

AD NEWSLETTER

with Charles Gomes





January 2017

Dear Dolphin Fans,

I hope that you and your family had a happy and healthy holiday season! During winter break, I am proud to report that our dedicated student-athletes, coaches, and administrators remain active inside the Sports & Recreation Center on campus as we await the return of our student body for the upcoming spring semester. I would also like to personally thank all of you that made a gift in support of the Dolphin Fund last year. Our mission to provide our student-athletes with a well-rounded collegiate experience would not be possible without our generous alumni, parents, and friends.

After being picked to finish second in their respective CUNYAC Preseason Polls, our men's and women's basketball teams are off to 11-0 and 10-1 starts in conference play and sit atop their conference standings. On December 29-30, nearly 700 fans came out and supported our Dolphins in the 16th Annual Tournament of Heroes on campus. 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 – and is an important event for our community. Despite a loss in the championship game, I am proud that we continue to host this tradition year after year.

On January 28, our athletics department will host the 7th Annual Matty White Men's Basketball Alumni Game at the Sports & Recreation Center on campus. The game is named in the memory of the late assistant coach and generates necessary funds for our men's basketball program each season. Men's basketball alumni will compete in a full game before our men's and women's basketball CUNYAC doubleheader vs. York College.

Registration is \$60 and begins at 9 AM. Tip-off is scheduled for 11 AM followed by the men's and women's basketball games at 1 PM and 3 PM, respectively. All alumni will receive complimentary game jerseys, alumni t-shirts, and official men's basketball Nike dry-fit polos as well as be provided a full luncheon. For the third consecutive year, the alumni game will be broadcast live on CSI SportsNet. For more information, please contact Associate Athletic Director David Pizzuto at 718-982-3169 or david.pizzuto@csi.cuny.edu.

Our men's and women's swimming and diving programs returned from their six-day winter training trip in Miami, Florida, earlier this month. Our teams practiced twice a day and competed at the Florida International University Sprint Meet at the beautiful Biscayne Bay Aquatic Center. Last season, the winter training trip to Florida provided our Dolphins with the necessary repetitions in the pool in warm weather leading up to the CUNYAC Championships. Our men's team is seeking their fourth consecutive conference title and our women's team is looking to improve on their third-place finish last season on February 3-5 at Lehman College.

As always, thank you for your continued support of CSI Athletics and I hope to see you all at our alumni game and basketball doubleheader on Saturday!

Go Dolphins!

Charles Gomes

Director of Athletics, College of Staten Island

STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Kevon Murphy

Sport: Men's Basketball

Position: Forward

Class: 2018

Major: Psychology

Hometown: Brooklyn, New

York

For Brooklyn native Kevon Murphy, the nearby New York City borough of Staten Island seemed like a world away. However, after visiting campus during his senior year of high school, Murphy knew that he wanted to take his talents over the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to the College of Staten Island.

"I chose to attend CSI because the campus is beautiful and the environment and vibe here is amazing," said Murphy. "My first impression of CSI Athletics was very positive and the men's basketball program was coming off of an incredible season."

Murphy, who scored a career-high 28 points earlier this season vs. Baruch College, has his eyes set on bringing a CUNYAC Tournament title back to Staten Island this season. CSI men's basketball last won the title during the 2012-2013 season when they repeated as champions.

Overall, CSI men's basketball has the most titles (13) and championship game appearances (7) in conference history.

"The progression of our program has been remarkable over the last few seasons," Murphy said. "I am most proud of what my amazing teammates and I have been able to accomplish so far this season and we are looking forward to the CUNYAC Tournament."

Murphy acknowledges that many of the improvements to CSI Athletics overall is thanks to the generosity of loyal alumni, parents, and friends of the College.

"A donation of any size is maximized at CSI," said Murphy. "Each year, every athletic program improves and I would like to thank anyone that has made a donation to CSI during my career."



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