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Arts & Events



2012 New York Philharmonic Concerts in the Parks

Enjoy Free Outdoor Concerts in New York City

By [Pamela Skillings](#), About.com Guide

Enjoy free concerts featuring the legendary New York Philharmonic in New York City [parks](#) from July 11-17, 2012. At most locations, [fireworks](#) will end the evenings with a bang.

In addition, the New York Philharmonic will perform a free indoor concert on Staten Island on July 15, 2012.

2012 New York Philharmonic in the Parks Schedule

Wednesday, July 11 -- Prospect Park, Brooklyn

Enjoy a program conducted by Alan Gilvert and featuring works by Tchaikovsky and Respighi.

Thursday, July 12-- Cunningham Park, Queens

Enjoy a program conducted by Andrey Boreyko and featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Wagner, and Brahms.

Friday, July 13 -- Central Park, Manhattan

Enjoy a program conducted by Andrey Boreyko and featuring the works of Tchaikovsky and Respighi.

Sunday, July 15 -- Indoor Concert at Center for the Arts, [College of Staten Island](#), Staten Island.

The New York Philharmonic Brass will perform.

Monday, July 16 -- Central Park, Manhattan

Enjoy a program conducted by Andrey Boreyko and featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Wagner, and Brahms.

Tuesday, July 17 -- Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx

Enjoy a program conducted by Andrey Boreyko and featuring works by Tchaikovsky, Wagner, and Brahms.

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Faculty & Staff

Let's play ball!



Special to Business Trends

Council Member James S. Oddo (right) joined College of Staten Island President Dr. Tomas D. Morales on the field of the College of Staten Island Softball Complex last week to inaugurate the state of the art field lighting that was recently installed so that players and fans can now enjoy night games on the campus.



VIDEO: ENTERTAINMENT

You've Got Charles Liu



Description: Astrophysicist Charles Liu of the American Museum of Natural History explains what the summer solstice is and why we celebrate the longest day of the year. (1:27)

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TRANSCRIPTS

JOHN KING, USA

Aired June 5, 2012 - 18:00 ET

Let's shift. This is fascinating. Look at this. No, this isn't politics, but this is a picture you won't see again for 105 years. What you're looking at there, that's Venus, the second planet in the solar system coming between the Earth and the Sun.

Astronomers and space enthusiasts are gathered with their telescopes to get a glimpse, the last opportunity to see the planet Venus transit across the sun in our lifetime.

Dr. Charles Liu was with us before. He's a professor of astrophysics at the City University of New York. He's with me live now.

OK, I love looking at these pictures.

DR. CHARLES LIU, PROFESSOR OF ASTROPHYSICS: Me, too.

KING: Fascinating to watch. What's the significance?

LIU: Well, there are a couple of significant things going on here. First of all, it was this kind of transit that allowed humans to figure out the distance between the Earth and the sun more than a century ago. It also helped us figure out that there's an atmosphere around Venus, which is something we're using to study global warming here on Earth today.

And we can translate it out to the 21st Century. These transits are precisely the kind of techniques that astronomers are using in order to find planets orbiting other solar systems, other stars. So far, this transit method is being used by the Kepler satellite to stare at more than 100,000 stars in the sky, hour after hour, week after week. And we found, we think, up to 2,000 planets outside our solar system using this method.

KING: Two thousand planets outside our solar system. Explain the safety issues.

LIU: Well, here's the basic point. If you stare at the sun right now, you will hurt your eyes, just like any other time you stare at the sun.

But if you have something like this, which is welder's glass, this gives you the opportunity. You just hold it up to your face like this and stare at the sun. You won't be able to see anything else, but you will be able to see the sun. You'll be able to see Venus going across kind of like a chocolate chip across a cookie. There are also other kinds of techniques that you can protect your eyes with. For example, if you have a filter or there are these eclipse glasses of aluminized Mylar. Again, little paper things that you can carry across your eyes.

KING: Now, welding supply stores across America getting phone calls right now; hardware stores are getting flooded with requests.

In terms of our technology here on Earth, this doesn't happen again, won't happen again for 100 years.

LIU: That's right.

KING: How now as, we watch it now, what more can we learn than from the last time we watched this happen, which was eight years ago?

LIU: That's right. Eight years ago this week in 2004, around sunrise is when it was happening here in this area of the world. And now of course, it's happening around sunset.

But what we can learn are really trying to use the techniques to see how we can translate them to study galaxies. Well, not galaxies specifically but say planets around other solar systems or other stars, as I mentioned earlier.

Every time we have one of these in our solar system to compare, we know a little bit better how to use it when we translate it elsewhere in our studies.

KING: How do you do this personally between, well, I need to learn, I need to take notes, and just saying, "Wow, this is cool"?

LIU: It's not hard. I mean, we love what we do, we astronomers, or everybody else. My colleagues at my home campus at the College of Staten Island, they're by the observatory right. There's a line of people hoping that the sun will come out for a moment. My kids, my family, they're out there looking, as well.

There's nothing that says that we can't love it and study it at the same time. In fact, it makes the loving it even better when we can study it, understand it just a little bit more.

KING: I'm sorry to take you away from it for a few minutes. I'll let you get back to viewing and appreciate your help and your insights. I'm sure everybody watching knows Dr. Liu. Thanks so much.

LIU: My pleasure.

KING: I'll have you back in 105 years when it happens again.

LIU: It's a date.

KING: When we come back the "Truth" about the Wisconsin recall election. What are we learning about the grumpy mood of the voters, the fate of the governor and what it might mean come November?

Lawmaker: Hand over Port Authority records

6:44 AM, Jun 6, 2012

TRENTON — First comes the carrot — a four-page request for documents sought by the head of the Assembly Transportation Committee, which is considering legislation to reform the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

And if there is no answer within 30 days, then comes the subpoena.

After the documents are obtained and analyzed, the result could be an overhaul of the document that created the bistate agency almost a century ago, said Assemblyman John Wisniewski, D-Middlesex, who chairs the transportation committee and made the request.

Known as the Port Authority Compact, the document created the Port Authority in 1921 and was the template for creation of similar authorities around the nation. It was last amended in 1930.

“The current (Port Authority) compact doesn’t have the sufficient legislative oversight, lines of authority or transparency expected in the 21st century,” Wisniewski said Tuesday. “It was written in a different time.”

Wisniewski’s four-page request on behalf of the committee was sent to the authority Friday and gives the agency 30 days to voluntarily provide the information, before the committee uses the subpoena power it was granted by the Assembly earlier this year.

Port Authority officials issued a one-line statement saying the agency “received the request and is reviewing it.”

A review and amending of the compact is needed, said Jonathan Peters, finance professor at the [College of Staten Island](#), who studies toll agencies and their financing.

“The question is what is the agency’s mission? You can write additional documents and amend the compact to get the controls you want,” Peters said.

“There is an argument that they should be responsive to the good of the public, not the needs of the agency.”

Peters also criticized the agency’s practice of labeling a report a draft or interim report to avoid having to make it public.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012 STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE



Civil Court Judge Philip Straniere, Jennifer Straniere and Melissa and Oleg Rabinovich

From The Vault: Cate Marvin

By Desiree Andrews | June 7th, 2012 – 08:00 am

BLOG



From issue 31, a poem by Cate Marvin. Be sure to check out her poems in the current issue of Tin House, which come from her third book, a work in progress that is forthcoming from Norton.

all my wives

When I say my wives are cages, I don't mean I'm a bird.
Collapsible shelves, they hide their usefulness when not
in use. All my wives contain terrariums: terrible and fetid
atmospheres in which their salamander selves linger atop
damp rocks. Their hands are damp as the tissues they ball
in their hands, though none of my wives could make a fist,
not even if I asked, no, not even if I commanded them to,

an amusing idea I must someday revisit. My wives are like
the Small Mammal House at the zoo, their rooms kept dark
so visitors may view their nocturnal truths, that anonymous
wakefulness we sleepers do not care to know. None of my
wives are like lanterns, nor do their ribs sing with canaries.
It does my wives good to run errands, for it keeps them
purposeful. I do not allow pockets on their shirts or skirts.

Theirs are unforgiving interiors. A woman's hands should
always be in plain sight, preferably chafed from dishwater
and cold. A woman's hands should be kept raw from wind



and sewing. When I want my wives to come out, I turn off the lights and crouch to listen as they compare me: *Who do I smack more often? Whom shall I take for my queen?* They think I take pleasure in belaboring this decision, yet to think of it

is to imagine I might someday purchase a book I've never desired to read. When I snap the lights on, they scatter like roaches. Why read when there are so many worried brows upon which to set the delicate glass of my gaze down? One of my wives petitioned, once. One of them dared to cry. They've tried to make me sad with their eyes. Let them try. I would rather buy a hat, a walking stick, move alone within

my chamber, pose before my mirror. I do not need a queen, I do not like tantrums. At times, I shudder, alone in my bed, when I consider how their desires must churn like the onset of inclement weather. They could be one, she could be one hundred. I just saw her shadow skulking down the walk. She's drunk, as usual. Her shakes, her heart murmurs, her general unease. Pity the creature. She has a disease. If it gets worse,

I'll be forced to consider treatment. All my wives have four legs each. What we call arms may as well be legs, so it seems to me as I kneel behind each, not knowing one from the other, only their asses' moon-curves aglow in lamplight. With such anonymity, we are pleased. It would not do for them to undo the tiny latches, the wire doors to their cages. It would not do to lift the lids of their terrariums. Something untoward might

escape, roam the grounds. For then I should be afraid to walk alone at night, my new hat atop my clean head, walking stick in hand, as I move onward, staking out crevices, damp places that lock my eyes: the fragrant earth I move atop my inheritance, the herd of them breathing behind me in the dark. At the thrill of their whispers, I stick my stick into the ground, turn on my boot's heel. My wife, on her four legs, waits quietly in the hay.

Cate Marvin's second book, Fragment of the Head of a Queen, appeared in 2007. A Whiting Writers' Award recipient, Marvin is an associate professor at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York, and cofounder of VIDA: Women in Literary Arts (vidaweb.org).

A coordinated effort to help returning Staten Island military personnel

Thursday, June 07, 2012, 2:11 PM



Stephanie Slepian/Staten Island Advance
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Chris DeLisa had one thought in mind when she formed Staten Island Supports Our Soldiers in 2004 at the time her son deployed to Iraq: "I made myself a promise to bring them home safe."

She sent care packages and made sure their families were taken care of, especially at the holidays. Once they returned home, she helped them work around the red tape, get medical care and find jobs -- whatever she could do to ease their transition from soldier to civilian.

It was always difficult, but never more so than now, when the VA is overloaded with claims, when jobs are scarce and when funding is limited.

"I thought it would be easier for them," said Ms. DeLisa, a Dongan Hills resident who founded Staten Island Supports Our Soldiers with Cathy DiIorio, another military mom. "They come home and they're ready, willing and able to work, but they don't know where to turn."

So Ms. DeLisa turned to the borough's elected officials.

She met this morning with Assemblyman Michael Cusick (D-Mid-Island), Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-East Shore/Brooklyn) and representatives from the offices of state Sen. Andrew Lanza (R-Staten Island) and Councilman James Oddo (R-Mid-Island/Brooklyn) at the Joan and Alan Bernikow Jewish Community Center in Sea View.



Staten Island Advance/Stephanie Slepian

Assemblyman Michael Cusick; Chris DeLisa, founder of Staten Island Supports Our Soldiers; Christopher Longo, a veteran of Afghanistan, and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis are planning a job/resource fair for veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Their informal conversation led to a working group of sorts, also including Christopher Longo, an Afghanistan veteran who is an assistant at the student Veterans Center at the College of Staten Island, and David Feldman, who served in the post-Vietnam era.

They will spend the summer months planning a job/resource fair and finding a way to stockpile in one place the information returning veterans need, essentially branching out on Ms. DeLisa's support group.

"The issue is we want one-stop shopping," said Cusick who has legislation pending in the Assembly to give tax credits to businesses that hire veterans.

"We don't want to confuse people by having them go to 10 different websites and call 10 different phone numbers."

Ms. Malliotakis offered to coordinate a meeting with an existing resource center at Fort Hamilton, which is in the Brooklyn portion of her district, in the hopes of creating something similar here.

"We need to streamline everything in one place," said Ms. Malliotakis who has introduced legislation of her own that would provide veterans with the same benefits awarded through the women and minority-owned business program.

To learn more about Staten Island Supports Our Soldiers, call Ms. DeLisa at 718-351-8307 or visit **<http://sisos.bravehost.com>**.

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No tiger in the tank, but a kitty under the hood on Staten Island

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Maura Grunlund
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Victoria Feldman of New Springville knew it was trouble when she heard something more than the engine purring under the hood of her car at the [College of Staten Island](#).

Ms. Feldman, who just earned her master's degree in nursing from [CSI](#), was driving into the back entrance of the campus on the morning of May 17 when she heard a familiar yet unexpected sound inside her car.

"As I was arriving at the college campus, I heard a terrible bloodcurdling meowing coming from under the hood of my car," the registered nurse said.

"I immediately stopped the car but was too afraid to look under the hood. I had heard of stories of cats getting caught up and cut up to death in fan belts of cars and was scared of what I might discover under the hood."



Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo

Allie Feldman, 6, of New Springville, snuggles Chassis, the stray kitten that has recovered nicely from the terrifying experience of being trapped in the engine of Allie's mother's car.

She pulled her car into lot 3. Fortunately, she saw a public safety officer, Gregory Rodriguez, patrolling the lot and asked him for assistance.

"When I approached the car, I heard some sort of squealing or meowing," Rodriguez



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Finally, after two hours and the efforts of eight college security staff and others, the grease covered and wailing kitten was extracted from under the hood of Victoria Feldman's car. (Photo courtesy of Victoria Feldman)

Staten Island cat rescued from car engine gallery (4 photos)

said, prompting him to lift the hood and shine a flashlight on the situation.

"I looked in the engine compartment and there was a dirty little tiny kitten looking up at us and meowing for help," Rodriguez said.

He tried to remove the black-and-white male kitten himself, and when that proved difficult, he called for backup. Assisting were Sergeant Charles Carlino, officers Barbara Brancaccio, and Edward Silva, auto mechanics Arnaldo Negron and Joseph Folino and Parking Services agent Patrick Veasey

The car was jacked up and some of the tires were removed as the rescuers tried from underneath and other angles to grab the kitten that had somehow clawed its way to the back of the car and was lodged up behind the gas tank.

"This kitten was definitely meowing and it was scared and we had all these hands trying to get this little kitten out of there," Rodriguez said, adding that the feline at that point seemed content to stay right where it was.

Finally, the rescuers were able to grab hold of a leg and then Rodriguez was able to get the kitten by the scruff of its neck, as a mother cat would, wrap him in a blanket and hand him to Ms. Feldman.

The entire rescue took about two hours, Ms. Feldman said.

"Initially, he was so dirty, absolutely terrified and screaming his head off and covered in grease," Ms. Feldman said of the kitten. "His eye was closed because he must have bumped into something. I took the cat home and fed and washed it."

"The first couple of days he was so terrified he kept trying to crawl into little spaces where it was hard to retrieve him," Ms. Feldman said, so for safety reasons she had to keep him on a leash. But after a couple of days, he had adjusted nicely to his new home with Ms. Feldman and her daughter, Allie, 6.

Ms. Feldman asked around her close-knit neighborhood to see if anybody was missing a cat, but since nobody was, she decided to keep the kitten. She had never seen the kitten prior to discovering it in her car but said there were many strays in her neighborhood and she had rescued and found loving homes for cats before.

And what did she name the cat? Chassis.

"There is a lot of animal compassion on the campus from ducks that we see outside our Center for the Arts, deer that cross the pathway, our dog Bud that keeps the Canadian geese away to turkeys that strut their stuff," said Ken Bach, director of communications for CSI.

A hawk circles the observatory daily.

"We certainly are a campus that enjoys its wildlife companions," Bach said.

Bach added: "We thank and commend Sergeant Charles Carlino, Officers Barbara Brancaccio, Gregory Rodriguez, and Edward Silva, as well as Auto Mechanics Arnaldo Negron and Joseph Folino and Parking Services Agent Patrick Veasey for their outstanding compassion and teamwork in rescuing Chassis."

