

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Where success Starts ... And Continues

## Nassau Remembers



Melani Corriero, President of SGA



Andrew Bradshaw, V.P. of Haraya



On September 25, 2001 members of the Nassau Community College community gathered together to remember the victims and the heroes of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania. The victims, their families, the fire fighters, police, emergency medical personnel, and others who were directly affected on that fateful day were remembered by Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, president of NCC and student leaders such as Melani Corriero, president of the Student Government Association, Andrew Bradshaw, vice president

of Haraya and Jorge Cea, vice president of the Student Organization of Latinos. The NCC choir sang *A Prayer for Peace* under the direction of Prof. Frederick Irwin, Christine Senatore soloist. The Nassau County Police Department Pipe and Drums played several musical selections including *Amazing Grace*, the U.S. Marine Color guard marched, and professional singer Vicky Mills-Imbarrato sang *The Star Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America*. All involved were deeply touched by the patriotism and unity shown by the members of the Nassau Community College community.

## A Message From The President

# September 11, 2001

by Dr. Sean A. Fanelli

On September 11<sup>th</sup> a part of America died. And a part of Nassau Community College died as well.

In an unspeakable act of hatred, the lives of innocent victims of terrorism were taken in numbers that are beyond belief. Mothers, fathers, sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends died on that terrible day. Innocents who were loved and cherished by so many paid the price of martyrdom simply because they were Americans who believed in freedom and democracy.

A part of America died that day, but it was a physical part, a material part. But a part lives on, stronger than ever: the spiritual part of our nation. Our spirit as a people has not been weakened. Instead it has been strengthened, with a firm resolve to never forget the martyrs of September 11<sup>th</sup>. We grieve for their families and friends. Not far from here, in the community that is part of our address, Garden City, more than sixty families suffered losses.

Our College community was not immune to loss. We lost students and alumni. Members of the College family have lost a father, a mother, a daughter, a son, a sister, a brother, a loved one or a friend. Those losses will never be forgotten and they never should be.

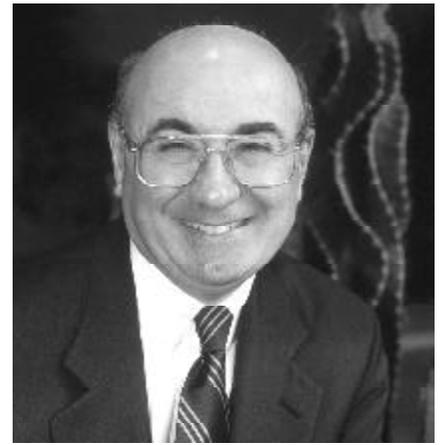
Today we erect monuments of love and remembrance that are not physical, not structural, not ornate, not built on the soil of the nation we cherish, but rather in our

hearts, in a deep and abiding way. We will carry forward from this tragedy their memory and a spirit that makes us say to those martyrs, "We shall never forget the sacrifice that you were asked to make simply because you were an American."

Yes, we have come to mourn today, to remember, to reflect, but we also have come to celebrate the heroes of those horrific events. Today and every day, we celebrate the heroism of those firefighters, police, paramedics, nurses and doctors who entered buildings to save lives and lost their own. Today we acknowledge their heroism in a simple but heartfelt way. They made us proud to be Americans.

We also celebrate the rescue and recovery workers who still toil in the ruins of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. They are examples of a nation whose buildings may have crumpled, but whose spirit rises far above the rubble, far above the skylines of New York and Washington. Their actions speak volumes about a nation that will not be bowed by terrorism or terrorists. As one, we are a nation of people who cry out, "We are proud to be Americans."

Today, ours is a nation filled with many emotions—grief, sorrow, anguish, frustration, and yes, anger. For some, that anger cries out for justice. But it is not our individual responsibility to administer that justice. It lies with the governments of the world to stop and defeat terrorism in its many forms. Some, however, may be tempted to mete out justice in a way that creates more



innocent victims. The acts of September 11<sup>th</sup> were not carried out by the people of a nation or by people who practice the religion of Islam. Our anger would be misguided if we look upon all those from the Middle East or all those who are Islamic as the perpetrators of this evil. A look, a stare, a word can be as hurtful as a physical blow. We must direct our energies toward healing the hurt that so many feel. We must lend our support to efforts to rebuild.

