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## *A Message from President Sue Henderson*

I am delighted to share with you a record of my time here at New Jersey City University as well as the special moments surrounding my inauguration as the University's 12<sup>th</sup> President. In this issue, you will also have the opportunity to learn about "Transforming Lives," both the theme of my presidency and an ambitious agenda for the future of this unique institution.

Some highlights in this issue include news about our new School of Business, a \$32.9 million grant to upgrade science and technology, the growing number of students studying abroad, and a strategic plan

that will ensure that NJCU and its students are winners in a highly-competitive marketplace.

For the first time, NJCU's *Honor Roll of Donors* and the Foundation's Annual Report have been included in *Gothic*. We take great pride in all who financially support our work; by including the *Honor Roll* here we can share their inspiring story with an even larger audience.

Thank you for being a loyal partner in NJCU's mission of "Transforming Lives."

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# Inauguration Ceremony

**D**r. Sue Henderson was formally inaugurated as the 12<sup>th</sup> President of New Jersey City University on September 20 in the historic Margaret Williams Theatre.

The procession of visiting dignitaries and NJCU faculty in academic dress was made even more colorful by the honor guard of students that lined the way, bearing the flags of their native countries.

Dr. Mohammed H. Qayoumi, president of San José State University, was the keynote speaker. The investiture of Dr. Henderson was conducted by Dr. Henry A. Coleman, a member of the NJCU Board of Trustees, who presented the Presidential medallion. Luke Visconti '13 L.H.D. (Hon.), chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors, delivered greetings from the Board.

Several musical selections were presented by students from the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre.



*Dr. Henderson reviews a final draft of her speech.*



*Sharing a moment with her father before the ceremony*

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*NJCU is fulfilling the American higher education mission – guiding students to reach their full potential and to make a real difference in the lives of their families and their communities.*

Dr. Sue Henderson

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by Bill Wittkop

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*What an honor and privilege to stand before you today as the 12<sup>th</sup> president of New Jersey City University, an institution on the move in a city that is being transformed. The future, indeed, looks bright.*

Dr. Sue Henderson



*Dr. Karen Morgan Ivy, president of the University Senate, leads the academic procession through a line of students with flags representing some of the countries of their origin.*



*The procession of flags enters the theatre.*



*Visiting dignitaries*



*Dr. Henderson enjoys the applause after receiving the presidential medallion.*

### TRANSFORMING LIVES

*The spaces in which we learn  
and the technology that we use  
must be state-of-the-art.*

Dr. Sue Henderson

The quotes throughout this section are excerpted from the President's Inaugural Address.

# Inauguration Events

A month of special events linked to the Presidential Inauguration brought the promise of the new administration to every corner of campus, from lecture halls and soccer fields to art galleries and the stage.

In addition to those pictured here, dozens of NJCU-sponsored events included:

- Two “Constitution Day 2013” lectures and a virtual blog on privacy issues
- A workshop on the nationwide Common Core State Standards and their impact on teaching
- A Knights’ Day of Service, during which students, faculty, and staff assisted in planting activities at four local parks
- “Transforming Lives: Working Towards Justice” with North Bergen Police chief Robert Dowd ’11, M.S. ’13 and graduate students
- “Tres Vidas,” a chamber music theatre work based on the lives of Frida Kahlo, Rufina Amaya, and Alfonsina Storni
- A “Stroll Competition” for college and university dance teams sponsored by NJCU’s fraternities and sororities
- Women’s volleyball and men’s and alumni soccer games
- A tour of Liberty Island with a National Park Service Ranger.

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*We are especially eager to take advantage of the many opportunities that lie before us to connect research and learning to our region.*

Dr. Sue Henderson



## THE DINNER

*Dr. Henderson accepts a photo of the first graduates, the Class of 1933, on behalf of alumni from Jane McClellan, executive director of alumni relations. Luke Visconti, chair of the NJCU Foundation, and Dr. Howard Parish ’62 (right), a professor emeritus of geoscience who served as master of ceremonies, joined in the presentation.*

*With Anthony Cinelli, who directs food service for NJCU and catered the Dinner for more than 400 guests*



