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# ***Arts & Events***

## FOUNTAINS AND FIREWORKS

### The New York Philharmonic's Concerts in the Parks

by David St.-Lascaux

The New York Philharmonic Orchestra's free Concerts in the Parks, a sometime summer feature of city life, has returned for its 47th season to appreciative applause and literal *éclat*. The first concert in the series, on Wednesday, July 11, was held at Prospect Park and reprised that Friday at Central Park's Great Lawn. A second program was performed at Cunningham Park in Queens, the Great Lawn again, and Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx; a third, indoor program was held at Staten Island's CUNY Center for the Arts.



Concerts in the Parks: The New York Philharmonic performing in Prospect Park, Brooklyn. Photo: Chris Lee.

While Philharmonic concerts are themselves a pleasure, it's the collective New York experience they publicly provide that makes them mandatory, even when it rains, as it did in Central Park on the night of the 13th. Our experience started well before arriving: Exiting the bus at 86th and Fifth, we joined the processional parade of fellow attendees passing the Metropolitan Museum's Egyptian Wing. New Yorkers, it would seem, are fairly orderly these days, and New York City parks employees highly

organized. A man offered trash bags in front of categorized trash receptacles; programs were distributed nearby.

A canvass of veterans produced the intelligence that one needed to arrive only four hours before the concert to get coveted spots on the nearest free grass 25 yards from the stage, behind and below the half-empty folding-chair “premium seating,” whereas in years past it was necessary to arrive by 2 p.m. However, because many eschew the softball field’s finely crumbled clay, excellent just-off-center plots thereon were to be had quite late. Concert real estate, of course, consisted of a few bedspread square feet; once one’s turf was claimed, it was time for the pre-concert picnic. Given the program’s thematic fare—*Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 4*, Respighi’s dreamy *Fountains of Rome*, and *Roman Trilogy* companion *Pines of Rome*—Prosecco was the chosen beverage; the repast of this respondent and his epicurean companion consisted of greenmarket goat cheese on rye, Castelvetro olives, chilled sea robin, bulgur tabouleh, and egg salad; and for dessert, wedges of Russian “vafelny” honey cake topped with homemade whipped cream and blueberries.

It was also naturally desirable to sit next to Italian New Yorkers—although the concert brought out New York’s full demographic gamut, old-to-young, quintessentially diverse. One was from the Italian Cultural Institute, which is, along with the American Academy in Rome, a New York Italian cultural treasure: another NYU via Florence. We conversed about Venice and Central Park’s Conservatory Garden’s wisteria pergola-resplendent Italian Garden at 104th Street.

The concert itself was lovely, though the music itself was uneven. Led by conductor Alan Gilbert, the Philharmonic played a brass- and wind-heavy program. Tchaikovsky was an incoherent ramble dedicated to his enigmatic, truncate patroness Nadezhda von Meck. After intermission, at which point it started lightly raining, the concert concluded with Respighi. The audience took the rain in stride, this respondent with a shared umbrella and many others improvising, including those with oversized, impressive conic newsprint hats. Obliging, the rain stopped before the concert ended.

No matter the weather, the Philharmonic performed like a human music box—its conductor expressive, its musicians flawless, and the interpretations sweeping. Still, the venue had its limits. The Great Lawn isn’t Boston’s egalitarian Hatch Shell, and most of the audience couldn’t really see the orchestra. The placement of the names of the would-be latter-day corporate and individual Medicis directly above the stage was vulgar, the former trolling for customers, the latter genuflecting to a hedge fund Master of the Universe whose customers lost 34 percent on their investments in 2008. Call me an ingrate: It’s an insult to have to countenance such smarmy schlock during a classical music concert.

The performance was immediately followed by fireworks sited behind the audience, a slightly overlong, considerably muted display. If one had turned around during the concert, there was a fine night-skyline view downtown. This formed a tinsel-silhouetted backdrop for the fireworks, which included shaped displays—peonies, bombettes, bouquets, a heart, and other pyrotechnic mainstays. Exiting the park was orderly, if plodding; we finally broke free at Park Avenue and walked to Second to catch the M15.

Concerts in the Parks is a reminder of why we live in New York, and just how urbane New York has—for the most part—become for those with time and taste and even modest means. We can congratulate ourselves on our mostly mutual civility (inebriated trampers notwithstanding), although at the climax of the *Pines*, which I find pompous anyway, I was briefly insulted and lightly slapped by a roving mad person. Distraction timely; New York night out now complete.

## Stuffing Staten Island's cultural ballot box

Monday, September 10, 2012, 10:00 AM



**Michael J. Fressola**  
By



Advance File Photo

This fall: Language and cooking classes, an Italian car show, Festa Italiana and more at Casa Belvedere.

STATEN ISLAND, NY — Lets call it election-year bravado.

Museums, theaters, musical ensembles all have big plans for the remainder of the 2012 season (not to mention 2013's, which already under way at some jump-the-gun entities).

For example: Sea View Playwright's Theater will mount the most celebrated and technically challenging American play of the late 20th Century, Tony Kushner's political epic, "Angels in America." The Staten Island Philharmonic is presenting a

world premiere by a local composer. Plus, watch for longtime Stapleton pianist Joseph Kubera all over the city this fall in his role as definitive interpreter of the music of composer John Cage (1912-1992).

The following is a rapid-fire rundown of some of the diverse cultural offerings Staten Island has to offer in the coming months:

### LIVE MUSIC

— In its ninth season, Musical Chairs Chamber Ensemble will play a four-hour, informal, admission free outdoor concert (noon to 4 p.m.) Sept. 15 during the Staten Island Museum's annual Fence Show (at the Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical garden).



Founding director/flutist Tamara Keshecki says that the long program will give the ensemble “the perfect chance to dust off and play” some of the new music it has commissioned in seasons past. The group’s regular seven-concert season will start later in the month.

— Good cause: Proceeds from homegrown indie singer-songwriter Ingrid Michaelson’s show Sept. 22 (8 p.m.) at the St. George Theatre will benefit the Staten Island Museum’s upcoming move into a new home on the Harbor grounds. Tickets are \$30 and \$40 (a premium VIP ticket includes pre-show cocktails and an after-party).

Visit [Ticketmaster.com](http://Ticketmaster.com) or call the box office at (718) 442-2900.

— Serenade, the fully underwritten small-ensemble series at Christ Episcopal Church in New Brighton regularly presents established artists like the trio Les Amies alongside newcomers of extraordinary promise.

The season begins Sept. 23 (3 p.m.) with baritone Christopher Herbert, accompanied by pianist Timothy Long, in a vocal recital (Schumann’s song cycle, “Dichterliebe,” and songs by Poulenc, Britten, Faure, Ives, Villa Lobos and Kurt Weill).

— Music at St. Alban’s is devoting the 2012-13 season to command performances, meaning return engagements. Bandoneonist J.P. Jofre and his chamber band will lead the calendar Sept. 16 (3:30p.m.) with a new piece, Concerto for Bandoneon, Piano and Strings.

— The Staten Island Philharmonic will open the season Oct. 14 (3 p.m.), with new music — a world premiere — by Michael Sirotta, a longtime Stapleton resident. The concert will be given in the Center for the Arts at the [College of Staten Island](#)

In the same venue on Nov. 13, the [CSI](#) Chamber Music Collective will salute the 150th anniversary of Claude Debussy’s birthday with his Première Rhapsodie for Clarinet/Piano; Violin, and his Piano Sonata; Sonata for Flute, Viola, and Harp, plus “Prelude to the Afternoon of a Faun” arranged for small ensemble, plus music by Falla and Stravinsky.



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COURTESY THE ARTIST

R&B veteran Roberta Flack is among the topnotch headliners coming to the St. George Theatre this fall season. Flack plays Nov. 3 at the historic venue. Visit [StGeorgeTheatre.com](http://StGeorgeTheatre.com) for details.



## AT THE BALLET

— Guest stars, new choreography and live music are the regular menu at the Staten Island Ballet's New York International Choreographer's Festival 2012 will be Sept. 29 at 3 and 7 p.m. in the College of Staten Island's Williamson Theater in Bldg. IP (Center for the Arts), 2800 Victory Blvd., Willowbrook. Admission is free.

## SPOKEN WORD

— Halloween arrives early when Staten Island OutLOUD celebrates "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird," the Wallace Stevens poem with a robed/masked stroll through Tompkins Park as dusk falls. The spoken-word activists will be chanting, singing, reciting and kicking back at ETG Book Cafe, 208 Bay Street, Tompkinsville.

Watch for OutLOUD's season of companionable presentations (saluting great writers/documents/legislation) through the remainder of the season.

## PLAYS & MUSICALS

— No project, no matter how ambitious, daunts Sea View Playwright's Theater, a very small operation in a 75-seat former chapel, a highly appropriate setting for Tony Kushner "Angels in America."

SVPT is doing both parts ("Millennium Approaches" and "Perestroika") in January and April.

Plus, the company's Arthur Miller series continues with "The Price" later this month, followed by "The Importance of Being Earnest" (Wilde) in November and Miller's "Death of a Salesman" in the spring. Squeezed in: "The Beggar's Opera" in early March.

— Staten Island Shakespearean Theater starts the new season Wednesday with a reading of author Jason Boies's "Strange Bedfellows" a historical script, at the Conference House in Tottenville. "Watson" by Jaime Robledo will play Nov. 9-18 at Historic Richmond Town, followed by "Jacob's Marley's Christmas Carol," Dec. 6-16 (Conference House) and Yasmine Reza's award-winning "God of Carnage" in March in Richmond Town).

— Wagner College will reopen its newly refurbished Main Stage Oct. 3 with Stephen Sondheim's "Putting It Together," followed by "Legally Blonde" opening Nov. 14, "Rent," starting Feb. 27, "Guys and Dolls," April 24. At Stage One: "Spring Awakening," (Oct. 9), "The School of Lies," Nov. 27 and "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," March 5.

— Sundog Theatre is presenting an original one-man piece titled “The Millennium So Far” by Ritty Mahoney, in collaboration with Staten Island OutLOUD, Nov. 10. (Location to be determined) The following month, it’s “A Christmas Carol” Dec. 1 at 3 p.m. at [College of Staten Island](#) Williamson Theatre. Look for the company’s annual new-work showcase, “Scenes from the Staten Island Ferry 2013” in April.

— The Harbor Lights Theatre Company’s season opens Sept. 29 with a one-man celebrity benefit, with “Chazz Palminteri Tells a Bronx Tale,” starring the actor/writer/director, at 8 p.m. in the Music Hall, Snug Harbor, 1000 Richmond Terr., Livingston. Tickets (all proceeds benefit the theater) are \$49 to \$129 via 866-811-4111 or [www.OvationTix.com](#).

## **VISUAL ART**

— Painter Robert Bunkin (West Brighton) is showing new work this month at The Painting Center, 547 West 27th Street. Details are at [www.ThePaintingCenter.org](#).

— A new two-person show, “The Threads That Bind: Exploring Sacred Traditions of Tibet and India” opens Friday at 5 p.m. in Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art, 338 Lighthouse. The exhibition presents “Mandala Dreams” by Margaret Chase and “Sacred Writings and Threads” by Jayanthi Moorthi side by side.

The show is part of “Locating the Sacred,” a citywide project of the Asian American Arts Alliance ([www.AAArtsAlliance.org](#)).

— Fall at the Art Lab, the school on the Snug Harbor grounds, is under way with a big show by the Staten Island Artists Association. A student show will run Oct. 6-28.

— The John A. Noble Maritime Collection’s annual Auction, a fund-raiser/dinner party that’s always SRO, will be Nov. 17. Keep apprised at [NobleMaritime.org](#).

— Second Saturdays, the art walk/performance series in artists’ homes and workspaces, takes place monthly (on the second Saturday. Visit [SecondSaturdayStatenIsland.org](#) for details.

— Fall at Casa Belvedere is all about the important things: Talk, food, and, well, la strada (the road). The center is offering “Parliamo Italiano,” a 12-week Italian language course that has sections tailored for toddlers, teen-agers, children and adults, starting later this month In October, “In Cucina,” its Italian cooking classes, covering all the courses of a traditional dinner and holidays, will resume.

And on Sept. 22, the center will reprise Motori D’Italia, an outdoor (on the grounds) one-day exposition of what’s on the road these days — luxury cars and motorbikes that reflect Italian aesthetics and design savvy. Visit [www.Casa-Belvedere.org](#) for details about other CB events, including the upcoming Festa Italiana.



## Staten Island Ballet hosts International Choreographers' Festival Saturday at CFA

Friday, September 28, 2012, 10:12 PM



**Rob Bailey / Staten Island Advance**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, NY -- Having run a ballet company for 20 years now, Ellen Rubich Tharp, founder of the Staten Island Ballet (SIB) knows when things are progressing nicely and when they aren't.

So, the founder of the Staten Island Ballet knew it was a good sign last fall when ex-New York City Ballet principal Charles Askegard stepped into her company's "Nutcracker." He's an international figure, after all.

Even better, he's returning to the SIB this weekend for the 12th Annual International Choreographers' Festival. He'll dance,

present his own choreography and members of his own Ballet Next, founded two years ago with dancer Michelle Wiles.

"The fact of Charles confirms that we are moving in the right direction," says Tharp. "Charles came last year and he was pleased with the level of the company, he liked our dancers."

On Saturday, Askegard and Anna Liceica, a frequent guest in SIB programs, will dance "Tilted Dream," a piece performed to music by Donald Knaack.

Askegard's own new choreography, "Morseaux" (meaning: morsel or short work of music) will be performed by two members of Ballet Next: Kristie Latham and Lily Nicole Balogh.

Askegard, who retired from New York City Ballet after many years as one of its principal men, returned to the company last week for a brief appearance in opening night festivities at Lincoln Center.



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COURTESY BALLET NEXT

Former New York Ballet principal dancer Charles Askegard is among the guest performers at Saturday's 2012 International Choreographers' Festival.

The SIB program, a selection of new and newly revived ballets, will be presented at 3 and 7 p.m. in the Center for the Arts on the College of Staten Island campus at 2800 Victory Blvd, Willowbrook; 718-980-0500; CFAShows.com. Admission is free but reservations are recommended.

The International Choreographers' Fest is organized differently than other similar-sounding presentation. "I often accept things into the program sight unseen," Tharp says. Experience brings trustworthy instincts about such matters.

This year, dances have been developed by dancer/choreographers native to Brazil, Guadeloupe and Mongolia.

"Ride of the Mongolian Horseman" is a solo choreographed and composed by Altan Dugaraa, born in Khovd, Mongolia and a soloist with the Boston Ballet.

He will be accompanied by cellist Aaron Minsky, son of Island director and actress Pearl Minsky. The dancer and the Minskys have been friends for several years now.

"Tamoia" is choreographed by Brazilian dancemaker Humberto Teixeira of the New Jersey ballet to a score by Clemente Ferreira Jr. and Leonardo Venturieri.

Tharp's own piece, "Forbidden," is on the program — a reworking of an earlier item of the same title. It's a dance for couple (Ana Luizi Luiza and Junio Teixeira) performed to an excerpt from John Corigliano's score for the film "The Red Violin."

— Ballet Next, founded in 2010 by Askegard and Michelle Wiles, will dance a fall season at the Joyce Theater Oct. 23-28; visit BalletNext.com for details.

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# ***Faculty & Staff***



## CSU TRUSTEES STILL DON'T GET IT; NEITHER DOES LEGISLATURE

by Stephen Frank on 09/03/2012

*CSU Trustees raise tuition, give administrators massive raises, discriminate in enrollment procedures and wonder why Californians want to fire them.*

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*It should be noted that one dollar out of every three in increased tuition goes to pensions, not the classroom or salaries. The UC system has a \$21 billion unfunded pension liability—and the CSU system is about as bad.*

*Maybe it is time to privatize the schools and end government control. Obviously government is unable to provide fiscal controls.*

## CSU TRUSTEES STILL DON'T GET IT; NEITHER DOES LEGISLATURE

BY THOMAS D. ELIAS, California Focus, 9/4/12

It became clear early last spring that the trustees of the 23-campus California State University system just don't get it. Shuffling administrators from school to school and bringing in the occasional outsider, they began giving new college presidents salaries far higher than what predecessors had received.

The rationale for this, as it often is in government, was that CSU had to match what other potential employers were willing to pay.



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Bleats of protest arose because the raises were coupled with tuition increases of just under 10 percent, bringing Cal State tuition to \$7,017, a 37 percent increase from the \$4,440 it was in November, 2010, less than two years ago (for more details of historic Cal State tuitions, see this report: <http://www.calstate.edu/Budget/fybudget/2011-2012/documentation/13-historical-suf-rates.shtml>).

At about the same time, state legislators demonstrated similar insensitivity to the public mood, granting \$4.6 million worth of raises to more than 1,000 of their staffers while cutting pay to most state workers, people they don't have to see every day.

The CSU trustees followed that with a four-year labor contract with professors providing them with no pay raises at all. Then CSU followed that with a move opening graduate programs next spring on 10 campuses to qualified out-of-state students who pay high tuition while keeping them closed for in-staters who pay less. Is it any wonder Californians raise the question of just who the state's higher education system now exists to serve?

To many students, who face increasing difficulties getting into classes needed to complete their degrees, it made no sense to grant large raises to college presidents at the same time new enrollments are dropping, tuition is climbing and educational opportunities for Californians are diminishing. As for the issue of needing to match what other employers might pay, some students asked the logical question: In this economy, what other employers?

The trustees' response has been to limit raises for top administrators to no more than 10 percent per year, and to draw some funds for that from semi-independent campus foundations.

These actions spurred further howls and head-scratching. One reader of this column, a professor at Cal Poly Pomona, reacted this way to the hiring of new CS San Bernardino President Tomas Morales: "Given his circumstances (in his old job heading the College of Staten Island, NY), it probably wasn't necessary to raise the pay to obtain Morales' services." The reader noted that Morales just months before his new hire received of a no-confidence vote from his former school's faculty senate. The resolution said Morales "failed to follow the spirit of shared school governance and (did not) provide leadership for...a 'Pathways to Degree Completion' program." The resolution passed with 31 votes out of 54 faculty senate members, but was overturned on a procedural issue. Morales accepted his lucrative new job before another vote could occur.

The reader is probably right. Someone essentially ridden out of town on a rail probably doesn't need a raise to convince him to move. Which did not deter the trustees. How many of their other hires were eagerly pursued by other suitors?

The famously dysfunctional Legislature's granting raises to its pet employees, many already paid well into six figures, also seemed deaf and blind to the public mood.

Here's a hint to legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown: It probably doesn't promote passage of Proposition 30, the governor's tax increase initiative on the ballot this fall, when you display obvious favoritism.

Opponents like Lewis Uhler, head of the California-based National Tax Limitation Committee, quickly labeled the move “an outrage.” It also rankled public employee union leaders who usually bankroll the campaigns of the Democrats who control the Legislature. Most of those unions have agreed to pay cuts to help preserve jobs while the state faces its seemingly perpetual budget crunch.

All of which demonstrates that once folks are in an office with a definite term, whether appointed or elected, it’s easy for them to lose sight of financial realities.

So far, there are no signs that either the Cal State trustees or the legislative majority will pay any immediate political price for their insensitivity. But both groups can be sure there will be consequences down the line if they don’t soon begin displaying far more sensitivity to the public mood and prevailing economic conditions.

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## SAN BERNARDINO: New Cal State president gets grand welcome

BY MARK MUCKENFUSS

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*Rialto Unified School District Counselor Frank Garza meets New Cal State San Bernardino President Tomas Morales during a meet and greet at Cal State San Bernardino in San Bernardino , Sep. 06, 2012.*

Latino, education and community leaders gathered at Cal State San Bernardino on Thursday night, Sept. 6, to welcome the university's new president, Tomas Morales.

Latino leaders said they were thrilled to have Morales as the campus's first Latino president. Morales is the school's fourth president in its 50-year history and replaces retired president Albert Karnig.

Cal State San Bernardino creative writing professor and poet Juan Delgado said he and other faculty members are pleased.

"We're all extremely grateful for Al Karnig's leadership," Delgado said. "But we're excited we're in such good hands. I could not have thought of a better choice for us at this time."

He said it is particularly gratifying for the Latino community to see a Latino president leading Cal State San Bernardino, where Latino students represent the largest portion of the student body, at 49 percent.

Ernie Garcia, former dean of education for the campus, said he felt pride when he helped welcome Tomas Rivera as the first Latino chancellor of UC Riverside in the late 1970s. He said it was gratifying to have those same feelings connected with the university where he worked for many years.

"When he goes out to speak with Latinos," Garcia said, "he's going to connect with them."

A native of Puerto Rico who grew up in the Bronx, Morales went to public school and graduated from the public university system in New York. That experience, said his supporters, will help him relate to the type of students who attend Cal State San Bernardino.

Michelle Trevino is president of the campus chapter of Sigma Pi Alpha, a Latino sorority. She was standing in line at the reception, waiting to shake hands with the new president.

"I'm so grateful to have him," she said. "It's a big motivation. I've made sure to surround myself with a lot of Latino women and men who are inspiring, to look up to as an example."

Morales, she said, is another example of that.

In his remarks to the gathering, Morales, who most recently served as president of [College of Staten Island](#) in New York, said he would be working with other educators in the region to improve high school graduation and college-going rates. He spent time talking about the budget challenges facing schools in California and the impact of more cuts if Prop. 30, a tax initiative designed to help schools, is voted down in November.

"I'm not supposed to tell you how to vote," Morales said, "but I'm going to push the envelope a little. I hope we are not faced with additional budget cuts."

Such cuts, he said, would make it even more difficult to "address the disparities we find in the Inland Empire."

Addressing those disparities, he said, "is why I came to California. That's why I came to Cal State San Bernardino.

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## Things to do in NYC this week

September 7, 2012 at 3:43 pm by Kim Stuart Swidler

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

**'Half the Sky' Screening and Discussion** (Sunday) The New York Times columnist Nicholas D. Kristof and the writer Sheryl WuDunn, his wife, will present a preview of "Half the Sky," a PBS special based on their book about the unequal opportunities for, and oppression of, women around the world. The actress Olivia Wilde will join them. At 7 p.m., 92nd Street Y, 1395 Lexington Avenue, (212) 415-5500, 92y.org; \$29-\$36; \$15 for those under 35.

**Church of St. Agnes Carnival** (Friday) From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on 43rd Street, between Lexington and Third Avenues.

**Contra Dance** (Saturday) Swing your partner down to the Chinatown YMCA, where Country Dance New York is hosting its first contra dance of the season, accompanied by the musical stylings of Grand Picnic. All levels of experience are welcome and a caller will give an introduction to first-timers at 8:30 p.m. Bring your dancing shoes. At 9 p.m., 273 Bowery, (212) 459-4080, cdny.org; \$15, \$12 for students.

**'Dream Up Festival'** (Friday through Sunday) A weekend of comedy, musicals and cabaret will close this festival of experimental theater works from the United States and abroad that began in mid-August at the Theater for the New City. A full schedule is at dreamupfestival.org. 155 First Avenue, at 10th Street, East Village, (212) 254-1109; \$12 to \$15.

**'Edith Wharton: Old and New New York'** (Wednesday) Edith Wharton, the author who wrote "Old New York," was born into one of the city's upper-class families 150 years ago and her privileged upbringing informed how she modeled her characters and portrayed New York society. Hildegard Hoeller, a professor of English at the College of Staten Island, will explain how the writer's attitudes about New York evolved over time, particularly after she emigrated to France. At 6:30 p.m., CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, (212) 868-4444, gothamcenter.org; \$10.

**Fall Brooklyn Bike Jumble** (Saturday) The fall edition of this gathering of bicycle lovers will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Park Slope, at the Old Stone House in Washington Park, Third Street and Fifth Avenue. New and old bicycles will be for sale, along with bicycle parts and accessories, and representatives from various cycling organizations will be on hand. nybikejumble.com; free.

**Feast of San Gennaro** (Thursday through Sept. 23) Italian culture will loom large on the narrow streets of Little Italy for the annual Feast of San Gennaro — the 86th — beginning Thursday and running for 11 days. Opening day festivities include a cannoli-eating contest at 2 p.m. on a stage at the northwest corner of Grand and Mott Streets. The feast will run daily from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. (till midnight on Fridays and Saturdays) along Mulberry Street, between Houston and Canal Streets. For a schedule of events, call (212) 768-9320 or visit sangennaro.org.



## Divided by Immigration Policy

Saturday, 08 September 2012 10:59

By [John Leland](#), *The New York Times News Service* | Report

The outpouring was intense this summer when President Obama announced that his administration would temporarily stop deporting many illegal immigrants who came to the United States as children. On Aug. 15, thousands of young immigrants flooded churches and community centers to apply for deferral.

Then, for many, came the hard news that they were not eligible.

Now, friends, siblings and spouses who for years shared the same precarious status find themselves on opposite sides of a divide, one preparing for lawful work or access to student loans, the other bracing for the tap of an immigration official.

Mr. Obama ordered the policy change using his executive authority, after legislation he supported known as the Dream Act — which would have given legal status to young immigrants — stalled in Congress. The new policy applies to immigrants 30 and under who came to the United States before they turned 16, and who meet other conditions; it allows them to work and avoid deportation for two years, but with no green cards or path to citizenship. As many as 1.7 million people could be eligible, according to the Pew Hispanic Center, a nonpartisan research organization; another 2.7 million illegal immigrants age 30 and under are not covered.

In some cases, the difference between being eligible for work or deportation is just a couple of months.

That difference divides people like Nelly and Alex Cruz, siblings who came from Honduras six years ago without their parents. Mr. Cruz, who was 12 then, may now be able to begin a new life, free from the fears that have hung over him; but his sister was 18 when they came. For Ms. Cruz, who has been under a final order of removal since 2010, the threat is real — in its first three years, the Obama administration deported 1.1 million illegal immigrants, more than any presidential administration since the 1950s.

It also divides Boni and Gilda, a married couple who are raising their son, David, in East Harlem. Boni, who is 28, is eligible; but Gilda is 32, which makes her two years too old for deferral. She is afraid of being deported — picked up in a raid and separated from her son or husband. The couple asked to be identified only by their first names for fear of calling attention to her status.

