

Director of Athletics, College of Staten Island

April 2016

Dear Dolphin Fans,

With our spring sports in full swing, postseason honors continue to trickle in from our men's and women's basketball seasons. Senior Will Fonseca was named the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association (MBWA) Player of the Year for the second consecutive season and was honored at the 83rd Annual Haggerty Awards Dinner. Fonseca is only the eighth NCAA Division III player ever to win the award twice. It was the capstone on a remarkable career and senior campaign in which Fonseca was named CUNYAC Player of the Year, ECAC Metro Player of the Year, D3hoops.com All-Atlantic Region Player of the Year, and Second Team All-American by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Sophomore standout Christina Pasaturo of our women's basketball team also added to her collection of postseason accolades and was named Second Team All-Star by the MBWA. Earlier this month, Pasaturo garnered First Team All-CUNYAC and Second Team All-ECAC Metro honors.

Junior captain Naomi Gaggi of our women's swimming team continues to be recognized for her incredible work in the classroom, in competition, and in the community and was recently named Honorable Mention for the prestigious Barry Goldwater Scholarship. She is most proud of her work helping children and adults with Autism and strives to be a research leader in the field of neuropsychology and neuroscience. Gaggi continues to be a role model for all student-athletes here at the College of Staten Island and I could not be more proud of her outstanding achievements. I highly encourage you to <u>click</u> here and read more about her tremendous impact.

Our baseball team extended their win streak to eight games on Tuesday with a 13-4 victory over Drew University. More importantly, our Dolphins raised over \$5,100 to support breast cancer research as part of the 13th Annual Grace Hillery Breast Cancer Awareness Night. The event is named in memory of former baseball student-athlete Anthony Hillery's mother, who lost her battle to breast cancer in 2004. Over the past 13 years, we are proud to announce that we have raised over \$68,000 for cancer research.

During the first weekend of May, our first-place baseball and softball programs will host their respective CUNYAC Championships on campus at the CSI Baseball and Softball Complexes. Our campus will be filled with championship fever as both programs are in pursuit of 2016 titles. I hope to see our stands jam-packed with our loyal alumni, parents, and friends and look forward to joining you in cheering on our Dolphins!

The College of Staten Island will be hosting the Barnes & Noble College Booksellers CSI Athletics Golf Outing on Monday, May 16, 2016. The golf outing will be held at the Richmond County Country Club in Staten Island, New York. Funding challenges are a reality and the importance of growing our alumni support is more significant now than ever. Your support of the Dolphin Fund and the success of signature fundraising events allow our athletics department to move forward and maintain a growing operating budget to provide the best opportunities for our student-athletes. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Anthony Avena at 718-982-3151 or anthony.avena@csi.cuny.edu.

As always, thank you for your continued support of CSI Athletics and I look forward to seeing you on campus next month and at our annual golf outing on May 16th!

Go Dolphins!

Charles Gomes Director of Athletics, College of Staten Island







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