*On inauguration day, Dr. Timothy White (fourth from left), an assistant professor of history, led “A Celebration of NJCU” walking tour that visited campus buildings and historic sites in Downtown Jersey City. Here the group pauses in front of the Congressman Frank J. Guarini Post Office, which was built in 1911. Dr. Henderson’s parents, Darwin and Mary Womack, are at left.*

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*We will guide our students as they acquire the skills to get their first job and the habits of mind and heart to excel later in life in their second and third jobs.*

Dr. Sue Henderson



*Greeting students at the Green and Gold Days Barbecue*



*Discussing "Emergence," a B.F.A. exhibit in the Visual Arts Gallery*



*At "Transforming Lives," Dr. Henderson joined past presidents of the Student Government Organization who spoke about the role NJCU played in their success.*



*Reviewing the "Campus Without Borders: Love Songs Concert" program*



## THE CONCERT

*Dr. Henderson welcoming the crowd.*

*On inauguration day evening, hundreds attended "Six Decades of Jazz at NJCU," a concert featuring acclaimed trumpeter Jon Faddis and held on Owen J. Grundy Pier in Downtown Jersey City.*

# The First Chapter...

## Getting Acquainted

As President of NJCU, Dr. Sue Henderson is invited to virtually every event on campus and she attends nearly all of them, including receptions, ceremonies, lectures, student recitals and art shows, and performances.

During the months leading up to her Inauguration, she attended hundreds of events on and off campus and visited alumni across the country. She also traveled to India and China to explore shared educational opportunities. Every experience has deepened her knowledge of NJCU's role, the people who support it, and the students who depend on it to achieve their goals.



Surrounded by her vice presidents at her first Academic Convocation in September 2012



With Dr. Min Kim (third from left) and performers at the 2013 "Rising Stars" concert reception

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

...need to maintain and strengthen our ties with community leaders, our K-12 schools, and businesses. These close ties will allow us to assist in solving the pressing problems we face as a community, work collaboratively to improve the quality of life of our citizens, and guide the University in developing programs and majors that will prepare our students for our region's emerging jobs.

Dr. Sue Henderson



## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*We have nationally and internationally known scholars who are sharing their passion for their disciplines and for learning with our students.*

Dr. Sue Henderson



*Mingling at an Open House*



*With Gail Marquis (right) and her wife Audrey Smaltz at the opening program for Women's History Month*



*With John J. Moore, Esq. '56, trustee emeritus at the Donor Soirée*



*Greeting high-achieving, prospective students at the FutureScholars Reception*



*Welcoming Dr. Gabriella Ganugi, president of Florence University of the Arts, to campus to discuss study abroad and exchange programs*

# The First Chapter...

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*We are at the right place at the right time to be a player in innovations and change that will move our city and our state forward.*

Dr. Sue Henderson



One of two honorees at NJCU's "Legacy and Promise Tribute and Gala" in September 2012



June commencement ceremonies at the A. Harry Moore Laboratory School, which is administered by NJCU

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*Today, the opportunities are all around us – a renaissance in the city and region, increased diversity of people and thought, and increased need for educated citizens who can think critically, work in teams, be collaborative, create new innovations, and be part of work that is current and cutting edge.*

Dr. Sue Henderson



Saluting graduates of African-American heritage

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*I like to think of NJCU as a dream machine, a place where students' lives are transformed.*

Dr. Sue Henderson



*"Dinner with 12 Strangers," hosted by Dr. Henderson at her home, enables students and alumni to meet.*

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

*We know that in today's highly technical world in which intellectual capital is most highly valued, a world-class college education is a must.*

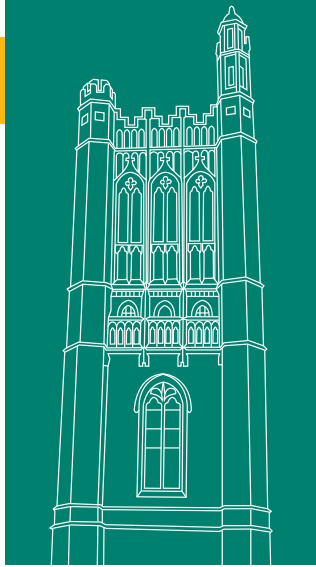
Dr. Sue Henderson



*Congratulating students at the "Business Reunion and Delta Mu Delta Induction Ceremony"*



*Addressing students at the Pardada Pardadi School in India*



# Around The Campus



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*Mr. Ferguson (left) with students following the ceremony*

## NJCU Establishes School of Business

**N**ew Jersey City University has established a School of Business comprised of four independent Departments: Accounting, Finance, Management, and Marketing.