And Yohan Garcia and Monica Sibri, college students who met as volunteers in Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's office. After graduation, Mr. Garcia, who is eligible for deferred action, wants to go into politics; but Ms. Sibri, who came from Ecuador two months after her 16th birthday, said she would have to leave the country "because there's nothing else I can do without my papers."

All six had stories about life as an illegal immigrant and the changes that the new policy will or will not make in their lives. Mr. Garcia said he began his journey in this country with a gun pointed at his head; the Cruz siblings said they began theirs in the custody of border patrols in Texas. None has any certainty about how long the reprieve, which is hotly contested by many Republicans, might last.

### The Siblings

The first hurdle, said Alex Cruz, 18, was getting here. On a recent afternoon, Mr. Cruz unwound after work in the small walk-up apartment in Borough Park, Brooklyn, that he shares with his sister Nelly, her boyfriend, the couple's 2-month-old baby and the boyfriend's brother. A mattress was tipped on its side to create space for a living room. Ms. Cruz, 24, dandled the baby, Brandon, and offered juice. She looked sleepless. The elevated D train rumbled by.

Six years ago, when street gangs and a lack of opportunity drove the siblings out of Choluteca, Honduras, they boarded a series of buses that took them through Mexico to the Rio Grande, she said. All through Mexico, Ms. Cruz feared she might be raped; it had happened to friends who had crossed illegally, she said. "We just kind of made our way," Mr. Cruz said. At the border, they said, they joined a large group to swim across the river, carrying only what they could hold in their pockets.

Almost immediately after they emerged from the river, they were picked up by the United States Border Patrol and taken to a holding facility in Hidalgo, Tex. — cold and terrified in an unfamiliar country where they did not speak the language, they said.

"It was worse than being in jail," Ms. Cruz said in Spanish, her brother acting as interpreter. "You couldn't tell if it was day or night. The space was little, and it was cold. People entered and left, kids, women. They say that this country is for opportunities, but in reality, you find your own opportunities. It's really hard."

Border agents bused some of the Mexicans back across the border immediately, they said. But for the Cruz siblings, the agents began formal removal proceedings, assigned them a court date and allowed them to continue by bus to New York, where their mother was living legally as an immigrant of temporary protected status, which allowed her to work but not to sponsor family members.

She sent them to a man they knew only as Father Bob, who helped them petition for asylum. From 2006 to 2010, Father Bob — Robert Vitaglione, a driven priest who represented tens of thousands of immigrants in court, acting in lieu of a lawyer, until the court barred him last year because of some glaring mistakes — pleaded their case, but in 2010, the court ordered them to be deported. They were buying time, but it was running out.

In the meantime, their mother moved them to Goshen, Ind., where she had found a job in a factory. Mr. Cruz went to high school and made new friends, but as an illegal immigrant, he felt a distance between himself and his classmates. "You start to see that you don't have papers in high school," he said. "Most of your friends get their drivers' licenses, and I didn't. They start getting jobs, and I didn't."

For the first time, the siblings split up. Ms. Cruz, who was too old for high school, returned to New York, where work was easier without papers, and got a job in a recycling center for cellphone parts, earning \$5 or \$6 an hour, below minimum wage.

"They take advantage of us because we are Latinos," she said, meaning because they are illegal immigrants. When Mr. Cruz finished high school this spring, he returned to New York to join his sister. He, too, wanted to work, and that was not possible in Goshen.

Had they been legal, he said, they would have all stayed together in Indiana, where the cost of living is lower. But he needed to earn money for college. In Brooklyn, he found work delivering fish, at \$10 an hour.

When he heard about Mr. Obama's program, he said, he was both surprised and ecstatic. The program expands an earlier order to allow what is called prosecutorial discretion for illegal immigrants who have not committed crimes, and to focus "resources on individuals who pose a danger to national security or a risk to public safety, including immigrants convicted of crimes, recent border crossers and repeat immigration law offenders," said Peter Boogaard, a spokesman for the Homeland Security Department. Such discretion does not include a work permit, however. For Mr. Cruz, the deferral means a chance to continue his education, an opportunity that no one in his family has had, he said. "I will quit my job, apply for a loan and go to college." One study, by the New York Immigration Coalition, an immigrant advocacy group, found that a legal work permit increases income by about 40 percent.

But as the program's details came out, the siblings realized that Ms. Cruz was not eligible. For her, the policy offers no protection.

Their situation is common, said Allan Wernick, director of Citizenship Now!, an immigrant legal assistance program at the City University of New York. "Everybody who is eligible knows someone who isn't, whether a friend or a family member," he said. "We're getting a lot of inquiries from people hoping it's flexible, but it's not flexible."

Now, Ms. Cruz said, they might be split up again, this time through the president's program. When her brother gets papers, she said, she will be the only one without them, and living under a deportation order.

"When the day comes that Immigration comes to find me, I won't know what to do with my kid, to leave him or take him," she said. "He was born here. It's not his fault that his mother is an immigrant." Her boyfriend, who came illegally from Mexico at age 18, is in the same situation.

A senior immigration official said her defiance of the final removal order would weigh against her in consideration of prosecutorial discretion, but that her child would be considered a factor in her favor, because deporting her would cause a hardship to an American citizen. The uncertainty worried her.

"Before, I had a lot of dreams, but now I don't know," she said. "Before, I would like to become a teacher or a stockbroker. Before, I didn't know how the system works in this country, but now that I know, it's really hard. Those were just my dreams."

If she were deported, would her brother follow her back to Honduras? He thought about it. "No," he said, sheepishly. "There's nothing there. But I would help her."

She turned to him. "At least for two years he will be safe," she said. "But not me."



## The Friends

They met at the Mayor's Office of Adult Education, volunteering because they were ineligible for paid internships or jobs. Neither knew the other's immigration status. "I never wanted to ask Monica," said Yohan Garcia, 25, "but I was guessing she was one."

For Monica Sibri, 20, immigration status was never something she talked about. "I didn't think it was necessary," she said. Then one day, some of her friends started saying that illegal immigrants did not belong here, she said. Ms. Sibri listened but did not say anything at first, absorbing her friends' comments like a blow. "I realized this was something that was keeping us apart," she said. "I opened myself to them. I said, 'Listen, this is me.' "

A spokeswoman for Mayor Bloomberg said that by executive order, city employees do not ask people about their immigration status. Volunteer work does not require work authorization.

The two friends are alike in many ways: They are ambitious, serious and drawn to political discussions on Facebook. Both are in college, studying political science — Mr. Garcia at Hunter College, Ms. Sibri at the College of Staten Island. Mr. Garcia came from Mexico at 15, through what he said was a harrowing seven-day hike across the Arizona desert, during which his group was robbed at gunpoint. Ms. Sibri said she was 16, and still a sheltered private-school student, when she came from Ecuador in a crossing that she described as "like a vacation for us." Both struggled to learn English. Both thought they were the only person they knew without papers.

But the difference in their ages when they immigrated — he at 15, she at 16 — means a sharp distinction in the way they approach their futures now.

Ms. Sibri first heard about the president's deferred-action program through Mr. Garcia, who wrote about it on his Facebook page. They started asking each other questions, mainly about immigration policy. She was thrilled by the news. She was volunteering at both the mayor's office and a pharmacy, while her parents paid for her education — her mother by cleaning houses, her father by working in the kitchen of an Italian restaurant. With work authorization under the program, she could contribute to the family expenses.

"The first thing I did was tell my parents about it," she said. "They were excited. Then we realized it didn't apply." She had entered the United States too late. The news was crushing, she said. "Sometimes the only thing that relieves the pain is to cry."

For Mr. Garcia, who is still gathering documents for his application, the new law may allow him to pursue jobs now closed to him, he said. He had gotten offers from the mayor's office, the labor union Local 32BJ and City Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez, but had to decline them all because of his status. Instead, he worked the overnight shift at a 24-hour bagel shop in Williamsburg, Brooklyn.

"When I got offered a job at 32BJ and couldn't take it because of my immigration status, I felt like crying," he said. "I thought, no matter what I do, I was never going to get one of these job opportunities. Even though you were volunteering, giving your time, the city or the state or the country wasn't giving you anything back. You were just a number on the side that didn't count." But now, he said, all that has changed. "Deferred action is going to make us feel we're a part of society."

For Ms. Sibiri, though, the law's limits seemed arbitrary.

"A politician on the news said the people who come after they turn 16 are capable of understanding what they're doing. I didn't know. That little detail about the age really bothers me."

The painful part, she said, comes when she thinks about life after graduation. Without a deferral, she will not be eligible for lawful work. So she has come to a hard decision. Her only future, she said, was to return to Ecuador.

"I told my parents, and they're absolutely not happy about it," she said. "They spent a lot of money thinking they're going to give me a better future here. I'm really scared of what I'm going to do over there, because I'll be starting at zero."

### The Married Couple

Boni and Gilda came to New York separately from the same town in Puebla, Mexico. When they met again at a party here, she was surprised, Gilda said. Boni, four years her junior, had been so young the last time she saw him back in Puebla. On a recent morning, in the office of a neighbor from East Harlem, she laughed thinking of their first meeting. "I remembered him much smaller," she said through an interpreter.

He worked in a restaurant kitchen; she worked at a jewelry factory. They started dating and married, and she gave birth to their son, David, six years ago. In recent years, Boni has started paying taxes, in hopes that some form of amnesty will become available.

They spoke uneasily of their status under the new policy.

When it was first announced, both thought they were ineligible. Gilda, 32, was too old; Boni did not think he had the proper documents — a common problem for many immigrants, especially from rural areas, said Chung-Wha Hong, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition. She added, "We're hearing more and more about scammers trying to take advantage of these people," she said.

A neighbor who works at the coalition told Boni how he could apply using affidavits to prove his dates of residence.

"It's going to open a lot of doors," he said. "I always wanted to open a business, but because of the papers situation, I always think I'm not going to be able to do it. But if I qualify and can get this, it's going to be more easy for me to one day open a business or start going back to school, apply for some financial aid. Or prepare for something in life."

In Mexico, he had stopped his education after middle school, when school was no longer free. In New York, he finished high school but could not afford college. Now, he said, that might be possible.

"We both wish we could be eligible for deferred action," he said. "One of us is living in fear; we're still in fear that we'll be separated."

For Gilda, all focus now is on raising her son. David plays soccer and takes swimming lessons, and recently took a test to qualify for gifted and talented programs, missing by three points. "We'll try again," Boni said.

"I am afraid of being separated, hearing about raids, in case there's a raid in the workplace," Gilda said. "I think about my child, and what it would be for us to get separated. Or what if they get me while I'm with my child? My husband says not to worry, but it's something I'm afraid of."

And if Gilda is arrested by immigration officers, what would they do then? It was too much to think about, she said.

"We haven't had that conversation," she said. "It's a scary thing."



## Tel Aviv nuevo destino turístico gay

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**TEL AVIV. AP.** Tel Aviv ha sido desde hace tiempo un paraíso para los gays del Medio Oriente, uno de los pocos lugares de la región donde se sienten libres para caminar tomados de manos o besarse en público.

Ahora, gracias a su clima cálido, su efervescente vida nocturna y una campaña promocional respaldada por el gobierno, la ciudad se ha convertido en una de las principales atracciones mundiales para el turismo gay.

Sin embargo, como es de esperar en el Levante, el conflicto está siempre a la vuelta de la esquina, y algunos críticos han acusado a Israel de usar esa tolerancia para desviar la atención de transgresiones contra los palestinos.

Tel Aviv dedica unos 100.000 dólares — más de una tercera parte de su presupuesto promocional internacional — a atraer turistas gay. Aunque no existe una cifra exacta, las autoridades estiman que decenas de miles de turistas gay de todo el mundo visitan la ciudad anualmente.

“Estamos tratando de crear un modelo de apertura, pluralismo y tolerancia”, dijo el alcalde de Tel Aviv Ron Huldai en declaraciones a The Associated Press. “Vive y deja vivir. Esa es la ciudad de Tel Aviv”.

El primer hotel en la ciudad abiertamente propiedad de gays comenzó a funcionar recientemente y numerosos portales de viajes respaldados por la municipalidad informan a los visitantes gays sobre los clubs, bares y balnearios de la ciudad.

“Nosotros hemos reconocido desde hace tiempo el potencial económico de la comunidad gay. El turista gay es un turista de calidad, que se gasta dinero y establece tendencias”, dijo Pini Shani, un funcionario del Ministerio de Turismo que ha estado involucrado en la campaña. “Además, no hay dudas de que un turista que tiene una experiencia positiva aquí es bueno para las relaciones públicas. Si se va satisfecho, se vuelve un embajador israelí de buena voluntad”.

Eso es exactamente lo que temen los opositores de Israel. Ellos dicen que la aceptación de la cultura gay es un intento claro de ocultar lo que dicen son violaciones de los derechos humanos de los palestinos tras una imagen de tolerancia.

Grupos de derechos humanos acusan a Israel de varias violaciones contra los palestinos, tales como arrestos de menores, demolición de casas palestinas construidas sin permiso, confiscación de tierras palestinas en Cisjordania, detención de palestinos durante meses sin cargos y no enjuiciar a soldados israelíes por abusos en territorios palestinos. Israel dice que respeta los derechos humanos y que sus prácticas en las áreas obedecen solamente a cuestiones de seguridad.

“El incremento de los derechos de los homosexuales ha hecho que algunas personas de buena voluntad juzguen erróneamente lo avanzado que está un país de acuerdo a cómo responde a la homosexualidad”, dijo Sarah Schulman, una activista lesbiana y profesora del [College of Staten Island](#), de la Universidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York, en un editorial en el New York Times en noviembre.

La columna motivó una furiosa respuesta de James Kirchick, editor contribuyente de la revista The New Republic. Kirchick, que es gay, acusó a Schulman y sus partidarios de tener motivos ocultos.

“Están tan consumidos por su odio a Israel que están dispuestos a distorsionar la verdad sobre la horrible represión a los homosexuales en Gaza y Cisjordania. Si alguien está blanqueando la ropa sucia, es Schulman, blanqueando el suplicio de los gays palestinos”, escribió Kirchick en la revista Tablet.

Tel Aviv de hecho se ha convertido en refugio para los palestinos gay, que enfrentan ostracismo y hostigamiento en Cisjordania, además de para los gays judíos ortodoxos, que escapan de la represión en sus hogares en busca de libertad en la ciudad.

Tras su imagen de una sociedad que batalla con coerciones religiosas y la constante amenaza de guerra, Israel es uno de los países más progresistas en el mundo en materia de derechos para los homosexuales.

Los gays sirven abiertamente en las fuerzas armadas y en el parlamento, y el Tribunal Supremo les ha otorgado una serie de derechos familiares como herencia y prestaciones sociales a sobrevivientes.

Oficialmente, no existe matrimonio gay en Israel, básicamente porque no existe el matrimonio civil. Todas las bodas son oficiadas a través del rabinato judío, que considera la homosexualidad un pecado y una violación de la historia judía. Pero el estado reconoce los matrimonios homosexuales realizados en otros países.

La adopción de niños por los gays es oficialmente ilegal, pero las parejas pueden evadir la ley y la maternidad por encargo y la adopción en el exterior son una opción para muchas parejas del mismo sexo. El compañero o compañera de un padre o madre puede adoptar el hijo de su pareja.

Aeyal Gross, profesor de leyes en la Universidad de Tel Aviv, hizo notar los enormes avances logrados en los derechos de los homosexuales en Israel. Pero acusó también al gobierno de asociarse con la comunidad gay para desviar la atención de los abusos de los palestinos en Gaza y Cisjordania y los inmigrantes africanos que buscan refugio en el estado judío.

“Mientras más Israel se presenta como una democracia liberal, menor será la presión internacional”, dice Gross. “Si a uno le importan los derechos de los homosexuales, deberían importarle también los derechos de otros que son víctimas de abusos”.

Esas preocupaciones no parecen estar en la mente de los visitantes a Tel Aviv. La ciudad realiza un desfile gay todos los años, tiene un centro comunitario para gays y banderas de arco iris —símbolo de los derechos gay— cuelgan de ventanas y balcones.

La ciudad fue reconocida recientemente por lectores del portal de viajes GayCities y por clientes de American Airlines como “Mejor Ciudad Gay del 2011”, por encima de Nueva York, Toronto y Londres.

“Al Occidente le encanta esta mezcla de calidez oriental y la vida urbana de una metrópolis grande y el refinamiento occidental y las cosas buenas de la vida”, dice Leon Avigad, dueño de Brown, un hotel boutique que atrae a clientes extranjeros.

Avigad, que está casado con un hombre y tiene una hija, dice que no le preocupan las políticas del país.

“Solamente porque Israel esté haciendo cosas con las que yo pudiera no estar de acuerdo no significa que no puede ser muy interesante como destino gay para viajeros extranjeros. Simplemente aumenta la variedad”, dijo.

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## CSU Trustees still don't get it; neither does legislature

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It became clear early last spring that the trustees of the 23-campus California State University system just don't get it. Shuffling administrators from school to school and bringing in the occasional outsider, they began giving new college presidents salaries far higher than what predecessors had received.

The rationale for this, as it often is in government, was that CSU had to match what other potential employers might be willing to pay.

Over a period of weeks, the trustees voted tens of thousands of dollars more to new presidents at five campuses than chiefs of those schools ever before received.

Bleats of protest arose because the raises were coupled with tuition increases of just under 10 percent, bringing Cal State tuition to \$7,017, a 37 percent increase from the \$4,440 it was in November, 2010, less than two years ago (more details of historic Cal State tuitions are in this report: <http://www.calstate.edu/Budget/fybudget/2011-2012/documentation/13-historical-suf-rates.shtml>).

At about the same time, state legislators demonstrated similar insensitivity to the public mood, granting \$4.6 million worth of raises to more than 1,000 of their staffers while cutting pay to most other state workers, people they don't have to see every day.

The CSU trustees followed their presidential pay raises with a four-year labor contract for professors providing them no pay raises at all. Then CSU opened graduate programs next spring on 10 campuses to qualified out-of-state students who pay high tuition while keeping admissions closed for in-staters who pay less. Is it any wonder Californians wonder the question of just who the state's higher education system now exists to serve?

To many students, who face increasing difficulties getting into classes needed to complete their degrees, it made no sense to grant large raises to college presidents at the same time new enrollments are dropping, tuition is climbing and educational opportunities for Californians are diminishing. As for the issue of needing to match what other employers might pay, some students asked the logical question: In this economy, what other employers?

The trustees' response has been to limit raises for top administrators to no more than 10 percent per year, and to draw some funds for that from semi-independent campus foundations.

These actions spurred further howls and head-scratching. One reader of this column, a professor at Cal Poly Pomona, reacted this way to the hiring of new CS San Bernardino President Tomas Morales: "Given his circumstances (in his old job heading the College of Staten Island, NY), it probably wasn't necessary to raise the pay to obtain Morales' services." The reader noted that Morales just months before his new hire received of a no-confidence vote from his former school's faculty senate. The resolution said Morales "failed to follow the spirit of shared school governance and (did not) provide leadership for...a 'Pathways to Degree Completion' program." The resolution passed with 31 votes out of 54 faculty senate members, but was overturned on a procedural issue. Morales accepted his lucrative new job before another vote could occur.

The reader is probably right. Someone essentially ridden out of town on a rail probably doesn't need a raise to convince him to move. Which did not deter the trustees. How many of their other hires were eagerly pursued by other suitors?

The famously dysfunctional Legislature's granting raises to its pet employees, many already paid well into six figures, also seemed deaf and blind to the public mood.

Here's a hint to legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown: It probably doesn't promote passage of Proposition 30, the governor's tax increase initiative on the ballot this fall, when you display obvious favoritism.



Opponents like Lewis Uhler, head of the California-based National Tax Limitation Committee, quickly labeled the staff raises "an outrage." It also rankled public employee union leaders who usually bankroll the campaigns of the Democrats who control the Legislature. Most of those unions have agreed to pay cuts to help preserve jobs while the state's budget crunch grinds on.

All of which demonstrates that once folks are in an office with a definite term, whether appointed or elected, it's easy for them to lose sight of financial realities.

So far, there are no signs that either the Cal State trustees or the legislative majority will pay any immediate political price for their insensitivity. But both groups can be sure there will be consequences down the line if they don't soon begin displaying far more sensitivity to the public mood and prevailing economic conditions.

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## Staten Island finance professor to aid in review of Port Authority toll study

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- A **College of Staten Island** professor of finance, who has expertise in transportation issues, Wednesday will look over the economic impact data the Port Authority **released to Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis** under a judge's order.

Dr. Jonathan Peters was asked by Ms. Malliotakis (R-East Shore/Brooklyn) to help her interpret the raw study data at the heart of arguments that high bridge tolls have a negative impact on Staten Island businesses, chiefly the New York Container Terminal in Mariners Harbor.

The bi-state agency was told to give Ms. Malliotakis a "key" and a set of questions so she could interpret the raw answers, according to **an order issued last Friday by Supreme Court Judge Joseph Maltese**.

Without them, the information is incomprehensible, Ms. Malliotakis said, likening it to Morse code.

But in complying with the judge's mandate, Ms. Malliotakis told the Advance that a letter from the P.A. indicated "a 'key' to interpret the data does not exist."

"However," she added, "they did provide two sample copies of the surveys used to compile the report."

She said she will be working with Peters "over the next several days in an attempt to analyze it all."

As part of his ruling, Maltese said he wanted to be given the same raw data as well as any analyses and



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Dr. Jonathan Peters is a professor of finance in CSI's business department, according to the school's website, and a research fellow at the University Transportation Research Center at the City College of New York.

conclusions the P.A. had drawn. He'll then decide whether the information can be released to the public. He could rule by the end of the week.

In withholding the study -- partially paid for with taxpayer money -- the P.A. argued that it was in draft form and therefore, the agency was not obliged to release it.

Peters is a professor of finance in CSI's business department, according to the school's website, and a research fellow at the University Transportation Research Center at the City College of New York.

They are expected to sit down at 3 p.m. in Ms. Malliotakis' Midland Beach Assembly district office.

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## P.A. study shows huge profits on Staten Island spans

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The cost of doing business on Staten Island is a whole lot more expensive than in New Jersey, a financial and transportation expert said Wednesday after looking at raw data from a much-awaited study on the economic impact of bridge tolls on truckers.

A whopping 95 percent of truckers doing business at the New York Container Terminal in Mariners Harbor pay Port Authority bridge tolls, compared to just 20 percent who use Global Container Terminal in Jersey City, said Dr. Jonathan Peters. He based his conclusions on a cursory look at raw data culled from the P.A. study that a judge here ruled last week had to be turned over to Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-East Shore/Brooklyn).

Peters, a professor of finance at the **College of Staten Island** with expertise in transportation issues, and Ms. Malliotakis, who went to court to force release of the information, noted 6,741 truckers at P.A. bridges were interviewed during a five-day period beginning Feb. 27 -- with 3,162 of the truckers headed for NYCT and 3,579 bound for Jersey City.

That means, said Peters, "nearly every single trucker going to the port on Staten Island is hitting that toll. ... That is clearly an extra cost on their businesses."

Truckers traveling with an E-ZPass at peak times currently pay \$10 an axle; that is set to escalate to \$18 come 2015.

Ms. Malliotakis enlisted Peters' help after the P.A. dumped the data answers -- but no data questions -- in her lap last Thursday, prompting Supreme Court Justice Joseph Maltese to rule that the bi-state agency had to provide her with all of the raw data so she could assess it.



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Ms. Malliotakis and other elected officials here who are battling bridge tolls have argued for months that the study -- partially paid for with taxpayer money -- must be bad news for Staten Island businesses, otherwise the P.A. would have released it long ago.

The P.A. had resisted, claiming it was in draft form.

NYCT chief Jim Devine has said he might have to shut down in a few years' time if the toll situation isn't resolved, imperiling 550 jobs here.

During an initial review of the material in Ms. Malliotakis' Midland Beach district office, Peters also pointed to the P.A.'s 2011 financial report, which showed tremendous profits on two of three bridges NYCT truckers use.

The agency made \$86 million on the Goethals Bridge and \$75 million on the Outerbridge Crossing.

The agency lost \$4 million on the Bayonne Bridge.

"It's a lovely business to be in," quipped Peters.

"This is a massive impact on our business community," Ms. Malliotakis said. "This is a huge disparity."

Ms. Malliotakis also was irked that the study data intake, completed in early March, was compiled by April 20, according to information she received.

"Why does it take them five months?" she asked. "Clearly, they have had plenty of time."

"I don't understand why a research report that has this kind of economic impact on the community can't be released," added Peters. "This is a well-known dodge used by agencies. The reality is that they [the P.A.] are making policy decisions based on this."

The two called crunching the numbers and interpreting the data a "massive task." Still, they said they hoped to have some conclusions as early as Monday -- and promised to release it publicly.

In addition to his CSI workload, Peters is a research fellow at the University Transportation Research Center at the City College of New York.

Ms. Malliotakis, a first-term lawmaker, holds an M.B.A. and has a background in statistics.

As part of his ruling, Maltese also asked for the raw data as well as any conclusions the P.A. has reached thus far. He could rule as early as Friday whether the information should be released to the public in whole or in part.

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## Drills Spur Nationalist Fervor

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Beijing stages live-fire military games amid tensions with Japan.



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*Chinese navy personnel on the deck of a warship, April 4, 2011.*

China carried out live-fire military exercises Thursday in the wake of the purchase of a disputed island chain in the East China Sea by the Japanese government amid a flurry of nationalist rhetoric in the tightly controlled official media, although experts said a military confrontation remained unlikely.

According to the *Shanghai Morning Post* newspaper, the drills include a naval exercise in the Yellow Sea, as well as army and air force maneuvers in southwestern China, while the *Beijing Times* said that the drills include exercises which would prepare the country's People's Liberation Army (PLA) to retake the islands by force.

Chinese papers also boosted the anti-Japanese rhetoric in a series of editorials, with the *Global Times*, which has links to the ruling Chinese Communist Party, warning Tokyo that China could act to "wash away" the shame of its wartime humiliation at Japanese hands.

"The Chinese have restrained their antipathy toward Japan for a few generations," the article said. "The brief friendly period of the 1970s and 80s helped heal the wounds between the two countries. But it is far from a fundamental change."

