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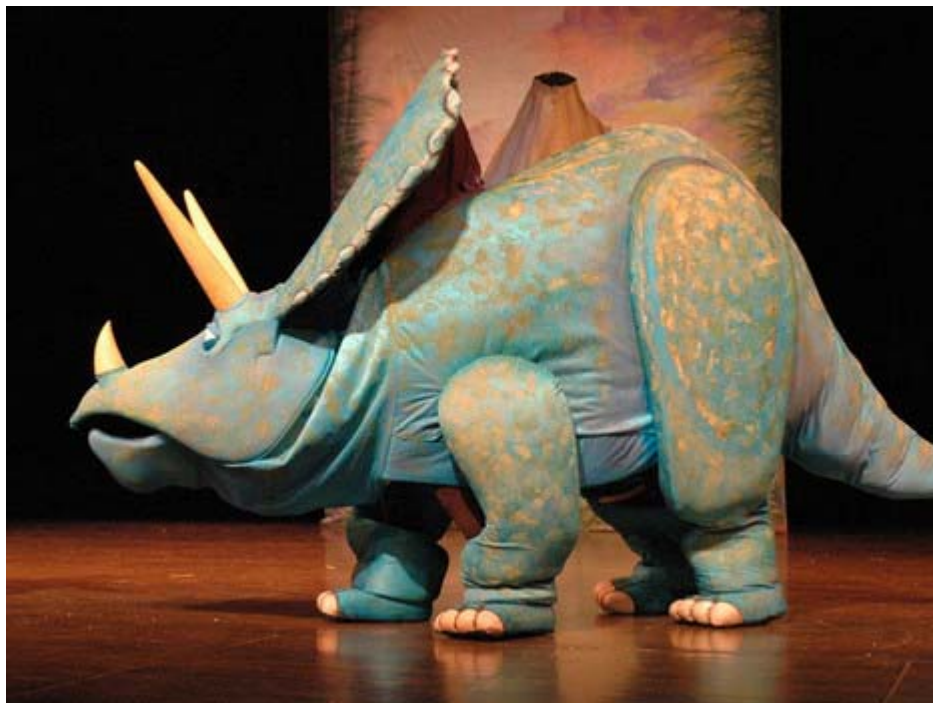
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Arts & Events

Prehistoric musical for kids SINGING AND DANCING IN THE AGE OF THE DINOSAURS

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*Singing and dancing in
the age of the
dinosaurs*

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Give your kids a chance to explore our prehistoric roots, enjoying some musical entertainment geared for kids during the age of the dinosaurs.

"The Mammoth Follies" will offer some kid-friendly singing and dancing at The [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](#) on November 4 in the Center for the Arts.

"Participate in an exceptionally exhilarating experience. The Mammoth Follies lures audiences with a charming rendition of a pre-historic musical. Through one-of-a-kind songs, and original choreography, watch as more than 20 dinosaur puppets come to life," adds the [CSI](#) web site.

When: The Mammoth Follies performance will be held on Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

Where: The Center for the Arts (CFA) Williamson Theatre.

How much: Tickets are \$15 and \$12, and can be purchased in person, by phone, by mail, and online through the CFA Box Office, 2800 Victory Boulevard, 1P-113, Staten Island.

Hours to purchase tickets: Monday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:00pm; Saturday, noon to 3:00pm; 718.982.ARTS (2787).

Enjoy prehistoric times with "The Mammoth Follies." [CSI](#) adds, "Watch and explore the wonders of evolution in an old-fashioned revue of original songs, witty jokes, and earth-shattering dance moves performed live on stage."

Featuring an ensemble cast of well-trained performers, child educators, puppeteers, choreographers, and art designers, this "musical dramatizes historic and scientific facts (as well as some myths) about the great age of the dinosaur," according to [CSI](#).

The cast includes Willie Mammoth, Smiley the Saber-Toothed Tiger, Bessie the 27-foot-long Apatosaurus, Tony and Trixie Triceratops, Terry the Pterodactyl, and Rex the 11-foot-tall Tyrannosaurus. "The Mammoth Follies will astonish and inspire families and people of all ages. Crowds will leave both entertained and educated," adds a [CSI](#) statement.

Hudson Vagabond Puppets (HVP), incorporated in 1980 as a not-for-profit company, creates larger-than-life puppetry and mask programs designed to fit into the school curriculum as well as to entertain children and their families. HVP performers are professional dancers and actors. "Clad in black, the puppeteers borrow from the traditional Japanese Bunraku style of puppetry, becoming mere shadows of the enormous figures they bring to life, according to the [CSI](#) web site.

From 1984 to 1998, The Mammoth Follies was performed for audiences all over the country, and in a variety of prestigious venues such as the BAM Opera House. "For nearly 14 years, it was thought that The Mammoth Follies was extinct. Then on February 18, 2012, HVP decided to bring the show back to life, completely renovating the production of this wildly popular and thoroughly educational musical," adds [CSI](#). So Staten Island families and classes, take a trip to [CSI](#) with your kids to see what the land of the dinosaurs might be like, if the mammoth creatures could sing and dance and entertain in a language geared entirely for youngsters.

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Junior Bo Tries to Cushion Blow

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The son of ousted Chinese politician Bo Xilai speaks out in defense of his father.



Ousted Chongqing chief Bo Xilai (c), with his wife Gu Kailai (l), and son Bo Guagua (r), in an undated photo.

The flamboyant son of China's fallen political star Bo Xilai has spoken out in his father's defense but some analysts say the move may be aimed at mitigating any harsh sentence to be imposed on the senior Bo.

Bo Guagua, the Harvard-educated son of Bo and Gu Kailai, said the accusations of bribery and sexual misconduct leveled against his father by the ruling Chinese Communist Party were "hard to believe."

"Personally, it is hard for me to believe the allegations that were announced against my father, because they contradict everything I have come to know about him throughout my life," he said via the microblogging site Tumblr at the weekend.

"Although the policies my father enacted are open to debate, the father I know is upright in his beliefs and devoted to duty," he wrote, later confirming that he was the author of the post.

The Communist Party on Friday expelled Bo Xilai from its ranks, saying criminal proceedings against him would follow, and that he was "responsible" for the murder of British businessman Neil Heywood.

Gu was handed a suspended death sentence in August for Heywood's murder.

The Party Central Committee said Bo's case would now be handed over to law enforcement agencies after he was stripped of Party membership and formally removed from his public posts at a meeting in Beijing on Friday, official media reported.

'Part of the elite'

Bo Guagua, 24, who is now believed to be living a low-profile life in the United States since graduating from Harvard University in May with a master's degree in public policy, has been reticent about his parents' involvement in the biggest political scandal to hit Chinese politics in more than two decades.

U.K. newspapers have portrayed him as a hard-partying member of the Chinese elite, at home among the sons and daughters of the very rich, and have detailed his reported antics while he was being educated at Harrow and Oxford, where he was reportedly suspended for failing to study hard enough.

Li Xiaobing, director of the Western Pacific Institute at the University of Central Oklahoma, said Bo's statement seemed to be aimed at public opinion in the West, rather than inside China.

"He is doing everything he can to try to ensure that his father doesn't receive too harsh a sentence," Li said.

Analysts and rights activists said the courts would likely come down heavily on Bo Xilai, the "princeling" son of revolutionary veteran Bo Yibo, for rocking the highest echelons of leadership.

The Bo scandal has exposed to public view rifts within the secretive Communist Party, highlighting tensions between Bo's populist, left-wing policies and the supporters of Chinese President Hu Jintao and leader-in-waiting and current vice-president Xi Jinping, ahead of the crucial leadership transition in November.

Professor Xia Ming, political science teacher at the College of Staten Island in New York, said Bo Guagua's statement was likely sincere.

"Bo Xilai's life has been lived in the corridors of power, and I'm sure it's safe to say he has lofty ambitions," Xia said. But he said neither father nor son saw themselves as regular people subject to the same standards as others.

"Both Bo Xilai and Bo Guagua are used to thinking of themselves as part of the elite, that is bred to rule others," he said.

Exposed

Hangzhou-based veteran journalist and blogger Zan Aizong said that the Bo Xilai scandal wasn't exposed using mechanisms that are supposed to supervise powerful officials, however.

"It wasn't [uncovered through investigation]," Zan said. "It only got out because of Wang Lijun unexpectedly visiting the U.S. consulate in Chengdu."

Wang, Bo's former right-hand man and police chief was jailed for 15 years by a court in southwest China last week.

Wang visited the U.S. Consulate in Chengdu in February and reportedly told U.S. officials that Gu was a murder suspect and that Bo had exploded angrily and demoted him when Wang brought the subject up.

"There is so much corruption in China, but yet none of the supervisory bodies are any use against it," Zan said.

Behind closed doors

Retired Shandong University professor Sun Wenguang said the trials of Gu, Wang, and Bo should all be carried out with complete transparency, but instead, had been shaped by behind-closed-doors decisions and secret hearings.

"Bo Xilai's case should be open and transparent," he said. "But it has been carried out in secret."

"They could easily publish details of property held by officials, but they don't do it."

Violations

Bo Xilai "seriously violated" Party discipline during his tenure as Commerce Minister, as Party secretary of the northeastern port city of Dalian, and, most recently, in the southwestern megacity of Chongqing, Xinhua news agency said on Friday.

Bo took advantage of his office to seek profits for others and received huge bribes personally and through his family, Xinhua said.

The Party Central Committee had heard how Bo's powerful position was also abused by Gu, the agency said.

"The Bo family accepted a huge amount of money and property from others," it said, adding that "Bo had or maintained improper sexual relationships with a number of women."

The evidence also suggested his involvement in dubious personnel decisions and in "other crimes," Xinhua reported.

"Bo's behaviors have yielded serious consequences, badly undermined the reputation of the Party and the country, created very negative impacts at home and abroad, and significantly damaged the cause of the Party and the people," the Central Committee concluded.

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 tenure there.

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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Study Investigates The Rise Of The Top 1 Percent

By [Newsroom America Staff](#) at 1 Oct 13:21

(Newsroom America) -- 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."

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.

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Port Authority in race between revenue, repairs

Port Authority audit worries about funds

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Behind the pages of a consultant's report detailing the woes of the [Port Authority of New York and New Jersey](#) is the story travelers live with daily — aging tunnels, bridges and airports sagging under the kind of increasing load that means one thing for its users: You are going to pay more and wait longer.

Drivers now paying a hefty \$12 cash toll at the Lincoln and Holland tunnels and George Washington Bridge, which rises to \$13 on Dec. 2, will travel no faster for their extra \$1. What the money will buy is for basics, such as new suspender ropes to help hold the 80-year-old bridge up and fixing the 70-year old “helix” approach to the Lincoln Tunnel in Weehawken. The tolls will eventually increase to \$15 by December 2015.

Users of the three metropolitan area airports, which fliers consistently rank as worst in the country, will have to wait in aging terminals and bump along old runways, until new terminals are built, runways are rehabilitated and a “next generation” air-traffic-control system is installed to allow more planes per hour to take off and land.

Commuters in the Port Authority's bus terminal will continue to run like rats daily to find the gate their bus is departing from because the terminal lacks sufficient parking to store buses. This means they come from parking lots in New Jersey and prowl city streets until a space is available for them to load from. A bus garage is one project that the authority put off.

These kind of costly projects are like a giant Pac-Man character, chasing and threatening to devour Port Authority revenues, which an audit warns could be eaten up unless costs are cut and new moneymakers found. The challenges for the authority are making the repairs before the money runs out and persuading its customers they're getting their money's worth.

Finance professor Jon Peters, of Fair Haven, calculated he spends between \$1,700 and \$2,000 annually to commute over the Port Authority's Goethals Bridge and Outerbridge Crossing to his job at the [College of Staten Island](#).

“I know I'm not getting good value because I know how much profit the Port Authority is making (on bridges), a 60 percent profit,” said Peters, who studies toll agency finances. “The Port Authority knew

about (rehabilitation needs) of the Staten Island bridges in 1987. They didn't take action during the '90s and diverted money to the World Trade Center after 9/11."

A [final audit by Navigant Consulting](#) found that between 2007 and 2011, the aviation department made a total of \$2.53 billion and tunnels, bridges and terminals earned \$1.86 billion in "free cash" after expenses.

Aviation operations generated more than \$20 in revenue and \$4 in free-cash flow per passenger, the report said; bridges, tunnels and terminals made more than \$7.50 per vehicle and a free-cash flow of \$3 after accounting for expenses, the report said.

The PATH rapid-transit system loses \$3.11 per rider, but the report points out that no mass-transit system turns a profit. But, unlike others, PATH receives no federal subsidies. The report said all other operations, including the port, and real estate, also lost money, making for a net loss of \$2.4 billion.

That gravy train may be reaching the end of the line. Overall, the Port Authority's interstate transportation network had a negative free-cash flow of \$537 million because it is facing "enormous capital needs."

Peters said he's dissatisfied as a commuter because he believes that toll payers are being asked to bail out other money-losing Port Authority operations at the expense of work on bridges and tunnels. And he fears that another toll increase is coming in the next 10 years.

"I've got to ask the question: Who should pay? They want bridge users to contribute a disproportionate amount," he said. "The money should stay with the group that is paying. The George Washington Bridge is not a problem, it's paying its own way. You're raising money (from it) and you should fix the asset."

"Every dollar of our toll and fare revenues goes to the Interstate Transportation Network," said David Sampson, chairman of the Port Authority's board of commissioners, during a news conference when the Navigant Consulting report was released. "But even with the toll increase, the transportation network will operate at a negative cash flow."

The Interstate Transportation Network, consisting of bridges, tunnels, the PATH, bus terminals and trans-Hudson ferries, has anticipated operating and capital expenses of \$1.9 billion in 2012, while expected revenues are \$1.5 billion, said Port Authority spokesman Ron Marsico in an email. In addition, \$1 million has been collected from the [agency's worst toll violators](#) in a stepped-up enforcement effort started last December.

Navigant delivered a dire forecast of a race between repairing and upgrading aging bridges, tunnels and airports and making the money to finance the work, especially if there is a fiscal hiccup, such as a slowdown in an already-fragile recovery or falloff in revenue due to declining traffic.

“There is a significant backlog of projects, due to deferral of maintenance capital expenditures,” the report said about the aging bridges, tunnels and terminals.

More than \$14.6 billion in capital projects have been identified for bridges, tunnels and terminals. Of that, the report said \$6.7 billion is included in the 2011-2020 capital plan and \$3.6 billion is funded beyond 2020, but \$4.3 billion isn’t funded, Navigant said.

The Port Authority’s debt capacity remains robust enough to meet the capital plan and public-private partnerships, such as one that will be used to build a new Goethals Bridge, can provide “attractive financing structures,” Sampson said.

Experts, such as Carol Kellerman, president of the New York-based Citizen Budget Committee, said while the Port Authority should be lauded for the report, she remains concerned that the agency will be able to generate the revenues needed to keep up with the capital program’s demands.

“The suggestions they (Navigant) made about increasing (non-toll and fare) revenue are sound and valid, but they don’t add up to much, compared to the capital (project) demands,” she said. “The Port Authority needs to show faith (to the public) by doing as much cost-cutting and efficiency as possible and pursuing non-fare and non-toll revenue so they’ve exhausted the possibilities.”

In the end, Kellerman, like Peters, believes the agency will have to return to its customers with another toll and fare increase.

The consultant warned Port Authority officials that despite revenues from the toll and fare increase, which took effect in September 2011, it needs to find “non-toll and non-fare” revenue sources and implement cost-cutting measures “with a sense of urgency.”

“Even with the revenue from the planned toll increases, the Port Authority is potentially at risk of not satisfying certain (financial) ratings agency metrics as early as mid-2014,” the report warns.

Authority officials said they’re aware of the need to balance infrastructure projects while managing the agency to ensure ratings stay strong, Marsico said.

Those ratings determine how much the authority will pay to borrow money to do that rehabilitation work on its aging facilities. So far, financial rating agencies are satisfied, with Standard & Poor's giving the authority's 174th series of \$2 billion consolidated bonds a AA rating on Wednesday. Those bonds fund the continuing work to redevelop the World Trade Center site, which authority officials guaranteed will come in at the \$14.8 billion estimated in the report, or less.

Over the years, the authority has relied more and more on debt to pay for big-ticket projects, the report found. From 2007 to 2011, the outstanding debt has climbed from \$12.8 billion to \$19.5 billion, the report found.

How did the facilities get to this condition? Preventative maintenance goals were never met at tunnels, bridges and terminals due to cost-cutting efforts over eight years, Navigant found. In 2011, only 64 percent of all preventative maintenance routines were completed and 76 percent of all priority preventative routes were done, the report said.

Doing less than 80 percent of the work increases the risk that more costly emergency work will have to be done instead, the report said. This year, \$88 million was budgeted for routine maintenance expenses, but Navigant found that adding \$5 million more to that total would meet the 80 percent maintenance target.

Budgetary constraints also were blamed for the Port Authority's "struggling" to fix certain federal violations at airports in a timely manner because of "insufficient maintenance staff and lack of inventory of the necessary parts, such as lights and signs." Budgeted upgrades at the airports, where infrastructure has an average age of 52 years old, would require an additional \$6.5 billion, Navigant said.

"The worsening condition of assets translates to escalating operating costs," the report said.

Port Authority officials reiterated its primary commitment is to ensure the safety of passengers and facilities.

"Preventative maintenance projects for the 2013 operating and capital budget are currently under review," Marsico said, adding that maintenance projects often are in the capital budget, while some costs for materials and in-house staff work are in the operating budget.

Among the ideas floated for "non-toll and non-fare" moneymakers are to sell advertising on anything the Port Authority owns, from "wrapping" rail cars in ads — something that both NJ Transit and private carriers such as Academy do with their buses — to putting more ads in PATH stations and selling ad

space on a large video board outside the Port Authority bus terminal. Those opportunities are being evaluated, Marsico said.

Other ideas include selling the “air rights” over the bus terminal and over the Lincoln Tunnel access roads on the west side of Manhattan for development. Kellerman said that idea is very doable, especially since the west side of Manhattan is becoming a hot real estate market.

“You could put development over the Port Authority bus terminal to support its operations. There are a lot of things that were ‘no-man’s lands’ that have become a hot area,” she said. “Look at Battery Park City. It’s not completely out of the question. It’s not pie in the sky, but it won’t generate short-term revenues.”

Authority officials have analyzed the value of air rights and various options and strategies to sell them, but the values fluctuate with the market and the particular land use,” Marsico said. “Most of the property rights we can transfer fall into the residential category.”

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Transgender New Yorkers Face Scorn and Violence Using Public Restrooms

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MANHATTAN — Long before her boyfriend was [slashed for defending her against an alleged gay-slur-spewing McDonald's patron](#) who questioned her use of the ladies' room, Jalisa Griffin came to dread each time she needed to use a public bathroom.

Griffin, 22, who identifies as transgender, said she is harassed at least once a week when she uses women's bathrooms, where people seem to feel free to bombard her with dirty looks and nasty comments.

That hostility led to violence on Sept. 19, when McDonald's customer Keith Patron allegedly began calling Griffin and boyfriend Jamar McClod names when Griffin tried to use the women's bathroom at the West Third Street fast-food eatery.

"You're going to the wrong bathroom," Patron, who has been charged with assault as a hate crime, allegedly told the couple before following the pair out of the eatery and trying to take a swing at McClod, who returned the punch and kneed Patron in the groin, sources said.

"You f---ing f---ts," he told them, according to a criminal complaint. Patron allegedly slashed McClod with a straight razor on the face and body.

But Griffin said that while Patron was arrested for the incident, there are countless others who have harassed her and people like her who have gotten off scot-free.

Three weeks ago, Griffin was visiting a friend at Bellevue Hospital Center when she said a female security guard tried to block her from entering the ladies' room.

"You need to go to the men's bathroom, sir," the guard told Griffin.

"No, ma'am, I'm a woman," she replied. "I don't use the men's room."

The guard left her alone when another guard intervened, but Griffin said the constant harassment weighs her down. Sometimes she opts to head home rather than try to use public bathrooms.

"A lot of times my friends and I will just get in the car and go, to just avoid the trouble," she said, "It's very aggravating. It adds so much stress to your life."



Transgender advocates say that for many transgender and gender-nonconforming people, something as simple as visiting a restroom can make them targets for harassment and violence.

Statistics on such incidents are hard to come by, but a staffer for the Chelsea-based [Transgender Legal Defense & Education Fund](#) said that since January 2010, the group has fielded 89 calls from around the country from transgender people who were barred from using the restroom of their choice or had acts of violence committed against them when they tried to do so.

More than half of these calls were made from New York City, TLDEF staffer Noah Lewis said.

And more than half of participants in a [2011 study conducted](#) by the National Center for Transgender Equality and National Gay and Lesbian Task Force reported being harassed in public accommodations like restaurants, stores, hotels and hospitals.

Nearly 10 percent reported being physically attacked.

One of the most well-known attacks on a transgender person in a public restroom occurred in April 2011 in a McDonald's outside Baltimore. Teonna Monae Brown, 19, and an unnamed 14-year-old girl brutally [beat 22-year-old transgender woman Chrissy Lee Polis](#) inside the restaurant's ladies' room after questioning Polis's right to be there. Video of the attack filmed by a McDonald's employee was posted online and went viral.

In May, [Polis told The Baltimore Sun](#) that the attack still haunts her.

According to [New York City Human Rights Law](#), businesses and employers that bar people from using restrooms consistent with how they identify their genders expose themselves to charges of gender-identity discrimination.

Still, there are a number of schools, facilities and public spaces that have implemented gender-neutral restrooms, prompting some to hope the restrooms are a sign of a growing recognition of the needs of transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

[The New School](#) opened "gender-inclusive" restrooms at its 6 E. 16th St. building in March, in the spirit of "fostering an open and inclusive environment," a spokesman said.

The [College of Staten Island](#) announced plans in April 2010 to make 20 of its restrooms — about one in each building — gender neutral, [The Staten Island Advance reported](#).

"The [CSI](#) community is becoming increasingly cosmopolitan and diverse as we attract more and more students from across the five boroughs, and faculty from across the world," said psychology professor Darryl Hill, who supported the restrooms. "We have to respond to their needs and provide a safe environment."

The LGBT-friendly West Village synagogue [Congregation Beit Simchat Torah](#) converted the men's and women's bathrooms at the Jacob Javits Center into all-gender facilities for last week's Yom Kippur services, which were attended by more than 4,000 people.

"At CBST, we are made up of many diverse communities coming together, and one of the ways we embrace this ideal is by providing all-gender bathrooms, where everyone can feel safe," interim executive director Bruce Anderson said.

[The Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School](#) in Greenwich Village opted to convert some single-sex restrooms to gender-neutral restrooms about two years ago, director Philip Kassen said.

"If we did have somebody who was dealing with gender issues, we could take one hurdle away from them," said the head of the private pre-K through 12th grade school.

The problems transgender people face using public bathrooms even prompted the creation of a website and an app for those looking for safe spaces.

[TranSquat](#), an [iPhone](#) map application that launched in April, shows users the closest gender-neutral and single-stall restrooms. It includes more than 4,000 user-submitted bathroom locations in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom — 59 of which are in Manhattan.

"Transgender people face so many struggles. Going to the bathroom should not be one of them," said the software developer behind the creation of TranSquat, who spoke on the condition that his name be withheld.

The designer, who's based in Portland, Ore., created the app using the gender-neutral bathroom directory [Safe2Pee.org](#), which launched in 2006. Both the website and the app are fueled using

submissions by users, who indicate whether a restroom is gender-free, single-stall and whether bathroom users need to buy something in order to use the facilities.

Still, advocates warn that the dangers transgender people face go far beyond their choice of restroom.

Carrie Davis, director of community services at the [Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Center](#), said alternatives to men's and women's bathrooms take some weight off the shoulders of transgender and gender-nonconforming people, but she cautioned that they don't guarantee users' safety.

"The little sign on the door doesn't make the bathroom safe," she said. "We have more gender-neutral bathrooms now, but we live in a world where stigma and prejudice exist freely."

