receive the Outstanding Student Award.

The dinner is at 6:30 p.m. in the Bernikow JCC at 1466 Manor Rd. For information and tickets, which are \$150, call Drew Babitts at 718-420-4516.

FIRST NIGHT SEDER

Temple Emanu-El in Port Richmond is holding a First Night Seder on April 6.

RSVP by Thursday for the 7:15 p.m. seder, which will be held after the 6:30 p.m. Mincha/Ma'ariv service. The cost is \$36 for adults, \$15 for children (13 and younger) and \$5 for children younger than 5. Call the Temple Office at 718-442-5966 to make a reservation.

The Kiddush Committee will also have a Passover Luncheon following the second day morning service at 9 a.m. on April 8. The luncheon is free but reservations through the temple office are required. Sisterhood is

continuing to sponsor a Food Drive for COJO. Call the Temple office for details. Temple Emanu-El is at 984 Post Ave.

B'NAI JESHURUN

A Community Passover Seder will be held on April 5 at Congregation B 'nai Jeshurun in West Brighton.



Henry Salmon of Edison, N.J., will also receive an Outstanding Community Member Award

Evening services will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Seder at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$20 for children (12 and younger). RSVP to Mark Ben-Aron at 347-424-9745. There will be a bus trip to Harrah's Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday. Attendees will receive a \$25 casino voucher to offset the \$40 cost. RSVP to Joel Brimmer at **Brimmer911@aol.com** or call 718-494-0509.

Representatives of the "Matzo Factory" will demonstrate the art of making handmade matzos from 9 to 10 a.m. on April 1. Admission is free for B'nai Jeshurun Hebrew School students and \$5.50 for everyone else.

The Hebrew School will hold its annual "Model Seder" on April 5 from 4:20-6 p.m. B' nai Jeshurun is at 275 Martling Ave.

TEMPLE ISRAEL

Temple Israel of Staten Island's Sisterhood-sponsored Community Seder will be on April 6 in Randall Manor.

The 6 p.m. event features a traditional kosher for Passover meal and a Seder Plate at each table. Seating is limited so for reservations contact the temple office by e-mail at **tisievents@gmail.com** or call 718-727-2231. Members' discounts of \$5 per ticket end today with the price rising tomorrow to \$45 per adult and \$27 for children. Contact the temple office for non-member prices. Vegetarian meals are available.

The Men's Seder led by Rabbi Michael Howald and Brotherhood President David Meltzer will be on Sunday at 9:30 am. Donations will be accepted.

Services led by Rabbi Howald and student Cantor Steven Long will be held at 8 p.m. tonight. Tomorrow's Torah study at 10 a.m. will be followed by services at 11 a.m. Temple Israel is at 315 Forest Ave.

FAMILY SHABBAT

Rabbi Shlomo Uzhansky and his wife, Chana, will host a Family Shabbat tonight at Young Israel of Staten Island in Willowbrook.

The 7 p.m. event will feature a special program for children and a gourmet dinner. The cost is \$36 per adults and \$24 per child. For reservations, consult **Sijew.com**.

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Jersey Shore Wine Festival Returns to FirstEnergy

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LAKEWOOD, NJ - The Lakewood BlueClaws will host the second Jersey Shore Wine Festival June 2nd and 3rd at FirstEnergy Park. The festival celebrates New Jersey wines and the many varietals produced in the area. In addition to wine tasting, the festival features live musical [entertainment](#), crafters, vendors, food, and Dr. Bernard's Kids Zone for children.

The event runs each day from 12 noon to 5 pm; admission is \$15 in advance or \$20 at the gate for adults 21 years and older. A two-day ticket option is also available. Those under 21 years of age or designated drivers are free. The Jersey Shore Wine Festival is sponsored by TD Bank and O'Meara Financial Planners.

The centerpiece of the festival will be wine tasting by 10 New Jersey wineries from around the state; participating wineries include Auburn Road Vineyards, Cava Winery, Cream Ridge Winery, DiMatteo Vineyards, Four Sisters Winery, Plagido's Winery, Tomasello Winery, Unionville Vineyards, Valenzano Winery, and Wagonhouse Winery.

Each paid admission includes a commemorative wine glass to use for the tasting.

Advance tickets are now on sale and can be purchased in-person at the BlueClaws Box Office or on the phone at 732-901-7000 option 2.

Attendees can sample each of the varieties that the wineries have available and purchase individual bottles or cases on the spot. Festival goers are also encouraged to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit and enjoy the live bands lined up for the event.

The Saturday stage will feature Dave Clive and the Nawlins Funk Band. A veteran of the New York [music scene](#) for more than 25 years, Clive has performed and/or recorded with Iguazu, The Impalas, Paquito D'Rivera, Neil Diamond and many others. He is currently on the music faculty at both Wagner College and the [College of Staten Island](#). The band also features veteran singer/guitarist John Putnam, bassist Jeff Philips, pianist Frank Antico and saxophonist Mike Trombeta.

Performing Sunday will be singer/songwriter Eryn Shewell and her five piece band. Shewell is well known on the local club scene, performing regularly throughout the shore and at the Highlands Jazz & Blues festival. She also has two albums and is working on her third. Sunday afternoon will feature the blues/soul sound of The Christopher Dean Band. Both lead singer/guitarist Christopher Dean and his brother, bassist David Foti have spent time touring world-wide with Mississippi blues man Big Jack Johnson and The Oilers. Dean decided to go solo with his own band, and enjoys success touring the East Coast. The Christopher Dean Band has produced three albums which have been well received in the blues community.

A portion of the proceeds from the festival will benefit Sylvia's Children, a 501(c)3. Sylvia's Children was founded in 2003 after Sylvia Allen returned from a humanitarian trip to Uganda, Africa. The children at the Mbiriizi Primary School "adopted" her as their honorary grandmother. Allen saw the ravages the AIDS pandemic had on the community and was compelled to help her newly adopted grandchildren. She founded Sylvia's Children to feed, clothe and house orphans in Masaka and provide education for as many children as possible. For more information please visit www.sylviaschildren.org.

Tickets to all 2012 BlueClaws home [games](#) are now on sale with Opening Day for the team's 12th season which starts on April 12th.

The BlueClaws have led the South Atlantic League and New Jersey in attendance in all 11 years of existence. For more information or to order tickets, call 732-901-7000 or visit BlueClaws.com.

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Birds Do It, Bees Do It (Fill Screens)

By DENNIS LIM

IT'S unclear if humans are any more fascinated with animals than they ever have been, but it's safe to say that the visual manifestations of this fascination are on the rise. Blue-chip wildlife documentaries like "[Planet Earth](#)" and the current "Frozen Planet," feats of extreme-condition, high-definition shooting, are blockbuster events. On the lowbrow end of the spectrum animal attacks and rogue pets are staples of cable television, and YouTube is an infinite virtual menagerie of cat videos and creature memes.

Along with the explosion in animal imagery there has been an uptick of interest within academia, spurred by the growing field of animal studies, in the relations and interactions between humans and animals. As it happens, these are matters that come into instructive and sometimes disconcerting focus when we consider how humans film animals.

A series at the 92Y Tribeca called [The Lives of Animals](#), which continues weekly through April 11, attests to the myriad ways animals have appeared on screen. A presentation of the Robert Flaherty Film Seminar, the program was organized by Kathy High, an artist and a professor at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and Jim Supanick, a filmmaker who teaches at City College of New York.

The curators sampled from the animal movies that lie between the sentimentality of Hollywood family fare and the studied neutrality of science films. The series has presented classic nature films, like the 1948 short "A Divided World" by the Swedish documentarian Arne Sucksdorff, alongside more experimental works, like the animator Jim Trainor's mordant hand-drawn inquiries into the inner lives of animals and Shelly Silver's "[Small Lies, Big Truth](#)," which pairs recited fragments from the Starr Report with images of zoo animals.

This Wednesday's program features two alternative approaches to the wildlife documentary: [Sam Easterson's](#) "animal-cam" videos, shot with cameras affixed to its subjects (a bewildered sheep, a falcon in flight), and selections from the "[Green Porno](#)" and "Seduce Me" series by Isabella Rossellini, the director-actress, in which she describes and avidly re-enacts the mating and reproductive habits of insects and marine animals.

One of the most influential pieces of writing on how we view animals is John Berger's 1977 essay "[Why Look at Animals?](#)," which connects the disappearance of animals from daily life with the spread of animal imagery, and attributes both to capitalist industrialization. While Mr. Berger's essay concerns the emergence of zoos, pet-keeping, and animal toys, a signal achievement of the period of modernization that he describes was the birth of cinema.

In a sense animals are encoded in the DNA of the cinema. Eadweard Muybridge's and Étienne-Jules Marey's early experiments in moving images were also to a large extent studies in animal locomotion. Animals figured prominently in early films: the Lumière brothers documented horses and cats, and in "[Electrocuting an Elephant](#)" (1903), Thomas Edison went so far as to execute his subject, a condemned beast that had killed a trainer.

Need it even be said that images of animals — whether real or simulated, in documentary or fictional contexts — can exert an uncanny power? Ask anyone who has recoiled at the abattoir butchery in Georges Franju's "Blood of the Beasts," wept at the death of Robert Bresson's saintlike donkey Balthazar (or Bambi's mother, for that matter) or paused to ponder the fate of the ox in "[Apocalypse Now](#)," the horse in "[Andrei Rublev](#)" or the dogs in "[Amores Perros](#)."

In his 2002 book "Animals in Film" Jonathan Burt makes a case for the animal as a special kind of screen image, with the potential to elicit a highly emotional response. Citing the example of a controversy over fox-hunting scenes in the 1950 film "[Gone to Earth](#)" Mr. Burt describes the "rupturing effect" of the animal on screen, its tendency to break the spell of cinematic illusion. This effect is especially pronounced in matters of animal welfare, which can lead to the suspicion that "what is happening on screen is really happening to animals being filmed."

In the history of animal films — of humans looking at animals, one might say — the central mystery and obstacle is subjectivity. Or, as the philosopher Thomas Nagel wondered in the title of a well-known essay: "What Is It Like to Be a Bat?" Many forms of wildlife filmmaking have grappled with some version of this question, sometimes through techniques that minimize the distance between viewer and subject and, more often, by anthropomorphizing the animals.

The few existing historical studies of the genre, like Derek Bousé's "Wildlife Films" (2000) and Cynthia Chris's "Watching Wildlife" (2006), double as studies of evolving ideas about human and animal behavior. In her book Ms. Chris, a professor at the [College of Staten Island](#), describes the shift in recent decades from an anthropomorphic framework, where animals in wildlife films are ascribed human traits, to a zoomorphic one, where we apply our

understanding of animals to humans. “We look not only at animals to learn about them,” she writes, “but we also look through animals for ourselves.” (Ms. Chris will give a talk as part of the 92Y program on Wednesday.)

Nature films have functioned as a vehicle for social and cultural norms, thanks to the genre’s potential for “naturalizing ideological values,” as Mr. Bousé put it. While humans were the co-stars of early animal films, which often took the form of hunting expeditions (“[Roosevelt in Africa](#)”), the human presence receded in the 1940s with Disney’s hugely popular “True-Life Adventures” films, visually sumptuous documents in which the animal behavior on view generally conforms to the family values and gender roles of the time.

Despite the presence of narrative arcs, these films, which created the template for the educational nature film, maintained an aura of scientific objectivity, which might explain the palpable disappointment when behind-the-scenes trickery is exposed. (A minor furor erupted in Britain last year when it was revealed that a polar bear birth in “Frozen Planet” was shot in a zoo, not the Arctic wilds.) “Shooting in the Wild,” a recent book by Chris Palmer, a nature film producer, is in part a catalog of the reconstructions and manipulations that have always been part of the genre.

Big-screen wildlife films, like the Oscar-winning “[March of the Penguins](#),” usually stick to the time-tested recipe of pictorial splendor and anthropomorphic stars. But there is also a parallel history of more idiosyncratic animal films, starting with the work of the French scientist and occasional surrealist Jean Painlevé, whom the film historian Scott MacDonald has characterized as the anti-Disney for his attraction to lowly organisms (usually sea creatures) and the “progressive gender politics” of films like “The Sea Horse” (1934), which points to how child rearing is shared between males and females.

Several recent animal-centered documentaries have also tested the bounds of the traditional nature film. Lucien Castaing-Taylor and Ilisa Barbash’s “[Sweetgrass](#),” a chronicle of sheep herding in the Montana mountains captured with a torso-strapped, sometimes sheep-level camera and many wireless microphones (some attached to animals), strives to capture the lived experience of its human and ovine subjects. Nicolas Philibert’s “Nénette,” which pairs lingering shots of a popular orangutan at a Paris zoo with the voice-over musings of visitors, explores the human tendency to project onto animals.

Denis Côté’s wordless “[Bestiaire](#),” recently shown at the Sundance and Berlin film festivals, holds its subjects — the inhabitants of a Montreal safari park — in a direct, frontal gaze. On a few occasions the animals look right back into the camera and at the viewer, a “mirror

effect,” as Mr. Côté put it in an e-mail, that captures “the who’s-watching-who problematic of a zoo in its most brutal or purest form.”

Mr. Côté, who described himself as “not particularly an animal lover,” said that he was motivated by questions of cinematic language: “How can we still film an animal from an interesting perspective today?” Ultimately, he said, his approach was to “trust animals for what they are: living creatures with considerable aesthetic potential.”

Mr. Côté’s principle seems to hold true for filmmakers as different as Chris Marker, a cat lover whose films feature real and totemic cats; Werner Herzog, who has acknowledged the “enormous weight” that animals carry in his films; and even the art-house king of animal snuff, Michael Haneke, who had a pig shot in “[Benny’s Video](#),” a horse shot and knifed in “[Time of the Wolf](#)” and a chicken decapitated in “[Caché](#),” all meant to jolt viewers out of their complacent relationship with screen violence.

Mr. Haneke’s provocations are extreme reminders that animals often bring to the screen both an element of surprise and the weight of the real. It’s telling that some of the most resonant animal imagery of recent years has surfaced in hybrid works, fiction films with strong aspects of documentary. A sheep gives birth in Sergey Dvortsevov’s “[Tulpan](#).” The protagonist of Lisandro Alonso’s “[Los Muertos](#)” smokes bees out of a hive and slaughters a goat. An actual tiger materializes during the nocturnal jungle reverie of Apichatpong Weerasethakul’s “[Tropical Malady](#).”

The paradoxical power of the screen animal, as something both symbolic and real, is perhaps best appreciated in Bresson’s “[Au Hasard Balthazar](#)” (which happens to be Mr. Haneke’s favorite film). Bresson famously populated his films with nonactors whom he termed models and whose inexpressive performances he alchemized into works of great emotional eloquence and depth. In telling the simple life story of a put-upon donkey he found his ultimate nonactor. (Tilda Swinton has called it an ideal performance.) Balthazar is not just an embodiment of pure being — “unable to pretend,” as Mr. Haneke put it in an essay on the film — but also of the contradictory ways in which we look at animals: both a blank screen and a living thing. Looking at Balthazar, in other words, it is possible at once to see ourselves and to see an animal for what it is.

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Because of an editing error, an earlier version of this article misattributed an opinion about the birth of cinema to the essayist John Berger.

Sports

College of Staten Island men's basketball squad heads to Lancaster, Pa., for NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance

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By **Jim Waggoner**



STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/HILTON FLORES

CSI's Bloochy Magloire and Rhode Island College's Tahrike Carter get tangled as they wrestle for the ball.

We all knew the men's basketball team at the College of Staten Island was going dancing, but who could have predicted a dance marathon?

The 26-4 Dolphins shattered the brackets in the NCAA Division III Tournament with Saturday night's 77-67 victory over Rhode Island College, earning the school's first trip to the national Sweet 16 and placing the CUNY Conference champions smack in contention for a national championship.

"I do think we have the ability to compete with most teams in the country," said CSI head coach Tony Petosa, who yesterday was still processing the regional final that saw senior point guard Thomas Tibbs score 40 points in leading the Dolphins to the first back-to-back NCAA victories in program history.

"We beat a Rhode Island College team that made the last two Sweet 16s and a team that I think with a bounce or two of the ball was very capable of making the Final

Four."

The NCAA announced yesterday that CSI will be facing Massachusetts Institute of Technology Friday night in a four-team sectional tourney at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pa.

Top-seeded Amherst (26-2) will square off against host Franklin & Marshall (27-2) in the other semifinal. Game times and ticket prices will be announced today with the winner of Saturday night's championship game punching a ticket to the Final Four.

MIT improved to 27-1 on the season with Saturday's 83-63 regional win over Farmingdale State. MIT's Engineers are ranked No. 3 in the nation.

"I'm thankful we're playing them on a neutral court," said Petosa. "I wouldn't want to be playing MIT at MIT."

Amherst eliminated visiting New York University in a second-round game, 80-56.

Amherst was in line to host the sectionals, but the Lord Jeffs were sent packing because their women's team also qualified for the Sweet 16 and was awarded the host designation.

Petosa said he was hoping **CSI** would be considered as a host site, and hopes that last weekend's well-attended event will help that cause in the future.

"I think our staff did a very good job working hard this weekend to make the regionals a success," he said. "And I'm positive that our fans had a big impact on how we performed. We really fed off the crowd and it was a huge advantage."

Now, it's back to business for an upstart team that lost its first two games of the season in overtime before getting on a roll that has resulted in 26 wins in 28 games.

CSI's last loss, in fact, was a 90-79 decision to nationally-ranked Illinois Wesleyan in the championship game of the Dolphins' Tournament of Heroes in Willowbrook in late December. The Titans earned an at-large bid to the NCAAs and on Saturday night shocked top-ranked Hope (Mich.) 108-101 in double overtime.

"One thing about this team is the maturity level," said Petosa. "We really haven't done much celebrating. I hope the kids are happy but not satisfied."

"We're still playing games, so why not prepare the best we can and expect to play well and be successful?"

Why not, indeed?

It could make for an even longer dance for the Dolphins.

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For the **CSI** Dolphins, The Road to the NCAA Division III Men's Final Four Begins on Friday in Lancaster, PA vs. MIT

CSI will face Massachusetts Institute of Technology on neutral turf to usher in Sweet 16



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CSI *Leading Scorer Bloochy Magliore*

TICKET INFO • LIVE VIDEO & STATS LINK

The **College of Staten Island** men's basketball squad has traveled deeper into the 2012 NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament than any other Dolphins team before it, and on Friday, the team will travel to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to usher in the Round of 16 with a date against national-power Massachusetts Institute of Technology on the campus of Franklin & Marshall College, at 5:30 pm. For the Dolphins it will be their first venture into the Sweet 16 in program history, and the matchup with the Engineers promises to be an entertaining one, as both teams are in prime position to make noise further into the postseason.

CSI's sectional battle with MIT will be a part of a doubleheader at Franklin & Marshall. At 7:30 pm, Amherst College (26-2) will take on host Franklin & Marshall (27-2). The two winning sides will meet on Saturday, at 7pm, again at the F&M campus regardless of who advances.

The Dolphins are rolling heading into the Sweet 16. The team has won a program best 26 games, taking a 26-4 record into the contest, complete with a program best 19-game win streak. **CSI** won their way into the tournament via their 12th CUNYAC Championship two weekends ago, and have set **CSI** single-season records for games played (31 on Friday), field goal percentage (50.2%), three-point field goals

(209), and three-point percentage (41.2%).

CSI will meet an MIT team that is equally riding an impressive season. The Engineers have dominated competition to the tune of a 27-1 overall record, complete with an 11-game win skein that included a New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference title win over Springfield College, 65-60. The team bounced Skidmore College, 62-55, in opening round NCAA play before blasting through Farmingdale State College, 83-63, this past Saturday. The team is playing in its fourth-straight NCAA Postseason, and like CSI, has passed its all-time previous win total of 25 games.



CSI Senior Jordan Young

The teams shared no common opponents this season, and this will be the first meeting all-time between the Dolphins and Engineers. MIT is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation according to D3hoops.com and boast a No. 3 ranking as well in the NCAA Northeast Region. CSI is one of only three unranked schools on D3hoops.com still participating in the NCAA Tournament (Scranton and Illinois-Wesleyan are the others), making them a notable underdog when the two teams face.

In the other sectional, Amherst, ranked No. 2 (D3hoops.com) will face No. 9 Franklin & Marshall, in what is sure to be another classic. The Lord Jeffs are riding a 13-game win skein while the hosts are on an eight-game streak of their own and have the benefits of their home floor. The two winning sides will meet the next evening at 7pm with a Final Four date on the line in Salem, Virginia, the following weekend.

Javon Cox making noise as freshman starter for College of Staten Island basketball team

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By **Jim Waggoner**



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Javon Cox, who averages 8.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game, has played a vital role for the College of Staten Island team making its first Sweet 16 appearance at the NCAA Division III Tournament.

College of Staten Island basketball coach Tony Petosa spent a good part of three seasons shadowing Javon Cox at various high school gymnasiums, hoping that his recruiting diligence might eventually convince the soft-spoken, athletic McKee/S.I. Tech forward to become a Dolphin.

"He was the one kid that I thought we absolutely had to get and that we could get," said Petosa, whose 26-4 team is riding a 19-game winning streak heading into this weekend's Sweet 16 appearance at the NCAA Division III Tournament. "I made sure he knew how much I appreciated the way he plays."

The previous decade had proven to be a hard sell for many local standouts on CSI's recruiting radar, however, and Petosa more than once feared that he would lose Cox to an out-of-town program.

"He was mostly quiet, didn't say a whole lot," said the veteran Dolphin mentor of the late-bloomer who didn't play

competitive basketball until he enrolled at MSIT. "I knew he came from one of the better programs on Staten Island under Charlie Donahue and I knew he had the potential to step in and play right away."

Cox eventually made that telephone call to Petosa, asking the persistent coach if he still wanted him to play,

and the 6-foot-3 freshman forward with the quirky left-handed shot will be in the starting lineup Friday night when **CSI** makes the first Sweet 16 appearance in school history.

The 26-4 Dolphins will play third-ranked Massachusetts Institute of Technology (27-1) in the 5:30 p.m. opener at Lancaster, Pa. The second game of the four-team sectional pits second-ranked Amherst (26-2) against host Franklin & Marshall (27-2) at 7:30 p.m.

Friday's winners meet Saturday night at 7 for a trip to next weekend's Final Four at Salem, Va.

Cox has quickly developed into a vital part of the **CSI** rotation that has produced 26 victories in the last 28 games, including back-to-back NCAA triumphs last weekend at home against Ithaca and Rhode Island College to propel the Dolphins to unanticipated national prominence.

He had 10 points, eight rebounds and two blocked shots in a 77-67 win over Rhode Island College in the regional finals, preventing the Anchormen from a third consecutive Sweet 16 appearance. He also grabbed five offensive rebounds in probably the most significant victory in **CSI** basketball history.

The Bronx native averages 8.3 points and 5.3 rebounds per game, and has added an invaluable post presence to a team now smack in the middle of the national championship picture. He has started 19 games after getting the nod when 6-5 sophomore Matt Van Manen was sidelined a month with a knee injury, and last month was named the CUNY Conference's Rookie of the Year.