Also posted on: nypost.com

10 ways to oppose high-stakes standardized tests

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By [Valerie Strauss](#)

I've written several times in recent months about [a growing movement](#) by parents, teachers, principals, superintendents, students and others to protest the use of standardized tests for high-stakes purposes.

Here's a list of 10 things that people can do to counter the damaging effects of high-stakes standardized testing. It was written by Ruth Silverberg, an associate professor in the Education Department of the [College of Staten Island](#) CUNY.

The list of 10:

1. **Don't brag** if you or your children got high scores on any high stakes tests, including the SAT or ACT. This can help dispel the faulty idea that standardized tests are a valid measure of learning.
2. **Ask for evidence** that learning is occurring in your neighborhood school such as student work products, presentations, community service. Don't use the "School Report Card" to assess learning in the school.
3. If you have a student in your home or extended family, **reinforce the student's collaboration** with peers on schoolwork, and share this with his/her teacher. This will help dispel the idea that competition fosters learning better than collaboration. .
4. If you are a teacher, **share with families and community your collaboration** with colleagues that led to your great teaching.
5. If you are a parent or a teacher, **take note of all of the people and forces affecting the student's life**, including other teachers, social workers, doctors, etc. This will help dispel the idea that a child's success depends on one teacher.
6. If you have a student in your home or extended family, **provide and access every support** available to help him/her be successful in REAL ways, not test performance.
7. If you know a student, **support him or her** with a friendly smile, an offer of help, a job for her or her family.
8. **Contact and support an organization that opposes high-stakes testing**, including [FairTest](#), [United Opt Out](#), [Change the Stakes](#), and [Grassroots Education Movement](#). This will help dispel the idea that you are alone in your opposition to high stakes testing.
9. If you are a parent or guardian of a student, **ask your school administration about the possible consequences for "opting out"** of the standardized tests. This will help dispel the idea that you don't have the right to make decisions about your student.
10. **Just say 'no.'** Write/call your legislators, New York State Education Department, U.S. Department of Education.

Also posted on: [democraticunderground.com](#)

Forty-three graduate from Staten Island Academy

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By **Staten Island Advance**

By **DANIELLE D'ELIA**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Under this morning's cloudless sky, 43 seniors at Staten Island Academy walked down a path one by one toward the steps of Haugen Hall — girls in white dresses and boys in suits — to make history for their school.

This graduating class distinguished itself from the other 123 by being the largest. Students will attend some of the top academic colleges in the country: 42 percent are going to a college that is in the top 5 percent in the nation.

And their prowess extends to the fields of play: Many will represent their colleges on Division I, II or III athletic teams.

Guest speaker Dr. Tomas D. Morales, who will be leaving his post as president of the **College of Staten Island** to become president of California State University, San Bernardino, in August, acknowledged this class' achievements in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities just within this year.

He further remarked on the diversity of the class, and their acquisition of the cultural and interpersonal skills needed to excel in the increasingly global society. "Through your diversity, 42 percent of you have at least one parent who was born in a country other than the United States and 26 percent of you speak a foreign language at home," he noted.



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Irving Silverstein

Graduates enjoy the ceremony. (Staten Island Advance/Irving Silverstein)

Staten Island Academy 2012 graduation gallery (10 photos)

Head of School Diane J. Hulse, who is retiring after a decade as head of the Academy, in Dongan Hills, touched upon several of the different accomplishments of each and every one of the graduates. "There is no higher honor that a school can bestow onto their students than the awarding of a diploma," said Mrs. Hulse.

She announced the recipients of the 16 different awards offered to graduating seniors. Yet she was caught by surprise when the 17th award, The Primus Medal, was announced for her. The highest recognition the Academy bestows, it recognizes extraordinary contributions to the Borough of Staten Island through the recipient's leadership, service and compassion.

The award was presented by Advance Publisher Caroline Diamond Harrison, a 1982 graduate of the Academy and president of the Board of Trustees, who later helped present diplomas to the Class of 2012, handing a diploma to her son, Timothy, who will attend Dartmouth College in the fall.

Matthew Paul Barouch, Trustee's Medal Recipient, a soon-to-be Princeton University freshman, gave the student address praising the accomplishments of his fellow students. He noted their academic prowess, musical talents, acting skills and athletic gifts.

Gabrielle Tricorico, Head of School's Medal Recipient, told the audience about a recent service trip to the Dominican Republic she took along with 13 other classmates and two teachers. She spoke about how working with the poor there gave her a new perspective.

"The most important lesson I've learned, however, is that education is a gift that not many people are privileged to receive. Do not take your education for granted, because there are people in the world begging to learn," said Miss Tricorico, who will attend Wagner College in the fall.

Mrs. Hulse took one last opportunity to acknowledge the Class of 2012 and their many accomplishments before declaring them Staten Island Academy alumni.

The graduates:

John Paul Aponte, Sara Lynne Ballou, Matthew Paul Barouch, Cassandra Joe M. Bernieri, Jessica Nicole Borghese, Alexis Flory Bravo, Eric Brinzenskiy, Bethany Ann Claps, Kieran Daly Cross, Paul Dapolito IV, Kuhokee Kumari Das, Ioannis G. Drogaris, Prokopios G. Drogaris, Danielle Honore Fenley, Samantha Rose Fischetti, Mathew Steven Fontanez, Danielle Caroline Fuller, Erin Elizabeth Gibbons, Jacqueline Gong, Timothy Colton Harrison, Jr.

Julia Rose Holmes, Bryan Jonathan Joe, Gurjaipaul Singh Kang, DongJun Kim, Jarrod Steven Kostick, Rachel Elizabeth Kremerman, Sharef Masarwa, Michael Cesare Massaroli, Alex Charles Morisano, Isla Clare Ng, Bridget Mary O'Hara, Theodora Leigh Pagan, Philip Thomas Prince, Samantha Magdalena Pudelkiewicz, Demi Lynn Quagliariello, Maia Sekulski, Santonio D. Shand, Matthew John Smarsch, Ekaterina Taran, Connor Louis Tobin, Gabrielle Tricorico, Emilee Ann Urbanek, Elyse Theresa Walczyk.

Al Karnig presides over his last graduation at Cal State San Bernardino

[Gabriel Luis Acosta, Staff Writer](#)

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Karnig, left, walks on stage before commencement ceremonies start on Sunday. (Gabriel Luis Acosta/Staff Photographer)

SAN BERNARDINO - After 15 years, Albert K. Karnig on Sunday presided over his final graduation at Cal State San Bernardino.

Karnig, in typical fashion, addressed the crowd at Coussoulis Arena for the College of Arts and Letters commencement ceremony and spent time shaking plenty of hands afterward.

"This is the highlight of the year, always," said the retiring university president. "It's electricity."

Karnig said in his address he was very proud of CSUSB's Collegiate Learning Assessment Test that put

Karnig became the third president of Cal State San Bernardino in 1997. He has witnessed the university increase enrollment, diversity, grant and contract funding, and retention and graduation rates.

Karnig said in an interview his biggest challenge has been budgeting.

"The problems lie in how much money you have and the lack of predictability of how much funding you will have," he said. "They are rooted in partisan politics that I've never seen in other states."

Another challenge, he said, was getting students in the Inland Empire to understand the value of a higher education.



Dr. Al Karnig, left, walks among graduates for the final time at the College of Arts and Letters commencement exercises on Sunday at the Coussoulis Arena in San Bernardino. Karnig is retiring as university president. (Gabriel Luis Acosta/Staff Photographer)
the university in the top 4 percent nationally.

Without a proper understanding, Karnig said students won't take the right courses in high school nor be prepared to make tough choices about their education.

"You have to sacrifice things to get from here to there," he said.

Karnig says he will most miss the students as well as seeing their development and excitement about being at the university.

"It's biblical," he said about his retirement. "There's a time to come and there's a time to go. And this is the time."

Karnig plans to help Tomas Morales transition into his new role as university president as well as help K-12 schools with a new set of standards known as the common core.

"I'll stay busy," he said. "I'm not retiring to the couch or the golf course."

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Principal retiring after 'rewarding journey'

Shalom Torah's Horn leaves legacy of innovation

by Debra Rubin
NJIN Bureau Chief/Middlesex

June 19, 2012

As Nora Horn prepares to retire after 19 years at Shalom Torah Academy in East Windsor, she thinks back on the children and programs that flourished during her tenure with a sense of satisfaction — tinged with sadness.

She is sorry to leave her post as general studies principal at the school she's called home for close to two decades, she said, but "they say the journey is the reward, and it is really is true," said Horn. She spoke with *NJJN* just days before she was to be honored June 17 at the annual dinner of the Shalom Torah Academies, which also has a school in Morganville.

"I feel so fortunate when I see children who have had difficulties settling arguments or children having problems with their studies adjusting and changing," she said.

Succeeding Horn will be Devirah Greenfield, an experienced educator coming from a Brooklyn day school.

Horn taught English for about seven years at STA before taking over as principal for 12 years. She relished the opportunity to make the jump to administrator because, she said, "I always enjoyed interacting with teachers and children and this gave me the opportunity to expand the number of children and programs I could affect."

Innovations instituted at the Orthodox day school during her tenure at the helm include a hands-on economics course, courses in geography and entomology, and a series of speakers with the aim of expanding the students' academic horizons.

American holidays were enthusiastically celebrated at the day school, from Thanksgiving feasts to musical productions marking Presidents' Day.



Nora Horn, center, at a tribute to her held last month by the school's PTO, with copresidents Marilyn Forst, left, and Paula Ostroff.

Under her watch, said Horn, “the children always learned to love their country and be patriotic. We always bring in a local soldier on Veterans’ Day. We’ve brought in the mayor, the county executive, the county surrogate.”

Horn came to Shalom Torah after teaching language arts and supervising student teaching for 17 years at the College of Staten Island. She intends to keep her position teaching in Lakewood at the Institute for Special Education of the Sara Schenirer Seminary, an Orthodox women’s institution affiliated with Mercy College.

‘A lifelong learner’

In her years as an educator, Horn said, the most striking change has been the technology revolution.

“The students are very savvy when it comes to technology, and our children learn how to use PowerPoint and other technology so they will be prepared to work in this century,” said Horn, adding that Shalom Torah has state-of-the art computer labs and high-tech equipment.

“We incorporate all the latest technological advances, but some things never change,” said Horn. “The ability to analyze and research, the ability to work a mathematical problem that sparks that initiative, and the ability to learn will always be a part of our education.”

The students’ reliance on social media and technology, rather than on interpersonal skills, however, worries Horn.

“Their mindset about their ways of communicating has changed, which is endemic in the population,” she said. “Everyone uses technology instead of face-to-face communicating....

“This is something educators across the country are facing. It makes me very concerned that people in the future will lose the ability to communicate face-to-face and lose those basic skills we were taught in elementary school: how to be polite, how to answer, how to interact with others.”

Horn added that even her college students have to be continually reminded to turn off their cell phones in class.

The East Windsor resident said that after her retirement she hopes to travel, work on her family’s genealogy, and devote time to her four children — two of whom live in Israel — and her “10 and a half” grandchildren. Her husband, Arthur, retired last year as a computer analyst for the New York City Transit Authority and now tutors at Mercer County Community College.

She and her husband, she said, are “healthy and feel we have a window of 10 to 12 years to do the things we put off all those years while we focused on raising good kids. We sacrificed time, effort, and money and now we have the time to enjoy the fruits of our labor.”

She also said she plans to take classes, because “it’s important to be a lifelong learner.”



PTP/NYC Holds New England Review Event, 7/16

by BWW News Desk



PTP/NYC (Potomac Theatre Project) will host an event for the literary journal New England Review in New York City on Monday, July 16, 2012 at 7:30pm at The Atlantic Stage 2, located at 330 West 16th Street between 8th & 9th Avenues. The evening will feature readings from five New England Review and Middlebury College alumni authors, including David Gilbert, Justin Haythe, Cate Marvin, Emily Mitchell and Patrick Phillips. A reception will follow the event.

Admission is free and open to the general public, but seating is limited.

Reservations can be made online at <http://www.TicketCentral.com> or by calling (212) 279-4200. Doors open at 7:15pm. For more information visit <http://www.nereview.com/events/potomac-theater-project-ner-tribute-event>.

NER was founded by poets Sydney Lea and Jay Parini in New Hampshire in 1978. In the fall of 1982 the magazine established an affiliation with Middlebury College, which assumed full sponsorship in 1987. The list of writers whose work has been selected for publication in NER is long and distinguished. Works published in the magazine are chosen every year for prestigious awards, including the Pushcart Prize, O. Henry Prize, and inclusion in the Best American anthologies.

For more information on New England Review visit <http://www.nereview.com>.

David Gilbert has had his short stories published in The New Yorker, Harper's, GQ, Bomb, and other magazines. His short story collection, Remote Feed, was published by Scribner in 1998, and his novel, The Normals, was published by Bloomsbury in 2004. His new novel, & Sons, will be published by Random House in May 2013. His screenplay for Joshua was made into a film starring Sam Rockwell and Vera Farmiga, which Fox Searchlight released in 2007. David lives in New York City.

Justin Haythe was born in London in 1973 and now lives in New York City. His first novel, The Honeymoon, was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize. He wrote the screenplays for The Clearing, starring Robert Redford, Helen Mirren, and Willem Dafoe; Revolutionary Road, for which he was nominated for a BAFTA; and The Lone Ranger, currently in pre-production.

Cate Marvin is the author of two poetry collections, World's Tallest Disaster (2001) and Fragment of the Head of a Queen (2007), both published by Sarabande. Her third book of poems is forthcoming from Norton in 2013. Her poems have recently appeared in New England Review, Virginia Quarterly Review, and Tin House. She teaches creative writing at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York, and in the low-residency M.F.A. program at Lesley University.

Emily Mitchell's first novel, *The Last Summer of the World*, was a finalist for the 2008 New York Public Library Young Lions Award. Her short fiction has appeared in *New England Review*, *Ploughshares*, *TriQuarterly*, and *Indiana Review*, and is forthcoming in *Alaska Quarterly Review*. Her review-essays have been published in *The New York Times* and the *New Statesman*. She received her B.A. from Middlebury College and her M.F.A. from Brooklyn College. Her second novel is forthcoming.

Patrick Phillips is a long-time contributor to *New England Review* and a recent Guggenheim and NEA Fellow. He is the author of the poetry collections *Chattahoochee*, winner of the Kate Tufts Discovery Prize, and *Boy*, and translator of *When We Leave Each Other: Selected Poems of Henrik Nordbrandt*. He lives in Brooklyn and teaches at Drew University.

The space is accessible from the A, C, E, L trains to 14 St./8 Ave. or the #1 train to 18 St.



letters to THE EDITOR

Written by 5TJT Staff

Thursday, 28 June 2012 05:22

Romney Could Be Another W

Dear Editor,

Your strong endorsement of Mitt Romney for president ignores the following:

1. Republicans are promoting policies similar to or often worse than those that had such disastrous results during the Bush administration, including converting a three-year major surplus, which was on track to completely eliminate the total federal debt, into a deficit, creating very few jobs, and leaving the country on the brink of a depression, with an average of 750,000 jobs being lost during its last three months.
2. Republicans have obstructed efforts to get our country out of the tremendous ditch they left us in by voting no on and sometimes filibustering many Democratic proposals, some of which they previously supported and sometimes even co-sponsored.
3. Republicans support continued tax breaks for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans and highly profitable corporations, while basic social services are being cut.
4. Republican legislators have voted against providing funds to save jobs of teachers, police officers, and firefighters, providing unemployment benefits to long-time unemployed people, and providing medical benefits to 9/11 responders.
5. Republicans are generally in denial about the tremendous dangers from climate change, in spite of a very strong consensus in peer-reviewed articles in scientific journals and statements by scientific academies all over the world—as well as the many wake-up calls we have been receiving in terms of severe storms, tornadoes, floods, heat waves, droughts, and wildfires—that climate change is a major threat, largely caused by human activities. Anyone who thinks that climate change is a hoax promoted by liberals should visit the website of the conservative Republicans for Environmental Protection (www.rep.org).
6. The Republican Party has moved far to the right under the influence of the Tea Party. There are very few moderate Republicans in Congress today.
7. While far more needs to be done, Democrats have enacted policies that have turned the economy away from the possible depression that the Bush administration left the U.S. on the brink of. More net private-sector jobs have been created already during the Obama administration than during the entire eight years of the Bush presidency.

