NCC LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING OPENS
Chemistry and Nursing Students and Faculty are Excited by the Facility and its Resources

Students and faculty alike are excited by the College’s new Life Sciences building, which opened for the fall 2012 semester. The facility, which houses the Chemistry and Nursing departments, has greatly enhanced the learning process, they say, by providing state-of-the-art equipment and true to life environments, including a computerized hospital simulation or “SIM” lab and six practical skills nursing training rooms. Because of these features, the building will allow for a more seamless transition to the workplace as well as to further educational pursuits.

“We are, of course, always very happy to find new ways to enrich our students’ educational experience. The new Life Sciences Building is a dramatic step forward for our health science students,” said Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President of the College. Dr. Saunders stated further that the building will benefit at least 2,000 students annually.

Students who have been taking courses in the Life Sciences Building believe that it has provided them with invaluable exposure to what they can expect in the workplace. “This environment really aids in learning. I now have a better idea of what a professional lab is like,” said Dana Patkian, a chemistry student who is looking to pursue a career in medicine. “I feel that it will definitely help me to achieve my goals.” Other students noted the facility’s professional atmosphere and the ease with which experiments and discussion topics can be demonstrated.

Nursing student Liza Piccini—who recently completed her first-year clinical experience at Nassau University Medical Center—commented, “I can’t believe the parallels between my classroom and hospital environments. I feel that students coming out of Nassau are more prepared than others as a result of the quality of teaching and the advanced equipment in the Life Sciences Building.”

Prof. Barbara McFadden, MA, RN, CNE (Certified Nurse Educator), who has been a nurse educator for over 20 years, teaches classes in the Life Sciences Building. She is excited about the value that its resources bring to the education of students at NCC. “The Life Sciences Building...
At Nassau Community College, we have begun 2013 with the recognition that, once again, we are faced with ongoing challenges and renewed opportunities within an overall setting of rising expectations. Governmental figures at all levels have rightly recognized the role that community colleges continue to play in expanding personal development as well as in fostering economic revitalization. Nassau Community College stands ready to be at the forefront of that effort.

In its mission statement, NCC speaks to its dedication “to high quality, low-cost education and career preparation to meet the needs and interests of the community it serves.” As such, the scholastic development of the individual complements and resources the needs and the realities of the marketplace. When students consider the qualifications for jobs, they see that employers are looking for individuals who are flexible; individuals who can work in groups; individuals whose analytical skills have been honed; and individuals who can express themselves effectively. Through its liberal arts programs, wide variety of course offerings and extracurricular opportunities, NCC assists students in establishing a solid foundation to build upon as they explore whatever career professions they desire. Once they have these skill sets in place, students can then focus on the technical expertise and areas of concentration that employers need and value. It is with our students’ dedication and through the support of our superb faculty and staff that students will discover their possibilities and capitalize upon them.

A dramatic example of this interplay between the rigors of the classroom and the demands of the workplace is NCC’s new Life Sciences Building, which houses the College’s Nursing and Chemistry programs. This facility, funded by the State and Nassau County, was designed and constructed to achieve LEED Gold Certification for environmental excellence. Here, students are taught the lessons and learn the skills enabling them to become an integral part of our region’s health care delivery system, either upon graduation or after further pursuit of their studies. Our students gain hands-on familiarity with the building’s state-of-the-art equipment, which mirrors equipment currently in use in our region’s hospitals and other health care facilities, making for a much more seamless transition from the classroom to the workplace. The prospect of such a seamless transition will highlight the attractiveness of our graduates to potential employers and prepare the stage for improved patient outcomes in a clinical setting.

Through these and other efforts, NCC continues to demonstrate its commitment to our students and to the communities in which they live. It is why we are both proud and confident in saying that Nassau Community College is a place where “success starts…and continues.”

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE’S CONSTITUTION DAY PROGRAM RECEIVES NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANT

Nassau Community College was the proud recipient of a project grant award from the New York Council for the Humanities in support of the College’s Constitution Day program, “The Race to the White House, 2012: Constitutional Ground Rules and Roadblocks to Governing,” which was held on September 19, 2012.

All educational institutions that receive federal funds are required to observe Constitution Day. Constitution Day is normally observed on September 17, but in the event of a religious holiday, federal regulations permit the day to be commemorated any time during the week.

In its application to the New York Council for the Humanities, Nassau Community College stated that the College’s program sought “to recognize the heightened interest in the presidential campaign that would exist during the period when 2012’s Constitution Day would take place” and “to utilize that context as an accessible entry point to convey information about the Constitution and the presidential election process.” In urging the Council to support the grant application, NCC’s application also stated that a goal of the program was to provide information about the presidential election process in an organized manner, which “is particularly relevant because so much of the information in the media is now advocacy based, with a premium on sensationalism and hype.”