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Staten Island candidates' campaign signs stress personal brand over party affiliation

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Candidates at a crossroads: Fence on Victory Boulevard at Slosson Avenue.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- If you want to know what political parties the candidates running in this year's Staten Island elections belong to, don't look on their campaign signs. You won't find the answers there.

You may find a catchy campaign slogan, or a reminder that Nov. 6 is Election Day, but what you won't find for the most part is party affiliation.

And that goes for Republicans running in GOP-friendly territory as well as for Democrats running in districts where their party dominates, and where party

identification might be a boon.

For some of the candidates, it's simply about having enough room on the sign.

"My name is too long," said Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R-East Shore/Brooklyn). "I found that the space was better used to make my name bigger."

"I like having 'Cusick' and 'state Assembly' in large letters," said Assemblyman Michael Cusick (D-Mid-Island). "It's a matter of space."

"It's about real estate," said state Sen. Andrew Lanza (R-Staten Island). "The purpose of a sign is for people to see your name, to get your brand out there."

Ms. Malliotakis and other candidates said their party affiliations can be found on palm cards, mailings and other campaign literature.

Patrick Garrigan, vice president of the Michael Alan Group, a New York-based marketing and event production firm, said he isn't surprised by the dearth of party affiliation on campaign signs.

"These days, candidates are thinking about themselves as brands, and much like any product, it is a matter of creating name recognition that resonates when it matters," he said. "The task becomes how can the candidates best position their brand in a favorable light as frequently as possible through more subtle suggestions that compound into influencing behaviors."

Other borough candidates said they eschewed party affiliations on their signs because they want to position themselves as being nonpartisan.

"I'm the people's candidate," said Republican Paul Saryian, who opposes Assemblyman Matthew Titone (D-North Shore). "It's about what your issues are, what you stand for."

"Most Staten Islanders are more interested in where you stand on issues," said Democrat Gary Carsel, running against Lanza. "It shows you're working in a bipartisan way."

"I ask people to not put a label on me," said Democrat Anthony Mascolo, who is running against Joseph Borelli for the seat being vacated by GOP South Shore Assemblyman Lou Tobacco. "I don't think party labels are important. I want people to look behind it. I never vote by party."

While lawn signs are primarily about "name ID," Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Staten Island/Brooklyn), said, "While I may identify more with conservatives, Republicans and independents, as a member of Congress, I was elected to represent all of Staten Island, regardless of party affiliation."

The campaign of Grimm's Democratic opponent, Mark Murphy, said Murphy's stand on issues, "transcends party labels. We know that voters from all parties will be supporting Mark on Nov 6."

For others, the campaign sign is all about making voters familiar with the candidate's name.

"For me, the signs were to help give me name recognition," said Sam Pirozzolo, Cusick's GOP opponent, who is running his first campaign for political office. "It's more important to know the issues I stand for, rather than my party."

Borelli is the only local candidate this year with a party affiliation on his signs, which say that he is "Republican. Conservative. Independent."

"It's good for my district," he said.

Some candidates, already familiar to voters, don't believe they need to remind them of their affiliation.

"People know I'm a Democrat," said state Sen. Diane Savino (D-North Shore/Brooklyn). "After eight years, it's not necessary. And more words costs more on the sign."

Titone (D-North Shore) said including a party affiliation sometimes "alienates more people than it attracts," even on the Democrat-heavy North Shore.

"I represent Republican, Independence and Working Families members as well as Democrats," he said.

Ms. Savino and Titone could be expected to trumpet the fact that they are Democrats given the party's dominance on the North Shore.

But Titone said Islanders often vote for the candidate, not the party, "so I don't think party is a relevant issue for voters Islandwide."

Candidates also said they wanted their signs to be simple.

"I looked at a lot of different designs," said Republican Lisa Grey, a first-time candidate who is running against Ms. Savino (D-North Shore/Brooklyn). "I like my sign because it's clear: My name, the office and my website. The election shouldn't be about party only."

Ms. Grey said it has nothing to do with the fact she is a Republican running in a Democratic district.

"People are going to know that anyway," she said. "When they go to vote, they're going to see it."

Democratic Assembly candidate John Mancuso, opposing Ms. Malliotakis, said the designer who did his signs went for a clean look, without a lot of "clutter."

"You want your name to be the biggest thing on it," said Mancuso, who added that he never gave a thought to whether his party affiliation was on the sign.

"Incumbents with just their names up front remind voters of all the potholes repaired, ribbons cut, etc.," said Richard Flanagan, political science professor at the College of Staten Island and co-author of "Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City."

Said Flanagan, "Since most challengers are running in districts where they are minority party, no good comes from reminding voters about the party when most belong to the other team."



The Brian Lehrer Show
Staten Island: Two Views on the Forgotten Borough

Wednesday, October 03, 2012

Richard Flanagan, associate professor at the [College of Staten Island](#) and co-author of *Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City*, and **Sarah Henry**, chief curator at the Museum of the City of New York host of the exhibition *From Farm to City: Staten Island 1661-2012*, discuss Staten Island's unique social and political history.

→ More on the (probably apocryphal) story that Staten Island's fate was decided by a boat race, from *The New York Times* in 2007, thanks to the Manhattan Sailing Club when they restaged the race.

GUESTS:

Richard Flanagan and Sarah Henry

Staten Island experts grade first Obama-Romney debate

Thursday, October 04, 2012, 6:00 AM



By **Staten Island Advance**

The Advance asked two of Staten Island's leading political lights and two esteemed members of the borough's academic community to watch Wednesday night's critical debate in the race for the White House.

Pals state Sen. Diane Savino (D) and Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R) caught the 90-minute showdown together in Ms. Savino's Fort Wadsworth home.

Also tuning in were Richard Flanagan, an author and professor of political science at the College of Staten Island, and Lori Weintrob, a Wagner College history professor and chair of the history department.



AP photo

President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney wave at the start of the presidential debate at the University of Denver Wednesday.

They grade each candidate and share their analyses here. --- Judy L. Randall

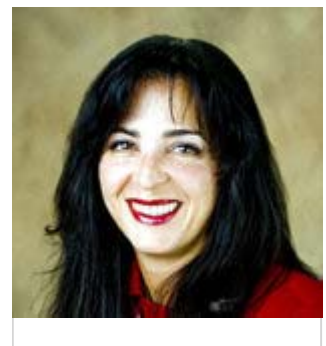
STATE SEN. DIANE SAVINO (D)

B for President Barack Obama (D):

Reason: He was a little stiff in his presentation.

Best moment: When he spoke about the strength of the American people in spite of any adversity.

Worst moment: He allowed Romney to mistakenly say several times that he cut \$716 billion from Medicare.



B for Mitt Romney (R):

Reason: He did better than everyone expected.

Best moment: His critique of time wasted on Obamacare when the president should have been focused on jobs.

Worst moment: When he said he'd cut programs if it wasn't worth borrowing money from China to fund them.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN NICOLE MALLIOTAKIS (R)

C for Obama:

Reason: On the defensive talking about what should be done, but he's had four years.

Best moment: Saying he's fond of the term "Obamacare," making light of one of his administration's worse moments.

Worst moment: He seemed flustered responding to Gov. Romney's points on the economy and health care.



A for Romney:

Reason: Knowledgeable, passionate and to the point.

Best Moment: Calling out the president for wasting two years on Obamacare instead of fighting for jobs.

Worst Moment: A bit too eager and overly agitated when responding to the president's misrepresentations.

PROF. RICHARD FLANAGAN, COLLEGE OF STATEN ISLAND

B for OBAMA:

Reason: Played defense at first; confidence grew as debate proceeded.

Best Moment: The story of how his grandmother was able to maintain her independence because of Social Security and Medicare.

Worst Moment: Early in the debate, his examples of the nation's economic revival fell flat.



B- for ROMNEY:

Reason: Crisp presentation, but a bit bullying.

Best Moment: When he talked about the burdens that fall on small business because of taxes.

Worst Moment: When he interrupted (moderator) Jim Lehrer to spit out additional factoids about his budget and tax plans.

PROF. LORI WEINTROB, WAGNER COLLEGE

B+ for OBAMA:

Reason: Made personal connections, but weakness was repetition.

Best Moment: When he promised a return to Clinton-era job growth because "middle-class families need money."

Worst Moment: He wasn't able to defend spending \$90 billion on green energy, rather than education.



B+ for OBAMA:

B+ for ROMNEY:

Reason: Strong posture and rhetoric, but spoke over moderator.

Best Moment: When he argued middle-class Americans are crushed by high prices on gas, food, health care.

Worst Moment: Lacked specifics on middle-class taxes, allowing Obama to say, "His big bold plan is never mind."



Saturday Afternoon Show: Live from free103point9's Transmission Arts Colloquium

Oct. 13, 2012

Recorded from live WGXC 90.7-FM broadcast.

Participants in this international gathering of critics, curators, scholars, and artists will speak with free103point9's Tom Roe live on WGXC 90.7-FM about their work and the discussions happening at the colloquium. Tune in for a special program featuring:

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Manuel Cirauqui (Dia Art Foundation, New York)
Christoph Cox (Bard College/Hampshire College, NH)
Anna Friz (Artist, Chicago/Montreal)
Magz Hall (Canterbury Christ Church University/University of the Arts London)
Galen Joseph-Hunter (free103point9, Acra)
Jeff Kolar (Radius, Chicago)
Bonnie Marranca (PAJ Publications, New York)
Valerie Tevere (CUNY Staten Island, New York)
Tom Roe (free103point9, Acra)
Gregory Whitehead (Artist, Lenox, MA)
Jonathan Wright (Folkestone Fringe, Folkestone, UK)
Elisabeth Zimmerman (Kunstradio, Vienna)

STATEN ISLAND EXPERTS EVALUATE THE SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

President Barack Obama (D)	Gov. Mitt Romney (R)
 <p>BEST MOMENT: Toss-up between his response to disillusioned voter and final comments encompassing the 47 percent issue.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: He didn't have a bad moment!</p> <p>State Sen. Diane Savino (D)</p>	<p>BEST MOMENT: When he said, "Our party has been the captive of big business for too long." I agree!</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: When he was scolded on characterization of Rose Garden comments, first by Obama, then by moderator.</p>
 <p>BEST MOMENT: Showed sincerity when he took responsibility for security failure in Libya.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: Romney calling out Obama for doubling deficit instead of cutting it in half as promised.</p> <p>Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R)</p>	<p>BEST MOMENT: Pointing to Obama's failures on economy, highlighting deficit, unemployment and college grads who can't find jobs.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: Kept talking over moderator as she tried to move on to next topic.</p>
 <p>BEST MOMENT: When he was offended by Romney's suggestion he was playing politics with commander-in-chief powers regarding Libya.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: He droned on a bit with platitudes about job training, education and new economy.</p> <p>Prof. Richard Flanagan, College of Staten Island</p>	<p>BEST MOMENT: His linkage between economic development and energy independence.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: His weak explanation about how he was different from George W. Bush.</p>
 <p>BEST MOMENT: On the Libya question, he came straight down the stage, looked powerful and sincere, upstaging Romney.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: On energy question, he looked uncertain when pressed for details.</p> <p>Fred Cerullo, Public servant, actor</p>	<p>BEST MOMENT: Responding to disillusioned voter, his style was reassuring and sympathetic.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: He looked embarrassed and uncertain when corrected on Libya question by the moderator.</p>

NY Times' editor denies bias, blasts 'racial politics'

by [Robert Wiener](#)

October 17, 2012



Photo by Robert Wiener

Andrew Rosenthal said claims that The New York Times newsroom hates Israel are "completely ridiculous."

Tackling a thorny issue for much of the Jewish community, the editorial page editor of *The New York Times* disputed frequent allegations that his newspaper is biased against Israel.

"Why do people think the *Times* hates Israel?" asked Rabbi Clifford Kulwin, as Andrew Rosenthal stood at the *bima* of his synagogue, Temple B'nai Abraham in Livingston.

"Because we have an honest disagreement with Bibi Netanyahu's policies on Iran and the settlements," Rosenthal answered.

That question and answer came during an Oct. 15 talk on foreign affairs and the upcoming presidential election, delivered to an audience of about 100 people.

Rosenthal followed up with a personal reflection.

"I was raised by an Irish Catholic mother and a father who was bar mitzva'd on his 70th birthday," he said. "I am a Jew, an American Jew, and Israel is part of my heritage, and I come from it with a very deep, gut-level feeling...."

But, he added, "I do not believe that means I have to be constantly or even frequently or even sometimes supportive of the current government of Israel when I think they are not in Israel's best interests."

Yet criticisms of the *Times'* coverage of Israel in its news stories and on its editorial pages have persisted for years. One recent storm of protest happened after the November 2011 publication of an op-ed column by Sarah Schulman, a professor of humanities at the College of Staten Island.

Schulman wrote of the notion of “pink-washing,” which she called “a deliberate strategy to conceal the continuing violations of Palestinians’ human rights behind an image of modernity signified by Israeli gay life.”

One angry response came from David Harris, executive director of the American Jewish Committee. “Schulman, of course, is entitled to her views, however outlandish they may be,” he wrote in rebuttal. “But why the *Times* opted to publish them is another matter entirely.”

In an interview prior to his speech, Rosenthal told *NJ Jewish News*: “To say *The New York Times* newsroom hates Israel is just completely ridiculous. There is not the slightest grain of truth to that. The problem with dispassionate news coverage of a subject like Israel is that nobody accepts a newspaper’s dispassionate position. If you try to walk a line in the middle and report on what is going on and reach conclusions based on reporting and observation, you are viewed as taking sides,” he said.

As far as its editorials and op-ed columns are concerned, Rosenthal insisted they “are not supposed to be fair. They are supposed to be opinionated. We are supporters of Israel as a country and most often tend to default to the positions Israel takes, with two gigantic exceptions. One is the settlements — and I know that is a big deal. The other is the endless bellicose nonsense about Iran. I just reject this because not every Israeli is salivating to have a war with Iran,” he told the gathering.

When a woman in the audience suggested the *Times* should be more supportive of the government of Israel because of the Palestinian viewpoint that Israel should not exist, Rosenthal said, “If that were the only issue I would say ‘yes.’ But I don’t think that is the only issue. I think the Israelis have a legitimate complaint, that they don’t have a strong-minded partner, that they are still struggling against governments that believe they never should have existed or believe they should be eradicated.”

However, he added, “I’m not sure that it’s the attitude of the current Palestinian leadership.... It is a reasonable point, and I think we tend to criticize Israel because we think of them as family at the Thanksgiving table.”

Taking a look at the presidential elections, the editor called Barack Obama “the sleeping president” after his performance during his first debate with GOP opponent Mitt Romney.

He criticized Romney for “deliberate misrepresentation of Obama,” and the president for not answering his Republican rival’s attacks. “The person who should have responded was Barack Obama,” said Rosenthal. “I don’t know about you, but I just sat there. I was just stunned.”

Looking at America’s political climate, the editor said, “This has to be the most substance-free campaign I have ever covered — the nastiest, the meanest, with the most propaganda,” adding that such propaganda comes “more from the right than the left.”

Rosenthal charged that “the bedrock of the Republican campaign strategy is if you can divide the electorate on gut-level issues and get them to vote with their emotions, you can win. It doesn’t ultimately matter what you say.”

Troubled that “there is no center, there is no moderation, there is no conversation, in the political system,” Rosenthal said that “the Republicans have kept pushing farther and farther away from what we all used to consider some form of the center in this country.”

“They are so anti-abortion they may not be willing to make exceptions for women who have become pregnant because they have been raped by their fathers.”

“I think there is a strong element of racial politics in our country right now,” he said. “It is hard to imagine Obama would be vilified the way he is, and the freedom with which people use race in politics I don’t think would exist obviously if the president was not of mixed race.”

Paper check-up

WHEN EDITORIAL page editor Andrew Rosenthal was asked about the financial health of *The New York Times* during an October 2009 speech also at Temple B’nai Abraham, he said, “We are not on the verge of bankruptcy. We are not in default of our loans. We have all the money we need until 2013, and if the recession is not over by 2013, this whole conversation is pointless.”

Two years later he told *NJ Jewish News*, “2013 is around the corner and the recession is allegedly over, but the advertising business is going through changes we are trying to understand.

“Things are not fabulous; things are not horrible.... We’re doing OK. We’re profitable. But we are not as profitable as we would like to be.... We have not done what a lot of other newspapers did, which was cut our news hole and cut our staff in order to artificially boost our profitability.

“What happens then is the paper becomes crappier and people stop buying it.” □— ROBERT WIENER



Do Presidents Have Effect on the One Percent?

By Robert Frank | CNBC – Wed, Oct 17, 2012 12:39 PM SGT

Tonight's debate is sure to feature language about the One Percent and inequality. Obama will argue that the wealthy - like Romney - need to pay more. Romney will argue that he has no plans to lower taxes for the wealthy, and that taxing the rich won't generate growth.

And Americans will be led to believe that the choice for the White House will have profound impacts on the fates of the One Percent and 99 percent.

A new study, however, shows that the president doesn't really matter when it comes to inequality in America.

The study, called "The Rise of the Super-Rich: Power Resources, Taxes, Financial Markets and the Dynamics of the 1 Percent, 1949-2008," finds that the president's party affiliation "has no effect" on the share of income held by America's top one percent of earners. (*Read more: Millionaires in U.S. On the Rise*)

What matters politically, they say, is Congress.

"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," said Thomas W. Volscho, an assistant professor of sociology at CUNY-College of Staten Island, who authored the study along with Nathan J. Kelly, an associate professor of political science at the University of Tennessee.

The study said that there have been many drivers for the rise in inequality in recent decades. The income share of the top one percent grew from 10 percent in 1981 to 23.5 percent in 2007. The authors say that Congress's shift to Republican majorities, diminishing union membership, lower top tax rates, and financial asset bubbles in stock and real-estate markets all "played a strong role in the rise of the 1 percent."

They said that Congress can affect inequality two ways: through taxes and through economic policy. It said Democrats generally favor taxes that redistribute income and policies that produce more "egalitarian" outcomes in the economy.

The authors calculated that every five additional seats held by Republicans in Congress translated into \$6.6 billion in additional income (or .08 percent of total income) going to the top one percent of earners.

The study noted that stock markets have an even bigger effect on inequality. A 100 point increase in the S&P 500 adds \$39.6 billion to the One Percent's totals.

Of course, there are those who say inequality itself doesn't really matter and is a necessary byproduct of economic growth in today's global, skills-based economy. As for the president's impact, Obama has

shown how the bully pulpit can shape the debate over inequality and taxes - even if his efforts to affect either have so far been blocked by Congress. (*Read more: CEO Tell Workers They'll Likely Lose Their Jobs If Obama Wins*)

Others also say that asset prices and stock markets have a much bigger impact on inequality - since it's largely driven by stock-based pay at the top - than Congress, tax policy or unions do.

But the study suggests that when Romney and Obama start talking tonight about how they will re-shape American wealth over the next four years, their words may be largely symbolic.

-By CNBC's Robert Frank

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New Florida Theatre president looking forward to managing the 'fabulous building'

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By [Charlie Patton](#)



BOB SELF/The Times-Union

Numa Saisselin is the new president of the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville. He was most recently CEO of the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, N.J. When he joined Count Basie, it had an ongoing deficit. Under his leadership, the organization enjoyed nine straight years of cash surpluses.

When Numa Saisselin became CEO of the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, N.J., in 2002, the theater had an annual operating budget of \$1.5 million and an ongoing deficit. About 50,000 people had attended the theater in 2001. The walls had been painted white to hide water damage.

“The building itself was in every sense of the word falling down,” said Saisselin, who recently was named president of the Florida Theatre in Jacksonville. “We had to hang safety nets to catch the falling plaster.”

Today, the Basie Theatre operates on an \$8.5 million budget, has had nine consecutive years of cash surpluses and draws close to 200,000 annually. About \$12 million in renovations were undertaken during Saisselin’s decade at the theater.

It “has become a hub for comic tours as well as rock, pop, jazz, and oldies acts — a reflection of the vibrant music scene on the Jersey Shore,” the New Jersey Monthly reported in 2010.

Saisselin, 49, said he isn’t facing the same kinds of challenges in Jacksonville.

“This institution is in much better shape than that one was,” he said.

But he called it “an interesting leadership change.”

Erik Hart, whose position Saisselin is filling, has been in charge of the Florida Theatre since it reopened in 1983 following restoration. Hart, who will retire next year, will stay on as program director during a transition period.

“There will be a good period of overlap,” Saisselin said. “He’ll be able to teach me the idiosyncrasies of the building.”

Saisselin, who played French horn, attended the State University of New York's Fredonia School of Music, but said he never considered a career as a professional musician. He got a degree in music education and taught music in a special education school for a year. But it was not a good fit, he said. "They never should have hired me."

He had worked as a stagehand while in college, so when a friend told him there was a job opening at the Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, N.Y., he applied and was hired in 1986 as the business manager and grants writer.

He had found the right profession.

"One of the reasons I didn't cut it as a musician was that I didn't have that tunnel vision you need to be a great artist," he said. "In this job, you get to do a little bit of everything."

After a few years, he went back to school, to Adelphi University, to get a master's in business administration.

"I was good at being an arts administrator, but I didn't want to max out," he said. "So I got a serious degree."

He served as executive director of the Paramount Center for the Arts from 1992-97 and as managing and artistic director of the City University of New York's College of Staten Island Performing Arts Center, a five-theater complex, from 1998-2002, when he moved to the Basie Theatre.

One of the keys to turning around the Basie Theatre was "we took control of our building," he said.

The programming that the theater was offering was brought in by promoters who rented the theater for their events. Saisselin decided to become his own promoter on many events.

"Promoting your own events there's risk, but if it works you keep the money," he said.

He said he began looking for a new opportunity a couple of years ago. "It was kind of time," he said.

The Florida Theatre opening appealed for several reasons. "It's a bigger market with a bigger theater in a fabulous building," he said. "And I'm going from piles of snow to sunshine."

While he said he doesn't "think I'm in a position yet to start enumerating" changes he would like to make to the Florida Theatre's operations, having only been in Jacksonville since Labor Day, he did say he thinks "the building is underused."

"Activity breeds more activity."

He and his wife, Laurie, have rented a home in Avondale that they share with two Great Danes and a cat.

"This community does a fabulous job acclimating outsiders," he said. "It goes out of its way to make newcomers feel welcome."

United Front Against Austerity (UFAA) declines my offer to speak

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

I contacted this organization about a week ago offering to speak from an MMT perspective. They're having a rally in NYC on Oct 27. I was going to talk not only about why austerity was bad and self defeating, but also about how those who are opposed to austerity must begin to understand that deficits are good and taxes do not fund government spending. Until that happens, the 1% would remain in control and we would have austerity. The person I spoke to said he knew me from my Fox and other media appearances and knew of this blog. Well, that person just got back to me and told me that UFAA cannot offer me a spot on the speaker list. So this is who will be speaking:

Webster G. Tarpley
Author, historian and economist, tarpley.net

Cindy Sheehan
Antiwar Activist

Dr. W. Randy Short
SCLC, University of Virginia

Don DeBar
Founder, Community Progressive Radio

Anthony Monteiro
African-American Studies, Temple University

Dr. Jay Arena
Professor of Sociology, College of Staten Island, CUNY
Eric Lerner
Popular science writer and Occupy Wall Street activist

Rev. Edward Pinkney
Benton Harbor, Michigan (via Skype)

Murrell Brooks
Political Science, Virginia Wesleyan College

Eric Draitser

Independent journalist, StopImperialism.com

Bruce Marshall, moderator

former Congressional candidate, Green Party of Vermont

What a joke! Not even a single economist on the list, let alone an MMT person. Like a freakin' 1960s antiwar rally. And they wonder why they get nowhere with their demands for change.