"We are gradually realizing among seemingly endless provocations from neighboring countries that a firm response to the provocateur is also a must for securing a peaceful environment," the paper wrote.

The English-language *China Daily* newspaper quoted a senior Chinese foreign ministry official as saying that China would never acknowledge Japan's "illegal grab and so-called actual control" of the Diaoyu Islands, which are administered as the Senkaku by Japan's coastguard but claimed by China and Taiwan.

### Internal tensions

But China analysts said the anti-Japanese rhetoric had more to do with internal tensions within the Party ahead of a key leadership transition later this year, and was unlikely to escalate into the use of military force by Beijing.

"If we take the *Global Times* as the official mouthpiece [of the Communist Party], then according to the tone that the *Global Times* is setting, it seems that their attitude is getting more and more hard line, and that they are blowing this up to attract people's attention," said profesor Xia Ming, a political science teacher at the College of Staten Island in New York.

"But the time isn't ripe for China to sort out this issue. They are just using it as a way to manipulate a nationalistic mood [among the public]," Xia said.

U.S.-based China analyst and former investigative reporter Zhao Yan agreed.

"I don't think there's much likelihood of a real military clash here," he told RFA's Mandarin service. "I think that all of this talk on the part of mainland China and President Hu Jintao of defending national sovereignty is fake patriotism. There's nothing real about it."

He said the growing tensions with Japan over the disputed island chain were more of a reflection of internal strains among China's ruling elite, which has been hit by a series of political scandals ahead of its 18th Party Congress, for which a date has yet to be announced.

"I think the fact that Sino-Japanese relations are strained right now has to be connected to this," Zhao said.

He said that Beijing was also keeping a tight leash on grass-roots activism and anti-Japanese demonstrations, which have been notably smaller since the detention of a group of activists from Hong Kong who landed on the islands last month.

"I think they are quite concerned about grass-roots activism on the Diaoyu Islands, because we all know that nationalism, whether it be real or fake, is a double-edged sword," Zhao said. "If the mood escalates, then China could face a real crisis in controlling it."

### **International concerns**

Xia said the international community was nonetheless concerned over a string of territorial disputes in the South and East China seas in recent months, which have included standoffs with the Philippines at Scarborough Shoal and with Vietnam over the oil-rich Spratly Islands.

"This dispute between China and Japan over the Diaoyu isn't just a bilateral issue," he said. "Lots of different countries, including the United States, are concerned about it, because what happens here could provide a precedent for dealing with other regional disputes."

He said that China's nationalistic stance was a reflection of a lack of pluralism in public debate.

"I think that... China has clearly taken the position of rejecting [political] diversification or internationalization, and instead has resorted to threatening the use of military force. I think that this is very closely linked to their current political system," Xia said.

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## Is Breastfeeding a Baby While Teaching a Class Newsworthy?

by [Annie Urban](#)

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So here's the story, internet: I fed my sick baby during feminist anthropology class without disrupting the lecture so as to not have to cancel the first day of class. I doubt anyone saw my nipple, because I'm pretty good at covering it. But if they did, they now know that I too, a university professor, like them, have nipples. Or at least that I have one.

She wasn't trying to make a statement or create a "teachable moment." In fact, she has always distanced herself from [lactivism](#) and tried to keep her family and professional life as separate as possible. She simply had a dilemma — her baby had a fever and couldn't go to daycare, but cancelling the first day of class to stay home with her sick baby could have professional consequences.

Unfortunately, some students in the class and a reporter from the student newspaper decided to label Pine's choice as an "incident" that is "uncomfortable" and "delicate." All of a sudden Pine, who had always simply breastfed her baby without giving it much thought, felt she needed to defend herself from an anti-woman attitude and potentially hostile work environment.

### **Pine is Not the First, Not the Only**

The fact that the student newspaper wanted to make a story out of Pine's choice is indicative of how rare it is to see breastfeeding in the workplace and other public places. However, many mothers simply [breastfeed their babies anytime, anywhere](#) without giving it a second thought, just as Pine had always done. To be sure, Pine wasn't the first woman to breastfeed in public, at work, or even in front of a classroom.

Kasey Powers, who teaches Introductory Psychology as an Adjunct Professor at [College of Staten Island](#), the City University of New York (CUNY), went back to work about six weeks after her son was born. She took her son to work with her and had another graduate student watch him during class. For the most part, that arrangement worked, except one time when he needed to be fed before class was over. “There were only a few minutes left in class when I heard him in the hall,” Powers wrote in an e-mail. “I waved Anna (the graduate student watching the baby) and Simon (the baby) in and nursed while students were picking up their assignments and asking questions. This is the only time I ever noticed students noticing that I was nursing. None of them said anything.”

Outside of that one time in class, Powers frequently nursed during her office hours. “My office hours were right after class so he was always hungry. Any time a student came to the first part of the hour I am sure I nursed.” Powers said she never mentioned or discussed nursing with her students. “I didn’t really think about it, it’s a non issue in my mind. I didn’t feel the need to qualify or apologize. The only thing I ever did was say I had my son with me in office hours since he was obviously there.”

Why should someone who is meeting their work and parenting obligations in a non-disruptive way have to apologize for doing so? Isn’t the ability to coordinate work life and family life something to be lauded, not sneered at? Just as this was never an issue for Powers, it should never have been an issue for Pine.

Given the abysmal maternity leave situation in the United States, the desire and need for maternal workforce participation, and the personal and public health benefits of breastfeeding, it is surprising that this issue hasn’t come up more often. If women are expected (or at least encouraged) to breastfeed their babies and expected to go back to work shortly after giving birth, it makes sense for workplaces to be baby-friendly and breastfeeding-friendly environments that will accommodate situations such as child care challenges and even the desire for child care options in the workplace.

The [Parenting in the Workplace Institute](#) found that allowing parents to bring their babies to work and creating a work environment that facilitates and supports that has many benefits, including an earlier return to work, increased loyalty, better teamwork and cooperation, improved morale, and lower healthcare costs. These programs are not difficult or expensive to implement and focus mostly on creating a supportive environment and culture. If a university made it clear that it was a family-friendly environment and that both students and employees were welcome to have nursing infants with them, this would create flexibility for nursing mothers and also make it clear to others that intolerance is unwelcome.

### **Was It the Baby or the Breast?**

Pine did what she thought was best in the situation and then continued with her day. It wasn’t until she received an e-mail the next day from a news assistant at the student newspaper that she realized it was an issue. The e-mail specifically focused on the act of breastfeeding, not on the appropriateness (or lack thereof) of having a sick child in the classroom.

The University, on the other hand, told the Washington Post that the issue was the child’s illness:

For the sake of the child and the public health of the campus community, when faced with the challenge of caring for a sick child in the case where backup childcare is not available, a faculty member should

take earned leave and arrange for someone else to cover the class, not bring a sick child into the classroom.

Pine described a scenario a few days later where she was cornered by the reporter from the student newspaper immediately after class and was hardly able to speak because she had “caught and improved upon my baby’s cold.” So she not only brought a sick baby to work, but also went to work herself when she was sick.

From the University’s perspective, it is inappropriate to expose the campus community to illness and therefore Pine shouldn’t have taken her sick baby to class and she probably shouldn’t have been in class herself after catching the baby’s illness. Yet somehow the environment at the university is such that Pine felt cancelling the class would be disruptive to her students and “could also negatively affect my student evaluations, putting my tenure at risk.” If that is true, it appears that the discrimination against nursing mothers is not the only potential problem at the university. The dichotomy between their written policy regarding illness and the real consequences of following that policy are indicative of a problem that needs to be addressed.

### **Students’ Objection to Breastfeeding is Indicative of a Societal Problem**

The students reaction to breastfeeding in the classroom likely stems from their lack of exposure to breastfeeding. Breastfeeding is so often hidden away and done only in the privacy of the family home or at best under a nursing cover in a public space. In order for breastfeeding to seem normal and natural, it needs to be visible. It needs to be something that everyone has seen and everyone is familiar with. It shouldn’t be something that people see as awkward or inappropriate.

If more mothers were to breastfeed in public, especially around teenagers and young adults, it would help to normalize breastfeeding and make it easier for nursing mothers to continue to live their lives and take care of their babies needs. But it would have other benefits too. As I wrote previously in [We Need Mothers To Breastfeed in Front of Teenagers](#), it would provide young people with important exposure to breastfeeding in the years prior to becoming parents. It would help them to see that breasts are not just sexual, it could give them the confidence to breastfeed and it could give them concrete visual examples to draw on as they hold their own baby up to their breast for the first time. It would give them more places to seek support, make them feel less alone, and give them more confidence.

Although Pine never intended to be a lactivist or to create a teachable moment, the reality is that every time she brings her baby to the breast in a public space, she is doing just that. Despite trying to distance herself from lactivism, the anger she showed towards the situation she found herself in clearly demonstrates why lactivism is an essential part of the feminist movement.

## Bo Could Face Criminal Charges

The former Chongqing Party boss's name is raised at a subordinate's trial.

Richard Finney



AFP

Bo Xilai at the closing ceremony of the National People's Congress in Beijing, March 14, 2012.

The implication of former Chongqing Communist Party boss Bo Xilai in a criminal act during the trial of his one-time police chief suggests that criminal proceedings against him may not be far away, analysts said this week.

Bo's former right-hand man and police chief Wang Lijun tried to tell "the Chongqing party committee's main responsible person at the time" that Bo's wife, Gu Kailai, was suspected of murdering a British businessman, state media reported after Wang's trial closed on Tuesday.

But Wang was "angrily rebuked and had his ears boxed," the state-run Xinhua news agency reported in a document that expands on and clarifies the ruling Communist Party's official word on the Chongqing scandal, which first came to public attention with Wang's unprecedented visit to a U.S. diplomatic mission in February.

The unnamed, but nonetheless direct, reference to Bo means that criminal charges against him now look more likely, Chinese political commentators said.

## **Charges likely?**

Professor Xia Ming, a political science teacher at the College of Staten Island in New York, said he thinks that criminal charges now look likely for Bo, who has previously only been reported as being under investigation by the Party's internal commission for discipline inspection.

Bo's wife, Gu Kailai, was handed a suspended death sentence last month for the murder of British businessman Neil Heywood in Chongqing last November.

Xia said the charges already made against Wang Lijun of "bending the law for selfish ends" could mean that the authorities will make him carry full responsibility for covering up Heywood's murder, but it could equally well pave the way for similar charges against Bo himself.

However, he said the authorities could be finding it hard to secure reliable witnesses against Bo.

"Of course Gu Kailai wouldn't want to damage her own interests or her son's interests [by testifying against Bo]," Xia said.

## **Details still unknown**

U.S.-based commentator Liu Nianchun said the official account, which was apparently based on Wang's "confession" to investigators, was the first mention of Bo Xilai, even though it referred to him by job title rather than by name, since the scandal broke following Wang's visit to the U.S. Consulate in Chengdu on Feb. 6.

However, the details of the conversation between Wang and Bo that precipitated the visit remain unknown, he said, and the likely severity of the case against Bo will probably boil down to exactly how much the former Chongqing Party boss knew about the exact circumstances surrounding Neil Heywood's death.

"There are two main factions in the highest echelons of the Communist Party, but it's hard so far to see any initial signs of what they are planning to do about Bo Xilai," Liu added.

Xia said Bo's fate is now likely in the hands of vice-president Xi Jinping, who is expected to take over from president Hu Jintao at a forthcoming leadership transition later this year.

"Xi Jinping will have to consider two things," Xia said. "One is whether or not Bo Xilai's existence could develop into a future threat to him."

"The other is that Xi himself is a scion of the Party and a princeling in his own right," he said. "So perhaps he won't be too harsh on Bo Xilai."

## Political rifts

The Bo scandal has exposed to public view rifts within China's secretive ruling Communist Party, highlighting tensions between Bo's populist, left-wing policies and the supporters of Hu and Xi, ahead of a crucial, once-in-a-decade leadership transition.

Bo's detractors say he and Wang waged a campaign of terror in Chongqing, using their "strike black" anti-crime campaigns to target innocent businessmen and confiscate their assets. Lawyers linked to the campaigns have described torture and forced confessions as commonplace during Bo's reign in the city.

Wang, 52, is reported to have told U.S. envoys in Chengdu about the murder, and part of his trial was held behind closed doors on Monday so that sensitive material and "state secrets" could be heard by the court, sources said at the time.

Bo was removed from his post in Chongqing, where he had been regarded as a top contender for a seat on the all-powerful standing committee of the Politburo, on March 15, shortly after a strongly worded warning from premier Wen Jiabao that a failure to enact political reform in China could see a return to the turmoil and violence of the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976).

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## Staten Island lawmakers say New Jersey is holding up Port Authority toll-break deal with Howland Hook

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**Judy L. Randall**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Negotiations over a toll break for New York Container Terminal truckers appear stalled, even as two lawmakers here maintain there is an agreement "in essence" with the Port Authority.

The culprit: New Jersey.

So said state Sen. Andrew Lanza (R-Staten Island) and Assemblyman Michael Cusick (D-Mid-Island) Thursday.

Using almost the same language, the two reaffirmed that the Cuomo administration is on board with recommendations they've proposed -- which they have not gone public with -- but said New Jersey is seeking concessions from the Port Authority before the bi-state agency will sign off.

They were not specific, and a spokeswoman for the P.A. had no comment.

"I truly believe we have an agreement in essence, a plan that will bring relief to the New York Container Terminal, but for New Jersey," said Lanza.

Said Cusick: "In essence we have an agreement to help the container terminal. It seems New Jersey won't sign on to the agreement."

"It is frustrating we don't have a discount program for Howland Hook yet," added Cusick. "Sen. Lanza and I have been working toward this result."



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The study, which the Port Authority completed months ago and tried to keep under wraps, found that 95 percent of truckers using the New York Container Terminal pay tolls on P.A. bridges.

This as Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis continues to eyeball data the P.A. was court-ordered to give her regarding the economic impact that high bridge tolls have on the NYCT.

The study, which the P.A. completed months ago and tried to keep under wraps, **found that 95 percent of truckers using NYCT pay tolls on P.A. bridges**, while only 20 percent of truckers bound for a container terminal in Jersey City pay tolls.

The disparity could put NYCT out of business in a few years' time, Islanders have argued, imperiling 550 jobs here.

Assisting Ms. Malliotakis in a review of the data, which she went to court to get, **is finance and transportation expert Dr. Jonathan Peters**, a College of Staten Island professor.

Ms. Malliotakis (R-East Shore/Brooklyn) has promised to make her findings public.

Supreme Court Judge Joseph Maltese, who ruled the P.A. had to give the data to Ms. Malliotakis, could rule as early as Friday that the agency must publicly release its findings.

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## Staten Island lawmaker says Port Authority should set N.J. straight on trucker toll deal

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**Judy L. Randall**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- It figures.

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis Friday said it's no surprise that New Jersey is the apparent hold-up to a bridge toll deal for New York Container Terminal truckers.

Two of her Albany colleagues -- who have been in on negotiations with the Cuomo administration to structure a deal with the Port Authority -- told the Advance Thursday that **Jersey is looking for concessions before it signs off.**

P.A. study data that the bi-state agency was **court-mandated to turn over** to Ms. Malliotakis revealed 95 percent of truckers headed for NYCT pay tolls on the Goethals and Bayonne bridges or Outerbridge Crossing.

This compared to just 20 percent of truckers headed to a container port in Jersey City.

"It's not surprising that New Jersey is holding up the deal for a commercial discount," said Ms. Malliotakis (R-East Shore/Brooklyn). "The data I've examined shows that a shipping terminal in New York is at a monumental disadvantage to its competitors in New Jersey ... This fact exposes why New York is losing shipping jobs and revenue to New Jersey, and has been uncompetitive in the fields of trucking, warehousing and distribution."



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis is reviewing the raw data from the Port Authority study on the economic impact of tolls on Island businesses.

State Sen. Andrew Lanza (R-Staten Island) and Assemblyman Michael Cusick (D-Mid-Island) laid the blame for the impasse squarely at New Jersey, saying but for Jersey an agreement had been reached "in essence."

The P.A. has declined comment.

Said Ms. Malliotakis: "While the Port Authority continues to exploit its control of the New York-New Jersey border, New Jersey's economy thrives on the imbalance. As a bi-state agency, the Port Authority should have no interest in providing one state with a better opportunity to succeed than the other. These numbers show that this agency is doing exactly the opposite. It is because of policies like this that New York is one of the least business-friendly states in the nation."

Lanza and Cusick have not been specific about what give-back they think New Jersey is looking for.

Back in June, Ms. Malliotakis filed a Freedom of Information Law request with the P.A. seeking access to an economic impact study paid partially with taxpayer monies.

The P.A. refused, saying it was in draft form. However, on the eve of a court date with Ms. Malliotakis, they provided some of the study's raw data. But Ms. Malliotakis noted it was in an "unreadable format without any means for interpretation."

Supreme Court Judge Joseph Maltese ruled last Friday that the P.A. had to provide her with all the data, as well as the means to intercept it.

The agency did, and she is **currently analyzing it with an expert in finance and transportation matters**, Dr. Jonathan Peters, a College of Staten Island professor. She has promised to make their findings public once they are done.

Maltese also ruled that the data must be turned over to him, along with any analyses or conclusions drawn by the P.A.

The judge is set to rule whether all or part of that data should be made public.

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## Editorial: Time for Cuomo to call NJ out for plan to 'sabotage' New York Container Terminal

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**Staten Island Advance Editorial**  
By

Like a stubborn student who is caught in class with contraband and confronted by a teacher who demands he surrender it, the Port Authority has been turning over its long-awaited analysis of the effect of increased tolls on business as little as possible at a time.

Do you get the feeling really doesn't want the public to get a look at the findings of the study it jointly commissioned with the New York Container Terminal?

For the better part of a year, the P.A. had claimed that it could not say anything about the study because it was not finished. Then, more recently, the agency claimed that though the research had been completed, it could not release the study because it was still in "draft form." It's been in draft form for months.

Finally, in response to a lawsuit filed by the rightly impatient Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, a state Supreme Court judge ordered the P.A. to turn over the study to the lawmaker and to him, so he could decide whether or not to make it public.

The agency has been complying, grudgingly. For example, at first the authority gave Ms. Malliotakis raw data from a survey of thousands of truckers, but no indication of exactly what questions were asked to prompt their responses to the survey questions.

So Judge Joseph Maltese had to specify that he wanted to see the Port Authority's conclusions as well as the raw data from the study.



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Even when the Bayonne Bridge is raised to accommodate new container ships, New York Container Terminal may not be around to reap the benefits because of the burden of high truck tolls.



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Gov. Andrew Cuomo needs to get involved before it's too late to save the New York Container Terminal and its hundreds of Staten Island jobs.

But even with the findings arriving piecemeal, the assemblywoman, who has a background in statistics, and Staten Island transportation guru Dr. Jonathan Peters of the [College of Staten Island](#) have been able to mine some interesting facts from it.

For one thing, they found that 95 percent of the truckers doing business at the New York Container Terminal pay Port Authority bridge tolls, whereas just 20 percent of the truckers who use Global Container Terminal in Jersey City pay the same toll. The implications of this disparity for NYCT are profound.

Professor Peters said that means “nearly every single trucker going to the port on Staten Island is hitting that toll. . . . That is clearly an extra cost on their businesses.”

And at \$10 an axle (with E-ZPass at peak times) and heading up to \$18 an axle by 2015, that’s quite an extra cost.

In the meantime, on the other side of the ledger the Goethals Bridge, with \$86 million, and the Outerbridge Crossing, with \$75 million, have been highly productive cash cows for the P.A.

“It’s a lovely business to be in,” Professor Peters cracked.

Especially now that tolls are already way up and are going to get higher every year for the next three years.

Of the disproportionate effect of P.A. tolls on Staten Island businesses, Ms. Malliotakis said “This is a massive impact on our business community. This is a huge disparity.”

Indeed, NYCT, which partnered in the study, has said that without toll relief, it could be forced to close in a couple of years, costing Staten Island 550 jobs.

It’s galling that the data for this study was gathered in February and during the spring, yet the P.A. had not gotten around to fully releasing its conclusions as of last week.

Mr. Peters, who had no such trouble arriving at conclusions, said, “I don’t understand why a research report that has this kind of economic impact on the community can’t be released. This is a well-known dodge used by agencies.”

What's the reason for the foot-dragging? Well, when the study comes out and it shows that the Port Authority's high tolls put New York Container Terminal at a significant disadvantage, the P.A., whose mission is boosting the regional economy, will have no choice but to provide toll relief for NYCT.

Without the complete study to provide hard evidence of that need, the P.A. can stall.

Why?

Reportedly, the P.A. , the container terminal and various Staten Island elected officials, acting with Gov. Andrew Cuomo's blessing, have reached an agreement to give discounts to trucks going to NYCT.

But it seems officials from New Jersey, which has an inordinate influence on Port Authority matters, have refused to go along with the agreement. And we can only conclude that P.A. officials don't want that showdown to be made public. Hence their reluctance to make the study public.

Of course, if NYCT goes under because of high tolls that affect its business disproportionately, container terminals in New Jersey stand to pick up all that extra business. The New Jersey faction wouldn't mind that at all, we suspect.

It's time for Gov. Cuomo to come out from behind the scenes and call New Jersey officials on their quiet plot to sabotage NYCT.

And it's time for New York officials to reconsider the wisdom of having to rely on a large public authority that, by definition, is required to serve two masters. Clearly, that's not working out.

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Top Leader, Large Employer: Elsa Núñez

## Eastern Climbs College Rankings

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Elsa Núñez has dedicated her life to education.

Núñez, who has been president of Eastern Connecticut State University for seven years, has led a strategic planning project that has expanded the university buildings and created more support services for students. Under Núñez, Eastern was named one of the top 30 public regional universities in the North by U.S. News and World Report. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Núñez serves on boards for the Girl Scouts of Connecticut, Hartford Healthcare, Leadership Greater Hartford and the Council for Higher Education.

Prior to joining the Connecticut state university system, Núñez led academic affairs for the University of Maine, Lesley University and the City University of New York. Previous to those leadership positions, she was affiliated with Ramapo State College in New Jersey, the College of Staten Island and Lehman College of the City University of New York.

**Q: What was your first goal, and how did you achieve it?**

A: My first goal was to get to know the faculty and staff, to really understand the culture of the institution and what it was. I knew ... I had to respect what was there. I decided I would do a strategic planning process.

**Q: What is the most important decision you have had to make in the past year?**

A: I decided I would put all my money into the faculty and support services for the students. In the end of the day, people could do with less things, things that make people happy but aren't necessary.

**Q: Did you have any crises this year, and how do you overcome them?**

A major crisis that I had this year was when a student went on Twitter and offended the African American Bruins player. What I had to do was talk to the student. What he wrote on Twitter, I don't want to repeat. It was a racial slur. What the student ended up doing on his own was apologizing. The crisis was how do you educate young people? Not just about academic learning, but other values that we expect in our society. His behavior was unacceptable ... through talking and discussing with him how

he had offended that man, he came to the conclusion that he should apologize. As an academic, educator, mother, that was a crisis that I was happy to overcome.

**Q: When was the first time you acted like a leader?**

A: My brothers and I were in our apartment alone. I'm in my early 60s so this was in the 1950s. My mother and father worked in factories. They used to leave us in our home. Today you would be arrested for that. For some reason, I woke up and smelled something. The entire corridor was on fire. I was only eight. I was home alone with my little brothers. I took each one of us and put us on the fire escape and the firemen came. My first leadership role was saving the life of my brothers. I remember it like it was yesterday, that I had to think quickly.

**Q: What do you consider most important for Eastern?**

A: I believe public higher education is the way out for people from modest backgrounds. Other schools cost \$50,000. We do it for \$18,000. We provide people with a high-quality liberal arts education from modest backgrounds.

**Q: Where do you see yourself and Eastern Connecticut in the next five years?**

A: Eastern will be in the top three public liberal arts colleges in the country. It's very important that we keep our classes under 20. The way we're getting there is hiring full-time faculty and having out-of-the-classroom activities. We are 90 percent residential, so we want to have more dormitories.

**Q: What is your favorite thing about Connecticut?**

A: Oh, I love it. I love eastern Connecticut. The nice part about Connecticut is you can be a Yankee fan. You can be a Red Sox fan. With western and eastern Connecticut there are people from a variety of backgrounds. Eastern Connecticut is rural and majestic. I grew up in a town that was rural and on a farm.

# Los Angeles Times

## How to fight a food crisis

To blunt the ravages of drought and market greed, we need a national grain reserve.

By Frederick Kaufman

September 21, 2012

The drought that descended on the United States this summer will translate into higher prices for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The inevitability of this scenario introduces an old question that has become new: When weather strikes, what can curb food inflation?

Recent suggestions cover a wide range of complicated approaches, from GPS-guided drip irrigation techniques to genetically engineered crops and from new federal biofuel standards to new farm insurance programs to new commodity-markets regulations. How ironic that the oldest agricultural technology of them all may provide the simplest and most timely solution.

Grain silos sport quaint silhouettes on country roads, but these stores of corn, soybeans and wheat have played an essential role in the history of drought, flood and frost, and they suggest a solution to the specter of inflation. No one questions why the United States maintains a Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The very threat of bringing reserves to the market can moderate the spiking price of crude oil. But when it comes to food prices, our country cannot even threaten to bolster the national supply because the United States does not possess a national grain reserve.

Such was not always the case.

The modern concept of a strategic grain reserve was first proposed in the 1930s by Wall Street legend Benjamin Graham. Graham's idea hinged on the clever management of buffer stocks of grain to tame our daily bread's tendencies toward boom and bust. When grain prices rose above a threshold, supplies could be increased by bringing reserves to the market — which, in turn, would dampen prices. And when the price of grain went into free-fall and farmers edged toward bankruptcy, the need to fill the depleted reserve would increase the demand for corn and wheat, which would prop up the price of grain.

Following Graham's theory, President Franklin D. Roosevelt created a grain reserve that helped rally the price of wheat and saved American farms during the Depression. In the inflationary 1970s, the USDA revamped FDR's program into the Farmer-Owned Grain Reserve, which encouraged farmers to store grain in government facilities by offering low-cost and even no-interest loans and reimbursement to cover the storage costs. But over the next quarter of a century the dogma of deregulated global markets came to dominate American politics, and the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act abolished our national system of holding grain in reserve.

