



Spotlight on the

CAROL FARBER HONORS PROGRAM

at Nassau Community College

Spring 2018

Office Spotlight | Rosemarie Consolo

After serving as the secretary of the Honors Office for 25 years (almost from the very start of the Program itself), Rosemarie decided to retire in December. She’s looking forward to spending more time with her family, in particular her many grandchildren. The Honors Program would not be what it is today without her service and she will be missed! We wish you a very happy retirement; you’ve earned it!

Student Spotlight



Therese Russell

In June of 2017, I had the privilege of joining the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees as the Student Trustee. The Board of Trustees responsibilities include overseeing the decisions made on campus, voting on college policies, and making financial decisions for the college. As the Student Trustee, I am able to serve as a representative for the students as a voting member of the Board. This gives the board much needed insight, as to how the policies being voted on would affect students, and what students’ views on incoming policy is.

I wanted to serve as the Student Trustee for so many reasons. The first reason was because I am passionate about the students on this campus. Each student at Nassau has a story that brought them here, students at NCC are some of the hardest working people on any college campus. Some students work full-time jobs and are students full-time; some are raising a family; and many work part time, are involved on campus and are full-time students. With the skills I acquired last year on the NCC Speech and Debate Team, and my passion for politics; I felt a strong desire to represent students’ voices on the Board of Trustees.

On the Board of Trustees, my goal is to improve the student graduation rate and the transfer rate for students who are here for two years. Nassau Community College I truly one of the greatest community colleges in the country. We have outstanding faculty members, a plethora of course and club choices, and extremely incredible students. However, this being a two-year college, it is important to see that students move on to their step in the college or professional career in a reasonable amount of time. My goal is to have our two-year graduation and transfer rates reflecting the truly phenomenal college that Nassau is.

Serving as a representative of students, I want to make sure your voices are heard. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or concerns you want to be brought to the Board of Trustees please email me at trussellfp@gmail.com.

Remonda Missha

S.G.A Programming Board is the largest organization on our campus for planning events and sponsoring clubs and organizations. We are responsible for the major social programs on campus. We offer a variety of social activities including dances, film festivals, comedy programs, and holiday parties. As President of S.G.A Programming board my job consisted of fostering a sense of community on campus by scheduling, planning and overseeing social activities that help students get involved in campus life. I was responsible for over a \$152,000 budget, used for campus events including SpringFest, the End of the Year Banquet, and Co-sponsorships. While I was President, We had the First Annual Winter Gala on Campus. It was the biggest event for the student body this semester. The event was attended



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by over 300 students. I organized many social, cultural and community events and lead group discussions and meetings. Some of the events we had included off campus trips like Blood manor and Food Truck festival. Being President of such a large organization was an amazing experience that I grew and learned a lot from.

Remonda graduated at the end of the Fall '17 semester and is attending John Jay College of Criminal Justice starting in the Spring. She plans to pursue a degree in International Criminal Justice.

Alumni Spotlight



Jaslin Kaur

Jaslin Kaur is a 2017 graduate of Nassau Community College having achieved the rank of Distinguished Honors Student. She is currently a Newman Civic Fellow at Campus Compact. Now at Hunter College, she is majoring in Women & Gender Studies, concentrating in Public Policy, and minoring in Human Rights.

Since graduating, Jaslin has co-founded RefuGirl: an organization focusing on mentorship services, leadership development, and

sisterhood for young refugee and migrant women who have resettled in the United States. Their goal is to bridge the gap between leadership opportunities and refugee women who aspire to be social change agents. Through their relationship with mentors, mentees will explore their leadership styles, identify social causes they want to advocate for, and build community with each other. In October 2017, Jaslin was selected to attend the Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) Summit at Northeastern University. RefuGirl was then selected to showcase and present at CGI U Exchange Night, where over 1,200 student change makers from around the world gathered to share ideas. Chelsea Clinton, former President Bill Clinton, and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke to this year's cohort throughout the weekend, offering insights on actions towards global change in such areas of health, human rights, and innovation. The weekend ended with a Day of Action to impact the greater Boston area. Jaslin volunteered at the Emerald Necklace Conservatory collecting waste, composting materials, and mulching soil to support a more sustainable, healthy park.

To learn more about RefuGirl, visit www.refugirl.org and follow us on Facebook and Instagram @refugirl!



Alex Hall

In exciting news Alex Hall has been accepted into the The Royal Veterinary College. Located in London, The Royal Veterinary College is one of the oldest and most prestigious veterinary schools in the world. Congratulations Alex!



NCC to NYU

Jonathan Salazar, member of the Carl Farber Honors Program of Nassau Community College has been accepted into New York University for Fall 2018. Jonathan is an active influencer on campus participating in extracurricular activities being the President of The Marketing Club. He is currently interning at Daymond John's marketing and advertising consulting firm The Shark Group. During his time in NYU, Jonathan will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Leadership and Management with a concentration in Marketing Analytics.

When asked about his transition from NCC to NYU, Jonathan responded "I'm grateful to be part of the NCC community here on campus. I've grown as a person and developed the necessary leadership skills that will help me in my future. After a five-year gap, going back to school was the best decision I've made to invest in myself. The honors program gave me an opportunity to make my academic goals a reality. The NYU CCTOP (community college transfer opportunity program) available to honor students at NCC is a program I recommend everyone should take advantage of here at Nassau.