While Democratic policies have not always lived up to our hopes, largely due to Republican obstructionism, a return to Republican rule would be a nightmare. Hence, it is essential to vote Democratic in 2012.

Richard H. Schwartz

Professor Emeritus,

College of Staten Island

CSI promotes Tim Shanahan to interim women's head basketball coach

Saturday, June 30, 2012, 1:30 AM



Jim Waggoner
By



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

Longtime CSI women's basketball coach Marguerite Moran has been replaced by assistant Tim Shanahan (seated behind Moran) on an interim basis.

Tim Shanahan survived the 9-11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and later the Staten Island ferry crash that claimed 11 lives and injured many others in 2003.

The 52-year-old Castleton Corners resident has seen life from many vantage points, and he hopes to employ some of that wisdom as the interim women's head basketball coach at the College of Staten Island.

"If you had told me 10 years ago that I would be coaching a college basketball team, I would have laughed at you," said Shanahan, who replaces Marguerite Moran, whose contract wasn't renewed after 14 seasons at the CSI helm. "I've been told I'm the coach for this year. I'm hoping to be there for a long time."

The school declined to comment on Advance inquiries regarding Moran's departure.

"This is a personnel matter and we are unable to comment further," said a school spokesman.

CSI did, however, release the following statement on Shanahan's appointment:

"Tim Shanahan has been serving the Athletics department as acting Head Coach for Women's Basketball since March 2012 and has proven himself a stellar addition to the College. He has been actively recruiting, our team has many rising stars, and we anticipate a standout season when it opens on October 15."

Moran, who doubled as CSI's intramural director, was working under a one-year contract, as are all coaches within the athletic department. That contract expires tomorrow.

Moran didn't respond to requests for comment.

Shanahan worked the past five seasons as Moran's lead assistant. The Bay Ridge native is retired from the New York State Courts system. He sustained serious injuries when the Andrew J. Barberi ferry crashed into a maintenance pier near the St. George Ferry Terminal on Oct. 15, 2003. He served as a citywide Major of Family Court for the City of New York for 21 years and was working in downtown Manhattan when the 9-11 attacks began.

Shanahan's oldest daughter, Allie, was a 1,000-point scorer at CSI. His son, Jack, will be a senior at St. Peter's HS and plays varsity basketball. Daughter Olivia has enrolled as a freshman at Notre Dame Academy.

CSI compiled a 240-122 record during 14 seasons under Moran, the winningest coach in the program's history. The former Long Island University head coach and record-setting guard at Hofstra won three CUNY Conference championships and took teams to three NCAA Division III Tournaments.

Moran's first team compiled an 18-9 record in 1998-99. The next two campaigns netted 20-8 records and earned back-to-back NCAA bids, while Moran led squads to 24-7, 23-7 and 26-3 records beginning in the 2002-03 season. The 2004-05 team that finished 26-3 was her last CUNY title team and NCAA appearance.

Recent seasons haven't been as successful. CSI hasn't won a CUNY championship trophy the last seven seasons or advanced to the CUNY tourney title game in six seasons, although the 2008-09 squad wrapped up a 23-6 season with the school's first ECAC Metro NY/NJ Tournament championship.

Last season, CSI had a 9-14 overall record. The fifth-seeded Dolphins were eliminated from the conference tourney in the quarterfinals for an unprecedented second straight year.

Baruch has won the past five CUNY titles and six of the last seven. Lehman and Brooklyn have also built solid programs which have risen to the conference's upper tier in recent years.

Shanahan had only praise for Moran, his former boss.

"She's the best coach I've ever worked with," he said. "Her basketball IQ is incredible. This (appointment) is very bittersweet for me because I have so much respect for Marguerite and her accomplishments. We worked very well together as a team."

Shanahan returns three top players: seniors Katelyn Hepworth and Olivia Tierno and sophomore Nikki Fabozzi. He said he'll count on transfers, incoming freshmen and other returnees to point **CSI** back to the top of the CUNY standings.

"I like an up-tempo style of play with a lot of pressure," said Shanahan. "I'm recruiting that way and have made it clear that I want to win games because we're in better shape than other teams. I think we can contend, without a doubt."

CSI is expected to conduct a search for a permanent coach, as required by CUNY regulations, sometime during the next school year.

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Sports

Top-10 Tech

By MIT News Staff

May/June 2012

The MIT men's basketball team capped a record-breaking 29–2 season by reaching the Final Four of the Division III NCAA championships for the first time in Institute history. Ranked third going into the tournament, the team was one of eight from MIT to achieve top-10 status this year, including men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's swimming and diving, men's and women's cross-country, and men's volleyball.

Here, Brooke Johnson '13 and Elaine McVay '15, NEWMAC Rookie of the Year, help the Institute win the NEWMAC cross-country championships, finishing second and third. Mitchell Kates '13 and the Engineers blow past the College of Staten Island 83–67 in the third round of the NCAA tournament. And Brendan Deveney '13, six-time All-American and NEWMAC Men's Swimmer of the Year, swims to a first-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly at the NEWMAC championships.

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Medgar Evers' Elston Alexis Earns CUNYAC/HSS Monthly Award For May Junior Field Specialist Won Two Golds at CUNYs To Earn Top Honors

By Gregg Cohen, CUNYAC



Photo by: Courtesy of MEC Athletics

A three-time City University of New York Athletic Conference All-Star in Outdoor Track & Field, ELSTON ALEXIS of Medgar Evers College, a computer science major with a 3.49 grade point average, has been selected as the CUNYAC/Hospital For Special Surgery Scholar-Athlete of the Month for May 2012.

The junior from Brooklyn, New York, by way of St. David's, Grenada is expecting to earn his bachelor's degree next year and apply to Columbia University for a Master's degree in Computer Science. While he hopes to become a computer programmer, Alexis, whose brother Leston is also on the Cougars' track squad, is keeping up his end in academia, appearing on the Dean's List twice (Fall 2009, Spring 2010) prior to this semester.

"I am so happy for Elston on winning this award," said longtime Track & Field Head Coach Alphonso Dance. "I know if Elston puts his mind to something, he can achieve it. Elston has worked hard on the field in Track and Field and works even harder to succeed and excel in the classroom. He is a model for the team. He is a quite leader and love how he interacts with his teammates. Elston is the first one to practice and last to leave. I truly think MEC is in great hands with Elston aboard. His work effort is a great example".

In May the field specialist tallied a pair of gold medals at the CUNYAC/U.S. Army Outdoor Track & Field Championship in Javelin (49.70m) and Shot Put (13.54m). Alexis also had two other top five finishes in the two-day event: a fourth place showing in the Discus (35.06 meters), and fifth in the Hammer Throw

(26.57m). The following week, to close out the year, Alexis competed in the 2012 Division III Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships in Shot Put and Javelin, slotting 12th in Javelin (50.18m) and 18th in Shot Put (14.21m).

At the Medgar Evers Athletic Banquet in late May, Alexis was named 2012 Male Athletic-Scholar of the Year and Scholar-Athlete of the Year, and, as always, he is extremely humble in his accolades. "I have studied a lot so I can pass my finals, and be able to compete in my sport. I know and am aware of being a student first, athlete second. I am thankful I've won this award. I try to give a hand with my teammates anyway I can. It's part of my nature."

Fittingly, he was also just named the CUNYAC Men's Sportsmanship Award winner for the 2012 Outdoor Track and Field season as well.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

ROHAN STEWART, KINGSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE • MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

Rohan Stewart came big for the Kingsborough Wave in the month of May. At the NJCAA National Championships at Alfred, NY, Stewart was the only KCC male athlete to score in two events. He was also part of the KCC 4x100 meters who finished 3rd at the Nationals. He is also one of seven KCC athletes to be named All-American for NJCAA this year. Though he had a recurring hamstring injury, the sophomore participated at the CUNY Outdoor Championship where he ran the 200 meter race with a time of 22.2 seconds. Rohan is also a devoted student who balances well his study time. He is graduating this semester in the criminal justice program, averaging 3.38.

MEAGAN CRANSTON, BROOKLYN COLLEGE • SOFTBALL

Sophomore Meagan Cranston batted .357 (5-for-14) in the month of May with one RBI and a run scored, which saw the BC Softball team post a 2-3 record. She also registered a .438 on base percentage and a .357 Slugging percentage. An Education Major, Cranston boasts a 3.578 GPA. The Bulldogs advanced to Day Two of the CUNYAC Softball Championships and also earned a bid to the 2012 ECAC Metro Tournament.

KRISTI DILLON, COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND • SOFTBALL

Wearing #1 and batting leadoff for the Dolphins, Kristi Dillon helped CSI win the Regular Season title once again in 2012. A sparkplug and fan favorite, Dillon ranks second in career stolen bases with 57, which stands only two behind the school record. In only two games in May, during the CUNYAC Championship she had two hits and a stolen base against Brooklyn and Baruch. A Liberal Arts major, Dillon maintains a 3.225 GPA and plans to continue her studies and become a dental hygienist. In her spare time, she volunteers with various youth softball groups, including St. Joseph's by the Sea, her high school alma mater.

-- www.cunyathletics.com --



College of Staten Island's Kaitlyn Flynn named ECAC softball player of the year

Thursday, June 28, 2012, 10:15 AM



By **Jim Waggoner**



CSI photo by Kelli Carnevale

College of Staten Island senior third baseman Kaitlyn Flynn has been named ECAC Player of the Year.

The honors keep pouring in for College of Staten Island senior third baseman Kaitlyn Flynn.

Flynn has been named **Eastern College Athletic Conference Division 3 Player of the Year**, on the heels of being named CUNY Conference Player of the Year. She also was selected as a third-team Division III All-American by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

CSI teammate and fellow senior Danielle Ponsiglione also earned All-ECAC status as a pitcher.

Flynn, a four-year starter, batted .500 (58-116) with 18 extra-base hits including three home runs. In the CUNY Tournament, she reached base on 13 of 14 plate appearances as the Dolphins fell to Baruch in the championship game.

The ECAC selected the College of New Jersey's Lauren Fitzsimmons as its Pitcher of the Year, while The Sage College's Kristen Beikirch earned Rookie of the Year. NYU-Poly's Jimmy Barrett, a Staten Island resident, earned Coach of the Year honors.

Also posted on: cunyathletics.com

Stories

Synergy Marketing Research project for the Chamber



Special to Business Trends

Synergy Marketing Research, a team of upper class marketing research students from the College of Staten Island, presented the results of a market research project they conducted for the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce. Pictured, from left, are: (back row) CSI Adjunct Lecturer Bill Dubovsky; student Lisa Conlon; Ryan Gleason of the Chamber; Tony Mulholland, representing the Chamber's Marketing Committee; student Kevin Ng; and CSI Business Dept. Chair Thomas Tellefsen; and (foreground) Sallyann Bartels of the Chamber; and students Victoria Sakkal and Stephanie Rizzo.

College of Staten Island hosts first-ever Lavender graduation reception

Friday, June 01, 2012, 8:06 AM



By **Kiawana Rich**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The College of Staten Island in Willowbrook hosted its first-ever Lavender graduation reception yesterday, to recognize students who comprise the school's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community.

A total of 60 attendees, including graduates, faculty, family, friends and supporters, showed up to the school library for the post-commencement soiree.

Lavender events celebrate graduates' achievements and contributions to colleges and universities and the LGBTQ community. CSI spokesman Ken Bach said the event was in line with the school's continuing efforts to celebrate pluralism and diversity.

"We wanted to make sure it was a proper send-off and make sure they know they are valued and understood and respected in life for who they are," said Dr. Katie Cumiskey, associate professor of psychology and the Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies Program, who provided remarks along with her partner, Robin Garber, a community activist.

Outgoing President Dr. Tomas Morales said the event proved that "the College of Staten Island is an inclusive community. It's a community that is welcoming to all students regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation."



Anthony DePrimo

Dr. Katie Cumiskey, associate professor of psychology and women's gender and sexuality studies, left, embraces graduate Amanda Holbert at the CUNY College of Staten Island Lavender graduation reception for 15 of the LGBTQ student body at the college.

Highlights included Dr. Cumiskey's hitting a singing bowl, providing attendees a chance to consider someone who inspired them. **CSI** Professor Sarah Schulman, a nationally recognized LGBTQ leader who has proven an inspiration to many students, was also cited.

College of Staten Island bestows 2,572 diplomas on Thursday.

Graduate Katie Fasulo furnished an acoustic guitar version of The Beatles' "In My Life."

Ralph Vogel, director of the Staten Island LGBT Community Center, was attending his first Lavender event. He said it capped a remarkable 12 months that included the end of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and President Obama's advocating marriage equality. "We are on the right path," Vogel said, "and we are going to become equal citizens in this great country."

Graduates like Jeremiah Jurkiewicz, 21 of Stapleton, who is gay, said he knows it's going to be a challenge for him to become a successful actor, but noted **CSI** has given him the tools to succeed.

"**CSI** has shown me I do not need to compromise who I am to be successful. I shouldn't have to work or do something I don't feel comfortable with being myself because there are places like **CSI** that will accept me for who I am," he said.

Miss Fasulo, the guitarist, is studying to earn a degree in medical technology. The 20-year-old New Dorp resident said **CSI** helped her come to terms with herself as a lesbian, although she is still unsure of the future.

"I feel good, but it's a little scary," she said.

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College of Staten Island – Assistant Registrar

Filed in Administrative, Jobs on June 5, 2012

Job ID: 5887

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

Reporting to the Director of Registrar, the Assistant Registrar is responsible for the following:

- Supervises the Registrar Service Counter and phone center; supervises staff, processes and scheduling.

- Assists with the implementation and management of CUNYFIRST (Oracle PeopleSoft) as related to the Registrar.
- Works closely with the Enrollment Division Offices as well as other departmental operations to administer the offices' processes.
- Works with the transfer area to evaluate/post transfer credit and supervises TIPPS and TES systems and the ePermit system.

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
- Knowledge of Microsoft Office suite

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

June 29, 2012

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are committed to enhancing our diverse academic community by actively encouraging people with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women to apply. We take pride in our pluralistic community and continue to seek excellence through diversity and inclusion.



STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/KACEY SEMLER

"Congratulations Graduates" banners hang in front of the Center for the Arts on the campus of the College of Staten Island last Wednesday. Graduation was Thursday.



Stand your ground? Stop and frisk? A forum on racial profiling is offered

Thursday, June 07, 2012, 12:00 PM



By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A forum designed to address violence and racial profiling in the Staten Island community will be held this Saturday at 2:30 p.m. in the [College of Staten Island](#), Willowbrook.

The free forum will focus on discussions designed to stem violence in the community, "Stand Your Ground laws," racial profiling legislation, and stop and frisk practices.

There will be two panel discussions, the first focusing on the legality of certain laws and policies and how to react if you one is stopped and frisked; the second forum focuses on finding community solutions. There will also be interactive question and answer sessions, and a reception from 4:30 to 5 p.m.

Confirmed participants include: state Sen. Eric Adams; Edward C. Josey, president, Staten Island Branch of the NAACP; Dorothy Weems, president, New York Urban League-Staten Island Advisory Board; The Rev. Maggie Howard, pastor, Stapleton UAME Church; The Rev. Kathlyn Barrett-Layne, senior pastor, Reach Out and Touch Ministries International and president of the United Ministerial Alliance of Staten Island; The Rev. Dr. Demetrius Carolina, senior pastor, First Central Baptist Church; Zoie Mair, The Legal Aid Society of New York City, and Jeremy Akyempong, the National Action Network.

The event is being sponsored by The Staten Island alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (SIAC), a public service orientated sorority, in collaboration with the [College of Staten Island's](#) Liberty Partnership Program and the Nassau Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The event is open to the public; teens are encouraged to attend. You may request more information by phone - (646) 873-6817 - or by **email**.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Director, Student Disability Services

Filed in Administrative, Jobs on June 7, 2012

Job: 5923

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

GENERAL DUTIES

Assists with planning and providing a comprehensive program of services for students with disabilities.