As for all that wheat held in storage, it became part of the Bill Emerson Humanitarian Trust, a food bank and global charity under the authority of the secretary of Agriculture. The stores were gradually depleted until 2008, when the USDA decided to convert all of what was left into its dollar equivalent.



And so the grain that once stabilized prices for farmers, bakers and American consumers ended up as a number on a spreadsheet in the Department of Agriculture.

Now, as the United States must confront climate change, commodity markets riddled by speculation, increased import costs, hosts of regional conflicts and the return of international grain tariffs and export bans, we have put our faith entirely in transnational agribusiness and the global grain market.

History is not on our side. Since the days Joseph ruled the granaries of Egypt, nations have relied on vast storage systems to safeguard against bad weather, bad luck and the occasional revolution. The Chinese founded their national grain reserve in 54 BC when Keng Shou-ch'ang, the assistant grand minister of agriculture, proposed that all of the provinces along the boundary of the empire create stores of rice for an inevitable day of catastrophe. The Chinese grain reserve has been in place ever since, its current volume and dimension a state secret, for the grain reserve is considered one of the keys to Chinese national security. Over the past decade, India too has been bolstering its reserves, and French President Francois Hollande recently proposed European-wide strategic grain reserves.

Much like our international competitors in the market for global food, corporate agribusiness has learned to leverage the advantages of storing as much grain as possible. Cargill, the largest private company in the world, began its business in 1865 — with a grain silo. Today it is believed that Cargill's global network of silos stores more grain than any other private company. But no one knows for sure because, like the Chinese, Cargill executives keep the amount of grain they buy, sell and store a secret. In 2008, Cargill parlayed its immense wheat holdings into an 86% jump in profits on global commodities exchanges. Such windfalls during times of panic, price hike and scarcity are not surprising: Since the days of food shortages in ancient Greece and Rome, spikes in the price of bread encourage grain bankers to hoard, not bring more grain to market.

All of which brings us back to this summer's drought and the next global food crisis. In the last five years two devastating run-ups in the price of food have pushed the number of hungry people on the planet to a billion and the number of "food insecure" households in the United States to 17 million. These recent crises, ignited by biofuel mandates and fed by speculation, have caused bread riots in 30 countries and fostered revolution and regime-change. And spikes in the price of corn, soy and wheat not only threaten grain deficit countries and the poverty-stricken. They blight everyone up and down the food chain, from food processors to grocers, restaurateurs and consumers. A surge in the price of global food commodities may be the one thing an impoverished child in Mississippi and the chief executive of McDonald's loathe in equal measure.

No one has to remind presidential candidates that a nation's food supply is an essential element of national security. But the intricacies of commodities regulations and the sticky politics associated with biofuels, climate change and international grain markets may lead both candidates to overlook a time-tested way to sidestep the next food crisis. Despite the weather, the weevils, the mandates and the speculators, there is a way to blunt the ravages of drought and market greed. Bad weather need not guarantee food inflation. The sure path to national food security is a national grain reserve.

Frederick Kaufman is the author of "Bet the Farm: How Food Stopped Being Food," which will be published next month.

## High bridge tolls wallop Staten Island businesses

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**Staten Island Advance Editorial**  
By

We have long known that the Port Authority did not really want its analysis of the economic impact of high tolls on the New York Container Terminal to be made public.

But now that the P.A. has been compelled by the court to release the study, we're beginning to understand exactly why the authority never wanted the report - "draft form" or no - to see the light of day.

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis, whose lawsuit in state Supreme Court forced the issue, has been working through the report with College of Staten Island finance professor Dr. Jonathan Peters and Kendra Adams, president of the New York State Motor Truck Association.



Staten Island Advance photo

Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis has led the fight to force the Port Authority to release its report on the impact of its high tolls.

And what they've found is devastating to the authorities' blithe claim that toll hikes have a negligible effect on the local economy.

The study, of course, focused on the New York Container Terminal, which co-sponsored it. And NYCT has since reached a separate agreement with the Port Authority to provide alternative financial relief for the terminal in lieu of deeper toll discounts for its truckers.

That agreement aside, the numbers still tell quite a story.

For example, the raw data in the study indicates that truckers using the NYCT must pay on average \$40.25 more in tolls than haulers going to New Jersey terminals.

It also shows that for a trucker using NYCT, the \$88.34 cost of an average 20-mile trip is a staggering 144

percent above the national average, according to the assemblywoman.

Ms. Malliotakis charged, "That is the figure the Port Authority doesn't want the public to see, because it proves that their toll structure operates as a boon to New Jersey's economy while putting New York at a disadvantage."

She added, "With these tolls scheduled to reach \$18 per axle by 2015, the Port Authority has levied a death sentence [on the NYCT]."

Well, she spoke before she learned of the announcement of the deal between the P.A. and NYCT, so perhaps the container terminal has indeed since gotten its reprieve.

But as Rep. Michael Grimm and others have pointed out, that deal doesn't involve any toll relief, just other financial aid for the terminal. And while NYCT may be out of the woods as a result of the Port Authority's pledged investment, a lot of other Staten Island businesses that depend on their trucks crossing on the bridges are still living under the death sentence levied last September by the Port Authority and the governors who signed off on the toll hike.

What about those businesses?

Ms. Malliotakis points out that the P.A., according to its own annual report, took in \$157 million in profit after costs from its three Staten Island bridges in 2011.

That fact, combined with the heavy burden tolls have placed on businesses, makes the toll hikes, in place for a year now, "unjust and unreasonable," she said.

Given how the P.A. has used toll money for other expenses, we don't see how the court could dispute her assessment.

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## New York Film Fest Director Richard Pena on 50th Edition, Decision to Step Down (Video)

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**Since succeeding one of the NYFF's original co-directors 25 years ago, Pena has overseen an expansion of venues and internationalized programming.**

This week, I stopped by New York's famed Lincoln Center to meet with **Richard Pena**, who has run its New York Film Festival for the past 25 years and will be stepping down from his post after the fest's 50 edition, which will run from Friday, Sept. 28, through Sunday, Oct. 14. (Video of our half-hour chat can be seen at the top of this post.)

Pena, 59, grew up in New York and first attended the NYFF at age 12. His interest in cinema had already been piqued by screenings of classic movies on television and books about film. But he recalls his trip to the fest to see **Erich von Stroheim's** *The Wedding March* (1928) as "a transformative experience" that immensely encouraged his pursuit of film study and sparked a lifelong love of the fest itself.

Pena eventually went to Harvard, but it was in the countries of Latin America, throughout which he traveled between his junior and senior years, that he realized that he wanted to wind up in a career that revolved around film. He wound up writing his senior thesis on Brazilian and Argentinian cinema, and then headed to M.I.T. to pursue a masters in film. When he graduated in 1978, he learned that the University of California at Berkeley was seeking a visiting lecturer to teach about Latin American cinema, applied for the position and wound up holding it for the next two years, before he decided to head back east to teach at the College of Staten Island.

Then, in 1980, he was hired to become the assistant director at the Film Center at the Chicago Art Institute, but was almost immediately promoted to become the director when that position opened, and served in that capacity for the next eight years. His innovative work in Chicago, and an impressive paper that he delivered in New York, caught the eye of **Joanne Koch**, who was the executive director of the Film Society of Lincoln Center and who eventually convinced him to come back to New York.

When Koch initially reached out to Pena, she was seeking someone exclusively to coordinate programming at FSLC's then-new **Walter Reade** Theatre, not to become involved with the New York Film Festival, with which he told her he hoped to play a role. But, by the time he got to New York, FSLC's relations with **Richard Roud**, who had overseen the fest for its first 25 years (the first six of them with **Amos Vogel**), had soured and he had been let go, creating a vacancy that FSLC decided to fill with him. He laughs today, "I don't think I ever imagined I'd stay 25 years."

Founded in 1962, the NYFF is only the second major U.S. film festival -- the San Francisco International Film Festival was started in 1957 -- and takes place in the media and cultural capital of America. Pena confesses that he felt no small amount of trepidation when he became its director. "The New York Film Festival was an institution I worshipped," he says. "It was actually the institution that taught me more

about film than any other person or any other thing. The idea that I was now in some sort of supervisory capacity at that festival filled me with dread."

Pena eased into his NYFF tenure, electing to retain many of the things that had made it special to him as a festivalgoer. For one thing, he kept it small; it is and always has been a carefully curated fest with only 25-30 films in its main slate, chosen these days by Pena and a small selection committee. (Pena explains, "By having a small number of films, you shine a very bright spotlight on that number of films and really help them more.") Also, it does not and never has awarded prizes to films or filmmakers. ("I've never really liked competitive festivals," he says. "Those kinds of competitions poison the atmosphere a little bit.") Furthermore, the NYFF, unlike the other major fests, has never insisted upon having a film's first screening. (He chuckles, "I think of it a little bit like a Broadway show -- Broadway shows often have road tours, and they get shown in Hartford and Philadelphia, but it doesn't really happen 'til it gets to Broadway. We're Broadway.")

But make no mistake about it: Pena has left his own stamp on the NYFF in a number of ways. To cite just two: On his watch, there has been a massive expansion of the FSLC's real estate holdings (what started as one screen in one venue has grown to several venues that can operate five screens simultaneously) and the NYFF's programming content (what started as a Euro-centric fest has grown into one that is much "more broadly international," particularly in its inclusion of great works from up-and-coming Latin American and Asian filmmakers).

Moreover, the fest has had a large number of triumphant opening night screenings (including **Quentin Tarantino's** *Pulp Fiction*, **Pedro Almodovar's** *All About My Mother*, **Alexander Payne's** *About Schmidt*, **George Clooney's** *Good Night, and Good Luck*, and **David Fincher's** *The Social Network*), which are massively important to Lincoln Center donors and precede the biggest film party of the year in New York (the opening night party at the Harvard Club). Pena believes that this year's opener, **Ang Lee's** *Life of Pi*, will be regarded in that same class of films.

So why, as a happy and healthy man, has he decided to step down from his dream job? (The news was first announced before last year's NYFF closing night screening of Payne's *The Descendants*.) He says, "Basically, I feel that 25 years is a very good run at a major cultural institution, and I think it's healthy for the cultural institution -- and also, I think, for me -- to take on some change. New eyes, new tastes, new vision -- I think all of that is good. It's nice to be leaving a little bit on a high -- things are going very well - as opposed to when people want you out. And, for me, I'd like to leave at a time when I am young enough that I can try other things."

Two film critics will try to fill Pena's large shoes: **Kent Jones**, whom Pena hired to work at FSLC in 1997, will become the NYFF's director of programming, and academic **Robert Koehler** will become the year-round director of the FSLC. Pena, meanwhile, tells me that he will continue to teach film at Columbia University (at which he founded the M.A. program in film studies), just as he has since 1989, and also hopes to also teach abroad and do other "things that I've always wanted to do but just could never do while having the Lincoln Center job."

Undoubtedly, he will continue to attend the NYFF each year, just as he has for the last 47 years. If it remains even half as good as it has been under his watch, film lovers the world over should consider themselves very lucky.



## Republican Strength in Congress Aids Super-Rich, President's Affiliation Has No Effect

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*Study Investigates the Rise of the Top 1 Percent*

Newswise — WASHINGTON, DC, September 27, 2012 — Republican strength in Congress increases the share of income held by the top 1 percent, but the president's political affiliation has no effect, suggests a new study in the October issue of the *American Sociological Review* that looks at the rise of the super-rich in the United States.

"This points to the central role that Congress has in the legislative process," said study co-author Thomas W. Volscho, an Assistant Professor of Sociology at CUNY-College of Staten Island. "The president has limited ability to make the sort of legislative changes necessary to affect the top 1 percent without the support of Congress, making Congress the central actor here."

According to the study, "The Rise of the Super-Rich: Power Resources, Taxes, Financial Markets, and the Dynamics of the Top 1 Percent, 1949 to 2008," following years of relative stability post World War II, the income share of the top 1 percent grew rapidly after 1980—from 10 percent in 1981 to 23.5 percent in 2007, a 135 percent increase. The income share of the super-rich dropped to about 21 percent in 2008, likely as a result of the financial crisis that had begun, Volscho said. By way of comparison, the income share of the top 1 percent was 11.7 percent in 1949.

"We found evidence that congressional shifts to the Republican Party, diminishing union membership, lower top tax rates, and financial asset bubbles in stock and real estate markets played a strong role in the rise of the 1 percent," said Volscho, who co-authored the study with Nathan J. Kelly, an Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee. "From the early 1980s to 2008, these measures saw major shifts after relative stability in Democratic dominance of Congress, union membership, tax rates, and prices of stocks and real estate during the postwar era of the late 1940s to the late 1970s."

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While Volscho and Kelly found that Republican strength in Congress was associated with higher levels of inequality, the link between politics and inequality was not merely due to redistribution, as the study was based on income, including capital gains, prior to taxes and transfers.

“Democrats are more favorable than Republicans toward social programs that redistribute income, but the parties also differ over what the economic rules of the game should be,” Volscho said. “Based on our analysis, Democrats appear to favor an economic system that produces more egalitarian outcomes even before any redistribution occurs.”

From 1949 through 2008, the impact of a one percentage point increase in the share of seats (just over five seats) held by Republicans in Congress raised the top income share by about .08 percentage points, according to the study.

“At first glance, this might seem negligible, but that’s really not the case,” said Volscho. “Given that the estimated national income in 2008 was more than \$7.8 trillion, an increase of only 1 percent in Republican seat share would raise the income of the top 1 percent by nearly \$6.6 billion. That equates to about \$6,600 per family in the top 1 percent.”

In terms of labor unions, over the course of the study period, Volscho and Kelly found that a one percentage point decrease in union membership among private sector workers was associated with more than a .40 percentage point increase in the income share of the super-rich. According to Volscho, private sector union membership was 34.9 percent in 1949, but had dropped to 7.6 percent by 2008.

Based on the estimated 2008 national income, the effect of a one percentage point drop in private sector union membership would transfer \$33.4 billion to the top 1 percent, Volscho said.

“As union membership has decreased, a greater share of income has shifted toward the top 1 percent,” Volscho said. “With a decrease in union membership, workers’ wage bargaining power diminishes and this can increase firms’ market value and their profitability. A higher market value often translates into higher stock prices and executive compensation, thereby shifting income toward the top.”

The study also found that the effect of a percentage point decrease in capital gains and income taxes was similar in magnitude to the effect of a percentage point increase in the share of seats held by Republicans in Congress. Additionally, based on the estimated 2008 national income, a 100 point increase in the (inflation adjusted) Standard & Poor’s 500 composite stock market index over the previous year would transfer about \$39.6 billion to the top 1 percent and a 10 point (inflation adjusted) increase in Robert Shiller’s real historical home price index would shift \$34.1 billion to the top 1 percent, Volscho said.

The study relies on data from a variety of sources including a paper, “Income Inequality in the United States, 1913-1998,” in *The Quarterly Journal of Economics*, online updates to the paper, the U.S. Census Bureau’s Statistical Abstract of the United States, Unionstats.com, the Urban Institute and the Brookings Institution’s Tax Policy Center, Standard & Poor’s 500 composite stock market index, and Robert Shiller’s real historical home price index.

# ***Sports***



## College of Staten Island men's, women's soccer teams open with wins

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By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**



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department

Demi-Jean Martorano (white uniform) scored the game's only goal as the College of Staten Island women's soccer team beat Benedictine University.

The College of Staten Island men's and women's soccer teams opened their seasons with victories over visiting Benedictine University Friday.

The women earned a 1-0 win as Demi-Jean Martorano scored in the ninth minute off an assist from Deanna Kvetkoff. Goalie Victoria Donegan made 10 saves for the win.

In the men's 2-0 triumph, Lirim Begai scored just before halftime and Betsam Sosa tallied in the 76th minute on an assist from Nedgy Nazon. Ahmed El-Gahreieb stopped six shots for the shutout.



## A roundup of weekend college sports in Hudson County

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**The Jersey Journal**  
By

COLLEGE SPORTS ROUNDUP

Soccer

Senior midfielder Nana Kofi Kusi chalked up his second career hat trick and third multi-goal game and sophomore forward Raphael Araujo tacked on a pair of goals as New Jersey City University crushed Benedictine University (Ill.), 6-2, in the final round of the **CSI** Soccer Fall Classic at the **College of Staten Island** on Saturday afternoon.

Freshman midfielder Alec Metsch collected his first collegiate goal in his first action in the 89th minute to cap the scoring.

NJCU women, however, lost to New Paltz, 5-0, in the title game of the SUNY New Paltz tournament. New Paltz outshot NJCU, 28-4.

Stevens women fared better, with a 3-2 victory over New York University in Riverdale, N.Y. Stevens took a 1-0 advantage just 13:57 into the contest as sophomore forward/midfielder Ann Heine fed freshman forward Carly Bean. The Ducks then mounted a 2-0 lead off a free kick from junior forward/midfielder Jessie Wos.

Stevens men also had a successful start to the season with a 3-1 win over Baldwin-Wallace College on a neutral field in Pittsburgh.

Senior Zach Adler scored twice and junior Christian Grapel netted the game winner late in the first half to give the Ducks the win.

Tennis

The Stevens Institute of Technology women's tennis team bested Empire 8 rival Elmira College, 8-1, on Sunday morning. The Ducks swept the three doubles matches and took first through fifth singles to end their

season-opening weekend with a 1-1 record.

Jessica Bourque and Lisa Tessitore won their first doubles match easily, 8-1. Danielle Stewart and Julia Guignard took care of business 8-3 at twos and Lexie Handel and Victoria Tran won 8-5 at threes to give the Ducks a 3-0 lead in the match.

In singles, Bourque, Tessitore and Stewart combined to drop just four total games as they quickly secured the overall win for the visitors.

Guignard (6-1, 6-4) and Handel (6-2, 6-2) also went on to win their matchups at fourth and fifth singles, respectively.

#### Cross country

At the opening meet for the Stevens Institute of Technology women's cross country team, two freshmen led the Ducks at the Harry Lang Invitational hosted by Colgate University on September 1. Division I Syracuse University won the meet, while Bucknell University took second overall as a team.

Stevens freshmen Amy Regan and Kate Moyer recorded the top finishes for the Ducks, who finished 10th overall. Regan ran a time of 17:39 to finish second amongst DIII runners, while Moyer posted a time of 17:43 to place third.

Junior Kelly Freed put together a time of 19:26 for the third best finish for the Ducks. Freshman Janice Frontera was right behind Freed, clocking a time of 19:33.

For the men, junior Michael Cahill paced the Ducks in a time of 21:44 to finish second amongst all DIII runners at the meet. Sophomore Thomas Cunningham crossed the line in 22:36, while fellow sophomore Brian Lawrey Jr. posted a final mark of 23:06.

#### Field hockey

Five players scored goals, including two from senior forward Mary Nikish as the Stevens Institute of Technology field hockey team earned its first win of the season Saturday, downing Manhattanville College, 6-3.

Junior forward Rachel Chavez, freshman midfielder Erin Silverstri, freshman midfielder Dailyn Brook and junior midfielder Chelsea Cresci also tallied for the Ducks (1-1).

Senior goalie Kaitlin McClymont earned the win with seven saves.

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## Staten Island Bandits football team fills a void for young men

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**By Virginia N. Sherry/Staten Island Advance**



Staten Island Advance/Virginia Sherry

Some of the Staten Island Bandits football team gather at a recent practice. They are, from left, coaches and Mariners Harbor residents Ralph Williams and his brother, Leemichael Dobson; Nick Oakes of Rossville; Ryan Cupo of Rosebank; Ivan Brown of Mariners Harbor; Joe Costanza of Port Richmond; Kaseem Scott of the Arlington section of Mariners Harbor; Robert Alers of New Brighton; Gabriel Adenegan of New Brighton; Vincent Holmes of Manhattan, who attends Curtis High School; Nick Cruz of Great Kills, and David Patterson, owner of the citywide Pioneer Football League. Kneeling is quarterback and team captain Vincent Orlando of New Dorp.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - There's a brand-new New York metropolitan area football league for men up to 21-years-old, and the Staten Island Bandits are one of its collegiate-level teams.

"There's no football in New York City serving 18- to 21-year-olds," said David Patterson, commissioner of the newly formed, privately owned Pioneer Football League.

The Bandits bring together group of young men from across Staten Island, as well as one who attends Curtis High School but lives in upper Manhattan.

The Bandits have practiced since May, and played their first game of the season at the League's Kick-Off Classic on Aug. 25 at Macombs Dam Park in the Bronx.

"We all love each other — we came together quick — we have good chemistry," said Vincent Holmes, at 16-years-old the youngest member of the team and entering his senior year at Curtis High School, where he counts math as his favorite subject.

Holmes, a New York Giants fan, commutes to Curtis from Manhattan's Harlem, leaving his home at 6:45 in the morning to catch the 7:30 a.m. ferry to Staten Island. He played for a year on Curtis' varsity team as linebacker and running back.

Kaseem Scott, 17, a football player since age 10 and wide receiver for the Bandits, lives in the Arlington section of Mariners Harbor and is a student at Port Richmond High School, where his favorite subject is

science. "I'm here to experience stuff, and getting ready for college next year," at Wesley College in Dover, Del., he said.

Ivan Brown of Mariners Harbor, 18, who starts his senior year at Curtis High School this month and runs track, has been playing football since he was 8-years-old. A linebacker, he hopes that his time with Bandits will provide "experience for when I go to college next year."

Defensive tackle Nick Cruz, 20, lives in Great Kills and is a physical therapy major at the **College of Staten Island**.

Rossville resident Nick Oakes, 19, at safety, plays simply "for love of the game."

## **BROTHERS**

Brothers seem big with the Bandits. The team's coaches are Mariners Harbor residents Ralph Williams, 36, and his brother, Leemichael Dobson, 32.

New Brighton resident and wide receiver-cornerback Roberts Alers, 21, plays on the team with his brother Richard, 19, tight end and linebacker.

The Bandits' quarterback and team captain is 20-year-old Vincent Orlando of New Dorp.

The team's first home game is Sept. 15 at 2 p.m. — at the field on New Dorp Lane, just below Cedar Grove Avenue — against the Bronx Colts.

For more information about the Staten Island Bandits, contact Ralph Williams at 718-688-2954, or Leemichael Dobson at 347-465-0099.

For information about the Pioneer Football League, check out the organization's website: [www.pioneer-league.com](http://www.pioneer-league.com)

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## Tennis player from Staten Island's Stapleton neighborhood is making strides

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**Diane C. Lore/Staten Island Advance**  
By



Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores

Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert played No. 1 singles during her final two seasons at Notre Dame Academy.

STAPLETON -- College of Staten Island freshman Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert, 17, has only been attending college courses for a few days, and she only picked up a tennis racquet four years ago, but that didn't prevent one of the Willowbrook school's top women's tennis recruits from taking home a prestigious award from the CityParks Foundation at its annual benefit dinner last week.

And she got to meet and chat with women's tennis legend Billie Jean King, to boot.

Sponsored by Chase, the CityParks Foundation (CPF) held its annual fundraising benefit at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing on Aug.

28, which in turn, helps CPF offer free, high-quality tennis instruction and use of equipment to over 8,000 kids at 40 parks citywide.

Miss Bragerton-Nasert was the "Junior Honoree" for her contribution to the CPF's tennis program both on and off the court. The teen addressed the evening's guests at the dinner gala, where she was presented her award from Ms. King, a three-time US Open champion, who co-chaired the benefit with men's tennis legend John McEnroe. The Stapleton native was accompanied to the event by her mom, Jennifer Bragerton, who works as an oncology nurse at Staten Island University Hospital, Ocean Breeze.

"It was a great honor to meet Billy Jean King," Miss Bragerton-Nasert said. She and her mom were seated at the same table with Ms. King. "When I told her that I was so inspired by her, she told me that I inspired her, and she encouraged me to stick with tennis and follow my passion.

"This is the single most significant award that I have received," she added. She credited the CPF summer clinics for helping her hone her backhand and get her hooked on tennis. She said the game has helped her develop self-confidence and grow as a person as well, and she encourages Island teens to take advantage of the free summer clinics in city parks.

Miss Bragerton-Nasert didn't discover tennis until she was 13, and an eighth-grader at the former Trinity Lutheran School.

She learned about CPF's free summer tennis clinics in city parks and signed up for the program at Silver Lake Park. That fall, she also joined the tennis team at Notre Dame Academy, where she enrolled as a freshman.

It didn't take long for her to impress, as she later earned a spot on her high school squad at No. 3 singles. Meanwhile, her endeavors on the court earned her invitations to the CPF's exclusive one-day tournaments where, over the last three years, Ms. Bragerton-Nasert has shined.

In 2009, after winning the singles championship in the intermediate division for the CPF, Bragerton-Nasert received an all-expenses paid trip to London, England, to train indoors over the winter while on winter recess in high school, and the then-sophomore made the most of it, bumping her game up so that she was playing No. 1 singles for the Gators in her junior year, a position she held until her graduation in June.

She played her first match for CSI Saturday against St. Joseph's College, Long Island. She said she spends two to four-hours a day on the practice court at the college.

But she also makes time for academics. Currently a science major, she said she hopes to become an occupational therapist.

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## College roundup: CSI men's soccer team gets a goal from an old hand

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By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

He may have been away from the squad for over a decade, but Nedgy Nazon is showing his College of Staten Island soccer teammates he hasn't lost a step.

The 30-something forward, who last played for the Dolphins in 1999, scored a dazzling bicycle-kick goal at the 52nd minute Wednesday night to give CSI a 1-0 non-conference win over host SUNY-Maritime in the Bronx.

Nazon, a native of Haiti and a product of Canarsie HS in Brooklyn, has returned to school after a 13-year absence. He led the Dolphins to the CUNY title in 1998 and was named the conference's Player of the Year that season, when he netted 15 goals in 15 games.

Wednesday's tally seven minutes after the intermission followed a scoreless first half that saw both teams register two shots each. Nazon's goal came off a centering pass from the right wing by sophomore Alfonso Castaneda (Susan Wagner). The shot beat Maritime goalie John Dunne.

