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Nassau Community College to Build New \$40 Million Life Sciences Building

On June 28, 2004, the Nassau County legislature approved a resolution authorizing \$20 million (\$18.6 bonded and \$1.4 in cash) to match the more than \$20 million allocated in the New York State Capital Budget for Nassau Community College to build a new life sciences building. The planning phase of the building will begin this winter with an architectural design. Bidding for construction will follow and construction is scheduled to begin in 2006.

"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 health care professionals for the benefit of the residents of Nassau County and beyond," said Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, president of Nassau Community College. The new building will provide much-needed classrooms, laboratories and offices for the Nursing, Allied Health Sciences, Biology and Chemistry departments. It will also be equipped with the latest in instructional technology.

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. Similarly, the Department of Allied Health Sciences at NCC is the largest supplier on Long Island of those who work in such health related fields as Surgical Technology, Respiratory Care, Radiation Therapy and Physical Therapist Assistant. The



Rendering of new NCC Life Sciences Building

Radiologic Technology division of Allied Health Sciences receives approximately 16 applications for each one it accepts. These and other Allied Health Sciences graduates are needed to meet the demand of the Long Island community. The new Life Sciences building will greatly enhance the College's ability to train the next generation of health care workers.

Nassau Community College and the Nassau County Museum of Art Join in Innovative Community Partnership



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Kelly Blessing, NCC Marketing Instructor; Connie Schwartz, NCMA Executive Director and Chief Curator; Susan Kravitz, NCC Dean of Arts and Humanities; Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, NCC President.

Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, President of Nassau Community College (NCC) and Constance Schwartz, the Executive Director and Chief Curator of the Nassau County Museum of Art (NCMA) recently announced the formation of a community partnership between their two institutions. Over the next five years, this partnership is expected to result in museum internships for NCC students, increased marketing assistance for the museum and new courses of study at the College. The museum will also host an exhibition next April that will showcase the work of Nassau's interior design students. According to Ms. Schwartz, the partnership began with the 2004-2005 academic year. Among other things, it will focus on the museum's fundraising efforts for its planned \$15 million wing, designed by noted architect Peter Marino.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nassau Community College Gets High Marks

By Dr. Sean A. Fanelli

In March of this year, an evaluation team representing the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Accreditation Association of Colleges and Schools, visited NCC for the purpose of assessing and evaluating fourteen standards, which broadly speaking incorporate the College's academic programs, governance, overall administration, strategic planning, allocation of resources and facility utilization. The Middle States Associations (MSA) last visited the College ten years ago.

Established in 1887, MSA is a non-profit membership association dedicated to educational excellence and improvement through peer evaluation and accreditation. The Association defines, maintains and promotes educational excellence.

I am pleased that a final report by the evaluation team recognized the College's excellence and commended many of our initiatives--specifically classroom assessment, shared governance, quality of our faculty and administration. All are the result of an institutional ethos that fosters collegiality among faculty, administration, staff and students. The report is based upon the self-study report that was prepared by the College's

Middle States Steering Committee, which for eighteen months worked long and assiduously to complete its task.

According to the MSA report, "the institution has also done a magnificent job of establishing a very strong, collegial decision-making environment through the use of the Academic Senate, which has enabled faculty, administration and students to become mutually engaged in the issues affecting the College."

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Middle States Accreditation Association of Colleges and Schools

The evaluation team also recommended that: "Consistent with long-term planning, the College must continue to promote the development and action on its facilities deficiencies, seeking long-term investment support for infrastructure and campus expansion from various publics, specifically the County of Nassau as well as the State of New York through SUNY."

The Middle States team commended the College as an institution with outstanding staff and programs.



Dr. Sean A. Fanelli

The College accepts the team's recommendations, which parallel those of the self study, and thus. We are pleased that the team concurs. We will endeavor to better link planning, institutional assessment and budgeting to continue to improve existing facilities. We will seek funding to implement our Master Facilities Plan, while migrating to a fully integrated, student-based data system.

The Middle States' findings and recommendations will serve us well as we continue to engage in self study and evaluation to ensure the high-quality education for which NCC is nationally recognized.

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Dr. Fanelli expressed his enthusiasm for the venture. "A partnership between our two institutions will demonstrate the commitment the College has to the community through the arts. It will provide internship, networking and learning opportunities for our students. Further, it will bring attention to the many quality, affordable programs of study that we offer." He continued, "This partnership with the Nassau County Museum of Art will also benefit the community through our ability to develop unique new courses and certificate programs, such as not-for-profit marketing, event planning and public relations."

