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with Charles Gomes

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Dear Dolphin Fans,

During the first week of May, our first-place baseball (22-8-1, 12-3 CUNYAC) and softball (28-6, 12-0 CUNYAC) programs will host their respective CUNYAC Championships on campus at the CSI Baseball and Softball Complexes. Our baseball team will look to repeat as champions for the third year in a row and our softball team will defend their conference crown in pursuit of an unprecedented fifth consecutive championship! 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!

Earlier this month, our baseball program raised over \$5,300 to support breast cancer research as part of the 14th 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 14 years, we are proud to announce that we have raised over \$73,000 for cancer research, primarily donated to the Staten Island Breast Cancer Research Initiative. Mrs. Regina Sistaró and Mrs. Stephanie Smith, breast cancer survivors and advocates for early detection and proper screening, delivered the ceremonial first pitch.

Baseball and softball are not the only programs in action this weekend as our men's tennis program hosts the CUNYAC Tournament quarterfinals at the CSI Tennis Center. Our team enters as the three seed and is in pursuit of their first CUNYAC title since 2003. Please join me in wishing our Dolphins the best of luck this weekend!

Postseason honors continue to trickle in from our men's and women's basketball seasons. Senior Frank Schettino and junior Christina Pasaturo were named Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association (MBWA) Co-Player of the Year and First Team All-Star, respectively, and were honored at the 84th Annual Haggerty Awards Dinner last night. For Schettino, it was the capstone on a remarkable career and senior campaign in which he was named ECAC Metro Player of the Year, CUNYAC Player of the Year, First Team NCAA Division III All-America by Hero Sports, and Third Team All-America and First Team All-District by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC). For Pasaturo, the First Team All-Star selection came on the heels of her ECAC Metro Player of the Year and CUNYAC Player of the Year honors. Please join me in congratulating our Dolphin standouts on their incredible seasons!

On Wednesday, May 10, our student-athletes and their friends and family will gather together with our alumni and administration to celebrate the best moments of the year. Our Annual Awards Banquet will be held at The Vanderbilt at South Beach in Staten Island, New York. Please join us as we celebrate our student-athletes for their outstanding achievements in the classroom, in competition, and in the community. To RSVP, please contact Salvatore Caruso at 718-982-3276 or salvatore.caruso@csi.cuny.edu.

The Barnes & Noble College Booksellers CSI Athletics Golf Outing will be held on Monday, May 15, at the Richmond County Country Club in Staten Island, New York. Your support of the Dolphin Fund will help ensure that our student-athletes have the necessary resources to compete at a high level and allow them to continue their academic and athletic journeys here at the College of Staten Island. For more information and sponsorship opportunities, please click [here](#) or 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 at our upcoming events!

Go Dolphins!



Charles Gomes
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STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Jacqueline Cautela

Sport: Softball
Positions: Pitcher, 2nd Base
Class: 2017
Major: Nursing
Hometown: Staten Island, NY



Senior pitcher and second baseman Jacqueline Cautela has led CSI softball to a stellar 28-6 overall record, while remaining perfect in conference play with a 12-0 record. As the reigning three-time CUNYAC Tournament Most Valuable Player, Cautela is no stranger to success and has been a part of an era of dominance.

"My most memorable moments have to be winning the CUNYAC titles three years in a row," said Cautela. "To win a fourth championship in four years would be an amazing milestone and the perfect way to close out my career."

In addition to her success on the field, Cautela is an exemplary student and heavily invested in her education as a nursing major. She has participated in weekly clinical rotations at several healthcare facilities including Clove Lake Nursing Home, Richmond University Medical Center, South Beach Psychiatric Center, Staten Island Hospital North, and Staten Island Hospital South. The opportunities to earn an exceptional education and compete at the collegiate level were the major driving forces for Cautela's college decision.

“Balancing the rigors of a challenging education while maintaining excellence on the field has been difficult,” Cautela said. “But it has definitely made me the person that I am today and my CSI experience has been the best four years of my life.”

As Cautela transitions from student-athlete to athletic alumna next month, she knows first hand of the impact that the Dolphin Fund has had on her experience.

“Being a part of the CSI Athletics family has been a privilege,” said Cautela. “Student-athletes work hard every day on and off the field and each donation to the Dolphin Fund helps us transform the experience of the next generation of Dolphins.”

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