Dr. Kenneth Saunders, NCC’s Acting President, expressed his appreciation to the Council for recognizing the College’s Constitution Day efforts. “Through this presentation,” Dr. Saunders said, “We encouraged the participation of students and others in the 2012 presidential election, including by voting.”

The speakers for NCC’s Constitution Day program were Prof. James Col, who teaches as an adjunct in the College’s History/Political Science/Geography Department, and Chuck Cutolo, NCC’s General Counsel for Governmental and Media Relations.
Nassau Community College is proud of the services it offers to students who are veterans of the armed forces. It’s also extremely pleased to have been named one of GI Jobs magazine’s 2013 “Military Friendly” schools.

“At NCC, we see it as an opportunity and an obligation to provide students with military backgrounds with the services that will advance their educational and career goals,” said Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President of Nassau Community College.

On its list, GI Jobs honored the top 15 percent of schools across the country that are doing the most to embrace America’s military students and ensure their success on campus. As described on the magazine’s website, the list is compiled “through extensive research and a data driven survey of more than 12,000 VA (Veteran’s Administration)-approved schools nationwide.”

RETURNING VETERANS GLAD THEY MADE NCC THEIR CHOICE FOR COLLEGE

Many veterans are returning home after having served in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere. Now, they are returning to the college classroom as well.

For instance, after serving in the Marines in Haiti and Iraq, Nicholas Tetro was at a crossroads. “I knew I wanted to attend college, but I wasn’t sure if I was ready for higher education,” he said. Tetro is very pleased that he chose to attend Nassau Community College. “Nassau is a great place to discover your true career path,” he said. Tetro was also one of the students who founded the Nassau Community College Student Veterans of America, a club which promotes camaraderie, acts as a focal point for positive social interaction and coordinates service projects to benefit the needs of veteran students. Tetro hopes to continue on to a four-year school and eventually pursue a career in law.

Freshman Nicolas Garcia served in the Navy in the Persian Gulf. He praises the way the services NCC offers to veterans has helped him: “Nassau Community College has made my transition to college so much easier. I would highly recommend Nassau for veterans returning to school.”

NCC’S SERVICES FOR STUDENTS RETURNING FROM THE ARMED FORCES

Key to Nassau Community College’s service to students with military backgrounds is its Center for Veterans, which is an information source, a guide and an advocate for veterans on campus. The Center seeks to assist veterans in navigating the varied aspects of the college experience, including educational benefits, counseling and class scheduling. In particular, the Center has established a priority registration for students with military backgrounds that provides them with orientation sessions and hires them through the Veterans Work Study Project. “The Center was formed three years ago because we saw an increased need for a dedicated center to assist veterans. The veteran population at NCC has increased in the last several years,” said Dr. Evangeline Manjares, Dean of Veteran Services. In May of 2012, the College also hosted an All Veterans Jobs and Support Services Fair that was sponsored by Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano.

Dr. Saunders, NCC Acting President, summed up the College’s feelings about students who are returning veterans: “They have put their lives on the line for our safety and freedom, and NCC is proud of its special efforts to recognize that commitment and that service.”
allows for patient-centered care where students can practice real life scenarios in a safe environment.” The Nursing faculty is able to use simulation management technology to record simulation sessions and thus track student learning outcomes. Feedback from this tracking helps to ensure students are prepared for actual clinical situations.

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–Liza Piccini, NCC Nursing Student

Dr. Thomas Rich, Chair of the Nursing Department, agreed with student and faculty sentiments: “There is nothing going on in a hospital setting that is not going on right here in our educational setting,” he said. Dr. Rich was pleased to announce this fall that the Nursing Department was inspected by the National League for Nursing Accreditation. The League recommended that the department be accredited for the next eight years, the maximum period of accreditation, in part because of the exceptional resources in the new facility.

Educating the young people of Long Island in the sciences is, of course, extremely important now, both for the students themselves and for our community at large, according to Dr. Donna Eilerman, Chair of the Chemistry Department. “Science and technology are playing an increasing role in our society,” she said. Long Island has for several years had a chronic shortage of life science professionals. “The new facility will help encourage more individuals to enter the life sciences,” Dr. Eilerman added.