STATEN ISLAND EXPERTS EVALUATE THE FINAL PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

President Barack Obama (D)	Gov. Mitt Romney (R)
 <p>BEST MOMENT: Demonstrating over and over the inconsistency in Romney's positions during course of campaign.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: No major gaffes!</p> <p>State Sen. Diane Savino (D)</p>	<p>BEST MOMENT: Pivoting back to economic issues, where he is more comfortable.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: Probably wishing he hadn't mentioned Obama's "apology tour," after the president's snappy comeback.</p>
 <p>BEST MOMENT: Sounding strong and focused on U.S. commitment to seeing Syrian dictator Assad removed.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: When Romney confronted him on his failures that have led to increased unemployment, deficit, food stamps.</p> <p>Assemblywoman Nicole Malliotakis (R)</p>	<p>BEST MOMENT: Correcting Obama that America hasn't dictated to other nations, but freed other nations from dictators.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: In answering a question, instead of giving details, he directed audience to his website.</p>
 <p>BEST MOMENT: Reminding Romney that a commander in chief needs to deliver clear, consistent policy statements.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: Saying the U.S. needed to do "some nation-building at home," focusing attention on poor economy.</p> <p>Prof. Richard Flanagan, College of Staten Island</p>	<p>BEST MOMENT: Saying a weak economy and military was a great threat to international peace.</p> <p>WORST MOMENT: Not pressing on troubling questions surrounding assassination of Ambassador Stevens in Libya.</p>
 <p>BEST PERFORMANCE MOMENT: Keeping his focus on the camera, reminding voters of his accomplishments while attacking Romney's agenda.</p> <p>WORST PERFORMANCE MOMENT: Interrupting Romney several times, which seemed defensive and childlike.</p> <p>Fred Cerullo, Public servant, actor</p>	<p>BEST PERFORMANCE MOMENT: Highlighting failures in establishing a more competitive and attractive America in which to do business.</p> <p>WORST PERFORMANCE MOMENT: When the president said Romney's achievements in education occurred prior to his election as governor.</p>

Why the super-rich keep on getting richer

Study links Republicans in Congress with the richest 1 percent getting wealthier.

By Katharine Gammon, LiveScienceMon, Oct 29 2012 at 1:21 PM EST



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The top 1 percent of Americans are getting a bigger piece of the economic pie — and part of the reason may be Republicans in Congress, according to a new study.

The study, detailed this month in the journal *American Sociological Review*, shows that the income share of the top 1 percent grew rapidly after 1980 — from 10 percent in 1981 to 23.5 percent in 2007, an increase of 135 percentage points. (Since 2007, the wealth held at the top has decreased a bit, due to [the financial meltdown of 2008](#).)

Study co-author Thomas Volscho, an assistant professor of sociology at CUNY [College of Staten Island](#), finds a Republican majority in Congress is one of the main reasons for the [widening rich-poor gap](#). However, other experts say one factor cannot explain the rise of the 1 percent, and rather a handful of reasons, such as globalization and even technology, play roles.

Taxes and the top 1 percent

Volscho said he got interested in the topic when he read about gilded-age mansions on Long Island and realized that America was living through another gilded age.

"I started looking at the data in 2009, and I wanted to know how the one percent doubled their share of the income pile," Volscho said.

He combed through house price index data, IRS numbers (taxes paid) and census data, finding a few factors that may have led to the rise of [the super-rich](#): Congressional shifts to the Republican Party, diminishing union membership, lower tax rates for the top 2 percent of Americans, and financial asset bubbles in stock and real-estate markets. [[5 Facts About the Wealthiest 1 Percent](#)]

When Republicans gained seats in Congress in any given year the number of super-rich jumped in the following year. For instance, from 1949 through 2008, the impact of a 1 percentage point increase in the share of seats (just over five seats) held by Republicans in Congress raised the top income share by about 0.08 percentage points, according to the study. Volscho found that while Congress played a role, the President's political affiliation didn't correlate with any leaps in the über-wealthy.

Volscho said he was surprised to find the connection between union membership — which was as high as 35 percent in the 1950s — and [income inequality](#). "Every time union membership went up by 1 percent, the share of income going to [the] top one percent [increased] by 0.4 percent."

That means that much more of the economic pie went to the top earners — for 2008, that increase of 0.4 percentage points equaled \$33.4 billion.

Volscho says that taxes have also made an impact: In the 1980s, when Reagan gave a massive tax cut to the wealthiest people while increasing spending, he made up the difference by selling treasury bonds — and who bought those bonds? The wealthy, who profited off the lower tax rates assessed to capital gains earnings, did. "So the rich went from owning companies that made physical products, TVs and shoes, and hiring people to work in factories, that all shifted in the 1970s. Now many of the new rich are Wall Street and connected lawyers." [[6 Odd Historical Tax Facts](#)]

Reasons behind income inequality

Lane Kenworthy, a sociologist at the University of Arizona who studies income inequality, said various hypotheses could explain the income gap. Since the 1980s, Kenworthy said, the bottom three-quarters of the [U.S. population](#) have seen slow economic growth, while the top quarter has experienced decent growth, and the top 1 percent, rapid growth.

"I generally believe a confluence of factors fell into place at the same time, so there's no single factor that really explains it — but lots of people have stories about which they think are more important," he said. "And this is the first time Congress's role has come into it."

Among other causes, both globalization and technology have squeezed the lower incomes while allowing [the wealthy to become richer](#), said Kenworthy, who was not involved in the current study. Globalization makes it easier to ship jobs overseas, depressing wages for American workers. At the same time, globalization made it easier for superstars — Oprah or professional sports players but also CEOs — to sell their brands around the world instead of just in the United States.

And technology makes it easier for the financial markets to make bigger gains and drops through instant computer-based transactions. It also replaces humans in some fields, from medical diagnostics to bank tellers, Kenworthy noted. Deregulation, of course, also played a part, allowing for bigger and bigger financial risks.

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CSU trustees still don't get it

California Focus

By **THOMAS D. ELIAS**

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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 were willing to pay.

Over a period of weeks, the trustees voted to pay tens of thousands more to new presidents at five campuses than chiefs of those schools had 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 (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. That 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.

Sports



Hawks' Mahoney Repeats While Bulldogs' Junglander Takes Honor



CUNYAC/U.S. Army Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week

Elizabeth Mahoney, Hunter

Senior/Auburn, NY/Auburn HS

Elizabeth Mahoney has been named the CUNYAC/US Army Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Week for the second consecutive week. At the College of Staten Island Invitational, the reigning CUNYAC Runner of the Year placed 3rd out of 128 runners. Her time of 20:17.86 landed her first place out of all CUNY runners and helped lead Hunter to a 3rd place finish in the 16 team competition.

CUNYAC/U.S. Army Women's Cross Country Rookie of the Week

Megan Junglander, Brooklyn

Freshman/Trancis, Sweden/Brinellgymnasiet

Megan Junglander was named the CUNYAC/US Army Women's Cross Country Rookie of the Week for the second time this year. Running in the College of Staten Island Invitational, the rookie placed 7th out of 128 runners with a time of 22:09.69. Her effort helped Brooklyn to a 5th place finish out of the 16 team field.



Hawks' Rojas and CSI's Obesanya Earn Honors



CUNYAC/U.S. Army Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Week

Christian Rojas, Hunter

Sophomore/Brentwood, NY/St. John the Baptist

Christian Rojas has been announced the CUNYAC/US Army Men's Cross Country Athlete of the Week. Rojas ran in the **College of Staten Island** Invitational where he finished 3rd out of 113 runners and first out of all four-year college runners. His time of 17:35.59 aided in the Hawks' third place finish in the 13 team competition.

CUNYAC/U.S. Army Men's Cross Country Rookie of the Week

Samuel Obesanya, Staten Island

Freshman/Staten Island, NY/St. Peter's

Samuel Obesanya has been announced the CUNYAC/US Army Men's Cross Country Rookie of the Week. At the **College of Staten Island** Invitational, the rookie finished with a time of 17:38.55. His 5th overall finish out of 113 runners helped the Dolphins finish 8th out of 13 teams.



Dolphin men eighth, women ninth at CSI Invitational

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By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

Andrew Pate placed fourth and Joanna Villegas placed 24th for the College of Staten Island at the CSI Cross Country Invitational at Clove Lakes Park on Sunday.

For the men, 13 scoring teams took part in the five-kilometer race. CSI placed eighth as a team with 173 points. Queensborough Community College won the event, scoring 92 points.

In addition to Pate (17:38.40), Samuel Obsinaya (17:38.55) placed fifth, Richard Ruggiero (20:21) placed 44th, Michael Wallace (20:54) placed 52nd, Chris Gonzalez (22:07) placed 69th, Shawn Cybulska (22:39) placed 74th, Michael Gratkowski (23:55) placed 85th and Michael Allamby (26:00) finished in 98th for the Dolphins.

For the women, 16 scoring teams took part in the five-kilometer race. Along with Villegas (24:14), the Lady Dolphins were paced by Victoria Barry (24:22, 26th), Jackie Jamaledine (25:48, 47th), Ayat Odeh (30:25, 89th), Kubra Shirazi (31:35, 94th) and Sandra Battle (32:45, 100th).

The CSI women placed ninth with 280 points while Baruch College won the event, scoring 62 points.

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Lions Open 2012 Fall Play vs. Manhattan, Fordham

Courtesy: Columbia University Athletics Release: 10/04/2012

NEW YORK - The 2013 Columbia baseball squad will be taking the field for the first time against outside competition this weekend with a pair of games vs. New York City rivals Manhattan and Fordham at Robertson Field at Satow Stadium. The Lions take on Fordham on Saturday, October 6 at 11 a.m. followed by a showdown with Manhattan on Sunday, October 14 at 12 p.m.

The 2013 Lions feature 20 returning letterman, including second team All-Ivy first baseman [Alex Black](#) and honorable mention All-Ivy picks [Stefan Olson](#) and [Nick Ferraresi](#).

Columbia has 10 position players with starting experience and nine pitchers that recorded innings last season.

A talented class of 10 newcomers, including outfielder Joey Falcone, the 2011 CUNY and ECAC Rookie of the Year transfer from the [College of Staten Island](#), rounds out the Columbia veterans.

The Lions ended the 2012 season with 21 wins and a 12-8 Ivy League record. It was the second 20-win season and the second Ivy League winning season for the program in the last three years.

Last season, Manhattan swept Columbia, 9-2 and 6-3, in a pair of seven-inning games in the Bronx. Columbia split a doubleheader with Fordham on its home field, winning the opener by a score of 6-1 before falling 4-2 to the Rams in game two.



College sports roundup: College of Staten Island men's and women's soccer teams lose

By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

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The College of Staten Island men's soccer team dropped a 3-2 CUNY decision to CCNY in double overtime on Wednesday in Willowbrook.

The Beavers (3-3-1 CUNY, 5-6-2 overall) tallied twice in the first half, but the Dolphins (3-3, 8-8) responded with two goals from Nedgy Nazon after intermission to knot the game.

Nazon was assisted by Lirim Begai in the 52nd minute and added the equalizer in the 62nd minute as Alfonso Castaneda pitched in with the assist.

The game stayed that way until the Manhattan squad picked up the winner in the 105th minute.

Ahmed El-Gahreieb made nine saves for CSI.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

St. Joseph's 3, CSI 1

The Brooklyn team netted a goal in the first and second half before Melissa Gelardi cut the deficit to 2-1 with an unassisted goal in the 75th minute of the non-league affair in Willowbrook.

However, the Bears picked up a late insurance goal in the 84th minute to seal the victory.

The Lady Dolphins dropped to 9-5-2 overall.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

CSI 6, Brooklyn College 3

Ilona Stoyko, Jean Baak, Jessica Barabatk, Madiha Mulla and Nataliya Zitser won singles matches for the Dolphins in the CUNY affair in Brooklyn.

SINGLES: Yuliya Orkis (BC) def. Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert, 6-0, 6-0; Ilona Stoyko (CSI) def. Maria Sanz, 6-

1, 7-6 (7-2); Jean Baak (CSI) def. Norma Lynn Chabbott, 6-0, 6-1; Jessica Barabatkó (CSI) def. Olayinka Sarayi, 6-2, 6-1; Madiha Mulla (CSI) def. Gianna Gelosi, 6-1, 6-0; Nataliya Zitsler (CSI) def. Hadiya Cameron, 7-5.

DOUBLES: Orkis/Rivkin (BC) def. Bragerton-Nasert/Stoyko, 8-1; Sanz/Gelosi (BC) def. Baak/Mulla, 9-7; Barabatkó/Jackie Jamaledine (CSI) def. Cameron/Sarayi, 8-5.



Staten Island college sports roundup: CSI women rout Medgar Evers in soccer, 7-0

By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

October 12, 2012 at 1:34 AM

The College of Staten Island women's soccer team found the net six times in the opening half as the Dolphins cruised to a 7-0 CUNY victory over host Medgar Evers on Thursday.

Demi-Jean Martorano opened the scoring less than two minutes in. Sam Wysokowski followed with a pair of goals. Jean Notholt, Kyrsta Percaccio and Alyssa Colasurdo closed out the first-half scoring.

Amanda Percaccio added the final score for (8-4, 5-0) CSI, which hosts Drew on Monday.

CSI Athletic Hall of Fame Induction: Ira Sweet defines history of Dolphin athletics

By **Jack Minogue**
October 12, 2012

The **College of Staten Island** began playing “catch-up” last night when it inducted the first class of its Athletic Hall of Fame at the Hilton Garden Inn.

Which was to be expected.



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*Posing at the inaugural **College of Staten Island** Sports Hall of Fame awards dinner are, from left: Jaccllyn Rock, class of 2005; Elizabeth (Betty) Zwintraf, Coach; Ramona Brown, V.P. of Student Affairs; William Fritz, **CSI** President; Ira Sweet, Coach from 1959-2000; Jeff Benjamin, class of*

*1987; Teresa Grasso, wife of the late coach Sebastian (Sonny) Grasso and her daughter Judy Trancucci; Evan Pickman, Coach 1970-2008; John Cali, class of 1999 and David Pizzuto, **CSI** Associate Athletic Director at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bloomfield.*

Including those years when the school had a split personality – Staten Island Community College (SICC) and Richmond College – there is more than a half-century of athletic history.

The toughest task was whittling down an endless list of deserving, sure-fire candidates to a manageable number (seven) for last night’s ceremony, a list which certainly triggered hosts of “Why not ...?”

One selection, though, required no brainstorming and shouldn’t have sparked second-guessing.

Ira Sweet’s unmatched impact on **CSI’s** athletics which dated back to SICC days and spanned six decades (1959 to 2001), was not always visible to the college or the Staten Island community.

However, it is still being felt today.

For that, no one has to look past the school's athletic facilities which Sweet shepherded to its current state even when it meant battling the City University administration, contractors, and even the school's own administration.

Even when it would cost him the friendship of a couple of more impatient colleagues.

But that was Ira who never took his eye off the ball ... the student-athlete.

Need a basketball coach for a men's team which doesn't even have a court of its own? No problem. Ira took the team for 10 years beginning in 1961, practicing and playing at now-deceased Cromwell Center. And then he persuaded another of last night's inductees, Evan Pickman, to replace him.

Need a men's soccer coach? No problem. Ira took the team for three years beginning in 1960, even though it meant doubling up for two of those years.

The trainer quits just before the start of the 1994-1995 academic year. Give the job to Ira. After all, he's been the unofficial trainer before.

Move the athletic program from its Sunnyside campus, now the Michael J. Petrides School, to Willowbrook, replace retiring Joe Barresi as athletic director and hire a director for the new sports and recreation center. Ira will take care of the logistics – and both jobs.

The CUNY budget eliminates the physical education department and provides no money to utilize the gym at the new campus. The facility will have to be self-supporting. Ira will take care of it.

Or, when Georgetown University basketball coach popularized the position of academic advisor to athletes by sitting her on the team bench, he was well behind **CSI**. By then, the Dolphins had an unofficial academic advisor for two decades. Ira Sweet, of course.

And, not surprisingly, more than a few times, Ira took his unofficial academic advisor's job to a new level by taking student-athletes home with him when their personal or financial ship was sinking.

No surprise.

Not from a man who never took his eyes off the ball, the student-athlete.

In addition to Sweet and Pickman, who had a 127-42 record as Dolphin basketball coach, the inductees included three athletes and two coaches.

Jeff Benjamin was the school's first truly outstanding distance runner. John Cali was the point guard who was the glue for two CUNY championship basketball teams; and Jaclyn Rock was a 5-foot-8 post player who played as if she were 6-3 while setting **CSI** records for single-season rebounds (450) and single-game rebounds (30).

Two coaches were also honored.

Sebastian (Sonny) Grasso, a member of the Staten Island Sports Hall of Fame and **CSI's** first intramural coordinator, coached baseball (1978-1981) where his teams won two CUNY championships and softball

(1979 and 1980) where his team won one CUNY title.

Betty Zwingraf, spent her 42 years at CSI rescuing sports in need of a coach: volleyball, tennis, basketball, softball and even cheerleading.



Brooklyn's Adams, Baruch's Kozlowski, and CCNY's Galvez Take Home Honors



CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Player of the Week

Alwyn Adams, Brooklyn

Midfielder/Senior/Linden, Guyana/Raymore-Peculiar

Alwyn Adams has been named the CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Player of the Week. In just two games this week, the senior scored six goals and assisted on one other. In a 10-2 victory over conference opponent Medgar Evers, Adams had a hat-trick including a game winning goal. The Bulldog followed up that performance against John Jay notching another hat-trick including the game-winner and assisting on another goal. His effort led Brooklyn to a 5-3 win over the Bloodhounds. The two conference wins bring Brooklyn to 8-4-2 overall and 4-1-2 in CUNYAC.

CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Rookie of the Week

Oren Kozlowski, Baruch

Forward/Freshman/Tulsa, Oklahoma/Booker T. Washington

Oren Kozlowski has been named the CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Rookie of the Week. This accolade marks the fifth time he has won the CUNYAC Rookie of the Week Award. This week the freshman played against Lehman, scoring one goal and assisting on another as the Bearcats edged out the Lightning 4-3. Kozlowski has made a significant impact in every game he has played for Baruch. In his eight starts, the Oklahoma native has nine goals. The victory brings the Bearcats to a 7-4-3 record overall and a 5-0-2 record in CUNYAC.

CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Defender of the Week**Jorge Galvez, CCNY****Defender/Freshman/Santiago, Chile/PV Regional**

Jorge Galvez has been named the first ever CUNYAC/Appleebee's Men's Soccer Defender of the Week. The award begins this week as CUNYAC looks to highlight the other side of the ball. The rookie played in three games this week as the Beavers took on Berkeley and conference opponents Staten Island and Hunter. Against Berkeley, the center back played most of the game as CCNY was victorious 3-2. Galvez followed up that performance in a game against the College of Staten Island as the Beavers won 3-2 in double overtime. He finished out the week in a shutout of Hunter as CCNY won 1-0 in overtime. The 3-0 week brought the Beavers record to 6-6-2 overall and 4-1-1 in conference play.



Drew routs **CSI** in women's soccer, 8-1

By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

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Visiting Drew University scored four times in the opening half and never looked back in recording an 8-1 non-conference victory over the **College of Staten Island** on Monday.

The (6-6-2) Rangers led 5-0 before **CSI's** Kathryn Dowling found the net via teammate Samantha Wysokowski at the 59:41 mark.

Drew outshot the Dolphins 26-8. **CSI** goalies (first-half) Ashley Albanese and (second-half) Jennifer Coughlin made five and four saves, respectively.

The (8-5 overall) Dolphins host Brooklyn in their final CUNY match of the regular season on Monday.



Semifinals Moved to Sunday Due to Rain



Championship Central

Due to rain, the CUNYAC/HSS Women's Tennis Semifinals have been moved to Sunday at 1:00pm. The finals were to be played at that time so they will be moved to Wednesday at 5:00pm. If you have already registered for tickets for either the semifinals or the finals, those tickets will still be honored. Don't miss any of the action on Sunday as the top four seeds go head-to-head for a chance to play in the CUNYAC/HSS Women's Tennis Finals.

The CUNYAC/HSS Quarterfinals saw no upsets this year as the four top seeds advanced to the semifinals on Friday. Top seeded Hunter defeated #8 CCNY 5-0 at the National Tennis Center. At the same time, #3 **CSI** took down #6 Lehman 5-0 at Staten Island. #2 Brooklyn then downed #7 John Jay 5-0 at Brooklyn setting up a match-up against the Dolphins of **CSI**. #4 Baruch set-up the final showdown against CUNYAC rival, Hunter, as they were victorious over #5 York.

Semifinals Matchups will be:

#1 Hunter Hawks vs #4 Baruch Bearcats [Live Stats](#)

#2 Brooklyn Bulldogs vs #3 **CSI** Dolphins [Live Stats](#)

TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY. PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR **FREE** TICKET [HERE](#)

#1 Hunter Hawks 5, #8 CCNY Beavers 0

On Wednesday, October 17th, the first seeded Hawks played host to the number eight seed CCNY in the CUNYAC/HSS Tournament. After a strong performance in doubles, the Hawks won 2nd and 4th singles to get the 5th point, putting them in the semi-finals.

Juniors Jane Selegian and Shena Joseph started the Hawks off with a perfect 8-0 win over CCNY's Natalie DeSabato and Maigon Nobbs. Followed was the second doubles team of sophomores Caroline Kaleda and Beth Chapnick besting Sherada Boyle and Tobi Ojo 8-2. Third doubles deemed to be the toughest match of the day, and after falling 3-1 freshman Angelina Usherenko and sophomore Stephanie Ahwring rebounded back to win the next 7 games to take the match 8-3, giving the Hawks a 3-0 lead going into singles play.

Kaleda was the first one finished, beating Ojo 6-1, 6-1. Soon followed Joseph who had an outstanding 6-0, 6-1 win against Bautista. All the Hawks won the first set in their respective singles matches when play was suspended.

The Hawks now move into the semi-finals where they face the Bearcats of Baruch.

#2 Brooklyn Bulldogs vs #7 John Jay at Brooklyn College

For the second year in a row, the Brooklyn College Women's Tennis team has advanced to the Semifinals Round of the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC)/Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Championships, as the #2 seeded Bulldogs shutout the #7 seeded Bloodhounds of John Jay College, 5-0, in the Quarterfinals Round this afternoon at the Roosevelt Courts on the BC campus.

BC came out strong in doubles play, as the Bulldogs took all three flights. The duo of sophomore Yuliya Orkis and junior Liana Rivkin defeated the pair of Armine Kurkjian, and Ashley Marrero, 8-1, at #1 doubles; while the team of senior Maria Sanz and junior Norma Lynn Chabbott downed the tandem of Lauren Mallon and Natalie Cervantes, 8-2, at #2 doubles.

To complete the doubles sweep, junior Olayinka Sarayi and senior Hadiya Cameron beat out Ammarah Karim and Denise Batista, 8-2, at #3 doubles.

Needing just two more wins to finish out the match, Brooklyn received wins from Orkis (#1 singles) and Sarayi (#5 singles) to get passed the Bloodhounds and advance to the semifinals round.

Orkis defeated Marrero 6-0, 6-0; while Sarayi defeated Karim 6-1, 6-0.

"I thought we came out very aggressively at the onset of the match and continued to play well throughout," said head coach Ahmad Odetalla.

Up next for Brooklyn will be the #3 seeded Dolphins of the College of Staten Island, who defeated #6 Lehman College in their quarterfinal match earlier today, 5-0.

Fans looking to attend the semifinals and final will need to register for tickets in advance. Tickets are free and can be acquired online by visiting www.cunyathletics.com/tickets

CSI handed BC their only conference loss of the season back on October 10th, by a 5-3 score. Brooklyn defeated Staten Island, 5-1, in the semifinals last year.

#3 CSI Dolphins vs #6 Lehman Lightning at the College of Staten Island

The College of Staten Island women's tennis team clinched a berth into the CUNYAC / Hospital for Special Surgery Semifinals this afternoon, defeating No. 6 Lehman College in quarterfinal play, 5-0, at the CSI Tennis Center. Winners of eight straight, the Dolphins lifted their mark to 11-4 in the process, while the Lightning finalized their season at 7-10. The win for the Dolphins will advance them to the CUNYAC Semifinals, where they will face the winner of No. 2 Brooklyn College/No. 7 John Jay College.

