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NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE SURGICAL TECH STUDENTS SHARPEN THEIR SKILLS

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS HAVE BEEN SHARPENING THEIR SKILLS AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR THE LAST 41 YEARS. IN A PROGRAM UNIQUE TO LONG ISLAND, NCC OFFERS A TWO-YEAR ASSOCIATES DEGREE IN APPLIED SCIENCE, SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY, AFTER WHICH GRADUATES ARE ELIGIBLE TO SIT FOR THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAM IN SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY. THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO BEGIN THEIR CAREERS AS SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS—A PROFESSION THAT'S IN DEMAND.

According to the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for surgical technologists is expected to increase as the population ages and the number of surgical procedures grows. In fact, the employment rate of surgical technologists nationwide is expected to grow faster than the average of all occupations—an increase of 21 to 35 percent through the year 2012.

According to Prof. Caroline Kaufmann, RN, CNOR, Program Director and Clinical Coordinator, Surgical Technology, freshman year surgical tech students at NCC concentrate on classroom and laboratory work. During their second year, they obtain clinical experience by working three days a week at an accredited hospital under the



Prof. Caroline Kaufmann, RN, CNOR, instructs NCC Surgical Technology students during a simulated operation.

supervision of College faculty. Among the hospitals that participate in this program are North Shore Hospital-Manhasset, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, South Nassau Communities Hospital and Mercy Medical Center.

Prof. Kaufmann says that upon graduation, students have a minimum of 124 real-life clinical cases on which they have already worked—a definite benefit for potential employers.

Recently, the College was able to purchase cutting edge medical equipment, including an anesthesia machine, an adult and pediatric lung simulator and

a Laparoscopic Simulation trainer set, with funds obtained from the federal government. This equipment enables Surgical Tech students to use surgical simulation in the classroom. Surgical Technology is currently working on obtaining another grant to purchase a

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A Message From the President

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE AWARDED \$470,700 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

by Dr. Sean A. Fanelli



I am pleased to announce that Nassau Community College has been selected to receive \$470,700 for Emergency Management Planning from the U.S. Department of Education's Emergency Management for Higher Education Program. The funding will allow the College to evaluate, assess and improve campus safety and emergency

management planning estimates.

We want to make sure that NCC is prepared so that if an emergency situation arises, we have already set in place procedures that will enable us to notify and protect our students, faculty, staff and visitors. This grant will provide us with significant resources to enhance our efforts in that direction.

Of the 259 applicants for this grant, Nassau is one of only 13 projects funded nationwide. We are one of five community colleges nationally and one of three colleges in New York State to be awarded grants.

The College will implement the "Nassau Emergency Management Initiative" with the participation of Nassau County and the Nassau County Office of Emergency Management. The grant will help develop and implement emergency management plans for preventing and responding to campus violence and natural disasters in order to ensure the safety of the campus community.

Nassau was awarded this grant due to the hard work of many departments and individuals: the Office of Sponsored Programs and Research, Human Resources, Public Safety, Government Affairs, Environmental Health and Safety to name a few. Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy was also instrumental in obtaining this grant. My thanks to all of them for a job well done.



JOHN R. DURSO APPOINTED TO THE NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

John R. Durso has been appointed to the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees by Nassau County. His six-year term began on June 24.

"I am honored to serve on the Board of Trustees at Nassau Community College and am looking forward to working with them and Dr. Fanelli for the betterment of the students and the community," said Durso. "NCC is indeed fortunate to have John on the Board," said President Fanelli. "His wide ranging and active engagement in the life of Long Island has given him a wonderful perspective on how NCC can serve its students and the communities in which they live."

Durso is president of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union (RWDSU) Local 338, which covers Long Island, New York City, Westchester, Putnam and Hudson Counties in New York as well as parts of New Jersey. The RWDSU is the largest affiliate in the 1.4 million member United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW). Durso is

also an international vice president of the UFCW, vice president of the RWDSU, and vice president of the New York City Central Labor Council. In addition, he serves as president of the Long Island Federation of Labor, which represents over 250,000 working men and women and is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor – Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Durso also holds positions on the Nassau County and Town of Hempstead Labor Commissions and the Town of Hempstead Workforce Investment Board. In addition, he's the chairman of the Living Wage Advisory Board for the Nassau County Comptroller's office.