- Assists with daily supervision of the unit, including budgets, personnel supervision, and facilities/equipment management
- Provides guidance and advisement to student organizations, administrators, faculty and others on concerns and issues related to students with special needs
- Interacts with counselors, disability accommodations specialists, and external community organizations to maintain a broad inventory of available services
- Presents programs and workshops, and prepares communications to students and others promoting the goals of the unit
- Organizes and provides for assistive technology and interpretive services
- May develop and/or review individual educational plans that incorporate individually designed academic support services and accommodations within the guidelines of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Job Title Name: Student Disability Services Specialist

CONTRACT TITLE

Higher Education Assistant

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.

Reporting to the Center for Student Accessibility Director, the Assistant Director is responsible for the following:

- Creates and assesses programs to enhance students' success and the student experience.
- Works with the Director and the office staff to assess and report on existing programs.
- Writes reports and other communications pertaining to the unit.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Master's degree preferred.

COMPENSATION

\$59,608 – \$74,133

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

July 5, 2012

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are committed to enhancing our diverse academic community by actively encouraging people with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women to apply. We take pride in our pluralistic community and continue to seek excellence through diversity and inclusion. EO/AA Employer

Staten Island high schoolers exceed graduation rate of other-borough peers

Monday, June 11, 2012, 7:49 PM



Jillian Jorgensen/Staten Island Advance
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The borough's students are graduating from high school at a higher rate than their peers citywide - but most of them still aren't ready for college or careers, according to state data released yesterday.

Staten Island's graduation rate bested other boroughs by a decent margin -- with 72.1 percent of Island students who began school in 2007 graduating on-time in June 2011. Including August graduates, the figure was 74.2 percent. That's above the citywide rate of 60.9 percent for June and 65.1 percent for August.

Still, the borough's June graduation rate fell just short of the state average, 74 percent. And while college-readiness is not measured across the borough, it is tracked in each school. Most here saw just 20-35 percent of students who started school in 2007 ready for college four years later -- well below the percentage rate of students who graduated in the same amount of time.

The city's graduation rate has been climbing for a decade -- and though 65.5 percent of students graduating by August is an all-time high for the city, it's a smaller increase over last year than years past. The percentage of students graduating increased less than a point since 2010 for August graduates -- who must attend summer school or retake a Regents exam -- and fell a tenth of a point for June graduates.



The Associated Press

"More students are succeeding in our schools than ever before," said Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

But Mayor Michael Bloomberg touted the long-term growth in the number of students graduating with diplomas, citing 10 years of consecutive gains, and the record-high August percentage.

"More students are succeeding in our schools than ever before," Bloomberg said. "When our administration began, schools hadn't seen significant increases in their graduation rates in more than a decade."

Chancellor Dennis Walcott said the news was reason for the Class of 2011 to smile again, a year later.

On the Island, though well above other borough rates, the overall graduation rate was down slightly -- less than a point -- for both June and August graduates.

The August graduation rate of 74.2 percent outpaced Queens, with a 70 percent rate; Manhattan, 67 percent; Brooklyn, 64.2 percent; and the Bronx, 57.5 percent.

While a healthy percentage of students in the city and the borough are graduating, significantly fewer students are ready for college, based on what the state calls "aspirational performance measures." One college-readiness benchmark measures the percentage of graduates scoring 75 or above on their English Regents and 80 or better on a math Regents exam -- a measure of whether they will need remedial courses in college.

Citywide, just 20.7 percent of students were college-ready based on that criteria in 2011, down from an already low 21.4 percent who were college-ready in 2010. The statewide figure was just 30.6 percent.

At nearly every school on the Island, the percentage of students graduating far outweighed those who were deemed ready for what comes after high school -- college or a career.

And all but three high schools here saw their college-readiness percentage drop in 2011 compared to 2010.

Of those students who started school in 2007 at Tottenville High School, 33.3 percent were ready for college by 2011 -- an increase over the year before. At the College of Staten Island High School for International Studies, it rose from 23.8 percent in 2010 to 29.4 percent in 2011. The figure also jumped at McKee Career and Technical High School, the borough's only career and technical education school, from 9.1 percent to 12.5 percent.

The figures fell at every other school -- at Petrides, it went from 39.8 percent in 2010 to 28.3 percent in 2011. New Dorp saw the figure dip from 20.2 percent to 16.6 percent in 2011. At Port Richmond, just 13.7 percent of students were college-ready in four years, compared to the 65.7 percent who graduated from the school in four years by August.

And while 70.3 percent of students at Curtis High School graduated in four years by August 2011, just 14 percent of the school's students were college-ready -- down from 20.3 percent the year before. At Susan Wagner, the rate was 30.9 percent, down less than a point, but still well below the school's 81.5 percent August graduation rate.

College-readiness and graduation rates tracked most closely at Staten Island Tech, the borough's only specialized school, where 100 percent of students graduated in four years and 97.6 percent were ready for college.

The city noted yesterday that the Common Core Standards being phased in to schools is aimed at helping students graduate with the skills they need for college and careers. This year, students were taught at least one unit of material aligned with the Common Core in English and math; next year, the requirement will expand to social studies and science.

With numbers slowing this year, the graduation rate seems unlikely to grow for the Class of 2012 -- who will be the first required to earn a Regents diploma in order to graduate.

The state has been phasing out the "local diploma" over the course of several years -- now students will be required to pass five Regents exams, including the notoriously difficult global history exam, with a score of 65 or better.

The number of students earning Regents diplomas has risen since 2005, and the number earning local diplomas have fallen -- which has the state hoping the trend will continue.

But of 2011 graduates citywide, 13 percent earned a local diploma in June. On Staten Island, the percentage of graduates that earned a local diploma in June was 11.5 percent. Those students would not have met graduation requirements this year, with the local diploma being fully phased out.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Student Athletic Program Specialist

Filed in Administrative, Jobs on June 13, 2012

Job ID: 5926

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

GENERAL DUTIES

Administers one or more aspects of a College athletics program.

- Coordinates development and implementation of information and marketing materials, such as web sites
- Coordinates recreation and intramural programs in support of wellness activities
- Organizes, coordinates, and manages intramural and varsity sports events
- Compiles and reports on statistics for NCAA and CUNY requirements; compiles reports on programs and activities
- Coordinates scheduling of facilities and programs
- Assists management with planning and oversight of various athletics activities
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Job Title Name: Student Athletics Program Specialist

CONTRACT TITLE

Higher Education Assistant

FLSA

Exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Reporting to the Director of Sports & Recreation, the Student Athletic Program Specialist will be responsible for the following:

- Assists with the development and management of the annual Intramural/Recreation program budget, in addition to the day-to-day office administration.
- Establishes an Intramural Advisory Council.
- Evaluates program goals/objectives and oversees assessment efforts with an emphasis on student centered development.
- Develops an Intramural manual for standard operating procedures, policies, and program activities.
- Maintains the ongoing inventory of intramural and recreational equipment and supplies.
- Supervises the recruitment, training, and evaluation of student Intramural Program staff.
- Implements and adheres to appropriate risk management policies and safety procedures.

- Maintains a functional knowledge of facility operations and procedures for all areas of campus recreation and wellness.
- Coordinates all scheduling of all activities and events for all indoor and outdoor facilities usage with the Sport & Recreation Facilities Manager.
- Participates in professional development.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Strong communication, interpersonal, and computer skills
- Broad customer service skills
- Must be committed to serving a highly diverse base of constituents
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively with campus-wide departments and offices
- Previous experience in a higher education setting

COMPENSATION

\$42,873 – \$55,782

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

July 11, 2012

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are committed to enhancing our diverse academic community by actively encouraging people with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women to apply. We take pride in our pluralistic community and continue to seek excellence through diversity and inclusion. EO/AA Employer.



College of Staten Island High School for International Studies holds senior prom voyage on Cornucopia Destiny

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 4:06 PM



By Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The College of Staten Island High School for International Studies held its senior prom on June 7, on board the Cornucopia Destiny Yacht, Hoboken N.J.

Here are photos from the event.

We'd like to invite you to join our online coverage by sharing your personal photos and video.

Just go to silive.com/yourphotos or silive.com/yourvideos — and be sure to include the tag "prom" in everything you upload!

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Selina Woods, Reshay Bailey, and Djenne Jean Louis at the College of Staten Island High School Senior Prom on June 7, 2012 on board the Cornucopia Destiny Yacht, Hoboken NJ.

[CSI](#) High School Senior Prom 2012 gallery (3 photos)

Shuttle bus services temporarily moved at Staten Island Ferry terminal

Thursday, June 14, 2012, 2:12 PM



Michael Sedon/Staten Island Advance
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Ongoing construction at the St. George Ferry Terminal is causing the shuttle drop off and pick up area to be temporarily moved starting Monday.

Students using college shuttle services to and from the College of Staten Island, Wagner College and St. John's University, and those using local hotel shuttles run by the Hampton Inn and Hilton Garden Inn will have to catch those rides at the bottom of the Grand Staircase near the ferry terminal parking facilities.



Advance file photo

A College of Staten Island shuttle bus leaves the St. George Ferry Terminal in this Oct. 15, 2008 photo.

Beginning Monday at noon, shuttle users will no longer find their rides at Richmond Terrace, and they are not expected to return there until Aug. 3, the city Department of Transportation said.

The ramp rehabilitation project at the terminal will also require the closure of up to 60 daily parking spaces in the South Municipal Lot until about Aug. 3, the DOT said.

Those 60 parking spaces are located under bus ramp B, which is currently closed for rehabilitation work.

The reason for the parking space closure is safety concerns the DOT has with people walking underneath the active construction taking place on the ramp above.

There will be no change in the number of handicapped parking spaces at the terminal, but those spaces will be "shifted slightly to accommodate construction," the DOT said.

Additional parking in the area could be found at the North Municipal Parking Lot, St. George Municipal Parking Garage on Central Avenue and Slosson Terrace and the NYCEDC Parking facilities near Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George.

The \$175 million stimulus-funded rehabilitation is the largest American Reinvestment and Recovery Act project in New York City, and it is expected to be completed in February of 2013.

The project includes the rehabilitation of eight ramps, improvements to bus canopies and gates, better pedestrian access, bike lanes and places to park bikes, a refurbished Flute Sculpture, painting all structures, new drainage and paving of the North Municipal Parking Lot.

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For this Staten Islander, Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George feels just like home

Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 2:51 AM



Cormac Gordon
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- There are baseball fans.

And then there are guys like Chris Caputo.

The Rosebank attorney and Staten Island Yankees loyalist could be found in his regular seat among the 5,932 crowded into the Richmond County Bank Ballpark at St. George for last night's home opener.

Caputo's spot is prime Section 9 real estate just a few rows behind home plate, where he can measure the break on a good curveball.

And if it had been his decision alone, he likely would have opted for something even closer.

"But my wife Carol insisted we get seats behind the safety net, so she wouldn't get hit by a foul," Caputo was saying last night while the Yankees were managing just two hits in a 4-1 loss to the Brooklyn Cyclones.

Smart seating decision, that.

Anyone who attends as many baseball games as Caputo and his family is in danger of getting in the way of a certain amount of errant baseballs.

It's just the odds.



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

Peter Caputo and his dad Chris have been coming to Staten Island Yankees game since the team arrived in the borough.



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Hilton Flores

Marissa Pontecorvo singing the National Anthem to the Staten Island Yankees opening day crowd at Richmond County Bank Ballpark. (Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores)

Staten Island Yanks drop home opener gallery (9 photos)

The Caputos purchased their first S.I. Yankees tickets prior to the franchise's first game.

That was back in 1999, when the Getzler family had just brought the team to the Island. Home back then was the hastily completed field on the College of Staten Island campus in Willowbrook.

"The first game was on Father's Day," Caputo recalled last night. "I met the Getzlers that day, and told them they couldn't have done anything more for the fathers of Staten Island than bringing baseball here."

Caputo couldn't know at that time that the campus ballpark at **CSI** had been constructed in such a rush that city inspectors refused to approve the bleachers for occupancy.

On the night before opening-day the front office called every employee back to work, where they remained tightening connections until daybreak while borrowed equipment lit-up the bleachers.

Team president Jane Rogers still has the screwdriver she personally used crawling around underneath the stands.

"I just remember that I got up from my seat for the first time at my first game, and as I was walking to the concession stand a foul ball basically bounced into my hand," Caputo said.

Since that date, Caputo has attended every Staten Island Yankees home opener and hundreds of other games.

As has happened to others since the minor league game came to Staten Island 14 seasons ago, what began as a curiosity has grown into a family tradition.

The Caputos at first had three season tickets, for Chris, Carol and their then six-year-old son, Peter.

"I just thought of it as gesture to support the community in a small way," Chris said.

But it proved more than that.

After the team moved to St. George, and the rhythm of the three-month season began to weave its way into the Island consciousness, the notion of an inexpensive evening of hometown baseball began to grow on some people.

Friends began asking to tag along with the Caputos so often Chris started purchasing five season tickets each year.

"It became more of a social event than just a baseball game," Caputo explained. "I'd meet 10 or 15 people I knew before I even got to my seat."

They enjoyed the young players, too, mostly teenagers away from home, and watched how each would react to an error in the field or a blown call by an umpire.

By the end of summer the Caputos would pretty much know the personalities, and maybe even have a pretty good idea of who would be playing someday in the Bronx, and who would be going back home.

"We traveled up to Vermont on vacation one summer, and wound up going to watch the Yankees play up there," said Caputo.

It got so your best bet to find Chris, Carol and Peter on a summer night was to go to St. George.

Chris even invested a few thousand dollars every summer in some advertising for his law firm at the ballpark.

T-shirts with the phone number scripted across the back became a not unusual site at the ballpark with the view.

"We started having barbecues with people who sat around us at the ballpark," Chris said. "We've been to each other's family wakes and funerals, and watched each other's kids grow up."

And does the biggest of Staten Island Yankees rooters ever take a trip to the real Yankee Stadium in the Bronx?

"Heck, no," declared Caputo at the end of one more night at the Ballpark in St. George. "I'm a Mets fan, always have been."

For those used to traffic and commotion around Willowbrook campus of CSI, next couple months offer welcome relief

Wednesday, June 20, 2012, 11:45 AM



By Mark D. Stein/Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **WILLOWBROOK**

- The College of Staten Island (CSI) is a much quieter place these days.

But despite the drop-off in activity, the Willowbrook campus is hardly empty. Students, professors and faculty members are present on the spacious grounds during the active summer semester – and they're busy. There just aren't as many.

While the college notes 3,455 students attend 179 classes in June, a visit by the Advance on Monday afternoon showed a campus with far fewer cars parked and people wandering the grounds.



The College of Staten Island notes 3,455 students attend 179 classes in June. Later in the summer months, the campus is rather quiet with only 937 students who will attend 56 classes in July. (Staten Island Advance Photo)

Only 937 students will attend 56 classes in July.

"Summer courses at the College of Staten Island provide an excellent opportunity for students to accelerate their CSI degree completion, as well as students returning home for the summer seeking to earn transferable credits to their home college," said Mary Beth Reilly, vice president for Enrollment Management.

Ms. Reilly noted that the tuition and diverse course offering (spanish 1, psychology, pre-calculus math, intro to design and digital media, and counselor service) make CSI an attractive option for all students.

On a Monday during the fall or spring semester, the odds of finding parking in the three-tier Lot 1 are close to impossible. However, the other day, dozens of parking places were available.

The school's campus center (1C), which is normally full of students and workers, as well as textbooks and

notes, was completely empty, except for a single person grabbing a snack from the vending machine.

"It's dead here during the summer," said the male student who chose to remain anonymous. "But it's much easier to get around, so it's not bad."

The long path that connects 1C to the library (1L) was largely vacant, but for two students walking toward the campus center.

Sarah Edkins of Westerleigh is attending a statistics class this summer. She needs it to attend a master's program.

"I've been here every summer," she said. She prefers it because it's shorter and there's greater focus on a given subject, usually because only one or two classes are taken.

"It's so condensed so you have to keep up with your work," she said.

Pearl Pierre-Paul and Daquane Chambers, both of Brooklyn, and both sophomores, chatted about their summer school experiences.

"It's so hard," said Chambers, referring to his math class. "Every day is a different lesson, and the classes are long, and there's a test each week.