"It's been an exciting season, off the charts, and I'm so happy for everybody," said Cox. "We're so family-oriented as a team that I just go out and play and know that my teammates will help me out on and off the court. I have a nice role on this team."

Cox said that family and financial considerations led him to enroll at **CSI** — and Petosa couldn't be happier with the development of the only freshman among his top eight players.

"Javon had an opportunity when Matt was hurt and he has taken that opportunity and run with it," said Petosa. "He's had a great season. He picks things up quickly and he takes constructive criticism from his teammates well. He's a gentleman and a pleasure to coach."

"The thing he does really well is he gets off his feet ridiculously quickly. He's more or less a power forward for us but we're trying to get him to play more away from the basket. I think he's just getting started. I think he could become a great basketball player at **CSI**."

For now, Cox and teammates Jordan Young, Lameik Black, Dylan Bulger and Van Manen are trying to figure out ways to be effective against a huge MIT front line that features seven players 6-7 or bigger and is keyed by 6-9 senior center Noel Hollingsworth of Salt Lake City. The big man had 37 points and 12 rebounds in an 83-63 win over Farmingdale State as the Engineers punched their Sweet 16 ticket.

"We've been taking it one game at a time, and this will be another game against a great team," said Cox. "We've been a great second-half team but we need to come out and play our best for 40 minutes. If we do that, there's no telling how far we could go."

Dare we say, Final Four?

NOTES: The 40-point outburst by **CSI** senior point guard Thomas Tibbs against Rhode Island College almost single-handedly powered the Dolphins into the Sweet 16. The game ranks fourth in school history: Cyrus Deas holds the mark of 42 points (Feb. 8, 1985), while Fred Marinaccio (Dec. 3, 1990) and Ron Chase (Feb. 23, 1983) each had 41-point games ... Tibbs had 25 points in the second half alone ... The Dolphins are the only team playing in the Lancaster sectional not ranked in last week's D3hoops.com national poll. Amherst (No. 2), MIT (No. 3) and Franklin & Marshall (No. 9) were all in the Top 10 ... Franklin & Marshall head coach Glenn Robinson has a 831-304 record in his 41st season and is the winningest coach in Division III history. He has guided the Diplomats to five Final Four appearances (1979, 1991, 1996, 2000 and 2009) and 23 trips to the NCAAs.

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College of Staten Island finds itself in elite company on way to NCAA Sweet 16

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By **Jim Waggoner**



STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/BILL LYONS

CSI's Bloochy Magloire, driving against Ithaca's Max Masucci in last Friday's NCAA first-round win, has made 90 3-point baskets this season.

Who exactly is standing in the way of the College of Staten Island and the NCAA Division III Tournament's Final Four?

Glad you asked.

The MIT Engineers, Franklin & Marshall Diplomats and Amherst Lord Jeffs not only take a combined 80-5 record into Friday's four-team Sweet 16 sectional at Lancaster, Pa., they could stand up to any pool of colleges in the unique mascots category.

For now, we'll concentrate on the basketball side of small-college hoops and CSI's once unthinkable but now realistic shot at winning a national championship.

The 26-4 Dolphins take a 19-game winning streak into Friday night's 5:30 p.m. semifinal against third-ranked Massachusetts Institute of Technology (27-1). Second-ranked Amherst, Mass., (26-2)

faces host Franklin & Marshall (27-2) at 7:30 p.m.

Friday's winners meet Saturday night at 7 in Lancaster for a trip to the Final Four next weekend at Salem, Va.

That's all pretty heady stuff for a CSI program that made its last NCAA appearance in 2001-02 and hadn't won a tourney game in 23 seasons before last weekend's historic home sweep of Ithaca and Rhode Island College.

BRACKET BUSTERS

Suffice to say, the Dolphins are crashing the party, not to mention the brackets.

"At this point every team has to be considered a great team," said **CSI** senior point guard Thomas Tibbs, who fired in 40 points in a memorable 77-67 victory over Rhode Island College last Saturday night. "We feel very confident and I'm sure our opponent feels confident too. I have no doubt in my mind that we belong here. I don't think we snuck up on anybody."

MIT will also be making its first Sweet 16 appearance and will be playing in a fourth consecutive NCAA tournament. The Engineers have a 2-3 overall tourney record and ride the broad shoulders of 6-foot-9 senior center Noel Hollingsworth, a Salt Lake City product who had 37 points and 12 rebounds in an 83-63 win over Farmingdale State to advance.

The squad from Cambridge, Mass., has seven players 6-7 or taller, and a senior guard in Jamie Karraker who sank four 3-pointers in that game to set the MIT single-season record.

Junior point guard Mitchell Kates of Colts Neck, N.J., had 11 points and 11 assists against Farmingdale State, and 6-8 junior Will Tashman of Atherton, Calif., was the leading rebounder in the New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference.

Hollingsworth, Kates and Tashman were All-NEWMAC first-team selections.

"They have a lot of size and depth inside and they're really disciplined," said Tibbs. "They shoot the ball very well and they're not going to beat themselves.

"They have an advantage, but I think we have an advantage on the perimeter and feel we may have to play a little bit more of an open-court game against them."

MIT dropped a season-opening 76-49 decision to eventual Ivy League champion Harvard in an exhibition game then ripped off 16 straight wins before losing at home to WPI, 80-68. The Engineers have won 11 straight since that setback.

Amherst and Franklin & Marshall both have considerably more NCAA appearance than either **CSI** or MIT.

Amherst, riding a 13-game winning streak, is in the Sweet 16 for the 10th time. The Lord Jeffs won the national title in 2007 and finished second the following season.

They are 7-2 in nine previous sectional semifinal appearances and 28-14 overall in NCAA tourney play.

COACHING LEGEND

Franklin & Marshall captured its third straight Centennial Conference title en route to a fourth consecutive NCAA bid and 23rd overall. The team leads Division III in scoring defense (55.8) and field-goal percentage defense (36.0), while ranking second in blocks per game (6.0) and seventh in rebounding margin (+8.6).

Franklin & Marshall coach Glenn Robinson has a 831-304 record in his 41st season and is the winningest coach in Division III history. The Diplomats have made five Final Four appearances (1979, 1991, 1006, 2000 and 2009).

None of that history seems to be bothering the CUNY Conference champion Dolphins, whose last loss was a hard-fought 90-79 decision to Illinois Wesleyan in the finals of **CSI's** Tournament of Heroes in late December. The Titans are also in the Sweet 16, having upset top-ranked Hope (Mich.) 108-101 in double overtime.

CSI has set school single-season records for shooting accuracy (50.2 percent, which ranks sixth nationally), 3-point field goals (209) and 3-point percentage (41.2, third nationally). The Dolphins hold opponents to 40.1 percent shooting while averaging nearly 80 points per game themselves.

Senior forward Jordan Young ranks second all-time in career scoring with 1,745 points, trailing only Michael Stewart's 1,819, and seventh with 787 rebounds. The 6-5 Asbury Park, N.J., product needs nine assists to reach 300.

Sophomore sharpshooter Bloochy Magloire ranks third in school history with 90 3-point baskets, trailing only Gerard Nicholson (98 in 1988) and Jimmy Long (97 in 1989).

"If anybody's going to underestimate us from here on out, I guess it's their business," said Tibbs, who needs five assists to erase the single-season record of 187 set by former two-time CUNY Tournament MVP John Cali in 1997-98. "We worked hard the whole year to get a good record, win the CUNY and be able to play two (NCAA) games at home.

"We beat not only two good teams last weekend, but two great programs. Anybody still standing at this point, no matter what road they took, definitely deserves to be here. I think our record speaks for itself."

With two more wins, the Dolphins make the Final Four. With four more wins, they're national champs.

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Rich Anderson hurls **College of Staten Island** baseball to victory over Mount St. Vincent

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Kevin Flood
By



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Rich Anderson picked up the victory as the **College of Staten Island** topped Mount St. Vincent.

Rich Anderson threw seven strong innings as the **College of Staten Island** registered a 7-3 non-league victory over visiting Mount St. Vincent on Thursday in Willowbrook.

"Rich has great poise on the mound," said **CSI** head coach Mike Mauro of his junior hurler. "He doesn't get rattled if men are on base or if he walks a batter. He's our number one guy this year and this was an impressive showing against a good team."

MSV entered the contest with a perfect 3-0 record, including a 1-0 win over Kean University, but the Dolphin batters were

having nothing of it as they scored two runs in each of the first three frames.

Freshman George Kantzian delivered a two-run double off the left-field wall in the first inning, Joseph Cassano and Henry Roman each knocked in a run in the second, and Frank Smith smacked an RBI double in the third.

"We came out swinging the bats today and I was very pleased about that," Mauro said. "That's especially good to see this early in the season."

Anderson surrendered a pair of runs in the second frame, then an unearned run in the third, but that's when the big right-hander settled in.

The Tottenville product then closed the door on the visitors as he registered five of his seven strikeouts over the next four innings, allowed just two hits, and left with a 6-3 lead.

"Our defense has also been very solid this season," Mauro added. "We have already turned more double plays this season than we did all last year."

One of those DPs came in the top of the eighth when Dolphin reliever Jonathan Aponte surrendered a one-out single, but a nifty 4-6-3 turn ended the frame and gave Aponte the save.

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CSI CHEER BACK ON TOP!

Dolphins Claim 1st CUNYAC/Con Edison Title Since 2003 On Home Court

Story Courtesy of CSI Sports Information



Photo by: Courtesy of CSI Athletics

The College of Staten Island Cheerleading squad finally turned the corner tonight, putting three-straight runner-up finishes behind them by claiming the 2012 CUNYAC Cheerleading Championship in front of a feverish Sports & Recreation Center crowd at CSI. For the Dolphins, it was their first conference crown since 2003. The Dolphins narrowly bested second-place John Jay College by 16.5 points, while five-time defending-champion Brooklyn College came in third place and Medgar Evers College, fourth.

CSI was the third of the four squads to put on their show, a medley of stunts, jumps and choreography that seemed to work in perfect harmony. The Dolphins did a fine job of landing all of their routines, keeping steady on rises and dismounts. According to second year Head Coach Justine Green, the victory was well-deserved for a team that battled hard all season to perfect its routine.

"It's an amazing feeling," Green said. "We work all season for one night, so a lot of blood sweat and tears go into this. To work so hard and battle through the injuries we did and come out on top is very gratifying."

Green says it was the focus of the team above all else that helped the Dolphins finally capture the crown in 2012.

"One of our challenges in the past was that we struggled mentally to get over that hump," tells Green. "This year we just focused on ourselves. We didn't get caught up watching the other performances and

mentally thinking we didn't have what it took to win the championship. We stayed focused on ourselves and cheered for one-another. That concentration has helped take us to the next level, mentally and physically."

CSI also came in third place in the individual jumping routine, where one cheerleader is chosen from the teams to show off two jumps. Ashley Isaacs did the honors for the Dolphins, earning the bronze while Medgar Evers came in second and John Jay College came in third.



Photo by: Courtesy of CSI Athletics
CSI's Ashley Isaacs

The competition was close for the top prize, however, as CSI scored a total of 270 points next to JJC's 253.5 points and third place Brooklyn College's 227.5. John Jay exercised a very nice routine, with a heavy dance number that mixed in heavy beats and great choreography. Brooklyn College was dazzling with its array of jumps and stunts, but the Bulldogs suffered from a handful of drops and hard landings, likely shaving points from their score.

"I was a little worried," Green admitted. "Even though we didn't have any drops we did wobble a little. But we stayed with the routine and never lost confidence and got better and better. We kept our smile, showed incredible spirit, and worked hard to finish the routine very well."

For the Dolphins, the win was one sown by hard work and perseverance. In 2003, CSI formed its first-ever Cheerleading squad, and the team was brilliant, winning a CUNYAC title the same year. The team, however, was disbanded the very next year, and it wasn't until 2009 that a handful of students started the grass-roots initiative back on the CSI campus, developing the squad into what it is today. The team has developed quickly, taking second place in each of the past three seasons before tonight, a run that including a heartbreaking finish last year, when CSI lost by the slimmest total in CUNYAC history.

"It's a great feeling," Green said. "Those same kids who started the program are still heavily invested; coming to practice, offering advice, and polishing our routine. CSI has been a big family for all of us, and to celebrate like this is truly special."

After the competition, CSI was awarded their medals individually in a ceremony headed by Commissioner Zak Ivkovic. This was the first year ever that the College of Staten Island was chosen to host the event, and a large number of fans stayed in the stands cheering on the Dolphins, who seemed to celebrate equally with John Jay College on their second-place finish.



ESPN.COM: Tibbs Brings Madness To Staten Island; D3Hoops Story Too...
*ESPN's Mark Simon Profiles **CSI's** Explosive Point Guard; Courtesy of ESPN.COM*



Photo by: Greg Armstrong

Tucked away in a part of New York City often forgotten to sports fans is a men's college basketball program with a pretty remarkable March Madness run.

The **College of Staten Island** will face third-ranked MIT on Friday on a neutral floor, at Franklin & Marshall (Pa.) in the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Round of 16.

A win would put the Dolphins up against either the host school (ranked No. 9 in the country) or No. 2 Amherst (Mass.) on Saturday for the right to go to the Division III Final Four.

College of Staten Island
Men's Basketball

- * In Sweet 16 of NCAA Tournament (Division III)
- * CUNY Athletic Conference champs
- * 25-4 (Won 19 straight games)
- * Leading scorer: G Bloochy Magloire (17.7 PPG)
- * Player to watch: G T.J. Tibbs

The Dolphins are unranked nationally, but set a school record for wins with a 25-4 mark this season. They went undefeated in winning the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) playing

against the likes of Hunter College, CCNY and Brooklyn College.

Staten Island, a commuter school with no on-campus dorms, finished the regular season with four more wins than anyone else in the league, but barely survived its league tournament, eking out a one-point win over Medgar Evers College in the championship game.

But the school enters Friday having won 19 straight games after beating Ithaca College and Rhode Island College at home last weekend. This is the furthest a CUNYAC team has gotten in the Division III tournament since 1998.

"This is as nice a group of kids as I've ever coached," said head coach **Tony Petosa**, who is in his 22nd season coaching his alma mater. "We have a really good understanding of the game. We have a group of kids who when they speak, I listen."

Case in point were a couple of instances when senior point guard **T.J. Tibbs** made suggestions during key junctures in last weekend's games.

Tibbs was the tie-breaking vote when the coaching staff was undecided on what out-of-bounds play to run and made a suggestion for an important substitution to aid the press-break that changed the complexion of the second-round win.

"He's better than a coach on the court," Petosa said. "Not only does he see things better than I do, he reacts better than I do."

T.J. Tibbs' Past 3 Games

PPG	31.7
FG Pct	55.6
3-Pt FG-FGA	16-27
Ast-TO	20-8
>> Wins in conference championship, NCAA Tournament	

The 5-foot-8 Tibbs has a game that matches his leadership ability. The transfer, in his second season via Monmouth and Wagner College (he was a walk-on practice player at the former, a member of the track team at the latter), scored 40 points in the win over Rhode Island College.

Over his past three games, Tibbs, whom Petosa described as a Division III version of Spurs guard **Tony Parker**, is averaging 31.7 points, is 16-for-27 from 3-point range, and has 20 assists and only eight turnovers.

"I don't consider myself a scorer," said Tibbs, who averages almost 16 points per game and prefers to deflect the praise to teammates like sophomore guard **Bloochy Magloire** (17.7 PPG) and forward **Jordan Young** (16.5 PPG). "I play based on what each game needs. I've been a little bit on the lucky side. The fact that other teams have to put so much attention on Jordan and Bloochy opens things up for me."

The 23-year old Tibbs garnered some national press last season when he declared for the NBA Draft, with the intent of getting his play evaluated by pro scouts.

After talking to reps from the Mavericks and Spurs, who told him he would benefit from the more open space of the pro game but that he needed to get both stronger and quicker, Tibbs returned to school, albeit perhaps with a larger Twitter following than most of his basketball friends.

He hopes to play professionally somewhere in the future (there are currently no Division III players in the NBA, but many scattered throughout the European leagues), but for now is enjoying the moment and his team's run through the NCAA Tournament.

"Having those two games at home and being able to win in front of our friends, family, and the community, it was a great week for the program," Tibbs said. "But there is still so much more left to accomplish."

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BIG DREAMS FUEL CSI'S BIG RUN • Courtesy of D3Hoops.com (by Brian Falzarano)

From a fruitless attempt to make the varsity at Division I Monmouth University, to two basketball-free years competing in track at Wagner, T.J. Tibbs found himself facing a crossroad three seasons removed from his glory days at Curtis High School near his Staten Island, N.Y., home.

Ultimately, the clarity he discovered during a year away from college provided two of the surprise storylines heading into the 2012 Sweet 16, the first time the Dolphins have ever reached the third round of Division III's March Madness:

The College of Staten Island is still playing on the Division III NCAA Tournament's second weekend, representing a City University of New York Athletic Conference that had not seen one of its teams go this deep into a bracket since 1998.

And Tibbs, now a 24-year-old senior playing in his 10th and final semester of eligibility, is leading the way.

Although Staten Island's senior still dreams big – how many Division III juniors do you know of that declared for the NBA draft last spring? – he still remembers the three years that nearly derailed his hoop dreams before rediscovering himself while working the after-school program at his high school alma mater.

"I needed to use that year to just figure out if I was go to play basketball again, if I was going to go to school," Tibbs said. "The year off was more about me get my mind right and see what I want to do."

Perhaps Tibbs, and ultimately the Dolphins, could have discovered the Sweet 16 sooner if Tibbs took this route out of high school. But that would have denied us one of the country's richest storylines entering

this weekend, with Staten Island taking a 26-4 record and a 19-game victory run into this Friday night's tip-off against No. 3 MIT at No. 9 Franklin & Marshall.

Coming out of Curtis, Tibbs had tunnel vision when it came to Division I. And so, without a scholarship offer, he walked on at Monmouth but left after one year for what he called "non-basketball reasons." Following two seasons at Wagner, where he only opted to run track, the senior said somewhat wistfully, "I kind of gave up on the game a little bit."

Longtime coach Tony Petosa hoped Tibbs would join him at Staten Island's Division III school, leaving open a door the star guard never walked through until the fall of 2010. The next step in a journey that transformed the futures of young man and his hometown program.

Last weekend, during a 77-67, second-round victory over Rhode Island, Petosa called a timeout. He proposed adding an additional ballhandler; an assistant coach opposed. As the coaches approached the players, Tibbs told his coach he agreed – and it ultimately helped the Dolphins continue their unprecedented run.

"I said, 'Well coach, it's 2-1,'" Petosa said. "Tommy was 100 percent right on the call."

Perhaps the only call anyone questioned where the Staten Island point guard is concerned: his decision to declare for the 2011 NBA draft. Although, in an unexpected way, it showed the on- and off-court smarts Petosa raved about when talking to the San Antonio Spurs, comparing his 5-8 point guard to a less physical version of All-Star Tony Parker.

"I never thought I was going to get drafted or anything," Tibbs said. "From communications classes, I knew that any publicity was good publicity. People started picking up about our program because we were flying under the radar."

Neither Tibbs (15.9 ppg, 6.1 apg) nor Staten Island are flying under the radar any longer. Not with school records for longest win streak, most victories in a season and deepest run into the NCAA Tournament established this winter. And not with potentially more to come, although the Dolphins are playing in a regional along with three Top 10 opponents established as national powers.

From his crossroads, Tibbs and Staten Island have traveled an unprecedented path into the Sweet 16, a young man having found his way while helping a program do the same.

"I wouldn't be getting anything, maybe not my college degree, if I wasn't playing basketball," Tibbs said. "Basketball is the love of my life."

College of Staten Island men's basketball team eliminated from NCAA Division III Tournament

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By **Jim Waggoner**



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Photo

Despite 19 points from senior Jordan Young, the **College of Staten Island** were eliminated Friday by MIT in the NCAA Division III Tournament.

LANCASTER, Pa. -- The Massachusetts Institute of Technology ended the **College of Staten Island's** great season Friday night, beating the Dolphins 83-67 in an NCAA Division III Sweet 16 game at Franklin & Marshall College.

MIT guards Mitchell Kates and Jamie Karraker combined for 54 points to lead the Engineers (28-1), who are ranked third nationally.

The Engineers advance to the sectional championship Saturday night, with the winner of that game moving on to the Final Four.

The Dolphins (26-5), who carried a 19-game winning streak into Friday's game, were led by the 19 points of senior forward Jordan Young.

MIT's advantage was supposed to be their superior height, but the backcourt combination of Kates and Karraker caused problems for **CSI** all night. Kates scored 29 points, sinking 5 of 8 3-point shots; Karraker netted 25, connecting on 7 of 10 from downtown.

The Engineers put **CSI** in a 44-30 halftime hole, and built their lead to 22 points in the second half. The

Dolphins cut the deficit to nine (74-65) on Bloochy Magloire's trey with 1:29 remaining, but that was as close as **CSI** would get.

Magloire finished with 17, freshman Javon Cox scored 16 and Thomas Tibbs added 13 for **CSI**.

Host Franklin & Marshall takes on Amherst in Friday night's other sectional semifinal.

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College of Staten Island men's basketball team reflects on greatest season in school history

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Jim Waggoner
By

LANCASTER, Pa. — College of Staten Island basketball coach Tony Petosa leaned against a wall in the basement of the Mayser Center, chatting with his assistants, Chris Peterson and Sal Picciallo, and the 24-year-old point guard who more than anyone else had made the magical run to the NCAA Division III Tournament's Sweet 16 a reality.



Thomas Tibbs scanned the stat sheet that verified Massachusetts of Institute Technology's 83-67 victory that ended the Dolphins' season Friday night under a barrage of long-range shots from guards Mitchell Kates and Jamie Karraker before a packed house at Franklin & Marshall College.

"When they're hitting shots like that with the clock running down and their big guys are doing what they're supposed to be doing inside, it's almost pick your poison at that point," said the 5-foot-8 Tibbs, whose remarkable two-year run finished with a quiet night against an Engineers' squad that was ranked second in the nation. "This is a big stage and their best players played their best games."

CSI packed its gear and headed home with a 26-5 record and a busload of memories. The best season in school history included a 19-game winning streak, an unprecedented perfect sweep through the CUNY Conference regular season and

Point guard Thomas Tibbs was the most dynamic player during CSI's magical season, which ended with a loss in the NCAA Division III Tournament's Sweet 16 on Friday.

tourney, and a pair of NCAA victories that snapped a 23-year drought.

"I don't know if I'll ever have a group like this again," said Petosa, who has won 350

games in his 22 seasons on the bench. "These are all old-school kids."

One of those players, 6-5 senior forward Jordan Young, capped his career with a typically strong 19-point, 5-rebound effort. The Asbury Park, N.J., resident ended up second on CSI's all-time scoring list with 1,764 points — 55 shy of Michael Stewart's record. Young also grabbed 792 rebounds, finishing sixth all-time, and had 140 steals (10th) and 293 assists.