A lifetime member of the New York branch of the NAACP, Durso is also a board member of the Long Island Association, the Long Island Housing Partnership and the United Way of Long Island. He serves on the advisory boards of the ENERGIA Partnership, the Rauch Foundation, John Thiessen's Children's Foundation and the Queens chapter of the American Cancer Society. He also received the "Ellis Island Medal of Honor."

Classics for Kids at Nassau Community College

African Folk Tales

Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 and 3:30 PM

Inspired by Anansi the Spider and other legends, the folk traditions of Africa are introduced in this delectable program of stories, mime, music and audience participation. Stories include: Why Do Monkeys Live in Trees?; How Did the Zebra Get Its Stripes?; What Did the Snake Do to the Possum?; and What Tricks Will Anansi the Spider Play on the Other Animals?

Spherus Greg Kennedy, Master Juggler

Sunday, January 25 at 1:00 and 3:30 PM

International juggling champion Greg Kennedy takes ordinary objects and does extraordinary things. Spherus features Greg plus the acrobatics of two aerialist dancers dazzling the audience from above. Viewers will see incredible juggling, trapeze artistry, silks, spinning hoops and unbelievable geometric patterns.

Beauty and the Beast Ballet Long Island

Sunday, March 1 at 1:00 and 3:30 PM

The classic fairy tale becomes an original ballet set to classical music. It includes an enchanted castle, a father, a daughter, a beast, love, longing and seeing people for whom they really are. Ballet Long Island has been presenting its sparkling performances since 1985 and is a perennial favorite at Classics for Kids.

The Mikado New York Gilbert & Sullivan Players

Sunday, March 29 at 1:00 and 3:30 PM

This delightful comic operetta is set in Titipu, a fictitious Japanese town full of colorful characters—three little maids from school, a wandering minstrel, a hilariously corrupt politician and a Lord High Executioner who is too tender-hearted to actually execute anyone, even a fly! This Mikado is a one-hour, principals-only adaptation performed by the professional New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players.

Tickets for Classics for Kids are \$1.50 per person and seats go fast, so send your check (made out to Faculty Student Association, Inc.) today to:

Classics for Kids
College Center Building, Room 150
One Education Drive
Garden City, NY 11530

All performances are in the College Center Building.
Call 516.572.7148 for more information.

DID YOU KNOW?

LIFELONG LEARNING AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HOW MANY CONTINUING EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE THERE AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE?

During most semesters, over 13,000 continuing education students attend Nassau Community College

HOW MANY CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES ARE OFFERED AT NCC?

More than 400 different courses are available

WHAT TYPES OF COURSES ARE OFFERED THROUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION?

Everything from Conversational Italian to Advanced Microsoft Excel for Windows to the History of Zionism

IS THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM AT NASSAU AN EXTENSIVE ONE?

Nassau has one of the largest continuing education programs on Long Island

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CONTINUING EDUCATION AT NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.NCC.EDU/LIFELONGLEARNING OR CALL 516.572.7472

Seen/Unseen

at the Firehouse Plaza Art Gallery

November 1 – December 23, 2008



Judith Pestronk, *Ladybug*

Seen/Unseen contrasts the work of two sculptors: Richard Gachot and Judith Pestronk. These artists' interpretations are diverse as they decipher the same subject according to their own conception. What is that subject? Bugs!

Judith Pestronk likes to use new techniques and develops them into her own unique style through the use of diverse materials—clay, stone, wood, steel, fused glass and gold. Richard Gachot finds inspiration in reclaiming and transforming discarded objects into simple and straightforward statements of humor and irony.



Richard Gachot, *Ladybug On Wheels*

All exhibitions are free and open to the public.
Call 516.572.0619 for further information



NCC NAMES JEFFREY S. MOROSSOFF VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Nassau Community College is pleased to announce that Jeffrey S. Morosoff was recently named vice president for institutional advancement. “NCC is indeed fortunate to have Jeff on board,” said President

Fanelli. “His expertise and long experience will serve us well as we seek, in an ever-evolving environment, to raise the College’s profile and to explore new opportunities to increase the financial resources coming to NCC.”