“The establishment of NJCU’s School of Business signifies the enormous growth of this University’s business programs over the past decade,” said Dr. Sue Henderson, president. “The change in status gives business studies a stronger presence and will also allow for further development in the business disciplines to better prepare our students for tomorrow’s workforce.”

The change is the culmination of reorganization planning begun in 2006 by the NJCU Business Administration Department’s Strategic Planning Committee, which recommended the status change due to the Department’s “unabated growth in enrollment and constituent demand.” The conversion of the Department of Business Administration into the School of Business was unanimously approved by the NJCU Board of Trustees at its meeting on April 22.

“Enrollment at both the undergraduate and graduate levels increased from 1,834 undergraduate and 30 graduate students in 2001 to 2,516 undergraduate and 510 graduate students in 2012,” explained Dr. Sandra Bloomberg, dean of the College of Professional Studies in which the School is located.

During this same time period, the accounting, finance, management, and marketing specializations were granted major degree status, each approved to offer the bachelor of science degree, and the University began offering both undergraduate and graduate business programs at two off-campus sites: NJCU at Harborside on the Jersey City waterfront and NJCU at Brookdale in Wall Township.

NJCU’s School of Business is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

NJCU held an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the School and opened its Peter G. Mangin Real Estate Institute on October 25. The Institute, which is being funded by a donation from former Congressman Frank J. Guarini, a generous benefactor to NJCU over several decades, is named for his nephew and will offer seminars and lectures for real estate professionals as well as programs for students who minor in real estate.

Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., president and chief executive officer of TIAA-CREF and former vice chair of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Federal Reserve System, was the keynote speaker at the combined ceremonies.

## Medical Examiner Delivers Keynote At Inaugural STEM Leadership Symposium

Dr. Roger A. Mitchell, Jr., assistant state medical examiner for New Jersey, delivered the keynote address at NJCU's inaugural STEM Leadership Symposium, a program that provided comprehensive information on leadership and career development in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, in April.

Dr. Mitchell's address was followed by a panel discussion featuring Dr. Wesley Wilson, director of developmental mathematics; Dr. William Montgomery, a professor of geoscience and geography; undergraduate students from NJCU and Hudson County Community College; and Sally Nadler, college relations manager at PSE&G.

Dr. Mitchell, who leads medical examiner services in New Jersey as the assistant state medical examiner in charge of the Northern and Southern Regional Medical Examiner Offices, has performed over 1,200 autopsy examinations during his career and has testified as an expert on numerous cases. He believes that the medical examiner serves a critical role in public health initiatives and is at the forefront of issues related to elder abuse, neglect, and youth violence.

Before returning to his native New Jersey, Dr. Mitchell served as assistant deputy chief medical examiner in charge of medicolegal death investigations at Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences in Texas for four years.

Dr. Mitchell began the study of forensic science and violence prevention as a forensic biologist for the Federal Bureau of Investigation DNA Unit in 1997. He was the first African-American male to join the Unit.

## Grants at a Glance

### Spotlight on Science and Technology in New Grants

NJCU has been awarded three major grants totaling \$35.5 million through the New Jersey Higher Education Capital Facilities Grant Program, which will create and expand facilities in the sciences and upgrade technology on campus. The grants were secured by the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs and the Division of Administration and Finance.



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A grant of \$32.9 million from the Program's Higher Education Facilities Trust Fund will be used for the renovation and expansion of the Science Building, creating cutting-edge laboratory and classroom space for students and professors. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in October and construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

*Campus, city, and county dignitaries joined Dr. Sue Henderson (center) for the groundbreaking ceremony.*

An additional \$1.7 million from the Program's Equipment Leasing Fund will upgrade instructional technology; \$866,788 from the Program's Higher Education Technology Infrastructure Fund will improve campus hardware, fiber optic backbone, wireless access, and storage capacity.

### Faculty STEM Grants

Two members of the NJCU faculty have received awards to enhance instruction in STEM fields.