The Dolphins (2-1 overall) play SUNY-New Paltz at Bard College on Friday at 5 p.m.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Wagner College cross country runners Daniel Zaccariello (St. Joseph by-the-Sea) and Alexis Bivona (St. John Villa) were named Northeast Conference (NEC) male and female athletes of the week for their performances over the weekend.

Zaccariello, a junior, was second in 19 minutes, 30.8 seconds (6,000 meters) at the Monmouth XC Kick-Off.

Bivona was fourth in the women's 4K race in 14:43.6.



## College of Staten Island falls in women's volleyball, 3-0

Friday, September 07, 2012, 8:12 AM



**Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**  
By

PATCHOGUE, L.I. — The College of Staten Island women's volleyball team dropped a 25-14, 25-18, 25-20 non-conference decision to St. Joseph's of Long Island Thursday.

The Dolphins were led by Jennifer Samuel (eight assists and nine digs) and Pola Poskrobko (five kills). CSI begins CUNY play Saturday vs. CCNY at York College.

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## SUNY New Paltz nets men's soccer victory

Friday, September 07, 2012

ANNANDALE, N.Y. — Joseph Hughes scored the winning goal in the 80th minute and SUNY New Paltz men's soccer team got its first victory of the season, defeating [College of Staten Island](#) 2-1 in the Bard Tournament Friday.

Hughes tallied by beating two defenders and then the goalie with a blast to the left post from 15 yards out.

Casey Terramoccia had the other goal for the Hawks (1-1-1), heading in a pass from Javier Ventas and Mike Jacobsen.

Andres Montoya made only one save in goal for New Paltz as the defense limited [College of Staten Island](#) to six shots.

New Paltz plays Purchase on Sunday in the tourney's second round.

[College of Staten Island](#) 0 1—1

New Paltz 0 2—2

2nd half: NP—Terramoccia (Ventas, Jacobsen) 47:15; [CSI](#)—Le 48:08; NP—Hughes 80:17.

SOG: [CSI](#) 6, NP 20; CK: [CSI](#) 1, NP 9; GS: [CSI](#) (El-Gahreib) 8, NP (Montoya) 1.

Team records: [College of Staten Island](#) 2-2; New Paltz 1-1-1.

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## College of Staten Island sports roundup: Women's soccer tops Lehman, 7-0

Sunday, September 09, 2012, 6:30 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

The **College of Staten Island** women's soccer team coasted to a 7-0 home victory over Lehman in a CUNY Conference match Saturday.

Demi-Jean Martorano had three goals and Samantha Wysokowski added two for the 2-1 Dolphins. Gabriella Galeano and Deanna Kvetkoff (unassisted) also scored.

Melissa Gelardi and Danielle Alexandrini had a pair of assists each and Liana Denaro and Sara Gugliucci had one each.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

**William Paterson 9, **CSI** 0**

The visitors from New Jersey rolled past the Dolphins.

SINGLES: Christina Puleo def. S. Nasert-Bragerton, 6-4, 6-2; Samantha Miller def. Ilona Stoyko 6-2, 4-6, 10-6; Lauren Abate def. Jean Baak 6-4, 2-6 (11-9); Jessica Daniels def. Madiha Mulla, 6-2, 7-5; Kristy Daubert def. Jackie Jamaledine, 6-1, 6-0; Mary Skretkowicz def. Nataliya Zitser, 6-1, 6-0.

DOUBLES: Samantha Miller/Christina Puleo def. Ilona Stoyko/Jean Baak, 8-3; Kristy Daubert/Lauren Abate def. Madiha Mulla/Nasert-Bragerton, 8-2; Jessica Daniels/Mary Skretkowicz def. Jackie Jamaledine/Nataliya Zitser 8-4.

### WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

****CSI** 1-1 in tri-meet**

The **College of Staten Island** lost a four-set decision to CCNY but swept Medgar Evers in a CUNYAC tri-match at York College.

In a 26-24, 26-28, 25-16, 25-17 loss to CCNY, Pola Poskrobko led the Dolphins with nine kills to go with nine digs. Jennifer Samuel totaled 19 assists while JeanMarie Lewandowski had 20 digs.

In a 25-17, 25-14, 25- 18 win over Medgar Evers, Poskrobko (12 kills), Samuel (16 assists, five service aces) continued to shine.

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## Staten Island sports bulletin board: **CSI** sets alumni baseball game

Sunday, September 09, 2012, 6:05 AM



**Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**  
By

### **CSI** baseball alumni game

The **College of Staten Island** will host its annual alumni baseball game as part of Homecoming festivities on Oct. 6. Registration and batting practice is scheduled for 10 a.m. with the game beginning at 11 a.m. A \$50 donation includes an alumni T-shirt and post-game refreshments. Email coaches Mike Mauro (knubby7@aol.com) or Neil Barbella (NBarbella@aol.com).

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## Staten Island college sports roundup: **CSI** women win in soccer

Wednesday, September 12, 2012, 6:15 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

### **WOMEN'S SOCCER**

**CSI** 3, NJCU 2

The **College of Staten Island** held on for a 3-2 non-conference women's soccer victory Tuesday over visiting New Jersey City University.

Junior Demi-Jean Martorano opened the scoring for the Dolphins (3-1 overall) on a pass from sophomore Gabriela Galeano. Moments later, **CSI** keeper Victoria Donegan stopped a penalty kick by the Gothic Knights' Devon Williams — this after saving the Williams' initial shot which was blown dead — increasing the Dolphins' momentum.

Just over 12 minutes later, Samantha Wysokowski scored off a Martorano assist to give **CSI** a 2-0 edge which it took into the break.

Wysokowski's team-leading sixth goal of the season at the 63rd minute put the Dolphins up 3-0. NJCU got a goal back, but Donegan (13 saves) and the Dolphins held on. NJCU held the final edge in shots, 20-17 (15-7 on goal).

**CSI** plays a non-conference match at SUNY-Purchase Saturday at noon.

### **WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL**

Baruch 3, **CSI** 0

The visiting Bearcats (3-0 CUNY, 5-4 overall) topped the Dolphins (1-2, 1-4) 25-18, 25-12 and 25-13.

The Dolphins were led by Selma Kolenovic's six kills, while Pola Poskrobko added five kills and five digs. Jennifer Samuel totaled 15 assists.

**CSI's** next game is Thursday at Mount St. Vincent at 7 p.m.



## College of Staten Island men's soccer, women's tennis teams win

Thursday, September 13, 2012, 1:30 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Nedy Nazon scored two goals — including the winner with 58 seconds remaining in double overtime — as the College of Staten Island edged Berkeley College 2-1 in non-league men's soccer Wednesday in Willowbrook.

After a scoreless first half, the junior tallied his first in the 68th minute off an Alfonso Castaneda assist. The visiting Knights knotted the game exactly 20 minutes later to force overtime.

After a scoreless first OT, Nazon scored on Michele Kissi's assist in the waning moments.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

**CSI** 9, CCNY 0

The visiting Dolphins did not lose any sets in singles play in the CUNY victory.

**SINGLES:** Sabrina Bragerton Nasert def. Natalie DeSabato, 6-1, 6-3; Ilona Stoyko def. Diana Yusim, 6-0, 6-1; Jean Baak def. Sherada Bogie, 6-0, 6-0; Mediha Mulla def. Katherine Bautista, 6-0, 6-1; Nancy Almazo def. Elena Louie, 7-5, 6-3; Nataliya Zitser won by default.

**DOUBLES:** Stoyko and Baak def. DeSabato and Bautista, 8-2; Bragerton-Nasert and Mulla def. Yusim and Bogie, 8-1.

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## College of Staten Island women, men take soccer wins

Sunday, September 16, 2012, 1:08 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

PURCHASE, N.Y. — The **College of Staten Island** women's soccer team took a 3-2 non-conference decision from SUNY-Purchase Saturday.

Demi-Jean Martorano's breakaway goal at the 79th minute capped **CSI's** three-goal second half.

Trailing 2-0, the Dolphins (4-1) received an early second-half goal from sophomore Melissa Gelardi, her first of the season. Samantha Wysokowski scored the equalizer in the 75th minute.

### **MEN'S SOCCER**

**CSI** 4, Farmingdale 1

Nedgy Nazo, Daniel Tsyganov, Giovanni Cortese and Charles Iwobi scored for **CSI** (4-3) in the non-conference home win.

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## On deck: upcoming sports activities to be offered on Staten Island

Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 11:23 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**

### **CSI** baseball alumni game

The **College of Staten Island** will host its annual alumni baseball game as part of Homecoming festivities on Oct. 6. Registration and batting practice is scheduled for 10 a.m. with the game beginning at 11 a.m. A \$50 donation includes an alumni T-shirt and post-game refreshments. Email coaches Mike Mauro (**knubby7@aol.com**) or Neil Barbella (**NBarbella@aol.com**).

### **Diamonds tryouts**

The Diamonds AAU girls' travel basketball program has announced tryout dates at Egbert Intermediate School, Midland Beach. The third-graders will meet on Monday (Sept. 24) at 6 p.m. and Sept. 29 at 9 a.m. The fourth-graders will meet Sept. 29 at 10:15 a.m. On Sept. 27, the eighth-graders are at 6:15 p.m., followed by the seventh grade at 7:30 p.m.

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## College sports roundup: College of Staten Island men's soccer team wins

Thursday, September 20, 2012, 1:10 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Nedgy Nazon paced a balanced attack with two goals Wednesday as the College of Staten Island blanked York, 5-0, to improve to 5-4 overall and 1-0 in the CUNY.

Daniel Tsygankov, Horatio Reid and Alfonso Castaneda (assist) also scored. Lirim Begai, Betsam Sosa and Orsi Bermudez-Reyes added assists.

Ahmed El-Gahreib (10 saves) recorded the shutout.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

Hunter 7, CSI 2

The Dolphins (2-1 CUNYAC, 2-4 overall) lost at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Queens.

Ilona Stoyko and Mediha Mulla defeated Caroline Kaleda and Beth Chapnick in second doubles, 8-5; and Jean Baak downed Kaleda in No. 3 singles, 6-0, 6-3, for the only CSI wins.

The Dolphins next play on Saturday at Kean University at 11:30 a.m.

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## College of Staten Island nets 3-0 women's volleyball win

Friday, September 21, 2012, 7:10 AM



**Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**  
By

The College of Staten Island women's volleyball squad downed host John Jay 3-0 in a CUNY match on Thursday.

The (2-6, 2-2) Dolphins topped the Bloodhounds 25-13, 25-9 and 28-26.

Pola Poskrobko led the way for CSI, pacing the Dolphins with 10 total kills on 21 attempts, adding a game-high four service aces. Jennifer Samuel recorded 25 assists in the match, while Jean Marie Lewandowski paced the Dolphins defensively with 13 digs.

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## Staten Island college cross country roundup: Wagner's Zaccariello sixth at Ted Owens Invitational

Sunday, September 23, 2012, 1:34 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

NEW BRITAIN, Conn. — Daniel Zaccariello's sixth-place time of 26 minutes, 5 seconds sparked the Wagner College men's cross country team to a fourth-place finish in the Ted Owens 8K Invitational at Stanley Park.

The Seahawks totaled 125 points. Northeastern won the meet with 43.

James Naglieri (26:50, 15th), Jacob Malakoff (26:54, 16th), Timothy Mendez (27:46, 32nd) and Darius Moulton (28:57, 56th) completed the Wagner scoring. Mark Karles (30:33, 63rd) and Matt Tymon (32:39, 67th) also finished.

The Seahawk women got an eighth-place spot from Alexis Bivona (18:18) to take fifth place (111 points) in the 5K race, which Marist (33) won.

Danielle Iacampo (19:17, 20th), Kelly Dennis (19:23, 23rd), Heather Wolf (19:34, 26th) and Samantha Lauro (19:44, 34th) completed the scoring.

Taylor Fredrickson (20:04, 38th) and Cameo Kirk (20:15, 42nd) also competed for Wagner, which runs again Oct. 5 in the Met Championship at Van Cortlandt Park, the Bronx.

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ANNANDALE, N.Y. — The **College of Staten Island** men's team placed seventh (171 points) in the Bard 8K Invitational. St. Joseph's of Patchogue, L.I., won with 24 points.

Andrew Pate led the Dolphins with a ninth-place 29:42. Following were Samuel Obisanya (30:15, 14th), Richard Ruggiero (33:28, 44th), Michael Wallace (34:39, 56th), Shawn Cybulska (37:32, 78th) and Michael Gratkowski (42:23, 94th).

**CSI** competed with only three women. Again, St. Joseph's won with 34 points.

Jackie Jamaledine (24:08, 58th), Ayat Odeh (29:18, 103rd) and Sandra Battle (33:26, 113th) finished for the Dolphins, who host the **CSI** Invitational next Sunday at Clove Lakes Park.



## Old Westbury edges **CSI** in men's soccer, 1-0

Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 7:25 AM



**Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**  
By

OLD WESTBURY, L.I. — SUNY-Old Westbury notched its first win of the season in a 1-0 men's soccer non-conference verdict over visting **College of Staten Island** on Monday.

The (1-9) Panthers got the game's only score when Michael Mosher assisted Tana Weekes at the 34:53 mark.

The (5-5) Dolphins outshot Old Westbury 21-14.

Panther goalie Peter Sicardi registered his first career shutout in stopping seven shots.

**CSI** hosts Baruch on Wednesday.

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## Hunter's Joseph and CSI's Mulla Grab Honors



### **CUNYAC/Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Player of the Week**

**Shena Joseph, Hunter**

**#1 Singles #1 Doubles/ Junior/ Bronx, NY/ Beverly Ellis Joseph HS**

Shena Joseph has been named the CUNYAC/Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Player of the Week. The Hunter Hawks are looking for this junior to lead them to their 13th consecutive championship. She had an outstanding performance in her first match of the week against the College of Staten Island. In 1st singles play she lost to her opponent in the starting set with a score of 3-6 but bounced back and won the last two sets with scores of 6-3, 6-3. Following that match, in 1st doubles against Ilona Stoyka and Jean Baak, Joseph and partner Gina Yeo won with a score of 8-3. She then travelled to the USTA/ITA Northeast Regional Championships where she was the only CUNY player to compete. In the first round she defeated Bella Schoning of Hamilton 9-7 but fell to tough competition in the second round.

### **CUNYAC/Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Rookie of the Week**

**Mediha Mulla, CSI**

**#4 Singles #2 Doubles/ Freshman/ Staten Island, NY/ Susan Wagner**

Mediha Mulla has been named the CUNYAC/Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Rookie of the Week. This week, the rookie won an outstanding 7-1 (3 singles and 4 doubles). Mulla's only loss this week was a third set tie-break against Hunter where she lost the first match by only 1 point. In singles play, Mulla defeated Lindsey Martin of FDU 6-0,6-0. She was also victorious with her teammate, Sabrina Massiet, when the duo beat Marisela Camano and Fiona Crowley of Lehman 8-2.



## Soccer: **CSI** women lose to NYU

Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 8:00 AM



**Staten Island Advance**  
By

The **College of Staten Island** scored the first goal of its non-conference match Tuesday, but then was swamped by a flood of New York University goals that added up to a 10-3 win for the visiting Violets.

St. Joseph Hill product Samantha Wysokowski scored the first of her three goals just 2:47 into the game on an assist from former New Dorp player Demi-Jean Martorano.

NYU responded just 11 seconds later to begin a string of four straight goals.

St. Joseph by-the-Sea product Melissa Gelardi had two assists for **CSI** (5-3 overall).

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## Upcoming sports activities to be offered on Staten Island

Wednesday, September 26, 2012, 11:25 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**

### ON DECK

#### **Basketball instruction**

Maureen Hannafin, a former high school (NDA) and college (Wagner) coach, is holding a high school boot camp for girls who want to prepare for upcoming tryouts. Four of the five-session camps are still available. They are Sunday as well as Oct. 14, Oct. 21 and Oct. 28, from 4-7 p.m. at Staten Island Academy. The last hour of each workout will feature scrimmages against former collegiate players who can also offer advice on the demands of playing at the next level. Hannafin is also offering private 90-minute training sessions for girls. To reserve a spot in either venture, call **347-996-9401**.

#### **Breast cancer tournament**

The CYO will help fight breast cancer with a pair of basketball tourneys. The boys and girls' tourney, open only to B and C division teams in grades three through eight, begins play Oct. 19. The cost is \$75 per team. The Biddy tourney will start Oct. 27 and the fee is \$100. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Nalitt Breast Health Navigator program. To enter, call **718-420-0829** or email **michael.neely@archny.org**.

#### **CSI baseball alumni game**

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## College sports roundup: College of Staten Island men's soccer team loses

Thursday, September 27, 2012, 1:19 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Baruch College answered a tying goal in less than a minute and went on to post a 2-1 CUNY men's soccer win over the host College of Staten Island Wednesday.

After a scoreless first half, Baruch's Vincent Cruz scored at the 56-minute mark, but Nedgy Nazon retaliated less than 13 minutes later for the Dolphins (1-1 CUNY, 5-6 overall).

Things didn't stay that way for long as Cruz scored just 38 seconds later.

### **WOMEN'S TENNIS**

#### **CSI beats John Jay**

The Lady Dolphins recorded an 8-1 CUNY victory to John Jay.

**SINGLES:** Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert (CSI) def. Armine Kurkjian, 6-2, 6-4; Ilona Stoyko (CSI) def. Ashley Marrero, 6-1, 6-1; Madiha Mulla (CSI) def. Lauren Mallon, 6-0, 6-0; Natalie Cervantes (JJ) def. Nataliya Zitser, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2, 10-4; Jackie Jamaledine (CSI) def. Denise Batista, 6-0, 6-0; Nancy Almazo (CSI) def. Ammarah Karim, 6-1, 6-0.

**DOUBLES:** Bragerton-Nasert/Mulla (CSI) def. Kurkjian/Cervantes, 8-3; Almazo/Stoyko (CSI) def. Marrero/Mallon, 8-1; Jamaledine/Zitser (CSI) def. Batista/Karim, 8-2.

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## Staten Island Sports Bulletin Board: Entries being accepted for tennis tournaments

Thursday, September 27, 2012, 1:37 AM



By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

### Island sports bulletin board

#### **Tennis tourney**

Entries are being accepted for the S.I. Tennis Association's Masters (55 and over) and Golden Masters (65 and over) tournaments Oct. 6-7 at Westerleigh Tennis Club. Call in entries to 718-987-1905. The entry deadline is Oct. 3.

#### **AAU Finest tryouts**

The Staten Island Finest AAU spring tryouts are Saturday at Markham IS in Graniteville. The schedule is as follows: eighth-grade boys, 8:15 to 10 a.m.; sixth/seventh-grade boys, 10 a.m. to noon; third/fourth-grade boys, noon to 1:30 p.m.; sixth/seventh-grade girls, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; fifth-grade boys, 3 to 4:30 p.m.; ninth-grade boys, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Fastbreak Basketball Center in Richmond Valley, the fifth-grade girls will meet from 8-9:30 a.m. and the eighth and ninth-grade girls will follow from 9:30-11 a.m. Those interested in coaching visit the website [www.StatenIslandFinestaubbb.com](http://www.StatenIslandFinestaubbb.com).

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## St. Joseph's of Brooklyn tops **CSI** in volleyball, 3-1

Friday, September 28, 2012, 7:05 AM



**Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**  
By

Visiting St. Joseph's of Brooklyn took down the **College of Staten Island** 3-1 in a non-conference women's volleyball match on Thursday.

Sabrina Cornia's 39 sets led the (6-1) Bears to a 25-21, 23-25, 25-20, 25-15 triumph.

**CSI** sophomore JeanMarie Lewandowski collected 26 digs and classmate Jennifer Samuel posted 23 sets for the (2-7) Dolphins, who play at the Bryn Athyn Tournament on Saturday.

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## New York State of Mind

Sep 28, 2012

By Gary Brown

Jackie Jamaledine says her life wouldn't be normal without chaos.

"It's practice, work, school, go home, change, go back, school, work, sports, people mad at me, apologizing. It's the story of my life," she says in thick New York poetic meter. "I constantly have a coach texting me saying you owe me this, you didn't do that, you didn't do this, you didn't do blah blah blah. My life is so chaotic that it's normal for me to have all of this going on."



### About Jackie Jamaledine

**Sports:** Cross country, swimming, tennis and track.

**School:** Staten Island.

**Class:** First-semester junior.

**Majors:** Education and dramatic arts.

**Athletics accomplishments:** Finished 35th of 73 runners at the 2011 City University of New York Athletic Conference cross country championships; has posted several top-five finishes in freestyle and backstroke events; played No. 5 singles in tennis this spring.

**What you didn't know:** Jamaledine was one of about 250 runners to complete the 37-mile New York City Ultra Marathon in December 2010. She also completed the Spartan Challenge, a 10-kilometer endurance event that mixes running with more than a dozen high-intensity obstacle courses. Jamaledine came in first among women and fourth overall.

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The “all of this” is a full course load at **College of Staten Island**, two majors (education and dramatic arts), four sports (cross country, swimming, tennis and track), two part-time jobs and a family life with more twists and turns than a New York cab in rush hour.

The second of five children from an Irish mother to whom she was close and a Lebanese father who has been in and out of her life, Jamaledine (pronounced Jam-ALL-a-deen) has every reason *not* to be where she is today. After being an honors student in grade school and involved in dozens of activities, an unstable home life in Staten Island drove Jamaledine to split when she was 16. Suddenly high school graduation was but a mirage.

“I was a punk,” Jamaledine says. But she got it together when the mother she respected finally realized her daughter wasn’t the model child she remembered.

“She always thought I was that honors student from fifth grade,” Jamaledine says. “But one day she came to a school meeting and found out that I was screwing up. She cried; she couldn’t believe what she heard.”

Wanting to make reparations, Jamaledine considered the GED route but decided that wasn’t enough. Having been an honors student earlier, she said, “No way. All right, I’ll wake up now.”

Sports was part of the awakening. She joined the track team, despite ominous odds.

“I think that coach really saved my life, even though as a teacher he failed me twice. I cursed him out – he suspended me and tried to get me expelled and then accepted me on his track team. This was a school of 5,000 kids, and he cared enough to give me a chance,” Jamaledine says.



### **New NCAA vice president finds his roots**

Dan Gavitt's Final Four experiences come full circle.

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### **Former long-snapper now calls plays**

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## **NCAA's Carpenter builds on her career**

## **Moravian's Thomforde is a minister of leadership**

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Attending nearly 12 hours of school a day during her junior and senior years, Jamaledine earned her diploma, but her troubles were only beginning. Two weeks before graduation, her mother, who was in the hospital recovering from swine flu, developed a blood clot and died suddenly. Six weeks later, her mother's brother, who had served as a father figure for Jamaledine and her siblings, was murdered in Florida.

Distraught, Jamaledine abandoned thoughts of college. But once again, she dug deep.

"In my case, you're either a low life or you go to work and school," she says. "And I chose to do sports on top of that. Maybe I'm a little loony for doing so many, but I have fun."

Distance running is her therapy, but she's a pretty good freestyler in the pool, too. Tennis is a more recent acquisition, but she made the spring trip to Florida this year at No. 5 singles. She's thinking about basketball next year.

She helps pay the bills at home. She gets financial aid for school, as do her two brothers. One sister graduates high school in June and the other is completing eighth grade. Her father is back, though not employed full time.

As for the longer term, Jamaledine wants to teach in order to give others the second chances she's been given.

"Because I lost my mom and my uncle so young and the way it happened, I just hope that everything I do gets me somewhere," she says. "I mean I'm always thinking of them. They're the first thing I think about when I wake up and the last thing I think of when I go to bed."

"I just keep doing what I did my whole life – a lot of things. I didn't change who I was, because I don't think they would have wanted it that way, and I know I wouldn't have wanted it that way."

# ***Stories***



## Knitters make symbols of hope on Staten Island

Monday, September 03, 2012, 10:47 AM



**Mark D. Stein/Staten Island Advance**  
By



Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein

Pink was the color of the night on Aug. 21, when knitters gathered at the Naked Sheep in Travis to begin making items for the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative's annual walkathon.

TRAVIS -- Every little thread helps.

On Tuesday night, more than two dozen Staten Islanders filled the Naked Sheep yarn shop in Travis to knit articles of clothing that will be sold to raise funds for the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative (SIBCRI) at its second Breast Cancer Walkathon.

It takes place Saturday, Oct. 6, at the **College of Staten Island (CSI)** in Willowbrook.

While the event isn't for another month, knitters began preparing fingerless gloves, scarves, headbands, soap savers, and other woolly items, that will be sold at the

walk. Most items will be pink, the color for breast cancer awareness.

"It's amazing and wonderful. These ladies are like sisters to me," said Dr. Donna Gerstle, director of SIBCRI.

Almost daily, she and other frequent visitors to the Naked Sheep come and knit from yarn purchased at the Victory Boulevard store.

"With the help of Janice Gram and Tracy Gliaros [the store's owner], we're getting together and knitting pink," said Jacalyn Collie, a patron of the store since it opened nearly two years ago.

Items made will be stored at the shop until the main event. All are encouraged to donate a handmade article of clothing.

"If people want to knit their own things, we're taking collections here," said Ms. Gram, a Naked Sheep employee.

And, not everything needs to be pink, Dr. Gerstle noted.

"We found that a lot of our men, as evolved as they are, do not want a pink scarf," she added before showing off a pair of blue fingerless gloves.

The Walkathon is relatively new and the second of its type. Before that, SIBCRI held a fall festival at CSI.

Adrienne Belmar, who's visited the store for more than a year, wore a pink outfit Tuesday night to knit.

"You get to meet a lot of people and everyone works on different projects here," the New Brighton woman said. "It's a nice place to hang out and talk. And everybody's making things. It's a donation that will help toward fighting breast cancer."

About 25 items were made that night.

"Everybody has a good time helping other people," said Ms. Gram.

For more information, call 718-477-YARN (9276). The Naked Sheep is located at 4038 Victory Blvd.

