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40 Years of Success in Teaching Nursing at Nassau Community College



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Professor Mona Gulino, RN demonstrates patient care on practice mannequin to NCC nursing students (from left) Marie Fleury, Julius Motal and Kristen Wolff.

Nassau Community College was proud to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its associate degree nursing program in 2002. The anniversary was commemorated with a special reception, health fair and open house this past May.

The nursing program at Nassau began in 1962, when a class of 39 students was admitted. In 1964, 16 of these students became the program's first graduates. Three members of this class subsequently joined the faculty, and one, Dr. Patricia Nugent, served as department chairperson for several years. NCC's current nursing program has an enrollment of more than 390 students, and annually graduates approximately 120 individuals eligible to sit for the professional nursing licensing examination. Most recently, the department has developed a partnership teaching program with

several area hospitals in a program that takes NCC to the workplace of individuals interested in becoming professional nurses. In fact, since its inception, the College's nursing program has graduated over 5,000 beginning nursing practitioners.

Nurses will be in ever-greater demand in the coming years and NCC intends to help fill that need. According to statistics compiled by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, a total of 68,759 graduates of nursing programs took the national licensure examination for all entry-level registered nurses for the first time in 2001. Of that total, 41,567 were associate degree graduates. While the number of associate degree graduates taking the exam has consistently represented about 60 percent of the total, the total number of graduates has declined by 28.7 percent since

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A Message From the President

Nassau Community College's Master Plan

by Dr. Sean A. Fanelli

Forty-two years ago, Nassau Community College opened its doors to approximately 600 students. Today, I'm proud to announce that more than 21,000 students are enrolled at our campus located on the former Mitchel Field military base. While in the midst of this extraordinary period of growth, our dedicated faculty has maintained excellence in the academic areas of the institution. Nassau Community College is the largest-enrolled community college in the SUNY system and it is anticipated that we will grow by 15 percent by 2008. Unfortunately, our history of growth in student enrollment has not been matched with our capacity to keep pace with the need for more and more appropriate physical space.

In 1970 the second phase of development occurred with buildings that comprise approximately 820,440 gross square feet. These facilities, built to accommodate 8,200 FTEs (full-time equivalents), are urgently in need of renovations. The current enrollment is 16,500 FTEs. To accommodate this number of students, the College has been forced to use vintage 1930s military buildings not intended for academic use. These buildings are now more than 40 years old and require essential and extensive renovations. Additional temporary buildings were constructed to accommodate music, theatre, the daycare center, student advisement, placement and testing, students with disabilities and media-related services.

In September of 2002, I presented to our Board of Trustees, as required by the State University of New York, a five-year capital Master Plan. The Plan specifically addresses the space deficits and the utilization of existing space. NCC has a total of 361,000 square feet of instructional space (including classrooms, computer rooms, labs and academic departments). The calculated

instructional space per FTE represents one of the lowest ratios in the community college system. A more appropriate benchmark number, and one that is projected for the future, would be 33 square feet per FTE. The College must increase its amount of classroom space by 40 percent and its amount of computer laboratory space by 100 percent in order to meet its upcoming demand.

Key Projects

Our highest priority is to address the current deficiencies in academic space. The first phase of the Master Plan will focus on maximizing the new construction of a science and classroom building that will house Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, a portion of Allied Health Sciences and interdisciplinary classrooms and computer rooms. The new building will:

- Provide new space that supports growth initiatives among the sciences and nursing
- Develop a stock of 25 to 40 medium sized classrooms
- Provide an adequate amount of instructional space to support programs and enrollment benchmarks
- Provide adequate amenities, such as food service
- Create communal/gathering spaces for students, faculty and staff
- Create new space to facilitate subsequent renovations
- Provide office space for adjunct faculty

The Master Plan calls for the reorganization of Student Services, the central location for "initial contact" associated with Admissions. Currently, these in-take services are physically disconnected. By consolidating these services to one central location, this phase of the project will:



- Establish a functional organization of uses and programmatic relationships
- Consolidate Student Services
- Address the aesthetic quality of the campus and provide amenities for students
- Eliminate the need for temporary buildings

The Master Plan provides for the construction of a theatre and performing arts complex. Initially planned to be built in the 1970s, funding limitations required this phase of construction to be postponed indefinitely. The College's performing arts space is currently spread among six buildings. The Master Plan will:

- Provide appropriate and adequate space that supports current programs and growth initiatives among the performing arts
- Establish a functional organization of uses and relationships
- Provide facilities that support recreational, educational and/or cultural integration with the community
- Provide for much needed art gallery space

Nassau Community College is an exciting, dynamic institution. This Master Plan is designed to take us into the future based on our present needs. We intend to maintain our College motto: "Where Success Starts . . . and Continues."