Dr. Nurdan Aydin, an associate professor and chair of geoscience/geography, was awarded a National Science Foundation Transforming Undergraduate Education in STEM grant for *Enhancing the Earth and Environmental Science Curricula in a Minority-Serving Institution by Integrating a Particle Size Analyzer*. The \$176,722 grant allows for the purchase of a particle size analyzer for use in undergraduate geoscience courses and research, adding valuable work-related experience to the courses.

Dr. Christopher Shamburg, an assistant professor of educational technology, received \$16,000 from the Hewlett Packard Catalyst Academy Fellowship to develop a MOOC (massively open online course) that will be offered internationally to STEM educators.

### Grants Partner with HCCC

NJCU is also the recipient of two grants awarded in cooperation with Hudson County Community College (HCCC).

NJCU received \$1.5 million as a partner with HCCC in *Picking up the Pace: Ensuring Hispanic Degree Completion*, a combined effort to bring greater efficiencies and results for Hispanic students who will attend both institutions and complete both associate's and bachelor's degrees. Funding has been provided by the U.S. Department of Education Title V Cooperative Grant.

Dr. Muriel Rand, an assistant professor of early childhood education, has received \$331,966 from the New Jersey Department of Education for the *Assessment for Learning Project*. The Project, developed in collaboration with HCCC, will provide professional development for 40 teachers and administrators from three Jersey City charter schools.

## FACILITIES UPDATE

The Department of Facilities and Construction Management is continuing maintenance and construction projects across the NJCU campus during 2014. Here are some highlights:

- Construction of an addition to the Science Building as well as renovations to existing laboratories and teaching facilities will begin this year. A \$32.9M grant from the State of New Jersey Higher Education Facilities Trust will allow the University to upgrade facilities for the teaching of chemistry, biology, geoscience, and physics, and provide for the construction of research laboratories.
- On the West Campus, remediation has been completed and infrastructure construction is in the final stages. The design of the West Campus Academic Building is underway and with funding in place, construction may begin this year. The Building will house general classroom space, faculty offices, and the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre. In addition, the University is expected to enter into a public-private partnership this year for the construction of a 400-bed residence hall.

## Transforming Lives: NJCU's 2013-2018 Strategic Plan Charts a Course for the University's Future

New Jersey City University is implementing *Transforming Lives: Strategic Plan 2013-2018*, a comprehensive, visionary, and achievable overview of goals and priorities that will steer the University's course for the next five years.

The result of the collaborative efforts of all University constituents over the past several years, the plan was first presented as a work-in-progress at two Town Hall meetings last spring; all members of the University community were encouraged to participate in crafting the plan.

The plan has four broad goals, each including more specific goals and each identifying varying strategies and both key success and representative contributory measures. The Plan's goals are: "Enhance Academic Excellence," "Achieve Student Success: Academic, Personal, and Social," "Enhance Resources and the University's Capacity to Achieve," and "Strengthen NJCU Identity, Brand, Reputation, and Connections with the Community."

On a web page dedicated to the plan, Dr. Sue Henderson, NJCU president, explains, "These goals – indeed, the entire plan – are the result of a broad-based effort involving over 300 faculty, staff, students, and community members. Working iteratively, task forces gathered extensive data from stakeholders, analyzed information, and took their conclusions back to the community for further input. As such, there is campus-wide investment in and excitement around *Transforming Lives*. The plan represents both what we are now and what we will become with dedication and effort."

Last November, a representative group of faculty, staff, and administrators identified four key priority areas and implementation teams for the first year of the plan. At a January retreat, these teams, which are comprised of more than 50 members of the University community, set up action plans, milestones, and success measures for their areas.

On the web page, Dr. Henderson also writes, "*Transforming Lives* will be the basis for all our decision-making over the next years, allowing us to maintain focus on making NJCU

the best... Our priority teams are currently developing initiatives to move their areas forward."

Among the priorities for the first goal during the first year are recruiting, mentoring, and retaining outstanding faculty diverse in background, culture, and nationality who are committed to contributing to the discipline, connecting their research to the development and success of students; revising promotion and tenure expectations and standards; hiring and developing faculty who are nationally and internationally recognized; and creating and implementing a robust staff development program to enhance administrative and academic quality.

Priorities related to student success during the first year include employing ongoing course and program assessment

and curriculum mapping to continuously revise curricula and strengthen student learning outcomes; developing and revising programs; aligning university structures in areas of opportunity; creating a General Education Program with learning goals designed for today's graduates that provides opportunities for interdisciplinary work, multiple majors, and new minors.