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## Lines divide over 'No smoking' at the College of Staten Island's campus

Wednesday, September 05, 2012, 12:28 PM



By **Mark D. Stein/Staten Island Advance**

WILLOWBROOK -- The fall semester is under way at the College of Staten Island (CSI), and with that comes a new policy that has tobacco users and non-tobacco users divided.



Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein

Tobacco-free signs have been posted on garbage pails throughout the College of Staten Island campus to inform students, faculty and visitors about the school's new policy.

The City University of New York (CUNY)'s "Tobacco Free CUNY" policy was officially effective yesterday, prohibiting students, teachers and other staff from using tobacco on the campus of CSI and nearly two dozen other colleges under the education entity's umbrella.

Dozens of signs have been posted throughout the college's Willowbrook campus to alert people that tobacco is banned.

"Effective no later than September 4, 2012," states the CUNY website, "the use of tobacco will be prohibited on all grounds and facilities under CUNY jurisdiction, including indoor locations and outdoor

locations such as playing fields; entrances and exits to buildings; and parking lots."

The policy applies to all tobacco products, including chew tobacco and e-cigarettes.

CSI's dormitories, once complete, will also be tobacco-free.

While CUNY's website states yesterday was the first day the ban began, a college spokesman said the policy went into effect at CSI in July.

CUNY's website cites the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) claim that e-cigarettes may contain ingredients that are known to be toxic to humans, and may contain other ingredients that may not be safe.

"Additionally, these products may be attractive to young people and may lead kids to try other tobacco products, including conventional cigarettes, which are known to cause disease and lead to premature death," reads an FDA release issued last October.

Two visits to the college found a few students breaking the rule.

One spotted was Sabastian Krysiak, a Richmond resident and second semester student.

"It's ridiculous," he said, pulling a cigarette from behind his ear and lighting it in front of the library. "We're outside. It's not like we're indoors."

He said he's spotted teachers and security guards smoking on the campus.

"What kind of freedom is that where you can't smoke a legal substance?" Krysiak barked, wishing that a petition was started to combat the policy.

A faculty member who chose to remain anonymous was smoking near Building 2A on Thursday.

"I think they should have left a designated smoking section," she said. "It limits where people smoke, and the spots were well-chosen."

Twelve smoking areas were scattered throughout the campus. All of them were at least 50 feet from building entrances.

"As long as smoking is a legal practice," added the faculty member. "I feel like my civil liberties are being offended."

#### **OTHERS HAPPY**

While tobacco users were upset with the policy, non-users celebrated it.

Christopher DeMario of Bulls Head called it a good idea and said nothing good comes from smoking.

"If it starts at this age, it carries over for the rest of their lives," he said.

Brooklyn resident and non-smoker Wendy Kadi cheered the change.

"I think it's wonderful. I know how hazardous smoking is, and when I smell it, it angers me because of the health hazards," she said, adding that CSI's campus is beautiful and shouldn't be damaged by discarded cigarette butts and puffs of smoke.

Ms. Kadi, a graduate student, said regardless of the new rule, people on campus have lit up.

"I was upset to see that, especially because there's 'No Smoking' signs everywhere," Ms. Kadi added.

Two third-year students, Stafany Castillo and Nila Nogueira, also of Brooklyn, have spotted students ducking behind trees to smoke on campus.

"They're still smoking," said Ms. Castillo.

While both women agree with the policy, they don't expect people on campus to obey the rule.

James Matons of Grymes Hill stated the early stages of the policy haven't been effective.

"All you have to do is look at the ground in the front and side of the buildings. They are all littered with cigarette butts," he said.

According to CUNY's enforcement plan, "CUNY's hope is that faculty, staff, and students can work together to enforce this policy through friendly interactions. Concerns about the policy can be addressed by emphasizing the goal of ensuring a safe and accessible campus for all, and by encouraging open discussion and airing of any questions."

The punishment for smoking on campus could not be confirmed as of this writing.

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## Staten Island groups donate funds

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By **Staten Island Advance**



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Protectors of Pine Oak Woods members presented a check to Trust for Public Land for the purchase of Pouch Camp. From left are Dominick Durso, Chuck Perry, Ellen Pratt, Mark Matsil, Cliff Hagen, Elaine Croteau, Jacqueline Perine and Mary and Tom McGloin at the College of Staten Island, Willowbrook.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Protectors of Pine Oak Woods presented a check yesterday for \$12,000 to the Trust for Public Land at the College of Staten Island, Willowbrook. Mark Matsil, New York state director of the Trust for Public Land, accepted the check from Cliff Hagen, president of Protectors of Pine Oak Woods.

The funds will be used to help preserve the 143-acre paradise known as William H. Scout Pouch Camp. In 2009 its owners, the Greater New York Council of the Boy Scouts of America, warned they may have to sell the property. While \$5 million has been raised, Pouch Camp is still in need of twice that amount of money.

### ATLAS FOUNDATION

The Theodore Atlas Foundation donated \$6,000 to Gary Siciliano for a chairlift. On hand to present the chairlift to Siciliano at his Graniteville home were: Foundation head Teddy Atlas, friends Vinny Palazzola and Louie Vacca, and Lorna Tumaming, also with the Atlas Foundation. Also present was Siciliano's wife, Victoria.

Palazzola, who is also Siciliano's co-worker in the city Department of Sanitation, reached out to the Atlas Foundation for assistance. Siciliano, a 51-year-old veteran city Sanitation Dept. supervisor, was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. His co-workers and friends helped to raise \$3,500 for a home chairlift. The Atlas Foundation contributed the remaining \$6,000 towards the total cost of \$9,500 for the chairlift.

## **TUNNEL TO TOWERS**

The Healing Garden Living Memorial received \$500 from the Tunnel to Towers Foundation.

The check was presented by Frank Siller, chairman, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, to Carolyn Pinto, chairwoman; Joanne Schiffner, co-chair, and Betty LaFemina, treasurer, of the "Healing Garden Living Memorial." Also present were: Battalion Commander Jack Oehm, FDNY, Battalion Chief John LaBarbera, FDNY, and Lt. John J. Kielty, FDNY.

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Opportunity to partner with the National Park Service and the City of New York in the establishment of a top-tier center to promote the understanding of science and resilience in the urban ecosystem and adjacent communities of Jamaica Bay.

**Q&A August 10, 2012**

**Organizational structure:**

Q: Are you looking for someone to set up logistics and coordinate others' research, or to initiate its own research?

A: We are looking for all of the above, and are open to a variety of organizational structures.

Q: How much analytical research is expected to be done entirely on site, or, conversely, to what extent could this Center function as a "field" station for an institution whose major labs and highly specialized technical equipment are located elsewhere?

A: We are open to any type of operational structure and invite creative proposals.

Q: Has a scientific advisory board or group been established?

A: No scientific advisory board has been established. However, we would anticipate exploring the creation of a board with the new partner entity.

Q: Will existing research in the bay continue independently, or be integrated into the work of the new entity?

A: We make no assumptions as to existing research. While we do not anticipate that all organizations and individuals currently working in the bay will participate in the activities of the center, the goal of the center is to monitor, track and coordinate efforts to the greatest extent possible in order to maximize funding and leverage available opportunities.

Q: In the RFEI, what entities are considered 'public' and 'private' sector? Does 'public' refer to government (City, Federal) only? I work at a 'public' university. I'm thinking, given the examples for partnership structures that we would be considered part of the 'private' sector. (Scripps is connected to a public university, for example.)

A: The public sector refers to the public agencies involved in the creation of the institute. The "private partner" could be, among others, a private or public educational institution or a non-profit organization, as well as individuals, and private or public companies.



## **1. Financial:**

Q: What is the budget/funding stream for the center?

A: Funding for the center will likely come from a variety of sources, including grants and philanthropic contributions. We have been approached by funders who are interested in potentially contributing to the establishment and ongoing support of the center, but who do not have the capacity to operate the institution. In addition to any resources provided by a private or non-profit partner, because most research being done today is grant-supported we assume that will continue; however we are exploring other public funding mechanisms. One premise of the center is its ability to better leverage the significant public and academic expenditures already being made in the basin today. In addition, the NPS is expecting to fund some staff and administrative support for educational activities and community outreach related to the research and science program.

Q: Is there a pre-determined/preferred business model? (long-term grant funding, public-private partnership, other?)

A: All business models will be considered.

Q: What is being spent on research, monitoring and restoration in Jamaica Bay now by all parties?

A: Since 2002, the Bloomberg Administration has invested over one billion dollars to improve water quality, enhance parklands, and restore natural areas in the Jamaica Bay area. In the next ten years, the City is poised to invest an additional half billion dollars to continue to improve the environmental quality of the Bay.

In the last five years, the Army Corps of Engineers has managed and provided the majority of funding for a series of wetland restoration projects in Jamaica Bay at Gerritsen Creek in Marine Park and at the salt marsh islands of Elders East and West, Yellow Bar, Black Wall, and Rulers Bar. These projects, totaling nearly \$60 million, have been conducted in collaboration with and utilizing funding from the City, NPS, the State Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Port Authority. More specifically, in Jamaica Bay during 2012, about \$20 million is being spent on restoration, \$6 million is being spent on monitoring, and about \$1 million is being spent on research.

More than 99% of the restoration funding comes from government agencies. Monitoring is funded about 60% by government agencies, 30% by grants through universities, and 10% from volunteered time by amateurs and professionals. Research is funded about 30% by government agencies, 65% by grants through universities, and 5% by volunteer professionals.

Q: Will the existing Jamaica Bay Institute budget still be available to support this new center?

A: See the first response in 2 above; this reflects the current NPS Jamaica Bay Institute budget.

## **2. Project Logistics:**

Q: What is the timeline expected for post-RFEI and the establishment of the organization?

A: Timing depends on the nature of responses and interest.

## **3. Science and research:**

Q: What are the research projects currently underway in Jamaica Bay?

A: A wide range of scientists and academics are conducting research projects in Jamaica Bay. Examples of projects underway include: Sediment nitrogen cycling (Baruch College CUNY); sea level rise (NPS, the NYC Mayor's Office, & Columbia University); eelgrass and oyster experimental restoration (NYCDEP, Cornell Cooperative Extension & NPS); bathymetry of Jamaica Bay (Stony Brook SUNY); and use of ribbed mussels for water quality enhancement, converting algae to biofuel, and building green infrastructure to manage stormwater runoff and reduce combined sewer overflows (NYCDECP).

Monitoring projects presently underway in Jamaica Bay include: Water circulation and retention modeling (NYCDEP); salt marsh restoration monitoring (USACE & NPS); effects of contaminants on fishes and invertebrates (Stony Brook SUNY & College of Staten Island CUNY); triggers of phytoplankton blooms (Stony Brook SUNY); Horseshoe Crab nesting areas (NYSDEC, NPS, & Cornell University); Harbor Herons nest colonies (NYC Audubon & NPS); and Diamondback Terrapins (Hofstra University & NPS).

Information about research projects by NPS, other government agencies, and academic institutions can be found at the Jamaica Bay Research and Management Information Network at: <http://nbii-nin.ciesin.columbia.edu/jamaicabay/index.jsp>. Additional background materials and presentations on ongoing studies are available at the website for the October 2011 State of the Bay symposium at: <http://www.nps.gov/gate/naturescience/stateofthebaysymposium.htm> In addition, descriptions of a broad variety of pilot project can be found in the New York City Department of Environmental Protection's Jamaica Bay Watershed Protection Plan Update at: [http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/jamaica\\_bay/jbwpp\\_update\\_10012010.pdf](http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/jamaica_bay/jbwpp_update_10012010.pdf).

Q: In particular what are the efforts pertaining to nitrogen reduction?

A: The City is seeking to reduce the nitrogen discharged into Jamaica Bay by nearly 50% over the next 10 years. In February 2010, the City reached an agreement with State DEC, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and other environmental groups to invest \$100 million to install new nitrogen control technologies at certain wastewater treatment plants in Jamaica Bay and another \$15 million for marshland restoration projects (some of which has already been invested in the Yellow Bar, Black Wall, and Rulers Bar restoration projects). These investments, made in concert with \$95 million the City had already committed for nitrogen control upgrades in Jamaica Bay, will significantly improve the health of one of New York City's most valuable ecological areas.

Q: Is the whole basin a combined sewer area, and how big is the "sewer shed"?

A: The Jamaica Bay Watershed is 142 square miles, and includes parts of Kings, Queens, and Nassau Counties. The "sewer shed" is only several percent larger. More than two-thirds of the NPS Jamaica Bay Unit is estuarine water and saltmarshes; the other third is uplands. In the past three centuries, urbanization caused Jamaica Bay to lose more than 90% of its saltmarshes and more than 95% of its freshwater wetlands.

Multiple CSO outfalls flow into Jamaica Bay from the combined sewer areas of Paerdegat Basin, Bergen and Thurston Basins, and Jamaica Bay & Tributaries. For CSO area maps, see PlaNYC (page 67 of <http://bit.ly/eFy6Xf>) and the NYC Green Infrastructure Plan (starting on page 65 of <http://on.nyc.gov/9U8ZnY>). The areas directly upland from the Bay, including most of the Rockaway Peninsula, are served by separate sewers or direct discharge stormwater infrastructure. For a map of the wastewater treatment plant drainage areas, see page 16 of the NYC Green Infrastructure Plan.

Q: Is the EPA involved in this effort?

A: Yes, EPA has been involved in several of the meetings leading up to the issuance of this RFEI.

Q: Will there be a citizen-scientist program?

A: We would actively encourage the formation of such a program.

Q: Is there an interest in supporting basic, process level studies?

A: Yes, but particularly if these studies contribute to the core research agenda defined for the center and also provide the basis for further applied science research and solutions.

Q: What are the expected proportions of: i. Original research ii. Monitoring of existing conditions iii. Outreach and education?

A: The institute's initial emphasis is envisioned to be on research and monitoring in the Bay, with less emphasis on education and outreach. No proportions have been set and we invite creative proposals.

## Dorms almost a reality at the **College of Staten Island**

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By **Staten Island Advance**



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American Campus Communities representative Felicia Chacaere takes info from a student inside the cafeteria building. (Staten Island Advance/Anthony DePrimo)

**Staten Island college students get information on new dorms**  
gallery (8 photos)

By TAYLOR ROSEN and STEPHANIE GRASSULLO

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Students had to commute to the **College of Staten Island** for most of its history, but the Willowbrook campus will soon offer comfortable living quarters, allowing students to walk to classes.

**CSI** is preparing to welcome 454 students to live in fully furnished apartment-style housing, the newest addition to the campus. And with 12,829 undergraduate students, getting an apartment is highly competitive.

The apartments will welcome all CUNY students, according to their general manager, Nicole Weston, soon to be Staten Island resident. "A lot of positive

energy is going around about the halls," Ms. Weston said.

"Already, 254 prospective students have signed up for the housing, and over 300 prospective students [from all over] have shown interest in housing, the majority of them in-state," explained Felicia Chachere, regional manager of the housing management company.

Two apartment buildings, conveniently located in the center of the campus, are under construction; one will have five floors, the other four. A fitness center, social and study lounges, and a computer center will be close by.

There are three kinds of apartment set-ups. The first is a two-bedroom, one bathroom; the second a three-bedroom, two-bathroom, with two single bedrooms and one double, and the final option a four-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment. One bathroom is provided for every two residents.

**Staten Island college students at dorm information event**

Residents in each apartment will share a living room and a full-sized kitchen. Cable and Internet availability will be provided in each apartment. On-site laundry facilities are also located in the buildings.

The prices vary depending on the apartment size. The cost per semester for each student for the two-bedroom is \$7,628; the three-bedroom ranges from \$5,310 to \$6,060, and the four-bedroom costs \$6,061.

Students expressed mixed feelings about the costs and benefits of living on campus.

"I think its overpriced. I would be paying more for the dorm then to go to school. I don't think it will attract a lot of people because this is people's last resort," said junior Jackie Hemmy of New Springville.

Freshman Nicholas Anderson, 18, also of New Springville, had a more positive outlook: "I think it will benefit the school, it will bring people from around the country, since the school has a lot of majors to offer. People are looking to be close to the city and we're close to the city so it will be a plus for CSI."

The new buildings have spurred a naming contest.

"Students, faculty, and staff are given the opportunity of submitting potential name ideas for the new housing," said Ms. Weston. Details are being completed, but three finalists will be eligible for prizes.

Completion is scheduled for the fall of 2013.

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## CUNY - The City University of New York

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### **CUNY Becomes Tobacco-Free**

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The City University of New York this fall becomes the largest 100 percent tobacco-free urban public university system in the United States, with a total ban on tobacco use, marketing, promotions and sports sponsorships in effect at all 24 institutions. The ban includes all forms of tobacco and chewing tobacco, as well as e-cigarettes. It applies to buildings, outdoor locations such as playing fields, entrances and exits to buildings, and parking lots.

The tobacco-free policy has rolled out campus by campus since January 2011, when the Board of Trustees voted to make all outdoor areas on campus tobacco-free. (Smoking inside facilities has been barred since Jan. 1, 1995.) Concurrently, the University expanded services to help the University community quit smoking. Available both on- and off-campus, these services are available at no or low cost to students, faculty and staff (see [www.cuny.edu/tobaccofree](http://www.cuny.edu/tobaccofree)). CUNY has nearly half a million degree- and nondegree-students and some 20,000 faculty and staff.

"Because smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States and no amount of second-hand smoke is healthy, CUNY acted early to prohibit indoor smoking," said Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost Alexandra Logue. "Particularly because of our new CUNY School of Public Health and our leading role in training a wide variety of health professionals, we take pride in setting the standard for protecting the health of our students and employees and in promoting an environment that facilitates cessation of tobacco use."

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Frank Sanchez noted that beyond wanting to improve students' and employees' health, the University's anti-tobacco stance seeks to drive home respect for others and for the environment. "When someone throws away a cigarette butt or spits out chewing tobacco, someone else has to clean it up. That doesn't show respect for campus workers or for anyone else who may see or step in tobacco litter," he said. "The best thing you can do for your health is to quit smoking, but if you can't, at least be respectful of others."

Last spring, the School of Public Health and the University's Office of Student Affairs commissioned a study of student health that included tobacco use. It found that 18.5 percent of CUNY undergraduates had used tobacco in the previous 12 months. More than 80 percent supported the University's tobacco-free policy, including more than half of the smokers; another 10 percent had no opinion. The study, funded by the city Department of Health and conducted by Baruch College's Survey Research Center, surveyed a representative sample of 1,036 undergraduates from all of CUNY's two- and four-year colleges.

The survey also found that about 55 percent of tobacco users wanted to quit and that about 44 percent had tried to quit. Here's a look at some of the campus efforts:

**College of Staten Island.** Each student seen at the Health Center is screened for tobacco use and is provided with information regarding the impact of smoking on users and nonusers. Other services include; nicotine replacement therapy; stress management; support through individual meetings with peer educators, health educators or nurses; and a partnership with Richmond University Medical Center and ASSIST (Anti-Smoking Staten Island Support Team).

City College. Services include: Harlem Hospital's Quit Smoking Department provides on-site smoking cessation and free nicotine replacement therapy; flyers sent to students, faculty and staff; information distribution in high-traffic areas and via the campus newspaper, student radio, student clubs and the Undergraduate Student Government; and workshops and informational tabling by peer health educators, among other efforts. For staff, Human Resources Department promotes smoking cessation in its newsletter and sponsors workshops.

Queens College. Services include: Individual and group cessation counseling, nicotine replacement therapy, evaluations and referrals via the Health Services Center, among other efforts.

Queensborough Community College. An array of outreach efforts includes stop-smoking tables at all major campus events; asking about tobacco use on all Health Services forms and contacts with students, faculty and staff; weekly tables to discuss nicotine-replacement therapy and distribute educational materials in high-traffic areas; group counseling sessions for faculty and staff, separate from students; in-service lectures and workshops for staff and students on the benefits of quitting tobacco; personalized online access to access the New York State Quit Line on a walk-in basis; and a partnership with Queens Hospital Center and Elmhurst Hospital Center.

The City University of New York is the nation's leading urban public university. Founded in New York City in 1847 as The Free Academy, the University has 24 institutions: 11 senior colleges, seven community colleges, the William E. Macaulay Honors College at CUNY, the Graduate School and University Center, the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism, the CUNY School of Law, the CUNY School of Professional Studies and the CUNY School of Public Health. The University serves over 271,000 degree credit students and 269,808 adult, continuing and professional education students. College Now, the University's academic enrichment program, is offered at CUNY campuses and more than 300 high schools throughout the five boroughs of New York City. The University offers online baccalaureate degrees through the School of Professional Studies and an individualized baccalaureate through the CUNY Baccalaureate Degree. More than 1 million visitors and 2 million page views are served each month by [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu), the University's website.

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## **The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor – Epidemiology (Biology)**

September 12, 2012

The Biology Department of the College of Staten Island, a senior college of the City University of New York (CUNY), is accepting applications for a tenure-track faculty member at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor, commensurate with qualifications and expertise in the field of Epidemiology. This position is anticipated to begin in September 2013. We seek applicants who can contribute to the Department's current strengths in mathematical biology, neuroscience and allied health sciences. We emphasize the collaboration of studies involving human health issues, such as breast cancer and autism with our research centers in Environmental Science and Developmental Neuroscience.

For an in-depth look at the Department of Biology, its programs, research and faculty, we encourage you to review our website: <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/departments/biology>. In addition, of notable mention, is the High Performance Computing Center located on the campus of CSI. A description of the resources available at this facility can be found at: [http://wiki.csi.cuny.edu/cunyhpc/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://wiki.csi.cuny.edu/cunyhpc/index.php/Main_Page).

The College of Staten Island is committed to a diverse work environment that reflects the multicultural makeup of our student body. The successful candidate will be committed to inclusion and excellence. The Search Committee is especially interested in candidates who can contribute, through their research, teaching and/or service, to the diversity of the academic community. Women and applicants from traditionally underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. degree in area(s) of expertise (or equivalent) in addition to productive scholarship or achievement. Applicants are expected to have postdoctoral experience as well as credentials suitable for appointment to the doctoral faculty of the CUNY Graduate Center.

The successful candidate will be expected to establish an externally-funded research program and to participate in undergraduate and graduate teaching. Also required is the shared responsibility for departmental and college service as well as the ability to interact with others in carrying out the mission of the institution. Compensation: Assistant Professor: \$42,873 – \$74,133; Associate Professor: \$55,602 – \$88,418.

CUNY offers faculty a competitive compensation and benefits package covering health insurance, pension and retirement benefits, paid parental leave, and savings programs. We also provide mentoring and support for research, scholarship, and publication as part of our commitment to ongoing faculty professional development.

To apply, please go to [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu); select "Employment" – "Search Job Listings" – "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs" – then enter the Job ID# 6471 in the "Job Opening ID" field. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must attach a letter of application, curriculum vita, statements of



research interest and teaching philosophy, and the contact information of at least three letters of reference. This job closes December 15, 2012.

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## **The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Professor, Corporate Communication**

The Department of Media Culture of the College of Staten Island (CSI) invites applications for a tenure-track position in Corporate Communication at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning Fall 2013.

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The Department of Media Culture strongly values its interdisciplinary approach, combining theory and practice in all its teaching, research and creative pursuits. It offers three degrees: BA in Cinema Studies, BS in Communications and MA in Cinema and Media Studies. Our Master's program offers faculty opportunities for seminar teaching and working with students on research and/or production theses. The department also prepares students for PhD programs in cinema and communications, as well as related disciplines in the humanities and social sciences.

The college's location in New York City enables it to draw on the vast economic and cultural resources of the city. It also provides opportunities for faculty to interact with practitioners in industry and with researchers at other colleges and universities in the metropolitan area. Opportunities exist to serve on the Doctoral Faculty of The City University of New York Graduate School in various field areas.

The successful candidate will have Ph.D or equivalent terminal degree in Communication or related fields. ABD Doctoral candidates may apply but must have PhD in hand by time of hire. Expertise is required in the critical history and theory of corporate communications (advertising, marketing, public relations), especially in regard to new digital media in non-U.S. environments. Preferred areas of study include but are not limited to privacy, consumer data, data mining, branding, commodity activism, intellectual property rights, or copyright law. Also required are demonstrated excellence in teaching, record of and continuing interest in productive scholarship, and ability to cooperate with others for the good of the institution. Professional experience in some field of corporate communications is desirable but not necessary.

This successful candidate will teach students skills applicable to careers in corporate communications, and courses on social and cultural implications of corporate-dominated communications and the potential of grassroots access to new and accessible forms of communication for both private and public sectors.

This position will primarily serve our Corporate Communications concentration, and will support concentrations in Journalism, Design & Digital Media, and Media Studies, as well as potentially contribute to our General Education and master's level curricula. The successful applicant will teach at all levels of the curriculum, in the common communications core and in specialized courses in his/her field.

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From our job posting system, select "Apply Now", create or log in to a user account, and provide the requested information. If you are viewing this posting from outside our system, please log on to [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu). Navigate to "Employment", then "Job postings on line". Find Job ID # 6475.

In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application, current curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information of three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to [facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu](mailto:facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu). This job closes November 1, 2012.

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## **The **College of Staten Island** (CUNY) – Academic Coordinator (Lecturer), Medical Technology Program (Biology)**

The Department of Biology at the **College of Staten Island** currently invites applications for a faculty position as the Academic Coordinator for the Medical Technology Program. This Lecturer position is eligible for the certificate of continuous employment (tenure) and is anticipated to begin in September 2013. The Academic Coordinator is expected to maintain or improve our status as an accredited program and, in coordination with our Clinical Director, to interface with the local hospitals for didactic training sites. She/he will also be responsible for the creation of new courses or programs as warranted

by the needs of the medical technology field, including any graduate programs. Candidates will be expected to demonstrate a strong commitment to teaching courses currently offered in the program and to play an active role in Program Development.

The Medical Technology program is registered by the State of New York Department of Education, with expansion currently underway – this includes pending approval of national accreditation by NAACLS. Further information regarding the Medical Technology Program can be found through our website: <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/catalog/undergraduate/4715.htm>. For more complete information regarding the Department of Biology, please refer to: <http://www.library.csi.cuny.edu/dept/biology/>.

Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in area(s) of expertise, and the ability to teach successfully. Ph.D. in area(s) of expertise is preferred, with concentration in biology, medical technology, or a closely related field. The qualified candidate should have experience in the disciplines of medical technology, immunology, microbiology, histology, or cell biology. ASCP certification is highly desired. The successful candidate will have interest in productive scholarship or creative achievement, and the ability to cooperate with others for the good of the institution. Compensation: \$41,435 – \$67,431; commensurate with experience.

To apply, please go to [www.cuny.edu](http://www.cuny.edu); select "Employment" – "Search Job Listings" – "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs" – then enter Job ID# 6464 in the "Job Opening ID" field. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a current curriculum vitae, as well as the contact information (including email addresses) of three referees who can attest to the applicant's ability to teach a diverse student body. This job closes December 15, 2012.

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The Department of Business is the largest department in the college with nearly 2,200 majors out of a student body of 14,000. The school's academic programs offer a wide variety of traditional liberal arts and science degrees including several Ph. D. programs. The Department of Business offers a B.S. in Accounting and a B.S. in Business with concentrations in Management, Marketing, Finance, and International Business.

The Department also offers an M.S. in Business Management and an M.S. in Accounting. This wide range of courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels allows for flexibility in teaching assignments. We offer courses in the day, evenings, and on weekends. In addition to teaching responsibilities faculty are expected to engage in departmental and college activities, schedule office hours, conduct career and academic advisement, and mentor students. Teaching responsibilities amount to 21 credits per annum but new faculty will benefit from a program of released time of up to 24 credits to allow for continued research.

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A Ph.D. is required for an appointment as Assistant or Associate Professor. Candidates for an Assistant Professor in Finance must have a Ph.D. in Finance or a closely related area of expertise, strong research skills and the potential to publish in leading academic journals. A strong commitment to teaching and classroom communication is essential. A knowledge of multimedia instructional applications, experience with business/management simulations, and business experience are desired. Candidates for Associate Professor must have, in addition, a distinguished track record of publication in leading academic journals and evidence of excellent teaching performance. Candidates who are ABD and expect to complete the Ph.D. requirements by Fall 2013, if selected, will be offered an appointment as Assistant Professor contingent on the completion of the degree.

The College of Staten Island is committed to a diverse work environment that reflects the multicultural makeup of our student body. The successful candidate will be committed to inclusion and excellence. The Search Committee is especially interested in candidates who can contribute, through their research, teaching and/or service, to the diversity of the academic community. Women and applicants from traditionally underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

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## SI principal encouraging first-grade kids to think about college

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First-graders at Staten Island's PS 41 went off to college and learned about an intriguing subject.

"They were wide-eyed," said Principal Elise Feldman of the trip to the College of Staten Island during the last school year.

It was part of the New Dorp elementary school's "We're going to College/Vamos a la Universidad" campaign to motivate youngsters to want to go to college.

"It's about a dream. It's about inspiring young children to have a goal," said Feldman, who launched the initiative last January.

College pennants hang in the classrooms of first- and second-graders who read books like "Mahalia Mouse Goes to College" by actor John Lithgow. This year, they'll meet PS 41 alumni and hear about their careers.

**START YOUNG:** Elise Feldman boosts young pupils.

"The goal of this initiative is to inspire kids to come to school every day, to work hard and to do their best," said Feldman.

She credits her partnership with PENCIL — a nonprofit that pairs business leaders with public- school principals to improve student achievement — for helping put the campaign together.

PENCIL partner Angela Hribar helped with a "career day," on which kids met a meteorologist, an ophthalmologist and a veterinarian.

There was also an expert who spoke with parents about how to make college affordable.

Hribar, an independent consultant, nominated Feldman for a New York Post Liberty Medal in the Educator category.

via SI principal encouraging first-grade kids to think about college – NYPOST.com.



## **The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Professor, High Performance Computing (Computer Science)**

September 13, 2012

The College of Staten Island, an accredited senior college of the City University of New York (CUNY), seeks applicants for appointment to a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Computer Science, in High Performance Computing. This position is for Assistant Professor and is anticipated to begin in September 2013. Applicants should demonstrate a successful teaching record, exceptional research productivity through a solid, peer-reviewed publication record; have experience initiating research projects and the credentials appropriate for appointment to the doctoral faculty of the CUNY Graduate Center. The successful candidate will be expected to establish a nationally recognized research program in collaboration with CUNY's High Performance Computing Center, located at CSI. As Assistant Professor, this individual shall share in the responsibility for committee and department assignments, performing administrative, supervisory, and other functions as may be assigned.

The College of Staten Island participates in the doctoral programs of The City University Graduate School and University Center. For more information on the Department of Computer Science and the degree programs offered through the department (B.S. – ABET accredited and M.S.), please visit our website at: <http://www.cs.csi.cuny.edu/>.

The ideal candidate will have a PhD in Computer Science or closely related discipline. Preference will be given to candidates with research and teaching interest in high performance computing, parallel computation and architectures. Applicants that demonstrate potential for attracting externally-funded research grants in these fields are particularly desired. We are especially interested in candidates with a theoretical and practical background in the development of software applications and libraries in high performance computing, to support current and/or emerging areas of research: genomics, environmental science, data intensive computing, linguistics, and other applied areas in the physical, biological, and/or social sciences.

The chosen candidate is expected to maintain a reputable academic record in theoretical and/or applied research in Computational Science; establish vigorous externally-funded research programs; demonstrate a sustained commitment to undergraduate and graduate teaching; and participate in doctoral education through the CUNY-wide program at the CUNY Graduate Center. The successful candidate shall recognize his/her shared responsibility for departmental and college service and will cooperate with others for the good of the institution. Compensation is commensurate with experience.

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## Port Authority Exhibit Shares Bitter History Of Former School For Disabled Children

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By: Amanda Farinacci



*It has been 45 years since an exposé led to public outcry about the abysmal conditions at the former Willowbrook State School on Staten Island, and now an exhibit on the former school for developmentally disabled children is on display in the Port Authority Bus Terminal. NY1's Amanda Farinacci filed the following report.*

Bernard Carabello was just three years old when he first entered the Willowbrook State School on Staten Island. He was 21 years old when he finally left what he recalls as the worst place on earth.

"I used to get beaten almost every other day," Carabello remembered.

Designed for 4,000 children, the state-supported institution was overcrowded and understaffed. Twenty five years ago this month, the facility was closed for good.

Now, Willowbrook's 45-year history is on display in an exhibit at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in Hell's Kitchen.

"Remembering Willowbrook" tells of the horrific conditions children there were forced to endure. They were used for medical testing, lived in filth, suffered physical and sexual abuse and were malnourished.

The school was eventually closed after a series of newspaper and television reports exposed the horrors and Willowbrook parents brought a class action lawsuit against the state.

"The goal of the exhibit is to raise awareness on the part of the public about the conditions at Willowbrook and the importance of including people with disabilities in the community," said Courtney Burke of the Office of People with Developmental Disabilities.

Willowbrook's closure in 1987 drastically changed the way developmentally disabled people were treated and led to federal civil rights legislation to protect them.

Henry Kennedy's daughter is developmentally disabled and says Willowbrook changed her life.

"Today is a much, much different place. Julie lives in her own home, for instance, rather than in an institution. So that, in and of itself, just speaks volumes about just how far we've come," said Kennedy.

The exhibit will be on display at the Port Authority through the end of September. It will eventually make its home at the College of Staten Island, where plans for a walking tour of the former state school grounds are in the works.

"I think we need to remember the old saying, 'You'll have to repeat history if you forget it,'" said Diane Buglioli of A Very Special Place.

That tour will be called the Willowbrook Mile, and it should be up and running by the end of the year.



## The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Web Services Librarian (Assistant Professor) – Library

**Filed in Faculty, Jobs on September 14, 2012**

The Department of the Library, at the College of Staten Island, currently seeks applicants for appointment to a tenure-track faculty position as Assistant Professor – Web Services Librarian. This position is anticipated to begin in February 2013. The successful candidate will be responsible for developing, designing, and maintaining a database-driven library website. In addition, this individual is expected to oversee the usability of the library website by preparing guidelines and assessment strategies of user interfaces. The Web Services Librarian will serve in a leadership role and work with other library faculty to develop web-based services and applications for delivering content to library users; work with the Coordinator of Electronic Resources to evaluate, acquire, manage, and promote electronic resources; coordinate library digitization projects; set standards for the creation of metadata for digital collections; and collaborate effectively with Information Technology staff members. The successful candidate is expected to pursue an active and productive academic agenda through scholarly publication, grant writing, and participation in professional conferences. For more information on the Department of the Library, please visit our website at: <http://www.library.csi.cuny.edu/about>.

The ideal candidate will have a Masters in Library Science (MLS), Masters in Library Information Studies (MLIS), or closely related discipline. A second graduate degree in addition to the MLS/MLIS from an ALA-accredited library school is required for a position as Assistant Professor. Preference will be given to candidates with at least two years of experience in an academic environment and good working knowledge of web design technologies as well as open source content management systems (i.e. Drupal, Joomla, etc.).

Applicants should demonstrate: experience with the evaluation, acquisition, and management of electronic resources; familiarity with digital media technology and metadata standards for providing access to digitized audio, video, and image collections; knowledge of trends and services in academic libraries, especially in the area of emerging social networking technologies (such as mobile apps, wikis, blogs, rss, etc.) and their effective use in an academic research environment. The successful candidate will be expected to convey an understanding of information-seeking behaviors in an academic research environment with respect to effective web interface design, including information architecture, navigation, usability, and accessibility. Strong presentation, interpersonal skills (both verbal and written), negotiating skills, and the ability to work with and train staff with varying levels of technical ability are especially desired.

Compensation: \$42,873 – \$74,133; commensurate with qualifications.

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## Japanese exchange students close out **College of Staten Island** stay

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**Diane C. Lore/Staten Island Advance**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **WILLOWBROOK** - **College of Staten Island** (CSI) students began the semester by bidding "sayonara" to a group of Japanese exchange students who spent the past month in New York studying American culture.

**CSI's** English Language Institute (ELI) hosted 26 students from Meiji University in Tokyo as part of its Ambassador program. The students stayed with host families. Although they spent much of their time studying English and learning about American history and culture, they did get off Staten Island and into Manhattan to experience New York's unique sights and sounds.



Japanese students Lijie Long, left, and Kai Tateishi, from Meiji University in Tokyo, were part of a group of 26 students who visited the **College of Staten Island** through the English Language Institute ambassador program. (Photo courtesy **College of Staten Island**/Ken Bach)

To introduce them to the concept of community service, students also spent part of their stay volunteering at Clove Lakes Health Care and Rehabilitation Center in Castleton Corners, where they did arts and crafts activities with residents and helped look after the flowers and plants growing in the center's greenhouse. The visits were coordinated by Eileen Bardel, volunteer coordinator for Clove Lakes.

In their down time, students went shopping at the Staten Island Mall and elsewhere. The Apple store was a favorite; at least one student sported a brand-new Mac laptop. They noted that prices are cheaper here than in Tokyo, and were surprised to find that most Americans pay by credit card rather than cash, which is the preferred method in Japan.

On one of their last days on campus, **CSI** and ELI staff treated the exchange students and their host families to a send-off dinner in the Green Dolphin Lounge.

Asked by staff what was their favorite experience during the visit, several students said they were most impressed with Times Square.

Goki Sakata, a native of Tokyo who is studying Global English, said he was "amazed" by the number of people out in Times Square at any one time.

Kai Tateishi, another visiting student, said he was impressed with the buildings, the giant colorful ads displayed and the sheer amount of people gathered in "the crossroads of the world."

Barbara Clark, deputy director for CSI's Center for International Service, had the last word as she finished her good-byes by telling students that they would "be in our hearts forever."

### ***WE'RE BACK***

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## Staten Island Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America held its 36th annual show on Willowbrook campus Sunday

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By **Mark D. Stein/Staten Island Advance**



This vintage, rusted Ford pickup truck was spotted near one of the access points to the 36th annual car show at the College of Staten Island, Willowbrook, hosted by the Antique Automobile Club of America. The truck was joined by hundreds of other vehicles from various eras, as well as 3,000 people. (Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein)

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - **WILLOWBROOK** - America's proud automotive history once again came to life.

Thousands of visitors took advantage of a sun-drenched Sunday this past weekend and attended the 36th annual car show hosted by the Staten Island Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America (SIRAACA).

The event at the College of Staten Island (CSI) featured about 500 vehicles whose model years ranged from the 1930s and up. Each automobile boasted its own distinct style and triggered a trip down memory lane for many.

Brooklyn resident Duke Richards was one of an estimated 3,000 visitors who took in the sights from the car show, which lasted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

He admired the ability of owners to "take something from the factory and make it even better," and commended each person who brought a car, for their commitment.

"There's got to be some very supportive wives out here," he said, laughing. "Absolutely."

### 'DIFFERENT TIME'

Richards noted the "sweet-lookin' " cars take him back to his high-school days in the late 1960s and early



1970s.

"It was a different time," he said, adding that cars like the ones seen at CSI this past weekend are a rare commodity in Brooklyn.

Vinny Esposito, the owner of a 1956 Chevy Nomad, explained that he spent 14 months working on the vehicle "from the ground up."

"It's a hobby, and I just like cars. People really get into them around here," said Esposito, of New Jersey, who also visits big shows in Georgia and Virginia.



Ford Mustangs were positioned near a double-decker bus from the New York Transit Museum. (Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein)

Esposito and hundreds of other car enthusiasts showing off their hard work and creativity were judged by the SIRAACA and placed in the running for numerous awards and trophies available. About 300 trophies were up for grabs. Cars occupied several sections of CSI's parking lots near Forest Hill Road.

The SIRAACA grades vehicles in two different categories: Stock cars, which are crafted to resemble a car's original form, or street cars, which can include a different engine, tires, wheels and interior.

"There's a bunch of different sets of combinations," explained Phil Boffa, treasurer of the Staten Island-based club.

## GOOD CAUSE

Boffa, a Staten Island native now living in New Jersey, called the turn-out "unbelievable."

"The cars that come back to the show get better and better each year. The quality of the cars is outstanding," he noted.

He said all money raised from the event by the Staten Island Region, a registered 501(c)(3) group founded in 1974, will assist the Emergency Children's Help Organization (ECHO). Last year's show contributed to the G.R.A.C.E. Foundation of New York, and the year before, Project Homefront. The club prides itself on helping an organization each year.

A 1986 Chevrolet Camaro Z28 was raffled off at the show.



Frank Priolo of Westerleigh showed off his 1989 Pontiac Turbo Trans Am. A second-year participant, Priolo said it's a great show to visit.

"You get to see everything here," he said.

Prince's Bay resident Mike Martucci often visits shows to take in the beauty of cars no longer manufactured.

"They don't make these cars anymore. There's nothing even like them anymore," said Martucci, once an owner of a silver 1985 Chevrolet El Camino. "The real thing is here. I grew up with these cars. I drove these cars when they were worth nothing."

Now 52, Martucci said he began working on vehicles when he was 13. His older brother taught him.

"Now, we just look," laughed Martucci, who also visits car shows at Monsignor Farrell High School in Oakwood. "This is a great get-together. It's good exercise, you see old friends."

For more information, visit [\*\*http://local.aaca.org/siraaca\*\*](http://local.aaca.org/siraaca).

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## The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Computational Molecular Biology (Biology)

Filed in Faculty, Jobs on September 19, 2012

The Department of Biology at the College of Staten Island (CSI) invites applications for a faculty position in Computational Molecular Biology. This position is anticipated to begin in September 2013. Candidates should be collaboratively-minded and demonstrate enthusiasm for research and teaching at the interface of the quantitative sciences and molecular biology.

The ideal candidate is expected to illustrate a strong commitment to research in the area of computational molecular biology, including but not limited to innovative, computational, and statistical approaches for integrative analysis of systems, through cellular and/or molecular level data derived from functional genomic investigations. This strategy will be used to elucidate molecular signatures in cancers, neurological diseases, and/or genetic diseases in terms of DNA alterations, RNA profiles, proteomic signatures, and functional responses. To facilitate this research, this individual shall have access to CUNY's High Performance Computing Center (located on the campus of CSI) and will work collaboratively with members of the Developmental Neuroscience and Environmental Centers. She/he will be responsible for teaching courses currently offered in the department and will play an active role in the development of the biology/bioinformatics program. She/he will also be responsible for the creation of new courses and/or programs (including graduate programs) as warranted by the needs of the computational molecular biology field.

Further information regarding the biology/bioinformatics program can be found through our website: <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/catalog/undergraduate/biology.htm#o3729> . For more complete information regarding the Department of Biology, please refer to <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/departments/biology/> .

Required qualifications include a Ph.D. in Biological Sciences and at least two (preferably five) years of post-doctoral research experience. Qualified candidates will demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the principles and theories of molecular biology, maintain excellent analytical, organizational communication and programming skills, and illustrate an exemplary record of publication in peer-reviewed journals.

The successful candidate will be expected to have credentials suitable for appointment to the doctoral faculty of the CUNY Graduate Center; establish an extramurally funded research program; and participate in graduate and undergraduate teaching. In addition, this individual shall recognize his/her shared responsibility for departmental and college service and will cooperate with others for the good of the institution. Compensation: Assistant Professor: \$42,873 – \$74,133; Associate Professor: \$55,602 – \$88,418.

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## The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Professor, Geography for GIS

Filed in Faculty, Jobs on September 20, 2012

The Department of Political Science, Economics, and Philosophy at the College of Staten Island (CSI) invites applications for a tenure-track position in Geographic Information Science at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning Fall 2013. Specialization in Urban, Population, or Environmental Geography that incorporate GIS applications is preferred.

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Qualifications include a Ph.D. degree in geography or a closely related field is required at time of appointment. We seek a geographer with a strong teaching record with an ability to communicate geography to a diverse student body, research skills, and a commitment to GIS. In addition to responsibility for teaching introductory and intermediate GIS, the successful candidate will also be expected to teach general education Geography courses, upper division courses in his or her area of specialization, and support the university's interdisciplinary priorities; pursue an active research and publication program; and perform departmental and college service. The college does not currently have a Geography Major, but it is developing one. The successful candidate will be expected to design courses in preparation for the development of the Major and help to build the program. Affiliation with the CUNY graduate program is possible. Salary range: \$55,017 – \$74,133; commensurate with experience.

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## Staten Island traffic court is toughest in city

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**Michael Sedon/Staten Island Advance**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- If you're thinking about fighting a traffic ticket at the DMV court in Travis, don't bother. The odds are against you.

By the numbers, Judge Brian Levine is the toughest administrative judge employed by the state Department of Motor Vehicles, with an 87.1 percent conviction rate.

And his two colleagues, who preside over the Richmond County Court, are also

among the toughest judges to face, based on their conviction rates of 71.3 and 74 percent.

Only six other judges of the city's total of 49 -- one in the Bronx, one in North Queens and four in South Brooklyn -- have conviction rates in the low 70 percent range.

Most other administrative judges in the Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn districts have conviction rates in the mid-60 percent range.

Motorists in Manhattan seem to have the best chance of beating a ticket; judges in the north and south districts there have conviction rates in the low- to mid-50 percent range, including Judge Steven Kolodny, whose conviction rate is 45.7 percent for 12,631 contested hearings.



Staten Island Advance photo

By the numbers, Judge Brian Levine is the toughest administrative judge employed by the state Department of Motor Vehicles, with an 87.1 percent conviction rate.

No other judge even breaks the 80 percent barrier, making Levine far and away the roughest judge in the city.

Sal Noto of Dongan Hills was dropping off his daughter at the College of Staten Island one morning when an officer ticketed him for cutting off traffic entering the school. He took pictures at the scene, and provided those as proof showing where his car was at the time, maintaining that he made a proper turn. He was found guilty.

"A ticket like this, an improper turn, is going to maybe add 10 percent to my insurance for the next three years," Noto said. "I don't think it's fair. If anything, somebody should put traffic cops there in the morning to help people get into the college."

"The judge is favoring the cops, in my opinion," Noto continued.

For years, Islanders have complained to the Advance that Levine gives preference to the police, and his conviction rate -- especially when compared to other New York City traffic judges -- doesn't offer a defense against that claim.

Levine presided over 11,574 contested cases in 2011 and ruled that motorists were guilty in 10,078 -- a conviction rate of 87.1 percent, according to information obtained from the state DMV through a Freedom of Information Law request.

"His conviction rate and fines are disproportionate to the cases he does, and he should be taken off the bench," said a traffic lawyer, who did not wish to be identified, outside DMV court.

William Lee, a traffic judge in North Queens, had the next-closest caseload, with 11,506 contested cases and a 66.1 percent conviction rate.

Levine also far and away leads in fines, with a total of \$1,057,290 issued last year. Judge Paul Shur in North Brooklyn, who presided over 10,096 contested cases in 2011, came in second, with \$648,832 in fines -- a difference of more than \$408,000.

Charles Peterson, an Island attorney with more than 50 years' experience, remembers a time when motorists were not punished in such vast numbers.

"It's income-producing now," Peterson said. "He [Levine] feels that he is holding the line. I can't say I don't like him; I don't like appearing before him."

Peterson, who had offices in Bloomfield, now helps other attorneys handle some cases.

Levine also is a leader in discretionary license suspensions, cases where the law does not dictate that a license must be suspended. He took 319 licenses last year, compared to North Queens Judge Carol Haber who suspended 280 licenses at her discretion.

After letting a friend use her car while she was at work, a resident who did not wish to be identified for the story because she felt it wouldn't help her case was given a license suspension.

The arresting officer stated to Levine during the hearing that the driver he pulled over did not show identification, but that didn't stop Levine from suspending this woman's driving privilege for driving without a license and insurance.

"It wasn't me driving," she said, outside Travis traffic court. "He clearly said the person did not show ID. It's unfair, because if a person didn't show ID, how can you sit there and say it was me?"

With conditions on Route 440 and the Staten Island Expressway, Peterson feels that ticketing motorists here is like shooting "fish in a barrel," and worries that the "draconian treatment" has the potential to taint the jury pool for criminal cases.

The attorney is concerned that the anger motorists feel after leaving the Travis court doesn't dissipate, and if they are chosen as jurors in the future they will be less likely to believe police testimony -- based on their prior bad experiences.

The DMV declined to allow Levine be interviewed for this story.

"I find that for the last number of years that [Levine] has sat down there, that Staten Islanders are not given a fair shot to have their cases heard by an unbiased judge," said Phil Fox, a transit activist from Annadale. "Residents have concluded that the DMV and governor's office are more interested in collecting fines than giving motorists a fair hearing."

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## The City University of New York – Cooperating Math Teacher for CUNY Start

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CUNY Start is an intensive program for incoming college students, both high school and GED, who need to increase their academic proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics prior to enrollment in college credit classes. The CUNY Office of Academic Affairs, six of the University's seven community colleges and the College of Staten Island work collaboratively to provide students with an innovative approach to developmental education. CUNY Start is recognized for its carefully designed curriculum and pedagogy, ongoing professional development and a supportive teacher approach.

The Cooperating Math Teacher position is a paid training opportunity to learn and use a successful, student-centered approach and curriculum with CUNY students who have significant remedial math needs. The Cooperating Math Teacher reports to a Lead Math Teacher and is responsible for learning/supporting the work of the Lead Teacher in implementing the CUNY Start Mathematics curriculum.

CUNY Start offers two types of programs: a Monday–Friday daytime program from 9am–3pm and a Monday–Thursday afternoon/evening program from 2pm–9pm. CUNY Start programs are located on 7 CUNY campuses: Borough of Manhattan Community College, Bronx Community College, College of Staten Island, Hostos Community College, Kingsborough Community College, LaGuardia Community College and Queensborough Community College.

Cooperating Math Teachers may be eligible to apply for full-time Core teacher positions at several CUNY campuses in Fall 2013.

### Responsibilities:

- Study lesson plans thoroughly in advance of all classes.
- Observe classes and assist the Lead Teacher in working with students.
- Observe and assist in CUNY Start math classes at other CUNY campuses.
- Lead an increasing number of classroom activities over the course of the training semester.
- Tutor students outside of class time at one or more campuses.
- Attend and participate in regular professional development meetings.
- Assist in student conferences, orientation, testing, and recruitment.
- Attend and participate in team meetings with advisors and teachers.
- Other related duties as required.

### Requirements:

- Must be open to implementing a set curriculum and pedagogical approach that builds students' conceptual understanding of mathematics beyond their knowledge of procedures.



- Teaching experience in adult education and/or developmental skills preferred.
- Experience working with diverse, urban populations strongly preferred.
- Must be able to receive and incorporate feedback.
- Must be able to travel to multiple CUNY campuses.
- Bachelor's degree minimum, master's degree preferred.

Employment:

- Approximately 25 hours per week.
- \$33.18 per hour and includes family health benefits and optional pension plan.
- Appointment period: January 2013– July/August 2013 or approximately 6 months from appointment date.

To Apply: Submit the following items

- A copy of a mathematics lesson plan that reveals some element of your teaching and learning values
- A cover letter and resume
- A list of your top 3 choices for campus placement and indicate your willingness to work at all campuses. Also note whether you prefer a day or afternoon/evening program and your willingness to work in either program. Please note that we cannot guarantee an applicant's requested campus or schedule as a placement, but we will try to accommodate an applicant's request whenever possible.
- Send all materials to Rachel Oppenheimer at [cunystart@mail.cuny.edu](mailto:cunystart@mail.cuny.edu), with "Cooperating Math Teacher" in the subject line of your email.

Additional information about CUNY Start can be found at [www.cuny.edu/cunystart](http://www.cuny.edu/cunystart).

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## College of Staten Island to host election information panel Tuesday

Friday, September 28, 2012, 11:26 AM



**Judy L. Randall**  
By

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Still unsure who should get your vote for president?

Or still trying to parse the details of health care reform, or understand how things could have gone so wrong with the economy?

Then consider attending a free panel discussion on all of the above, and a lot more, Tuesday night at the College of Staten Island.

CSI is hosting a non-partisan panel in hopes of empowering voters for the Nov. 6 election.

The open-to-the-public event will be held in the Center for the Arts (1P) Lecture Hall at 7 p.m.

Among the topics on the table will be: the economy; health care and the Affordable Care Act; voter suppression and the voting process; tax reform and student loan interest rates.