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–Dr. Donna Eilerman, Chair of the NCC Chemistry Department

NCC Life Sciences Building is the Winner of Several National Awards

In addition to its educational benefits, the 74,000 square-foot Life Sciences Building—which began construction in 2010—is designed to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) “Gold” certification. Its exterior is clad in recycled copper panels, and it employs many energy conservation measures, including an energy-saving rain screen façade system, storm water recycling for on-site irrigation, daytime lighting sensors, energy-efficient HVAC components and a building management system. The “U” shaped building features laboratories, classrooms, faculty offices, conference spaces, computer labs and group study spaces. Because of its many innovative environmental features, the Life Sciences Building has received several regional and national awards. Among them was a Merit Award as one of America’s Best Buildings of the Year from Buildings, a trade publication. It also won the 2012 Outstanding Architect Design award from American School and University, a trade publication that focuses on new buildings in education. The “Top Educational Development” was awarded to the Life Sciences Building from Long Island Business News.

The capital project that helped build the Life Sciences Building represents a $40 million investment by New York State and Nassau County. It promotes a new standard of excellence in educating students and serving the community.
At its peak, the American Red Cross Superstorm Sandy shelter in the College’s Physical Education Complex housed over 1,100 evacuees.

Everyone on Long Island was affected in some way by last fall’s Superstorm Sandy, including the students, faculty and staff of Nassau Community College. The NCC community came together to help one another and others in our community who experienced hardship because of the storm. In the immediate aftermath of Sandy, the College hosted the largest evacuation center in Nassau County, which was located in the Physical Education Complex. This site—which at one point housed over 1,100 people—was administered by the American Red Cross. A special medical needs shelter administered by the Nassau County Department of Health was housed in the College Center Building. In addition, several agencies of the Federal government utilized space in the College Union Building, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Small Business Administration (SBA).

Agencies Grateful to NCC

The Government agencies that were part of the relief effort voiced their gratitude to the College. Michael Duarte, NCC Shelter Manager for the American Red Cross, said, “The College has been terrific. We recognize the sacrifice that Nassau Community College made for us.” According to Carolyn McCummings, Shelter Manager, the Nassau County Department of Health “has had an excellent partnership with Nassau Community College during these challenging times.” “NCC has gone above and beyond what it has been called to do, and it has been a tremendous help to us,” she said. “Nassau Community College has been extremely accommodating to us,” noted Linda Garrow, Disaster Recovery Center Manager for FEMA. She said that NCC has demonstrated overwhelming compassion for Superstorm Sandy’s victims. Bill Mastianni, Commander of the Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT), said, “We have found that the College has been incredibly supportive.” DMAT works closely with FEMA during and after any disaster.

As the days and weeks passed, NCC students, faculty and staff donated items, organized drives and helped out in whatever way they could to assist Long Island recover from the superstorm. “We all recognized that this was a time of special need for our county and its people, and we stood ready to be part of that effort,” said Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President of the College. “So many worked in different and yet equally real ways, both as individuals and collective groups, to make the College’s response to Superstorm Sandy a tremendously caring and effective effort.”

NCC Student Government Association President Logan Kenney appeared in a post-storm video, where she stated, “I’m proud of the way our campus handled the relief effort after Superstorm Sandy. Student government, amongst many other clubs and organizations, and administration, faculty and staff all banded together to help support one another and our community.”

Nassau Community College is grateful to all of the students, faculty and staff who assisted in Superstorm Sandy relief efforts.
Arnold Drucker Appointed to Board of Trustees

Nassau Community College is proud to announce that Arnold W. Drucker has been named to its Board of Trustees. Drucker was appointed by New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo.

“I am extremely pleased that Mr. Drucker has been appointed to the Board of Trustees. With his wealth of experience and his interest in higher education, I expect him to be a great asset to the College,” said Dr. Kenneth Saunders, Acting President of NCC.

Drucker is equally excited about joining NCC’s Board. “I think that higher education is one of the most important pathways to success,” he said. “I look forward to helping the College fulfill its mission of providing a high quality and affordable education to the community.” “Moreover,” continued Drucker, “the fact that my wife has been a lifelong educator has heightened my sensitivity to the value and the challenges of the learning process.”

Drucker is an attorney practicing in Jackson Heights, New York. Among his areas of specialty are landlord tenant law, real estate law, and wills, trusts and estate law. With almost 30 years of experience, Drucker belongs to the American Judges and Arbitrators Association, the American Bar Association and the Association of Arbitrators of New York, among other organizations.

After receiving his B.A. in Political Science from SUNY Buffalo, Drucker obtained his Juris Doctor from Rutgers University.

A resident of Plainview, Drucker is married with two children. In his spare time, he enjoys basketball, golf and tennis.

Edward Powers Appointed to Board of Trustees

Nassau Community College has announced that Edward Powers has been named a member of its Board of Trustees. Powers was appointed by Nassau County.