Play started with Doubles, and CSI got on the board early when the No. 2 tandem of Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert and Mediha Mulla paired to score an 8-0 win over LC's Marisela Camano and Cristie Peralta. Moments later, CSI doubled the lead when the No. 3 team of Jessica Barabatkó and Jacqueline Jamaledine took an 8-3 win over Patricia Cadet and Natalie Carasquillo. In the lengthiest match, the No. 1 CSI team of Ilona Stoyko and Jean Baak proved too strong for Lehman's Nelly Blinova and Ravnit Bhatia, 8-2.

When play switched to Singled, CSI only needed to get two flights to clinch, and they wasted little time. First, Mulla at No. 5 scored a 6-0, 6-0, win, and just a few breaths later, Barabatkó won by the same score at No. 4. The Dolphins had leads in the remaining flights as well, but play was suspended at that point.

In the semifinal on Friday, CSI will be playing Brooklyn. CSI scored a 5-3 win over Brooklyn during the regular season.

#4 Baruch Bearcats vs #5 York Cardinals at the National Tennis Center

The Baruch College Bearcats defeated York College, 5-0, in a CUNYAC Championship quarterfinal match played on Wednesday night at the U.S. National Tennis Center.

The Bearcats won all three doubles and two singles to record the playoff victory. The victory was made even sweeter since York eliminated the Bearcats last year in the quarterfinals.

Amanda Naraine clinched the fifth team point by winning at sixth doubles, 6-0, 6-0, to end the match.



A Five Borough Challenge

CUNY Athletics Announces University-Wide Intramurals & Recreation Initiative



Thursday, October 18, 2012, Queens, NY – The City University of New York Athletic Conference is proud to announce the launch of CUNY-Wide Intramurals & Recreation championship events for all students across the University system. Through the generous support of Municipal Credit Union, CUNYAC is taking huge strides forward with ongoing efforts to involve the general student body in recreational sports. The CUNYAC/MCU Intramurals and Recreation Championships will feature seven championship events, including handball, chess, table tennis, co-ed indoor soccer, a 5K health run, co-ed volleyball, and co-ed basketball.

“More and more, our students here at the City University reflect the more traditional type of student, looking for opportunities on-campus and ways to connect with peers,” noted Zak Ivkovic, Executive Director of the CUNY Athletic Conference. “The CUNYAC Intramurals and Recreation Championships will give CUNY students across the five boroughs the chance to participate in safe, fun, and healthy recreational sports to complement their academic experiences.”

The first championship event will be a handball tournament, taking place at The College of Staten Island on Friday, November 16. Last year, CSI hosted this event, recruiting over 50 players in the tournament. The floodgates will open once again for all CUNY students to join the competition this year and will feature both a Men’s and a Women’s Championship.

“After hosting the first ever CUNY-Wide Handball Tournament last year we were amazed at the amount of participation from all over CUNY. It really shows the passion these students have to compete against other CUNY schools to become the best of the best from their college,” commented Sal Caruso, Interim Intramurals Director at CSI. “This year we hope to double or triple the number of CUNY students

participating while spreading the word about other CUNY-Wide Intramural & Recreation Events. Our shared goal with the conference office is to make CUNY Intramural Events as popular as varsity CUNYAC championship games.”

The first full year of the CUNYAC Intramurals Championship Series is made possible by the enhanced support from Municipal Credit Union - an existing sponsor for CUNYAC Baseball Championships - who has signed on to fund opportunities for the general student body. With MCU’s generous funding, CUNYAC will be awarding a significant monetary reward to the campus with most participation in CUNYAC intramurals championships. "Municipal Credit Union is thrilled to expand its relationship with CUNY Athletics," remarked Corey Fernandes, VP Business Development/Member Relations. "The CUNYAC Intramurals and Recreation Championship Series will allow Athletics to branch out to thousands more students throughout the five boroughs. MCU is proud to support this major initiative."

CUNYAC Intramurals and Recreation Championships will take place throughout the entire academic year with chess and table tennis rounding out the fall semester, followed by co-ed indoor soccer, a 5K health run, co-ed volleyball, and co-ed basketball in the spring semester. Campus tournaments will be held for each sport and champions from the local events will convene at various CUNY campuses to name the University champion. Dates, locations, and instructions for signing up will be posted in the coming weeks, so stay tuned to www.cunyathletics.com!



Bulldogs' Orkis and CSI's Mulla Earn Top Honors of the Year



The CUNY Athletic Conference has named Yuliya Orkis from Brooklyn College and Madiha Mulla from the College of Staten Island as CUNYAC/Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Player and Rookie of the year, respectively. Ahmad Odetalla from Brooklyn was named Coach of the Year while Anna Ko from York earned the Sportsmanship Award. The Brooklyn Bulldogs and the Dolphins of Staten Island would tie for the most team accolades with four each while Baruch and Hunter snagged three a piece and both Lehman and York grabbed one.

Yuliya Orkis, the 2011 CUNYAC Player of the Year, followed up her performance with an unblemished overall record in both doubles and singles. The sophomore standout, was 10-0 overall and 7-0 CUNYAC at number one singles while playing to 8-0 and 6-0 at number one doubles overall and in CUNYAC, respectively. Orkis received two CUNYAC Player of the Week honors this season throughout her unbelievable overall season. The CUNYAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month for this past September has certainly made an impact at Brooklyn; winning Player of the Year both seasons she has competed.

"I feel amazing and grateful to have received this award once more," said Yuliya Orkis on her second straight CUNYAC Player of the Year selection. "I hope that this reflects my commitment and dedication to my team and that this will push my teammates to bump me out of this spot, come next season. I owe a lot of my success to my supportive coaches and teammates."

College of Staten Island rookie Mediha Mulla has been a standout all season. The Susan Wagner product had an outstanding 11-3 overall record and 6-1 CUNYAC record in singles as she played between the third and fifth flights. In doubles, she had a 10-3 overall and 6-1 CUNYAC record between the first and second flights. Mulla also received one CUNYAC Rookie of the Week accolade this season.

"Mediha has had a tremendous approach to the game," opined Head Coach Paul Ricciardi. "She is an

incredibly hard worker, putting in every ounce of effort while approaching it all with a smile on her face. She has given our team a tremendous boost as a freshman and we know that with her work rate, the best is yet to come.”

Anna Ko is a York Cardinal who embodies the perfect balance between competitiveness and sportsmanship. The veteran lost only one singles match this season with a 10-1 record. Along the way, she set a single-season record for most wins at York and earned the respect of every opponent.

“Sportsmanship is always exemplified by the actions of Anna Ko. She is always fair and considerate of her challenging opponent,” said Head Coach Greg Jackson. “Anna has the ability to make an opponent feel good about herself regardless of the outcome. She steps her game regardless to what position she is requested to engage. A very hardworking, thoughtful individual. No matter what she never falters, keeps going, hitting the elusive last ball whether she wins or loses, she always has a positive attitude.”

Brooklyn Head Coach Ahmad Odetalla wins his second consecutive Coach of the Year award as his team finishes with a 10-3 overall record and a 7-1 CUNYAC record. Under his direction, the team finished in a three-way tie for first in CUNYAC that eventually gave them the second seed heading into the CUNYAC Hospital for Special Surgery Tennis Championship. The Coach has been known for developing and recruiting talented players and this year is no different as he has three all-stars including the Player of the Year. He will be looking to continue his career success in the postseason where he has guided his team to the finals for two consecutive seasons.

“Obviously, it’s an honor to receive this award from the conference and the other coaches,” said head coach Ahmad Odetalla. “Coach Perez (Assistant Coach Ruth Perez) and I work hard to instill hard work and dedication upon the team. It feels nice to be recognized for the work we put in.”

2012 CUNYAC/Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis All-Stars

Player of the Year: Yuliya Orkis, Brooklyn

Rookie of the Year: Madiha Mulla, Staten Island

Coach of the Year: Ahmad Odetalla, Brooklyn

Sportsmanship Award: Anna Ko, York

First-Team All-Stars

Jean Baak, Staten Island

Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert, Staten Island

Patricia Gomes Correia, Baruch

Shena Joseph, Hunter

Jane Selegean, Hunter

Ilona Stoyko, Staten Island

Second-Team All-Stars

Nelly Blinova, Lehman

Gianna Gelosì, Brooklyn

Amandine Le Goupil Maier, Baruch

Jennafer Mukofsky, Baruch

Maria Sanz, Brooklyn
Gina Yeo, Hunter



College of Staten Island women's tennis reaches CUNY finals

By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

October 23, 2012

On Wednesday, the **College of Staten Island's** women's tennis team will be in uncharted waters: the CUNY championship match.

The red-hot Dolphins, who have not brought home a net crown since the 1999 days of coach Bruce Knittle, get a shot against archrival Hunter College at the USTA National Tennis Center at 5 p.m.

CSI lost 7-2 to the Hawks in that Sept. 19 road meeting, with the mid-Manhattan school winning three third-set tiebreakers.

Since then, the (12-4) Dolphins have run off nine straight wins, culminating in Sunday's 5-2 pasting of No. 2 Brooklyn.

No. 3 singles Jean Baak (11-1 overall, 6-0 CUNY), No. 2 Ilona Stoyko (8-4, 6-1) and CUNY Rookie-of-the-Year candidate Mediha Mulla (12-3, 6-1 at fifth singles) head the streaking third-seeded Dolphins.

Hunter, in a word, is formidable.

The top-ranked Hawks, who have run off with 10 of their last 11 matches, are playing in their 23rd consecutive CUNY final and seeking their 13th straight title.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CSI 4, Brooklyn 0

Behind Demi-Jean Martorano's record-tying performance, the **College of Staten Island** women's soccer team pasted visiting Brooklyn College in a CUNY contest on Monday.

The Dolphin junior knocked in three of four attempts on goal and assisted on Samantha Wysokowski's score to tie the **CSI** all-time record for career (53) goals. Fiosa Begai had 53 goals during her 2005-2008 career.

The (9-5, 6-0) Dolphins, who outshot the Bulldogs 38-5 and 16-2 on goal, owned a 2-0 halftime on Martarano's first two scores.

CSI hosts SUNY-Maritime on Tuesday as part of its Senior Day, starting at 4 p.m.

College of Staten Island women's soccer gearing for deep postseason run

By **Stephen Hart**
October 24, 2012



Led by Demi-Jean Martorano, who became the College of Staten Island's all-time leading scorer on Tuesday, the Lady Dolphins have their eyes on another CUNY championship. *Photo courtesy of CSI athletics*

You'll have to forgive John Guagliardo if he sounds a little excited these days.

The College of Staten Island women's soccer coach and his players have been revved up since the announcement before the season that the CUNY Tournament winner would receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Tournament for the first time.

"We're ready to take it to the next level," said Guagliardo, the ninth-year coach who has guided the program since its inception. But with two games left in the regular season following Tuesday's 6-0 win over SUNY-Maritime, Guagliardo knows his team needs to stay focused.

"In the beginning of the year, knowing (the NCAA bid) was out there, it was like putting candy in front of a child," said Guagliardo. "But you never want to look past any opponent. I think about that every day. If you don't bring your 'A' game every day, you can go down."

One of those two remaining games is Thursday at home against City College — the other undefeated team in the conference — in a match that will determine the top seed for the CUNY

Tournament.

Regardless of what happens Thursday, the Dolphins (6-0 conference, 10-5 overall) will be home for the CUNY semifinals on Oct. 31. A win there would propel **CSI** to the championship contest on Nov. 3 at Icahn Stadium on Randall's Island.

AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

Success isn't foreign to the Dolphins, who have captured six CUNY crowns over the last eight years. And while Guagliardo was confident his team could challenge for another conference title this season, "we're peaking a year ahead of time. We have eight freshmen and we only have one senior (Christina Jacob). Our defense is strong and our offense is ridiculous. We put the ball in the back of the net, big time."

Leading the way for the Dolphins are junior Demi-Jean Martorano and sophomores Samantha Wysokowski and Melissa Gelardi.

Martorano, a product of New Dorp HS, became the school's all-time leading scorer Tuesday, scoring twice to give her 55 career tallies, including 21 this season.

"She's a scoring machine," said Guagliardo of the forward. "And with a year left in school, she could set a record that will last a long time."

Wysokowski, a member of championship teams at St. Joseph Hill, has 20 goals on the campaign after two more Tuesday. While she has primarily been a forward — both she and Martorano rank in the top 10 nationally in Division III in goals per game — she can also play goalie. In fact, she was the keeper in last year's CUNY title triumph.

"I like to have her on offense, but if we need her in net, we'll put her there," said Guagliardo. "There isn't anything she can't do on the field."

Gelardi, a midfielder-defender out of St. Joseph by-the-Sea, leads the nation in assists per game; her two Tuesday brings her season total to 20.

"She puts the ball right on your foot," Guagliardo said. "This has to be one of the best tandems around. It's a very unselfish team."

The coach also stressed the importance of role players like freshman center-midfielder Deanna Kvetkoff (Susan Wagner); freshman defender Nicole Molinell (Sea); and sisters and Hill products Krysta Percaccio, a freshman defender-midfielder, and junior defender Amanda Percaccio, the CUNY defensive player of the year last season.

BRIGHT FUTURE

Guagliardo says one difference between now and several years ago is “we have depth. Our freshman class is ridiculous. We’re loaded with travel players. I can reach back to my bench and can feel confident in starting any of them. That’s kind of nice.”

Having players the caliber of Martorano, Wysokowski and Gelardi opt to stay at home and play at CSI “is a great thing,” Guagliardo said. “These are players who can compete at the D-I level without a problem.”

Of the 23 players on the current roster, all but three come from Staten Island high schools. That could be changing in the near future as dormitories on the CSI campus are set to open next September.

“Staten Island is a hotbed for soccer, especially female players. But (the dorms) are going to help us even more, depth-wise,” Guagliardo said. “We’re going to have an influx of outside players. I already have commitments from one player from Delaware and one from Long Island.”

For now, however, Guagliardo is concerned with the next few weeks.

“If the girls play the way they’re supposed to play, they’ll be very tough to stop.”



Hunter Takes 13th Consecutive Women's Tennis Championship



Championship Central Box Score

Top-seeded Hunter College has done it again at the CUNY Athletic Conference / Hospital for Special Surgery Women's Tennis Championship at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center this Saturday, with a dominating 5-1 win over #3 College of Staten Island Dolphins (14-4, 7-1 CUNYAC) in the Championship match. The championship marks the 13th consecutive title for the Hawks as they continue to dominate CUNYAC Women's Tennis. With the victory, the Hawks (11-3, 7-1 CUNYAC) will now earn CUNYAC's automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Championship in May 2013.

Less than an hour into the contest, the Hawks' Shena Joseph and Jane Selegan took down Ilona Stoyko and Jean Baak of CSI by a score of 8-2. Following that match was an 8-0 shutout by 2012 CUNYAC/HSS Rookie of the Year Mediha Mulla and teammate Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert of CSI over the Hawks' Beth Chapnick and Caroline Kaleda. The lead after doubles would be had by Hunter after Stephanie Ahwiring and Angelina Usherenko defeated Jackie Jamaledine and Jessica Barabatk of CSI 8-2.

Play would then turn to singles where Jane Selegan would expand the Hawks lead to 3-1 after taking down Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert of CSI 6-3, 6-2 in the first flight. Second flight would be a match of two outstanding players, playing well as Ilona Stoyko of CSI and Shena Joseph of Hunter would go point for point. In the end, Joseph would win that battle 6-2, 6-4 to give Hunter the commanding 4-1 lead. On the opposite end of the flights, Angelica Usherenko of Hunter would give the Hawks the victory as she won 6-1, 6-0 over CSI's Nataliya Zitser just moments after Joseph finished her match.

"Words cannot express how I feel right now," remarked Shena Joseph, Hunter's number two. "To

actually win the championship means so much to me. I went into the singles match thinking that the worst outcome could be a loss. It was a back-and-forth struggle but at the end of the day I did it for the team."

Jane Selegan's effort would win her the MVP of the tournament and solidify her place in CUNYAC Women's Tennis history.

"This is incredible," said Captain Jane Selegan. "I have been injured for about two weeks so coming back, being captain, bringing the fire. It was awesome to see how much the girls had improved."

For Head Coach Frances Ferdinand, this would be her first championship as the Hawks' head coach.

"It's amazing to be a part of such a great tennis program," exclaimed first year head coach Frances Ferdinand. "The ladies have been amazing this season and have worked really hard to get where we are. I am so proud of them and am excited for the NCAA's in the spring."

College of Staten Island women's tennis team to vie for CUNYAC title today

By **Staten Island Advance**

October 24, 2012



Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert, who graduated from Notre Dame Academy on Grymes Hill, is one of the top **CSI** players. *Advance File Photo*

WILLOWBROOK -- The **College of Staten Island** women's tennis team will vie for the City University of New York Athletic Conference (CUNYAC) Hospital for Special Surgery playoff championship today at 5 p.m. when it takes on defending-champion and top-seeded Hunter College at the National Tennis Center (NTC) in Flushing, Queens.

The third-seeded Dolphins punched their ticket to the final by registering a 5-2 win over No. 2 Brooklyn College in the semifinals Sunday at the NTC.

The win was **CSI's** ninth straight victory and raised its overall record to 12-4.

Hunter took a 5-3 decision over No. 4 Baruch College. In the lone regular-season meeting, Hunter defeated **CSI** 7-2, in a match that was much closer than the final score may indicate, with three singles flights going to third-set tiebreakers (Hunter won all three).

The Dolphins haven't loss since, while the Hawks have won 10 of their last 11 contests.

CSU will be counting on the play of singles competitors Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert, CUNYAC Rookie of the Year Mediha Mulla, Jean Baak, Ilona Stoyko and Nataliya Zitser.

It will also be vital that the Dolphins have some success in doubles like they did against Brooklyn, winning two of the three matches.

The top flight team of Ms. Stoyko and Ms. Baak is backed by second-flytters Ms. Bragerton-Nasert and Ms. Mulla. The third flight team of Jacqueline Jamaledine and Jessica Barabatko round out the doubles squads.



College sports roundup: CSI men gain CUNY semifinals in soccer

By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

October 25, 2012

Ryan Miller scored twice and goaltender Ahmed El-Gahreieb (three saves) recorded the shutout as the **College of Staten Island** took a 3-0 CUNY Conference Tournament quarterfinal win over John Jay at the Aviator Complex in Brooklyn Wednesday.

The Dolphins, who improved to 10-9 overall, also received received a goal from Alfonso Castandeda (team-high four shots).

The win puts **CSI** in the CUNY semifinals Saturday against top-seeded Baruch. Game time is 5 p.m. at Field No. 10 on Randall's Island.

Betsam Sosa, Christian Chirinos and Daniel Tsygankov added assists for **CSI**, which outshot John Jay 15-6 and drew the Bloodhounds offside 12 times.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Hunter 5, **CSI 1**

The doubles team of Sabrina Bragerton-Nasert and Mediga Mulla won the Dolphins' lone match as the dropped the CUNY Championship decision to the Hawks at the USTA National Tennis Center in Queens.

Bragerton-Nasert and Mediha defeated Caroline Kaleda and Beth Chapnick 8-0.

Hunter won each of the three singles matches, as well as two of the three doubles matches.

The Dolphins, who have won six of the last eight CUNY crowns, outshot the Beavers 19-2 and 7-1 on goal.

WOMEN'S SWIM/DIVE

CSI 119, Hunter 116

The Dolphins topped the Hawks for the first time since 2001 and won their season opener by picking up six points in the meet's final event.

CSI earned the deciding markers in the 200-yard freestyle relay with second and third-place finishes.

Stephanie Collyer won the one and three-meter diving. Teammates Jessica Pifalo (200-yard IM) and Dakota Dawkins (100 breaststroke) notched individual firsts.

The Dolphins swim at John Jay College on Nov. 2.



College of Staten Island sports roundup: Dolphin women's soccer nails down top seed

By **Staten Island Advance Sports Desk**

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It appears the only thing that can stop the College of Staten Island women's soccer team might be Hurricane Sandy.

The Dolphins closed out an unbeaten CUNY regular season by handing visiting City College of New York its first league loss in a 3-0 decision on Thursday.

CSI earned the top seed in the CUNY Tournament and will host a home game — weather permitting — against the fourth seed. The semifinal winners advance to the Nov. 3 championship at Icahn Stadium. The victor gets an automatic bid into the NCAA Division III tourney.

Coach John Guagliardo's squad, which concludes its regular season at home on Saturday against Ramapo College, has outscored its opponents 13-0 in the last three games, all victories.

Following a defensive, scoreless first half, the (11-5, 7-0) Dolphins finally found the net five minutes into the second half as sophomore Samantha Wysokowski scored via assist from Gabriella Galeano.

The St. Joseph Hill product scored six minutes later and, with less than five minutes to go, the CSI forward assisted on Demi-Jean Martorano's closing goal.

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Stories

International Association of Counseling Services grants CSI accreditation

The College of Staten Island Counseling Center has recently been granted accreditation by the International Association of Counseling Services Inc.

Counseling Center Director Ann Booth noted that, "the CSI Counseling Center is the first CUNY Counseling Center to be granted this accreditation. IACS accreditation is an acknowledgment of high-quality services, ethical practices, and staff dedication."

The IACS evaluated the Counseling Center against high standards of counseling practices and the Center was found to offer competent and reliable profes-

sional services to its clientele. Approval by the IACS is also dependent upon evidence of continuing professional development as well as demonstration of excellence of counseling performance. The Center offers individual and couples counseling, crisis intervention, medication evaluation and management, consultation services, academic counseling, and outreach programming on topics related to mental health and academic success. The Center also serves as a training site for students in the CUNY PhD program in Clinical Psychology and CSI Master's program in Mental Health Counseling.



CleanEdison Partners with The [College of Staten Island](#) October 1, 2012

CleanEdison to offer The [College of Staten Island](#) clean technology training in BPI, LEED and Solar as preparation for professional certification exams.

CleanEdison is pleased to announce its partnership with The [College of Staten Island](#) to offer clean technology trainings that can assist with students' career development.

For students at The [College of Staten Island](#) who would like to pursue a career in the energy auditing, green building, or solar industries, [CleanEdison](#) will offer [BPI Building Analyst](#), [BPI Multifamily](#), [LEED Green Associate](#), and [Solar PV Installer](#) trainings this fall. Notably, BPI Multifamily is added into courses as New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is currently offering a multifamily incentive for 5+ unit structures, offering funds to contractors taking measures to make these homes more energy efficient.

"[CSI](#) is delighted to partner with CleanEdison in delivering 'green' construction technology courses on Staten Island," said Hugo Kijne, Executive Director of Continuing Education and Professional Development, The [College of Staten Island](#). "Construction and maintenance of buildings and homes is a large part of the Staten Island economy, and these courses will make the island a friendlier place from an environmental perspective and help stimulate its economy."

In the [BPI training](#) class, students will get a chance to learn how to identify residential problems such as gas and carbon monoxide leaks, poor indoor air quality, energy inefficiency, and other structural deficiencies. The blend of classroom and field training will ensure retention of accrued knowledge through practical implementation of hands-on field models. The course will offer trainees the chance to take the principles of energy efficiency to the next level by becoming Certified BPI Building Analysts.

[Solar PV training](#) is designed to introduce solar energy in both theory and application and to immerse students in the key concepts of solar PV design, installation and safety. Students will learn the essentials of a comprehensive solar installation, including the electrical components, system sizing and the mechanical and electrical design of arrays, which is the crucial first step in the certification process.

[LEED Green Associate](#) will teach students about the sustainable green building industry and everything they need to know about the requirements and benefits of LEED buildings. Also, it will provide various tips and tricks to prepare students to take the LEED Green Associate certification exam.