We are a nation rising. We are a nation of people with questions, with hurts, with strong emotions. But we are also a caring and sharing people. Since September 11<sup>th</sup>, I have noticed that people seem to be greeting others, even strangers, more frequently. I urge you today to play the role of one who heals, not one who hates and hurts. Reach out to persons of different cultures, races and religions. Say to them, "We are one in this terrible tragedy, and together we shall overcome."

Yes, on September 11<sup>th</sup> a part of our nation and a part of our College died. But on that day a stronger spirit of resolve, a unity of purpose, rose from the rubble and ashes and was born. Join with others and say, "I am proud to be an American. God bless the U.S.A."

## Nassau Community College Institutional Report Card Earns High Marks

Nassau Community College's *Institutional Report Card* compared the College with its peers and graded its performance in a variety of significant categories. The report was sent to 3,500 community members. It earned high marks in Nassau County—and Albany. A System Administration review team judged it "very innovative, of significant impact, and with great potential for replication at other colleges" and awarded it the CCBOA (Community College Business Officers Association)/Oracle Corporation Community College Award. CCBOA is SUNY's association of community college business officers. The effort, involving the talents of many, was spearheaded by Dr. Jack Ostling, Vice President for Academic Affairs. Susan Bello, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Institutional Research, and Thomas J. Fox, Chair of the NCC Academic Senate's Planning Committee, were project directors.

## *Remembrance*

## *Nassau Remembers...*



*The U.S. Marine Color Guard presents the colors to open the remembrance*



*Jorge Cea leads participants in the Pledge of Allegiance*



*Vicky Mills-Imbarrato closes the remembrance with a rendition of God Bless America*

## *Anna Marie Mascolo Named Vice President for Legal Affairs at Nassau Community College*

Anna Marie Mascolo has been named Vice President for Legal and External Affairs at Nassau Community College. Employed by the College since 1986, Ms. Mascolo's most recent prior position was Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs.

Before coming to NCC, Ms. Mascolo was Special Assistant to the President for Legal Affairs/Labor Relations at Brooklyn College (City University of New York), worked in the New Jersey Governor's Office of Employee Relations, and was the Special Assistant to the Chancellor of Higher Education of the State of New York.

Nassau Community College President Dr. Sean A. Fanelli stated, "The College interfaces with its many publics every day. These interactions are complex and require a person with a broad background who

knows the College and its mission. Anna was the ideal choice to assume these added responsibilities. I have every confidence that she will advance the College in a variety of ways with the community at large."

Ms. Mascolo received her juris doctorate degree from St. John's University School of Law. She also completed a certificate program in management, labor relations and legal affairs at Harvard University's Institute of Educational Management. A member of the New York and New Jersey state bars, Ms. Mascolo was also admitted to the United States Supreme Court Bar.

When asked about her new position, Ms. Mascolo said, "I am very proud to be part of an institution of such a high caliber. I am pleased to continue to work with Dr.



Fanelli and a committed and dedicated group of administrators and I look forward to the new challenges that this position brings."

## *William Atkins Named Acting Dean of Instruction*



William Atkins, formerly Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, has been named Acting Dean of Instruction at Nassau Community College. He succeeds Dr. Sidney Becker, who recently retired after over 20 years of service. The Dean of Instruction's Office is responsible for the 30 academic departments, international education, placement testing, distance learning, web CT, academic advisement, and the Academic

Computer Center (ACS). Dr. Atkins has been at Nassau since 1990, most recently as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, in which capacity he oversaw all faculty grants, as well as the College's K through 12 initiatives. In all, he has had over 40 years experience in the area of education. His credentials include a doctorate in Educational Administration from Harvard University, a Master of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Denver.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jack Ostling had high praise for Dr. Atkins. Dr. Atkins, in turn, is eager to undertake his new duties as Acting Dean of Instruction. "I am pleased to have been given the opportunity to work with our distinguished faculty as we strive together to provide an outstanding program for our students," he commented.