A lifelong resident of New Hyde Park, Powers currently serves as the Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Hempstead. He has had a distinguished career in the private sector, working in the mutual fund industry and has been a member of the New Hyde Park Fire Department for over 30 years.

Powers is a graduate of Nassau Community College. “I consider my educational experience at Nassau second to none,” he said. Powers went on to graduate from Adelphi University with a degree in Business Administration and Communications.

“Edward Powers brings to NCC the experience of a student, the appreciation of an alumnus, and a ‘how-to and can-do’ record that will be an enormous resource to the College as it navigates the opportunities and challenges that are on the horizon,” said NCC Acting President Dr. Kenneth Saunders.

Powers has received numerous certifications and credentials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Emergency Management Institute, among other organizations. He has served on the New York State Division for Women-Nassau County Advisory Council and is a member of the Greater New Hyde Park Chamber of Commerce. He also is an avid reader and writer.

APRIL CULTURAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

RIGHTING JUSTINE’S WRONGS MON., APRIL 8 AT 11:00 A.M., CN N

Although Martin Tankleff served 17 years in prison for murdering his parents, in 2007 his conviction was vacated and then all charges against him were dropped. Today, Tankleff is in his third year of law school and has embarked on a lifelong crusade to help the innocent.

THE FUTURE OF THE REPUBLINAN PARTY WED., APRIL 10 AT 2:00 P.M., CN N

Son of former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, nephew of former President George W. Bush and grandson of former President George H.W. Bush, George P. Bush is the founder of Hispanic Republicans of Texas.

ENDING GUN VIOLENCE THURS., APRIL 18 AT 10:00 A.M., TOWER 11TH FLOOR N

Assemblywoman Michelle Schimel has represented the 16th District in the New York State Assembly since 2007. A leader on anti-crime initiatives, Schimel is the elected Co-Chair of the New York State Chapter of State Legislators Against Illegal Guns.

MINHELLE OBAMA AND THE POWER OF STYLE WED., APRIL 24 AT 11:00 A.M., CN N

Former editor-in-chief at Harper’s Bazaar, contributing editor at Time and fashion news director at Vogue, Kate Betts will examine how a working mother of two became an unforgettable global style icon–and why it matters!

HOW TO TURN REPUBLINANS AND DEMOCRATS INTO AMERINANS! MON., APRIL 22 AT 12:30 P.M., CN N

Former Congressman Mickey Edwards was a senior member of the House Republican leadership. His latest book, The Parties Versus the People, describes the current dysfunction in government and recommends ten specific steps to fix it.

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY AND THE GUN CONTROL DEBATE MON., APRIL 29 AT 11:00 A.M., CN N

The youngest member of the Kennedy family to hold elected office, Congressman Patrick Kennedy served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1994 to 2011. Since leaving office, Kennedy has devoted himself to bettering treatment for brain disease.
Prof. Kate Beckman, Communications, presented “Step Into the Shoes of an Actor” and “What Is This Thing Called Cabaret?” as part of the summer free lecture series for the Queens Theatre. As a member of the Arts Advocacy in Education Leadership Team of the Long Island Arts Alliance, Prof. Beckman attended the kick-off and wrap events for the Arts Alive Long Island Festival in October.

Dr. Emanuel Boussios, Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work, received the 2013 “SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Development Award” in recognition of his future promise as a teacher. He was also selected as a Visiting Scholar at NYU to work with scholar Dr. Jeff Goodwin. In addition, Dr. Boussios has had several articles published, including “An Analysis of Under What Conditions Americans Support the Use of Military Force Abroad in Terrorist and Humanitarian Situations” in the Journal of Applied Security Research and a review of the book Behind the Backlash: Muslim Americans After 9/11 in the Symbolic Interaction Journal. Finally, he presented at several conferences, including one of Catholic Social Scientists at Kellenberg Memorial High School and has been MPTC certified to teach in New York State police/peace academies.


Chuck Cutolo, General Counsel for Governmental and Media Relations, was invited to attend the American Association of Community College’s Washington, D.C. advocacy seminar in October and was a member of the panel for the session on “Institutional Advocacy.”

At the NYS TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) meeting, Lecturers Natalia de Cuba Romero, Ashley Fisher (co-coordinator), and Carla Tuzzolino-Werben presented “Iron Teacher: Transforming Hot News Into Cool Lessons.” When the scheduled presenter was unable to attend due to Superstorm Sandy, Carla and Elizabeth also presented a workshop called “Get Into the Game,” which focused on the effective incorporation of games into the ESL classroom.