Ms. Schwartz agreed. She said, "Both of our institutions exist to serve the community. We both offer many programs. This is a wonderful opportunity to work together, to take advantage of our individual strengths and resources and to develop a long term, mutually beneficial relationship."

The Nassau County Museum of Art is located on Northern Boulevard in Roslyn Harbor. This year marks the fifteenth anniversary of its founding as a privately-operated institution. The museum is moving forward with the restoration of its historic building and plans for a new wing.

Nassau Community College Receives \$150,000 in Federal Funds for Nursing and Allied Sciences

Nassau Community College (NCC) will be the recipient of \$150,000 from the federal government to purchase equipment for the Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Departments. This funding will assist in upgrading the equipment currently being used by these departments.

According to Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, who led the effort in the House of Representatives to garner these funds for NCC, "I am pleased to have been successful in bringing this money to Nassau Community College. The students deserve it, and our Long Island community will benefit from it."

Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, President of Nassau Community College, added, "The graduates of our Nursing and Allied Health Sciences Departments are vital to the quality health care delivery system on Long Island. This funding and the equipment that it will make available will allow our students to enter the health care workforce with the most up-to-date clinical ready skills.

Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Rodham Clinton also pressed the case for this funding before the Appropriations Committee of the United States Senate.



U.S. Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy and NCC President Dr. Sean Fanelli hold a representation of the check.

FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Donna Bacon, Health, Physical Education and Recreation, has become the new African-American outreach educator for Sisters United in Health/ Hermanas Unidas en la Salud, located in Hempstead. The group provides information and services to Long Island's African-American and Latina women about breast cancer.

Prof. Dominic Ciardullo, Engineering/ Physics/Technology; Dr. Wendy Eisner, Psychology; and Prof. Mary Vanderwater, Reading and Basic Education, were the three 2004 NCC recipients of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Awards for excellence in teaching.

Dr. Lawrence Cohen, Mathematics and Computer Science, recently presented a lecture on "Wide-Ranging Uses of Excel" for the beginner's workshop of the Icon PC Users Group at the Brentwood Public Library.

Dr. Joseph S. Coppolino, Communications, recently was the recipient of the first Postman Award for Mentoring. The award was given in memory of Neil Postman from New York University.

Dr. Sally Ann Drucker, English, recently portrayed Rosie the Riveter at a World War II Chautauqua sponsored by the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources.

Dr. Emily Hegarty, English, presented her paper "Who Wants to Live Forever? Freddy Mercury as an AIDS Artist" at the annual conference of the Northeast Popular Culture Association, held at Newbury College in Massachusetts in October.

Dr. Errol Hibbert, Communications, recently published the book *Media Technologies: A Concise History From Earlier Times to the Dawn of the Computer Age*.

Prof. Jack Mandel, Marketing, was a keynote speaker and panelist at the 2nd annual Business Networking Luncheon sponsored by Innovative Seminars.

Dr. Evangeline Manjares, Associate Dean, Student Enrollment Management, was awarded a scholarship from Educaid, a lending agency.

Prof. Emeritus, Dr. Victor Margolis, Student Personnel Services, served as chairperson of a committee which wrote and supported the passage of a bill to provide accessible textbooks in digital format for college students in New York State with reading disabilities. The bill was signed into law this summer. Dr. Margolis was also given the "Outstanding Achievement in Disabilities Award for 2004" by the Disability Services Council of the State University of New York.

Prof. Mary Ann Pervelis, RN, Nursing, won a Presidential Citation Award for distinction in nursing practice and education by the Nurses Association of the Counties of Long Island, Inc. of the New York State Nurses Association. Prof. Pervelis was also a 2004 recipient of the Carrie B. Lenberg award for excellence in nursing, given by Excelsior College of Albany.

Dr. Harold Siegel, Psychology, had his paper "Bringing Dissociation Into the Mainstream of Undergraduate Psychological Education: The Present State and the Future" accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Dissociation (ISSD). ISSD is the foremost scientific organization dedicated to the study of dissociation in the mental health field.

Profs. Marsha Spiegelman and Nancy Williamson (Chairperson), Library, gave a presentation entitled "Information Literacy Assessment at Nassau Community College: Meeting Middle States Goals" at the recent Metropolitan New York Library Council's Middle States Seminar.

Dr. Mario Susko, English, whose poem has been published and nominated for an award by the British magazine *Dream Catcher*, has had the poem short-listed for Forward Poetry Prize, the biggest prize in poetry.

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