CSI professors Richard Flanagan, who teaches political science, and Calvin Holder, who teaches history, will address the issues of jobs and the economy, health care and tax reform. Holder will also discuss the disenfranchisement of African Americans in the South from the 1890s to the 1960s, and the impact it had on their lives.

In addition, members of the League of Women Voters will address voter registration and voter suppression. And Finda Gbollie of the Legal Aid Society of New York will speak about student loans and interest rates.



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Associated Press

The College of Staten Island is hosting a non-partisan panel Tuesday in hopes of empowering voters for the Nov. 6 election, when voters must choose between President Obama and GOP challenger Mitt Romney.

The event will be co-sponsored by the New York Urban League, the NAACP, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the CSI Academy of Retired Professors and the CSI SEEK Program.

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## College of Staten Island (CUNY) – New Student Orientation & Residential Life Specialist (Student Life Specialist)

Filed in Administrative, Jobs on September 29, 2012

Job ID: 6646

Location: College of Staten Island

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

The Division of Student Affairs includes the following areas: Career & Scholarship Center; Center for the Arts; Children's Center; Counseling Center; Health and Wellness Services; CSI Association; Center for Student Accessibility; Liberty Partnership Program; New Student Orientation; Pluralism & Diversity; Athletics & Campus Recreation; Student Life; SEEK Program; Student Veterans Center; COPE; and LGBTQ Resource Center.

Reporting to the Director of New Student Orientation and Residential Life, the New Student Orientation & Residential Life Specialist is responsible for the following:

- Provides information and referral services to current students, prospective students and family members.
- Provides administrative, operational and program development support to New Student Orientation and Residential Life.
- Collaborates with Admissions, Academic Support, Testing Center for Advising and Academic Success, Verrazano School Program, CUNYStart and OIT to determine student “invites” for students that are in compliance of meeting the eligibility criteria.
- Works with many campus constituencies across the division, including departmental faculty members, students and off-campus communities.
- Serves as a member of the FYE Committee and the FYE Sub-Committee.
- Hires, trains, supervises and develops mentors and orientation leaders.
- Works collaboratively on planning and implementing pluralism and diversity workshops and events for the campus community.

#### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

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

#### COMPENSATION

\$46,302 – \$53,032

#### 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](http://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

October 28, 2012

#### JOB SEARCH CATEGORY

CUNY Job Posting: Managerial/Professional

# ***Students & Alumni***

# ***Students***

## Staten Island poet featured in new poetry project

Saturday, September 01, 2012, 1:38 PM



**Tracey Porpora/Staten Island Advance**  
By



Photo Courtesy of Poetry Observed

Thomas Fucaloro reciting his poem that will be part of the Poetry Observed project.

STATEN ISLAND -- As a student at the College of Staten Island, Thomas Fucaloro, 35, became intrigued with poetry through the often satiric sonnets and free verses of E.E. Cummings.

After becoming heavily involved with the Staten Island poetry community for many years -- including "Slam," a poetry group that competes nationally -- Fucaloro, an Annadale resident, is the only borough representative in a new poetic endeavor called "**Poetry Observed.**"

"Poetry Observed will be like music videos without the music. It will feature poetry instead," said Fucaloro, who is one of 10 poets involved in the project. He also is the author of "Inheriting Crazyiness" (Three Rooms Press, 2010).

Spearheading the Poetry Observed project is Todd Anderson, 24, who said its goal is to "spread engagement, excitement and relevance of poetry in an age where people don't read as much, and they watch a lot more on the Internet."

He said the project will consist of professional videos of live poetry performances that will be submitted to film festivals, shown at screenings throughout the city, and will be accessible on the Internet. "Poetry was slow to adapt to video and multimedia. The poetry videos you'd typically see were taken on people's cell phones at an event," said Anderson, a Brooklyn resident who filmed 10 poetry videos in Minnesota while attending Carlton College.

He is currently in the process of incorporating the project as a non-profit. "We just finished fundraising for our New York series and already shot four of those videos," he said. Fucaloro's poem, "When You Sow What You Reap You Have a Nice Comfy Blanket" is one of the videos already shot as part of the project.



Self describing his work as "Green Armpit Poetry" -- a term coined by Allen Ginsberg -- Fucaloro said, "It's very raw, and very much of its own mindset. My poetry consists of a plethora of images."

Fucaloro's Poetry Observed poem was filmed in a grassy meadow on property now owned by Wagner College on Grymes Hill. "There was a former monastery behind Wagner College where I was going to do a poem, but it was leveled so we decided the grass and nature might be a better setting," he said.

He hopes the project will create a higher awareness of the art of poetry. "Poetry is a medium that a lot of people know about, but they aren't introduced to it. And when they are introduced to it, it's in a 'boring way,'" said Fucaloro. "This project has more 'glimmer and glitz.' Poetry needs an ear in the world we live in now, and sometimes you need to give a visual along with the sound."



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## Investors Bank names Mark Noto, a Staten Island resident, a senior VP

Sunday, September 16, 2012, 5:36 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- Mark Noto of New Dorp has been promoted to senior vice president of business lending for Investors Bank.

Noto will manage Investors' growing team of business lenders who are serving middle market companies in the New York-New Jersey metropolitan area. He will be based in the bank's downtown Brooklyn office and report to Investors' Chief Lending Officer Richard Spengler.

Noto brings 28 years of banking and finance experience to his new position. Prior to joining Investors, Mr. Noto served as senior vice president at Banco Popular North America in New York City, where he was responsible for Business Banking and Commercial Real Estate.

He also served as vice president/group head of Middle Market Lending at European American Bank and as senior vice president/area manager at Fleet Bank Small Business Services. He began his banking career with National Westminster Bank USA, where he rose to become vice president, corporate banking.

He currently serves as a Loan Committee member of the New York State Economic Development Council, which is the state's principal organization for economic development professionals.

In the community, Mr. Noto has served as a board member for Neighborhood Housing of New York City, New York Industries for the Blind, and The Staten Island Zoological Society.

He earned his bachelor's degree in economics at Fordham University in 1983.

Headquartered in Short Hills, N.J., Investors Bank is a full-service community bank that has been serving customers since 1926.

**Allstate honors Todd Cameron**

Todd Cameron of Toms River, N.J., an Allstate exclusive agency owner, has been designated an Allstate Premier Service Agent for 2012.

Bestowed upon less than one-third of Allstate's agency force, this prestigious service designation was presented to Cameron for his commitment to putting the customer at the center of his agency's work.

The Cameron Agency is based in Huguenot.

The Premier Service Agency designation is awarded to Allstate agency owners who have consistently demonstrated excellence in delivering an accessible, knowledgeable and personal customer experience, and in achieving outstanding business results.



**Family Photo**

**Stephanie Geraci**

### **Stephanie Geraci graduates from CSI**

Stephanie Geraci of Richmond has graduated magna cum laude from the College of Staten Island with a bachelor's degree in music performance.

She received the Ted McIrvine Memorial Award and the Performing and Creative Department Award for music. She was named to the dean's list for the past two

years.

Miss Geraci currently works for the Rustic Music Center, teaching violin and piano. She plans to pursue a master's degree in music education from Hunter College in Manhattan.

### **Sylvia Clark earns research award**

Sylvia Clark of Sunnyside was recently recognized at the Dean's Dinner for St. John's University's Tobin College.

Clark received the Outstanding Research Award for 2011-2012. The recognition was given for her award-winning article titled, "Peeling the Onion' Called Student Performance: An Investigation into the Factors Affecting Student Performance in an Introductory Accounting Class". The article will be published in an upcoming Review of Business.

Dr. Clark has been a faculty member at St. John's University for 15 years.

## In-house TV station at Staten Island's Monsignor Farrell nets scholarships from MSG Varsity

Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 12:28 PM



**Michael Anderson**  
By



Photo Courtesy of Monsignor Farrell High School

Members of Monsignor Farrell TV station WFBN are all smiles after being awarded Media Creation Scholarships from the MSG Network. Attending the ceremony were, rear from left, principal Monsignor Edmund Whalen, Austin Krauza, Andrew Anderson, Tom Gilmore and Brother Paul Hannon. Front from left, are Steven Mezzacappa, Peter Kennedy and Kevin Carey of MSG.

OAKWOOD -- Students at Monsignor Farrell High School have the chance to watch daily news and sports updates from the school's in-house WFBN-TV studios.

However, this past year, more of New York City had that chance as the station teamed with MSG Varsity to include interviews and stories for the Website and television broadcasts.

The network students, Steven Mezzacappa, Peter Kennedy, Austin Krauza, Tom Gilmore and Andrew Anderson, worked hard all year delivering the information and were rewarded for their effort, receiving Media Creation Scholarships from MSG Network. Farrell was the only Staten Island school to receive the scholarships.

"It definitely made me feel great. With WFBN, it's good to see your friends watch you. However, with MSG Varsity, it was great to have other friends, as well as your family, see it for themselves, and see what I do all the time," said Kennedy, a Bulls Head resident who just began his freshman year at the College of New Jersey majoring in communications.

While some may think being on TV is a cool hobby, the anchors looked at the opportunity to prepare for their future.

"The experience was a lot of fun. It really helped me grow up as a person and it gave me leadership skills," said Richmond resident Mezzacappa, a Penn State freshman majoring in civil engineering. "The big point is

when you're an engineer sometimes you have to explain things, and the people you're talking to are not as technically-minded, so this helped me learn how to communicate with them better."

"One day I'm hoping to run meetings and working at the station helped me with my speaking skills and working as a team," added the 18-year-old former lead anchor. Mezzacappa was the 2012 Staten Island Varsity Club Award winner and the Andrew Barberi Scholarship Award winner for his prowess on, and off, the football field (two-time Advance All Star).

"It definitely was a big influence on my choice to be a communications major. I always wanted to do TV and radio my whole life. It really made me want to do it even more," said the 17-year-old Kennedy, who was WFBN's co-anchor and sports anchor while playing for the Farrell football and baseball teams. "I'm not sure if it was one thing about WFBN. It was a mixture of everything. I loved sports and I knew I wanted to be a sports anchor."

"Being on TV almost every morning was cool," he added. "Plus, we had the opportunity to go on great trips and meet some great people. All together, that's what made me want to do it."

Kevin Carey, MSG Varsity's regional manager, presented the awards to the quintet while Farrell principal Monsignor Edmund Whalen and Brother Paul Hannon attended.

"Since Farrell Television become a partner with MSG Varsity, my broadcast students have been encouraged to create and produce not only videos, but articles or a photo gallery on the Farrell school community to be viewed on the MSG Varsity website," said Hannon, the founder and executive producer of Farrell Broadcasting. "MSG Varsity is not just about athletics. This past season, the Farrell broadcast students had video highlights of Farrell student life; such as Special Olympics, the blood drive and the spring musical. I'm so proud of the five students who received scholarships that we were the only school on the Island to receive such recognition."

Great Kills resident Krauza, the former studio manager, is a freshman in the Macaulay Honors College University Scholars Program at the College of Staten Island while editors Gilmore, of Richmond, and Anderson, of Huguenot, are Farrell seniors already making plans to continue to produce videos for MSG Varsity, as well as getting ready to broadcast for the 15th season for WFBN, according to Hannon, a West Brighton resident.

To view the Farrell content, visit [www.msgvarsity.com](http://www.msgvarsity.com) and search Monsignor Farrell.

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## DAILY NEWS

Thousands of young immigrants who applied for deferred action program are awaiting text message notifying them if they can stay in country  
**More than 82,000 have applied for program, U.S. Citizen and Immigration Service says**

BY **ERICA PEARSON** / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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CRAIG WARGA/NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

*Daniela Alulema, of New York State Youth Leadership Coalition, says many people have applied for “deferred action” status, but the \$465 fee can be too high for many immigrant families.*

It's the text message that could change their lives.

Tens of thousands of young immigrants who came here illegally as children are waiting to hear from the feds after applying for work permits and deportation reprieves under a new program.

More than 82,000 have applied for the “deferred action” program, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service said.

Only 29 have been approved so far. The first to come forward is Carlos Martinez, 30, who was notified last week that he can stay and work in the U.S. for two years. “I felt like crying,” Martinez, who has two engineering degrees but couldn’t work because he’s undocumented, told the Arizona Republic.

Many others are anxiously awaiting a text message telling them about action on their case. Officials said the initial approvals happened sooner than they expected, adding that full reviews could take up to six months.

John, a College of Staten Island student who left Nigeria for Brooklyn when he was 2, sent in his \$465 application Aug. 20. On Tuesday, he had fingerprints taken at a service center; he’s one of 60,000 who

have appointments for that step in the application process. Next comes a background check and final review.

“I’m happy, but I don’t want to get my hopes up too high yet,” said the graphic design student, who did not want his last name used. The new program does not provide a green card or a path to citizenship. But John can use a work permit to get a Social Security card and then apply for a driver’s license.

Daniela Alulema, 25, who helps run the New York State Youth Leadership Coalition, said many of the group’s members have applied, but attendance at workshops has dropped recently.

“People are scared of applying, for fear of jeopardizing their families,” she said. “Also the fees are pretty high. For an immigrant family, it’s a lot of money.”

Applicants must be between 15 and 30, have lived in the U.S. since June 15, 2007, and be in school, have graduated or have a GED. To qualify for the two-year, renewable program, they must have arrived in the U.S. before they were 16.

# ***Alumni***



## Author Writes of the Importance of Dreams

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

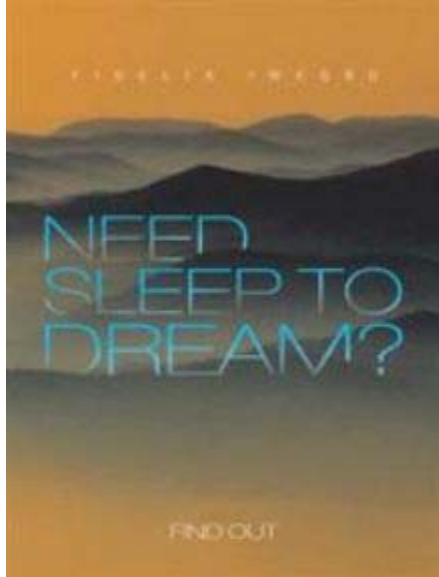


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*Fidelia Iwegbu pens new book on dreams, 'Need Sleep to Dream?'*

Round Rock, TX (PRWEB) September 04, 2012

Famed psychologist Sigmund Freud once said that whether intended or not, everyone is a poet – speaking of one's ability to dream. In her new book, "[http://www.amazon.com/Need-Sleep-Dream-Find-Out/dp/1475926383/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_title\\_0](http://www.amazon.com/Need-Sleep-Dream-Find-Out/dp/1475926383/ref=tmm_pap_title_0)">Need Sleep to Dream?: Find Out" (published by iUniverse), author Fidelia Iwegbu shares her own thoughts and outlooks on man's ability to dream.

In "Need Sleep to Dream?," Iwegbu states that everyone enters into the dream world involuntarily, and that people should in fact pay attention to their dreams.

Iwegbu's message to her readers:

You see, precious readers, it is because dreams and visions are very mysterious. Some people occasionally see visions, but every body, both old and young, dreams at least five dreams every night or day whether we remember them or not come wake up.

For this reason let's go into the dream world and see if we can unravel the dream mysteries with the lights that we will shade into this mysterious dream world. By so doing, it might be possible that we could expand our knowledge in dreams and visions.

Upon reading "Need Sleep to Dream?," readers are sure to take a more interested look into their dreams and learning what each means to them spiritually and circularly.

### About the Author

[Fidelia Iwegbu graduated with a degree from the College of Staten Island, N.Y., where she lived for over 20 years, currently residing in Texas with her mother and son. She is back in school earning another healthcare degree in healthcare administration and management. She is also author of "Are we really Human?", "Money! Is it the root of all evil?" and "Why Marry?"

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## A Connecticut Yankee: John Filippelli helps build YES into TV powerhouse Greenwich man helps bring New York Yankees to the world from Stamford studios

David Fierro

Saturday, September 29, 2012

STAMFORD -- [John Filippelli](#) had worked in TV production on the Olympics, the Super Bowl and the World Series.

In his business, he had already won the gold medal, the Vince Lombardi Trophy and the championship ring.

Yet there he was in the fall of 2001, just four months before he was expected to go live with a 24-hour regional sports network. He had little more than a yellow legal pad covered with scrawled ideas and a single office for a half-dozen staff members.

"The expectations were huge, and the ticking clock was our constant adversary," said Filippelli, who has resided in Greenwich for 30 years.

Coming off gigs at ABC Sports, [Fox Sports](#), [NBC Sports](#) and The Baseball Network, Filippelli joined the new, Stamford-based Yankees Entertainment and Sports Network as executive vice president of production and programming in September 2001.

"I remember thinking when I first started here that I was a production person, not a programming person," Filippelli said while sitting in his spacious corner office at YES' Stamford headquarters overlooking the water on Harbor Drive. "I had not programmed anything, and there I was in charge of programming for the network. I had a yellow pad and I just started writing down names of people I wanted to hire and a bunch of ideas."

Some of those ideas made the starting lineup on the journey from scratch pad to screen. A decade after those humble beginnings and under Filippelli's leadership, YES has collected 60 New York Emmy Awards and is the most-watched regional sports network in the United States, a distinction it has held for nine years.

Responsible for all aspects of the network's on-air content, Filippelli, known as "Flip," is one of the faces of YES even though he doesn't appear in front of the camera.

"I never worked for someone who has as much passion for what he does as Flip does," said [Mike Webb](#), YES senior director of broadcast operations. "Flip is very innovative and has a strong ability to identify talent. He always supports you and has your back."

## BASEBALL IN HIS BLOOD

Though he has been involved in the production and direction of numerous sports during his 37-year career, Filippelli has a special affinity for baseball.

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Filippelli was born a Dodgers fan. It also didn't hurt that his father owned a bar across the street from Ebbets Field.

"Gil Hodges, Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Don Newcombe -- they would all come into the bar and mingle with the fans," Filippelli said of Brooklyn Dodgers legends. "It was different back then. That's what some of the players did."

When the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles following the 1957 season, Filippelli changed allegiances and began rooting for the Bronx Bombers.

"My first strong baseball memory was Don Larsen's perfect game in the 1956 World Series," Filippelli said. "The (Pittsburgh Pirates') Bill Mazeroski home run that beat the Yankees in the 1960 World Series was my first baseball heartbreak. That's the age when I really developed some sort of understanding for the game."

Filippelli's first job in sports came when he began working as a vendor at Yankee Stadium as a 16-year-old, selling peanuts and hot dogs while hoping to catch a glimpse of action on the diamond.

"I loved all sports, but really had a passion for baseball," Filippelli said. "I never thought I would have a career in the world of sports though."

## GETTING THE CALL

A graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn, where he played baseball, Filippelli attended City University of New York-College of Staten Island before beginning his career as a desk assistant at NBC Sports in 1974.

A promotion to associate director at NBC Sports in 1976 gave him access to the diamond.

"The ability to talk to baseball managers and players and getting that inside knowledge furthered my passion for the game," he said. "Sitting on the bench before the game talking pitching with Sandy Koufax and hitting with Mickey Mantle was a great education."

Filippelli spent two decades at NBC Sports, learning the business from his mentor, the late Harry Coyle -- a director who pioneered the on-air look of televised baseball.

During his 42-year career, Coyle introduced the use of hand-held cameras, player and fan reactions, close-ups and a center-field camera, enabling viewers to follow the path of a pitch all the way into the catcher's mitt.

"Harry was the father of televised baseball," Filippelli said. "He invented the type of televised coverage we still use today. He was a pioneer."

While at NBC in the early 1980s, Filippelli displayed his own innovative flair. During a Yankees game, Coyle asked Filippelli to show a replay of [Dave Winfield](#) running out a triple. Thinking out of the box, Filippelli opted to do the replay in full speed for the first time -- a type of replay that's seen in practically every televised baseball game today.

"Why show speed in slow motion?" Filippelli said. "I knew it was something different."

He continued to take chances and his career continued to rise. After serving as lead producer at NBC Sports for four World Series, several All-Star Games and the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul, South Korea, Filippelli moved on to the short-lived Baseball Network (1993-95) as coordinating producer, before stints at Fox Sports and ABC Sports.

As a producer at NBC and FOX, Filippelli compiled a personal highlight reel that included [Mark McGwire's](#) 62nd home run with the [St. Louis Cardinals](#) in 1998, [Kirk Gibson's](#) home run off [Dennis Eckersley](#) in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series and Wade Boggs riding a horse around Yankee Stadium after the Yankees won the World Series in 1996.

"How you chronicle the moment is so important, it's almost as important as the moment itself," Filippelli said. "You have to know what to do with those moments."

YES has become the modern tool that captures iconic moments and weaves them into the long, pinstriped fabric of Yankees history. It has broadcast Yankees shortstop [Derek Jeter's](#) 3,000th career hit, closer [Mariano Rivera's](#) 600th save and the famous catch Jeter made by diving into the stands to retrieve a foul ball against the [Red Sox](#).

"Seeing Jeter and Mo be our defining moments here at YES was special," said Filippelli, who has garnered 56 Emmy Awards during his 37-year career. "Those were some of our favorite moments and I think they were the fans' as well."

## BECOMING A YES MAN

In building his team of YES men, Filippelli reached out for people with network backgrounds who worked at Super Bowls, World Series games, Olympics, Final Four and the Kentucky Derby. The result, he says, is that YES is a regional sports network in name only.

"I would put our work up against any national network," said Filippelli, who lives in Greenwich with his wife Gina and sons [John Edward](#), who works for CBS, and Pierce, a cancer survivor, who recently graduated from [Fordham University](#).

His first YES hire was [Ed Delaney](#), now the network's senior vice president of broadcast operations and engineering. Delaney has seen the network make technological advances each year. YES broadcast its first game in HD (high definition) in 2004 and since September 2006 has produced all Yankees games and studio shows in HD.

In 2010, YES broadcast the first baseball game in 3-D.

"That was a cool experience, doing the first 3-D game ever," Delaney said. "We were the first in HD, first in 3-D -- we always want to embrace technology and be cutting edge, the first one in."

Some changes occur because they watch the games like fans. Filippelli once realized he was growing weary of calling the broadcast truck to ask how many pitches were thrown, so he introduced an on-screen pitch count that has been embraced by other networks.

He credits the drive to stay ahead of the curve to the late [George Steinbrenner](#), who served as principal owner of the Yankees for nearly four decades. Like many people who work for the organization -- including Jeter -- he refers to the notorious former owner as "Mr. Steinbrenner."

"When the network first started and we were about to begin our game coverage Mr. Steinbrenner said, 'don't skimp on it,'" Filippelli said. "He told us he wanted to look at this product and be proud. That allowed us to go out and spend the money necessary to do the best job we can."

Organizations such as the New York Mets (SportsNet New York) and the Cleveland Indians (SportsTime Ohio) began their own regional, team-focused network after YES came along, and more seem to crop up each season.

"New York's expectations are always much higher," said Woody Freiman, the vice president of production and programming at YES. "We spend a lot of money on our product because the Yankee name is on it and we hold the network to a very high standard. Mediocrity is not acceptable around here."

[Malcolm Moran](#), Knight Chair in Sports Journalism and Society at Penn State University, has seen Division I college conferences follow the YES Network's model.

"You can make a straight line from the creation of the YES Network to the formation of the Big [Ten Network](#)," Moran said. "The Big Ten Network is a similar high-quality startup. The creation of these type of networks is a concept that has been expanding dramatically."

Moran was immediately impressed with the product YES presented.

"The performance level of the network was of the highest level practically from the start," Moran said. "That first year, you would have never known that it was a startup network."

"One of the main accomplishments of the YES Network is that it has contributed to the change in the economics of the game. It's extended the advantage the Yankees had already gained."

## PREPARING FOR THE POSTSEASON

Westport resident [Bob Lorenz](#) said he knew he arrived at a special place when he first walked through the door at YES' Stamford location.

A studio anchor, Lorenz hosts the Yankees' pregame and postgame shows, as well as the network's "Forbes SportsMoney" and "Yankees Hot Stove," all of which are produced in Stamford.

"My first day in the summer of 2002 I could really feel that everyone working here was on point," Lorenz said. "You could feel that everyone here was a professional at the highest level."

With the Yankees currently battling for a berth in the postseason and trying to fend off the Baltimore Orioles for the American League East title, Lorenz is gearing up for what he hopes is extra postseason time in the studio.

"We always set the bar high for the regular season, but the postseason you especially feel the importance of it because it could be a short window," Lorenz said. "You could be on for three games or a long postseason run, so there's a little more excitement in the pregame and postgame shows."

From having extra cameras on the field, to showing batting practice and televising in-depth pregame and postgame shows, YES attempts to bring a postseason feel into every game, regardless of the season. Whether he's in the production truck at the game, at the studio in Stamford, or working from home, the energetic Filippelli is always watching.

"My job is to be an observer and make sure we're covering the right story," he said. "We want to further the story."

Stars, strategy, storyline. For Filippelli, these are the keys for a successful broadcast. Always talk about the stars, discuss the storyline of the game, and don't be afraid to discuss strategy.

"If you follow those three things you will never go wrong," Filippelli said.

YES is more than about Yankee baseball. The network simulcasts the popular "Mike Francesa Show," televises Brooklyn Nets basketball games and is home to shows such as "CenterStage with Michael Kay," "Forbes Sports Money" and "This Week in Football."

One of the staples of the network, the Francesa show discusses sports topics 5½ hours each day. CenterStage is a one-on-one interview show, featuring athletes and entertainers ranging from Paul Simon to Jay-Z, William Shatner to Spike Lee and Joe Namath to Steve Young.

"Yankeeography" was a concept that quickly came to Filippelli's mind while he was jotting down ideas in his yellow pad back in 2001.

"I remember saying, 'let's do a biography of players, and call it `Yankeeography,'" said Filippelli, who was promoted to president of production and programming in 2004. "We came up with ideas like `Yankee Classic' and putting batting practice on the air."

After decades, Filippelli continues to bring the energy of a rookie to his game.

"Describing the last 10 years here, every adjective would come into play," he said. "It's been thrilling, exciting and amazing to be a part of something that's turned out to be so successful."