About CleanEdison:

[CleanEdison Inc.](#) is a national training provider focused on clean technology education, offering online, in-classroom, and hands-on vocational training to building professionals, businesses, postsecondary institutions, government organizations and novices.

To date, CleanEdison has trained and certified thousands of individuals, and worked for hundreds of companies, offering courses in: Building Design and Efficiency, Building Occupant and Management Training, Green Deconstruction and Materials Re-Use, Geothermal, Hybrid Car and Electric Vehicles Technology, Solar and Wind Training. Agile and responsive to this fast-evolving industry, CleanEdison also develops customized education programs to suit various clients' needs.

About [College of Staten Island](#): The [College of Staten Island](#) is a four-year, senior college of The City University of New York that offers exceptional opportunities to all of its students. Programs in the liberal arts and sciences and professional studies lead to bachelor's and associate's degrees. The master's degree is awarded in 16 professional and liberal arts and sciences fields of study. The [College of Staten Island](#) landed on a list of "America's Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges" compiled by Washington Monthly.

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Offerings at College of Staten Island often belie school's less philosophical public image

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By Mark D. Stein/Staten Island Advance

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

- There's always a lot happening at the College of Staten Island (CSI) in Willowbrook.

From art exhibits and musical and theater performances, to fundraising events for illnesses, basketball and baseball games, CSI has more than just academics for its students. And some of it is pretty heady.

For instance, at the art gallery in Building 1P is a collection of 30 of 750 illustrations from the Physica Sacra (1731-1735) by the Swiss scientist Johann Jakob Scheuchzer, which explores the relationship between the Bible, scientific knowledge, and history in text and image.

The prints contain highly detailed engravings by artists that interpreted Scheuchzer's writings about the correlation between events described in the Bible and scientific phenomenon.

The labor-intensive engravings are encased in a frame with something occurring inside of it. In some instances, happenings inside the picture, or fictive space, come outside toward the frame, explained Craig Manister, gallery director.



At the College of Staten Island's art gallery in Building 1P is a collection of 30 of 750 illustrations from the Physica Sacra (1731-1735) by the Swiss scientist Johann Jakob Scheuchzer, which explores the relationship between the Bible, scientific knowledge, and history in text and image. (Photo courtesy of the College of Staten Island)

The 30 prints capture moments of war, peace, death and the world.

Some of them have illusions to fool the eye, such as one that has a man checking the rotting skeleton of an animal within the fictive. The top of the frame shows the animal's skeleton standing on all fours, looking below at the man.

One image shows the sun's light shining toward a mirror, which reflects it into the frame.

"I think it's extremely fascinating," said Manister, who said the interdisciplinary relation of science and religion are highlighted through art. "The students are really enjoying it. It has the element of wit and seriousness as well."

Nanette Salomon, professor of art history and curator of the gallery, was responsible for planning the exhibit and piecing together an accompanying booklet which offers Bible verses that coincide with each print.

The exhibit will hang until Oct. 23.

For more information, visit www.csitoday.com.

FROM THE CATALOGUE

Meanwhile, **CSI's** courses touch upon every discipline imaginable: Anthropology, media, economics, English, French, math, and many more.

For those who enjoy a good meal, ANT 312 is an anthropology class called "Food, Self and Society." It examines the ways in which the production and consumption of food shape, and is shaped by, the self and the social world. A major theme of the course will be gendering of food through topics such as women's traditional roles as home cooks, women laborers in global food production, and female body image.

Imagine a class on humor. At **CSI**, "American Humor" (AMS 243) focuses on cultures, past and present, and traces the variety and development of American humor from colonial days to the present through literature, drama, art, animation, and film.

Students looking to store valuable helpful information can take HED 111 – "First Aid and Safety" – which focuses on safety procedures when emergency first aid is needed and medical assistance delayed.

CSI students with a heavy background in Italian can closely examine Dante's poetic, philosophical and political writings in ITL 410.

In AMS 150, students concentrate on the pioneers of modern dance – Duncan, Denishawn, Graham,

Humphrey, Weidman and others – as well as on the experimental and avant-garde, using lectures, demonstrations, video, and film to illustrate examples of outstanding choreography. The course includes the dance of India and black dance coordinated with professional concerts and student reports.

And there's plenty more where these came from.

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CAMPAIGN 2012

Island, national politics to be focus at Tuesday's roundtable event at CSI

By TOM WROBLESKI
ADVANCE POLITICAL EDITOR

The borough and nationwide political scenes will be the focus during a campaign-season roundtable discussion at the College of Staten Island on Tuesday.

The Dean's Symposium program, "Election 2012 — Staten Island and the Nation," will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall at the college's Center for the Arts.

The program will look at the local and national dimen-

sions of the upcoming federal elections, and will use the recently published work, "Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City" as a point of departure.

Democratic President Barack Obama is being challenged by Republican Mitt Romney in the White House race. There is also a full complement of congressional and state Legislature elections on tap for borough voters.

The CSI event will be moderated by Associate Professor Richard Flanagan, co-

author of the book.

Topics will include local and national voting patterns, and public policy challenges facing the borough and the country.

Also appearing will be City Councilman James Oddo (R-Mid-Island/Brooklyn), Advance Political Editor Tom Wrobleski and historian and author Jeffery Kroessler of John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

The late CSI Professor Emeritus Daniel Kramer,

Flanagan's co-author, will be honored at the event.

Flanagan said the panelists "will talk about the reaction of borough voters to the national campaign, and the future of the borough in city and state politics."

He said there would also be time devoted to questions from members of the audience.

Tom Wrobleski may be reached at wrobleski@siadvance.com. Read his [politics blog](http://www.silive.com/newslogs/politics/) at <http://www.silive.com/newslogs/politics/>.



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University of Iowa political science students watch the first presidential debate Wednesday at the Adler Journalism Building in Iowa City, Iowa. Some of what President Barack Obama and Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney deliberated on Wednesday night during the first presidential debate will be discussed Tuesday during the Dean's Symposium program, "Election 2012 — Staten Island and the Nation," at the College of Staten Island.

Political roundtable held at the **College of Staten Island**

Tuesday, October 09, 2012, 8:25 PM



By **Jillian Jorgensen/Staten Island Advance**



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Hilton Flores

Advance Political Editor Tom Wroblewski & Councilman James Oddo talking about politics on Staten Island during a roundtable discussion at the **CSI** Center for the Arts. (Staten Island Advance/Hilton Flores)

Dean's Symposium at **CSI gallery (4 photos)**

Staten Island's unique political history and future were the topics of conversation at a campaign-season roundtable at the **College of Staten Island** Tuesday.

The Dean's Symposium program, titled "Election 2012 - Staten Island and the Nation," was moderated by Associate Professor Richard Flanagan, co-author of the book "Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City."

But panel members had more of an eye to 2013 mayoral election than they did for this year's federal and state elections. The local topic stemmed from discussing pivotal political moments from the past, like the election of Rudy Giuliani and his relationship with former Borough President Guy Molinari.

"I think the pivotal point in political history on Staten Island is the election of Rudy Giuliani," panelist and City Councilman James Oddo offered. "I think the days of citywide elected officials not campaigning on Staten Island or forgetting about Staten Island are over."

Oddo urged Island politicians and voters to hold to the fire the feet of any citywide-office hopefuls, saying the Island should play a major role in the selection of the next mayor.

With focus on Democratic candidates for mayor, Oddo (R-Mid-Island/Brooklyn) said it's important for registered Democrats to play a role in their party's primary process. The majority of the Island's voters are

registered Democrats -- but the number of them voting in mayoral primaries has shrunk from more than 30,000 in 1977 to just 11,100 in 2009.

"My friends in the Democratic Party, who may control the fate of the next mayor, we have to do better," he said.

Advance Political Editor Tom Wroblewski, also a panelist, touched on Giuliani's election again when he named his big Island political moment -- the closure of the Fresh Kills Landfill.

"I've always kind of likened the landfill to our version of the Berlin Wall," he said.

To many, it was a prime example of the city's not caring about the borough, he said -- but Guy Molinari was able to use his influence in swaying elections in the direction of Giuliani and former Gov. George Pataki to help get it shut down.

For panelist Jeffery Kroessler, an author and professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, among the Island's pivotal political moments were its inclusion as part of the city to cement New York's control of the harbor, the creation of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the election of state Sen. John Marchi -- who he said was a true statesman.

The panelists also discussed the impact of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge on Staten Island, and how the borough is seen by the rest of the city. Kroessler pointed out that other boroughs often think the way Staten Islanders vote -- mostly Republican -- is odd, but said it is the other boroughs that are out of step.

"Staten Island votes like the rest of New York state except for the City of New York," he said. "The country votes a lot closer to Tottenville than to Brooklyn Heights."

Those who aren't from the borough often perceive Staten Island as "the Mississippi of New York, a backwards place, a sort of reactionary place," Wroblewski said.

Oddo said those from elsewhere "don't have the foggiest idea" about the Island, and don't realize it's one of the few spots in New York City with a "very healthy two-party system."

"The perception of this borough by outside folks is something we have to overcome," he said.

They also debated whether the borough was still made up of so-called "Reagan Democrats." Oddo said voters care more about local issues in local elections -- pointing out that he and Mid-Island Assemblyman Michael Cusick, a Democrat, are elected by many of the same people. He recalled advice he gave to a Republican in another heavily Democratic Council district outside the borough.

"The guy that calls you about his pothole isn't going to care that you have an 'R' next to your name," Oddo said, "if you fix his pothole."

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Ydanis Speaks: Why Your Vote Matters



Many of you may have seen a similar post on my Facebook page last Friday, this is an updated and revised post with several additions, please enjoy and engage in conversation...

Recently, I had the honor of speaking at the College of Staten Island to students and faculty that take part in the Black Male Initiative, a wonderful component of CUNY that provides support and assistance to Black and Latino CUNY students, in addition to students of other under-represented backgrounds. The conference was on the topic of voting in the 2012 elections,

voter's rights and the future for urban America.

With recent legislation and attempts to enact voter ID laws in **more than half** of all the states in the country, voter suppression is playing a big role in the upcoming elections. These are strategies that have been employed since African Americans first gained enfranchisement with the 15th amendment following the Civil War. It is the latest in a long line of attempts to keep African Americans and other people of color from going to the polls and exerting their constitutional rights.

Similar laws were in place during the Jim Crow era in the 1890's through the Civil Rights Era, when the last of the harsh voter suppression laws (voter literacy tests and other blatantly racist restrictions on voting) was repealed. Yet we are witnessing a return to these discriminatory policies as 37 states have attempted to enact, or have succeeded in implementing, voter ID laws. There have only been 10 reported cases of in-person voter fraud in the past decade. This represents less than 0.000001% of all registered voters in the United States and is evidence that this law has been enacted, not to fix a problem in the country, but to disenfranchise many voters who do not have a photo ID and will be dissuaded from voting. The majority of these voters were found to be young people and African Americans, according to a report by the Brennan Center for Justice at the NYU Law School. This report has found that voter ID laws "could make it significantly harder for over 5 million people to vote," ultimately dissuading many of them from voting. This shows the efforts to which states, largely with Republican controlled Governorships and Legislatures, are going to suppress voter turnout.

For these reasons, the Black Males Initiative's conference was of the utmost importance. We must ensure these efforts do not go unchallenged. It is the responsibility of all citizens in this country to levy their vote so that their interests are met by their respective elected officials. This is not limited to the presidential elections; often times it is local politicians that have the greatest impact in the daily lives of citizens; who provide the immediate services available in neighborhoods across the country. These elected officials will also be on the ballot this November 6th and voters should ensure that they are most representative of their districts so that the communities' most immediate needs are met.

I also had the pleasure of listening to my colleague Council Member Deborah Rose, Chair of the Council Committee on Civil Rights, speak on this issue. She explained that where she is today, the first African American elected to the city council from the borough of Staten Island, would not be possible without the empowerment, organization and vote of the community she represents, one that was not as politically active in the past. Now that they have empowered themselves, they can be proud to have a council member who represents their interests and supports their needs. As a local elected official, I have always stated that I want my constituency to hold me accountable for the work that I do in my community. It should be the same in all levels of government; in all places across the country; and the only way to achieve this is through the ballot box.

Additionally, voting is just half of the issue in choosing the best leadership; it is also our responsibility as citizens to be informed about who we are voting for. This means some research is necessary, as campaigns often spread a great deal of misinformation about candidates and their opponents. Personal political profiles, voting records, fact checking and budgetary distribution are all important ways to determine exactly who candidates are and what they will likely do in office. These resources cut through campaign rhetoric and provide a more complete and verifiable record about each candidate. When looking at these sources, think about the needs in your respective communities and find whether your candidate's voting records and political platforms are aligned with these needs and whether their vision is one that will ultimately benefit you and those around you. Remind yourself that there are millions of people in this country struggling to become citizens and that you should not take for granted your right to vote, it is part of our responsibility as members of this country.

In addition to this topic, other discussions that arose from the BMI conference opening speakers dealt with education, self-awareness and a re-definition of manhood and leadership, furthered most strongly by keynote speaker, Mr. Kevin Powell. His speech was rousing and inspiring, referring to his own personal experiences and how they have shaped his views on these issues. A point he made that I believe is crucial is that leadership is defined by how you treat and interact with the people that you lead; you can only be a true leader if you respect and incorporate members of your community into everything that you do. Continuing his point, leadership that does not fulfill this criterion is driven by self-interest or the interests of others, rather than those of the community. Mr. Powell stressed to the large contingent of Black and Latino students who participate in the BMI program that these qualities will be imperative as they move forward after graduation and strive to better their communities.

The qualities outlined by Mr. Powell are those that we must all look for in our local elected officials and are ones that I look to improve upon every day. Today's political landscape is unfortunately dominated by moneyed interests, more reflective of the notion, one dollar, one vote than one person, one vote. However, this discouraging circumstance should not deter us from the ballot box as this would be a submission to the forces that dominate our society. You have a voice and it was one granted to you through the brutal struggle of countless generations in this country's history. To waive this right would be to forsake the leaders of our past and defer the choice of leadership to those who do not necessarily best represent the interests of the electorate.

Please remember that the last day to register to vote in the general election is this **Friday, October 12th**, and that the general election is on **Tuesday, November 6th**. Play your part in choosing your leaders or you will be fulfilling the interests of those who would see you stay home this November.

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MTA fare, toll hike he

Oct 10, 2012



MYFOXNY.COM –

Public hearings will be held in November over the proposed increase in fares and tolls by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

The agency says it needs to generate more than \$380M to balance next year's budget.

Several proposals are on the table including raising the base fare for straphangers from \$2.25 to \$2.50.

The monthly MetroCard would rise from \$104 to \$109.

The MTA would do away with the 7 percent MetroCard bonus.

The board would vote on the proposed hike in December.

If the fare hike is approved, it could take effect as early as March 2013.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Long Island - 5 PM

Roosevelt Hall - Little Theater

Farmingdale State College

2350 Broadhollow Road

Farmingdale, New York

Brooklyn - 5 PM

NY Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge

333 Adams Street

Brooklyn, New York

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING, 9 AM - NOON

2 Broadway (3 Stone St. entrance), bid room suite, Manhattan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING, 6-10 AM
Hicksville Long Island Rail Road Station Building
VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING, 4-8 PM
Poughkeepsie Metro-North Station, pedestrian overpass
Manhattan - 5 PM
Baruch Performing Arts Center, Mason Hall
Baruch College
17 Lexington Avenue (at 23rd St.)
New York, New York
Bronx - 5 PM
Main Theater
Hostos Community College
Center for the Arts & Culture
450 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING, 6-10 AM
Ronkonkoma Long Island Rail Road Station Building
Newburgh- 5 PM
Vanderbilt/Astor Rooms
Hilton Garden Inn, Newburgh/Stewart Airport
15 Crossroads Court
Newburgh, New York
Staten Island- 5 PM
Center for the Arts, Springer Concert Hall
College of Staten Island
2800 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island, New York

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Westchester- 5 PM
Auditorium
Yonkers Public Library - Riverfront Library
One Larkin Center
Yonkers, New York
Queens- 5 PM
Ballroom
Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel
135-20 39th Avenue
Flushing, New York

SOMETHING NEW, IN WILLOWBROOK



STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/IRVING SILVERSTEIN

One of the new dormitories under construction at the College of Staten Island. Do you have pictures taken on campus? If so, you can share them at <http://www.silive.com> silive.com/yourphotos. Don't forget to tag them "West Shore."

Juvenile diabetes walk steps off Sunday at CSI

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE

John Elliott, a meteorologist with WCBS/Ch. 2, will be master of ceremonies Sunday at the The Staten Island Walk to Cure Diabetes.



ELLIOTT

Annadale teen Brielle Von Hugel, a Season 10 American Idol Contestant, will help him make it a fun-filled day for the expected 3,000 participants while they help the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation reach its goal of \$250,000.



VON HUGEL

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. on the Great Lawn at the College of Staten Island.

Joining in will be the Knights of Columbus Color Guard and DJ Danny D'Angelis. Breakfast and lunch will be served to all participants.

Founded by parents seeking a cure for their children with diabetes, the JDRF is an organization that puts over 80 percent of its expenditures toward supporting research and education.

National Grid pledges 105G to College of Staten Island programs

By **Staten Island Advance**

October 12, 2012 at 1:34 AM



Staten Island Advance/Jan Somma-Hammel

National Grid awarded the College of Staten Island \$100,000 for a scholarship program for students to study science, technology, engineering and math. On hand were professors Neo Antoneades and Dr. Syed Rizvi; CSI Interim President William Fritz;

freshman Ron Baker of New Brighton; National Grid president Ken Daly with Frank Lombardo; Michael Ruiz; Victor Vientos, and CSI Liberty Partnership Director Shawn Landry.

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- National Grid pledged \$105,000 to the College of Staten Island in Willowbrook to continue successful science and technology-based programming for students.

The check presentation happened Thursday in the CSI president's boardroom.

Presenting the check were National Grid President Ken Daly to CSI Interim President William Fritz. Other National Grid officials and CSI faculty and administrators were also in attendance.

The monies will be used to extend the partnership between National Grid and CSI in support of the company's Engineering Our Future Initiative (EOF), which encourages young people to study science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The funding includes continued support for the National Grid Engineering Workshop Series with New Dorp and Curtis high schools, which began in 2008 as well as scholarships for pass-thru/non-endowed scholarships.

The three-year pledge allotment is: \$20,000 per year to continue the support for high school summer engineering workshops program; \$10,000 per year for pass-thru/non-endowed scholarships in STEM, and \$5,000 per year to support the Gala.

"Our partnership with National Grid is vitally important to our community and fulfills all of these commitments by allowing our faculty and students to work closely with college-ready and at-risk high school students, igniting a passion for science, technology, engineering and applied mathematics while building real-world and marketable skill sets. We are grateful and appreciative of National Grid's three-year commitment to our community's high school students and our college's leadership role in the community," said Interim President Fritz.

The workshop series is hosted by CSI's Liberty Partnership Program, a collaborative college, school and community-based project that provides instructional enrichment and support services to students and families.

Washington Monthly, which publishes an annual rating of colleges throughout the U.S., recently named CSI as one of America's Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges in its September-October 2012 issue.

Long waits for motorists in, around College of Staten Island

Mark D. Stein/Staten Island Advance

October 14, 2012



Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein Motorists leave the College of Staten Island via its rear entrance and exit point that spills into Forest Hill Road.

WILLOWBROOK -- Traffic in and around the College of Staten Island (CSI) can get hectic at times, not just for those who need to be on campus, but for those living near it, too.

Two access points — Victory Boulevard and Forest Hill Road — serve as the main arteries in and out of the property, resulting in major congestion in and around these access points.

Teresa Berto, a Dongan Hills resident who sometimes visits CSI multiple times a day to drop off, pick up and see her kids at The Children's Center on campus, said leaving from the Forest Hill exit in the evening is wicked.

The red light is too long, she and others said.

"Everybody's leaving at the same time," said Ms. Berto. "The line goes all the way back and you have to wait. It takes about 15 minutes to get out."

On some evenings, the line formed by motorists vacating the campus can stretch as far back as the security guard booth about 600 feet away from the Forest Hill access point.

"It's terrible," said one junior, Chris, of Great Kills, who attends class at **CSI** Monday through Thursday at various times each day.

When he exits his 2:30 p.m. class, he says he's lucky to leave the campus by 3.

VICTORY PROBLEMS

Kamil Brzozowski of Clifton enters the campus from the Travis-bound Victory Boulevard lane. He and many others entering **CSI** from that side have to deal with two issues: A brief left turning arrow that allows traffic to flow for about 20 seconds, and impatient motorists who cut the line or try to turn into the school from the non-turning lane.

"The lights s---," he said, adding that sometimes it takes about 10 minutes to exit campus toward Victory.

Second-year student Mirka Sanchez of New Brighton said it's bad enough that parking spots are a premium.

"I hate it. There's nowhere to go," she said of the traffic situation. "Most of the time you can't get out of here. Ten-to-15 minutes if you're lucky."

Ms. Sanchez cited Tuesday and Thursday as the worst days to leave at night.

Meanwhile, outside the school, residents across Forest Hill, on Jasper Street, said students routinely fill up parking spaces on the street.

"Most of these cars on the street are students'," said Vincent George, a homeowner for 21 years on Jasper. He added that many accidents have resulted from the poorly synchronized traffic light at the intersection of Forest Hill and his block. "Newcomers [at **CSI**] are totally confused."

A resident since 1972, Kathleen Iannolino said it takes five minutes to escape her own street.

"Sometimes even more, and the parking here is unbearable," she explained. "Plus there are constant accidents."

Motorists exiting **CSI** via Forest Hill sometimes don't wait for the light to turn green.

“Nobody wants to wait for the light. Everyone goes through it. It’s very dangerous and frustrating,” she said, mentioning that some unwanted horn-honking is the norm.

She requests the third way in and out of **CSI** — “A” gate — remain open all day and night, not just Monday through Thursday from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., the highest demand hours, according to the school. The additional exit and entrance is on Willowbrook Road.

In addition, Ms. Iannolino believes many students are unaware of “A” gate. She said if they were, Forest Hill’s access point see some relief.

SEEKS IMPROVEMENT

CSI officials said the school is always looking to improve traffic flow on and off campus by assessing changes to traffic patterns. The school’s Transportation Task Force continues to discuss and review options to improve traffic conditions.

Spokesman Ken Bach said compared to this time last year, parking decals issued are down and ridership on the Ferry Shuttle bus is up.

The school is working with the city Department of Transportation (DOT) to improve traffic light timing on Victory and Forest Hill and would like to increase the utilization of “A” gate.

If circumstances on Forest Hill warrant, DOT traffic enforcement may be present at their discretion at the light on the intersection to improve traffic flow. It’s a DOT priority assignment on Monday through Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.

Three public safety officers are posted at “A” gate to ensure drivers follow the correct route to Willowbrook, but they are generally not assigned to regulate traffic, the school said. Additional lighting has also been added to the third access point gate to increase safety and visibility.

Long term, the college’s Master Plan has recommendations that are under review, including a new transit center to reduce reliance on automobiles; changes to the existing entrances to ease the bottleneck effect, and possible new routes for pedestrians and bicycles, reported school officials.

The College said it’s committed to working with neighboring agencies and communities, as well as government agencies, to ensure **CSI’s** plans are designed to complement and enhance improvements to traffic on Victory Boulevard and Forest Hill Road.

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9/11 survivors share their stories during tribute at the College of Staten Island

By **Joelle M. Morrison**

October 14, 2012



Bill Lyons Monsignor James Dorney, at left, shares his recollections of Sept. 11, 2001, as Dennis McKeon, Hesham El-Melisy and Ira Goldstein look on during a tribute event at the College of Staten Island, Willowbrook.

Five ordinary people -- a firefighter's wife, an insurance company employee, a Lower Manhattan resident, a Sanitation worker and an office manager -- took to a stage here Saturday and told remarkable stories, witness accounts that thrust those listening into the terrifying maelstrom that was Ground Zero on September 11, 2001.