"We won six games my freshman season," said Young. "We didn't lose a game from late December until tonight. It's been an unbelievable season. It hurts to lose but I couldn't ask for a better coaching staff or better teammates. I wouldn't trade this year for anything."

Tibbs was the catalyst in a season that should merit All-Region and All-America consideration. The St. Peter's HS product averaged nearly 16 points and six assists per game, but his value went far beyond statistical data. He controlled the pace — and pulse — of a team that dropped its first two games of the season in overtime before going on a 26-2 streak heading to the Sweet 16.

"I think we maximized our potential and had a great season," said Tibbs, who averaged 26.5 points and 6.5 assists in five postseason games prior to the MIT finale. "We knew it was going to be an uphill battle against all these tournament teams. But as far as a season as a whole, we accomplished a lot. We played a terrific non-conference schedule to prepare us and we ran through a nationally under-rated and physical CUNY Conference.

"To make it this far and give it our best effort, what more can you ask for?"

The Dolphins lose senior guard Dale Taranto, Tibbs and Young from their starting lineup but return sophomore guard Bloochy Magloire, the team's leading scorer and one of the top 3-point shooters nationally, and freshman forward Javon Cox, the CUNY's Rookie of the Year.

Sophomore center Matt Van Manen has two years of starting experience and contributed to the finish despite missing a month with a knee injury. Junior center Dylan Bulger and sophomore guard Louis Valdes will return with game experience and the 17-player roster is filled with young players eager to crack the rotation.

CSI's successful winter could ignite a strong recruiting class.

"To come to CSI, it's really been a breath of fresh air," said Tibbs. "We have a tremendous relationship

between coaches and players, and between players and players. The biggest thing I'm going to miss isn't the basketball. You can always play basketball somewhere. I'm going to miss the bus rides and the time together.

"I think Jordan (Young) would agree with me that we left the program a little bit better than when we first got here. And I have faith that the kids coming behind us will carry the torch and CSI will get even stronger in the future."

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TD's extra points: Selfish Wilpon isn't helping the Mets

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Tom Dowd
By



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The financial uncertainty of Mets owner Fred Wilpon is holding his team hostage.

Here's what it means to be a Mets fan these days -- you're being held hostage.

There are a group of men in control of your baseball team that no longer have the means -- and probably never had the wisdom -- to run it properly.

This is the record in the three decades that Fred Wilpon has owned the Mets, in part or in whole -- five playoff appearances, four division titles, two World Series berths, one championship.

You would never find a GM or manager with a record like that because they would have been fired well along the way. But you can't fire the owner, as much as New York would really like to at this point.

Wilpon is sticking around until the ground crumbles beneath him. He made that clear when he arrived in training camp last week to make the case that it was GM Sandy Alderson's idea that a team in New York, with a new stadium and its own television network, should go with the business plan of the Kansas City Royals.

Wilpon and his partners have since been ordered to cough up \$83 million in the Bernie Madoff case, but that's not going to undermine Wilpon's stubbornness.

Buried in debt, he's going to hold on while CitiField empties out and revenues dwindle, making it even harder to compete. At this point it's pure selfishness on Wilpon's part, putting his own desire to maintain control over what's clearly best for the franchise -- and its fans.

A few months from now, Clifton's Marcus Browne will likely be in London representing the United States, having won two national titles in the last year, including the Olympic trials.

Before that, Staten Islanders have another chance to see Browne up close on Tuesday at Petrides HS. Browne is defending the Golden Gloves 178-pound title he won the past two years, and he'll headline the semifinal card here on Staten Island.

Tickets are just \$20 -- \$50 for ringside seats -- and proceeds will go to benefit the Dr. Theodore A. Atlas Foundation. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. You can call (718) 980-7037 for more information.

You can put Colts owner Jim Irsay in the "It's not about the money," Hall of Fame.

Finances, particularly the \$28 million bonus Peyton Manning was due on Thursday, had nothing to do with the team cutting loose its face of the franchise quarterback on Wednesday, according to Irsay.

The Colts are going through a makeover after the 2-14 season they played without the injured Manning that put them in position to draft Stanford QB Andrew Luck with the No. 1 overall pick next month.

Even with Manning's neck injury and Luck's impending arrival, the only way it makes sense to jettison a first-ballot Hall of Famer is if it was all about the \$28 million.

Maybe the PSAL could have used coach Norman Dale from "Hoosiers" and his tape measure to demonstrate that the men's college distance 3-point line on the floor at St. John's University's Carnesecca Arena was not the same distance the high school boys had been playing with all season.

Prince of the Mets Jeff Wilpon must have gotten lost on the way to the junior high locker room when he dropped those underdog t-shirts off in Port St. Lucie last week.

A dream season ended for the College of Staten Island Friday night in Lancaster, Pa. with a loss to MIT in the NCAA Division III Tournament's Sweet 16.

The reason the Dolphins became the first CUNY team to get to the Sweet 16 since Hunter in 1999 is because

of a postseason run by point guard Thomas Tibbs that should never be forgotten around here.

Tibbs was a 14-point a game scorer during the regular season, setting up Bloochy Magliore and Jordan Young and Dale Taranto. But when every game was an elimination game, he took over and put on a stunning show.

There were 31 points in the 82-81 CUNY Tournament championship game win against Medgar Evers. In the NCAA opener he had 24 points and 14 assists against Ithaca. The next night, 40 against Rhode Island.

After the Dolphins held off Medgar for the CUNY title, Tibbs claimed the basketball, saying he wanted a piece of history. That's what the St. Peter's HS product made over these past few weeks.

There really shouldn't have been any surprise that a player who wasn't on Lincoln's roster all season was suddenly in uniform and eligible when the playoffs started. There really don't seem to be any rules that apply for all the kids that transfer in to the Coney Island school or some of the other perennial powerhouses.

It leaves some wondering why this is allowed to go on. It's not by accident.

This is what the PSAL wants. It's a play for prestige. The league wants superpower teams, the kind that can get invited to national showcases, be ranked in USA Today's national top 25 and go upstate at the end of March and beat the CHSAA to win a Federation title. Then, like last year, they'll send them to an ESPN tourney in violation of New York State Federation rules.

The other hundred or so teams in the city? Not so important.

What happens if you were to add Peyton Manning to a team with a defense so good it went to the playoffs despite ranking 25th in the NFL in scoring and 31st out of 32 teams in passing?

It means the end of the Tim Tebow experiment in Denver.

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CSI baseball: Dolphins take a pair

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Kevin Flood
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The **College of Staten Island** staged a pair of huge second-inning rallies en route to an 11-4, 9-2 sweep of visiting St. Joseph's of Brooklyn yesterday in Willowbrook.

In the opener, the Dolphins sent 12 batters to the plate in the second frame and scored seven runs to give starter Mike Van Pelt an early cushion.

Frank Smith and Luis Ortiz each had two RBI and Bryan Moreno, George Kantzian and Joe Innocente each knocked in one in a seven-run onslaught that ended the afternoon for Bears' starter Elvis Diaz.

Van Pelt surrendered just one hit after the second inning and completed five solid innings for the win.

"The guys are doing a terrific job of putting the ball in play," said **CSI** head coach Mike Mauro, whose troops begin league play today at noon with a twinbill against Yeshiva. "We preach choking up and putting the bat on the ball once there are two strikes on the batter and that's exactly what they are doing. A bloop base hit here and an error there, and suddenly you have something going."

In the nightcap it was much of the same as Sal Todaro led off with a single to left, Frank Smith bounced a single through the right side, and Will DeFede lined an RBI double to left.

Frank Torres ripped a two-run single down the third-base line, and Moreno, Kantzian, Todaro and DeFede followed back-to-back walks with RBI singles to make it 8-0 Dolphins.

That was more than enough for **CSI** soph right-hander Chris Matusiewicz, who went six innings for the win.

"We're swinging the bats, pitching, and playing defense," Mauro added. "Hopefully it continues. This is a good group and they take pride in the way they play. There could have been a little letdown after the first game today, but they came right out and played sharp."

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College of Staten Island knows NCAA Division III Final Four up close

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By **Jim Waggoner**



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CSI forward Jordan Young will play in an All-Star game this weekend at the NCAA Division III Final Four.

If anyone's looking for a Final Four scouting report on the NCAA Division III Tournament, look no further than Tony Petosa.

The **College of Staten Island's** head basketball coach has first-hand knowledge of both Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Illinois Wesleyan, who are headed to this weekend's action at Salem, Va., as two of the last four teams standing.

MIT knocked **CSI** out of the NCAA tourney with Friday night's 83-67 decision during Sweet Sixteen action at Lancaster, Pa., while Illinois Wesleyan tripped up the Dolphins 90-79 in the finals of the Tournament of Heroes in late December at Willowbrook.

CSI finished with a 26-5 record and put together a 19-game winning streak following the Illinois Wesleyan loss.

Third-ranked MIT (29-1) plays eighth-ranked Wisconsin-Whitewater (27-4) in

one semifinal, while Illinois Wesleyan (23-7) faces fifth-ranked Cabrini (30-1) in the other matchup.

MIT and Illinois Wesleyan could potentially be squaring off in Saturday's national championship game.

"We had three NCAA teams in our holiday tournament (Bethany, W.Va., also traveled to **CSI**) and two made the Sweet 16 and one the Final Four," Petosa said yesterday. "I have to give myself a little bit of credit for that scheduling."

CSI played Illinois Wesleyan to a 43-43 halftime deadlock before the Titans pulled away late in a physical battle at the Sports and Recreation Center. The Titans received an at-large bid to the 62-team NCAA field and upset top-ranked Hope (Mich.) 108-101 in double overtime in a second-round game.

"I had the opportunity to get to know (Illinois Wesleyan coach) Ron Rose when they visited and I like him very much," said Petosa. "I guess part of me would like to say if I had to lose I'd like to lose to the national champions, but it really doesn't matter."

MIT junior point guard Mitchell Kates carved up host Franklin & Marshall for 21 points in the Engineers' 69-54 Elite 8 victory on Saturday night. The Colts Neck, N.J., product lit up **CSI** for 29 points in a sectional semifinal.

"They proved to be a legitimate Final Four team," said Petosa of the academically elite Cambridge, Mass., school's success. "As much as their guards hurt us, their size was a problem. They clogged the lane and Tommy (Tibbs) wasn't getting to the basket to create shots and penetrate for kick-outs like he normally does.

"Again, it was a great experience for our kids to play on that stage in that atmosphere. If we shoot the ball better, maybe things are different. But part of the reason we didn't shoot the ball real well was because of their defense. They're big and they're good."

Kates has been a Jersey Shore League teammate of **CSI** senior forward Jordan Young the past two summers. Young will head to Salem, Va., this weekend to play in an All-Star game preceding Friday's semifinals, and Petosa said he might join his four-year standout who finished as the Dolphins' second all-time career scorer.

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Staten Island college sports roundup: More accolades for CSI men's basketball, CSI, Wagner College baseball loses, Wagner College women's lacrosse triumphs

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By

Staten Island Advance Sports Desk



Staten Island Advance file photo by Hilton Flores

Jordan Young (42) received Second Team Atlantic Region honors after a successful senior season.

The accolades continue to pour in for the College of Staten Island men's basketball team.

The Dolphins, who advanced to the NCAA Division III Tournament Sweet 16, received three All-District citations from the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

The honors include a Co-Coach of the Year award for Tony Petosa and Second Team Atlantic Region honors for both seniors T.J. Tibbs and Jordan Young.

The Dolphins recently capped off the finest year in program history, en route to a 26-5 overall record (11-0 CUNY), a 12th CUNY Championship and a pair of thrilling NCAA Division III Tournament wins.

Young, a four-year senior who made 105 career starts and finished second in school history with 1,764 points and second all-time with 792 rebounds, finished second

on the Dolphins with 16.6 points per game while shooting 58.6 percent (27th nationally). He also averaged 7.5 rebounds per game and had 81 assists this season.

Tibbs, a second-year player for the Dolphins, led CSI with 183 assists for the season (second-highest mark in single-season history) and was third with 15.8 points per game. The St. Peter's HS grad, who averaged

3.5 rebounds per game and 5.9 assists per game (13th nationally), finished with 319 assists which ranks him 11th all-time in **CSI**.

In his 22nd year as head coach, Petosa helped **CSI** set school records for games played (31), wins (26), three-pointers (212) and three-point percentage (40.8 percent). The team also set a school-record with 19 straight wins, before falling to third-ranked Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the Sweet 16 Division III Tournament.

HOFSTRA WOMEN MAKE NIT

Hofstra backcourt mates Candice Bellocchio (St. Peter's) and Nicole Capurso (St. John Villa) will get at least one more game together.

Hofstra (19-11) was notified late Monday night that it had been selected to play in the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) and will host Harvard Thursday at 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

New Paltz 24, **CSI 1**

The Dolphins surrendered 11 sixth-inning runs on Tuesday.

Luis Ortiz was 2 for 2 and Dominic Casella hurled 2 2/3 innings of scoreless relief for **CSI** (6-4 overall).

New Paltz's (4-4) Mike Marash and Richard Guido both had four hits and Steven Morse knocked in six runs.

Georgia Tech 15, Wagner 4

ATLANTA — The Seahawks allowed five first-inning runs en route to a non-league loss to the Yellow Jackets at Russ Chandler Stadium on Tuesday.

Georgia Tech belted three homers — including a three-run blast by Jake Davies — to build it early lead. The Seahawks, however, responded with a pair of runs of their own in the top of the second thanks to Hayden Hunter's (two hits) two-run double to center.

Although Wagner threatened twice the next two innings (stranding two runners both times), they didn't score and the Yellow Jackets took control by scoring five more times each in the fourth and fifth innings.

The Seahawks are this week's College Baseball Insider Northeast Regional Team of the Week, following the Seahawks' series victory over Jacksonville, which garnered preseason top-40 recognition from Collegiate Baseball News.

Following a loss in the opener to the Dolphins on Friday night, the Seahawks picked up a decisive 4-1 win in game two on Saturday, before capping the series with 6-5 game-three victory.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Wagner 19, Howard 14

Senior midfielder Lauren Petrik scored a career-high five goals and added three assists to lead the Seahawks (4-3 overall) to their fourth consecutive victory on Tuesday and their first four-game winning streak since 2005.

Sophomore attacker Sam Morin —this week's Northeast Conference Player of the Week — notched three goals and added two assists while senior attacker Carolyn Clark (three goals), junior attacker Erika Bulken (two goals, assist) and senior midfielder Melanie Garces (two goals, assist) also contributed.

Sophomore defender Katy Bender notched a team-high four ground balls for the Seahawks.

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Three cheers for CSI's CUNYAC championship squad

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The College of Staten Island cheerleading squad won its first CUNYAC title since 2003.

WILLOWBROOK -- The College of Staten Island (CSI) cheerleading squad overcame a hard year with recruitment and practices to come out on top at the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) Cheerleading Championship last Thursday.

The Dolphins had a home-court advantage competing at CSI's Sports & Recreation Center. Though Brooklyn College, the defending champion, came with full force, the Dolphins were comfortable and focused.

The Dolphins were coming off three consecutive runner-up finishes, including last year, when CSI suffered the closest loss (nine points) in CUNYAC history to Brooklyn College, the five-time defending champs.

"Last year, the team really held themselves back because they were afraid of that second-place finish again," said coach Justine E. Green. "They were afraid of getting a silver medal head."

This year, however, the Dolphins won the competition by 16.5 points over runners-up, John Jay College.

The CSI cheerleading squad went into the competition confident and did not let their past losses weigh them down. The squad went third out of four teams, and chose not to watch the other teams perform so "they were not focusing on their competitors, but themselves, and what they could do as a team," explained Ms. Green.

The CSI cheerleading team was first formed in 2003, and won the championship that year. However, the following year, the team was disbanded due to lack of members. In 2009, the team was reorganized by students but, despite the high finishes the past three years, the Dolphins struggled again to get enough team members.

At the beginning of the school year, the team had just seven members. Additional tryouts were held, and new members were added to swell the team numbers to 20.

"It's an amazing feeling. We work all season for one night, so a lot of blood, sweat and tears go into this," said Ms. Green.

CSI also came in third place in the individual jumping routine, where one cheerleader is chosen from each team to perform two jumps. Ashley Isaacs of Brooklyn earned the bronze for her toe touch and right hurdler routine.

The Dolphins also performed in the exhibition stunt routine, where they are the two-time defending champions. In order to place, the event needed at least three competitors.

Unfortunately this year, only CSI and John Jay had a routine to showcase.

The competition concluded with Commissioner Zak Ivkovic conducting the awards ceremony where medals were presented individually to the winners.

The Dolphins are already working hard for next year. Ms. Green wants to build the cheerleading program up with fresh talent and encourage the team to gain more experience and recognition by participating in more competitions.

"I am very proud to be part of a strong team that works well together through adversity," she said.

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College of Staten Island's Jordan Young to play in NCAA Division III All-Star Game

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By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

So it turns out **CSI's** Jordan Young still has one more college game to play.

The Dolphin senior is at the NCAA Division III Final Four this weekend to represent **CSI** in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Reese's All-Star Game in Salem, Va.

Young will play for the East All Stars in today's 4:30 p.m. game, played prior to the national title game.

The NABC All-Star contest, sponsored by Reese's candy, is composed of two senior players from each of the eight Division III regions, with another two seniors selected by fan voting on d3hoops.com.

The game will feature two outstanding former coaches who have been recipients of the NABC Division III Distinguished Service Award. Former Ohio Wesleyan University coach Gene Mehaffey will lead the East team and former Ohio Northern coach Gale Daugherty will guide the West.

Young, who capped his distinguished four-year career with 1,764 points (second all-time) averaged 16.6 points this season on 58.4 percent shooting accuracy, along with a team-best 7.6 rebounds. The four-time CUNYAC All-Star, will join Montclair State's Andrew August as the other representative from the Atlantic Region, where **CSI** held the No. 1 overall ranking.



Hilton Flores/Staten Island Advance File Photo

CSI senior Jordan Young is set to play in Saturday's NCAA Division III All-Star Game.

Other East team members include: Matt Addison (Hardin Simmons), Conley Taylor (Christopher Newport), Chad Burrridge (Oswego), Andy Stein (NYU), Ralph Temgoua (St. Lawrence), DaQuan Brooks (Western Connecticut), and Ryan Sharry (Middlebury).

The West stars are: David Michaels (Whitman), Seth Anderson (Gustavus-Adolphus), David Krombeen (Hope), Tim Brady (Ohio Wesleyan), Travis Clark (Lake Forest), Dylan Richter (Washington), Tim McCrary (Wheaton), Paul Kouvaris (York), Georgio Milligan (Franklin & Marshall), and Ethan Eichhorst (Misericordia).

CSI head coach Tony Petosa, the NABC Co-Coach of the Year in the Atlantic Region, was to accompany Young.

Cabrini College defeated Illinois Wesleyan last night in one semifinal and will play Wisconsin-Whitewater tonight for the title. Whitewater defeated Massachusetts Institute of Technology in last night's other semifinal. MIT defeated **CSI** in the Sweet 16 last week.

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College of Staten Island lands at No. 23 in final NCAA Division III basketball poll

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By Staten Island Advance Sports Desk



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CSI senior forward Jordan Young and his Dolphin teammates finished No. 23 in a national basketball poll.

A record-setting basketball season at the College of Staten Island continued to reap rewards Monday when the Dolphins were ranked No. 23 nationally in the final D3hoops.com poll of the season.

It was CSI's lone appearance in the poll despite finishing the 26-5 campaign with the top Atlantic Region ranking. It's also believed to be the school's only appearance since D3hoops.com began a national poll in 1995.

The Dolphins set a school mark for total wins and captured two NCAA tourney victories while advancing to the Sweet 16 round for the first time in program history.

MIT ended CSI's season with a 83-66 victory at Lancaster, Pa. The 29-2 Engineers moved on to the Final Four, losing to eventual champion Wisconsin-Whitewater, and wound up ranked No. 3 with a 29-2 record.

Wisconsin-Whitewater (29-4) was followed by tourney runner-up Carbrini (31-2) in the final poll.



Allen, Courter Lead Baseball to Two Wins on Mound

3/21/2012

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. (March 21, 2012) – Sophomore Dan Allen (Egg Harbor Township, N.J.) and junior Tyler Courter (Glenwood, N.J.) each delivered solid pitching performances for the Stevens Institute of Technology baseball team in a 3-1, 2-0, sweep of the College of Staten Island on March 21st. Ducks improve to 11-6 on the season and have won five straight games.

Allen tossed five scoreless innings on the mound in opener and only allowed two hits. The sophomore struck out seven batters and surrendered just three walks. Allen also drew a free pass in at bats at the plate.

Four different Ducks picked up a base hit in the Game 1 victory. Senior infielder Tom Phillips (Spring Lake, N.J.) batted 1-for-3 with a run scored and stolen base, while graduate student infielder Matt Glassman (Basking Ridge, N.J.) was also 1-for-3 with a run.

Senior designated hitter TJ Alcorn (Turnersville, N.J.) drove in the only run in the game for Stevens and also crossed the plate with a hit in three at bats. Freshman outfielder Brian Hennelly (Holbrook, N.Y.) recorded fourth hit for the Ducks in two at bats with a stolen base.

In the sixth inning, senior Chris Tucci (Calverton, N.Y.) entered the ballgame and pitched 1.2 innings in relief and allowed a run on two walks with a strikeout. Courter was called in to record the final and only gave up one hit in a save appearance.

Courter stayed on the mound for Game 2 and threw a complete shutout with eight strikeouts. The junior scattered four hit and only walked one batter.

Glassman led the way at the plate for Stevens in the nightcap with a 3-for-4 effort and an RBI with a run scored. Allen drove in a run and double in three at bats, while junior infielder Michael Donovan (Mendham, N.J.) scored with a hit in three trips to the plate.

Phillips swiped another bag, walked and picked up a hit in three at bats. Senior outfielder Ryan Kiczek (Rutherford, N.J.) also stole a base and singled.

The Ducks play again on the road at Farmingdale State College on March 23rd for a nine-inning game at 3:30 p.m.

CSI radio station enjoyed the ride, too

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 9:35 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**



The members of the CSI radio sports station were a large part of the men's basketball team's record-setting season. They are, from the left, Chris Scott, Chris Soriano, Pete Shea, Chris Bitetto and Anthony Pierno.

WILLOWBROOK -- The College of Staten Island (CSI) men's basketball team won 19 straight games en route to the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) championship.

That impressive run allowed the Dolphins to host — and win — two games in the NCAA Division III National Tournament before they were finally eliminated in the Sweet 16.

Call it lucky, magical, a Cinderella story or just "their time" for a group of talented individuals, led by seniors T.J. Tibbs and Jordan Young.

Behind the inspirational basketball team, was a group of five individuals whose love for sports developed into something more. That team was the sports station at WSIA (88.9 FM), the radio station for the College of Staten Island.