During the first year, renovating existing space and

building new space on and off campus to support emergent areas and improving the image and reputation of NJCU through nimble and integrated messaging are the first-year priorities set for goals three and four, respectively.

"*Transforming Lives*, our Strategic Plan, exemplifies NJCU's commitment to each and every individual who comes to our University to learn and grow. It is through *Transforming Lives* that NJCU will achieve its vision of being a nationally recognized leader in urban public education. As the work of these priority area teams continues, we will share information on our specific initiatives and activities, and on their impact. For now, I invite you to read our plan and to check back frequently to learn about our progress and accomplishments," writes Dr. Henderson.

NJCU's 2013-2018 strategic plan is available for review at <https://www.njcu.edu/strategicplan>.





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## Hosting Hispanic Leaders

President Sue Henderson (third from left) welcomed New Jersey Governor Chris Christie (sixth from left) and other government officials, corporate and community leaders, and diplomats to campus for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention, Expo and Awards Luncheon of the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey. Governor Christie delivered the keynote address.

## University Launches Free App for Mobile Devices

New Jersey City University has launched NJCUMobile, a mobile app available for free download in app stores that delivers up-to-date University news and information about campus events, resources, and services directly to mobile devices, including Android, Blackberry, and IOS devices (e.g., iPhones, iPad, iPod Touch).

The app is a valuable resource for NJCU students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumni as well as members of the local community.

NJCUMobile features a rich array of immediately accessible and easily retrievable information, including campus news and events; interactive campus maps; department and staff directories; up-to-the-minute NJCU game scores; and news about parking, campus shuttles, and dining. Enrolled students also have the ability to view

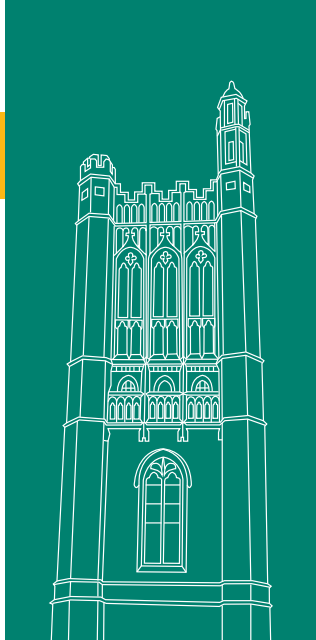
current and future course offerings and schedules and to access their courses in Blackboard directly from their mobile devices.



NJCUMobile was developed in cooperation with Blackboard, Inc. and is the first phase of NJCU's mobile technology strategy deployed under the auspices of the University's Information Technology Steering Committee. Future plans for NJCUMobile include the incorporation of library services and the delivery of course registration and tuition payment options. The University also plans to enhance mobile-friendly options on its home page and to use mobiles to enrich teaching and learning.

For complete information about the app visit <http://njcu.edu/mobile>.

# Around The Campus



## Veterans Honored at Campus Program

Military veterans from NJCU and the community were the honored guests at “Veterans Appreciation Day,” a program held on campus on November 11.

Dr. David S.C. Chu, president and CEO of the Institute for Defense Analyses, was the keynote speaker at the program, which also featured a panel discussion. Dr. Chu is former undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness at the U.S. Department of Defense.

Panelists included Luke Visconti, founder and CEO of DiversityInc Media; John Lahoud '95, managing director of wealth management at Merrill Lynch, The Lahoud Sadaka Group; and J. Cole Slattery '82, a lead associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.



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*Dr. Chu and students*

Mr. Visconti served as a naval aviator and commissioned officer with the U.S. Navy from 1982 to 1990 and in the reserves until 1992. Mr. Lahoud served in the New Jersey National Guard during his student days at NJCU and earned a commission as a U.S. Army officer

through Seton Hall University's ROTC program. Mr. Slattery served for 21 years in the U.S. Army Medical Department, retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel. All three are members of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors, for which Mr. Visconti serves as chair.

## Star Wars™ Artist Explains Techniques to Students

Hans Jenssen, a technical illustrator who, along with Richard Chasemore, created

the concept art for Star Wars™, explained his techniques to students when he spoke on campus last fall.

