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# AD NEWSLETTER

with Charles Gomes



September 2016

Dear Dolphin Fans,

The 2016-2017 academic year is in full swing and all of our fall sports programs are in the midst of their regular season schedules. A year ago, I began to issue this monthly newsletter in an effort to keep you updated on the many developments within athletics and further engage our loyal alumni, parents, and friends. I encouraged all of you to reach out to me with feedback and it has been great to hear from many of you as we continue to transform the student-athlete experience for the Dolphins of today and tomorrow.

Our women's soccer team began their quest to repeat as CUNYAC champions with a 5-1-1 start to their season. The impressive start included five wins in a row and six consecutive shutouts. Entering his second season on the Dolphins sideline, Head Coach Giuseppe Pennetti is confident that his team has the talent to claim the program's eighth title in thirteen seasons. Last season, a new chapter was introduced to CSI women's soccer history after knocking off top-seeded Lehman College for the 2015 title and clinching a first-ever berth to the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament. I hope to see our stands filled with our loyal fanbase this fall.

I am very excited to announce our 2016-2017 men's and women's basketball schedules. Our men's home opener is November 22 vs. Yeshiva University. Our men's team opens conference play at home vs. John Jay College on November 29 and will battle our cross-town NCAA Division I counterpart, Wagner College, on December 22 at the Spiro Center. The 15th Annual Tournament of Heroes will be held on December 29-30. The tournament honors the memory of three former players who died in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks at the World Trade Center – Terrance Aiken, Scott Davidson, and Tom Hannafin. For the second time in tournament history, our team secured the championship last season. For the complete schedule, please click [here](#).

Our women's team opens their season vs. Division I Wagner on November 15 at the Spiro Center and this will prove to be an early test for our reigning CUNYAC Regular Season Champions. Their home opener is November 19 vs. Western New England University and they also open conference play at home vs. John Jay on November 29 as part of a basketball double header at the CSI Sports & Recreation Center. For the complete schedule, please click [here](#).

As Director of Athletics, formally recognizing the athletic achievements of the greatest student-athletes, coaches, and administrators in school history is one of my favorite moments of the year. The CSI Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2016 will be inducted on Thursday, October 27, at The Vanderbilt at South Beach in Staten Island, New York. The Class of 2016 includes five student-athletes and one head coach who had standout careers in Dolphin uniforms; Jason Anarumo (baseball, 1994-97), Christina D'Arpa (softball, 2004-07), Tara Gagliardo (women's basketball, 1996-00), Ken Lam (men's basketball, 1968-70), David Paul (men's basketball, 1998-02), and Head Coach James Donlan (men's soccer, 1964-95). I hope to see a jam-packed room filled with our loyal alumni, parents, and friends as we celebrate our distinguished honorees. Please click [here](#) to purchase tickets or contact David Pizzuto at 718-982-3169 or [david.pizzuto@csi.cuny.edu](mailto:david.pizzuto@csi.cuny.edu) for sponsorship opportunities.

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

Charles Gomes

Director of Athletics, College of Staten Island

## STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



**Ruben Diaz**

**Sport:** *Men's Soccer*

**Position:** *Defense*

**Class:** *2017*

**Major:** *Communications*

**Hometown:** *Staten Island,  
New York*

Senior captain Ruben Diaz, the reigning CUNYAC Defensive Player of the Year, will graduate in May 2017 as one of the top defenders in CSI men's soccer history. Diaz transferred to the College of Staten Island after two years at Long Island University-Brooklyn.

"Growing up and playing youth soccer in Staten Island and attending St. Joseph by the Sea High School, I was able to build a relationship with Coach Tardy," said Diaz. "When the opportunity to transfer presented itself, it was an easy decision for me."

Diaz hopes that his most memorable moment as a student-athlete is yet to come. Last year, the men's soccer team won the CUNYAC Regular Season Championship for a second consecutive season and came up one goal short in a double overtime loss to the City College of New York in the championship game.

"I believe that we fell short last year," Diaz said. "I have high expectations to close out my collegiate career with a CUNYAC title and an NCAA Tournament berth."

Diaz believes that the entire athletics department has significantly improved in his two years on campus and cites the behind-the-scenes work of Director of Athletics Charles Gomes and his administration as the chief reason. He also notes that the administration and his coaching staff have successfully created a family atmosphere within the student-athlete community.

"Every day, every month, and ever year, CSI Athletics gets better and our alumni would be impressed," said Diaz. "I challenge all of our alumni to come back to campus to see for themselves and hope that they become even more involved with our programs. I personally want to thank Charles Gomes, Coach Tardy and his staff, and my teammates for making my collegiate experience worthwhile."



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