

AD NEWSLETTER

with Charles Gomes





December 2017

Dear Dolphin Fans,

It is officially holiday season, and this year our Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) has decided to host a food drive during the month of December. I am pleased with the generosity that I have seen thus far from each team and their coaches as well. All food donations will be given to a local food bank on Staten Island

at the end of the month.

Going along with donations and giving back to the community, our Women's volleyball team took part in a toy drive run by Richmond University Medical Center's Pediatric Unit. The women collected toys for children ranging from infants to adolescents. All the toys collected and donated will be distributed to the children throughout the duration of their hospitalization and then will be kept clean and re-stocked in the hospital play room. The women had an amazing time when they personally delivered the toys to the children in the hospital with their head coach, Larry Ng.





This month it is an honor to congratulate senior swimmer Ewa Wojciechowska, who was named CUNYAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month during the month of November. Last week, the CUNY Athletic Conference released a story to honor Ewa and all of her accomplishments throughout her distinguished career as a Dolphin. In just the 2017-2018 season alone, Ewa has received three CUNYAC Swimmer of the Week honors thus far. You can find the full article on the CUNY Athletic Conference website, linked here.

Just a reminder, our Men's Basketball team will be back in action at home on Friday, December 29, when they host the 16th Annual Tournament of Heroes. Our Men's team will take on Salisbury University on day one of the tournament, with tip off at 7pm. We hope to see you there cheering on our Dolphins!

On behalf of everyone here at the College of Staten Island, we wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year! It is because of you that CSI Athletics is able to grow each year, and 2018 will be no different. We have exciting projects that will be taking place in 2018, and I am excited to share them with you in the upcoming months.

Charles Gomes

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STUDENT-ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



Brandon Lei

Sport: Men's Swimming

Class: 2018

Major: Biology & Math

Hometown: Staten Island, NY

Since joining the Dolphin squad four years ago, Brandon Lei has played a key role on the team. Brandon made the decision to attend CSI because he was accepted into the Macaulay Honors College and knew that was the best decision for him academically. "After getting accepted into the Macaulay program, I was glad to know that I was going to be part of such an exceptional academic program, but I was even more excited when I knew that I'd be able to swim as well," said Brandon.

Brandon will be graduating in May with a degree in both biology and math, and he just recently found out that he was accepted into the graduate doctoral program here at CSI. "Finding out that I was accepted into the program has to be one of my proudest academic achievements," said Brandon. "I worked really hard to get into the program, and to find out all the hard work paid off is a remarkable feeling."

Finishing out his last season as a Dolphin, Brandon is hopeful that his team can bring home their 5th straight CUNYAC title. "Since joining the team freshman year, we have brought home the CUNYAC title every year, so to bring home the title one last time as a senior would be a memorable moment for me," said Brandon.

Being a four year athlete, Brandon has seen many changes in the CSI Athletic Program. "I have always felt that the staff in the athletic department cares for each and every student-athlete, and they do everything they can to help us and keep us on track."

As a senior, it is always sad to know your time as a student athlete is coming to a close, but for Brandon he is thankful for the time he's had as a Dolphin and will cherish the memories forever. "Looking back on my decision to come to CSI, I can confidently say that I made the right choice for myself."



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