Morosoff is looking forward to his position. “I’m thrilled to be serving the students, faculty, staff and friends of Nassau Community College and look forward to working to enhance the institution’s fundraising and communications efforts,” he said.

Prior to coming to Nassau, Morosoff served as director of alumni and government relations and later director of foundation and corporate relations for New York Institute of Technology

(NYIT). A professional communicator since 1979, Morosoff first worked in radio as a disk jockey and news anchor. His public relations career began at Cablevision in 1983, where he handled community and government relations and public access TV production. Over the course of his career, Morosoff also was the director of special projects for the Long Island Association and oversaw all communications activities for the Town of Babylon. In addition, he ran political campaigns and provided public relations services for various clients. Morosoff is the immediate past president of the Public Relations Professionals of Long Island and co-founder of the Long Island Higher Education Communicators.

Morosoff holds bachelors and master’s degrees in communication arts from NYIT. He won the International Association of Business Communicators’ “Achievement in Communications Award” in 2000.

FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Rona Casciola, Marketing/Retailing/Fashion, was selected for the Gallery of Distinguished Graduates from Empire State College. The gallery was established to recognize graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen field. Prof. Casciola was nominated by a committee of faculty, students and gallery members for her contributions as an artist, creative director and college professor.

Dr. Sally Ann Drucker, English, toured Oklahoma for three weeks in the summer as Betty Friedan in a 1960s ‘chautauqua,’ or educational summer camp. She also held workshops on “Feminists: Then and Now” and “Women and the Media.”

Dr. Wendy Eisner, Psychology and Program Coordinator of the Achilles Project, along with Achilles Project faculty members **Profs. Miguel Alonso (History, Political Science, Geography)**, **Jason Gorman (Art)** and **Valerie Lagakis (Reading & Basic Education)** co-presented on “Twice Exceptional (2e) Learners” at Gateway to Literacy: Multi-modal Methods for Engaging Learners” at Adelphi University in August.

Dr. Richard Glass, Mathematics, Computers and Information Technology, and **Prof. Marsha Spiegelman, Library**, presented “History of Mathematics: Making it Work With Web 2.0 Games” at the International Conference on Technology in Collegiate Mathematics. They also presented “Blogs, Games and IL: A Winning Combination for Millennials” at the 23rd

National Computers in Libraries Conference in Washington, D.C. Finally, their paper entitled “Incorporating Blogs into the Syllabus: Making Their Space a Learning Space” was published in the *Journal of Educational Technology Systems*.

Prof. Gerald Leibowitz, Library, was given the 2008 Friend of SUNYLA award by the State University of New York Library Association. The award is given to individuals or organizations that actively contribute to furthering the goals of SUNYLA and SUNY libraries. Leibowitz was honored for his exceptional leadership as chair and co-chair of the SUNYLA publications committee as well as his role as chief editor of the SUNYLA newsletter.

Prof. Jack Mandel, Marketing, Retailing and Fashion, provided expert opinion for an *Eyewitness News* (WABC) story on the weak Long Island economy. He also appeared in *Newsday’s* business section in an article entitled “Low-Cost Promotion Takes Imagination.” Finally, Prof. Mandel was appointed Director of Marketing for *Young Muscle* magazine, a quarterly lifestyle publication.

Dr. Victor Margolis, Prof. Emeritus, Student Personnel Services, drafted a legislative proposal to amend New York’s postsecondary education law requiring that publishers serving the college community must provide textbooks and other reading materials in accessible format suitable for students with print disabilities. The proposal was signed into law by then-Governor Pataki

and is now being implemented throughout New York State.

Dr. Kumkum Prabhakar, Biology, has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Alpha Phi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International Educators. She has also been appointed to the executive board of the Botanical Society of America as a member of the Membership and Appraisal committee.

Dr. Ali al-Rahman, Criminal Justice, was presented a “Lifetime Achievement Award” from The Grand Council of Guardians, a statewide law enforcement fraternal organization. In addition, the Long Island Juvenile Corrections & Prison Fellowship will honor him this month. Finally, Dr. al-Rahman has been selected for Montclair Publishing’s *Who’s Who in Collegiate Faculty* for 2008-2009.