"The best CSI basketball team in school history," says Christopher Bitetto the WSIA sports director .

Bitetto's team captured fans' attention, game in and game out, with their play-by-play, interviews and, more importantly, by being the eyes to games others were not able to attend.

The sports station is a part of the WSIA family. Throughout the years the team has covered everything from CSI sports to the Staten Island Yankees as well as plays involving the major professional leagues.

Through the work of Bitetto and his team, the sports station has developed into something really worth hearing over the last two years. They have pushed their own boundaries to provide what listeners want to hear.

"To me, this is not a college radio station. We are beyond that. We have stepped up professionally," says Anthony Pierno, who has his own sports show on Mondays from 7-10 p.m.

There is also another sports show on Saturdays from 4-7 p.m. called "The Round Table," led by Bitetto, Peter Shea, Chris Soriano and Chris Scott. Tibbs and Jordan were constant guests throughout this season.

"We want to continue to establish this local audience. We have covered the Curtis vs. St. Peter's Thanksgiving eve basketball game and Monsignor Farrell HS baseball games. I was able to do a PSAL football show. It's great to get that local feel," said Soriano.

The sports team also has a Facebook and Twitter page where it gives live feeds during the games. The guys have covered every Dolphins' game the last two years right through this year's NCAA run.

"I think they have very professional coverage. They give people who can't make it to the games that sense of being there," said Tibbs. "It is an important service to the community. I have family who cannot make a game and other players who live in New Jersey so they have done such a great job bringing the game to them."

Tibbs has been so used to these guys covering his games that his pre-game ritual included a visit to the WSIA table and giving each member a pound before a game.

"It's been a privilege to cover these games over the last two years," said Shea.

The station's professionalism and work ethic has generated many listener's attention. Wagner College was one. The Grymes Hill school, according to the group, offered the station a chance to cover their basketball team if it had not lost in the Northeast Conference (NEC) Tournament Semifinals.

"People are starting to realize the level of talent we have here," said Shea.

The basketball season has come to an end, but the sports station has moved on and will now focus its coverage on the CSI baseball team, as well as their Monday night and Saturday shows.

They also hope to be able to work out an arrangement to provide full coverage of the Staten Island Yankees when the N.Y. Penn League minor league season starts in mid-June.

"It's been such a satisfaction covering the games, having T.J., Jordan and the rest of the guys who came to the show," said Bitetto. "Every shot that they made, we were making. Every game that they won, we were right there."



Stevens Tech sweeps slumping **College of Staten Island** in baseball twinbill

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 11:52 PM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Stevens Tech swept the host **College of Staten Island** Wednesday, 3-1 and 2-0, as the Dolphins' losing streak reached seven straight games.

CSI head coach Mike Mauro, however, sounded an optimistic note after the non-conference twinbill.

"We're going through a rough stretch," said Mauro, whose squad is 6-10 overall. "We'll overcome it, we just need to get our momentum back and we'll be on our way."

Pitching wasn't a problem, as Richard Anderson and Mike Van Pelt tossed complete games in losing causes. Anderson allowed four hits over seven innings, striking out five. Van Pelt scattered seven hits with four strikeouts.

"Our pitchers are doing great," said Mauro. "We're still optimistic that we can turn this season around."

Stevens Tech improved to 11-6.

CSI scored in the seventh inning of the opener, as James Lewis drew a two-out walk and scored on Luis Ortiz's single up the middle.

But the Dolphins managed just seven hits in the two games, with Joe Casano going 2 for 3 in the nightcap after Ortiz went 2 for 4 in the opener.

The Ducks got outstanding pitching from starters Dan Allen, who worked five innings of two-hit ball in the opener, and Tyler Courter, who tossed a complete-game four-hitter with eight strikeouts.

NOTES: The Dolphins have lost to New Paltz (24-1), Old Westbury (7-0), SUNY-Cortland (6-4) and Maritime College (8-0, 9-7) during the current skid ... **CSI** continues CUNY Conference play Saturday with a noon doubleheader at Lehman, before hosting the Lightning at noon Sunday.



CSI Swimmers Start NCAA Championship Run Today Five Dolphin Men Ready to Race at Nationals - Follow it Live!

Courtesy of Staten Island Sports Information



For the fifth straight year, the **College of Staten Island** men's swimming team is headed to the NCAA DIII Swimming and Diving National Championship; held this year in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Dolphins sent five male swimmers: veterans Danila Novikov, Vladislav Romanov and Andrey Tarasov and newcomers Timur Rakhimov and Yuri Zimarev. The five earned their way into the Championship with their times during the season.

The events run from today, March 21 to Saturday, March 24 with **CSI** in an event each of the days. The trials start this morning at 10:00 am for the 200 IM which both Novikov (who captured a bronze in the event last season) and Romanov will participate in. Also this morning will be the time trial for the 200 Medley Relay that Romanov, Novikov, Zimarev and Tarasov will swim in. If all make it to the finals, they will be held this evening at 6:00 pm.

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 22, will hold the most events for the Dolphins; The 200 Freestyle Relay, 400 Medley Relay (last year they saw a 6th place finish) with the same team of swimmers, the 400 IM for Novikov (11th place last year) and the 100 Butterfly for Zimarev. Again, the preliminaries begin at 10:00 am and should they make the cut, the finals will be at 6:00 pm the same evening.

On day 3 of the events, Friday, March 23, preliminaries will begin with Novikov in the 200 Butterfly and Romanov in the 100 Backstroke (7th place last season). Also, Rakhimov and Tarasov will look to surpass former **CSI** swimmer Pavel Buyanov's 54.27 NCAA record (set in 2009) in the 100 Breaststroke. Trials are at 10:00 am followed by the finals at 6:00 pm.

On the final day of the Championship, the time trials will begin at 10:00 am as senior Romanov participates in his last event in the 200 Backstroke (in which he placed 15th overall last year), Tarasov (who placed 10th last season) and Zimarev in the 200 Breaststroke as well as the foursome in the 400 Freestyle Relay. 6:00 pm will be the finals followed by awards.



Dolphins Continue to Score Points @ Nationals With Friday Events on Tap Follow the CSI Men on Day 3 of NCAA Swimming Championships Live!

Courtesy of CSI Sports Information



Photo by: Courtesy of CSI Athletics

Zimarev, Novikov, Tarasov, Rakhimov and Romanov pose with head coach Mike Ackalitis at the NCAA's on Thursday.

<http://www.ncaa.com/sports/swimming-men/d3> for Live Video & Live Results

After scoring a bronze medal on Wednesday, the College of Staten Island's collection of five swimmers at the 2012 NCAA Division III National Championship, scored quality points on Thursday. The fivesome competed in four separate events, advancing to the final evening heats in both the 400-yard Individual Medley, and the 400-yard Medley Relay. After two complete days, CSI is in 12th place overall with 47 total points.

Before the Dolphins could advance to the point-earning evening heat finals, preliminary heats were held in the morning events at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis. Starting things off was the 200-yard Free Relay event, where CSI's Yuri Zimarev, Andrey Tarasov, Vladislav Romanov, and Danila Novikov were competing. CSI was seeded 25th in the competition, so it was going to take an unprecedented effort to crack the top 16. That said, CSI did impress, scoring a time of 1:26.37, good enough to jump up a pair of places to 23rd overall, but not enough to catapult them to the evening's final heats.

That luck changed, however, in the 400-yard Individual Medley. CSI's Novikov took bronze a day earlier

in the 200-yard installment and was hoping for similar success on Day Two. Novikov, however, was seeded 21st in competition, meaning that unless he improved on his time impressively, he would not crack the top 16. The sophomore proved up to the task, coming in with a prelim time of 3:59.45, more than three seconds faster than his previous season-best of 4:02.49. The improved score took him from 21st to 9th overall, insuring he would compete in the evening heat. With the evening lights focused on him in the second heat, Novikov again was sensational, coming in with a extraordinary time of 3:56.87, a mark good enough to land him 11th overall in the field, earning him CSI's first points of the evening.

Zimarev was the catalyst in CSI's next individual event, the 100-yard Butterfly. Zimarev was seeded 26th in the ultra-competitive field, and when the preliminaries completed, he swam just under his seed time with a mark of 50.35, which translated to his seeded 26th-place finish.

CSI wanted to finish the evening strong and they did via the 400-yard Medley Relay. Romanov, Timur Rakhimov, Zimarev, and Novikov were on tap this time and CSI knew they had a chance, being seeded 12th out of 25 teams coming in. The Dolphins made good on eclipsing their previous best time, racing in at 3:22.73, a good half of a second better than their seed time and landing them the 10th-best spot, insuring them a return trip to the finals. Once there, CSI stayed true to form and shattered their own time again, coming in at 3:21.23, this time 1.50 seconds faster, and good for top in their heat and 9th overall.

The quality faring on Day Two bumped CSI up from 15th overall to 12th after two days of competition. The Championship is a four-day event. On Thursday, CSI will participate in 200-yard Butterfly and 100-yard Backstroke, where senior Romanov is seeded 7th overall.

The College of Staten Island's collection of men's swimmers did not wait long to make a splash at the NCAA Division III National Championship at the IU Natatorium in Indianapolis today, grabbing a bronze medal and placing in two events overall on the first day of the championship event that takes place throughout the weekend. Sophomore Danila Novikov was the shining star on Day One, taking the bronze in the 200-yard Individual Medley, shattering a CSI record in process. Teammate Andrey Tarasov placed 16th in the same event, and later, the foursome of Vladislav Romanov, Timur Rakhimov, Yury Zimarev and Novikov, raced to a 14th-place finish in the 200-yard Medley Relay, capping an outstanding evening. After one complete day, CSI is in 15th place overall with 23 total points.

Before the Dolphins could compete for the right to medal, the team had to qualify in morning preliminary events. The 200-yard Individual Medley was the third event overall, so the CSI twosome of Novikov and Tarasov were put on display early. Novikov came in to the preliminary seeded fourth with a time of 1:50.55, just a half-second behind the overall leader Paul Dyrkacz of Williams College. Novikov did not let down, beating his very own mark and coming in at 1:50.08, good enough to improve to third overall going into the evening final. One heat later, Tarasov raced in with a time of 1:51.89, bettering his own season mark by nearly three full seconds, landing him a place in the final as well.

When the evening session started, the swimmers stayed true to form. Novikov was exceptional, posting a time of 1:49.55, a personal and CSI record, shaving one full second off of his prior season best. Unfortunately, the two racers ahead of him also put up tremendous numbers. Jeffrey Depew of Redlands College posted a sensational mark of 1:47.60, earning gold, while Dyrkacz finished second at 1:48.43. The top time was just over a half second behind the all-time national record.

Meanwhile Tarasov came in a 1:52.40, enough to take a 16th-place finish and earning points for **CSI** as a team. Despite posting a slower mark in the final than the prelim, Tarasov's time was exceptional based on his sophomore regular season, making him a surefire favorite to post great results in years to come.

As a team **CSI** did exemplary in the 200 Medley Relay. Only the top 16 relay teams are invited back for the evening final, and of the 24 total teams, **CSI** ranked 20th coming in, meaning they would need a great showing just to qualify for the evening heat. **CSI** got exactly that, jumping up six spots to 11th place with a strong 1:32.60, a time that guaranteed them a spot in the final. Once there, **CSI** did slip down to 14th overall with a time of 1:33.25, but the placing was enough to give **CSI** quality points. Kenyon won the event overall with a time of 1:28.86.

Today's events are the most the Dolphins will see in the four day meet. The preliminaries will start at 10:00 am today beginning with the 200 Freestyle Relay, the 400 IM where Novikov will perform again, the 100 Butterfly by Yuri Zimarev and the 400 Medley Relay.

The finals will be tonight at 6:00 pm and you can catch both time trials at 10:00 am and the finals by clicking on this link <http://www.ncaa.com/sports/swimming-men/d3>.

College of Staten Island's Novikov takes 11th place at NCAA swimming championships

Friday, March 23, 2012, 1:41 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**



CSI sophomore Danila Novikov placed 11th in the 400-yard individual medley at the NCAA championships.

INDIANAPOLIS — **College of Staten Island** sophomore Danila Novikov placed 11th in the 400-yard individual medley Thursday night at NCAA Division III national swimming championships at the IU Natatorium.

Novikov, who was third in the 200 IM Wednesday, finished the 400 in 3 minutes, 56.87 seconds.

CSI took ninth in the 400 medley relay as Vladislav Romanov, Timur Rakhimov, Yuri Zimarev and Novikov clocked 3:21.23.

Zimarev placed 26th in the 100 butterfly.

CSI's 200 free relay team placed 23rd.

The Dolphins finished the second day of competition in 12th place with 29 points.

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Busy weekend ahead for Wagner College, **CSI** baseball and softball

Friday, March 23, 2012, 12:45 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

The local college baseball and softball seasons offer a lot of conference action this weekend for Wagner and the **College of Staten Island**.

Wagner's baseball team will host preseason Northeast Conference favorite Monmouth in double-headers Friday and Saturday (1 p.m. both days) at the Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George.

Today's twinbill was arranged Thursday because of the threat of stormy weather on Sunday.

The Seahawks (3-1 NEC, 7-12 overall) are coming off a 13-9 midweek win at Lafayette when Eddie Brown led a 13-hit attack with a 3-for-4 day and sophomore right-hander Nick Pavia (St. Joseph by-the-Sea) improved to 1-1 with his first career victory.

Defending champion Monmouth (3-1, 11-7) was picked to win the NEC title in the coaches' poll, with Wagner tabbed for seventh.

Bryant (4-0, 9-9) leads the league after a four-game sweep of Mount St. Mary's.

Wagner's softball team launches its NEC schedule with 1 p.m. home double-headers Saturday against Saint Francis, Pa., and Sunday against Robert Morris.

The Seahawks are 6-16 after a five-game trip to South Carolina and a 17-game trip to Florida. They were picked to finish ninth in the preseason NEC coaches' poll.

CSI's baseball team (2-0 CUNY, 6-10 overall) hopes to snap a seven-game losing streak with a weekend series against Lehman (1-0, 5-1). The Dolphins travel to the Bronx Saturday for a noon doubleheader, and host the Lightning in a single game Sunday at noon.

CSI's softball team (0-0, 0-6) makes its long-awaited home debut Saturday with a 11 a.m. twinbill against Lehman (0-0, 2-6). The Dolphins visit Manhattanville College for a noon twinbill on Sunday.



Staten Island college roundup: **CSI's** Andrey Tarasov, Vladislav Romanov excel at NCAA Division III swim championships

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 2:40 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

INDIANAPOLIS — **College of Staten Island** sophomore Andrey Tarasov was fifth in the 100-yard breaststroke and senior Vladislav Romanov was sixth in the 100-yard backstroke Friday night at the NCAA Division III swimming championships at the IU Natatorium.

The Dolphins are in 10th place with 74 points heading into today's final events.

Tarasov finished in 56.16 seconds. Romanov clocked a 49.18. Both earned All-America status.

Danila Novikov placed 21st in the 200 butterfly in 1:52.30 and Timur Rakhimov was 23rd in the 100 breaststroke.

Novikov holds **CSI's** highest finish in the four-day competition, placing third in the 200 IM Wednesday.

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Wagner women lose

Senior midfielder Melanie Garces, senior attacker Carolyn Clark and sophomore attacker Sam Morin scored two goals apiece, but Wagner's bid for a school-record tying sixth straight win came up short as visiting Quinnipiac recorded a 19-8 victory.

Consecutive goals by Garces in a 32-second span tied the game 3-3 with 18:05 left in the first half, but the Bobcats went on a pivotal 6-1 run to go into halftime ahead 9-4.

Junior attacker Erika Bulken, the nation's leader in draw controls per game entering yesterday's game, notched five more against the Bobcats.

Goalie Shannon Sweeney suffered her first loss of the season for Wagner (4-5 overall, 0-1 NEC).



College of Staten Island nabs baseball sweep over Lehman

Saturday, March 24, 2012, 9:21 PM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

The College of Staten Island (4-0 CUNY) snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 14-5, 16-4 doubleheader sweep over Lehman on Saturday in the Bronx

James Lewis paced a 12-hit attack in the opener with a 4-for-5 game, while Frank Smith went 4 for 6 in the nightcap as the Dolphins collected 16 hits.

CSI (8-10 overall) capitalized on 15 Lehman errors in the two games.

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College of Staten Island's Romanov takes second place in 200 backstroke and Dolphins finish 10th at NCAA swimming finals

Sunday, March 25, 2012, 12:15 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

INDIANAPOLIS — College of Staten Island senior swimmer Vladislav Romanov finished second (1 minute, 46.79 seconds) in the 200-yard backstroke Saturday night at the NCAA Division III championships at the IU Natatorium.

Romanov shattered his own school record set during the prelims.

Denison's Robert Barry won the event in 1:46.23 — breaking the previous NCAA record.

CSI sophomore Andrey Tarasov placed 10th in the 200-yard breaststroke with a personal best 2:03.05.

The Dolphins finished in a best-ever 10th place in the team standings, bettering last season's 13th-place finish.

CSI sophomore Danila Novikov took third place in the 200-yard individual medley earlier in the week.

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Courter Named E8 Pitcher of the Week after Save and Shutout on Same Day

3/26/2012

Contact: Justin Lutes

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (March 26, 2012) – Stevens Institute of Technology baseball junior pitcher/infielder Tyler Courter (Glenwood, N.J.) was named Empire 8 Conference Pitcher of the Week after recording a save and complete game shutout in the same day last week for the Ducks. Stevens swept the [College of Staten Island](#) on March 21 and dropped a tough 4-3 decision to Farmingdale State College on March 23. The Ducks are now 11-7 on the year.

Courter recorded the first save of the season for Stevens by pitching the final out of a 3-1 opener of a doubleheader with Staten Island. He surrendered just one hit and allowed one run, not to his credit to pick up the save.

In the nightcap, Courter stayed out on the hill for the Ducks and fired a complete game shutout, 2-0, over the Dolphins. The junior scattered four hits over the seven innings and fanned eight batters, while walking just one for the second complete game shutout throw by a Stevens pitcher this season. Fellow junior Mark Poinsett (Ocean Gate, N.J.) threw one of his own against Baruch College on March 3.

For the season, Courter holds a 2-0 record with a 2.53 ERA in 21.1 innings pitched. He leads the team with 18 strikeouts to just four walks, and is holding opponents to a .253 batting average.

In the three games leading up to the Ducks' spring trip, freshman outfielder Brian Hennelly (Holbrook, N.Y.) earned his second consecutive NCBA Rookie Player of the Week award for the week of March 12. Over the three games that week, Hennelly batted .500 in 10 at bats against William Paterson University and John Jay College. He scored three runs, two of which came in a 2-for-4 Game 2 against John Jay. Hennelly won the first NJCBA Rookie Player of the Week around at the beginning of March as well.

The Ducks are back on the diamond tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p.m. for a nine-inning affair with Ramapo College. Ramapo is currently 13-2 this season and is ranked No. 24 in the [D3baseball.com/NCBWA Top 25 Poll](#).

College of Staten Island completes weekend baseball sweep of Lehman, 9-5

Monday, March 26, 2012, 2:05 AM



By **Bill Spurge**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

CSI's Luis Ortiz scores a run as Lehman pitcher Freddy Parra can't handle the throw from his catcher on a wild pitch.

The College of Staten Island received stellar relief efforts from freshman pitchers Dom Casella and Nick Amatucci in a 9-5 non-league win Sunday over visiting Lehman College in Willowbrook on Sunday.

Casella and Amatucci combined to give up two runs (one earned) and one hit over the last six innings, with winning pitcher Casella going four frames and Amatucci (save) hurling two.

The victory gave CSI a sweep of a three-game weekend series with the Lightning. The Dolphins swept a CUNY twinbill Saturday.

"The two freshmen came in and had an opportunity to show what they've got,"

said CSI coach Mike Mauro, whose team improved to 9-10 (4-0 CUNY). "They spotted the fastball and kept them off-balance. I know I won't be afraid to use them. Our pitching has been coming around, and the younger guys have been watching the older guys."

CSI led 5-2 in the top of the fourth of a sloppy game (eight errors, several base-running mistakes) when starting pitcher Casey Mulligan departed after surrendering a lead-off single. Casella allowed a one-out infield single to Socrates Peralta — Lehman's last hit — and appeared to be out of the inning when Michael Liang skied to center with two outs. But Dan Lynch dropped the ball, scoring a run, and Casella uncorked a wild pitch to shave CSI's lead to 5-4.

Casella buckled down from there. The righthander and Moore Catholic product struck out six and allowed only an unearned run in the seventh, when Lehman cut the **CSI** lead to 6-5.

It was still 6-5 when Amatucci entered in the eighth. The Tottenville product fanned two in retiring the side 1-2-3. **CSI** then tacked on three runs in the home half, keyed by Bryan Moreno's RBI double, before Amatucci, a righty, finished things off in the ninth.

CSI scored two in the first on a passed ball and a wild pitch, but Lehman evened the score with single runs in the second and third. **CSI** bounced back to take a 5-2 lead in the home third, as Joe Cassano doubled home two.

Lynch's suicide squeeze bunt scored Cassano to give the Dolphins a 6-4 lead in the sixth.

"We have speed, so we sacrifice guys, and they can beat them out," noted Mauro, whose team had three sacrifices and another sac attempt that went for a hit. "Seven of our nine starters can run, so we have to play small ball. We play hit-and-run, too, and that keeps the other team on its toes."

The weekend victories came after **CSI** suffered through a seven-game losing streak.

"Our bats are coming alive," said Mauro, who squad had 10 hits, with Henry Roman, Sal Todaro, Cassano and James Lewis each picking up two safeties. "We could have easily given up, but we've worked hard at practice, and worked on hitting. We've gone to lighter bats, and putting the ball in play."

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CSI's Jordan Young Shares His Unforgettable Experience at NCAA Division III All-Star Game

Courtesy of Staten Island Sports Information



College of Staten Island senior basketball star Jordan Young returned home from an exciting weekend at the NCAA Division III National Basketball Championship Final Four where he participated in the National Association of Basketball Coaches Reese's Division III All-Star Game. Young shared his experience of the weekend's events in Salem, Virginia.

"I flew into Virginia where I was greeted with a sign from a driver with my name on it. I've always seen people in airports with signs for people waiting for them and I've always wanted that, it made me feel important! After the short drive through the small three-mile town of Salem, I met with my roommate for the weekend, Tim Brady, from Ohio. We bonded over Subway sandwiches before getting ready for a big dinner that evening.

The Final Four dinner was really nice. It was a buffet dinner where everyone was dressed up. There were the 18 guys from the All-Star team, the members of the four teams in the Final Four, their coaches and the Mayor of Salem. They showed an awesome highlight video about the journey each of the four teams made to the Final Four. I was excited when the coach of MIT, who we were defeated by in the Sweet 16, recognized me. He congratulated me on a great season and a great game against his team. It felt nice to be recognized.