Lawrence Garafola

Since graduating from NCC in May 2016, Lawrence has matriculated at Columbia University. He currently studies economics and will begin his second semester there with an expected graduation in December 2019. He spends most of his time focusing on the rigorous curriculum, recently earning a 4.09 GPA during his first semester. One of the clubs he regularly participates in is the Pre-Law Society which focuses on providing guidance for students interested in entering the legal field.

“The honors program, and Nassau Community College in general, provided a solid foundation for the next leg of my academic journey. Having that extra support system when I decided to go back to school in January of 2015 proved to be a very valuable asset and reignited my passion for academics and learning.”



The Honors Program at NCHC

The National Collegiate Honors Council held their annual conference in Atlanta from November 8th to the 12th. Professor Cohen was part of two panels; the first one explored the offering of Honors courses as “combo” courses where non-honors and honors students are combined in the same class. Attendees discussed the pros and cons of this model and best practices that ensure both populations are served in the course.

The second panel discussed the realities of taking over as Director/Coordinator of an Honors Program and how it impacts the professional, and personal, lives of those that serve in this capacity. A lively discussion was held wherein participants detailed how they met the challenges they faced.



Prof. Cohen and Hynes-Musnisky came back with tons of ideas for the Honors Program and can't wait for next year's conference in Boston.

Scholarship Recipients

Reina Eustache is the recipient of the 2017 Joseph F. Carlino Jr. Memorial Scholarship awarded by the Nassau Community College Federation of Teachers. This prestigious scholarship covers one semester of tuition and is awarded to a full-time student who is a mathematics or computer science major. Congratulations Reina!



Karan Kataria and Royland Robinson were part of a team of students who were awarded a \$10,000 scholarship during the Ford Motor Company's “Takeover” event held at Nassau Community College. The students were tasked with preparing an innovative marketing strategy to promote Ford's portfolio of electrified vehicles. Congratulations Karan and Royland!



Diana Martinez was awarded the Honors Program Michael Corpuel scholarship for earning the rank of Distinguished Honors Student and her many years of service to the Honors Office. Diana will attend Farmingdale State College starting in the spring semester. Congratulations Diana!

Honors Alumni Q&A Series

One of the exciting new programs initiated during the Fall'17 semester is the Honors Alumni Q&A Series. This series sees alumni coming back to campus to speak to current students about their experience in navigating the transfer process and the rigors of their chosen field of study.

Alex Hall spoke about what it's like attending Stony Brook University and the realities of pursuing undergraduate research in the biological sciences. Jaslin had an intimate talk with a handful of students where she gave them advice on how to best position themselves to transfer to their next institution.





Honors Club Goes to NYU

On December 1st nine members of Honors Club visited the NYU campus to learn more about the Community College Transfer Opportunity Program (CCTOP). CCTOP is unique in that it gives community college students dedicated scholarships that make it more likely they'll be able to attend NYU. After meeting with the Jackie McPhillips, the coordinator of CCTOP, everyone took the subway down to Rockefeller Center to see the tree and then walked up to Bryant Park where they enjoyed the best hot chocolate in existence (Max Brenner's) and the holiday shops.

Spotlight on the Honors Faculty

David Pecan

During the 2017 fall semester, Professor David Pecan published an article entitled "The Expressive-Repressive Binary: A Consideration of Rhetoric and Ideology in The Old English Wanderer and Boethius' *De Consolatione Philosophiae*, Book I, Meter I" in *Ashvamegh*, vol. 3, issue 35 (December 2017), and presented his paper "Crossing the Line: Ritualized Space, *Geasa*, and *Togail Bruidne Da Derga*" at the American Conference of Irish Studies at Georgetown University. Also in fall 2017, David gave a reading of an excerpt from his spring 2017 sabbatical project, a forthcoming book (MacFarland) entitled *Fortune's Broken Promise: Transience and Consolation in Medieval and Early Modern Britain*. At the start of the spring 2018 semester, Professor Pecan has recently published his article "Negotiating Interpretative Paradigms of Monmouth's *Historia Regum Britanniae*" in *Gnosis*, vol. 4, no. 2, (January 2018)..



Emanuel Boussios

Dr. Emanuel Boussios, Sociology/Anthropology/Social Work Department, was a recipient of the *Alpha Kappa Delta The International Sociology Honor Society Fellowship*— in recognition of future promise as a teacher and innovator. He also was selected as a Visiting Scholar, for the Summer

of 2017, at New York University to work with renowned scholar Dr. Jeff Goodwin. He has published several pieces, most notably an article entitled "Drones in War: The Controversies Surrounding the United States' Expanded Use of Drones" with the *Journal of Terrorism Research*. Another forthcoming publication is a chapter entitled, "Cyber-intelligence after Snowden" in the book *Politics and ICTs: Issues and Challenges* (Emerald Publishing). He was selected to present at the NorthCentral Sociological Association conference on his research in cyber-intelligence, and had presented at the American Society of Criminology's conference. Emanuel has also been permanently MPTC certified to teach in NYS police/peace academies. As for community work, Dr. Boussios is involved with policeandcommunitiestalk.org (PACT), a website meant to assist law enforcement in fostering improved relations with the community on Long Island (Nassau County).



December Graduates

Caitlin McCarty got accepted to NYU. She plans to major in Applied Psychology and minor in Nutrition. Congratulations Caitlin!

Congratulations to the following students who were scheduled to graduate with the rank of Distinguished Honors Student:

- Ranjan Abraham • Diana Martinez •

Congratulations to the following students who were scheduled to graduate with the rank of Honors Student:

Krystal Bailey
Marissa Flaherty

Laura Fragomeni
Jacquelyn Herbert

Caitlin McCarty
Remonda Missha