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1995. As health care becomes more complex and the number of older adults continues to rise, the shortage of nurses will become more acute.

A study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* predicted that by the year 2020, the nation will be faced with a shortage of more than 400,000 RNs. In response to this acute shortage, the Nursing Department, under the leadership of its Chair, Dr. Carol Mottola, has implemented a series of initiatives to expand and update the program and to recruit and retain students. These initiatives include a partnership with the North Shore/Long Island Jewish Health Care System, articulation programs with local baccalaureate programs, grant programs to recruit and retain male students and various faculty efforts to assist students to meet the requirements of the rigorous nursing program.

It's clear that there are many reasons for the success and the excellent reputation of the NCC nursing program. One is that the faculty is highly qualified and actively involved in professional activities and continuing education programs. Nearly one-third of the full time faculty members have



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Professor Anne Comiskey, RN demonstrates the use of Hoyer Lift to NCC nursing students (from left) Julius Motal, Haimwattie Pooran and Christine Kutzman.

doctoral degrees, a much higher percentage than that of other associate degree nursing programs. Within the department are experts in each area of nursing practice, as well as leaders of professional organizations, authors, consultants and preceptors. Faculty members work as a team to maintain the integrity of the curriculum. An extensive mentoring program is in place to ensure that new faculty are socialized to the philosophy and objective of the College's nursing department.

In addition to maintaining high personal standards for themselves, the faculty also

requires high standards from their students. Critical thinking is emphasized throughout the rigorous program of classroom preparation, on-campus laboratory practice of skills and actual patient care in clinical settings. As a result, NCC nursing graduates have a consistently high rate of passing the national licensure exam. Employers actively recruit these graduates.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the NCC nursing program can contact the department at 572-9630 to obtain the schedule of Nursing Information Sessions.

Nassau Community College Presents A Symposium on Human Rights



Kerry Kennedy Cuomo

Here, Now... Justice for All

Human Beings for Sale - The Emotional Cost of Trafficking - Monday, November 18 - 11:00 a.m. - *Widney Brown, Human Rights Watch, Florrie Burke, Safe Horizon*

Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse - Tuesday, November 19 - 10:00 a.m. - *Carol Smolenski, ECPAT (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography, and Trafficking for sexual purposes)*

Speak Truth to Power: A Talk by Kerry Kennedy Cuomo - Tuesday, November 19 - 1:00 p.m.

Educating for Justice: Anti-Sweatshop Activism - Wednesday, November 20 - 11:00 a.m. - *Jim Keady, Nike Corporation Accountability Campaign*

This program is sponsored by the NCC Women's Center and Women Students Association. All programs take place in the College Center Building. For more information, call Prof. Trudy Ruchman, (516) 572 - 7696. Please note seating is limited.

James M. Large, Jr. Appointed Trustee at Nassau Community College



James M. Large, Jr. of Locust Valley has been appointed by Nassau County Executive Thomas Souzzi to a nine-year term as a member of the Nassau Community College Board of Trustees. Mr. Large, currently the Chairman Emeritus of Dime Bancorp, Inc., was Chief Executive Officer of Dime Bancorp and its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Dime Savings Bank of New York,

FSB. He is the latest person to join the governing body of the College. "We are very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Large's credentials and commitment to higher education," said Dr. Sean Fanelli, President of the College. "This institution and our students will be well served by his contributions," he continued.

Mr. Large's career has focused on developing and rapidly executing strategies and plans for troubled institutions, with emphasis on capabilities building, cost management and financial planning. Prior to his time at Dime Bancorp, Inc., he held the

position of Chairman and Chief Executive of Anchor Savings Bank of Hewlett. Mr. Large came to Anchor from Interstate Bancorp of Los Angeles, where he served as Executive Vice President, Assistant to the President and head of the "15 Bank Group." During his extensive career, Mr. Large has also held senior positions at First National Bank of Allentown, Pennsylvania; Meridian Bancorp, Centran Corp. (the holding company for the Central National Bank of Cleveland); Everett Trust and Savings Bank in Everett, Washington; and Central Penn National Bank in Philadelphia, where he began his banking career in 1985.