The next morning we went to a local elementary school to talk with some of the classes. We told them of our experiences with basketball and how we got to where we are today. We each had a one-on-one with a student where we read them a book and they read their favorite one back to us. The school was a low income school where 85% of the kids receive money for lunch. A good amount of the students had learning disabilities as well. They were so grateful we were there, you can just tell by all the smiles on their faces the entire two hours we were there.

We had our first practice where we got to meet our coach, former Ohio Wesleyan University coach Gene Mehaffey. He was as excited to coach us as we were to be there. We shot around for awhile, went through some drills and ran a few plays. After we showered we got ready to head to the Final Four games to watch both. The atmosphere in the place was incredible and we had great seats behind the basket. I wish my team could have been there with me to experience it. At half-time we shot around with some young athletes from the Special Olympics. They were so excited to be around asking us who our favorite NBA teams were and even asked to see our different skills and wanted our autographs.

The next day, we went to a clinic where the Final Four coaches introduced different drills and plays for us. We learned from them and got to see some different things. That night we got to the Civic Center early for the All Star game where we got to shoot around on the court. It was such a great thrill to be on that court. My coach, Tony Petosa, was able to come down to the floor where we got a picture together on the court. As it got closer to game time, the crowds started coming in and I got a real feel of how big a deal this was. Before the introductions I put on my CSI home uniform for the last time. I was proud to represent CSI. Even more exciting was that I was a starter for this All Star game! They announced us and some information about each of us and we ran through this tunnel like we were NBA stars. It was great to play on the team with all different players that I usually play against. I scored four points and had five rebounds. Following the all-star game, we got to watch the Championship game of Whitewater vs. Cabrini. It was a great game that came right down to the wire. Whitewater captured the win to be crowned the Champs.

We left for New York the next morning after a great experience (and a two hour delay). It's an experience I will never forget. I never knew an experience like this would exist for me but I'm so grateful it did. I would do it all over again."



College of Staten Island blanks Purchase in baseball, 4-0

Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 12:00 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Richard Anderson and Jonathan Aponte combined for a shutout and James Lewis had four hits and three stolen bases to lead the College of Staten Island to a 4-0 baseball victory Tuesday over visiting Purchase College.

Anderson (five Ks) worked seven innings for the win. Aponte hurled the last two innings for the save.

Dan Lynch had an RBI single for the Dolphins, who won their fourth straight and improved to 10-10 on the season.

Purchase dropped to 10-13.

CSI hosts Mount St. Mary Wednesday at 6 p.m.

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College of Staten Island runs baseball win streak to six straight, 12-8

Thursday, March 29, 2012, 1:30 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

The College of Staten island exploded for six runs in the bottom of the second inning and held off a late rally in a non-conference slugfest over visiting Mount Saint Mary, 12-8, Wednesday night that featured 27 hits, eight errors and eight pitchers.

CSI (11-10 overall) extended its winning streak to six straight. Mount Saint Mary dropped to 10-8.

Frank Smith, Will Difede and Dan Lynch had three hits apiece in CSI's 15-hit attack. Lynch had three RBI.

Mike Van Pelt pitched five innings and posted the win.

The Knights were led by Michael Morelli (4 for 4, homer, double, four RBI).

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Montclair State sweeps softball pair from CSI, 11-1 and 7-3

Friday, March 30, 2012, 1:41 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — Montclair State improved to 18-1 on the season with a 11-1 and 7-3 non-conference softball sweep of visiting College of Staten Island yesterday.

Red Hawks sophomore right-hander Alex Hill improved to 10-0 with a three-hitter in the five-inning opener. Sophomore third baseman Dana Amato blasted a home run.

CSI scored in the fourth when Kaitlyn Flynn's double was followed by Stefanie Solari's RBI single.

In the nightcap, Brittany Smith went 3 for 4 for the Dolphins (2-8), while Danielle Ponsiglione was 2 for 4 with an RBI. The visitors out-hit MSU 11-9.

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Hunter's Markoe, CSI's Fabozzi net ECAC women's basketball honors

Friday, March 30, 2012, 1:49 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**



Staten Island Advance/Derek Alvez

Hunter College's Kristen Markoe has been named to the ECAC Metro all-star team.

McKee/S.I. Tech product and 2010 Jaques Award winner Kristen Markoe was named to the 2011-12 Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III Metro Women's Basketball second team.

Markoe, a Hunter College captain, was a CUNY Athletic Conference first-teamer following an exceptional sophomore campaign in which she led the Manhattan school in a number of offensive categories, including a 14.9 points per game average and a team-high 13 double-doubles in 24 games.

The Dongan Hills resident led the CUNY in 3-point field goal percentage (39.8 percent), was second in assists (102), and third in scoring (358). She was also fourth

in steals (66) and rebounds (243).

The **College of Staten Island's** Nikki Fabozzi, a Susan Wagner product, was named ECAC Division III's Rookie of the Year.

Fabozzi averaged 12.0 points and 5.1 rebounds per game and led the Dolphins with 62 steals this season.

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CUNYAC WOVES WITH WONDERFUL WINTER & 7 ALL-AMERICANS; TWO TEAMS EARN TOP TEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINISHES

Bronx Men's Basketball, **CSI** Men's Swimming & Men's Hoops Enjoyed Impressive Seasons
By Gregg Cohen



Photo by: Greg Armstrong

The student-athletes of the City University of New York Athletic Conference just put the finishing touches on a wonderful winter season with unprecedented accolades piling up for both individuals and teams over the last month since the CUNYAC Champions were crowned.

*Two teams placed in the top ten nationally, as the **College of Staten Island** Men's swimmers took 10th place (a Conference record) in the NCAA Championships, just two weeks after its' Men's Basketball team played in the NCAA Round of 16 for the first time in **CSI** history. Not to be outdone, the Bronx Community College Men's Basketball team won its region tournament for the first time and finished fourth in the NJCAA National Tournament, a first on the hardcourt.*

"Congratulations to all of our fabulous student-athletes on making this winter season one of the most successful ones yet," said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Frank D. Sanchez "We continue to be amazed by their dedication and success and are even happier to know they are continuing to strive for more"

Individually, seven student-athletes were named All-Americans for their remarkable contributions in their sport and combined with the four honorees from the Fall 2011 sports, the Conference is in prime position for an amazing spring championship season.

Here are the highlights:



Photo by: Courtesy of CSI Athletics

NCAA MEN'S SWIMMING

The College of Staten Island's cluster of five 2012 NCAA Division III Men's Swimming National Championship qualifiers finished in impeccable fashion at IU Natatorium in Indianapolis, as the Dolphins came in 10th overall at the conclusion of the event, their highest faring ever. The Dolphins effort earned on Saturday bumped them up to 98 points overall, good enough for 10th overall, on the heels of last year's 13th place finish.

Senior Vladislav Romanov and sophomore Danila Novikov each won medals at this year's championship with top three finishes. Novikov earned a bronze medal in the 200-yard Individual Medley, while Romanov took home the first NCAA medal of his illustrious career, claiming silver in the 200-yard Backstroke.

Romanov's two top-eight finishes at the four-day event earned the three-time CUNYAC Championship MVP, his 11th and 12th All-American citations over four seasons. CSI's two second-year swimmers Novikov (for the second time) and Tarasov also earned All-American honors with top-eight performances. The Dolphins' two other invitees Yury Zimarev and Timur Rakhimov raced with the veteran trio on a myriad of relays and assisted in CSI's school-record tenth place finish.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Two-time CUNYAC Champion Shirley Falconi of Queensborough Community College, the winner and

record holder of both the 50 Yard and 100 Yard Freestyle events at the Conference Championship, was the first Division III student-athlete to cross the finish line at the NJCAA Swimming & Diving Championship in the 50 Yard Freestyle and earned QCC's first-ever All-American honor in the sport. In the 50 Free, Falconi placed 5th with a strong 24.74, her highest placing to date in two years of swimming at the NJCAA Championships. While that time was 0.44 faster than her new CUNYAC mark, it was 1.24 seconds off of the gold medal pace (23.50). Still it earned 25 points towards the Championship for the Tigers and the coveted status of being named an All-American.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Following a thrilling victory in the 2012 CUNYAC/Con Edison Championship, the **College of Staten Island** Men's Basketball team continued to rewrite the already storied school record book with a new record for wins in a single season with 26, and a 19-game win streak that ensured the Dolphins of their first-trip ever to the NCAA Sweet 16, marking the first time in school history the Dolphins compiled two victories in a single NCAA Tournament.

CSI opened their NCAA run at home, in front of **CSI's** largest crowd of the season, blitzing by Ithaca College, 98-73, as T.J. Tibbs tied a **CSI** all-time single-game record with 14 assists to go with 24 points, while Bloochy Magloire bounced the Bombers for 26 points and 14 rebounds in the blowout. The following night the Dolphins marched on, holding off visiting Rhode Island College, 77-67, in the second round as Tibbs poured on a career-high 40 points.

The following week, **CSI** had a tough end to its dynamite 2012 campaign, falling at the hands of No. 3 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 83-67 in a Sweet16 contest at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Still, it was the best season on record for head coach Tony Petosa in 22 years at the Dolphins' helm.

Also in Senior College Men's Basketball, Medgar Evers' Winston Douglas, the CUNY Athletic Conference/Con Edison Player of the Year was named to the 2012 National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division III All-America team. In earning his school's first-ever All-American nod in men's basketball, Douglas ranked fourth in CUNYAC in scoring (18.3) and led in rebounds (13.0), which stands fourth overall in the NCAA.



Photo by: Greg Armstrong

COMMUNITY COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

The Bronx Community College Broncos swept through the CUNYAC/Con Edison Championship and Region XV Tournament, barreling into the school's first-ever NJCAA National Championship Elite Eight, hoping to be the first CUNY Athletic Conference school to win a National title since 2005. The Broncos (28-7) enjoyed a 51-point second half in the quarterfinal game and beat Roxbury (MA), 81-73 to move into the Final Four. The following day, despite being down 18 points in the second half, BCC forced the game into overtime, before falling 85-84. On Saturday, still reeling from the previous night's loss, Bronx earned a fourth-place trophy after a 74-63 loss to SUNY-Delhi.

"This Bronx team will go down in history as one of the most competitive teams in the annals of City University Men's Basketball," said longtime CUNYAC Executive Director Zak Ivkovic, who was up at Sullivan Community College for the action this weekend. "This talented cast, especially the starting five, played every game with a never say die attitude that is hard to come by and impossible to teach. We all are very proud of the accomplishments of the team this season, especially the way the team swept through the CUNYAC/Con Edison Championship and the Region XV Tournament."

The starting five was superb in the three game series, CUNYAC/Con Edison Tournament Most Valuable Player Claude Blue averaged 20.7 points and 9.7 rebounds (collecting 62 total points and 29 total rebounds) to lead the Broncos offensively. Region XV Tournament MVP Ronell Ross also led the team on the backboards with a 9.7 average and 11 points a game. The three second-year players also had a solid weekend averaging double figures, as Matthew Thomas tallied 49 points, Ernest Quaye had 35 points and Christopher Davis added 38 points and 19 assists.

Blue was named to the NJCAA All-Tournament Team for his efforts over the three-day span and he may be named an All-American this week, when the best of the best are officially selected.

NCAA INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

At the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championships in Grinnell, Iowa, Lehman College sophomore sprinter Tobi Alli became an All-American for the first time in her young career with a sensational performance in the 60 Meter Dash. Her 7.71 time in the NCAA final was only 0.16 off of the gold medal time (7.54). Alli and teammate Jasmine Springer also competed in the Triple Jump, coming in 11th and 10th, in their first championship appearances.

Following a top-eight finish in last year's Men's Outdoor NCAA event, City College of New York indoor track and field standout Paul Dedewo competed in the NCAA's Indoor 400 Meter Dash finishing in ninth place in the event among 13 student-athletes, as he recorded a time of 49.41 and just missed qualifying for the final by 0.05.

"It was a great accomplishment and experience for Paul to perform against the most polished student-athletes that Division III has to offer," Dedewo's coach Hugh Reid said. "He gave his absolute best here today, and that's all you could ask from him. In terms of his development and growth as a person, Paul is absolutely a role model for so many people. Academically, he focuses himself and makes it a point to be a great student. Athletically, his preparation is unmatched. It will be interesting to see how he carries the success he attained in the indoor season into the outdoor campaign."



COMMUNITY COLLEGE INDOOR TRACK & FIELD

CUNYAC's three participating schools, Bronx, Kingsborough and Queensborough, all came out of the 2012 NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships at Eastern Illinois University, with top-eight finishes, and the promise of a historic, if not monumental Outdoor season beginning next week.

Competing with the best junior colleges across the country in the two day event in Charleston, Illinois, which is open for NJCAA Division I, II and III, two fall All-Americans finished on the podium in distance races, Zenia George of Kingsborough and Younes Benzaid of Queensborough, while Bronx Community College continued to shine in throwing events on the National stage.

The top standout of the weekend's events was Kingsborough's George, a NJCAA All-American last spring, who finished fourth in the NJCAA Division III Cross Country Championship in November and again excelled against the top junior college runners at any school. In the 800 Meters, George captured the silver medal with a sensational 2:20.09 performance, which was 1.29 seconds behind the National Champion from Iowa Central Community College. With this finish, she earned her second All-American honor of 2011-12 in as many championships, and her third overall.

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Stories



College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Admissions Specialist

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Job ID: 5263

GENERAL DUTIES

Supervises activities in an operational unit supporting Admissions and/or Enrollment.

- Oversees staff activities; plans and monitors employee scheduling and coverage and coordinates training
- Serves as liaison to one or more departments providing student support services, such as Financial Aid
- Coordinates selection process activities such as applications review, verification of information, and timely forwarding of data to other CUNY areas
- Coordinates mailings and other communications
- Monitors activity and reports on both transactions and outcomes
- Completes projects to improve services and enhance productivity and cost-effectiveness
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Job Title Name: Admissions Specialist

CONTRACT TITLE

Higher Education Assistant

FLSA

Non-exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Reporting to the Deputy Director of Recruitment and Admissions, the Admissions Specialist is responsible for the following:

Student Recruitment

- Builds and administers a social media strategy to engage and support students throughout the inquiry and admissions process.
- Provides pre-admission services to prospective students and graduate applicants via phone, in-person and email.
- Assists in the coordination of open houses, receptions and yield activities for prospective and admitted students, including phone call initiatives and production of promotional materials and their implementation.
- Assists with undergraduate and graduate recruitment.

CUNYFirst Admission and Enrollment Services

- Assists with the implementation and management of CUNY FIRST (Oracle PeopleSoft) as related to Recruitment and Admissions.
- Maintains the Constituent Relation Management (CRM) software program (Hobson's Connect) including but not limited to implementing and tracking all communication plans related to recruitment and admissions as well as overseeing the virtual advisor database and the content for the personalized/VIP web pages
- Work in conjunction with the **CSI** Office of Information Technology and other technical staff to maintain the CRM, facilitate upgrades, and act as the liaison between the end-user and technical support group.
- Work closely with the Financial Aid Office as well as other departmental operations coordinators to administer the offices' processes in the CRM.
- Liaison regarding data exchange of the CRM product and CUNYFirst; compile data, audit records, and generate reports as they pertain to Recruitment and Admissions.
- Administer and assist with the creation of CRM communication strategies and plans for and with the college's internal constituents (academic departments, student service areas and student groups) for usage with prospective and newly admitted students.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree and four years' related experience required.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Master's Degree preferred
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills as well as strong multi-tasking skills
- Experience using Hobsons Connect, and/or other standard higher education industry admissions and recruiting systems/tools, including CRM, web-based, and online applications preferred
- Project Management experience related to Information Technology preferred

COMPENSATION

\$42,873 – \$74,133

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please go to www.cuny.edu; select "Employment", "Search Job Listings", "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs", then enter the Job ID# in the "Job Opening ID" field.

College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Director of Public Safety (Campus Security Director, Level 4)

Filed in Administrative, Jobs on March 2, 2012

Job ID: 5417

GENERAL DUTIES

Reporting to the President of the College or to a designated senior official of the College, the incumbent has the widest latitude for insuring the safety and security of the campus, college property, faculty, staff, students, and members of the community who enter the college campus.

This position is charged with directing the work of campus peace officers and other security personnel in a manner consistent with the environment of the college; the incumbent is charged with enforcing all college and University security policies.

CONTRACT TITLE

Campus Security Director

FLSA

Exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Prepare appropriate reports in compliance with Clery Act.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

1. A baccalaureate degree and six (6) years of related experience as a Sergeant or equivalent military experience, or equivalent security force service, or equivalent business/industrial experience with substantial administrative duties, or

A baccalaureate degree in related field of study such as Criminal Justice, Police Science, Industrial Security, or similar and four (4) years of related experience as described immediately above, or

An associate degree in a related field of study such as Criminal Justice, Police Science, Industrial Security, or similar and six (6) years of related experience as a Lieutenant, Captain, or equivalent in a law enforcement agency as a commanding officer or chief operating officer of a unit of that agency; and

2. Related experience in item 1 above must include or be supplemented by at least three (3) years of progressively responsible related managerial or supervisory experience; and

3. A valid New York State driver license, New York State residency, and United States citizenship in order to satisfy The New York City Peace Officer statute.

A person holding and American Society for Industrial Security, Certified Protection Professional (CPPA) Certificate, may substitute two (2) of the three (3) years of the related managerial or supervisory experience described in item 2 above. A similar substitution may be made by a person who has

successfully completed a professional law enforcement police executive training program such as the FBI academy, the Northwestern University Traffic Institute (long course), the Police Executive Research Forum (Senior Management Institute) at the Institute for Police, or any other nationally accredited certificate program in law enforcement administration.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Experience with residential housing preferred but not required. Prior managerial experience as a commanding officer or chief operating officer in a college/university setting and in emergency systems planning and operations strongly preferred.

COMPENSATION

Commensurate with education and experience.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply please log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to Careers at CUNY, then Job Postings on CUNYfirst. In addition, to be considered for this position, you must attach the following: resume, cover letter, and the names, mailing, email addresses and telephone numbers of three references.

CLOSING DATE

March 23, 2012

*Full Job Description can be located at www.cuny.edu

College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Director of New Student Orientation and Residential Life

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Job ID: 5357

GENERAL DUTIES

Directs a comprehensive student support program.

- Develops, recommends, and implements program goals and objectives to meet students' specialized needs and develops a range of responsive programs
- Oversees the integration of diverse services with internal and external partners to meet a broad range of student needs
- Collaborates with academic and student support departments to ensure students are utilizing available services and programming; collaborates with counselors, mentors, and others assisting students
- Collects data for, analyzes, and reports on activities and outcomes, recommending program improvements; writes proposals and reports to internal and external stakeholders
- Directs all service operations, facilities, and staff
- Performs related duties as assigned.

CONTRACT TITLE

Higher Education Officer

FLSA

Exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Reporting to the Vice President for Student Affairs and serving as a senior member of the Student Affairs Cabinet, the Director of New Student Orientation and Residential Life serves in a multifaceted capacity to provide campus-wide leadership in the delivery of support services, programs, and activities to a diverse student population to enhance the overall **CSI** student experience.

The Director will oversee the following:

- New Student Orientation program: facilitate the successful transition of first-year, transfer, and graduate students to the **College of Staten Island**.
- Parent/Family Program: develop support services as well as foster effective communication and problem solving skills with students and families.
- College Life Unit Experience program (CLUE): connect first-year students with co-curricular experiences at the College with an emphasis on diversity/multicultural programming.
- Residence Life Program (slated to start in August 2013): lead collaboratively with internal and external campus partners to manage two residence halls totaling 450-beds, while ensuring the successful transition of **CSI's** first and future residential cohorts.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's degree and eight years' related experience required.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Master's degree preferred.

COMPENSATION

\$82,299 – \$88,418

BENEFITS

CUNY offers a comprehensive benefits package to employees and eligible dependents based on job title and classification. Employees are also offered pension and Tax-Deferred Savings Plans. Part-time employees must meet a weekly or semester work hour criteria to be eligible for health benefits. Health benefits are also extended to retirees who meet the eligibility criteria.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please go to www.cuny.edu; select "Employment", "Search Job Listings", "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs", then enter the Job ID# in the "Job Opening ID" field.

CLOSING DATE

March 18, 2012

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

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Muslim Students Call NYPD Monitoring “Violation” of Rights

The American Civil Liberties Union and the New York Civil Liberties Union say they are considering possible litigation against the New York Police Department over their surveillance and monitoring of Muslim student groups across the Northeast. The groups are calling on New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to investigate religious and racial profiling by the NYPD, and Muslim students attending CUNY, one of 13 schools targeted, say they applaud the group’s efforts. I spoke with members of the Muslim Student Association at the College of Staten Island, who say they are shocked and outraged by the surveillance program.

“It’s a violation of our privacy, you know, its not easy to be able to speak openly about your religion, or anything at all, when you know that you are being monitored,” said Dina Ahmed, president of the club.

Documents show the NYPD used undercover officers to infiltrate Muslim student groups and compiled daily reports on the activities of Muslim students, as part of their anti-terrorism efforts. The Muslim Student Association at CSI has 20 active members, but the group’s treasurer, Ramses Martinez, says new members are now scared to join.

“People are kind of apprehensive about saying their Muslim and talking to each other and getting together, they figure maybe they will get in trouble, they’ll get arrested, something bad could happen to them or their family.”

Police commissioner Ray Kelly stands by the surveillance program, saying in a press conference Monday that there have been 14 New York City terror plots since September 11th.

“We’re going to continue to do what we have to do to make certain that to the best of our ability that we don’t have another catastrophic event like we did in 2001.”

Mayor Bloomberg called the surveillance program “legal” “appropriate” and “constitutional” in his weekly radio address Friday. Yet, Muslim students at CSI say they are being unfairly targeted.

“Its unfair to persecute a whole people based on the mistakes or the horrible decisions that a few people make,” said Ahmed.

The director of the ACLU’s National Security Project is now stepping in, saying in a press release, “the NYPD has run amok, engaging in secret multi-state domestic surveillance of innocent people based on crude religious and racial profiling,” said Hina Shamsi. “A society committed to equal justice under the

law should be deeply concerned when law enforcement spies on people merely because of their race, ethnicity or national origin”

The group, along with NYCLU legal director Arthur Eisenberg, is now urging Bloomberg to investigate the surveillance program.

“In directing surveillance against Muslims engaged in perfectly lawful activity, the NYPD has effectively imposed a badge of suspicion on all Muslims and has stigmatized communities of individuals based upon their religious affiliations,” said Eisenberg. “Mayor Bloomberg, who has demonstrated sensitivity to religious discrimination issues in the past, should take a fresh and hard look at the NYPD’s surveillance practices.”

NYCEDC Seeks Developer for 46-Acre Staten Island Site

By *Jacqueline Hlavenka*



New uses for Brielle Avenue on Staten Island include senior housing or a new educational institution.

NEW YORK CITY—As new construction activity continues to progress mid-Island, the **New York City Economic Development Corp.** has issued a request for expressions of interest for the redevelopment of a vacant 46-acre site on Brielle Avenue in the Willowbrook section of Staten Island.