As stark images were projected on a large screen behind them, the five described, simply and directly, what they had seen and heard and smelled and felt on that devastating day and beyond.

And although their audience in the Center for the Performing Arts at the College of Staten Island in Willowbrook was embarrassingly small, the intense focus of everyone in the Lecture Hall could not be shaken from that stage.

Gerry Bogacz, Donna Kaz, Ann Van Hine, Anthony Palmeri and Desiree Bouchat are the ordinary people, members of "Performing Tribute," founded in 2008. In a performance piece called "9/11: ordinary people remarkable stories," they have gone throughout the tri-state area and the country, sharing their profoundly personal and painful oral histories with everyone from theater audiences to high-school students.

Sanitation worker Palmeri, who volunteered to help in the cleanup and recovery, broke down describing how, at an improvised morgue, he was handed the helmet and jacket of a firefighter whose body had been found, and how awful it was for him to accept that he had to throw it away.

Aon employee Desiree Bouthat recalled the "bathroom therapy sessions" when she and six colleagues -- 19 of their co-workers had been killed -- tried to put their working lives back together but were so frequently overcome by hurt and survivor guilt, they sought respite in that unseemly place.

Ann Van Hine described how, since her firefighter husband was a member of a Rescue Squad far away in the Bronx, for her two daughters' sake she hoped he didn't arrive at the Twin Towers until after they collapsed, even as she knew, in her heart of hearts, there was no way he would not have been there.

She recalled hearing that his body had been found whole, and how she was given 10 copies of his death certificate -- with homicide listed as his cause of death -- because officials knew she would need that many for the piles of paperwork she faced.

Gail Langsner, director of the group, read the words of Donna Laz, who lived 400 feet from Ground Zero and was trapped in her home by falling debris and smoke before she was able to escape -- and the apocalyptic scene that greeted her when she was allowed, with a police escort, to go back in for 15 minutes before becoming homeless and jobless for more than 15 months.

Office manager Gerry Bogacz described making his way down what seemed like thousands of steps out of his building into safety. And what it was like when, days later, he tried to inspire his workers at their new location in Queens, all the while realizing that their lives would never be the same.

They suffered nightmares, daymares, survivor guilt, posttraumatic stress -- so what brought them here, to this and other stages?

The power of listening, each said. Listening helps both those who are doing the talking and those who are hearing. The need to talk is individually healing, and listening makes for collective healing. It's also the search for acceptance. They know they will never fully get over what happened, but they want to focus on what lies ahead as well.

After their presentation, a panel consisting of Monsignor James Dorney, pastor of St. Peter's R.C. Church in New Brighton; Dennis McKeon of Great Kills, head of the volunteer organization, Where-to-Turn;

Hesham El-Meligy of New Springville, a Muslim and a community and interfaith activist, and psychotherapists Ira Goldstein and Joyce Malerba-Goldstein of West Brighton talked about their reactions to the terrorist attacks and in the case of the therapists, offered options that could help people dealing with posttraumatic stress disorder.

For El-Meligy and other Muslim members of the audience who spoke up during the question-and-answer period, there was a crucial difference. They were subjected to harassment, violence and interrogation by the authorities even though they were American citizens.

But there is hope for collective healing.

Palmeri recounted his time on the pile from Hell, when he was surrounded by unimagined destruction and fell into despair. Then, looking around him, he saw the faces of hundreds of helpmates, and thought of the thousands who had come to New York City to help.

And Shahana Masum, an Island Muslim who, along with her son, then a boy, were castigated and harassed for something they never did, wants a better future: "We all should be 'we,'" she said.

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MTA unveils four proposed plans for fare and toll hikes

By JENNIFER FERMINO, Transit Reporter
October 15, 2012

The MTA today unveiled four separate plans for fare and toll hikes today, an unpalatable medley of options that the agency is asking its riders to weigh in on during a series of public meetings next month.

Two of the plans would leave the base fare at its current \$2.25 rate, with more dramatic increases in unlimited ride MetroCards and discounts plans.

One of those plans raises the price of monthly MetroCards to \$125 — up from its current \$104 — and weekly cards to \$34.

The weeklies are now \$29.

It also reduces the seven percent discount on all pay-per-ride MetroCard purchases over \$10 to five percent.

NYCT 2013 Fare Changes for Discussion					
Fare Types	Current	Proposal 1A	Proposal 1B	Proposal 2A	Proposal 2B
Base MetroCard Fare	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.25
Local Bus Cash Fare	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.25
Single Ride Ticket	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$2.50	\$2.50
Express Bus Fare	\$5.50	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.50	\$5.50
Bonus Value	7% with \$10 purchase	7% with \$10 purchase	None	5% with \$10 purchase	None
Base Fare with Bonus	\$2.10	\$2.34	\$2.50	\$2.14	\$2.25
Express Fare with Bonus	\$5.14	\$5.61	\$6.00	\$5.24	\$5.50
30 Day Pass	\$104	\$112	\$109	\$125	\$119
Break-Even point (trips)	50	48	44	59	53
7 Day Pass	\$29	\$30	\$29	\$34	\$32
Break-Even point (trips)	14	13	12	16	15
7-Day Express Bus Pass	\$50	\$55	\$52	\$57	\$55
Break-Even point (trips)	10	10	9	11	10
New MetroCard Purchase Fee	Free	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Access-a-Ride Fare	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.25

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The second of the options that keeps the base rate at \$2.25 completely eliminates the pay-per-ride discount.

That plan hikes monthly MetroCards to \$119 and the weekly to \$32.

The other pair of plans raise the base rate to \$2.50.

They differ in the amounts added to unlimited MetroCards and the bonus rates.

One gets rid of the bonus rate entirely and hikes the monthly MetroCard price to \$109.

That plan leaves weekly MetroCards at the current price of \$29.

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The other plan keeps the pay-per-ride discount at seven percent and raises the Monthly MetroCard to \$112 and the weekly to \$30.

That plan also calls for raising the price of Express Buses from \$5.50 to \$6.00

All of the four plans include a one dollar surcharge to purchase a MetroCard.

Tolls on bridges and tunnels will also go up.

Drivers paying cash on the already exorbitant Verrazano Bridge will begin paying \$15, up from \$13.

Drivers who live on Staten Island and sign up for the resident discount plan will pay \$6.36 a trip.

The current rate under the resident's plan is \$5.76.

The major MTA crossings — the Midtown and Brooklyn Battery Tunnels, and the Throgs Neck, Bronx-Whitestone, and Robert F Kennedy Bridges — will go up a dollar each way for cash tolls.

E-ZPass prices on those crossings will go up fifty cents each way.

2013 Toll Changes for Discussion		
Crossing	Current Toll	Proposed Toll
Robert F. Kennedy Bridge (formerly Triborough Bridge)		
Throgs Neck Bridge		
Bronx-Whitestone Bridge		
Hugh L. Carey Tunnel (formerly Brooklyn Battery Tunnel)		
Queens Midtown Tunnel		
E-ZPass Toll	\$4.80	\$5.30
Cash Toll	\$6.50	\$7.50
Verrazano-Narrows Bridge (toll collected in one direction only)		
E-ZPass Toll	\$9.60	\$10.60
One Way Cash Toll	\$13.00	\$15.00
Staten Island		
Token	\$7.72	\$8.52
Resident E-ZPass Discount Toll	\$5.76	\$6.36
Henry Hudson Bridge		
E-ZPass Toll	\$2.20	\$2.43
Cash Toll	\$4.00	\$5.00
Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge		
Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge		
E-ZPass Toll	\$1.80	\$1.99
Cash Toll	\$3.25	\$3.75
Minor Token	\$2.17	\$2.50
Rockaway		
Residential Token	\$1.62	\$1.79
Resident E-ZPass Discount Toll	\$1.19	\$1.38

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Long Island Rail Road and MetroNorth fares will go up about 8.2 to 9.31 percent from their current rates.

The price of an LIRR city ticket — which covers trips within New York City — will inch up a quarter to \$4.00.

A peak ride trip from Mineola to Penn Station will cost \$11 — a buck more than its present price of \$10.

That same trip off peak will cost eight dollars, up from \$7.25.

A monthly pass from Mineola will go from \$223 to \$242.

A MetroNorth trip from White Plains to Grand Central will be \$11.25 during peak times and \$8.50 off-peak.

The monthly rate for regular riders of that route will be \$249, up from \$229.

2013 Commuter Rail Fare Changes for Discussion			
MNR East of Hudson lines Sample Station Fares to GCT		LIRR Sample Station Fares to Penn Station	
New Rochelle	Current	Proposed	
One Way Peak	\$9.25	\$10.00	
One Way Off-Peak	\$7.00	\$7.50	
Weekly Commutation	\$65.25	\$71.00	
Monthly Commutation	\$204.00	\$222.00	
White Plains	Current	Proposed	
One Way Peak	\$10.50	\$11.25	
One Way Off-Peak	\$7.75	\$8.50	
Weekly Commutation	\$79.25	\$85.00	
Monthly Commutation	\$229.00	\$249.00	
Beacon	Current	Proposed	
One Way Peak	\$18.75	\$20.25	
One Way Off-Peak	\$14.00	\$15.25	
Weekly Commutation	\$129.25	\$141.75	
Monthly Commutation	\$404.00	\$443.00	
MNR West of Hudson lines Sample Station Fares to Penn Station		Other Fares	
Harlem	Current	Proposed	
One Way	\$9.50	\$10.25	
Off-Peak Round-Trip	\$14.75	\$16.00	
Weekly Commutation	\$82.50	\$88.00	
Monthly Commutation	\$270.00	\$288.00	
Harlem	Current	Proposed	
One Way	\$13.50	\$14.50	
Off-Peak Round-Trip	\$21.75	\$23.25	
Weekly Commutation	\$162.75	\$169.75	
Monthly Commutation	\$534.00	\$556.00	
City Ticket		\$3.75	\$4.00
Farmingdale Ticket (purchased at stations per child with paying adult - max of 4)		\$0.75	\$1.00

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The MTA has not decided on which plan it will choose to raise fares in March.

Officials said they are waiting for input from the public to see which ones are the most popular.

The MTA is holding 12 public hearings in November to discuss the hikes.

The first will be held on Nov. 7 at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge and Farmingdale State College in Long Island.

The Manhattan hearing is at Baruch College on Nov. 13, while the Bronx meeting is at Hostos Community College on the same day.

Staten Island residents looking to fight the fare and toll hikes can attend the Nov. 14 hearing at the College of Staten Island.

The Queens hearing is on Nov. 15 at the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel.

There's also hearings in Yonkers, Newburgh, as well as video conferences in Manhattan, Hicksville, Poughkeepsie, and Ronkonkoma.

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First Transit secures 3 U. contracts

October 15, 2012

First Transit was awarded transit contracts for Buffalo State and East Georgia State College. At both institutions, the contractor will operate fixed-route campus shuttle service for the students and staff.

At First Transit's Buffalo State location, the company will operate shuttle service, which will assist the university in transporting 200 displaced students to and from their temporary dorm building to school as their permanent dorm rooms are going through renovations for the next nine months.

At East Georgia State College, First Transit will provide shuttle service for more than 1,800 students and faculty to and from the college for the next five years.

Additionally, the College of Staten Island (CSI) renewed its university shuttle service contract with First Transit for an additional five years.

As part of the City University of New York (CUNY) System, First Transit will transport CSI students and faculty daily to and from campus. From this location, First Transit will consist of 13 drivers and staff, operating five shuttle buses throughout the campus.



College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Physical Therapy

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The Department of Physical Therapy at the [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](#), 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. This position is anticipated to begin in September 2013. Responsibilities for this position include research and teaching in area(s) of expertise, student advising, and participation in departmental, college and university committees.

The Physical Therapy Program, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), offers a doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT) and emphasizes significant research focus for its faculty and students. Further information regarding the Physical Therapy Program at [CSI](#) can be found on our website: <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/catalog/graduate/physicaltherapy.php3>.

New York State Licensure (or eligibility) in physical therapy is highly desired. Previous academic experience and proven scholarship, through peer-reviewed publications in scientific journals and submitted or pending grants, are also highly regarded.

Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree. The selected candidate must demonstrate the ability to teach successfully, productive scholarship or creative achievement, and the ability to cooperate with others for the good of the institution. Preference will be given to those candidates with research and teaching expertise in any of the following areas: exercise physiology, adult and pediatric rehabilitation, geriatrics, neurology, and physical therapy tests and measurements. These areas of expertise are not restricted and applicants with relevant experience in other areas will also be considered.

The successful candidate should possess credentials appropriate for appointment to the City University of New York Graduate Center. This individual is expected to establish a vigorous extramurally funded research program; to demonstrate a sustained commitment to quality education; and to recognize his/her shared responsibility for performing departmental and college service. Salary range: Assistant Professor: \$42,873 – \$74,133; Associate Professor: \$55,602 – \$88,418.

To apply, please go to www.cuny.edu ; select “Employment” – “Search Job Listings” – “More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs” – then enter the Job ID# 6737 in the “Job Opening ID” field. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application, curriculum vitae, statements of current (and future) research and teaching philosophy, and the contact information for at least three professional references. Job closes January 15, 2013.

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The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Nursing

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The Department of Nursing, at the College of Staten Island, currently seeks candidates for tenure track positions as Assistant or Associate Professor. The Department offers AAS, RN/BS and MS (CNS, CNS/NP, and Post Masters NP) nursing programs. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, student advisement, performing department and college service, and engagement in an active and productive research agenda. Release time is provided for new faculty's research and scholarly activity. For further information on the Department of Nursing at CSI, we encourage you to visit our website: <http://www.csi.cuny.edu/nursing>.

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in nursing and an earned Doctorate. Candidates must have their RN license and a demonstrated commitment to teaching, research, and publication. Salary commensurate with experience.

To apply, please go to www.cuny.edu ; select "Employment" – "Search Job Listings" – "More Options to Search for CUNY Jobs" - then enter the Job ID# 5097 in the "Job Opening ID" field. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application, current curriculum vitae, research, and teaching statements as well as the contact information for three professional references. Search Re-Opened until December 1, 2012. Previous applicants need not reapply.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Social Work

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The Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work at the [College of Staten Island](#) of The City University of New York invites applications for an anticipated tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor or Associate Professor of Social Work beginning August, 2013.

The Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW) program at [CSI](#) is undergoing initial accreditation and was granted Candidacy by CSWE in February, 2012. We are also developing an MSW program with plans to admit students in fall, 2014. In part due to our location on the former site of Willowbrook State Hospital — closed by consent decree in the 1980's because of inhumane conditions — our MSW program will have a concentration in Social Work Practice with People with Disabilities. The concentration uses a lifespan approach grounded in social constructionism. Responsibilities include teaching, curriculum development, engagement in an active and productive research and publishing agenda, advisement, and service to the department and college.

A Ph.D. in Social Work or a closely related field, a Master's degree in social work, and two years of post MSW social work practice (micro, mezzo, macro, policy, research) experience is required. Candidates are required to have an established record of research and publications in peer reviewed journals with clear history of, or potential for, external support for scholarship.

While our teaching needs span the curriculum (practice, policy, research, HBSE, and diversity), we are particularly interested in candidates who have practice and/or research expertise in the area of disabilities (physical, developmental and/or mental health). We are also interested in candidates with interest in program development and administration.

The successful candidate will be committed to inclusive excellence and will have a history of effective and collaborative work with diverse groups. We encourage applicants who have experience teaching and mentoring diverse students. The [College of Staten Island](#) is committed to a diverse work environment that reflects the multicultural makeup of our student body. 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. Salary: Assistant Professor: \$42,873 – \$74,133; Associate Professor: \$55,602 – \$88,418; commensurate with experience.

To apply, please log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6770. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. Job closes January 30, 2013.

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The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Special Education

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The Department of Education, at the College of Staten Island, invites applications for a faculty position as an Assistant or Associate Professor in Special Education, beginning in August 2013. The program is currently registered by the New York State Department of Education and holds NCATE accreditation. A successful candidate will demonstrate commitment to research, publication, and teaching, as well as experience working with culturally, linguistically, and racially diverse populations.

The College of Staten Island is a leading publicly funded unit of The City University of New York (CUNY) located in the fastest growing borough of New York City. It is situated on 204 acres of wooded grounds with nineteen buildings constructed in the Georgian style. It is a comprehensive liberal arts and technology institution with a commuter student population. Dormitories are under construction and are expected to open in Fall 2013. Free shuttle service is offered from the Staten Island Ferry to the CSI Campus. CSI is also home to the CUNY High Performance Computing Center and outstanding computational assets are available for research purposes, including a broad portfolio of statistical tools and social science data resources.

The school'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.

Doctorate in Special Education or related field required, with an expertise in theories and methods of teaching at the elementary and secondary school levels. Teaching experience in K-12 schools preferred, with preferred expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorders and/or educational technology. The successful candidate will also be expected to teach upper and lower division undergraduate and graduate 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. Salary ranges commensurate with experience: Assistant Professor: \$42,873 – \$74,133; Associate Professor: \$55,602 – \$88,418.

To apply, log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6708. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. Job closing date: January 1, 2013.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor, Clinical or Counseling Psychology or Counselor Education

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The Department of Psychology at the [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](#) and the masters program in clinical mental health counseling invites applications for an open tenure-track position in counseling or clinical psychology, or counselor education, at the rank of Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor beginning Fall 2013. A combination of clinical experience and research productivity is preferred.

The clinical mental health counseling program fulfills New York State requirements for licensure as a mental health counselor. The program prepares students to work with children, adolescents, adults, families and groups in a variety of clinical settings. We strive to teach our students to carry out their professional responsibilities in culturally competent ways that are respectful of diverse worldviews. Our mission is to promote social justice through clinical work.

The school'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.

Ph.D. degree in counseling or clinical psychology, or a closely related field, is required at time of appointment. We seek a professional with a commitment to the scientist-practitioner model of psychology, who has both clinical experience and an established research agenda, as well as experience teaching psychology. Experience teaching group counseling, family counseling, drug and alcohol counseling, and ethics are particularly valuable. The successful candidate will also teach some undergraduate courses, support the university's interdisciplinary priorities, pursue an active research and publication program and perform departmental and college service. Salary commensurate with experience.

To apply, log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID #6710. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. Job closes November 11, 2012.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Professor, Spanish

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The Department of World Languages and Literatures at the [College of Staten Island](#) ([CSI](#)) invites applications for a tenure-track position in Spanish at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning Fall 2013 with a specialization in Second Language Acquisition.

The school'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.

A Ph.D. degree in Spanish Linguistics is required at time of appointment. Candidates should demonstrate native/near-native fluency in English and Spanish, competence in computer-assisted instruction and foreign language pedagogy, and the ability to coordinate multi-section courses in Spanish language. A minimum of one-year full-time teaching experience is highly desirable. Candidates must be able to teach all levels of undergraduate Spanish language courses, language pedagogy and foreign language teaching methodology.

The candidate should demonstrate a commitment to research and publication and perform department and college service. The successful candidate will present credentials appropriate for possible appointment to the doctoral faculty of the CUNY Graduate School. Responsibilities include: coordination of elementary and intermediate Spanish language courses, teaching at the undergraduate level, proficiency and program assessment, and student advising. The successful candidate will also assume a leading role in the revision and updating of the Spanish language program curriculum. Salary range \$42,873 – \$74,133; commensurate with experience.

To apply, log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6709. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. Review of applications will begin on December 1, 2012 and will continue until the position is filled.

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Here's Where To Vent Your Rage Over The MTA's Fare Hike



Put on your best outfit and tell them MTA what you think! ([atomische's flickr](#))

So the MTA finally went and released [its proposed fare hikes for next year](#). \$125 Monthly MetroCards, maybe! And you probably have something to say about it, don't you? Well, the MTA "wants" to hear from you before they make a final decision. Here's how to let your voice be "heard" before the big vote.

Between November 7 and 15 the MTA is going to be holding eight public hearings. One in each of the five boroughs, and one each on Long Island and in the northern suburbs east and west of the Hudson River. Each hearing will start at 5 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. and if you want to register in advance to speak, you'll want to call (718) 521-3333—though you will be allowed to register there too. The MTA does ask that you keep your remarks to three minutes or less (more time then they get at the Oscars! Practice with a stopwatch!). So where are they? Well:

- **Wednesday, November 7**
Brooklyn - Brooklyn Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge, 333 Adams Street, Brooklyn, NY
Long Island - Farmingdale State College, Roosevelt Hall, Little Theater, 2350 Broadhollow Road, Farmingdale, NY
- **Tuesday, November 13**
The Bronx - Hostos Community College, Center for the Arts and Culture, 450 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
Manhattan - Baruch College Performing Arts Center, Mason Hall, 17 Lexington Avenue at 23rd Street, New York, NY

- **Wednesday, November 14**

Orange County - Hilton Garden Inn Newburgh/Stewart Airport, Vanderbilt/Astor Rooms, 15 Crossroads Court, Newburgh, NY

Staten Island - College of Staten Island, Center for the Arts, Springer Concert Hall, 2800 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY

- **Thursday, November 15**

Queens - Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel, 135-20 39th Avenue, Flushing, NY

Westchester County - Yonkers Public Library, Riverfront Library Auditorium, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY

And that isn't the only way you can get your opinion to the MTA. You can also submit written comments to the [MTA's website](#), or send them a letter (MTA Government Affairs, 347 Madison Avenue, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10017). Or, you can [shoot a short video tape](#) of your opinion on the following days at these locations:

- Thursday, November 8 - 9 a.m. to noon
MTA New York City Transit Headquarters, 3 Stone Street, New York, NY
Tuesday, November 13 - 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- LIRR Hicksville Station
Tuesday, November 13 - 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Metro-North Poughkeepsie Station, Pedestrian Overpass
- Wednesday, November 14 - 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
LIRR Ronkonkoma Station

We are *totally* sure the MTA is going to take each and every one of your opinions very, very seriously.



S.I. Assemblyman Praises Young Participants In Mental-Physical Health Program

10/16/2012 02:12 PM

By: NY1 News



NY1 VIDEO: On Monday, Assemblyman Michael Cusick honored at the College of Staten Island the participants of his fourth annual Total Fitness Challenge, which got more than 600 children from kindergarten through fifth grade to read 30 minutes a day and exercise over the summer. Former New York Knicks player John Wallace also attended the ceremony to encourage the kids to continue on with the challenge.



Students At College Of Staten Island "Take Back The Night"

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By: NY1 News



NY1 VIDEO: The College of Staten Island held their annual "Take Back The Night" event on Tuesday, which allowed women and men to speak out against domestic violence and sexual assault.

Grand turnout for diabetes cure event on Staten Island



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

October 20, 2012



The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation walk on the Willowbrook campus of the **College of Staten Island** is " a fun day. It's hopeful and inspiring. Everyone's upbeat and optimistic. There will be a cure, and I think I'll see it in my daughter's lifetime," says Staten Island chapter co-president Lisa Moore. *Staten Island Advance/Mark Stein*

WILLOWBROOK -- Waving banners, wearing T-shirts and teaming up, about 3,000 supporters and others living with diabetes snaked through a portion of the **College of Staten Island** **CSI** campus to raise funds — and optimism — to achieve a cure for the disease.

The Staten Island 2012 Walk to Cure Diabetes on Sunday included a three-mile walk around part of the college. It was hosted by the Staten Island chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), and, according to its website, raised over \$136,000.

The turnout was impressive, said chapter co-president Lisa Moore, the mother of a daughter living with the disease.

"It's a great number," she said.

Nationwide last year in 225 locations, the Walk to Cure Diabetes netted \$86 million and included 900,000 participants, said Ms. Moore. The Walk includes corporate teams, family teams and school teams.

"It's a fun day. It's hopeful and inspiring," said Ms. Moore. "Everyone's upbeat and optimistic. There will be a cure, and I think I'll see it in my daughter's lifetime."

The large lawn across from building 1P featured a deejay, donuts, coffee, snacks, and demonstrations from karate and dancing schools. Tables filled with free information were also part of the scene.

"It's a very community-oriented, positive day," said Ms. Moore.

