

## May 2016

Dear Dolphin Fans,

Our fourth and fifth CUNYAC Championships of the 2015-2016 academic year are in the books! Baseball and softball joined men's cross country, women's soccer, and men's swimming and diving as the programs to claim conference titles this year. Our baseball team repeated as champions and our softball team defended their conference crown and captured their fourth consecutive championship and won a game at the NCAA National Championship Regional. It was great to see our stands jam-packed with our loyal alumni, parents, and friends cheering on our Dolphins as we hosted both championships on campus at the CSI Baseball and Softball Complexes. Both programs continue to be the conference standard and I look forward to our continued success on the diamond.

Led by senior Christina Tufano and junior Jacqueline Cautela, our softball team earned a share of the CUNYAC Regular Season title with an 11-1 conference record. Tufano garnered Player of the Year honors for the second time in her career and was named a First Team All-Star. Additionally, Tufano was named Third Team All-East Region by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. Cautela pitched two no-hitters in the Championship and received Tournament MVP honors. Sophomore Nicolette Trapani was named Pitcher of the Year and joined Tufano, Cautela, junior Kristy Colangelo, sophomore Vanessa Joia, and freshman Kristen Meagher as First Team All-Stars. In her thirteenth year in the Dolphins dugout, head coach Stella Porto was honored for the fifth time in her career as the Coach of the Year.

Perhaps my proudest moment of the year came at the 30th Annual Michael Steuerman Scholar-Athlete Dinner held at Queens College. Christina Tufano was named the CUNYAC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year which is the highest academic honor the conference can bestow on one of its student-athletes. As a psychology major and Dean's List Scholar, Tufano earned a 3.841 GPA and is a role model for all student-athletes here at the College of Staten Island. Please join me in congratulating Tufano on her remarkable academic achievement.

Our baseball team was led by Player of the Year Nick Delprete and won the CUNYAC Regular Season Championship outright with a 7-1 conference record. Senior George Kantzian, sophomores Christian Capellan and Glenn Glennerster, and freshman Tom Musso joined Delprete as First Team All-Stars and head coach Michael Mauro was named CUNYAC Coach of the Year for the seventh time in his career.

Earlier this month, we honored our student-athletes for their exceptional accomplishments at the Annual Awards Banquet held at The Vanderbilt at South Beach. This is by far my favorite night of the year. It allows our student-athletes and their friends and family to gather together with our alumni and administration to celebrate the best moments of the year. Junior Jacqueline Cautela won the Female Athlete of the Year Award after being named the CUNYAC Tournament MVP and helping our softball program to its fourth title in a row. Men's swimming junior Tim Sweeney was named the Male Athlete of the Year after being named CUNYAC Swimmer of the Year en route to the program's third consecutive championship.

The College of Staten Island hosted the Barnes & Noble College Booksellers CSI Athletics Golf Outing on Monday, May 16, at the Richmond County Country Club. 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. I am proud to report that our golf outing continues to grow with 104 golfers participating this year and has raised \$106,000 since its inception three years ago.

As always, thank you for your continued support of CSI Athletics and Go Dolphins!

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**Charles Gomes** Director of Athletics, College of Staten Island



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