A specialist in cutaway illustrations, which he started producing at the age of 11, Mr. Jenssen has worked with Mr. Chasemore since the mid 1990s and with him co-illustrated more than 20 “Look Inside” cross-section books, including nine on Star Wars™ for Dorling Kindersley. They also collaborated on an award-winning advertising campaign for United Technologies Corporation produced by DDB, a New York advertising agency. Artwork for this campaign has appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, and *Fortune*, and on billboards, construction wraps, and subway stations from New York to London.



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## Naturalization Ceremony For 50 U.S. Citizens Held in Margaret Williams Theatre

Fifty people were sworn in as citizens of the United States at a November ceremony held in Margaret Williams Theatre of Hepburn Hall. The ceremony was coordinated by the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences and the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) as part of the International Education Week celebration on campus.

President Sue Henderson offered greetings and Dr. Barbara Feldman, dean of the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences, delivered the keynote address. John E. Thompson, USCIS Newark district director, served as master of ceremonies and Randi C. Borgen, USCIS Newark field office director, administered the oath of citizenship.

Among the honored guests were Consul General Mario Lopez de Leon, Jr. of the Philippines; Consul General Pedro Soares de Oliveira of Portugal; Jamie Santata, Jersey City director of immigration services who represented Mayor Steven M. Fulop; Rolando Lavarro, president of the Jersey City City Council and NJCU assistant director of grants and sponsored programs; and John Hnedak, deputy superintendent of the National Park Service of the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island.

Music major Naomi Ortiz sang “The National Anthem” and “America, the Beautiful” accompanied by senior Charles LaLima. Bianca Cribiero, a criminal justice major, read her original poem “From Cuba, With Love.”



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## NJCU Celebrates Filipino American History Month



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Dr. Henderson (right) and Consul General Mario Lopez de Leon, Jr. of the Philippines, enjoyed the celebration of “Filipino American History Month” at NJCU, which included a screening of the classic movie *Himala* and a display of Philippine heritage and history. Dozens of members of the local Filipino community visited campus for the program.

# Gateway

## To the Global Village

### China

William Candia '13 is studying international law and philosophy at Normal University of Nanjing for one year as the recipient of a highly-competitive Chinese Government Scholarship. One of only 25 students selected from throughout the United States, Mr. Candia will be studying abroad through July. Coordinated by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), the Chinese Government Scholarships are awarded to students who attend AASCU member colleges and universities and include tuition, room and board, and health insurance. Mr. Candia majored in political science and criminal justice and minored in pre-law.



Business major Yosra Abdalla, criminal justice major Cisse Maman, philosophy major Shari Piontkowsie, and biology major Chanel Wright, are studying at the American Center for Study Abroad at Sichuan University in Chengdu through a partnership between the university and the Global Maximum Education Opportunities (g-MEO), Inc. The students were each awarded between \$5,000 and \$6,000 in NJCU and g-MEO scholarships in the highly-competitive program.



In July, a delegation of 30 administrators from Jishou University in Hunan visited campus to discuss human resources management at universities in the United States with Hunt Bartine, associate vice president of human resources, and Robert Piaszkowsky, director of human resources. In September, a delegation of 21 educators from Chengdu attended four campus training sessions on topics in American education presented by Dr. Tracey

Duncan, an assistant professor of educational leadership and counseling; Dr. Erik Morales, an associate professor of elementary and secondary education; Dr. Muriel Rand, a professor of early childhood education; and Dr. Christopher Shamburg, a professor of educational technology.

*"Visiting NJCU was an enriching and enlightening experience. The college campus was beautiful. Engaging with the students and faculty on their research work was highly informative. Their hospitality was unmatched as they hosted a Bollywood night for H.R. College students to showcase their talent, inviting almost the entire city to watch us perform. It was a perfect end to the new beginnings of a promising partnership between H.R. College and NJCU!"*

**Freshman Vishwa Naik**  
H.R. College of Commerce and Economics, Mumbai  
Major: Accounting and Finance

### Iceland

Jennifer Vasquez '13, a fine arts major, traveled to Iceland this past summer to participate in a GREEN (Global Renewable Energy Education Network) Program that was offered in partnership with Reykjavik University's Energy Graduate School of Sustainable Systems program and School of Science and Engineering. In Iceland, the first country to be fully powered by renewable energy sources, Ms. Vasquez joined students from around the globe who earned academic credit while visiting clean energy facilities and implementing sustainable living practices. Last summer, Ms. Vasquez participated in a GREEN Program in Costa Rica.