## *American Heart Walk 2001 Sunday, October 21*

Once again it's time to lace up your sneakers and walk the walk to fight heart disease and stroke at the American Heart Walk 2001! For the past four years, President Fanelli has been the Vice Chair of the Heart Walk. College employees have always generously given their support to this worthwhile cause. This year, the American Heart Association has graciously agreed to donate a quarter of a million dollars to the World Trade Center victims and their families. The money used for this will come from the proceeds of the Heart Walk 2001. This year, Nassau Community College will be walking in honor of Mike Candel, Professor of Physical Education. Please join Co-Chairs Reginald Tuggle and Evelyn Comer, along with the rest of the NCC team on Sunday, October 21, 2001 at SUNY Farmingdale. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. Together we can stop America's number one killer and help the victims of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks and their families.



(left to right): Co-Chair Reginald Tuggle, Director, College/Community Relations, NCC; Vice-Chair Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, President, NCC; Honoree Mike Candel, Professor of Physical Education, NCC; Co-Chair Evelyn R. Comer, Special Projects Coordinator, Government/Community Relations, NCC; Dr. Kenneth Saunders, NCC Vice President of Academic Student Affairs.

## NCC Public Safety Program Expands to Include Bicycle Patrol



Public Safety Officers Joseph Tortorise and James Thomas assist NCC students.

Walking around the campus lately you might have noticed a new addition to the NCC Public Safety Department. Public Safety Officers Joseph Tortorise and James Thomas are on bike patrol. The new effort began in the summer and has already been quite successful. Students, faculty and staff alike have expressed positive feelings about the endeavor.

Before beginning the bicycle patrol, officers Tortorise and Thomas completed an intensive five-day training program in upstate New York. Their training included classroom instruction, cycling and obstacle negotiation, night riding, nutrition and fitness, as well as community oriented policing.

According to Kenneth Saunders, Vice President for Academic Student Affairs, "The bicycle patrols extend the public safety initiative to the College community in a friendly way. It allows the constituents of the campus to have greater access to the officers by removing the barriers that are traditionally associated with campus public safety. We look forward to expanding this new initiative."

Officer Joseph Tortorise enjoys making his daily rounds on his bicycle. "I feel this type of public safety patrolling is student friendly. It allows the department to have greater access to certain areas on campus. In addition, students have approached Officer Thomas and myself and said that what we are doing is cool."

NCC places a high priority on the safety and welfare of its students, faculty and staff. Toward that end, the Public Safety department maintains a well-staffed corps of officers as well as an emergency phone system. It also provides 24 hour motorized, foot and bike patrol in and around campus buildings and prompt response to emergencies and requests for assistance. College parking lots are well lit and constantly patrolled. The College has been successful in its efforts to protect those who work and attend classes here. In a recent study sponsored by the Consortium for Higher Education Campus Crime Research (University at Albany), over 750 colleges and universities were compared in various crime categories. In this national study, NCC had a crime rate of less than half that of the local community and the average crime rate for college campuses.

The College is proud of its successful public safety program. If you would like more information about it, you can contact the department at 572-7100.

## FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

**Prof. Betsy Gulotta and Betty Borowsky, Drs. Tom O'Brien and Kimberley Reiser, Biology**, conducted a workshop, "How to Implement Active Learning in the Biology Classroom," at the annual Conference of the Empire Association of Two Year College Biologists at SUNY-Cobleskill in April.

**Dr. Julio Marzán, English**, lectured on Bicultural Aesthetics at the Humanities Center of Harvard University. He also published translations of *Selected Poems: Luis Palés Matos*. His poem "Ethnic Poetry," is included in five Bedford/St. Martin college readers. A second poem, "The Translator at the Reception for Latin American Writers," was added to the sixth edition of *The Bedford Introduction to Literature*.

**Dr. Ann Romano, Sociology**, made a presentation on Italian-American Women Writers at the Bella Italia Mia, Inc. monthly meeting at the Maspeth Library. Dr. Romano is also vice president of the Long Island chapter of the Italian-American Historical Society.

**Dr. Stella Russell, Professor Emerita, Art**, presented an address on Women in Art to the Savannah and Hilton Head members of Mensa and

the Freeport Public Library. Her artwork *Deconstructing Nudewas* was exhibited at the Elizabeth Foundation in Chelsea, New York. In addition, the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, England recognized Dr. Russell's 40 years of individual excellence in its *21<sup>st</sup> Century Award for Achievement* publication.