Florence Scarinci, Prof. Emerita, Library, was a panelist at the Long Island Library Conference. The title of the panel was “I Review ... You Can Too.” Prof. Scarinci has reviewed books for the *Library Journal* since 1986. Prof. Scarinci has also been accepted for membership into the Dog Writers’ Association of America because of her many reviews of books dealing with the human-animal bond and canine fancy.

Note: All members of the College are invited to send articles pertaining to professional and community activities for inclusion. Call Marketing & Communications at 516.572.9634.

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO BUILD NEW \$40 MILLION LIFE SCIENCES BUILDING

Construction is scheduled to begin this spring on a \$40 million Life Sciences building adjacent to the cluster buildings on the north end of campus. The 74,000 square-foot building is expected to house both the Nursing and Chemistry departments and will include laboratories, classrooms, faculty offices, conference spaces, computer labs and group study spaces. It will be “U” shaped with glass walls lining the inside of the “U” providing interior offices with a view of a green, open-air courtyard. This unique design will provide intimate outdoor gathering spaces as well as sunlit interior corridors. The state-of-the-art building will also incorporate smart boards and wireless technology throughout. The Life Sciences building will bring a sleek, contemporary look to the campus while its use of natural light and landscaping will contribute to the greening of NCC. Construction on the Life Sciences Building is expected to take approximately two years.

Funding the Life Sciences building was a joint effort. The Nassau County legislature authorized \$20 million for the



Corner Rendering - Courtesy of Cannon Design



Courtyard Rendering - Courtesy of Cannon Design

project, matching the \$20 million allocated for it in the New York State Capital Budget. “Thanks to the support of the County Executive and the county legislature, we are on the road to increasing Nassau Community College’s ability to educate more nurses and other students for the benefit of the residents of Nassau county and beyond,” said Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, president of Nassau Community College.

The life sciences are among the most active areas of study at Nassau. For example, the Nursing department has about ten times the number of applicants as it has space available. At the same time, there is a severe nursing shortage on Long Island. More space will allow for the education of more nursing students. The new Life Sciences building will greatly enhance the College’s ability to train the next generation of nurses and other professionals on Long Island.

Nassau Community College Surgical Tech Students Sharpen Their Skills (Continued from page 1)

“SimMan”—a virtual reality mannequin that can be programmed to simulate a variety of patient scenarios and assess the actions of those working on him. “This technology, along with their other class work and actual clinical experience, provides our students with the best possible preparation for their careers,” said Prof. Kaufmann.

Surgical Technology is a popular program at Nassau, says Prof. Kaufman. The College runs a job board for students, and each year there are more jobs than individuals to fill them. As their careers go on, many students go on for more education, and eventually further specialize in surgical technology or become nurses, physician assistants, nutritionists or physicians.



Patricia Galvin, NCC Surgical Technologist, shows students the proper handling of surgical instruments.



NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 16, 2008

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TIME: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Physical Education Building Field House

Feel free to come when you like. Faculty will be available to provide information about the more than 60 degree and certificate programs offered by our College and answer questions about:

- Admissions (you can apply on the spot!)
- Financial Aid, placement testing
- Services for students with disabilities
- Academic Support Services
- Extra-curricular activities

For more information, call 516.572.7501

WWW.NCC.EDU/OPENHOUSE

NASSAU RANKS TOPS IN NEW YORK STATE

Nassau Community College awarded the most degrees of all community colleges in the State of New York for the year 2006-2007. *Community College Week*, a publication that covers higher educational issues and trends, reported in "Top 100 Associate Degree Producers" that the College awarded the fifth most number of degrees nationally and more than any other college in New York State. NCC also ranked fifth in the nation among two-year colleges in the number of criminal justice degrees awarded and sixth in the number of business, management, marketing and related support services degrees awarded. The data is collected by the National Center for Education Statistics.

"While we are pleased with the recognition of being fifth in the nation for the number of degrees granted, we are excited about the high ranking the College receives in specific disciplines," said Dr. Sean Fanelli, President of NCC. "This report demonstrates the wide range of excellence our faculty brings to their students."

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