The property—originally built as part of a farm colony that provided room and board to economically disadvantaged populations in exchange for their labor—offers a range of opportunities for a developer as well as the reuse of historic assets, according to the NYCEDC.

“This long-vacant property possesses great potential,” says NYCEDC president **Seth Pinsky**, in a statement. “Any future redevelopment will significantly benefit the surrounding community and all of Staten Island.”

City councilman **James S. Oddo** (R-Staten Island) and the city’s **Landmarks Preservation Commission** is now seeking proposals that will consider a broad range of possible uses for the site, including age-restricted housing or a new academic campus.

“With this RFEI, we are throwing out a wide net to gauge the interest of the private sector in this piece of property,” Oddo says, in a statement. “I am not shy about saying that my preferences would be a viable senior housing project, a recreational facility or an educational institution. We purposely left the RFEI open-ended so that it can most effectively gauge such interest.”

According to the NYCEDC, the property is “advantageous” for new development, as it features enough land areas for master planning, historic assets and access to the 3,500-acre Staten Island Greenbelt, the borough’s biggest network of open space. The site is also close to major healthcare facilities and educational institutions such as the **College of Staten Island**, Sea View Hospital and Home Rehabilitation

Center and the Greenbelt Recreation Center. It is also in close proximity to destinations such as the Staten Island Mall and Historic Richmondtown.

The RFEI comes at a time when the borough's population has increased significantly. According to data from the **US Census Bureau**, Staten Island's population jumped by 5.6% in 2010, the highest out of any other borough within the city. In turn, development is high in demand—which can be a boon for new projects in the area.

"This site is one of the largest unused city-owned properties in the entire borough," says Staten Island Borough President **James P. Molinaro**, in a statement. "As Councilman Oddo has been saying over the years, it offers an opportunity for a use that would benefit Staten Island for generations to come."

Start making summer camp plans

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Sherrina Navani/Shore Family Fun
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **ALL SHORES** -

With unusually warm temperatures and spring-like weather conditions, it shouldn't be hard to start thinking ahead. And when it comes to kids, now is the time to leap-frog over spring and consider summer camps.

One of the oldest established day camps on Staten Island is located on the grounds of the College of Staten Island (CSI) at 2800 Victory Blvd., Willowbrook.

Established in 1979, the Staten Island Day Camp is a true summer activity camp that offers every outdoor sport imaginable.

From basketball and soccer, to swimming and baseball, your child will be physically stimulated and kept in great shape all summer.

"We give the kids a true summertime experience, within a safe environment," said camp director, Michael Halpern. A former assistant principal at PS 1 in Tottenville, Halpern runs the camp under the strictest guidelines, ensuring he and his staff know where each of the 375 campers are at all times.

In the event of rain, extremely hot conditions, and during indoor events, the camp has access to a fully air-conditioned room large enough to hold all the campers. In addition, special entertainment, like the Harlem Wizards or traveling game shows that visited last year, are showcased at the camp every Friday.

"With all the traffic and congestion, we don't want kids stuck on a hot bus to get to the entertainment, so we bring the entertainment to them," said Halpern.

The Staten Island Day Camp offers two types of sessions, part-time and full time, for kids ages 5- to 13-years-old. The part-time, or three day a week package, is \$1,700 for a four-week block. Mom and dad can



In this 2010 file photo, children from the Staten Island YMCA Summer Day Camp program participate in Olympic-style games and challenges. Pictured carrying their country's banners at the closing ceremony are, from left, Ariel Henry, Jayden Williams, Wakim Reed, Peter Ballesteros and Elana Marshall.

decide what days their child attends the camp. Sessions start at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Parents are given about 30 to 40 minutes of additional drop-off and pick-up time at the beginning and end of the day. Meals and transportation are not included in the price.

If you want your child to have a full week experience, the five-day program starts at \$1,850 for four weeks. The price includes pick-up and drop-off transportation from anywhere on Staten Island and an optional dining package is provided through **CSI**.

To learn more, visit the camp's upcoming open house on March 24 and be sure to bring the kids. Or visit the camp's website at **www.statenislanddaycamp.com**.

OTHER OPTIONS

If you are looking for a camp that offers a variety of options, look no further than the Staten Island Jewish Community Center (JCC). It offers traditional camps full of fun activities, teaches sportsmanship and entertains with fun trips and shows, for children ages 1 to 6-years-old; there is also a program that accommodates youngsters up to ninth-grade.

The JCC offers specialty camps for children interested in learning more about their Jewish heritage; a gymnastics camp, and even a week away from home in Milford, Penn. If your child has special needs, the JCC can accommodate him or her at Marvin's Camp, specially designed to provide children with the extra support they need to thrive in a wide variety of sports and enjoy weekly trips.

To learn more about the JCC's camps, pricing, schedules and teen camp options, or to enroll, visit **<http://camp.sijcc.org>**. Or come to an open house on Sunday, noon to 2 p.m., 1466 Manor Rd., Sea View.

The Staten Island YMCA provides two excellent summer early-childhood camp options, indoor and outdoor, for kids ages 3- to 6-years-old. The indoor day camp is \$408 for non-members and \$380 for members. Camp runs from 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m., five days a week for two-week blocks. The outdoor program, Camp Pouch, is geared for youngsters age 5 to 13. It is \$564 for non-members and \$513 for members. It operates five days a week for a two-week session from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Looking to keep your teen enthused and immersed in leadership skills all summer long? Check out the Y's Counselor In Training program for 14- to 16-year-olds. Kids work alongside trained camp staff to learn leadership skills and how to manage younger campers.

To learn more about the YMCA's summer programming for kids of all ages visit **<http://www.ymcanyc.org>**. Or call **718-981-4933** for the Broadway Center; **718-227-3200** for the South Shore branch.

For a list of additional camps, visit **bit.ly/AmS5Kp**.



Students will take to the runway to support school programs

Sunday, March 11, 2012, 6:16 AM



Staten Island Advance
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The Parent Teacher Association of The College of Staten Island High School for International Studies (CSIHSIS), New Springville, will host "Music Can Change the World," its annual fashion show event at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, at the Staaten, West Brighton. In addition to a fashion show, the event will include a sit-down dinner, entertainment and raffle door prizes. Tickets are \$65 per person. Contact Kelly Cammarato at 347-200-2979 or at csiptavp@aol.com.

The runway fashion show will feature both formal and casual wear, modeled by the students of CSIHSIS. The boys clothing will be provided by Tuxedo World and Vans. The girls clothing will be provided by Ultimate Fashions II and Marshalls.

Warner Music Group will be honored for its constant support of CSIHSIS. Warner Music Group participates every year in "Principal for a Day," and provides inspirational speakers to educate the students on music industry. It also provide internships each year for a select number of students.

The event will help supplement academic and athletic programs in the form of purchasing materials for the school, upgrading equipment and providing awards and scholarships to the graduating cl

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Staten Island Artist Creates Charmed Banner for Fast Smart Web Design

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Eve LeBer's Charm Bracelet

[PRLog \(Press Release\)](#) - Mar 11, 2012 -

Eve LeBer, well known on Staten Island as a lithographer and painter, created the March banner for Fast Smart Web Design, <http://fastsmartwebdesign.com>.

The banner is adapted from her print called "Ten European Charms." Some of the charms represent Fast Smart Web Design clients (for example, Meals on Wheels of Staten Island, <http://mealsonwheelsofsi.org>, Hey Viv, <http://heyviv.com>, and Tug Pegasus, <http://tugpegasus.org>) and one is the Fast Smart Web Design logo, the happy computer.

Eve's prints and paintings reflect her experiences of family, Staten Island, and animal life. Her next one-woman show will be held at the St. George branch of the New York Public Library in March and April of 2013.

She has received grants from Council on the Arts & Humanities for Staten Island and New York Foundation for the Arts, and has had shows at Wagner College, [College of Staten Island](#), the Smithtown Township Arts Council on Long Island, Dartmouth College, Washington Art Association in Connecticut, and in Grants Pass, OR, Stockton, CA, South Hampton, Stony Brook, and other locations.

Eve studied printmaking with Hermann Zaage and taught at the Children's Museum, the Newhouse Gallery, the Art Lab, the John Noble Museum, the New York City Housing Authority, and the Children's Aid Society before joining United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) on Port Richmond Avenue, Staten Island, in 2004.

At UCP, she and a colleague, Julia Justo, were chosen *NYers of the Week* on NY1 for the week starting October 18, 2008. See <http://www.ny1.com/content/87434/nyer-of-the-week--artists-show-cerebral-palsy-is-no-limitation> for the clip.

In addition to her degree from the School of Visual Arts, Eve has a Level 4 certificate in American Sign

Language, which does *not* come in useful when trying to bring her deaf Jack Russell terrier to heel.

Also featured in March are artist Naima Rauam's site, <http://artpm.com>, and the St. John's & House of Bethany Episcopal High School and Elementary School Alumni Association. The association is raising money to rebuild and refurbish schools destroyed by the long civil war in Liberia. For more information, go to <http://ehsees.org>.

Port Authority hearing prompts political spat GOP calls motives of Democrats chairman in to question



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Written by Larry Higgs (Staff Writer)

NEW YORK — The woes of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey are going to be the subject of a joint hearing by New Jersey and New York lawmakers that will be held in April.

The joint hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m. April 20 at the Center for the Arts at the **College of Staten Island**. Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski, D-Middlesex, and New York state Sen. Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr., R-N.Y., announced the public hearing on Monday to look into the authority's "finances and lack of accountability."

The hearings come on the heels of an auditor's report commissioned by the Port Authority in response to conditions imposed by Govs. Chris Christie and Andrew Cuomo requiring an audit and review of the agency's management and employee benefits and pay scale, before signing off on bridge and tunnel toll and PATH fare increases which took effect in September.

But the hearing announcement also touched off a political spat between Wisniewski and the Christie administration, who accused the state Democratic Party head of inaction on Port Authority issues during the Corzine and McGreevey administrations, and using the issue for political gain.

During a Monday news conference, Christie criticized a bill that Wisniewski sponsored that would give the Assembly Transportation Committee subpoena power, and set up a special subcommittee to investigate the Port Authority. The governor said Authority Deputy Director Bill Baroni already explained why that wouldn't work when he appeared before a state Senate Committee.

“(Former) Sen. Baroni did a very good job explaining why this didn’t make any sense when he appeared before the Senate committee. And the Assembly committee could have the exact same appearance by Sen. Baroni if they asked for it. They haven’t asked for it,” Christie said.

No-shows

However, Port Authority officials were no-shows at the Assembly Transportation Committee’s Feb. 2 hearing on four Port Authority bills. Executive Director Patrick Foye was unable to attend because of a prior commitment in Washington; other authority officials did not attend because they weren’t specifically invited, an agency spokeswoman said.

But Christie cautioned against using subpoenas, and suggested lawmakers work through his office for Port Authority information.

“So the subpoena power thing, I think, is just a political thing. And I hope they don’t do it, because it raised the stakes then. Everybody gets a little bit agitated if you start throwing subpoenas around,” Christie said. “Take my word for it, I used to do it.”

Wisniewski said this is the first subpoena power the Assembly committee has pursued in a decade.

“They are a response to the sheer hubris of the Port Authority’s repeated refusal to recognize they are accountable to the public,” he said in a statement. “For Governor Christie to claim these actions are nothing more than politics shows he is out of touch with the problems facing New Jersey’s hard working middle class, and reflects an insensitivity to the struggles of the taxpayers who have to pay the Port Authority’s bills.”

Foye, Baroni and Board of Commissioners chairman David Sampson were invited to testify in letters mailed on March 9, as were the comptrollers of New York and New Jersey, said Tom Hester Jr., spokesman for the Assembly Democrats.

Christie administration officials said it would be premature to say if state officials will testify, adding they are looking to Baroni, as one of their representatives to the Port Authority, said Michael Drewniak, Christie’s spokesman.

“He’s (Wisniewski) extremely late to the party. Imagine the possibilities if he had done anything during the Corzine or McGreevey administrations and held hearings or demanded transparency from the Port Authority,” Drewniak said. “We’re the ones who demanded an independent audit, this governor and the governor of New York. None of this happened before.”

Wisniewski countered that he took on the Corzine asset monetization plan to raise tolls and borrow against them by demanding public hearings, and accused the Christie administration of stonewalling.

“I went toe to toe with a Democratic governor on asset monetization,” Wisniewski said. “If they are making this about what happens in 2012, versus what happened in 2009 or 2005, it’s not an apples to apples comparison. It’s shaky logic.”

Five reform bills have been released for a vote of the full New Jersey Assembly, including the subpoena bill. Another would increase the Port Authority's accountability and transparency; a companion bill has also been proposed in the New York State Legislature by a Staten Island lawmaker.

The bistrate hearing follows a February interim report by Navigant Consulting, released by the authority in February which called the authority “a challenged and dysfunctional organization,” and said it needed a top-to-bottom overhaul.

That report highlighted serious issues with the Port Authority’s finances, including a \$3.8 billion increase in the overall cost for the World Trade Center redevelopment project since 2008 estimates. Authority officials said the report’s findings were turned over to senior management, who are expected to come back with ways to implement the recommendations.

Also cited by the bistrate legislators as reasons for having the hearing are statements from authority officials that the toll and fare hikes were not funding the World Trade Center redevelopment

One bill pending before the New Jersey Assembly would require the authority to follow either New Jersey’s Open Public Records Act or New York’s Freedom of Information Law.

Currently the authority has its own process and Wisniewski said legislators have unanswered requests for information from the authority including one dating to 2010.

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American Campus Turns Dirt On Student Community

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AUSTIN, TX - American Campus Communities, Inc., the largest owner, manager and developer of high-quality student housing properties in the U.S., has commenced construction on a 454-bed student community on the [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](#) campus in the City University of New York system where the company serves as the third-party developer and manager.

The [College of Staten Island](#) Residences is being financed with \$65.8 million in tax-exempt Residential Revenue Bonds and \$2.0 million in taxable bonds, all issued by The New York City Housing Development Corporation (HDC).

“We are honored to be partnering with [CSI](#) to deliver this transformative student housing project – a first step in changing the campus experience from commuter to residential,” said Jamie Wilhelm, American Campus executive vice president of public private partnerships. “This modern complex will offer [CSI](#) students an on-campus residential experience that will enhance academic success and foster the sense of community with state-of-the-art accommodations and services.”

The Residences will be comprised of two L-shaped buildings of four and five stories, containing approximately 172,000-square-feet. The site is at the northwest corner of the north academic quadrangle and adjacent to the buildings for Business and Engineering Technologies. Although housing is intended for undergraduates, the building may also include apartments for graduate students, faculty, staff, and resident advisors.

“We are proud to be partnering up with CUNY and American Campus Communities to develop much needed student housing at the [College of Staten Island](#). With an increase of student population, long commutes and a limited amount of apartment complexes – there’s clearly a need,” said Marc Jahr, president of the HDC.

The student housing facility will have 133 apartments with a total of 454 beds. The apartments consist of 24 two-bedroom with one-bathroom single occupancy units, 67 three-bedroom with two-bathroom double occupancy units, 32 four-bedroom with two-bathroom single occupancy units, nine resident assistant units and one resident director unit.

“Our new residential project will be transformational for the College as it is an integral part of our Campus Facilities Master Plan and a significant component of the recently adopted five year Strategic Plan,” said Ira S. Persky, CSI’s vice president of finance and administration. “The project will enable the College to attract students from a wider geographical area, provide more educational opportunities and foster an on-campus environment that will benefit the entire college community.”

Each apartment will be furnished with a dining table and chairs, entertainment center, coffee table, soft seating and will include one or more bathrooms, a kitchen with range and oven, refrigerator and sink. Each resident will have his or her own closet, semi-private vanity area with sink, bed, desk, chair, and stackable dresser in the bedroom/bath area. Amenities will include laundry facilities, resident mailroom, fitness center, conference rooms, a social lounge with television and seating, public restrooms, administrative offices, and mechanical and maintenance areas.

The community is designed to achieve LEED Silver-certification, based upon the types of building materials, the nature of its landscaping, energy efficiency and minimal land disturbance. Development will take approximately 17 months to complete with occupancy scheduled in Fall 2013, creating 270-plus construction related jobs.

American Campus Communities, Inc. is the largest owner and manager of high-quality student housing communities in the United States. The company is a fully integrated, self-managed and self-administered equity real estate investment trust (REIT) with expertise in the design, finance, development, construction management, and operational management of student housing properties. American Campus Communities owns 120 student housing properties containing approximately 74,900 beds. Including its owned and third-party managed properties, ACC’s total managed portfolio consists of 147 properties with approximately 97,800 beds.

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Probe shouldn't stop with Port Authority

Mar. 16, 201

TRENTON — The Assembly has voted to give its Transportation Committee subpoena power to take a long, hard look at the operation of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, but it wasn't welcome news all over the Statehouse.

Even before the subpoena power became a reality, a meeting was scheduled for April 30 at the Center for the Arts at the College of Staten Island. Democrat Assemblyman John Wisniewski, chairman of the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee, will co-chair the meeting with New York State Sen. Charles J. Fuschillo Jr., a Republican from Long Island.

This comes after a scathing audit ordered by Gov. Christie and his New York counterpart, Andrew Cuomo. The audit was commissioned after the two governors approved an unpopular toll and fare hike.

The audit described a "challenged and dysfunctional organization suffering from a lack of consistent leadership, a siloed underlying bureaucracy, poorly coordinated capital planning processes, insufficient cost controls and a lack of transparent and effective oversight of the World Trade Center program that has obscured full awareness of billions of dollars in exposure to the Port Authority."

Wisniewski said, "The Port Authority is well on its way to becoming an out-of-control agency focused on building a real estate empire rather than its mission of providing affordable and reliable transportation and port facilities."

The subpoena bill was launched after Port Authority officials failed to show at a Feb. 2 committee hearing on bills designed to create more authority overnight.

Who could object? Christie, for one. "Everybody gets a little agitated when you start throwing subpoenas around," the governor said. "Take my word for it, I used to do it." Then he said, "They want to put on a show. The Democratic state chair (Wisniewski) wants to put on a show. I'm shocked."

Assembly Republican conference leader Dave Rible, for another. "The fact that a two-part audit of the Port Authority, recommended by Governor Christie and New York Governor Cuomo, is halfway completed appears to be irrelevant to the Democrats. They can dress up these inquiries anyway they want, but in the end, the motivation behind them remains purely political."

Wisniewski is the chair of the state Democratic Party and if the hearing becomes a fiasco he will be the one to suffer for it. But there is no denying the Port Authority has acted like an independent nation doing what it damned well pleased without much consideration for the people paying the tolls and fares. It should be held up to scrutiny.

The Port Authority is not the only one.

Legislation is making its way through the Pennsylvania Legislature to give state auditors in that state and New Jersey authority to conduct annual financial and management audits of the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission. The Garden State has approved such a measure.

“Too often, interstate agencies are given too much independence to manage their finances without public scrutiny, and it’s the tollpayers and taxpayers who end up paying the price,” said Sen. Michael Doherty, R-Warren.

But nobody is talking publicly about the granddaddy of bi-state patronage pits, the Delaware River Port Authority. It raises rates and spends money like a drunken sailor and officials complain and wring their hands for show, then move on.

Some think it’s because the DRPA is the personal fiefdom of Camden County Democratic political boss George Norcross and too many people under the Gold Dome on both sides of the aisle need his help.

Why not get subpoena power to go through the DRPA’s business too, unless the governor and Rible are right and this whole thing is a political stunt?

N.J. Assembly gives committee power to subpoena Port Authority witnesses, documents

Friday, March 16, 2012, 6:45 AM



Steve Strunsky/The Star-Ledger
By

The complex political struggle to impose reforms on the embattled Port Authority took a leap forward Thursday, when the New Jersey Assembly granted subpoena power to one of its committees.

Voting 44-30, with two abstentions and largely along party lines, the Democrat-controlled Assembly approved a binding resolution vesting the Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee with the power "to investigate the finances of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey." That includes the authority to subpoena witnesses and documents from the bi-state agency.



Ed Murray/The Star-Ledger

John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), an outspoken critic of the Port Authority, sought subpoena power after a Port Authority executive did not attend a hearing and did not send a representative.

The committee's chairman, Assemblyman

John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), who also chairs the state Democratic Party, sought subpoena power after Port Authority Executive Director Patrick Foye did not attend a Feb. 2 hearing due to a conflict, and did not send a representative.

The Assembly panel was addressing four bills intended to enhance transparency and accountability at the Port Authority, after last summer's controversial toll increase and audits critical of agency spending and management.

Port Authority legislation must be approved by both states, and similar bills are pending in New York. On April 20, Wisniewski and New York Republican Sen. Charles Fuschillo of Long Island will co-chair a joint legislative hearing on the Port Authority at the College of Staten Island.

Wisniewski issued a statement saying the transportation committee would use its new subpoena power to obtain financial documents needed to ask questions of Foye, Deputy Executive Director Bill Baroni and other agency officials, "to get to the root cause of our concern, which is 'How does an agency consume so much of our money, through tolls and fares, and do so little for the people of the State of New Jersey in terms of real results?'"

Gov. Chris Christie and some Republicans on Wisniewski's committee have criticized the subpoena resolution as a politically motivated attempt to undercut Christie's own effort to reform the Port Authority, in conjunction with his Democratic counterpart from New York, Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Christie's spokesman, Michael Drewniak, issued a statement Thursday calling the resolution, "so blatantly political and hypocritical."

"The real question, of course, is where John Wisniewski and his self-righteous Democratic colleagues were all those years of the (Gov.

Jim) McGreevey and (Gov. Jon) Corzine administrations, when the Port Authority grew into such a mess. It is an irrefutable fact of history that only now, under Governor Christie and Governor Cuomo, that real reform, independent audits and transparency have been forced upon that agency."

Christie and Cuomo share control of the Port Authority through their mutual power to appoint board members and veto their actions. So far, the two have spoken and acted in lock step with regard to the agency. In August, they issued joint statements directing the agency to soften its original, steeper proposal for a toll increase, and then jointly conditioned their approval of the reduced proposal on a sweeping review of the agency's finances.

The first phase of that review, released last month, branded the agency "dysfunctional," and Port Authority officials say it is a key component of their ongoing reform campaign.

John Weingart, associate director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics and Policy at Rutgers University, said that where the two governors are concerned, "The institutional perspective trumps party."

Legislative reform efforts, on the other hand, have had a more partisan appearance. New Jersey reform bills have been sponsored by Democrats and criticized by the Republican governor and his GOP legislative allies. In New York, where there's a Democrat in the governor's mansion, legislative reforms have been led by Republicans.

"Where you stand depends on where you sit," Weingart said.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Enrollment Registrar Specialist

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Job ID: 5277

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

GENERAL DUTIES

Administers College registration operations under management direction.