**Robert Schnitzer, Associate Vice President and Comptroller**, has been elected president of the New York State Community College Business Officer's Association (CCBOA). CCBOA is a professional organization representing all community colleges in the State University of New York system. In addition, Mr. Schnitzer's presentation of the Nassau Community College Institutional Report Card received the CCBOA/Oracle Best Practices award at this year's annual conference.

**Bill Shillalies, Art**, had works exhibited in two ceramic shows in Celadon, a Clay Art Gallery in Watermill, New York: *Tea as Art* and *Out of the Fire*.

**Dr. Mario Susko, English**, published a new book of poems, *The Life After*, this fall. His poetry has also been published in *The Chinese Po-*

*etry International, Glass Tesseract, The Progressive, PoetryMotel* and *Wavelength*.

**Dr. Joseph A. Varacalli, Sociology and Director of the Center for Catholic Studies**, wrote the article, "The Idea and Prospects of a Center for Catholic Studies at a Public Institution of Higher Learning", which was published in a recent issue of the *Fellowship of Catholic Scholars Quarterly*. Dr. Varacalli also hosts the WHPC "Catholic Alternative Radio Show."

**Dr. Paula Wheeler-Carlo, History, Political Science, and Geography**, presented a paper on French Anglicanism in Colonial New Rochelle at an international conference on Anglican history in Toronto. Dr. Wheeler-Carlo also recently wrote an article on the "Glorious Revolution in England and America" that will be published in *The Facts on File Encyclopedia of American History* in 2002.

**Aurora Workman, Human Resources**, spoke at the graduation of the Learn and Earn a Computer Program and Reach Out Even Start this summer. The program allows parents to achieve their GED and continue with professional training.

# NCC Campus Calendar

Nassau Community College Fall 2001 Cultural Program

## America After the Attack

### *Biological and Chemical Terrorism: How Safe is America?*

Monday, October 22 at 11:00 am

**Jerome Hauer - Public Health Emergency  
Management Specialist**

Jerome Hauer is a senior advisor to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; former Director of New York City's Office of Emergency Management; and coauthor of the World Health Organization's forthcoming monograph on chemical and biological weapons.

### *What Went Wrong in Afghanistan? What Should We Do About It?*

Monday, October 22 at 2:00 pm

**Milt Bearden - CIA Agent and Novelist**

From 1986-1989, this CIA station commander managed America's covert war in Afghanistan, helping the Mujaheddin drive out the Soviets. He then was CIA chief in Eastern Europe during the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the cold war. After retiring from his 30 years with the CIA, Bearden authored the spy novel *Black Tulip*, set in Afghanistan.

### *Achieving Peace and Security in the World: A Moslem's Perspective*

Tuesday, October 30 at 1:00 pm

**Ambassador Hussein Hassouna**

Hussein Hassouna is the Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United States and the United Nations. Prior to this appointment, he was the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt. He received his doctorate from Cambridge in international relations.

### *What Should the U.S. Do in Afghanistan?*

Tuesday, November 6 at 10:00 am - Tower Bldg, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

**Neamat Nojumi - Afghani Freedom Fighter in the 1980s**

A member of the Afghani Mujaheddin in the 1980s, Neamat Nojumi came to the United States in 1991. He is the author of the forthcoming book *The Rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan: Mass Mobilization, Civil War, and the Future of the Region*. Nojumi received his graduate degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of International Relations at Tufts University.

### *How to Conduct the War on Terrorism*

Wednesday, November 7 at 12:30 pm

**Larry Johnson - Counter-Terrorism Expert**

Designing terrorist war games for the U.S. State Department of Defense, analyzing terrorist incidents for CNN, ABC, NBC, the *New York Times*, etc., and former Deputy Director of the State Department's Office of Counter Terrorism, Larry Johnson has managed crisis response operations in the Mid East, Asia, and more.

### *Making Our Airlines Safe Again*

Monday, November 19 at 11:00 am

**Isaac Yeffet - El Al Security Director**

Isaac Yeffet is an aviation security consultant, the former Director of Security for El Al Israel Airlines and the former Israeli Secret Service intelligence director. He testified before congress regarding Pan Am flight 103 (1989) and again as recently as September 21, 2001.

*All programs are open to the public and take place in the  
NCC College Center Building (except as indicated).*

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