Chris Rathjen, who walked with Team Diabetic Dom, in honor of his friend's 13-year-old son, said the event is great.

"I love this. It's all about the people in need. It's definitely a fantastic thing," said the Eltingville resident. "It's a great feeling to help him out."

One Manhattan resident, Teresa Skhutoretsky, came to support her niece's husband, Nick Bonilla, who's had diabetes for at least five years.

"There's a lot of people, a lot of families. That's what makes this extra wonderful," she said, adding that even young children enjoyed themselves.

However, Ms. Skhutoretsky wished the walk was a little longer than three miles.

"Come on, this is all about exercising. Let's toughen up a bit. We're New Yorkers!" she said, smiling.

"Every day is a challenge," said Bonilla. "But today's a fun day. We all came out, the family's out. We get together and walk for a good cause. It makes me feel great."

Madeline Rivera, the mother of a 13-year-old son, Ryan, who has diabetes, said the event was awesome.

"I think it's very uplifting to walk with your friends and family, and know that the reason we're doing this is so that, hopefully, in the near future, there's a cure for diabetes so our kids don't have to suffer with this disease," she said, calling the walk "sentimental."

"For many of the folks that were so generous to give to his team, and did so with their heart and soul," Ms. Rivera added.

For more information on the JDRF, and to donate, visit www.jdrf.org.

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Base Fare Raise Likely To Pass, MTA Head Says

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By: Tina Redwine



The head of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority says a hike in the subway and bus base fare makes the most sense for New Yorkers but that a final decision will not be made until the agency hears from the public.

The MTA laid out four possible scenarios for a new fare hike earlier this month, two of which raised the base fare of \$2.25 by a quarter to \$2.50.

MTA Chairman and CEO Joe Lhota says many New Yorkers do not pay the base fare anyway because they purchase weekly or monthly unlimited MetroCards.

"I'm concerned about the middle class in the city and the folks who commute in within the boroughs and those coming in and out of Manhattan. We need to try to keep the raises to a minimum," Lhota said on Monday.

Last week, Lhota said he also wants to continue a bonus that riders currently get when they put at least \$10 on a pay-per-ride card.

He says the increase would affect tourists more than anyone and, even still, riding mass transit in New York is a bargain if one considers what other cities charge.

"One of the things that we as New Yorkers don't take well to is comparing New York to anywhere else so I really don't want to get involved in comparing," said Lhota. "But if you do go to London, you'll pay a lot more on their underground than you will on the New York City Subway."

Only one of the four fare hike proposals that the MTA is considering would keep a bonus and raise the base fare. Beside the 25-cent increase in the base fare, 30-day MetroCards would increase from \$104 to \$112 and seven-day MetroCards would cost \$30, a dollar more than the current cost.

In this option, the pay-per-ride bonus would stay at 7 percent.

Straphangers had mixed reactions.

"It disproportionately affects the people who can't afford a monthly pass. So bottom line, it's causing a greater harm on those people that can least afford it," said one subway rider.

"With the single fares and the weekly fares you're going to get the largest increase from the tourists and people who don't live in the city full time," said another.

The Straphangers Campaign has argued against raising the base fare, but on Monday its spokesperson, Gene Russianoff, would only say he is pleased Lhota wants to keep the pay-per-ride discount which benefits the less fortunate.

"At this point I want to listen to the riders and see what the people who testify and send in comments. We're in a listening phase, which the MTA board and its chairman should be also," said Russianoff.

A vote will take place in December with the winning proposal taking effect on March 1.

Public hearings will take place leading up to the vote.

Scheduled Fare Hike Hearings

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Roosevelt Hall – Little Theater
Farmingdale State College
2350 Broadhollow Road
Farmingdale, New York

NY Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge
333 Adams Street
Brooklyn, New York

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Baruch Performing Arts Center, Mason Hall Baruch College
17 Lexington Avenue (at 23rd St.)
New York, New York

Main Theater at Hostos Community College
Center for the Arts & Culture
450 Grand Concourse
Bronx, New York

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Vanderbilt/Astor Rooms
Hilton Garden Inn, Newburgh/Stewart Airport
15 Crossroads Court
Newburgh, New York

Center for the Arts, Springer Concert Hall College of Staten Island
2800 Victory Blvd.
Staten Island, New York

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Auditorium
Yonkers Public Library – Riverfront Library One Larkin Center
Yonkers, New York

Ballroom
Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel
135-20 39th Avenue
Flushing, New York



College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Professor, Linguistics

Filed in [Faculty](#), [Jobs](#) on October 22, 2012

The Department of English at the [College of Staten Island \(CSI\)](#), of The City University of New York, invites applications for an anticipated tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor of Linguistics beginning September 2013.

Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate linguistics courses for majors; developing undergraduate and graduate courses in area of specialization; participating actively in the life of the department and performing department and college service; and engaging in an active and productive research and publishing agenda.

A PhD in Linguistics is required. We are particularly interested in candidates with a strong record of teaching and an active publishing agenda. Applicants must have competence in at least one of the following areas: phonetics/phonology, history of English, language change. Applicants with an ability to teach composition will be preferred. Salary range: \$42,873 – \$74,133; commensurate with experience.

The successful candidate will be committed to inclusive excellence and will have a history of effective and collaborative work with diverse groups. We encourage applicants who have experience teaching and mentoring diverse students. The [College of Staten Island](#) is committed to a diverse work environment that reflects the multicultural makeup of our student body. 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. Applicants from traditionally underrepresented populations are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply, please log on to www.cuny.edu, click on the “Employment” drop-down menu, choose “Search Job Listings,” select “Faculty” under “Employment Opportunities.” Find Job ID # 6813 and click on “Apply Now.” Applicants should submit as a single PDF attachment: letter of application, curriculum vitae, writing sample (not to exceed 30 pages), one syllabus or course proposal related to area of specialization. Three letters of recommendation (on letterhead and signed) should be sent directly from referees to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Benesch and Christina Tortora (search committee co-chairs) at linguist@csi.cuny.edu.

Review of applications will begin November 1, 2012. The deadline for all applications is December 1, 2012.

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State universities taking a bigger bite

Real costs for students have now jumped two straight years, climbing this fall by \$400

By JUSTIN POPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sticker price of in-state tuition at four-year public universities climbed about \$400 this fall, an increase of nearly 5 percent that brought the average to \$8,655. That's a modest increase compared to recent years but still painful for families with stagnant incomes after a prolonged economic slump.

Room-and-board charges grew by a comparable amount, raising the full cost for students living on campus to \$17,860.

The latest annual figures from the College Board, out Wednesday, show only about one-third of full-time students pay that published price. The estimated net price — what students pay on average after accounting for grants and tax credits — remains considerably lower than the list price: about \$2,910 for tuition at public four-year universities, and \$12,110 including room and board.

But after several years when a wave of student aid from Washington held net prices mostly in check, real costs for students have now jumped two straight years, as that wave washes back from its high-water mark.

At private colleges, enrolling about one-quarter of four-year college students, list prices remained substantially higher: \$39,518 on average, including room and board. During the previous three years, net prices at private colleges had declined. But this year net tuition and fees increased about \$780. Including room and board, but factoring in aid, the typical student at a private college is paying \$23,840.

At public two-year colleges, tuition and fees increased \$172 to \$2,959. On average, those costs are entirely covered by aid.

Altogether, the latest figures send mixed signals. They highlight that higher education, while increasingly essential economically, is devouring an ever-increasing share of family incomes, which are lower than a decade ago. But the numbers



For students at public universities, such as the College of Staten Island, above, education has come with an increased cost.

could also signal an inflection point where several unsustainable trends in costs, borrowing, and student aid at last begin to break, though it's too soon to say for sure, said report co-author Sandy Baum of the College Board and George Washington University.

Prices were up this year, though at barely half the rate of the previous two years. Enrollment, after surging nationally for several years after the economy collapsed in 2008, has leveled off. Partly as a result, federal aid is also now declining slightly after several years of double-digit increases.

Even student borrowing, the source of much anxiety, declined last year by about 4 percent. Borrowing remained 24 percent higher than five years earlier, but the annual decline was the first in at least two decades.

Explanations could include debt aversion, more parents employed, or simply a decline in enrollment overall, particularly at for-profit colleges, where students typically borrow more than at other types of school.

"It's not that college is cheaper," Baum said. "It could be parents' savings have come back a little so they're able to help. It could be that they're hesitant to borrow."

The figures come as the two presidential candidates regularly lament the rising costs of college, with President Barack Obama boasting that the broad expansion of federal student aid during his term has helped cushion the blow from sharp funding cuts from the states. His Republican challenger, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney, argues increased aid from Washington has encouraged colleges to charge more.

The report largely blames state cuts for rising tuition, highlighting historical data showing tuition jumps most when states support falls. According to the College Board — a not-for-profit membership group that promotes college access and owns the SAT exam — state funding per student to higher education has now declined four straight years, and is down 26 percent over the last five.

The tectonic shifts in the economics of higher education, with costs shifting from the states to families and the federal government, are on display across the country, though perhaps nowhere more vividly than in places like the California State University system, which educates 427,000 students. CSU, which saw state cuts of \$750 million this year alone, has said it will have to increase tuition again as soon as this winter if a state ballot initiative that would provide more funding fails to pass on Nov. 6.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS

"We tell them if you don't vote you're literally going to be voting for a tuition increase," said Pedro Ramirez, a graduate student at Cal State-Long Beach who is working to rally student support for the ballot measure. He says he managed to finish his undergraduate degree from another CSU campus in Fresno last year without student loans — but not without credit card debt.

Cal State-Long Beach's tuition of \$6,800 is below the national average, which helps explain why it got 78,000 applications last year, said President King Alexander. But prices are \$2,000 higher than two years ago, only partly offsetting cuts of \$4,000 per student from the state, and have hit low-income students hard (the CSU system is the nation's largest recipient of Pell Grants, which go mostly to students from families earning under \$40,000).

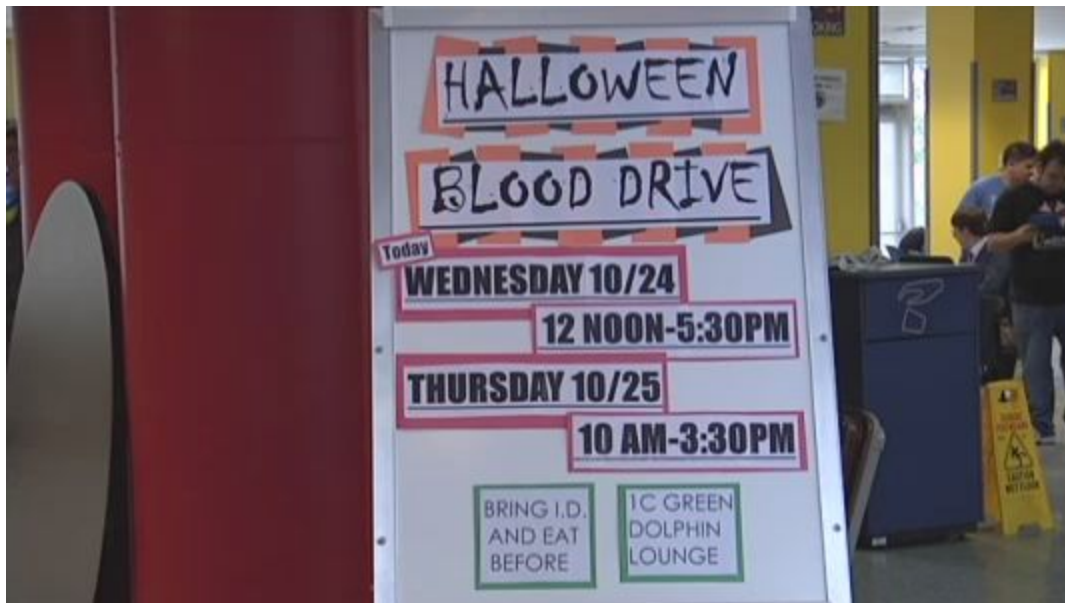
The effects of rising tuition aren't always as straightforward as students hitting an unaffordable price point and giving up, though that happens, Alexander said. Rather, it's a more complex and destructive process. Fewer faculty means long wait lists for classes. Students, meanwhile, spend more time at jobs and less time studying.



Students At College Of Staten Island Hold Blood Drive

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By: NY1 News



NY1 VIDEO: The College of Staten Island hosted a Halloween blood drive Wednesday, and students organized and ran the drive. The blood drive continues Thursday in the student center.



The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Professor, History (World History pre-1700, with particular interest in South or Central Asia)

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The Department of History at the College of Staten Island (CSI) invites applications for a tenure-track position in World History pre-1700, with particular interest in South or Central Asia, at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning in Fall 2013.

In addition to responsibility for teaching introductory to advanced History courses, the successful candidate will also be expected to teach general education History 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 successful candidate will be required to teach World Civilization I and participate in the Science, Letters, and Society Program.

Ph.D. degree in History or a closely related field is required at time of appointment. We seek a scholar with a commitment to research and publication and a strong teaching record with an ability to communicate their specialty to a diverse student body. Applications documenting research in broad areas of cultural, commercial and religious exchange, such as the Silk Road and the Indian Ocean World will receive particular attention. Salary range is commensurate with experience.

To apply, log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6768. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. The deadline for applications is November 30, 2012.

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



The College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant Professor, History (post-1945 US History)

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The Department of History at the College of Staten Island (CSI) invites applications for a tenure-track position in post-1945 US History at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning Fall 2013. Specialization in immigration with an interest in public history, teacher education and general education preferred.

The CSI History department consists of twenty specialists with coverage of United States history, ranging colonial, early national, African American, U. S. West, women's history, urban, and twentieth century, and world from Greek and Roman, Medieval, Middle East, Far East, Latin America and the Caribbean, Russia, Italy, Germany, Early Modern Europe, Africa, and East Asian. The department stresses scholarship and teaching, has a Master's Program, and provides the opportunity to join and teach in the Graduate Faculty of the Ph.D. Program in History at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Ph.D. degree in History is required at time of appointment. We seek a candidate with a strong teaching record with an ability to communicate to a diverse student body, research skills, and a commitment to scholarship. In addition to responsibility for teaching introductory and intermediate history courses, the successful candidate will also be expected to teach general education courses and upper division courses in his or her area of specialization. That candidate will be expected to support the university's interdisciplinary priorities, pursue an active research and publication program, and perform departmental and college service. Salary range: \$42,873 – \$74,133; commensurate with experience.

To apply, please log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6767. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. This job closes January 6, 2013; review of applications to begin December 12.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Economics (Micro)

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The Department of Political Science, Economics and Philosophy at the College of Staten Island (CSI) invites applications for a tenure-track position in Economics at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor (the latter with the possibility of expedited tenure) beginning Fall 2013 with specialization in Empirical Microeconomics (Labor, Health, Trade, IO, Public, Development, Behavioral & Experimental or other applied areas) and/or Microeconometrics. Teaching responsibilities will include principles and intermediate microeconomics, statistics, econometrics, and upper level electives in his or her area of specialization.

Candidates must demonstrate commitment to research and teaching excellence and be willing to perform departmental and college service. For those applying at the assistant professor level a Ph.D. degree in Economics is required at time of appointment. For consideration at the associate level, applicants must demonstrate a proven record of research and teaching accomplishments commensurate with appointment at the rank of associate professor. Salary range: Assistant Professor: \$42,873 – \$74,133; Associate Professor: \$55,602 – \$88,418, commensurate with experience.

To apply, log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6772. In order to be considered for this position, applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. All candidates must sample(s) of recent scholarly work, teaching evaluations, and three letters of recommendation. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. Job closes November 30, 2012.

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College of Staten Island (CUNY) – Assistant or Associate Professor, Economics (Macro)

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The Department of Political Science, Economics and Philosophy at the College of Staten Island invites applications for a tenure-track position in Economics at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor (the latter with the possibility of expedited tenure) beginning Fall 2013 with specialization in Macroeconomics/Applied Macroeconomics (macroeconomics, open economy macroeconomics, economic growth, international finance or monetary economics). Teaching responsibilities will include principles and intermediate macroeconomics, statistics, econometrics, and upper level electives in candidate's area of specialization.

Candidates must demonstrate commitment to research and teaching excellence and be willing to perform departmental and college service. For those applying at the assistant professor level a Ph.D. degree in Economics is required at time of appointment. For consideration at the associate level, applicants must demonstrate a proven record of research and teaching accomplishments commensurate with appointment at the rank of associate professor. Salary ranges: Assistant Professor: \$42,873 – \$74,133; Associate Professor: \$55,602 – \$88,418, commensurate with experience.

To apply, log on to www.cuny.edu. Navigate to "Employment," then "Job postings on line." Find Job ID # 6771. Applicants must submit a letter of application (outlining research and teaching experience), curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information for three professional references. All candidates must submit sample(s) of recent scholarly work, teaching evaluations, and three letters of recommendation. If you have difficulty with uploading multiple documents to the web site please send them to facultyrecruithss@csi.cuny.edu. This job closes November 30, 2012.

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IMPORTANT City-Wide Updates For Hurricane Sandy Aftermath

Schools:

- Schools will be closed tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday.
- CUNY is closed tomorrow. On Friday, all CUNY schools will be open except: Borough of Manhattan Community College, College of Staten Island, Baruch College and Kingsborough Community College.
- In an effort to provide the families of Queens with an educational resource during the time when schools are closed, the Museum of Moving Image will extend FREE admission to all residents of the borough of Queens this Friday, November 2. To obtain free admission, visitors need only present valid proof of residence.

Roadways:

- There is very heavy traffic on the roads today.
- To reduce the number of cars coming into lower Manhattan, the City has ordered that the four East River bridges be restricted to High Occupancy Vehicles only – meaning 3 or more people per vehicle. This restriction will be in effect for Thursday and Friday, 6AM to midnight each day. Exceptions to the HOV rules include commercial, emergency, and para-transit vehicles, as well as buses. These restrictions will also be in effect on the RFK Triborough Bridge, the Henry Hudson Bridge, and the Lincoln Tunnel.
- The Hugh Carey Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel and the Holland Tunnel are both closed. The Lincoln Tunnel is open.
- We are establishing bus lanes on key corridors – including 3rd Avenue, Lexington Avenue, and Flatbush Avenue.
- People should be extremely cautious when driving, particularly at intersections where traffic lights have no power.
- We encourage people to stay off the roads if at all possible. If they have any other option to get to work, they should use it.

Mass Transit:

The MTA has announced that:

- Parts of the subway system will be operational tomorrow. Manhattan below 34th Street where there is no power will not have any service, however. There are still substantial amounts of water in a number of the tunnels and stations.

SUBWAYS:

1 trains will operate local between 242nd Street (Bronx) and Times Square-42nd Street.

2 trains will operate between 241st Street (Bronx) and Times Square-42nd Street, with express service between 96th Street and Times Square.

3 trains are suspended.

4 trains will operate in two sections making all local stops:

- Between Woodlawn (Bronx) and Grand Central-42nd Street
- Between Borough Hall and New Lots Avenue

5 trains will operate express in Brooklyn between Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center and Flatbush Avenue.

6 trains will operate local between Pelham Bay Park and Grand Central-42nd Street.

7 trains are suspended.

42nd Street Shuttle S trains will operate between Times Square and Grand Central.

A trains will operate in two sections making all local stops:

- Between 168th Street (Manhattan) and 34th Street-Penn Station
- Between Jay Street/MetroTech and Lefferts Blvd.

B and C service is suspended.

D trains operate in two sections:

- Between 205th Street (Bronx) and 34th Street-Herald Square making all local stops
- In Brooklyn, between Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center and Bay Parkway making express stops between Pacific Street and 36th Street

E trains are suspended.

F trains operate in two sections making all local stops:

- Between 179th Street (Queens) and 34th Street-Herald Square
- In Brooklyn, between Jay Street-MetroTech and Avenue X

G trains are suspended.

J trains operate between Jamaica Center and Hewes Street making all local stops.

L trains operate between Broadway Junction and Rockaway Parkway making all local stops.

M trains operate between Myrtle Avenue-Broadway and Metropolitan Avenue.

N trains operate between Ditmars Blvd. (Queens) and 34th Street-Herald Square making all local stops.

Q trains are suspended.

R trains operate in Brooklyn between Jay Street-MetroTech and 95th Street making all local stops.

Both the Franklin Avenue and Rockaway Park S shuttles are suspended.

SHUTTLE BUSES:

All shuttle buses will operate north on 3rd Avenue and south on Lexington Avenue.

1. Between Atlantic Avenue-Barclays Center and 57th Street-Lexington Avenue via the Manhattan Bridge

2. Between Jay Street-MetroTech and 57th Street-Lexington Avenue via the Manhattan Bridge

3. Between Hewes Street and 57th Street-Lexington Avenue via the Williamsburg Bridge

- LIRR and Metro North are restoring limited service as of this afternoon.
- Bus service has been in effect since yesterday and continues to increase.
- Further detail can be found at mta.info

The Staten Island Ferry and the East River Ferry are both still suspended:

- We are still assessing and fixing damage at the landings on both lines.
- We are coordinating with the Coast Guard about conditions in the water to ensure safe passage for the boats once they are reactivated.

Power:

- As of this afternoon, approximately 643,000 customers in the city do not have power. This includes 230,000 in Manhattan.
- Con Ed continues has been working around the clock to restore power. They have enlisted 1,400 external contractors from around the country to assist in this effort.
- The NYPD set up 80 light towers last night in areas without power. Our goal is to set up 100 more for tonight.

Phone Service:

- AT&T and Verizon both sustained damage to critical infrastructure. This has resulted in service disruptions for both landline and cell service. We are assisting with pumping operations to help get these facilities up and running quickly.

Building Inspections:

- The Department of Buildings has begun inspecting buildings in hard-hit Zone A areas to assess their structural integrity. There are three areas where these inspections are happening: Staten Island, the Rockaways, and Lower Manhattan.
- Buildings will be tagged with one of three color placards to indicate their safety:

Green: the building is safe to enter

Red: the building is not safe and may not be entered

Yellow: it can be occupied conditionally (i.e. one floor may be safe while another is not.) These conditions would be explained on the placard.

- Inspections of these Staten Island Zone A buildings will be complete by the end of the weekend.
- Rockaways and Lower Manhattan inspections began today.
- Building owners can also self-certify with the Department of Buildings.

Support to Businesses:

- We have put together a package of support for NYC businesses impacted by the storm: Emergency loans of up to \$10,000 for small and mid-sized businesses are available.

For larger businesses that were damaged, temporary City and State sales tax deferment on materials needed for rebuilding.

For businesses displaced from their locations, we're offering temporary office space free of charge at the Brooklyn Army Terminal for the next 30 days.

EDC has about 40,000 square feet of space at the Terminal that is now available for this use.

Loans up to \$2 million are also available for business property losses not fully covered by insurance – and for businesses that have had cash flow problems caused by the storm and need funds to get back on their feet.

- To get information contact NYC Business Solutions by calling 311 or going to nyc.gov.

Federal Disaster Assistance:

- Anyone affected by Sandy – homeowners, renters, and businesses – can apply for federal disaster assistance.

- They can register at DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling the Federal Emergency Management agency at 1-800-621-3362.

Volunteers and Donations:

- Many New Yorkers have expressed their desire to help by volunteering or donating. More information can be found at: nyc.gov/service

Healthcare Facilities:

- 17 chronic care facilities in Zone A have been evacuated, with 4 of those evacuations still under way. Most of these patients were moved to other chronic care facilities, and some were moved to the 7 city shelters for those with special medical needs. These shelters are short-term facilities, and so we are arranging for these patients to be transferred to long-term facilities by this Saturday. All the patients from the 17 evacuated facilities are safe and being cared for. There were no deaths from any of the evacuated facilities.

- Bellevue Hospital is currently being evacuated.

- Previously New York Downtown, Manhattan VA, NYU Langone, and Coney Island Hospital were evacuated.

Shelters:

- We currently have approximately 6,300 people in our 76 evacuation shelters.