He's right; the summer session is condensed into about a month. Classes meet almost daily, as opposed to more than a dozen weeks of classes with meetings once, twice, or (at most) three times a week.

"But it goes by quick," said Chambers.

His friend, Ms. Pierre-Paul, said the packed schedule enables students to absorb material better.

"You remember everything so closely," said Ms. Pierre-Paul, who's taking a history and math class this summer.

However, Ms. Pierre-Paul said it depends on the subject. For example, math is easier to retain because of the repetition, but history involves more effort because there's more reading.

Regardless, both said they're glad they opted for summer classes.

"It's better to get it done quicker (now than in the fall or spring semesters)," said Ms. Pierre-Paul.



College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Veteran Student Specialist

Filed in Administrative, Jobs on June 22, 2012

Job ID: 5936

Full/Part Time: Full-Time

Regular/Temporary: Regular

GENERAL DUTIES:

Develops and implements programming, services, and learning opportunities for students, promoting the personal development of a diverse student population.

- Administers one or more student affairs programs, providing program management, assistance with policy development, supervision and training of all professional and support staff, budget monitoring, and report preparation
- Serves as a resource to student groups and/or populations as a consultant and advocate for their concerns
- Researches and stays current on higher education programs, trends, and issues with student impact
- Produces workshops and materials support student programs; manages on-line communities; develops on-line social networking activities, and develops and maintains multimedia content on program web sites
- Performs related duties as assigned.

Job Title Name: Student Life Specialist

CONTRACT TITLE: Higher Education Assistant

FLSA: Exempt

CAMPUS SPECIFIC INFORMATION:

Reporting to the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs and serving as a member of the Student Affairs Cabinet, the Veteran Student Specialist serves in a multifaceted capacity and participates in the delivery of support services, programs, and activities to a diverse student veteran population to enhance the overall **CSI** student veteran experience.

The Veteran Student Specialist will be responsible for the following:

- Assists with information requests about student veterans at **CSI**.
- Provides basic information and referral services to student veterans as necessary.
- Provides administrative and program development support to the Student Veterans Center.
- Assists student veterans with the interpretation of VA benefits and college policies and procedures.
- Collaborates with the different branches of the military and the Registrar's office to communicate with student veterans regarding the ability to transfer military service credits and military occupational specialty.
- Works with the Career & Scholarship department in establishing internship opportunities for student-veterans with local businesses, government agencies, and non-profits.
- Collaborates with CUNY Veterans Affairs, CSI Veterans Support Team, Registrar's Office, Armed Forces Club, community based organizations, and government programs in an outreach effort to student veterans.
- Uses assessment practices to evaluate the student veteran experience and the programs and services provided by the Student Veterans Center.
- Hires, trains, and supervises student veteran mentors.
- Assists with securing external funding through grant writing to enhance Student Veterans Center services.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Master's degree preferred

COMPENSATION

\$42,873 – \$71,073

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

July 12, 2012

JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Improving design quality and total project delivery with Building Information Modeling

Andrew Kozak, JFK&M Consulting Group



An accepted definition of Building Information Modeling (BIM) actually refers to BIM as a "process involving the generation and management of a digital representation of physical and functional characteristics of a facility. The resulting building information model becomes a shared knowledge resource to support decision-making about a facility from earliest conceptual stages, through design and construction, then through its operational life before its eventual demolition." BIM is really a digital, three-dimensional model linked to a database of project information, in other words, a software tool. But this powerful tool provides the platform for collaboration throughout a building's design, construction and future facility management.

The collaboration takes place among all design consultants from the beginning of a project so every aspect of the design can be coordinated whether it is architectural, structural, engineering, etc. Because the model is linked to a database, any change to one design is reflected throughout the model; thus, eliminating oversights and saving time changing design models and drawings. BIM can be employed on projects of any size and portions of projects. Large complex projects can involve many interconnected models. The 3-D depictions aid the owner and the entire team in visualizing the project which makes design decisions easier. It is easier to do complex design in BIM because you can document the complexity better in the drawings. Errors/clashes in design among the disciplines can be spotted and resolved easily. BIM can also be used to track LEED points. It will allow you to set up an attribute in a model; you can have models for daylighting and energy studies and also track LEED status during the design process in real time.

Moving beyond design, BIM models can facilitate materials purchasing, the bidding process, and the construction stage of the project. Fabricator models can interact with a design model to provide information for purchasing. Linking the contractor's model to the design model can allow you to actually pre-build the project before actual construction and provide information for better staging and scheduling.

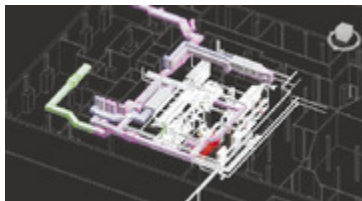
JFK&M understands the significance of quality design and completing a project efficiently. Therefore, we employ the use of BIM to manage the coordination of MEP/architectural design. JFK&M has used BIM on a number of different types of renovation and new construction projects. We provided New York University with comprehensive MEP/FP/IT engineering design services for the expansion of the administrative offices of three university departments, Stern School of Business, NYU Regional Campuses for international locations, and the History Department, located in the historic Silk Building. JFK&M used the BIM model to coordinate the new pipe and ductwork distribution with the large quantity of the existing mechanical, electrical and plumbing in the ceiling of this 1908 Italian-Renaissance-palazzo style building.

This model illustrates the NYU Abu Dhabi regional office space. The height restrictions and the existing piping in the 1908 building required us to use a dedicated air system for ventilation and vertical floor mounted fan coil units for cooling and heating. The model depicts the ceiling ductwork, air distribution system, existing steam lines, light fixtures, fan coil units, and the chilled water piping serving the fan coils.

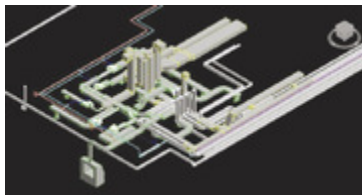


*NYU Abu Dhabi
regional office space*

Other projects where JFK&M is utilizing BIM include two healthcare clients and one major university client. One project is the new construction of a 176,000 s/f Ambulatory Surgery Building for a major healthcare institution; the second is a much smaller project, the renovation of a laboratory in the Advanced Imaging Facility at CUNY College of Staten Island and the third example is a major MEP upgrade in The Field Building, CUNY Baruch College. These examples clearly show the level of detail of the models and it is easy to understand how BIM models improve the design quality and the delivery of the entire project.



A major MEP upgrade in The Field Building, CUNY Baruch College



Renovation of a laboratory in the Advanced Imaging Facility at CUNY College of Staten Island - Staten Island, NY

Andrew Kozak is a mechanical department director, JFK&M Consulting Group LLC, New York, N.Y.

Staten Island's Concord High School graduates 55

Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 5:09 PM



Staten Island Advance
By



Staten Island Advance/Irving Silverstein

It's all thumbs up for Concord High School graduates, from left, Kaelin Augustine, Essence Marshall Keyonna Brown and Diamond Clark.

By **DANIELLE LUCCHESI** and
CHRISTOPHER GLANCY

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Fifty-five graduates walked across the stage today with a little help from their family, friends and extended Concord High School family.

As a sea of black and white gowns and tassels entered the Performing Arts Center at the College of Staten Island, dozens of smiles proved that hard work and dedication had paid off.

For this Class of 2012, a high school diploma represents a second chance at education and a brighter future.

Jerome White, an attorney, candidly shared his own challenges during his keynote address, encouraging the graduates with a quote from Confucius: "It doesn't matter how slowly you go as long as you don't stop."

The graduates did not stop in spite of the unique obstacles each one faced. Concord is a high school that is designed to give students who had previously struggled in school a fresh start.

"School wasn't for me, but Concord changed that," said Salutatorian Kassandra Muniz. "It made me want to wake up and walk through the doors of the school."

Valedictorian Sarah McGarry continued the inspiration by congratulating her classmates and quoting the last stanza of RL Sharpe's poem, "A Bag of Tools:"

"Each is given a list of rules; a shapeless mass; a bag of tools. And each must fashion, ere life is flown, a stumbling block, or a stepping-stone."

Concord Assistant Principal David Ashe referred to a Nike commercial he saw a few years ago. "You fall down seven and get up eight -- that is what Concord High School is like," he told the graduates.

The commencement exercises concluded with a viewing of the video yearbook, showcasing Concord's blood drive, breast cancer walk, step team practice and renovation of the school garden.

Principal Ronald J. Gorsky reminded the graduates of the second chance they received and told them, "Don't let anyone else define you; never surrender your fate and your hope."

He told students how important it is to persevere. "It's not the IQ, it's the I will," Gorsky said.

The graduates are:

Karron Adams, Sonny Alloway, Kaelin Augustine, Shaloma Barbosa, Keenan Barrant, Stephanie Basini, Kasia Battiste, Chana Bernadeau, Lenny Bishop, Skylar Brady, Ojeemo Brooks, Keyonna Brown, Unique Byers, Kendra Cartagena, Diamond Clark, Michelle Contreras, Jamel Darby, Eleann Delacruz, Christopher Garcia, Harold Gibson, Jennifer Gonzalez, Timothy Gordon, Charron Holton, Christyna Jacobson, Akeem James, Shakwanzaa James, Stephanie Johannesen, Sakwana Jones, Richard Klein, Kristopher Lowe, Essence Marshall, Melissa McBean, Sarah McGarry, Fataima Moore, Ashley Moreno, Kevin Moreno, Ambara Morton, Kassandra Muniz, Roberto Muniz, Bobby Nascimento, Julio Novoa, Dana Pacheco, Musa Resuljani, Stephanie Rivera, Christopher Rosario, Eva Rotelli, Matthew Sanders, James Sasnauskas, Ashley Thomas, Patryk Wala, Christopher Washington, Dion Wiley, Stephanie Wilson, Austin Wilson, Faith Zingoni.

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Irving Silverstein

Concord High School graduates listen to speakers during their graduation ceremony. (Staten Island Advance/Irving Silverstein)

Staten Island public high school graduations 2012 gallery (44 photos)

Today is the day: School's out for summer

Wednesday, June 27, 2012, 9:55 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**



Thomas Checchi

Curtis students lineup this morning waiting to get in for the last assembly and to pick up report cards.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Thousands of happy students will be streaming out of school today as dismissal is held for the last time this school year.

Parents and teachers will may have a smile on their faces too, welcoming a break in the school day routine for a couple of months.

Seniors at CSI High School for International Studies will have their final moments as students at the school. Graduation is at 11:30 a.m.in the Performing Arts building on the **College of Staten Island** campus.

COMMONS Cafe generates grant money

Wednesday, June 27, 2012, 3:09 PM



Mark D. Stein/Staten Island Advance
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **BLOOMFIELD** - Keep eating good, and keep doing good.

The Lois & Richard Nicotra Foundation continued its goal of helping others by providing \$16,500 in grant money to Nicotra Group employees' children and numerous Staten Island-based community organizations last Friday at a morning gathering at the COMMONS Cafe on the grounds of the Teleport in Bloomfield.

In less than six months, the eatery, which boasts an "Eat Good. Do Good" motto, has generated \$60,000 to be given to various Staten Islanders and organizations.

The recipients this time included the New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation, the College of Staten Island (CSI) Foundation, Sandy Ground Historical Society, Staten Island Legal Services NYC, St. Peter-St. Paul School, St. John's Episcopal Church, the Staten Island YMCA, the Minty Awards, the Seguire-Burke Country House, Staten Island Federated Garden Club of New York State, the Richmond County Youth Complex, Safe Horizon, Richmond Coral Society, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, and a handful of students who will use the money for a college education.

Richard and Lois Nicotra were joined by at least 25 people at the cafe, which donates 100 percent of its profits to benefit the borough.

"The community is getting to know who we



Richard and Lois Nicotra awarded grants and scholarships to their employees' children as well as local non-profit organizations during a ceremony at the Commons Cafe, Bloomfield. Attending the event are, from left, Firefighter Dan Kenny with Victoria Giordano, New York Firefighters Burn Center Foundation; Michelle Marfa; Cheryl Shiber, CSI Foundation; Sylvia D'Alessandro, Sandy Ground Historical Society; Jessica Lynch; Nancy Goldhill, Staten Island Legal Services NYC; Margaret Annunziata, St. Peter-St. Paul School; Denise Ciluffo, St. John's Episcopal Church; John Semerad, Staten Island YMCA; Michael Pinto, Minty Awards; Richard Nicotra; Christina Mantz, The Seguire-Burke Country House; Kristie Stapleton; Carolyn Pinto, Staten Island Federated Garden Club New York State; Lois Nicotra; Jim Russo, Richmond County Youth Complex; Frank Alvarez, Safe Horizon; Louise Cottone, Richmond Coral Society; Kristine Garlisi, executive director of the Richard and Lois Nicotra Foundation, and James Mitchell, St. Alban's Episcopal Church. (Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo)

are. Please come for lunch," said Nicotra. "Every dime we make goes to charities on Staten Island. I'm a true believer that Staten Island is really 'The Forgotten Borough' in so many ways, so we need to help ourselves."

Nicotra smiled as he said a great feeling comes with assisting others.

"We created a business and it does three things at the Teleport. This was a vacant, desolate graveyard for almost 10 years, and now we have 2,000 people working here. We're providing opportunities for breakfast, lunch and dinner for the people working here," he said. "And we're providing jobs. It's a triple-wonderful thing we've been able to do."

Nicotra added that he envisions opening more businesses with a similar purpose like COMMONS Cafe.

"It's very nice. It really shows the community's support that we got this year for the event," said Minty Awards founder Michael Pinto, who said the money received will go toward theater and other expenses. "The Nicotras are so generous, not just to my organization, but other organizations on Staten Island."

Community organizations interested in applying for a grant from the Nicotra Foundation can visit **www.nicotraonline.com** and click on the "Lois & Richard Nicotra Foundation" link on the bottom of the page.

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College of Staten Island High School for International Studies graduates 137

Wednesday, June 27, 2012, 8:12 PM



By Staten Island Advance

By TIMOTHY HARRISON

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Surrounded by the plush interior of the Springer Concert Hall at the College of Staten Island, the faculty and 137 graduates of the CSI High School for International Studies processed to the school's commencement today, a ceremony replete with reminders of CSI's global perspective.

Guests were welcomed with an electrifying rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner," sung by graduate Katlyn Heidel, and with an international greeting, during which 10 students communicating in 10 different languages offered salutations, a showing of the school's diversity.

Principal Joseph Canale saluted members of the CSI community during a 10-minute address.

He focused on the school's distinctive qualities, asserting to the students, "You stand out and you do so in a very distinguished way," further noting the class's nearly \$3.8 million in scholarship awards.

The ceremony's keynote speaker, Stephane Dujarric, the director of news and media for the United Nations, imparted advice and inspiration in keeping with the school's mission.



Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel

Graduate Katlyn Heidel performs the "Star Spangled Banner" during the CSI High School for International Studies commencement ceremony.

"As you [grow]...don't just look forward. Don't ever forget to also look back and give a hand to those who are coming behind you...you always need to be there



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Jan Somma-Hammel

Graduates from the **College of Staten Island** High School for International Studies prepare for their ceremony. (Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel)

Staten Island public high school graduations 2012, Part 2 gallery
(19 photos)

to help others," Dujarric asserted, later urging graduates to employ the technologies with which they are familiar in the pursuit of improving the world.

Two student speakers, Matea Kulusic, who plans to matriculate to the Pratt Institute, and Samantha Bruno, who will attend SUNY Albany, reflected on community and future reminiscences in their remarks.

"What will you remember?" Miss Bruno asked graduates, later concluding, "Whatever you remember about **CSI...** keep it close to your heart."

Miss Kulusic, too, spoke of a fondness for her alma mater.

"**CSI...** has been our home. We've built up a place where every teacher and all of our peers know our name, and that is something that people from most other high schools simply do not understand," she said

John Harden, a member of the high school's class of 2009 and a student at CUNY Hunter College, congratulated graduates on behalf of the alumni body, telling them to "find confidence," to "create bonds with others," and to "always ask questions."

He closed, "Remember the lessons, skills, and knowledge you have gained...and find your reason why."