Since his retirement, Mr. Large has been active as a volunteer. Among the organizations he currently serves on are The Nature Conservancy of Long Island; The Wildlife Conservation Society; The Salvation Army of New York; and the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island.

A graduate of Princeton University and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking, Mr. Large also spent four years in the United States Navy. He currently lives in Locust Valley with his wife Carol.

"I consider it an honor to be able to serve on the NCC Board of Trustees," said Large. "The education of young people at my banks, in the banking industry in general and in the community at large was always a priority for me, and continues to be vitally important to me now."

Dr. Cheryl Evans Named Acting Dean of Students

Nassau Community College has named Cheryl Evans Acting Dean of Students. Evans began working in her position this month.

"I am excited about Cheryl joining our team. She has an exceptional educational and work history that complements the goals and objectives of Student Affairs. In addition, she has a positively infectious personality that will serve our students well," said Kenneth Saunders, Vice President of Student Affairs.

Over the course of her career, Dr. Evans has worked in the field of higher education in administrative, consulting and faculty roles. Most recently, she was a Medical Education Associate at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. Prior to that, she held positions as Program Manager at Harvard Medical School, Consultant for the Department of Education in Washington, D.C., and Assistant Director of Enrollment Services

at Teachers College Columbia University. Dr. Evans began her career as a Counselor at Federation Employment Guidance Services in New York City.

In addition to her professional service, Dr. Evans has participated in several committees and fellowship projects involving higher education. For instance, she was an admissions representative for the John F. Kennedy School of Government, where she worked on the team that developed and implemented the school's recruitment efforts. She was also a proposal evaluator for the Innovations in American Government organization, and a panel chair on the Department of Education's GEAR UP Program, where she evaluated proposals for programs and activities that established community, business and parental partnerships promoting educational success for at risk children.

Dr. Evans received her doctorate in higher education from Columbia University.



She obtained her Master of Science degree in guidance and counseling from Hunter College and her Bachelor of Arts in social sciences from Stony Brook.

Dr. Evans is excited at the prospect of her new position at Nassau. "I am very fortunate to have been asked to join the Nassau Community College team and I am looking forward to working with the students, faculty and staff on a wide range of projects," she said.

Nassau Community College to Host 2002 American Heart Walk



Back Row: Evelyn R. Comer, NCC; Richard M. Kessel, Island-wide American Heart Walk Honoree and Chair of the Long Island Power Authority; Louise Callara, wife of the late Richard Callara, Sr., NCC Honoree; Santina Callara, mother of the late Richard Callara, Sr.; George Callara, father of the late Richard Callara, Sr.; John Lentini, father of Jennifer Lentini, NCC Student Honoree; Reginald Tuggle, NCC; Dr. Sean A. Fanelli, President, NCC and American Heart Walk Vice-Chair. Seated: Richard Callara, Jr., son of the late Richard Callara, Sr.; Jennifer Lentini, NCC Student Honoree and heart transplant recipient.

Nassau Community College is proud to be the official Nassau County site for the 2002 American Heart Walk. For the past five years, President Fanelli has been the Vice Chair of the Heart Walk. This year, the Long Island Honorary Chair is Richard Kessel, Chair of LIPA.

College employees have always generously given their support to this worthwhile cause. This year, Nassau Community College will be walking in honor of NCC student and heart transplant recipient Jennifer Lentini and the late Richard Callara, Sr., formerly of the NCC Public Safety Department. Please join Co-Chairs Reginald Tuggle and Evelyn Comer, along with the rest of the NCC team on Sunday, October 27, 2002 right here at Nassau Community College.

Enrollment Up at NCC

Already the largest community college and undergraduate institution within the State University of New York, Nassau Community College is again sustaining year-to-year growth for the fall 2002 semester.

- Overall enrollment is up 5.72 percent and evening enrollment is up 8.3 percent
- Full-time, new transfer student enrollment is up 15.92 percent
- Continuing student enrollment is up 8.67 percent
- Returning student enrollment is up 4.28 percent

Programmatically, Liberal Arts (Math and Science) is up 18.35 percent, Paralegal is up 62.96 percent and the Pre-Nursing Program grew at a rate of 112.5 percent.