- Coordinates registration services such as grade collection entries and changes, publication of semester course offerings, final examination schedules, classroom scheduling and requests for student information
- Promotes policies and procedures in compliance with local, state and federal rules and regulations; advises College personnel regarding the development and implementation of responses to regulatory changes
- Oversees the conformity of record release procedures to management policies and legal requirements, including the Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other applicable laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of student records
- Creates and reviews student communications from the Registrar's Office; ensures transcript and Degree verification requests are handled in a timely manner
- Recommends and implements improvements to office operations; assists with strategic planning
- Prepares reports and analyses on registration activities
- May train faculty and staff on retention techniques, record-keeping protocol and/or registration systems
- May supervise office operations and/or department budget
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Job Title Name: Enrollment Registrar Specialist

CONTRACT TITLE

Higher Education Assistant

FLSA

Non-exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

The College's faculty, administration, and staff are committed to educational excellence as they instill in students an enduring love of learning and respect for pluralism and diversity. The College community recognizes its responsibility to strive for the common good, including an informed appreciation for the

interdependence of all people, as well as providing students with the opportunities for successful future careers.

Reporting to the Enrollment Registrar Director, the Registrar Specialist is responsible for the following:

- Assists with the implementation and management of CUNYFirst (Oracle PeopleSoft) as related to the Registrar.
- Works in conjunction with the **CSI** Office of Information Technology and other technical staff to maintain systems, facilitate upgrades, and act as the liaison between the end-user and technical support group.
- Works closely with the Enrollment Division Offices as well as other departmental operations to administer the offices' processes.
- Liaison regarding data exchange of in house systems and CUNYFirst; compiles data, audits records, and generates reports as they pertain to the Registrar.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree and four years' related experience required.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills as well as strong multi-tasking skills
- Project Management experience related to Information Technology preferred
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite, with an emphasis on MS Access and MS Excel, Crystal Reports and Peoplesoft preferred

COMPENSATION

\$42,873 – \$74,133

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please go to www.cuny.edu; select "Employment", "Search Job Listings", "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs", then enter the Job ID# in the "Job Opening ID" field.

Please note that this search is being conducted jointly with Job ID# 5562 – Financial Aid Specialist. All applicants must apply separately to be considered for both roles.

College of Staten Island (CUNY) – AVP for Campus Planning and Facilities

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Job ID: 4564

GENERAL DUTIES

As a key member of the executive management team, the Assistant Vice President oversees one or more College functions to fulfill comprehensive program goals and contributes to overall College strategic objectives. He/she plans and implements a range of successful programs; and oversees staff, budget, operations, and facilities.

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Reporting to the Vice President for Finance and Administration, the Assistant Vice President for Campus Planning and Facilities is responsible for overseeing comprehensive facilities management operations that provide facilities planning, space administration, construction management, facilities maintenance and repair, renovations, physical plant management, architectural and engineering services, utilities distribution, custodial, landscape, and other maintenance services to the College of Staten Island.

Chief responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Supervises the functions of the Offices of Physical Plant Maintenance, Buildings and Grounds, and Environmental Health and Safety.
- Develops and implements protocols for managing campus facilities, including construction projects, renovations, preventive and routine maintenance, special projects and projects under the supervision of the City University of New York (CUNY) and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).
- Oversees the development, implementation and maintenance of databases to record and track facilities projects, routine maintenance, maintenance on all major systems and equipment, and establishes a college-wide facilities management system.
- Represents the College with CUNY, DASNY, and other offices related to the facilities area.
- Develops protocols and policies for energy conservation, management of the College capital budget, and strategies to ensure a safe and healthful environment on campus.
- Evaluates contractor performance for design and construction and ensures proper procedures are developed and adhered to for occupancy.
- Oversees energy and sustainability initiatives on behalf of the College. Develops, implements and assesses department goals, policies, and procedures to ensure alignment with the College's plans.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

This position is in CUNY's Executive Compensation Plan. All executive positions require a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and eight years' related experience. Additional qualifications are defined below by the College.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in architecture, engineering or related field; Master's preferred.
- Five to ten years' experience at a managerial level position in facilities services (a minimum of eight years related experience required).
- Experience and knowledge in facilities planning, design and construction, facilities maintenance management, utilities operations and the supervision of these areas.
- Demonstrated evidence of ability in the management of a multi-facility complex.
- Experience in personnel management and training.
- The ability to establish effective and productive working relationships with diverse campus constituents is essential.
- Must have excellent communications skills.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please go to www.cuny.edu; select "Employment", then "Job postings on line". Please attach your resume, cover letter and names and addresses of three references.

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COMPENSATION

Commensurate with experience.

Commuter school to offer dorms

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 9:24 AM



By **Mark D. Stein**



Students on the **College of Staten Island** pass the future site of two buildings, which will contain 133 furnished apartments for students.

WILLOWBROOK -- The long-awaited residence halls at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)** are being built.

A construction barrier has been installed north of Building 3N and west of 4N to make way for what the school has named "The **CSI** Student Housing."

According to a report by Vice President for Finance and Administration Ira Persky, the project consists of two buildings with four and five stories each. Together, they will contain 133 furnished apartments housing 454 residents. Both

structures will offer private and semi-private bedroom accommodations with semi-private bathrooms for residents.

Each bedroom will be equipped with a bed, bureau, desk, chair and closet. Kitchens will include a four-burner range top and full oven, refrigerator and garbage disposal.

Amenities will include social lounges, a cardio-focused fitness center, divisible meeting and multipurpose space, private study rooms, a mailroom, business center, vending areas, laundry facilities and a fully staffed on-site management office.

Related project improvements will include new pathways, landscaping, lighting, and recreational areas to include basketball and handball courts to replace those being displaced by the construction. Two new basketball courts and four handball courts will be constructed immediately south and west of the outdoor tennis courts.

The first phase of the 17-month construction period will involve the preparation of the area for temporary construction offices and the installation of construction fencing to contain the site, said **CSI**.

Excavation and foundation work will follow with utility lines being placed to support the project. It is anticipated that this phase will take four to five months, at which time the building structure will begin to take shape.

The exteriors of the building should be completed in early 2013 with the remaining construction, interior, and site restoration work being completed in August 2013.

The complex is a collaboration between Austin, Texas-based American Campus Communities (ACC) and CSI Student Housing LLC, with the City University of New York (CUNY).

CSI is hosting a formal groundbreaking ceremony at the end of this month.

The Willowbrook-based school has been a commuter school since its founding in 1976 with the merger of two former schools — Staten Island Community College, Sunnyside (now the site of the Michael J. Petrides School), and Richmond College, St. George.

An initial report by the Advance more than four years ago said the resident halls would include three buildings housing 600 students.

As students walked the grounds of CSI Thursday, they commented on the fenced-off site between 3N and 4N.

One student, who chose to remain anonymous, explained that many students come from off-Island.

"The dorms are necessary," he said.

Kenneth Siegler, a sophomore from Sunnyside, said he's been waiting for this to happen for a while.

"Some people live really far away from the school, so it'll be good for them," he said.

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Women's History Week: Staten Island Businesswomen Become Mentors To Young Females

03/25/2012 12:54 PM

By: Amanda Farinacci



NY1 wraps up its series on extraordinary women the station has covered over the years with a women's business group on Staten Island that has grown and evolved and is now working even harder to help females in the workplace. Borough reporter Amanda Farinacci filed the following report.

College of Staten Island junior Ruth Arsenec was one of dozens of students who attended the school's second-annual "speed networking" event. For three minutes at a shot, she had the chance to network with some of Staten Island's most successful women.

"The best way to find out information is to deal with a woman who basically has the same outlook on life and has the same challenges that I would face and has already accomplished them," says Arsenec.

The speed networking event is a partnership between the college and the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation's Women's Leadership Council, or WLC.

Back in 2005, the WLC was known as the "Women In Business Group," and over the years it has expanded its cause from simply helping women to include networking, mentoring, and giving back to the community.

"I think we have more of a mission now than we did in 2005. When we started in 2005, we were everywhere, we didn't know where we wanted to go, we didn't know who we wanted to help," says WLC member Chrissy Mazzola. "We wanted to help women, we wanted to do something for women."

The group is set to change yet again this summer, incorporating new members and targeting women who may be struggling in their professional lives.

Part of the group's new mission will focus on helping young women who are just starting out after college, especially given how difficult the economy has made finding a job in recent years.

"We want to give everybody a shot and this community is very small, we all know a lot of the same people and a lot of people are still hiring," says WLC member Pamela Columbia. "So we want to try and guide the people who can't necessarily find jobs as easily into the right direction."

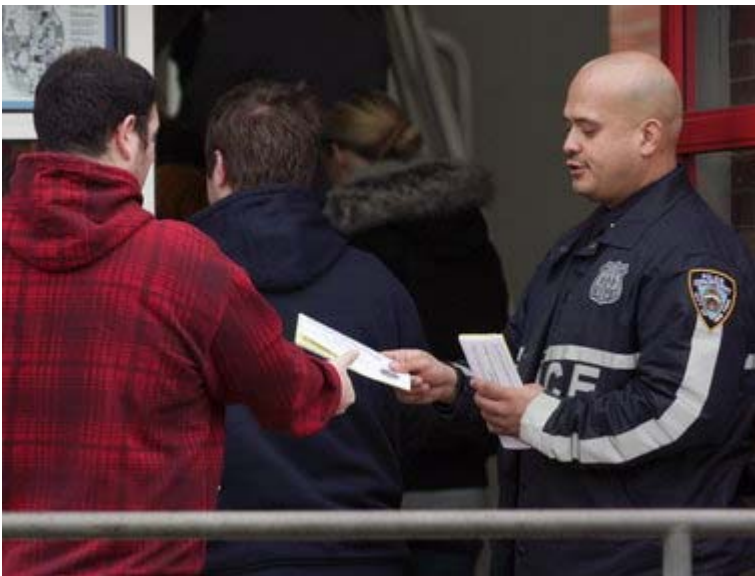
Many of the group's members say they were themselves mentored by women as they were starting out and credit those relationships with helping them succeed.

Nearly 900 people -- many of them out of work -- turn up at **CSI** to take the police exam

Monday, March 26, 2012, 4:29 AM



By **Ryan Lavis**



Staten island Advance/Hilton Flores

Police Officer William Moncada hands out questionnaires and applications for the NYPD exam at **CSI**.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- While registration for the walk-in NYPD entrance exam started around 9 o'clock yesterday morning at the **College of Staten Island**, many of the hopeful police officers lined up as early as 2 a.m. to guarantee a seat.

"This is a chance for people to join a great organization, and I think a lot of people want to take advantage of that," said Inspector Martin Morales, an NYPD recruiting officer present for the exam. Morales said the day brought a total of 890 diverse applicants.

"We got a lot of different types of people applying today -- it's a nice mix of college

kids and older people who have been out of work for awhile."

Morales pointed out that those looking to register for the exam and become a police officer must: Fall between the ages of 17½ and 35, complete 60 college credits, and have proof of good character and a satisfactory background, among other qualifications.

According to its recruitment website, the NYPD written exam "is designed to gauge the cognitive ability, observational skills, and mental acuity of interested applicants. These are the traits that have been determined to be important to the effective performance of your duties as an officer."

The site notes that while passing the written test is not a guarantee of a job, "if you don't pass the test you won't even be considered."

Many who invested \$35 to take the test



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Hilton Flores

A classroom in **CSI** Bldg. 1-S is filled with men & women ready to take the NYPD exam. (Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores)

NYPD Administers Police officer Entrance Exam on Staten Island
gallery (10 photos)

said they did so because they were pessimistic about finding work in the current economy.

And then there's Moore Catholic High School senior Erin O'Brien -- who simply has her eyes on an NYPD career.

"I always wanted to be a cop, so I thought I might as well come today," she said.

Ms. O'Brien said her father encouraged her to take the test, although her mother was worried about the dangers of being a police officer. But that didn't stop her from signing up.

Police Academy recruits make a base salary of \$41,975, but add incentives like longevity benefits, and that number becomes \$44,795. After 5½ years, police officers make a base of \$76,488, or \$90,829 with benefits.

As Victoria Serio of Richmond, waited outside while her 17-year-old daughter registered, she said teenagers must have other options besides hoping to find a job after college.

"There are no jobs out there, so kids need to have a Plan B," she said.

"It seems like every three months my husband's job is on the line, so we want our children to find something permanent. And it seems like city jobs are the only sure bet these days."

Allan Montgomery, 34, of Queens, said he decided to take the police exam after giving up on his search for a job. While he holds an MBA and has worked in marketing and advertising sales for a few years, he said building a career has proved almost impossible.

"There aren't really any good and fulfilling jobs out there so, I decided to try something worthwhile," Montgomery said. "I wouldn't mind helping people, and the thought of just sitting behind a desk all day is maddening."

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations

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Job Title: Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations

Job ID: 5574

Location: College of Staten Island

Full/Part time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

GENERAL DUTIES

Directs College corporate and foundation relations strategy and operations.

- Designs, develops and oversees strategic program to secure corporate and foundation funding for various College initiatives
- Responsible for meeting specific goals and targets
- Develops funding strategies, assesses outcome of strategic plan, and refines approaches to meet priority objectives
- Oversees a portfolio of corporate and foundation donors to establish and sustain ongoing relations; cultivates new prospects
- Maintains relationships with sponsoring organizations to promote and maintain funding
- Ensures reporting requirements are completed in timely and accurate manner
- May develop proposals for institutional, academic, and arts grants
- Manages professional and clerical staff
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Job Title Name: Development Corporate and Foundation Relations Director

CONTRACT TITLE

Higher Education Officer

FLSA

Exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

The College's faculty, administration, and staff are committed to educational excellence as they instill in students an enduring love of learning and respect for pluralism and diversity. The College community recognizes its responsibility to strive for the common good, including an informed appreciation for the interdependence of all people, as well as providing students with the opportunities for successful future careers.

The Director of Foundation and Corporate Relations will manage an existing portfolio of organizations, as well as work to identify, cultivate, and secure gifts from organizations with no prior history of giving to **CSI**. The director will develop proposals for institutional, academic, and arts grants in accordance with Foundation/Corporation guidelines and specifics. In addition, s/he will, in conjunction with the Vice President for Institutional Advancement and the Director of Development work to identify, cultivate, and solicit select individual prospects. The Director will also work closely with Foundation, Alumni, and Friends Board Members in all facets of the development initiative. Attendance and cultivation of prospects during major special events are expected.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor's Degree and eight years' related experience required.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Master's degree preferred. Documented extensive experience, successful grant writing, and established working relationships with individual corporate and foundations leading to successful outcomes. Knowledge of Raiser's Edge is desirable.

COMPENSATION

Commensurate with experience.

BENEFITS

CUNY offers a comprehensive benefits package to employees and eligible dependents based on job title and classification. Employees are also offered pension and Tax-Deferred Savings Plans. Part-time employees must meet a weekly or semester work hour criteria to be eligible for health benefits. Health benefits are also extended to retirees who meet the eligibility criteria.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please go to www.cuny.edu; select "Employment", "Search Job Listings", "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs", then enter the Job ID# in the "Job Opening ID" field.

CLOSING DATE

April 15, 2012

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

Student injured in car accident on College of Staten Island campus

Tuesday, March 27, 2012, 10:12 AM



Josh Sorensen
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A College of Staten Island student was injured in two-car accident this morning on the Willowbrook campus.

Two students were reportedly jockeying for a parking spot on the east side of the campus, near the library, a little before 10 a.m., according to another student who was heading to class at the time.

The driver's door was unable to open after the collision and was pried open to extricate the driver. The driver was taken by ambulance to Richmond University Medical Center, West Brighton.

The driver of the second car, a gold Toyota Camry, was not injured.



Staten Island Advance/Josh Sorensen

Emergency responders remove an injured driver from a Hyundai Accent following a two-car accident on the campus of the College of Staten Island, Willowbrook.

Port Authority births new department in security overhaul

Friday, March 30, 2012, 6:45 AM



By **Steve Strunsky/The Star-Ledger**



John Munson/The Star-Ledger

Thursday the Port Authority, pictured holding a meeting last August, announced it was making reforms to save money and increase transparency.

NEW YORK — No one had heard of al Qaeda and the World Trade Center hadn't even been proposed the last time the Port Authority overhauled its security operation.

But the world and the bi-state region are far different places now, and after 9/11 — and the 1993 trade center bombing — security has become just as important to the Port Authority as moving commuters across its bridges and tunnels, facilitating air travel or loading and unloading cargo ships.

That's why, officials said Thursday, the agency is creating a new department intended to consolidate and coordinate security operations, investments and related initiatives. The new department will be headed by the Port Authority's first-ever chief security officer who will report directly to the board of commissioners.

Creation of the department — which was recommended by former U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff after a study by his consulting firm — was one of three initiatives announced by the agency Thursday in what officials say is an ongoing campaign of reform.

"We weren't dealing, in 1953, with non-state actors and terrorists," Chertoff, a former U.S. Attorney for New Jersey, said during a news conference at Port Authority headquarters in Manhattan, referring to the year the agency last overhauled its security operation.

The two other reforms are a phased-in reduction in employee salaries and benefits officials say will save tens of millions of dollars a year, and a revamping of the agency's public information policy intended to liberalize and streamline public access to Port Authority records.

Patrick Foye, the agency's executive director, said the wage and benefit reforms would save about \$15 million in the last six months of this year, and \$26 million in 2013, followed by "tens of millions" of dollars in annual savings going forward.

He admitted the cuts would be painful for employees, and will likely to lead some to retire or resign, But, he said, the measures are in line with private sector initiatives and steps by Gov. Chris Christie and his New York counterpart, Gov. Andrew Cuomo, to reign in public employee costs.

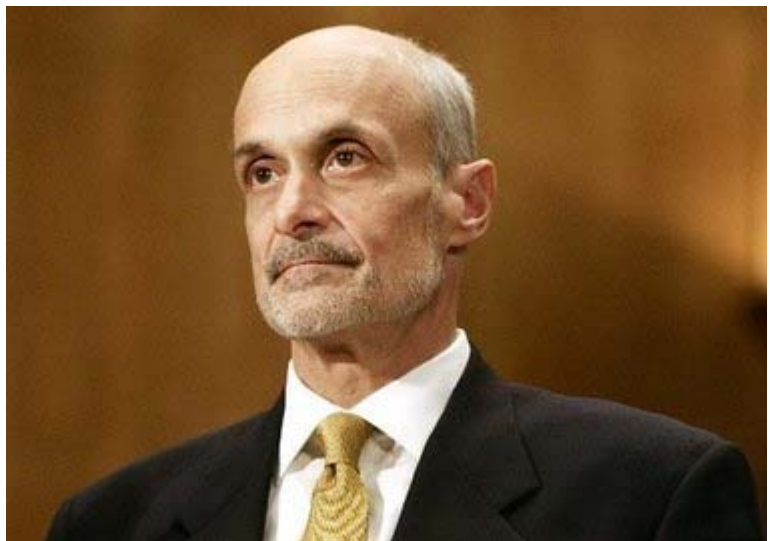
Foye said the cuts would eventually be passed on to toll payers by helping to defer future increases, though he declined to estimate how much time that might buy. He said there were no plans to scale back last summer's toll hike, which took effect in September and will continue to raise tolls in increments through 2015.

Eventually, officials said, the agency's top 30 executives would see their salaries cut by an average of 8 percent, while paying up to 35 percent of their health care premiums. Wage and benefit cuts were also planned for union employees, who make up most of the agency's workforce, though those would have to be negotiated.

All but one of the Port Authority's 13 unions are working under expired contracts, some of them for several years, and union officials have said management's insistence on employee contributions to health premiums has been a stumbling block in negotiations.

In conjunction with a new information policy, starting this morning, officials said the agency will post 22,000 pages of Port Authority documents on the agency's website, www.panynj.gov. Among the documents are freedom of information law requests dating to the start of 2011, and transcripts of hearings on last year's controversial toll hike, which set the stage for the current reform campaign after Christie and Cuomo approved it on the condition the agency conduct a top-to-bottom financial review.

Assemblyman John Wisniewski (D-Middlesex), who has sponsored legislation to enhance transparency and accountability at the agency, called the pay and document reforms, "a step in the right direction."



AP file photo

Former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, shown in this file photo, found that there was clear sense of mission and no adequate lines of responsibility or operational control in the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

"But certainly it does not end the need for stronger Scrutiny," added Wisniewski, who chairs the Assembly Transportation, Public Works and Independent Authorities Committee and the state Democratic Party. The Assembly granted Wisniewski's committee the power to subpoena Port Authority officials and documents while investigating the agency's finances.

New York State lawmakers are also considering Port Authority legislation, and on April 20, Wisniewski will co-chair a rare bi-state legislative hearing on the agency at the College of Staten Island, sharing the gavel with a Republican New York State Senator, Charles Fuschillo.

Jeff Tittel, director of the New Jersey Sierra Club, issued a statement calling the Thursday's reforms, "too little too late."

"We believe there still needs to be legislation to make sure that these reforms and other necessary reforms are made permanent," Tittel said.

\$70 million dorm project marks new era at College of Staten Island

Friday, March 30, 2012, 7:47 PM



Tom Wrobleski
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The College of Staten Island entered a new era today, with the school breaking ground on a \$70 million student housing complex, the first such facility in CSI's 36-year history.

"It's truly a transformative event for the college and the borough," CSI president Dr. Tomas Morales said at a ceremony with City University of New York (CUNY) dignitaries and elected officials.

The two-building complex, which will house 454 students, is set to open in the fall of 2013.

CSI will become just the fourth of CUNY's 23 schools to have campus housing.

The dorm buildings -- one four stories, the other, five -- will contain 133 fully furnished apartments, including kitchens, and will be built on a seven-acre plot of land near the CSI tennis facility.

The dorms will feature single- and double-occupancy rooms, as well as lounges, a fitness center and other amenities.

To see floorplans. go to www.csistudenthousing.com.

Dr. Morales said there were plans for a third building as well.



Enlarge

Jan Somma-Hammel

Officials break ground on the new dorms at the College of Staten Island. (Staten Island Advance/ Jan Somma- Hammel)

CSI breaks ground for student housing gallery (9 photos)

The housing is part of CSI's "Many Voices, One Vision" program, aimed at broadening the college's reach and scope. The dorms will not only provide housing for Island students, but will allow the college to attract students from across the U.S. and the world.

College of Staten Island ushers in new era of student housing

CSI and CUNY officials host ceremonial groundbreaking of student housing facilities on campus. The new facilities, which will be complete in 2013, can accommodate over 400 students and enrich campus life.

Dr. Morales said that studies have shown that students who live on-campus have higher graduation rates, are more civically involved and are more successful overall.

"This will provide the college with the opportunity to provide a residential life experience for students," he said.

Angelo Aponte, former vice president for finance and administration at CSI, was there when the college first began thinking about building residential housing in 2004.

"This will be a game-changer for the college," he said. "It will allow CSI to compete on an elite level with major colleges and universities and colleges."

The CSI site is the former home of the notorious Willowbrook State School, leading Borough President James P. Molinaro to say that the campus had gone from being "a house of horrors to a house of education and learning."

"Now the flower is coming out for higher education," he said.