The graduates are:

Radwa Ahmed, Philip Aleman, Natalie Allen , Bianca Amparo, William Ao, Jaclyn Appelgate, Nicholas Arcieri, Heather Assael, Larissa Athoe, Shara Joy Aya, Bolarinwa Azeez Taiwo, Destiny Baez, Reshay Bailey, Aisha Balaquiot, Salvatore Barone, Helen Bekhit, Leorie Beriguete, Steven Birch, Brittni Bjornholm, Nicholas



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Irving Silverstein

Concord High School graduates listen to speakers during their graduation ceremony. (Staten Island Advance/Irving Silverstein)

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Kerem Bulut, Courtney Bush, Kevin Cahill,
Jennifer Carullo, Andrew Casale, James
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The College of Staten Island in Willowbrook is a lot less trafficked during the summer.

Students & Alumni

Students



A roundup of Staten Island students who made the grade in higher education

Sunday, June 03, 2012, 6:29 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**



Kaitlyn Ryan

BY CHRISTOPHER GLANCY

Kaitlin Ryan

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Kaitlin Ryan, daughter of Grace and Richard Ryan of Westerleigh, graduated from the Drexel College of Medicine (Pa.) with her M.D.

Dr. Ryan attended Villanova University, where she earned a bachelor of science degree in biology and graduated magna cum laude. At Villanova, Dr. Ryan was a dean's list student and was selected for membership in Alpha Epsilon Delta, the national medical honor society.

At Drexel, she served as physician recruitment chair, helping to enlist doctors to volunteer at the Eliza Shirley Clinic, an emergency intake homeless shelter for women and children run by the Salvation Army.

She was elected president of the Pediatrics Interest Group, helping to organize various groups, including a fourth year match panel and a residency panel, as well as coordinating various fundraising events, helping to benefit St. Christopher's Hospital for Children Cystic Fibrosis research and other organizations.

While at Drexel, she was named the recipient of the Ken Ginsburg Soul of Medicine award.

A licensed EMT, she also volunteered for the medical committee at the Pennsylvania Special Olympics held at Villanova University every fall.

Dr. Ryan will serve her residency at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters Health Care system in Norfolk, Va. Dr. Ryan plans to pursue a career in pediatrics and to specialize in neonatology.

Patrick A. Neely



Family Photo

Patrick Neeley

Patrick Anthony Neely of Richmond has earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Hofstra University, Hempstead, L.I.

He is the son of Maria and Michael A. Neely.

While at Hofstra, Neely spent time as an intern at Sirius XM Radio and WBAB Radio on Long Island.

He also worked in the athletic department for four years and at WHRU, the Hofstra radio station, for three years.

Neely also played goaltender for the Hofstra roller hockey team.

During his senior year, the team took part in the 2012 Collegiate Roller Hockey Championships in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Family Photo

Corey Zelkowitz

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Corey Zelkowitz of Huguenot earned a bachelor of science degree in computer science from the College of Staten Island.

Zelkowitz plans to pursue a career in the information technology (IT) field.

Zelkowitz was awarded the Science Technology Energy and Material scholarship in 2008, and received research stipends. He also tutored students in computer science.

Thomas Caccese

Thomas Caccese of New Dorp has earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from St. John's University and a bachelor of science degree in hospitality management from the St. John's College of Professional Studies.

Caccese took part in the Italian- American Society and the

NYC Mopar Club of Staten Island.

Caccese is part of the Iota Alpha Sigma fraternity, where he held the position of sergeant at arms.



Family Photo
Thomas Caccese

Caccese graduated from Monsignor Farrell High School in 2008 and Our Lady Queen of Peace School in 2004.

Caccese plans to pursue a career in the tourism and hospitality industry.

Jacquelyn Desiderio

Jacquelyn Desiderio of Bay Terrace earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from the College of Staten Island.

Ms. Desiderio is currently working as a paraprofessional for the Department of Education on Staten Island.

She plans to pursue a master's degree and hopes to become a college professor.

Gabriella C. Sorrentino



Family Photo
Gabriella Sorrentino

Gabriella Christine Sorrentino of West Brighton has earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in dance cum laude from Point Park University, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ms. Sorrentino was selected to dance at the Civic Light Opera in Pittsburgh for the upcoming summer season, where she will join the Dancer Equity Union.

Ms. Sorrentino plans to pursue a career on Broadway.

Regina Barresi

Regina Barresi of Dongan Hills has earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration-management, summa cum laude, from Mercy College of New York.

Ms. Barresi, daughter of Frank and Josephine Barresi, finished college with a 3.863 GPA.

Ms. Barresi is a supporter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and has been an active member in the group's annual walk-a-thons.

Ms. Barresi was a diligent member of the Mercy school community by tutoring students in business.

Ms. Barresi hopes to pursue a career in human resources or in the marketing



Family Photo

Regina Barresi

field.

Kaitlyn M. Coffin

Kaitlyn M. Coffin of Graniteville earned a bachelor of science in elementary education from Plattsburgh State University.

Ms. Coffin is currently a substitute teacher in the Albany, New York, area.



Family Photo

Kaitlyn M. Coffin

She has been accepted to St. John's University on Grymes Hill to begin her graduate degree in special education and literacy.

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IN WILLOWBROOK



STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/IRVING SILVERSTEIN

Graduates, from the left, Jeff Derosé, Anna Tang, Amin Robinson and Rachel Affi at the College of Staten Island commencement.

NBC Latino Congratulates: Irvin Ibarguen



This summer, as part of the Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship, **College of Staten Island** valedictorian, Irvin Ibarguen, will be interning in Tunis, Tunisia. He is already there, working at an organization called AMIDEAST for the next 10 weeks in the advising department.

He says his primary job there is to assist students with their school applications, in light of the fact that English is not their first language.

“This means I help them with everything from selecting schools to crafting their personal statements,” says Irvin. “With my and my colleagues help, it is probable that many of these Tunisian students will be able to produce strong applications, so I think that makes the work here both entertaining and fulfilling.”

Name: Irvin Ibarguen

Age: 21

School: CUNY **College of Staten Island** (Undergraduate); Harvard University (Doctoral Student)

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York

Subject studying: U.S. History

Favorite activities: Writing argumentative essays; reading monographs and journal articles; learning in general; spending time with my loved ones; playing and watching sports - especially soccer, football (NY Giants), baseball (Mets), and basketball; conversing with nice people.

I’m passionate about...the history of Mexican immigration to the United States. Though not wholly unique in the context of prior immigration waves, it is a truly remarkable phenomenon - especially because of its tremendous volume and purported “illegality.” I was first attracted to the subject because there was something undeniably beautiful yet tragic to these immigrants’ sacrifices; as my studies have

matured, I have also come to see how Mexican immigration and America's reaction to it can be employed as a lens into America's evolving politics, society, economy, notions of race, notions of citizenship, etc. My ultimate hope is to inform ongoing - though stalled - debates on immigration reform, so that Americans can reach their individual positions in a more intelligible way.

My inspiration: Both of my parents are my inspiration. My mother came to the U.S. in her mid-teens while she was still pregnant with me. My father, who had already established himself as an accountant in Mexico, also forwent his future and accompanied her to NYC. I cannot imagine how frightening it must have been for them to abandon their comfort, their culture, their loved ones, and their futures, but the fact that they followed through and that I am here 21 years later, attests to their enduring courage. My father worked many jobs - up to three at once as a factory worker, newspaper courier, and delivery man - and, as a result, I can honestly say I never felt like I struggled once in my life. I can still remember peering out of the corner of my eye to see him get up at 3am every single day, and thinking "how in the world does he have the strength to get up?" At some point - and it's a wonder to me how he did this - he completed his associates degree in accounting while working three jobs. For those couple of years, he must have slept about 3-4 hours at night. At the same time, my mom would get up at about 5am everyday and would cook me and my siblings lunch so we could feed ourselves in school, and she would lay out all our clothes, nice and ironed. And after her long work day, she almost never failed to come home to cook a delicious meal. There have been times when I have felt tired or down-trodden, but, in those moments of intense weakness, I remember the extent of my parents' toil and cannot help but feel that it would be unconscionable for me to give up. When two people give up their life for you, you owe it to them to make the most out of your opportunities.

Program chosen and short-term plan: What I would like to do at Harvard is maximize its resources for learning. In short, I hope that through my coursework and dissertation, I can become a better critical thinker, a more sound writer, and a more engaging speaker. I think that with those basic assets in place, I can go on to produce excellent scholarship and prepare my students for what lies ahead.

In 10 years, I see myself...as a full-time professor of history. The precise college or university does not matter much. I think it's a privilege to do what I love for a salary. By then, I hope to be well on my way to publishing a first book centered on Mexican immigration. And, for the sake of my students, I hope that by then, I am also an excellent instructor.

KRISTINA PUGA, NBC LATINO STAFF

Staten Island college graduates on parade

Sunday, June 10, 2012, 5:06 AM



Christopher Glancy
By

By CHRISTOPHER GLANCY



Family Photo

Daniela Giambrone

Daniela Giambrone

~ Daniela Giambrone of Huguenot has earned a doctorate degree in pharmacy from St. John's University.

Ms. Giambrone, the daughter of Al and Rosemarie Giambrone, graduated from St. Joseph by-the-Sea High School in 2008.

Ms. Giambrone was a member of the Lambda Phi Sorority.

She will be employed as a pharmacist for CVS in New Jersey.

Amanda Laterza

~ Amanda Laterza of Tottenville has graduated from Seton Hall University in three years with a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a minor certificate in philosophy, magna cum laude.

Ms. Laterza, the daughter of Robert and Isabel Laterza, graduated with several honors on graduation day.



Family Photo

Among them but not limited to are dean's list (seven out of seven semesters), president of St. Thomas More Pre-Law Society (2010 and 2011), National Society of Collegiate Scholars member (2009-2011), and Merit Scholarship recipient (2008-2012).

Ms. Laterza was part of the Zeta Tau chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta fraternity, where she had the title of sisterhood coordinator, pledge mother, publication coordinator.

Amanda Laterza

She also was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the national community fraternity service.

In the fall, Ms. Laterza will attend Seton Hall University's School of Law.

She will be working toward her juris doctorate degree.

Elizabeth Belluomo

Elizabeth Belluomo of Great Kills has graduated from St.



Family Photo

Elizabeth Belluomo

Francis College of Brooklyn Heights with a bachelor of arts degree in adolescent education, with a concentration in English.

Ms. Belluomo, the daughter of Mario and Barbara Belluomo, was on the dean's list for two years while at St. Francis.

She was a member of the St. Francis Education Society and had numerous articles published in the school newspaper.

Ms. Belluomo was part of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in education.

Ms. Belluomo is a photographer and has had several of her photos published in the Brooklyn Eagle newspaper.

She plans to pursue a master's degree at Hunter College, Manhattan, in the field of education of the deaf and hearing impaired.

She will start her teaching career in the fall.



Family Photo

Beverly E. Smith

Beverly Elaine Smith of Oakwood has earned a degree in Doctor of Nursing Practice from New York University's College of Nursing.

Ms. Smith previously graduated from St. Joseph Hill Academy and Hunter College and earned a post-master's certificate nurse practitioner from NYU College of Nursing.

Beverly Smith

Ms. Smith took part in several organizations, including the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, Upsilon Chapter; the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, and the Oncology Nursing Society.

Ms. Smith has earned certifications that include adult primary care nurse practitioner and nurse executive.

Ms. Smith is currently employed at New York Langone Medical Center's clinical cancer center-oncology as a nurse practitioner and is an adjunct professor at NYU College of Nursing.

Ms. Smith is also the co-author of two chapters on nursing management of oncology patients in nursing oncology textbooks.



Family Photo

Anthony Maldonado

Anthony L. Maldonado

Anthony Louis Maldonado of Meiers Corners graduated from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md., with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry.

Maldonado, the son of Wanda and Tony Maldonado, has chosen his service selection as a naval flight officer.

Maldonado will be reporting to Pensacola, Fla., in September for naval flight school.

Nicole Rodriguez

Nicole Rodriguez of Pleasant Plains has graduated with a bachelor of science degree in psychology from the **College of Staten Island**.

Ms. Rodriguez, the daughter of Amador and Margaret Rodriguez, will be attending Wagner College this fall.



She plans to pursue a second bachelor of science degree in nursing.

Katherine E. Accarino

Katherine Elizabeth Accarino, a resident of Great Kills, has graduated from the **College of Staten Island** with a bachelor of arts degree in social work.

Family Photo
Nicole Rodriguez

Ms. Accarino was a member of the Alpha Kappa Delta sorority and the International Sociology Honors Society.

Ms. Accarino is planning to attend graduate school. ã Å

Alexandria N. Holden

Alexandria Nicole Holden of Westerleigh has earned a registered nursing degree with a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Pace University, Westchester, N.Y.

Ms. Holden graduated magna cum laude with a 3.72 GPA as part of the Lienhard School of Nursing at Pace.



Family Photo
Katherine Accarino

Ms. Holden received Latin honors and the Scholastic Achievement Award at graduation.

Ms. Holden was a member of Pforzheimer Honors College for four years and was on the dean's list.

She was inducted into the Lambda Sigma Sophomore Honors Society, Alpha Chi Honors Society, Golden Key Honors Society and the Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honors Society in the Zeta Omega chapter.

Ms. Holden was president of the Student Nurses at Pace organization (SNAP) for two years and was vice president for one year.

Ms. Holden plans to continue her education by seeking a midwifery degree or becoming a neonatal nurse practitioner and hopes to one day pursue a job in a hospital's labor and delivery ward.



Family Photo

Alexandria Holden



Your Soap Box: Andrew Finn, Rosebank

Wednesday, June 13, 2012, 10:10 AM



By Virginia N. Sherry/Staten Island Advance

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Andrew Finn was walking his 9-year-old dog Penny on Bay Street on May 31, and his daughter, Andrea, one of his four children, was on his mind.

"She graduated today from the [College of Staten Island](#), and I feel very proud of what she's done," he said.

"She lives at home, works part-time for E-Z Pass all hours of the day, and went to school at night."

He then gave kudos to his two sons.

"Steven, the oldest, is graduating in June from Local 3's electricians' college. Andrew — we call him A.J.— just finished his freshman year at [CSI](#), and wants to be a firefighter."



Andrew Finn, Rosebank (Staten Island Advance/Virginia N. Sherry)

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Sunset Park's Irvin Ibarguen turns his focus from soccer to academics, gets free ride to Harvard

Son of Mexican immigrants will work toward a Ph.D in history

BY **MARK MORALES** / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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Irvin Ibarguen speaking at graduation ceremonies at the College of Staten Island last month.

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Irvin Ibarguen skated through high school, skipping classes to play soccer and dreaming of a pro-career.

Now 21, the son of Mexican immigrants who grew up in Sunset Park, is preparing to enter a whole different kind of league: the Ivy League.

Ibarguen is one of just 17 students accepted into Harvard University's prestigious Ph.D history program.

"I pounded my chest three times. I usually never do that but it was a very intense 10 seconds," said Ibarguen. "It was the culmination of all those years of toil."

Ibarguen, who graduated at the top of his class from the College of Staten Island last month, will get a free ride to the ivy league school.

But a Harvard education wasn't always an option for Ibarguen, who dreamed more about soccer leagues than the Ivy League.

He posted a C-average at Midwood High School, skipping class to play for the semi-pro team the Brooklyn Knights.

It wasn't until he saw his friends get acceptance letters from elite colleges and universities that he started to focus on his academics.

"A lot of my friends were going to Columbia or NYU and I was really upset with myself," said Ibarguen. "My parents had sacrificed for 21 years of their life working in factories just to enhance my own opportunity."

Ibarguen posted much higher grades in college, graduating with a perfect 4.0 average while majoring in history and becoming class valedictorian.

He also kept similar hours to his father Alejandro - studying late into the evenings and weekends, and sleeping about four hours a night.

Ibarguen's father Alejandro still works at a textile factory at the Brooklyn Navy Yard during the day and worked two other jobs delivering newspapers and cakes in his spare time while Ibarguen was growing up.

Alejandro said he always knew Ibarguen had potential.

"He's always been studious - even when he was in little," said Alejandro. "He would feel bad when he would ask me to buy him books that were expensive but I told him not to worry. I knew the value of what he was doing."

Ibarguen said he hopes to finish the program and become a professor at a university while writing a book about about the Mexican immigrant experience in New York.