Prof. Connie Egelman, Coordinator, Career Development, Student Personnel Services, has been elected to serve as president of MACCA (The Middle Atlantic Career Counseling Association). Prof. Egelman served as vice president of MACCA and has been on the executive board for over ten years.

Dr. Murray Fullman, Psychology, presented a lecture to the BOCES Conference for Kids on “Hypnosis: Fact or Fiction?” The lecture focused on what medical hypnosis is as well as the misconceptions of the modality.

Dr. Bernard Gorman, Psychology, was named a fellow of Division 1, The Society of General Psychology, of the American Psychological Association. He also became the scientific editor of The Journal of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry and was appointed as a member of the editorial board of The Journal of Rational Emotive and Cognitive Behavior Therapy. Finally, Dr. Gorman serves on two national commissions: the American Psychological Association’s Commission on Accreditation and the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

Lt. Douglas Griffin, Public Safety, rappelled down the side of the Tower Building to raise money for Special Olympics.

Prof. Natalie Sliene Harnett, Reading and Basic Education, has written a novel entitled The Hollow Ground that will be published by Thomas Dunne Books in 2014. Inspired by real life events, the novel tells the story of the underground coal mine fires that ravaged a Pennsylvania town.

Prof. Jack Mandel, Marketing/Retailing/Fashion, has been appointed Director of Strategic Marketing for 25A Magazine, a publication targeted to “Gold Coast” residents. In addition, he was interviewed by News12 Long Island for a segment titled “Last Minute Shopping.” Newsday included his input in the article “How to Get Their Foot in Your Door.” His article “Who is More Powerful, Mother Nature or Human Nature?” appeared in Community College Campus News. Finally, Long Island Business News included Prof. Mandel in its “LI Focus” story entitled “Weapons of Mass Promotion.”

Dr. Evangeline Manjares, Dean for Service Learning and Veterans Affairs, accompanied the Philippine-U.S. lacrosse team that played against the national lacrosse team from Costa Rica. While there, she met with officials from the University of Costa Rica in charge of global service learning. The Center for Service Learning, together with the Student Activities Committee, hosted “Academic Service Learning: Linking Learning Outcomes, Reflection and Assessment.” Dr. Manjares was also invited to attend the 90th anniversary celebration of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia in New York City.

Dr. Diana Milillo, Psychology, in conjunction with the Children’s Greenhouse, has recently been awarded a grant from the Women’s Fund of Long Island to begin a mentoring program for student parents. The grant will be used to provide funds for a per diem social worker and emergency funds for Greenhouse student parents. Dr. Milillo also presented a workshop at the Mid-Atlantic Teaching of Psychology conference in the fall on “Preparing for Teaching-Oriented, Tenure Track Jobs: The Role of Postdoctoral, Adjunct and Visiting Positions” for the forthcoming book Oxford Handbook of Undergraduate Psychology Education.”

Prof. Sharrief-Al-Bey, Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work, has been appointed to the advisory board of the Schools of Humanities and Graduate Studies at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, where he received his first graduate degree.

Dr. Joe Varacalli, Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work reports that the NCC Center for Catholic Studies (of which he is the director) supported the 20th Annual Conference of the Society of Catholic Social Scientists. The conference featured over 70 panel sessions on a variety of issues of importance to the Catholic worldview.

Profs. Sharyne Wolfe and Rona Casciola, Marketing/Retailing/Fashion, hosted “Design Wars–A Fashion Design Competition,” which was held at Roosevelt Field. During the competition, eight NCC fashion design students paired with Long Island women in the restaurant or food industry. The students were charged with creating a red carpet gown while staying on a budget of $125. The winner received a $500 gift card.

Dr. Paula Wheeler Carlo, History/Political Science/Geography, published the following peer-reviewed article: “Huguenot Identity and Protestant Unity in Colonial Massachusetts: The Reverend Andre Le Mercier and the ‘Sociable Spirit’” in the Historical Journal of Massachusetts.
REGISTRATION & APPLICATION INFORMATION

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER 2013 AND FALL 2013 SEMESTERS

In order to register you must first be admitted to Nassau Community College.

SUMMER 2013

Summer Registration will open for all eligible continuing students who have been previously enrolled, on April 16th. It will open on April 23rd for Visiting, Non-Degree and Readmitted students.

SUMMER SESSION DATES

Session I: May 28-June 27
Session II: July 1-August 1
Session III: August 5-August 21

FALL 2013

Priority registration for all current and continuing NCC students: April 16-April 29

Registration for all other students begins: April 30

FALL CLASSES

Day, evening, weekend and distance education classes begin:
Week of September 3

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