It is the first major facility construction at CSI since the Willowbrook campus was completed in 1994. Some handball and basketball courts had to be moved from the site to make room for the dorms.

The ceremony comes after eight years of struggle to bring the project to fruition.

Building was delayed when the U.S. financial system nearly collapsed in 2008, cutting many institutions off from credit and making it difficult for CUNY to craft a funding plan for the CSI dorms.

The project "could have died," said Allan H. Dobrin, CUNY executive vice chancellor and CEO. "Nobody wanted to lend us money."

But he said Dr. Morales and CUNY administrators had persisted in pushing the project through.

"It wouldn't have happened without him," he said.

The dorms will be funded through bonds in partnership with the city Housing Development Corp.

"It has been a long road, but we have arrived," said Iris Weinshall, CUNY vice chancellor for facilities planning, construction and management.

Ms. Weinshall, a former city Department of Transportation commissioner, said that the housing complex would have "everything students want and need to feel at home at college."

She said that no taxpayer dollars would be used for the project.

In terms of impact, **CSI** Math Department chair John Verzani said that the housing complex would rival the original formation of the college in 1976 and its later move to Willowbrook.

He said the building of the dorms demonstrated CUNY's "commitment" to **CSI**.

Texas-based American Campus Communities, builders of student housing around the country, will construct the complex.

Advance Political Editor **Tom Wroblewski** writes the **Polit Bureau blog**.

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Students & Alumni

Students



Boxing: Caramanno makes 114-lb. Golden Gloves final

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Staten Island Advance
By

YAPHANK, L.I. -- Huguenot resident and two-time Daily News Golden Gloves champion Anthony Caramanno avenged the only loss he's ever suffered in his four years in the tournament yesterday with an impressive three-round decision over three-time GG champion Julian Ramphal in the 114-pound open semifinals at the Suffolk County PAL.

Caramanno, a College of Staten Island senior, advances to the Golden Gloves finals March 29-30 at The Theater at Madison Square Garden.

"He's the only kid who's ever beat me," said the 21-year-old Caramanno, a Golden Gloves novice champion in 2008 and open champ in 2010, who lost in the semis to Ramphal in 2009. "I stayed focused and didn't let him attack me. I kept him away with my speed. He never really landed a clean shot on me."

The Monsignor Farrell HS graduate had to drop weight prior to the tourney in order to compete in the division where he's had so much success.

"I was at 127 and the next weight class up from 114 is 123. But once I started training, I shed the weight pretty quickly," said the 5-foot-6 Caramanno, who skipped last year's Golden Gloves due to the chicken pox. "I actually didn't want to fight at 123 because those guys are bigger than me. The guys at 114 are more my size."

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Salon looks to pay it forward

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Virginia N. Sherry
By



Staten island Advance/Virginia Sherry

Frank Ferreri of New Dorp, with Jeanne-Marie Abinanti, owner, has been getting his hair cut at Gâ s Salon since 2001.

GRANT CITY -- "I bought this business on my birthday in 2001," said Jeanne-Marie Abinanti, as G's Salon on North Railroad Avenue buzzed with activity last Friday afternoon. The opportunity arose when the owner of what was then the Velvet Underground salon decided to move to New Orleans, she explained.

Mrs. Abinanti — who was born in the Bronx, moved to Staten Island at 3-years-old, and grew up in New Dorp, graduating from New Dorp High School — has worked as a hair stylist since 1984. She was certainly familiar with the North Railroad Avenue location. "I worked in the building since 1994, and used to live above the

shop," she explained.

She expressed gratitude for the dedicated team of professionals who have anchored her salon's solid reputation. "They are very cool people, really good cutters and colorists, and phenomenal stylists for formal occasions," she said. "We have a good vibe here, and it's something I'm extremely grateful for."

That's the main reason why she and her employees decided to celebrate the salon's 11th anniversary with a Pay It Forward Food Drive this month to help replenish supplies at the food pantry of Oakwood Heights Community Church on Guyon Avenue.

"Somehow, we never celebrated our 10th anniversary last year," said Mrs. Abinanti, the busy mother of two children, Joie, 8, and Ryan, 3. "We wanted to celebrate, and do something special."

GIVING BACK

"We decided to do something for the community rather than for clients and ourselves, and it feels good," said Tara Steiner, who worked as a stylist at the North Railroad Avenue location for 12 years before taking time off for her children — Erin, now 18 and a freshman at the College of Staten Island, and Mark, 10, who's in fifth-grade at the Petrides School — and returned to work last July.

The inspiration for the food drive came from Westerleigh resident Kettie McKeon, a stylist with 22 years of experience who was celebrating her own 12th anniversary at the salon two weeks ago. She knew about the food pantry at Oakwood Heights Community Church from her sons — Robert, 14, a freshman at Susan Wagner High School, and John Paul, 16, a New Dorp High School junior. They are members of Boy Scout Troop 27, which does food drives and, also Thanksgiving dinners for the pantry.

FOOD DRIVE DETAILS

The food drive culminates with an April 1 Cut-A-Thon at the salon, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., complete with food, live music, and fund-raising raffles. All proceeds will be used to purchase supermarket gift cards which the salon will donate to the food pantry.

Appointments are not necessary for the haircuts, shampoos and blow-outs on April 1, a day when the salon would normally be closed. The salon's entire staff will be on hand to accommodate customers, though no chemical services will be offered that day.

The salon is accepting drop-offs of canned and nonperishable goods for the Food Drive between now and April 1, as well as donations of checks payable to Oakwood Heights Community Church.

"I'm grateful to my staff for helping make this happen. There's a lot of hands-on involvement," said Mrs. Abinanti.

The staff, in turn, had words of gratitude for a workplace that has made them happy.

"This is my second home," said stylist Mary Gentile of Rosebank, on board since last May. "I just bonded with all the girls. They are like sisters and mothers to me."

Michelle Tosto, from South Beach, has worked at the salon for a year. "I love it here, I love the people, there's no drama," she said. "It's a home away from home. Jeanne-Marie is very outgoing and friendly, and she gives me the opportunity to build up my own clientele, and I get a lot of repeat clients. I have no problem getting up and going to work."

Lauren Bruno, whose second daughter, Giuliana, was born a month ago, returned to work last Saturday. "I love the atmosphere, I love the people, and I love what I do!" the Oakwood resident said.

"People are very friendly here, and a great audience even though my jokes are lousy," said Frank Ferreri, a

jazz musician who lives in New Dorp and has been a customer since 2001. "Jean-Marie is great, I'm a most satisfied customer."

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College of Staten Island student to perform scenes from 'Fannie Lou'

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By

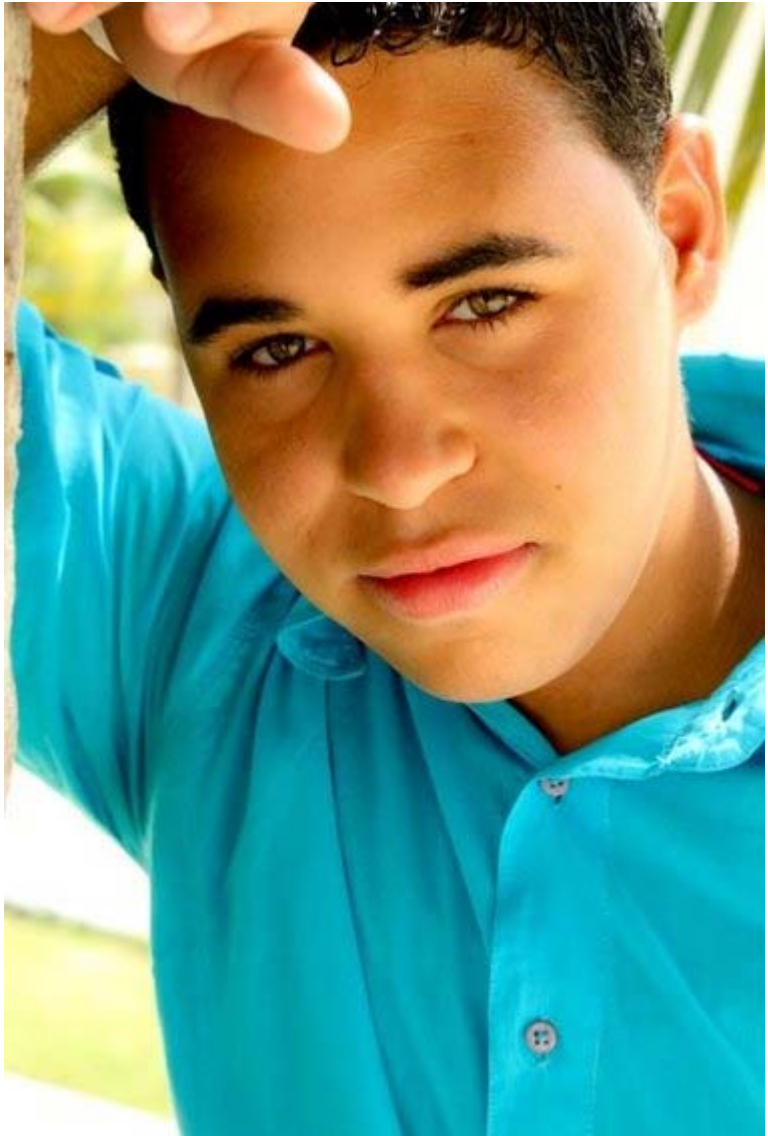
Staten Island Advance Entertainment Desk

A chance encounter -- which led Jonathan Rodriguez to take a chance on a new experience -- set the stage for the College of Staten Island student to direct his efforts towards a career in theater.

"I was about 10 years old and a company called Rosie's Broadway Kids was holding auditions at my elementary school," Jonathan recalled. He happened to be on his way to the bathroom and saw the "huge line" of youngsters waiting to audition for the musical theater group. On the spot, he decided to audition, too.

"I was one of two children chosen," he said. "I was just a kid, but it was like destiny. Literally, something out of the blue."

On March 24 Jonathan, now 18, will be featured in "Scenes and Songs from 'Fannie Lou,'" taking place at the Producers Club in Manhattan. The production is a staged reading of music and dialogue from the upcoming "Fannie Lou," a new musical inspired by the life of voting rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer.



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Jonathan Rodriguez will get the chance to hone his acting skills

Jonathan plays the role of Junior, a teenager living in rural Mississippi in the early 1960's, who is frustrated by the race-based caste system of that era.

Like Jonathan's elementary-school introduction to theater, snagging the role of Junior in "Scenes and Songs from 'Fannie Lou'" also was the result of a chance occurrence.

"I got an email saying there were over 250 submissions [for the various available parts] and that I was not selected at first," said Jonathan. Due to budget restraints, only about one-tenth of what turned out to be more than 300 actors and singers submitting resumes and head shots for the production were even called in to audition.

But an actor who'd been selected for the Junior role was unable to fill it after all, and Jonathan received another email asking if he'd like to audition. He did, and he got the part. Talent aside, he realizes that he was fortunate and that the second email could just have easily gone to any one of dozens of other actors who also had submitted materials.

"I'm looking to do any kind of work," Jonathan said about his professional ambitions at the moment. "That's my goal. And just to stay humble, because an opportunity is an opportunity. I want to always still stay humble."

Among Jonathan's favorite performers is Nathan Lane.

"All of his roles are roles that I would love to do someday. I try to study him as much as I can," Jonathan said. He first saw Lane in "The Producers."

"It was fantastic," Jonathan recalled. "His comedic timing is so on point. It's a gift -- not everyone can do comedy. It makes you want to do it yourself."

After completing basic course work at the College of Staten Island, Jonathan plans to transfer to either Pace University or Hunter College to focus his studies more on musical theater and acting. He's grateful for the support his mom, Yuberkis Perez, has always shown for his performance aspirations, and advises youngsters who think they might like to pursue a career on the stage to just go for it.

"Growing up, a lot of people always say think before you act," Jonathan said. "But if you think about something way too much, you're never going to end up doing it. Always go with your gut."

Jonathan will be featured in the 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. performances of "Scenes and Songs from 'Fannie Lou,'" which will take place Saturday, March 24, at the Producers Club, 358 W. 44th St. Tickets may be purchased online through March 22. For tickets and more information, visit **www.brownpapertickets.com/event/224304**.



Keeping immigrant families together

March 24, 2012

By Maura Grunlund

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - In the first six months of 2011, 46,000 illegal immigrant parents of US citizen children were deported, according to Daniel Coates, lead organizer for Staten Island for Make the Road New York (MRNY).

Coates, speaking at "United in Defense of the Family," a faith-based educational forum staged in the Unitarian Church of Staten Island, New Brighton, on March 14, told participants that more illegal immigrants have been deported under the administration of President Barack Obama than any other, contending that 396,000 people were expelled from the country last year — double the 200,000 deported during the entire decade between 1980 and 1990.

"It has orphaned tens of thousands of children across the U.S.," Rev. Terry Troia, executive director of Project Hospitality, one of the forum speakers, told the Advance after the event, which attracted 15 religious leaders willing to assist affected parishioners remain in this country with their children.

ANTI-FAMILY INITIATIVE

"It is an anti-family initiative that destroys family for many children," Rev. Troia observed. She explained that United States-born children of deported parents usually go to family members through kinship foster care or to extended church family members through regular foster care.

"The impact of deported parents is severe because the children grow up without one or both of their parents," she said.

"It tears at the fabric of family life, it de-stabilizes the family unit. It creates severe emotional stress on the lives of the children, which can lead to severe behavioral issues and decreased attention in school work for the children."

Hosted by the Rev. Susan Karlson, pastor of the Unitarian Church, the forum was sponsored by MRNY, El Centro del Immigrante, Staten Island Clergy Leadership, the Staten Island Council of Churches and the Staten Island Immigrants Council.

Among clergy present were: Monsignor James Dorney, co-vicar of Staten Island and pastor of St. Peter's R.C. Church in New Brighton; Rev. Liam O'Doherty, pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel R.C. Church in Tompkinsville; Rev. Robert Vogl, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church in Willowbrook; Rev. Rose Livingston, pastor of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Pleasant Plains; Rev. Dr. Snehlata Patel, pastor of Woodrow United Methodist Church in Huguenot; Reverends Robert and Mary Hansen of Amazing Grace Interfaith Ministry in Concord; Imam Dr. Tahir Kukiqi of the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center in Tompkinsville; Reverends John Carlo and Jerimias Antonetty of Christian Pentecostal Church, Concord,

and Rev. Brent Backhofen retired from Reformed Church of Huguenot Park.

They were encouraged to get out the word about an immigration legal clinic and forum scheduled from 1 to 4 p.m. on April 15 at St. Mary's of the Assumption R.C. Church, 2230 Richmond Terr., Port Richmond. People with immigration/deportation issues will receive free, confidential advice from MRNY attorneys and other staff throughout the event.

Reservations are needed for legal appointments and may be made by calling Coates at 718-727-1222, ext. 3447. The forum for potential volunteers to help immigrant families will begin at 1 p.m.

UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS

It is estimated that the United States is home to 12 to 15 million undocumented workers. On Staten Island, it cuts across all races and religious denominations, said the Rev. Dr. Victor Brown, senior pastor of Mount Sinai United Christian Church in Tompkinsville.

"The issue we're dealing with affects all our communities," noted Rev. Janet Jones of Rossville AME Zion Church, adding, "We can help people help themselves to be prepared if they have to face deportation issues."

Sara Martinez of Port Richmond, a College of Staten Island (CSI) student and undocumented young person whose plight has been profiled in the Advance, also addressed the gathering. She urged the clergy to have their parishioners call their state Senate and Assembly members to support a state Development, Relief and Education for Minors (DREAM) Act, which would allow teens and young adults to obtain driver's licenses, health insurance, work authorization papers and financial aid for college. (For information about the state and federal DREAM Acts, visit the web sites Nysylc.org, Dreamactivist.org and Nydreamact.org.)

Coates speculated the Obama administration has been attempting to show that it's strong on national security by being hard on illegal immigrants. Ironically, he said, a big part of the constituency that elected President Obama to office were first-generation immigrants.

He said the administration modified its tough stance last summer by encouraging US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to use prosecutorial discretion and focus on undocumented people who are on terrorist watch lists, have criminal records, are gang members, and those who committed immigration fraud or other violations.

"It's really an opportunity to make a difference for a lot of people going forward to keep families together," Coates said.

He said another goal of MRNY is to provide enough guidance and assistance to prevent undocumented people from being scammed for up to \$10,000 by con artists who falsely promise green cards and other forms of identification.

CONTACT PERSONS

His organization is encouraging each church to have a contact person or committee for parishioners

facing deportation to contact. The volunteers would be trained and assisted by MRNY to provide information and assistance, such as helping the at-risk person gather documentation or organizing letter- writing sessions after services. The person facing deportation then could be referred to and assisted more efficiently by MRNY prior to dealing with ICE.

“We view the congregation as an extension of the family, where they can get services needed instead of them going to someone who will cheat them,” said Nick Katz, a legal fellow at MRNY.

MRNY is a community based organization that has been working in low income and immigrant neighborhoods on Staten Island and across the city for over 10 years to engage residents in the decisions that affect their lives and those of all New Yorkers, through community organizing and advocacy, adult education and legal and support services.

Baruch's Hession hasn't lost his touch

Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 8:38 AM



Jerry Lee
By



Steve Hession

NORTH SHORE -- It doesn't matter what uniform Steve Hession wears, he just tears up City of New York University Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) pitching.

The Westerleigh resident spent his first two collegiate years at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)**. He was named a first-team, all-conference selection after both seasons and was a big part of **CSI's** championship run in 2010.

The former McKee/SI Tech player, who was a dean's list student at **CSI**, transferred to Baruch College last year but chose not to play.

The year off has hardly affected his play. The speedy outfielder has picked up right where he left off, hitting .377 for the 9-8 Bearcats.

He leads the team in at-bats (69), runs scored (20), hits (26), walks (8) and stolen bases. He has been thrown out attempting to steal just once in 20 attempts.

Hession will visit his former team on April 21 when Baruch takes on **CSI** in a CUNYAC doubleheader.

The St. Joseph's College of Brooklyn is off to a 7-11 start to its season and lists several Islanders on its roster — three from the North Shore.

Mike Cundari (St. Peter's) is a sophomore catcher. The Westerleigh resident has started 16 games and is hitting .265 with six extra-base hits and seven RBIs.

Port Richmond resident and senior Danny Contant (Xaverian) has one hit in five at-bats and sophomore pitcher Danny Pagano, (St. Peter's) of Westerleigh is 1-4 in 29 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings.



Staten Islanders are 'in it to win it' for biggest Mega Millions jackpot

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Josh Sorensen / Staten Island Advance
By

Note: this story has been updated to reflect the fact that the jackpot has **jumped to \$640 million.**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- After the excitement of "Linsanity" in February and "Tebow Mania" in March, we're about to get hit with something 640 million times bigger: tonight's Mega Millions drawing.

The \$640 million jackpot is the largest in the game's history. The winning numbers will be announced during the broadcast of WABC-Channel 7's 11 p.m. newscast, and of course you'll find the results on **SILive.com.**



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Ed Carute, 22yrs old from Princes bay took a break from school at the College of Staten Island to buy a ticket at the Honey Bee in Port Richmond. . The largest Mega Millions lottery is up for grabs. Thurs March 29,2012

Staten Island Mega Millions Lottery Fever gallery (12 photos)

"It has been overwhelming the number of people who have come in to our store in the last few days to buy Mega Millions tickets," said Sandy Gordon of K & S Bagels on Clove Road in Grasmere. "Customers have been pulling out all the stops for a chance to become rich." She said one of the store's regulars paid more than \$200 for tickets.

Similar scenes have been unfolding all over Staten Island lately.

Businesses are getting in on the act, as workers throw their money on the table and form office lottery pools. Chris Brown was spotted at Port Richmond's Honey Bee deli yesterday afternoon buying \$400 worth of tickets for his co-workers at New York Pepsi Distributors.

640 MILLION REASONS TO PLAY

Some information to consider before you pick your numbers:

- The most frequent numbers to ever appear in the Mega Millions

"As a company, I think that most of us would retire if we win, with myself using the drawing money in a positive way and going back to school and donating some of it to various charities," said Brown.

(Memo to office workers: Make sure you avoid the fate of a lottery crew in New Jersey and **pick a co-worker you can trust**. In that case, a man cheated five co-workers out of their share of lottery winnings, claiming he bought 12 tickets for himself alone, even though everyone consistently chipped in for two tickets apiece. It took three years for a jury to rule in the group's favor.)

When it comes to strategy, lottery players often choose familiar numbers, including birthdays. But the sentimental strategy means you're more likely to share your loot with other winners.

"Everyone was born in a month from one to 12, and days are one to 31, ignoring the late 30s and 40s," Michael Shackleford, gaming mathematician and actuary told ABC Networks. "If someone were picking birthdays, they have a greater chance to split it with other birthday pickers."

The half a billion dollar prize is payable as an annuity over 26 years. If the winner wants a one-time, lump-sum payment, it would be \$370 million -- before taxes.

For more information on tomorrow night's drawing, visit **The Official New York Lottery Website**.

Staten Island Lotto hopefuls, what would you do if you won \$640 million? Share your dreams in the comment section below.

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since 2005 are 20, 29, 31, 36, 48, 51, 52 and 53, with 48 showing up the most in drawings, appearing 11.98% of the time, winning a grand total of 87 times.

- The least frequent numbers to ever appear in the Mega Millions since 2005 are 23, 32, 34, 37, 41, 47, 49, and 55, with 41 being the least appearing number, appearing 6.61% of the time, only winning 48 times.

Source: Lottery website vnutz.com

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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Christine Savino
Fiorenza and
Keith Chris-
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DiMarco

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Fiorenza is an advertising ac-
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2011 John M. Eisenberg Patient Safety and Quality Award Recipients Announced

PRWeb

Wednesday, March 14, 2012

Awards to be presented at the 2012 National Quality Forum Annual Conference and Membership Meeting

Washington, DC (PRWEB) March 13, 2012

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By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

Ex-**CSI** pitching ace Pat Gale has signed to play in the Frontier League.

Pat Gale, a former All-American pitcher at the **College of Staten Island**, has signed to play professionally with the Traverse City Beach Bums of the independent Frontier League.

The 6-foot-3 Gale is one year removed from his prolific career at **CSI**, where he was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings NCAA Division III All-American first team as a utility player following his junior season in 2010.

That spring, the Tottenville HS product was chosen as a utility player, recognizing his dominance on the mound — the southpaw was 8-2 with a 2.09 ERA — and at the plate, where he batted .417 with a team-leading 69 hits and 47 runs batted in.

Gale has been working as a pitching coach for the Dolphins this spring.

Traverse City is located in Michigan and is home to one of 14 franchises operating in 2012, split into two seven-team divisions.

The Atlantic League began in 1993 and is the oldest current running independent league. The league consists of teams mainly in the Midwest, plus western Pennsylvania and southern Ontario.

The Beach Bums open their home slate at 4,660-seat Wuerfel Park on May 25 against the Windy City ThunderBolts.