"Not too many people get to do what they love," said Ibarguen. "I like to read, converse, look up sources in archives and watching others succeed. That's what teaching boils down to."

Brooklyn students overcome enormous odds to succeed in school and head to college

High school seniors survived homelessness, natural disasters & horrific crimes

BY ALEX ROBINSON AND MARK MORALES / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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They're Brooklyn's fabulous five.

City high school seniors graduate this month, and these five Brooklyn students have beaten back incredible challenges to make it to the finish line.

Kristal Anthony, Don Royce Creppin, "Alice," Kiara Cruz and Randy Higgins have survived homelessness; the earthquake in Haiti; murder of and mental illness of family members; and a learning disability. Four will attend college in the fall and one desperately hopes to join them. These are their stories:



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Kristal Anthony is a member of the Grady High School graduating class of 2012.

Kristal Anthony :

East Flatbush teen Kristal Anthony didn't have the luxury of worrying about homework during high school; she had to take care of her sick mother while they lived in a homeless shelter.

Anthony, 18, who ranked third in her class at William E. Grady High School in Gravesend, commutes to class from a shelter in Harlem while helping her mother who suffers from Sickle Cell Anemia.

"It was so overwhelming at times," said Anthony, whose family has been in and out of shelters after being forced out of their East Flatbush apartment when they couldn't afford a rent increase. "I was ashamed at first but then I realized that this is just my situation and this is who I am right now. If I'm ashamed of that then I'm ashamed of myself, my mom and my whole family. I just learned how to accept it."

Anthony was able to post a 90 average in her classes while playing both basketball and softball. She also earned a slew of scholarships and will attend SUNY Oneonta in the fall.

"It feels like a really long journey coming to an end," said Anthony. "I've been waiting and preparing for this since junior high school and it feels like I've finally accomplished my goal."

Don Royce Creppin

Not all of the fabulous five have stories with happy endings.

Midwood teen Don Royce Creppin was brushing his hair at home in Port-Au-Prince seconds before Haiti's 2010 powerful earthquake. Creppin felt the tremors, raced out of his house and watched buildings crumble and loved ones killed.

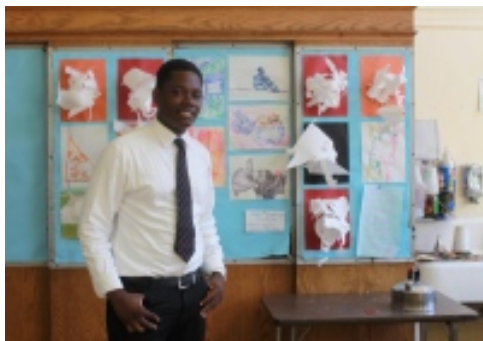
"There was all this misery in Haiti. There were all these dead bodies and you had to smell them before they were picked up," said Creppin, 19.

"It made me realize...with the time I had left I have so much to achieve."

Creppin came to Midwood with his mother in 2006 and attended the High School for Sports Management in Gravesend where he kept a steady A average and finished fifth in his class.

He was accepted to the College of Staten Island, but his mother's immigration lawyer failed to file Creppin's citizenship paperwork, and now the teen is here illegally and unable to apply for financial aid.

"I thought I would go to college after all that hard work," said Creppin. "I want to achieve, I want to be great and then I want to give back to the community."



NICHOLAS FEVELO/FOR NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Don Royce Crippin survived the earthquake in Haiti.

Randy Higgins

Brownsville resident Randy Higgins future as a college student began with a fresh start in high school.

Higgins, 20, who has a learning disability, was incorrectly placed in a special needs program in Queens where he was often unchallenged by the slow pace of classes. Higgins' luck changed when he met a guidance counselor from Paul Robeson High School who determined he was in the wrong school. He transferred to Robeson where he worked with counselors and tutors and was able to graduate this month.

"School has always been one big struggle for me," said Higgins. "Ever since elementary school it's been hard for me to keep up in class but I got into the right school and that's gotten me to where I am today."

Higgins will attend the College of Staten Island in the fall.

"It's a real achievement," said Higgins. "With the right help I just did it."

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Randy Higgins at Paul Robeson School for Business and Technology.

"Alice"

She was only six years old when her father was murdered one night in Honduras, the sound of gunfire waking her up.

"There were two shots and they went right into his stomach," said Alice, 19, who asked her name not be used because she still lives in fear of being found by the killers.

From that moment on, Alice was on the run. Her mother fled to the United States and sent the girl to live with her grandparents in a secluded part of their native country. Six months later, the same thugs killed Alice's younger brother. She said she does not know why her father or brother were killed.

It wasn't until 2006 that Alice's mother scraped together enough cash to pay someone to smuggle her across the border to Mexico in the back of a bus.

"It was like the world was closing on top of me. There was no hope without my father and mother," said Alice. "You need parents to tell you they love you."

She reunited with her mother in Brooklyn and started attending classes at Brooklyn International High School in Downtown Brooklyn where she kept a straight A average and played on the girls' soccer team.

Alice finished at the top of her class and will be going to college on a full scholarship in the fall.

“My brother and my father’s lives were cut short,” said Alice. “Everything I do revolves around the love I have for them. I won’t make their passing valueless. I will make it powerful.”



DEBBIE EGAN-CHIN/NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

“Alice”

Kiara Cruz

East New York teen Kiara Cruz had to juggle more than her classes at Brooklyn Theater for the Arts High School in Canarsie: She had to take care of her mother who suffers from bipolar disorder.

Cruz, 18, who grew up in a housing project with her older sister and younger brother was the one who made sure her mother got the care she needed.

“She can’t handle stressful situations like when she has to pay bills and she doesn’t have the money or a family member dies,” said Cruz. “I had to make sure she ate and I talked to her or else she would get really depressed.”

Cruz had to study for exams between doctor visits and bedside chats with her mother. The straight-A student was able to finish her senior year as one of the school’s top graduates and earned a full scholarship to the University of Rochester.

Cruz said taking care of her mother inspired her to one day be a doctor.

“They can save you from a lot of illnesses,” said Cruz. “Everyday you go to work you could save someone’s life and that’s what I want to do.”

At Staten Island's Sandy Ground, 'railroad' claim on terra firma

Friday, June 22, 2012, 1:02 AM



Michael J. Fressola
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Sandy Ground's place in the history of the Underground Railroad, the system that spirited slaves out of the south and into free states and Canada, became a little clearer last night with the opening of "Louis Napoleon: Underground Railroad Agent" at the Sandy Ground Historical Society.

Oral history has always maintained that the community, originally a village of free black people established in the late 1820s, was a station on the underground railroad. Proof has been elusive, however.

But fresh evidence began surfacing in the last 18 months, when an upstate historian noticed that an established underground agent, Louis Napoleon (1800-81), lived in the town from 1856 on.

The historian, Don Papson, contacted Sylvia D'Alessandro, executive director of Sandy Ground, and she presented the project to Debbie Paige, a candidate for a master's thesis in history at the **College of Staten Island**.

Ms. Paige unearthed significant information -- an obituary and death certificate, Census records and a photograph of his home -- all of it presented in "Louis Napoleon: Underground Railroad Agent."

Evidence of underground railroad "rides" is invariably well-hidden. At Sandy Ground, records might have been lost in 1963, when much of the original community was destroyed by fire. Development, following the opening of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, took much of what remained.



Staten Island Advance/Bill Lyons

Sylvia Moody D'Alessandro, director, Don Papson, president of North Country Underground Railroad Historical Association, and Debbie Paige, who researched the exhibit, look at a related letter that Mr. Patson brought with him to present to Sandy Ground during the opening of "Louis Napoleon, Underground Railroad Agent" at Sandy Ground Historical Society.

Back in the day, record-keeping would have been dangerous. "You have to remember," says Sylvia D'Alessandro, executive director of Sandy Ground, "the railroad was a covert operation and the penalties for involvement were harsh."

Still, bits of information have surfaced. Ms. D'Alessandro recalled a visit last year from a staff member of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, a registry: "She said to me, 'Sylvia, you have all the dots, now all you have to do is connect them'."

The new exhibit "Louis Napoleon: Underground Railroad Agent," represents a prominent "dot" and a strong connection, according to Ms. D'Alessandro.

Napoleon, a well-documented figure, is known to have associated with prominent New York abolitionists, including Henry Ward Beecher.

Last night's exhibit preview was restricted to donors and friends of the society. The show will open to the public tomorrow at the annual Sandy Ground Festival (1 to 6 p.m.), an afternoon party with live music, crafts, family activities and a legendary barbecue sauce made from a closely guarded family recipe.

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Staten Island's South Richmond High School graduates 23

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Sarah Buccellato/Staten Island Advance
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The triumphant sounds of bagpipes and drums played by the Marine Corps rang in the graduates of South Richmond High School and Intermediate School -- a symbol of their extraordinary achievements in overcoming adversity.

Having lived up to the school's motto of "aim high," the 23 high school and 29 intermediate school graduates gathered today at Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, Mount Loretto, to celebrate the day they worked so hard to reach.

"Let me guarantee, you are no less and have achieved no less than any other New York City graduate," Principal James McKeon said.

"The efforts of being a leader and not a follower have brought you here today," McKeon added.

McKeon also told the graduates that now with their high school diploma as proof of their education, they can depend on themselves. They should have faith and take responsibility as they go on to make their own statement in the world.



Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo

South Richmond High School graduates make their way to their seats during commencement exercises at Mission of the Immaculate Virgin, Mount Loretto.

"Be ready for this: You are going to fall," McKeon said. "But the world does not care if you get knocked down as long as you get back up."



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Irving Silverstein

Concord High School graduates listen to speakers during their graduation ceremony. (Staten Island Advance/Irving Silverstein)

Staten Island public high school graduations 2012 gallery (44 photos)

Valedictorian Patrick Smith, who plans to study at the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, told his classmates: "Seek not to win, but not to lose." He encouraged them to aim for their personal best rather than seek perfection.

Salutatorian Michael McBrien, who will attend the College of Staten Island, praised his supportive friends and gave thanks to his teachers for showing that all their efforts would one day pay off.

The high school graduates wearing red gowns and the intermediate graduates in blue bobbed to songs performed by Ensemble '25 -- a band composed of school staff members -- including The Beatles' "We Can Work It Out."

Science teacher Sandra Reher sang "God Bless America" and the Marine Corps presented the colors.

Carlos Martinez received the Memorial Award for Perseverance, and Jonathan Varela was presented with the Sergeant Angel Mendez Alumni Award.

Mendez grew up at Mount Loretto and attended South Richmond High School. He died as a hero in the Vietnam conflict and is buried at Mount Loretto.

The graduates are:

Matthew Adams, Nornyssa Blanchard, Dominic Boyce, Jonathan Boyce, David Brettner, Shanee Fulwood, Michael Garcia, Christopher Hairston, Alexandria Jackson, Carlos Martinez, Michael McBrien, Jair Morrison, Shelby Nelson, Melissa Nero, Erin Ratel, Orlando Santiago, Patrick Smith, Anthony Speranza, Cody Tuminaro, Jonathan Varela, Khalif Williams, Steven Zajonc, Anietta Zondoe. Â

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Mold and water damage among overdue repairs in the works in Staten Island apartment

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Virginia N. Sherry/Staten Island Advance
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **SOUTH BEACH** -

For the past 21 years, **Micheline Gard** has raised her children in a small, three-bedroom apartment on the fifth floor of 160 Lamport Blvd. She's now at the breaking point, in the face of deplorable conditions in the place she calls home.

"When it rains, my kitchen floods, and if I don't mop it up soon enough, the water goes into the hallway and the living room," she said on June 21.

She pointed out a huge hole in the wall behind her small kitchen stove, and extensive damage to the linoleum floors in the kitchen, hallway, and living room.

The bathroom walls and window were covered with unsightly mold, and a section of wall outside the bathroom was crumbling.

Everything started going downhill about four years ago, and it's only gotten worse, claimed Ms. Gard, a tenant at the 421-unit South Beach Houses, one of the eight New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments on Staten Island.

She said that she's seen no relief, despite repeated complaints to the city agency.



Virginia N. Sherry

Micheline Gard stands outside the bathroom in her fifth floor apartment inside the South Beach Houses, one of the eight New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments on Staten Island. (Staten Island Advance/Virginia N. Sherry)

When friends visit, "they cannot believe that I'm living here and paying rent," said Ms. Gard.

Desperate, she finally decided to inform the Advance about her plight.

"I'm crying every day. I'm so stressed out, it's hard to explain this to anyone," she said, pointing out large pieces of missing linoleum, exposing older layers of linoleum that predated her occupancy of the apartment.

The visible damage is so extensive, including bare patches of floor, that it seems impossible to keep the apartment clean in the midst of the long-term deferred maintenance and overall deterioration. The hole behind her kitchen stove was scheduled for repair in 2013, she claimed the agency told her.



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LARGE FAMILY

Ms. Gard lives in the apartment with her son, three of her daughters, and a toddler grandson.

Tyson, 21, will start his freshman year this fall semester at the [College of Staten Island](#) as a computer science major.

Nicole, 19, studying for her GED, has a son, Jeremy King, 2-years-old. Michele, 15 – who suffers from asthma and requires daily medication – begins her freshman year at Curtis High School in the fall.

Esana, 12, is a student at Dreyfus Intermediate School.

No longer living at home are Sabrina, 25, a college graduate who is entering a

master's program at New York University, and Gabrielle, 27, who works as an emergency medical technician at Staten Island University Hospital, Ms. Gard reported proudly.

NYCHA management "tells us that we have to move so that they can re-do the entire apartment," she added. "I want to stay (at South Beach Houses) because I know the neighborhood and feel safe here. The manager promised me another three-bedroom apartment in June, but gave it to someone else," she charged.

"This is definitely not right. This is an emergency."

NYCHA'S RESPONSE

The Advance contacted NYCHA the morning after seeing the conditions in Ms. Gard's apartment.

The agency required her to sign a consent form before it would release information and discuss her specific case.

Ms. Gard did so, and the agency's communications department provided a response to the Advance on Monday, June 25.

It stated that "NYCHA maintenance staff has assessed this situation, and has determined that our staff already has been working with resident Micheline Gard on some of the issues in her apartment. We regret any delay that has taken place in resolving these issues."

The agency added that "NYCHA staff last week verified a leak that is coming from the roof vent line affecting the bathroom and kitchen walls of Apartment 6E (the unit above Ms. Gard's). Plastering will begin today (June 25) in Ms. Gard's apartment and staff will complete all repairs within two days."

"The exterminator was already in the apartment on June 19, 2012, and has another appointment for June 26, 2012.

"A work order was created for the plumbers, who in turn will be working on this, also on June 26.

The mold in the bathroom is due to the leak from above; that will be addressed by the plumbing repair and plaster work between (June 25 and June 26).

TRANSFER IS 'HIGHEST PRIORITY'

Concerning the extensive damage to floors in the apartment, the agency reported that "Ms. Gard also has floor tile damage which was tested back in March 2012 by NYCHA. In addition, the technical environmental department visited the apartment in order to attempt a repair on March 26, 2012, and the resident refused, mainly due to the amount of furniture and other clutter the resident would have to move.

"In any case, NYCHA may have to relocate the resident in order to make a full repair of the floor tiles. Management has submitted a request for transfer under the highest priority.

"Currently, our system shows that there are only 15 open work orders for this apartment, of which some are duplicate work requests; and some that need to be closed out.

"NYCHA management discussed our work plan with the resident last week and she assured staff that she will be home to allow for repairs," the response concluded.

Ms. Gard confirmed that work finally commenced in her apartment on Monday , but disputed that NYCHA management had informed her of the work plan last week.

"That's a lie," she told the Advance. Workers simply showed up at her apartment on Monday morning, while she was at the doctor's office. and her son let them in, she explained.

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Alumni

Leonard Lance and David Larsen face off for seat in U.S. Congress

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By **Tom Rowan Jr. | The Express-Times**

A pair of Hunterdon County residents will face off in the primary Tuesday for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

David Larsen, a Republican from **Tewksbury Township**, will challenge **U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance**, R-Hunterdon, for the right to represent New Jersey's 7th Congressional District.

Voters will go to the polls in November under redrawn district boundaries that stretch the 7th District north to include seven municipalities in **Warren County**.