FACULTY/STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

Prof. Denise Broadhurst, Music, has been chosen as an ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers) Award recipient. Awards are based upon the prestige value of each writer's catalog of original compositions, as well as recent performances in areas not surveyed by the Society.

Prof. Robert DiChiara, English, recently published a novel, entitled *Alas, Poor Yorick: The Tragic Farce of Hamlet's Fool*, a darkly comic work speculating on the life of Shakespeare's most famous fool and how he came to the court of Elsinore to bring revelry and revenge.

Dr. Lorraine Findlay, Allied Health Sciences, attended both the general meeting of the American Society for Microbiology and the Undergraduate Microbiology Education Conference, held in Salt Lake City.

Gerald Leibowitz, Library, had three posters chosen by Nassau County in its official Performance Appraisal poster competition. The posters, which focused on Teamwork, Quality and Communication Skills, will be displayed throughout County offices. Professional trainers began training 980 managers and supervisors in these and other areas in September.

Prof. Jack Mandel, Marketing & Retailing, has been elected to appear in the 2003 edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

Dr. Caroline Olko, Psychology, published an article entitled "Nassau Community College Hosts Landmark Aroma-Chology Conference" in the *Aroma-Chology Review*, published by The Sense of Smell Institute. Among the

speakers at the May conference was Dr. Maureen Daddona, Biology. Dr. Olko makes presentations on aroma-chology at local libraries, schools, senior centers and Ys, most recently at Mineola High School and the Forest Hills, Queens Y.

Marilyn Rosenthal, Library, has been appointed by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to the Advisory Panel on Information Literacy.

Dr. Stella Russell, Professor Emeritus, Art, gave three lectures and an art critique in the Key West, Florida Art Center. She also received the 2002 Woman of Distinction award in Albany for community service. Dr. Russell was a teacher for 35 years and has been with Nassau's WHPC radio for 28 years.

NCC Campus Calendar

Nassau Community College Presents Its Fall 2002 Cultural Program

How Safe are We From Terrorism? - Larry Johnson – Counter-Terrorism Expert- Monday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m.

Larry Johnson has analyzed intelligence for the CIA, managed crisis response operations for the U.S. State Department and designed counter-terrorism exercises for the U.S. military.

Immigration in the Post 9/11 World - Maria Echaveste – Former Clinton Deputy Chief of Staff -Monday, November 4 at 11:00 a.m.

Echaveste managed policy initiatives on immigration, trade, bankruptcy, etc. Attorney Echaveste's parents were California migrant workers.

Prospects for Peace in the Middle East– Ambassador Edward Walker - Wednesday, December 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Edward Walker was the U.S. Ambassador to Egypt from 1994 to 1997 and U.S. Ambassador to Israel from 1997 to 1999.

Unholy Redeemer: How Popular Culture Saves Kids' Lives – Donna Gaines – Wednesday, October 30 at 11:00 a.m.

Sociologist Donna Gaines argues that youth sub- cultures such as hip-hop and heavy metal music offer community and meaning to alienated young people.

*All programs are open to the public and take place in the NCC College Center Building (except as indicated).
For more information, call Phyllis Kurland at (516) 572-7153*

Iraq and America: Three Different Perspectives

Long Island Alliance for Peaceful Alternatives

Tuesday, October 22 at 1:00 p.m., Tower 11th Floor

Margaret Melkonian, U.N. Representative of the Hague Appeal for Peace, and Hofstra University History Professor Magnus Bermhardsen

Laurie Mylroie – A Leading Authority on Iraq and Saddam Hussein - Monday, October 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Mylroie is the author of *Study of Revenge: Saddam Hussein's Unfinished War Against America*. She terms Iraq a "ruthless, rogue country." Mylroie is also publisher of the on-line newsletter *Iraq News*

Anthony Cordesman – National Security Expert

Wednesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Cordesman is a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and a special consultant on military affairs for ABC News. His most recent report is "Iraq: a Dynamic Assessment," detailing scenarios and options for a war with Iraq. Cordesman has served in senior positions for the U.S. Secretary of Defense, NATO, and the U.S. Senate.

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