- In the days ahead we will begin consolidating the number of shelters.

- Our shelter system will remain open until evacuees can return to their homes or find short-term housing.

Parks:

- All parks and playgrounds are closed today for safety reasons. There is still a serious threat from falling branches.

- We expect a majority will be open by this weekend.

- Details on park closures can be found here: nyc.gov/parks

Sanitation:

- The Department of Sanitation is collecting garbage.

- They are not collecting recycling.

- In addition from their normal pickups they are also removing thousands of tons of debris left by the storm.

Senior Centers:

- 66 of the 253 senior centers in the city are open today.

- We expect that 125 of the 253 will be open tomorrow (Thursday).

57th Street Crane:

- Engineers have been in the building since yesterday and have determined that the ties from the building to the crane are secure.

- This will allow them to begin determining next steps and to begin shrinking the frozen zone around

the crane.

- However the street will not be fully reopened until sometime this weekend at the earliest.

Airports:

- JFK and Newark are open.
- LaGuardia is closed.

Reporting and Handling Conditions:

- 911 should only be used in case of emergencies.
- To report other conditions such as fallen trees and sewer backups, please use 311 Online, text 311 at 311-692, or call 311.

Fallen trees are incredibly dangerous. Anyone who sees one should report it immediately. No one should try to cut down or move damaged trees themselves.

- Power outages and live wires should be directly reported to Con Ed (1-800-75-CON-ED) or LIPA (1-800-490-0075).

Live wires are also extremely dangerous. No one should touch them or be near them.

Advice to Share with your Neighbors:

- Any food – including packaged food – that was touched by flood water should be thrown away.

The flood water may contain sewage or other contamination.

- Other items that have been touched by flood water should be cleaned and disinfected. This should be done as soon as possible to prevent mold growth.

- Tap water is safe to drink.

Do not use generators or grills indoors. Carbon monoxide poisoning is a serious threat when these devices are used indoors. They should only be used outside and kept away from windows and vents.

- Everyone should have and use battery-operated carbon monoxide alarms. They should test the batteries if possible.

If someone experiences sleepiness, dizziness, headaches, confusion, weakness or the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, they should immediately seek fresh air and call the poison control center at 212-POISONS (212-764-7667.) They can also call 911, since poisoning is life threatening.

- Important guides on carbon monoxide poisoning and food safety can be found at nyc.gov/health.

Status of Major Public Events:

- The Greenwich Village Halloween Parade has been postponed to a later date, to be determined.
- Tonight's Nets-Knicks game has been postponed by the NBA.
- The NYC Marathon on Sunday will go ahead as scheduled.

Staying Informed

- For the latest updates, New Yorkers can:

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Students & Alumni

Students

Busted by DNA, Staten Island man pleads guilty to 14-year-old rape, robbery case

Lerio Guerrero admits he raped, robbed young professor back in 1998

BY [JANON FISHER](#) / NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

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STEVE WISBAUER/GETTY IMAGES

DNA from a cigarette butt left near a rape scene in 2011 links a Staten Island man to a brutal 1998 rape.

A Staten Island man who raped and robbed a college professor nearly 14 years ago, holding a piece of broken glass to her neck, pleaded guilty to the heinous crime on Tuesday, after being busted by DNA from a cigarette he discarded near the scene of another sexual assault.

Lerio Guerrero, 34, tossed a cigarette butt near the scene of a 2011 sexual assault in Brooklyn. While he was never charged in that rape, police arrested him for trespassing and matched his DNA to the cigarette.

A search of the state DNA database came up with a hit from the rape on Orchard St. on a chilly November night back in 1998.

A masked Guerrero pushed a 28-year-old professor as she stepped into her apartment building, then raped and sodomized her.

Not satisfied with just brutalizing her and taking what was left in her wallet, the sicko dragged her to an ATM to steal her money.

"He held a piece of broken glass against her neck. He said there was not enough money in her wallet," said Assistant District Attorney Martha Bashford. The prosecutor said he made her call her credit card company to allow him to steal more money out of her account.

He robbed her of \$800, but as he forced her to a second ATM, the victim was able to break free and get help.

Without having the name of a suspect, in 2005 prosecutors indicted just the DNA extracted from the blood he left behind on the victim's coat when he cut his hand on the jagged piece of glass.

Guerrero, 34, evaded capture for the next decade and a half — despite bumping up against the law on a handful of misdemeanor offenses and a drunk driving conviction — before being busted by the DNA database.

James Palumbo, his lawyer, said that Guerrero struggled with alcoholism, but was attending classes at the College of Staten Island and trying to turn his life around when he was arrested.

"He had a difficult childhood," said Palumbo. "He was pulling himself together for the first time."

In exchange for pleading guilty to rape, sodomy, robbery and burglary, Guerrero agreed to do 15 years behind bars instead of the 25 maximum he was facing.

Some Illegal Immigrants Allowed to Stay Under Obama Order

October 17, 2012

by Bernard Shusman

President Obama's executive order to temporarily halt deportation of some undocumented immigrants has provided hope to them, but it also has put many families and friends on opposite sides of a divide.

Monica Sibri and Yohan Garcia are friends. Garcia came to the United States when he was 15, Sibri when she was 16. He is eligible to remain in the country for now; she is not.

President Obama this year drew a line. Immigrants who were brought to the U.S. illegally at age 15 or younger are eligible to stay for at least two years.

"Now, let's be clear," said Obama. "This is not amnesty. This is not immunity. This is not a path to citizenship. It's not a permanent fix."

But not everyone meets those requirements. Sibri, 20, is from Ecuador and is a student at the [College of Staten Island](#).

"Half of my family is here and my parents are here. If I go back to Ecuador, I have no one," said Sibri.

Garcia, 25, says he feels lucky that he is eligible to legally stay, but he worries about Sibri and others who may be forced to leave.

"I feel that students like her with great talents should be given the opportunity to do something great in this country," said Garcia. "She is getting her education here. I think she will be a great asset to the United States of America."

Immigrant Lourdes Romero is eligible to stay, but still has concerns.

"I felt I can now fly and so on, accomplish all these things that I always dreamt of, but at the same time I kept thinking about all these people that are not eligible," said Romero.

The immigrants are not the only ones with an opinion. Joanna Marzullo is with a group that opposes Obama's order. "Obama is incorrect in allowing illegal alien trespassers to remain in this country or to make it easier for them," said Marzullo.

Father Bob Vitaglione at the Sacred Heart church in Brooklyn calls Obama's policy a noble gesture, but he wants a change in attitudes.

"Our undocumented immigrants of today are, in effect, 20th century slaves," said Vitaglione. "They work on minimum or below minimum wage. They'll do the dirtiest, scuzziest jobs, which in the old days slaves would have done."

More than 100,000 people have applied for the president's so-called deferred action.

The administration hopes Congress will pass a law allowing young adults brought to the U.S. illegally as children to eventually become U.S. citizens. But in the meantime, for those not eligible under his plan, they will either be deported, return home voluntarily or remain in the United States as illegals.

New details in crash that killed **College of Staten Island** student

By **John M. Annese/Staten Island Advance**

October 23, 2012

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. - New details have emerged about a two-car crash in New Jersey that killed 18-year-old **College of Staten Island** student Susan Hogan.

Ms. Hogan was driving a Chevy Cobalt east on Route 80 in Kearny about 5 p.m. on July 22 when 29-year-old Tyria Stokes, who was driving a Toyota Camry, "failed to maintain directional control," and veered into the center lane, striking Ms. Hogan's Chevy on its right side, said New Jersey State Police Sgt. Brian Polite.

Both vehicles then went off the road, he said.

Those new details contradict the findings of what Polite had called a "very preliminary" investigation in July into the crash, which seemed to show that Ms. Hogan had run the Camry off the road.

Polite said the initial findings were based on observations at the scene within a few hours of the crash, and that a comprehensive investigation by the state police's fatal accident investigation unit offered different, more conclusive results.

Ms. Hogan was driving home after she and friends had visited a water park near Sparta, in New Jersey's northwest corner, her mother told the Advance in July.

Her two passengers were injured, as were the two occupants of the Camry.

Also posted on: topix.com

Alumni

Sandra Iberger reappointed to cancer advisory board

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Sandra Iberger

TOWN OF WALLKILL — Sandra Iberger, vice president of oncology and outpatient operations at Orange Regional Medical Center, has been reappointed to a new two-year term on the Regional Board of Advisors for the Hudson Valley Region of the American Cancer Society.

The board of advisors is responsible for providing guidance and expertise to assist in reaching the goals of the ACS: Get well, stay well, fight back and find cures.

Iberger is involved with a number of ACS initiatives that include the ACS Patient Navigator program, Cancer Prevention Study, local Relay for Life events, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk and the American Cancer Society's annual Birthday Bash.

Dr. Jeff Spina recognized for quality back-pain care

MIDDLETOWN — Dr. Jeff Spina of Dolson Avenue Medical in Middletown has received recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance's Back Pain Recognition Program for providing superior care to patients suffering from low-back pain.

The Back Pain Recognition Program was designed to improve quality of care to the nearly 30 million Americans who experience low-back pain by motivating clinicians and chiropractors to document and improve their delivery of spine care.

To receive recognition, which is valid for two years, Spina submitted data demonstrating performance that meets the program's key measures: appropriate imaging for acute back pain and recommendation for exercise, among others.

Orange Regional announces nursing leadership additions

TOWN OF WALLKILL — Orange Regional Medical Center has announced the addition of Anita Adler, R.N.-B.C., M.S., and Deborah Hewitt, R.N., MBA, to its nursing leadership team.

Adler joined Orange Regional as the director of nursing informatics and decision support. She was previously a nursing application analyst at Hudson Valley Hospital Center and served as a patient educator at Matria Healthcare Inc.

In her new role, Adler will act as a liaison between the hospital's clinical areas and IT department. She will determine the needs and requirements for clinical applications related to information systems in acute and ambulatory healthcare settings. She will also work with staff and physicians to optimize the usage of clinical systems through education and training, quality outcomes and providing support in accordance with organizational goals.

Adler earned an associate's degree in nursing from SUNY Rockland, a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from College of Staten Island, and a master's degree in nursing from SUNY Stony Brook. She is also certified in informatics nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Hewitt has been appointed program administrator, professional nursing practice. She joined Orange Regional in 2010 as the nursing director of outpatient operations. In this role, she took the lead in the review and revision of policy and procedures hospital-wide, acted as outpatient nurse liaison to administrative and executive teams and worked to develop standardization in work among inpatient and outpatient services.

Before joining Orange Regional, Hewitt was assistant director of nursing at Crystal Run Healthcare and was also assistant director of nursing and registered nurse at the former Horton campus.

In her new role, Hewitt is responsible for providing clinical and administrative direction to the nursing professional practice program including orientation, education and training, quality improvement, professional standards, regulatory compliance and the shared governance program.

Hewitt has a bachelor's of science degree in nursing and a master's in business administration from University of Phoenix. Hewitt is also pursuing a master's degree in nursing from Yale University.

Jennifer Weinman a Veteran Agent Joins Gillani Homes

Jennifer Weinman joins the team of Gillani Homes, bringing with her more than 14 years of experience as a residential specialist in Staten Island.
(PRWEB) October 04, 2012

Dil Gillani, Broker owner of Gillani Homes Inc., is proud to announce that Jennifer Weinman, a veteran real estate agent, has joined the Gillani Homes real estate family. Jennifer is a veteran sales associate beginning her 15th year as a successful residential specialist. It was a logical choice as Jennifer's strong work ethic and commitment to fostering lifelong client relationships mirrors the Gillani Homes business philosophy. Dil and Jennifer have known each other for many years, and have developed a mutual respect for each other, having worked together in the real estate field since 2001. Whether it was great communication in negotiating a transaction, finding themselves in the same continuing education classes, or bumping into each other at many of the Island's charity community events, Jennifer and Dil found that they both have a similar love for Staten Island and real estate, making it a great time to join forces. "It is important to work in an environment where the real estate company and the agent have a unified vision on client care" Jennifer says making her move to Gillani Homes a natural choice.

In 1998, Jennifer began working in Staten Island real estate part time, on weekends, while simultaneously studying for her Bachelor's Degree at the [College of Staten Island](#) as well as working full time at Staten Island Academy as the Headmaster's secretary. Six months later, Jennifer resigned from the Academy so she could focus her attention on real estate full time, a rewarding transition she has never regretted. Having a Bachelors Degree in Psychology has equipped her for working with various personality types. Jennifer has always found pleasure in helping people; right out of Tottenville High School, she worked as an intake counselor at Project Hospitality where she helped serve Staten Island's homeless population. Now a Realtor®, she says, "Helping families while earning a living is a winning combination."

Jennifer has earned a reputation for providing personal attention, quality service, and above all, for her integrity. Besides working with her clients to help them buy and sell properties she is also an active and involved member of the Staten Island Board of Realtors and the Multiple Listing Service. She has served as Chair of the Technology Committee, member of the MLS Vendor Task Force, MLS Transition Committee, the Legal Liaison Task Force, the Young Professionals Network, and currently a returning member of the Attorney Interaction Task Force, and the Grievance Committee. She is also a licensed New York Notary Public, a free service she happily offers to all.

Personal Attention

A great listener with a good attitude, Jennifer has the ability to focus her attention on the needs of her clients, both buyers and sellers. Many have said they have made her their realtor "for life" which is exactly what Gillani Homes strives for with all their clients. Continued education, community involvement, and working around a supportive network of business professionals and family help keep her ahead of the rest.

Quality Service

Jennifer's wide range of marketing techniques insures her clients the utmost exposure from, among other things, social media marketing, virtual tours, detailed custom brochure mailings, informative open houses, and extensive publication advertising. Her website at <http://www.StatenIslander.com>, established in 1998, continues to be the only internet site offering absolutely free "classified ad" real estate advertising to the Staten Island community, while offering added exposure for her clients.

Working with Gillani Homes Inc., will catapult Jennifer's career to the next level. Gillani Homes offers an intimate work environment where training and learning along with team work create a synergistic effect helping all the Gillani agents advance their real estate careers. Dil is a hands on Broker, always available to offer guidance and support with weekly training sessions to keep every agent ahead of the curve. At Gillani Homes, Dil offers each agent his personal attention to help them promote their real estate business. In addition, the company's state of the art newly revamped website, <http://www.GillaniHomes.com>, is a powerful tool for promoting the company's exposure on the internet, making it a great asset for showcasing the company's listings for sale, as well as attracting new clients. The marketing foundation that Jennifer has already implemented combined with the Gillani Homes exposure on the net will provide for a winning combination and promote increased business activity. It was the Gillani Homes vision for the future, coupled with Dil Gillani's hands on business approach that ultimately made Gillani Homes the obvious choice for advancing Jennifer's real estate business. Besides belonging to the Staten Island Board of Realtors, Gillani Homes is also a member of the Brooklyn Board of Realtors and will soon be joining the Long Island Board of Realtors, making for a seamless real estate experience for the real estate consumer of the move.

Whether you are a first time buyer, or a seasoned real estate investor looking for a trusted real estate professional, you can reach out to Jennifer Weinman at Gillani Homes 718-442-4400 or you can call her cell directly at 917-771-3290. You can also visit her at Gillani Homes at their new offices located at 60 Sand Lane off Hylan Boulevard in South Beach.

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'Jersey Shore' no more

With their reality show ending soon, how will cast members sustain lifestyles?

By Kaila Uline

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The cast of *Jersey Shore* has made a living by airing its partying — and dirty laundry (both the literal and figurative type) — on television.

With the MTV series reaching the halfway point of its final season tonight, the burning question becomes: Have the cast members managed enough success for themselves to support the lives to which they've grown accustomed?

Here's a look at what fame has yielded for each:

THE SITUATION

Real name: Michael Paul Sorrentino

Age: 31

Hometown: Staten Island in New York

Payment per episode: \$150,000

Previous life: At 25, Sorrentino began modeling underwear after losing his job as an assistant manager of a fitness center.

Star status: He wrote a book and did a season of *Dancing With the Stars*. He has endorsement deals with Devotion Vodka, GNC and Reebok ZigTech shoes — plus a clothing line, vitamin line and fitness DVD. In 2010, he made more than \$5 million — the second-highest among reality-TV stars, after Kim Kardashian.

SNOOKI

Real name: Nicole Elizabeth Polizzi

Age: 24

Hometown: Marlboro, N.Y.

Payment per episode: \$150,000

Previous life: The native of Chile was to become a veterinary technician before her big debut. She did an episode of the MTV reality show *Is She Really Going Out With Him?*

Star status: She joined cast mate JWoww in an MTV spinoff, *Snooki & JWoww*; and wrote two books. She has everything from a line of tanning lotions and fuzzy slippers to brands of sunglasses and perfume. She gave birth to a son on Aug. 26.

PAULY D

Real name: Paul DeVecchio

Age: 32

Hometown: Johnston, R.I.

Payment per episode: \$150,000

Previous life: As a disc jockey in Providence, R.I., he was asked to join the show when casting directors sent him a message on MySpace.

Star status: He was still spinning records when he signed a three-album deal in 2011 with the record company of 50 Cent. He endorses Remix Cocktails and Dirty Couture Extension. This year, he was given the spinoff *The Pauly D Project*.

JWOWW

Real name: Jennifer Farley

Age: 26

Hometown: Franklin Square, N.Y.

Payment per episode: \$100,000

Previous life: She started the graphic-design business Jenni Farley Design.

Star status: She wrote a book and did shows such as *Disaster Date* and *TNA Impact* as well as the MTV spinoff with Snooki. Known for her scandalous outfits, she has lines of fragrances, tanning lotions, skin-care products and clothing.

SAMMI SWEETHART

Real name: Samantha Rae Giancola

Age: 25

Hometown: Hazlet, N.J.

Payment per episode: \$80,000

Previous life: She attended William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J., as a sociology major. She played soccer in high school and college.

Star status: She has the fitness line Sexy Sweetheart and a collection of iPhone cases, and provides the face for Dangerous perfume.

RONNIE

Real name: Ronnie Ortiz-Magro Jr.

Age: 26

Hometown: Bronx in New York

Payment per episode: \$80,000

Previous life: He worked for his father in real estate.

Star status: The muscular Ortiz-Magro makes most of his money from public appearances. Having done ads for Xenadrine vitamins, he has a line of T-shirts called Jersey Laundry.

DEENA

Real name: Deena Nicole Cortese

Age: 25

Hometown: New Egypt, N.J.

Payment per episode: \$40,000

Previous life: She attended Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J., eventually obtaining a dental-assistant certification. She joined the cast in the third season, after being rejected during the first-season auditions.

Star status: The spokeswoman for Stacker 2 six-hour energy drinks also has a line of body products and jewelry.

VINNY

Real name: Vinny Guadagnino

Age: 24

Hometown: Staten Island in New York

Payment per episode: \$90,000

Previous life: He graduated from the College of Staten Island, then worked as a political aide for New York Assemblyman Michael Cusik. He hoped to go to law school.

Star status: He wrote a self-help book for anxiety and started a line of T-shirts to promote the anti-bullying cause. He has done scripted series such as *90210*. He recently became the new face of Philips Norelco.

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Note: Kaila Uline, a senior in the School of Visual Communication at Ohio University in Athens, created this page for a layout-and-design class.



Candidates on restoring UNH cuts

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STRATHAM — The Exeter News-Letter asked three candidates — two Republicans and one Democrat — running for the two seats in Stratham's District 19 state rep. race in the Nov. 6 election to complete a candidate questionnaire.

The candidates were posed seven questions in the areas of gambling, Right-to-Work legislation, Medicaid, same-sex marriage, and budget cuts, for example. The News-Letter will publish responses to one question per edition leading up to the election. Here are the candidates' responses to Question No. 5. in alphabetical order:

Patrick F. Abrami

Age: 63

Address: 9 Tall Pines Road, Stratham

Occupation: Health care management consultant

Education: BS/MS industrial engineering/operations research, University of Buffalo

Public service/public office experience: State representative 2011-2012, Ways & Means Committee

Party: Republican

Question 5: What, if any, budget cuts made during the last legislative session would you restore and why? How would you pay for it?

Answer: This past legislative session we saw the toughest budget ever faced by New Hampshire having to close an \$800 million gap inherited due to the spending and borrowing ways seen during the prior four years under Democratic control. None of us liked all of the cuts we made, but we were sent to Concord to make the tough decisions. During the budget process, the Democrats wanted the Ways & Means Committee, of which I am a member, to arbitrarily increase revenue estimates after a very thoughtful projection process.

We resisted, and the result at the end of FY 2012 is revenues that came in at 0.2 percent of estimate. During the budget floor debate, not one amendment to add money to a program was supported by cuts elsewhere or indication where the revenue would come from, so all these amendments failed. This year, when we saw we had the money to do so, the legislature added back in \$1.5 million to reduce the developmentally disabled wait list. I foresee that happening with other programs next budget cycle.

My priorities would be the University System, the Children in Need of Services program, some funding for the hospitals, and block grants to cities and towns to help offset property taxes. This would only occur with revenue increases from an existing tax structure as the economy improves and through continued efforts to improve government efficiency. If we continue to make New Hampshire the most business-friendly state in the union, revenues will grow.

Tim Copeland

Age: 56

Address: 17 Raeder Drive, Stratham

Occupation: Law enforcement investigator 30 years/retired

Education: SUNY NY

Public service/public office experience: Law enforcement 30 years investigative division, Stratham Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Recreation Commission, liaison to Public Safety/Emergency Management deputy director, selectman 4.5 years, state rep. finishing my first term.

Party: Independent fiscal conservative Republican

Question 5: What, if any, budget cuts made during the last legislative session would you restore and why? How would you pay for it?

Answer: This last Legislature used an ax not a scalpel to cut the budget, which was the main reason I voted against the budget. In some cases we just passed the costs onto the taxpayers or in the case of the \$90 million cut in funds to the State University System of New Hampshire, increased tuitions to our students seeking higher education.

I would like to see the restoration of the 17 police positions cut from the Department of Safety as this is a serious issue affecting the safety and well-being of the people of New Hampshire.

I would also like to see Health & Human Services have their funding restored for their domestic violence program and their Children in Need of Services program which aids juvenile offenders who need intervention and guidance so they don't become adult offenders in our criminal justice system (this cut has already caused an increase in the school taxes portion of the tax bills here in Stratham as the costs shifted from the courts to the schools).

There are numerous other cuts that I feel were not well thought out and were more of a knee-jerk reaction to the need for this Legislature to do better than the last. We should be cutting the waste, not essential services and needs. The legislature needs to more closely examine the unnecessary spending of many department budgets and consider the merging of some agencies into one. Cutting out the duplication of services would allow funding to be returned to where it is most needed.

Trinka Russell

Age: 56

Address: 2 Dundee Circle, Stratham

Occupation: RN

Education: R.N. College of Staten Island, C.U.N.Y. 1978; interior design, New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk University, 1995; adjunct teacher at Alma Mater for seven years, past business owner of Americans with Disabilities Act Specialist

Public service/public office experience: Governors Commission on People with Disabilities; Public Health Improvement Services Council; States Suicide Prevention Council; Participation and commitment in development of the NH Health care System; Developmental Disability Waitlist Oversight Committee; Suicide Prevention Oversight Committee; Board of Directors 1996-2003 Community Developmental Services, Region VIII; Consumer Policy Advisory Board; Executive District Council for the State of NH 1997-2001.

Party: Democrat

Question 5: What, if any, budget cuts made during the last legislative session would you restore and why? How would you pay for it?

Answer: Just 2 examples:

New Hampshire's public schools have been hurt tremendously by cuts to state support for higher education. It's been cut in half and a law has been passed diverting millions of dollars of taxpayer money from public schools to private schools.

End the diversion of funding from our public schools to private schools.

This Legislature sacrificed millions in revenues when it cut the tobacco tax by 10 cents per pack; the tobacco industry just turned around and increased the price 10 cents per pack.

This cost an estimated \$20 million plus loss in revenues to the state in this biennium. I would vote to restore the tobacco tax that was cut on consumers of tobacco.