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U.S. Rep. Leonard Lance, left, faces David Larsen, right, in Tuesday's Republican primary in the 7th District congressional race.

Tuesday's winner will face Democrat Upendra J. Chivukula in the fall.

Lance, 59, said he's seeking re-election to continue efforts toward fiscal responsibility. He said he'd also continue to advocate for the pharmaceutical and medical device companies that are prevalent in the district.

The 7th District **"has more pharmaceutical and medical device employees than any other district in the United States and I am the sponsor of legislation regarding those issues,"** Lance said.

Legislation that he feels is important to the 7th District includes requirements for medications, particularly for rare diseases, to enter the market in a timely fashion, and the repeal of the medical device tax that is scheduled to go into effect next year as part of President Barack Obama's health care legislation.

Lance, who was born in Easton and raised in Hunterdon County, attended North Hunterdon Regional High School. He holds a bachelor's degree from Lehigh University, a law degree from Vanderbilt University and a master's degree from Princeton University.

Lance represented Warren County in the state's Assembly and Senate for 18 years. He has been a congressman since 2009.

Larsen, 54, said he wants to be elected so he can offer a new perspective and fresh ideas in Washington. If elected, he said he would advocate to bring more money back to the state to benefit the residents of the 7th District.

"I want to make sure that more money stays in the state so that the people locally can keep their money and the state would have enough money to do what they need to do in the state itself," Larsen said.

Larsen, who grew up in Brooklyn, attended college at Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, and then returned to New York City to attend College of Staten Island, where he majored in business administration, management and biology.

The owner of Larsen Windows and Doors, he has lived for nearly 20 years in **Hunterdon County**, where he owns a farm and raises American quarter horses.

Larsen said what separates him from Congressman Lance is his business experience and leadership experience.

"Congressman Lance ... now rebrands himself as a conservative," Larsen said. **"Because of the fact that the 7th District has now become the No. 1 most Republican district and the No. 1 most conservative district. ... and that's not him."**

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Photographers capture essence of butterflies

Two Dayton shutterbugs part of Columbus exhibit.

By Pamela Dillon, Contributing Writer

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Promoters call it a “central Ohio rite of spring”: Exotic butterflies flit and fly around when they are released at the Franklin Park Conservatory’s Pacific Island Water Garden.

The tiny insects take flight to feed on the nectar of nearby tropical blooms, but some butterflies are caught in the moment. These particular beauties have been captured by Ohio photographers as part of the Blooms & Butterflies Show in the Cardinal Health Gallery in Columbus.

This is the first year the Conservatory has held a juried photography exhibit as part of the butterfly release.

Two photographers from the Dayton area were juried into the exhibit: Lorraine Parmelee and Daryl Woody, both members of the Dayton Visual Arts Center. Both photographers have two works in the show, but their works are vastly different. Parmelee’s involve real butterflies; Woody’s are made from paper origami.

Lorraine Parmelee

“I was raised in New York (City), in the Lower East Side in the projects. When I was 7, we went to a street fair and won a prize on a wheel game,” Parmelee said. “I didn’t want any of the dolls, I wanted the camera.”

In 2008, Parmelee took her inexpensive three megapixel “point and shoot” to the Conservatory and demonstrated she knows quite a bit about proper composition. Mostly self-taught, she’s taken a few photography courses in Rochester, N.Y. Her image that shows a butterfly in flight also won second place at the Montgomery County Fair in 2010.

Her image of people reflected in Anish Kapoor’s Cloud Gate in Millennium Park in Chicago was part of the ArtStreet Dayton Women’s Photography Show in August 2009. The same image was juried into Rosewood’s Works on Paper this year. Her black and white image of a single leaf in water was shown at the Fitton Center for Fine Arts in Hamilton last year.

“Photography is just something I’ve always wanted to do,” said Parmelee, who moved to Dayton from Richmond, Va., about 10 years ago.

Parmelee has a bachelor’s degree in science from Richmond College, Staten Island, N.Y.; and an associate’s degree in medical technology from the New York City Community College of Applied

Arts & Sciences.

Daryl Woody

Woody, who lives in Huber Heights, said his first attempt at origami was this past winter. “Graceful Flight” depicts several folded butterflies on a blue ground. “Lepidoptera” is a close-up view of two with open wings.

“That was my first experience with origami, and I was pleased to have it in the exhibit,” Woody said. “I took an Intro to Photography class at Sinclair around 1990 and fell in love with it. Mostly recently I’ve switched to digital imaging and moved forward, technology-wise.”

Woody graduated from Ohio University with a fine arts degree, and has been a DVAC member for the past 10 years. He also works with collage, and had a short show at DVAC about two years ago featuring collaged postcards. He’s art has been juried into group shows at Rosewood Arts Gallery, the Dairy Barn in Athens and Indiana University East.

Exhibit overview

A total of 23 Ohio artists are presenting 56 photographic works in the exhibit. They were selected from 120 images submitted by amateur and professional artists throughout the state. Both abstract and literal interpretations of butterflies are represented. Many of the photographs are for sale in Botanica, the Conservatory’s Gift Shop and Greenhouse.

“I visited the Conservatory for the first time during the opening, and I was very impressed,” Woody said. “I really liked the architecture of the building itself, and they had so many interesting plants and flowers.”

“Blooms & Butterflies” explores the fascinating life cycle and ecological importance of the butterfly. Hundreds emerge from their chrysalises daily, and are released into the indoor Water Garden where they fly freely among the visitors. During the summer months, native butterflies are featured in the outdoor Pollinators Garden.

“Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens’ exhibitions often highlight the ways in which art and nature merge,” said executive director Bruce Harkey. “The Conservatory is proud to support local and regional artists by featuring their work in accompaniment to the 19th annual Blooms & Butterflies.”

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Home and Bankruptcy – A solution from Atty. Jeffrey B. Peltz for those filing in New York

Posted Juni 13th, 2012 by howtogetpregnant

New York City, NY – One of the things dreaded by people filing for bankruptcy is losing their home. With the difficult state of the U.S. Housing market, it really is a dilemma to find a house that you can qualify to buy. Filing bankruptcy may allow you to keep your home either by filing a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy or a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy. In a Chapter 13 Bankruptcy you may even be able to greatly reduce your second mortgage or home equity loan.

In January 2011, the New York state government amended its laws to allow people filing for bankruptcy to keep more of their assets, including homes with more equity. For example, a married couple in New York City may keep with a house with as much as \$300,000 in equity.

Recently bankruptcy trustees have been looking at the value of renters' apartments. If a landlord is willing to pay a large sum of money to the bankruptcy trustee to have the person filing Chapter 7 Bankruptcy to move, the person filing bankruptcy may be forced out of his or her apartment. This is an issue for people filing bankruptcy that have rent controlled or rent stabilized apartments. This has also been an issue for renters in buildings that have gone coop or condo. Now more than ever, it is essential to have a highly experienced attorney, like Jeffrey Peltz, represent you in bankruptcy court.

"I think that New York legislators never thought that bankruptcy trustees would take debtors rental apartments as assets. However there are no protections in either the Federal or New York exemptions. When an owner of a home files bankruptcy New York offers generous exemptions. Why shouldn't renters be afforded the same protections?," says New York bankruptcy attorney Jeffrey B. Peltz, an expert in bankruptcy filing in New York. **New York bankruptcy attorney** Mr. Peltz has been in contact with New York State legislators on correcting this situation.

The Law Office of Jeffrey B. Peltz has been offering legal assistance in filing bankruptcy applications and it has since provided help to over 20,000 clients in several neighborhoods of New York City including

those in Long Island and the Lower Hudson Valley. Atty. Peltz finished his bachelor's degree from **College of Staten Island** and is a 1983 graduate of Pace Law School. He is a member of the New Jersey Bar and the New York Bar. You may call attorney Jeffrey Peltz at (718) 625-0800 or go to his website at **<http://www.newyorkbankruptcyattorney.com/>**

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YMCA of Montclair Announces Appointment of New Directors

The Y is one of the nation's leading nonprofits.

- June 18, 2012

The YMCA of Montclair President, Jo Ann Short, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Lourdes Perry** as the Director of Human Resources, effective May 2, 2012 and **Nina McCormack** as the organization's new Chief Development and Marketing Officer, effective June 4, 2012.

Perry is a graduate of The New School, Milano Graduate School of International Affairs, Management, & Urban Policy, New York, with her Master of Science in Human Resources Management. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY in Business Administration – Government. In addition to being bilingual in Spanish and English, she brings a calm demeanor that is refreshing for everyone.

For several years she worked at Covenant House as their Recruitment Coordinator and as a Human Resource Generalist for the Agency. She spent a year and a half working at Carnegie Hall, New York, as their Human Resources Coordinator and performed Human Resources Generalist responsibilities along with administering all employee benefits. She then took a position with the Expo Design Center, A *Division of the Home Depot*, as an Area Human Resources Manager for their New York and New Jersey markets. It was here that she continued to build on her skills in driving the execution of HR initiatives like; organizational effectiveness, staffing, training, performance management, employee relations, staff/career development, fair employment practices and HR communications.

Perry is excited to get started at the Y. She commented, "I look forward to motivating and retaining the high performance workforce that I found here. I hope to bring coaching and career development to the everyday culture. My two young boys are very active members at the Geyer Family YMCA, so joining this organization is like a dream come true. We love the YMCA and now I have a hand in enhancing it further!"

Short referenced Perry's strength in recognition and reward systems for the staff as a bright spot for everyone to be appropriately acknowledged for all they do. Short said, "We have already created a plan for a staff retreat in July, a monthly birthday recognition program and overall, simply maintaining a positive staff relations environment."

Nina McCormack has a Bachelor of Arts degree from City University, College of Staten Island. For the past 8 years has served NewBridge Services, Inc. in Pompton Plains, NJ, a nonprofit organization serving the behavioral healthcare needs of Morris and Passaic counties, as the Chief Development & Marketing

Officer. Prior to that, she was with Hope House in Dover, NJ, a social service organization for senior citizens, disabled and low-income families. She had a brief experience with The Montclair Art Museum as Manager of Special Events so she is familiar with the geographic area, as well as the fund raising arena. In a separate career prior to development, Nina spent ten years in promotions, marketing, events and printing in NYC.

“It is an honor for me to serve as the new Chief Development & Marketing Officer of The YMCA of Montclair,” McCormack said. “I am grateful to join a mission-driven organization with a rich 120 year history of meeting community needs through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.” The Y Board, staff team and volunteers remain committed to building stronger communities and families through the Y’s varied programs and services.

McCormack said she looks forward to “connecting with community leaders and becoming fully engaged in all of the Y’s service areas.”

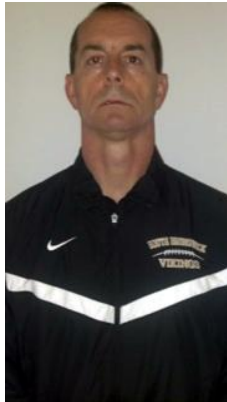
“Nina has the expertise, experience and values-focused leadership we need to strengthen our organization to ensure that we remain a vital resource to the communities that we serve,” Short said.

The Y is a cause-driven organization and one of the nation’s leading nonprofits strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The YMCA of Montclair serves more than 12,000 residents in the greater Northern Essex County area through programs such as: before and after school enrichment, health and wellness, leadership and youth development, summer day camp, sports and arts enrichment, as well as aquatics. Every day, our Y works side by side with our neighbors to ensure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive. For more information, visit www.MontclairYMCA.org.

SOUTH BRUNSWICK: Veteran named Vikings head football coach

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

By Ed Birch, Special Writer



Joseph Goerge, a veteran high school level head football coach has been appointed to the position at South Brunswick High School.

Coach Goerge, 59, will succeed Rick Mantz, who resigned from the position recently for personal reasons.

Monday night, the Board of Education approved both the nomination for head football coach and a teaching position at the high school for a total compensation package of \$94,429 per year.

Mr. Goerge comes to the district sporting a 130-82 record after 30 seasons on the gridiron.

His past head coaching experience lists stints at Msgr. Farrell for six years and 10 years at Port Richmond, both in Staten Island, New York.

In addition, he has worked for one year at the Merchant Marine Academy, 12 years at Franklin High School in Somerset County, and most recently, the Jonathan Dayton School in Springfield for 6 years.

In his most successful year as coach, he was 56-37 during his tenure at Port Richmond High School.

During his tenure, his teams also made many several appearances in post season divisional, and championship playoffs.

At Springfield, Coach Goerge resurrected a football program that had been non-existent for five years, according to published reports.

Joe Porter, a star performer at Rutgers University and now in his seventh season in the National Football League, is a former high school star for Coach Goerge while he ran the Franklin High School program.

Mr. Porter presently is a cornerback with the Oakland Raiders.

Mr. Goerge received his Bachelor's Degree from Richmond College in New York City.

He later earned his Master's Degree from Wagner, and his Supervision Certification from the College of Staten Island.

"My main focus has been on developing a program that will teach boys how to become men of substance by focusing on relationships and a cause beyond themselves," Coach Goerge said. "The core of my program will be to establish player-coach relationships."

Coach Goerge has already had a meeting with senior star receiver T.J. Taylor who has already committed to Rutgers. And has impressed Coach Goerge.

"It is more important to be a good kid, rather than a good player," Coach Goerge said. "I met the man who has attained both feats."

Coach Goerge said he is coming into a great program.

"Coach Mantz did a phenomenal job and has left me with a program that is all set for me to take over," Coach Goerge said. "I am very excited at this time with the program that Coach Mantz has left in place. I wish him well."

Coach Goerge said he has also already met with high school Principal Tim Matheney, next year's Acting Principal Peter Varela, and some key members of the Vikings football community.

He will be starting the conditioning season with the full squad next week, and will also be meeting with local Pop Warner football club representatives as he hits the ground with his motor running.

Coach Goerge is married to his wife Robyn, a teacher in the state, and has four children.

His daughters, Jennifer, who teaches in Boston and Courtney, who is a dancer.

His sons, Michael and Jason, are expected to be part of his coaching staff.

In addition to following local college football in the area, Coach Goerge is a fan of the New York Giants.

Sandlot baseball notebook: Unbeatens clash on Sunday

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Bob Nestel
By



Staten Island Advance file photo by Hilton Flores

Tom Peterson has helped Brothers Pastries jump out to a 6-0 start.

Brothers Pastries and the NY Dynasty, both 6-0, clash on Sunday in the T-M Major League.

Brothers, which merged with long-time rival Stafford during the offseason, has been riding the pitching of veteran Tom Peterson.

Mike Cavallo has been effective in the leadoff spot, former Tottenville slugger Tom Kain has been a nice addition to the middle of an order that features Tom Curry, Tom Solitario and Chris DiDonna.

"We're pretty balanced one through nine, everyone is contributing," said manager Joe Calabrese. "We have a veteran lineup, there isn't an easy out. We have guys like John Previti, Matt Nugent and Kevin Fitzgibbons hitting at the bottom of the order. There's no holes in the lineup."

The Dynasty have been getting outstanding pitching from former College of Staten Island standout Pat Gale, who is regularly posting double digits in strikeouts, and Brian McClenin.

"They have a solid team and two very good pitchers," said Calabrese. "But, they'll have to get through our lineup three times to shut us down. And they also have to find a way to score off Peterson. He's been outstanding, he's only allowed one run in his last 30 innings."

Also on Sunday, Dependable Auto Body plays the Met Life Ravens, the SI Pirates meet Reyes Progreso and the SI Astros face Victory Sports.

LEGENDS/MURPHY

The Siegel Family and Victory State Bank, tied at the top of the division with Dannyboy's at 5-2, meet on Sunday.

Tom Consolmagno has pitched well for Siegel, while long-time veteran Chuck Elder still comes up big at the plate. Mike Urti has been equally impressive on the hill for Victory.

PETER TOMASINO

The Peter Tomasino League slate is headlined by the Wolfpack's matchup with the Cardinals.

The Wolfpack (6-1) bounced back from their first loss of the season, with an impressive 4-2 win over the CC&R Royals behind Ryan Mannello (12 Ks).

The Cardinals (5-2) have been doing it with offense, including last Sunday's 11-8 win over T-Rexx Mechanical.

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