Mexico City

### Mexico

Twelve students enrolled in "Mexico City: Reading the Past and Present of Mexico's Violence and Resistance" traveled to Mexico City last June to examine the country's history of violence and resistance within the context of social tensions, cultural and political shifts, and questions of gender and ethnicity. The class visited such historical and cultural sites as the Zocalo, the National Palace and National Cathedral, Palacio de Bellas Artes, National Museum of Anthropology, Frida Kahlo House, the pyramid at Teotihuacan, and the "Silver Cities" of San Miguel de Allende and Guanajuato. The course was taught by Dr. Cora Lagos, an associate professor of modern languages. Craig Katz, director of international programs, also joined the group.

*"During my time at NJCU I participated in three life-changing study abroad programs [India once and Mexico twice]. These three experiences opened my eyes, helped me mature, made me humble, and taught me lessons that books do not contain."*

**William Candia '13**

### Dominican Republic

Twelve graduate students enrolled in "The Dominican Republic: A Social and Historical Perspective of the Trujillo Regime" visited the country in July to examine the social, historical, and political climate during the Trujillo dictatorship. The students visited museums, interviewed students, and researched sources from that period. The course was taught by Dr. Grisel López Díaz, an associate professor of modern languages. Dr. Aaron Aska, vice president for administration and finance, also accompanied the group.



Parque Nacional de Los Tres Ojos

## India

President Sue Henderson was the only education representative in a delegation of 11 that participated in a Trade Mission to India last spring. Coordinated by the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation and Friends of India, the Mission was centered on high-level corporate and educational meetings to showcase the assets of doing business in Jersey City. A key element of the programming was to educate Indian entrepreneurs and higher education leaders on the availability of resources. Dr. Henderson also explored educational opportunities for NJCU students and established institutional partnerships. The Mission also bolstered investment and tourism, and strengthened cultural relationships between Jersey City, Hudson County, and India.



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Hosted by NJCU, a group of 54 students and faculty from H.R. College of Commerce and Economics in Mumbai spent a whirlwind 10 days in the United States last fall, attending campus programs and Broadway plays and visiting Ellis Island and the New York Stock Exchange before performing in a Bollywood dance show in Margaret Williams Theatre.

## Italy

A group of 13 students enrolled in “Italian Cinema: Spotlight on Rome” and “Urban Sociology: Rome, the Global City” traveled to Rome during spring break to explore the city from a sociological and artistic perspective. By coincidence, the group just happened to be visiting when white smoke rose from the chimney of the Sistine Chapel, signifying the election of a new pope. They were among the one million people who raced to St. Peter’s Square to witness Pope Francis’ historic first greeting but were among only a few to be featured on CBS Television and in *The Star Ledger*. Vera Dika, an assistant professor of media arts, and Dr. Max Herman, an assistant professor of sociology, led the trip. For a video clip visit <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/video/8600440-cardinals-gather-for-mass-ahead-of-conclave/#.UUcDrbQIXgo.facebook>.



The CBS Television interviews

## Turkey

Ashley Leavitt '13 is teaching English at Gaziantep University as a Fulbright English Teacher Assistant. Ms. Leavitt was granted a Fulbright U.S. Student Award for 2013-2014 to teach at the university, which has a student population of 27,000 and is located about 56 miles from the Syrian border in one of the world’s oldest continually inhabited cities. Ms. Leavitt will teach through June. Ms. Leavitt’s Fulbright grant marks the second consecutive year that an NJCU English major has received the prestigious award through a highly-competitive process. Dr. Irma Maini, a professor of English, is the Fulbright Program advisor at NJCU.

## Greece

Nine students traveled to Athens last June to explore the development of urban Greece. Students learned about Athens and its connections to neighboring regions and cultures from ancient to modern times. They encountered this history through experiential learning at ancient museums, archaeological sites, and markets. The group was led by Dr. John Bragg, an assistant professor of history and elementary and secondary education, and Dr. Timothy White, an assistant professor of history.



*“I never thought I’d take part in study abroad but I challenged myself and grabbed the opportunity. It proved to be one of the best decisions I’ve ever made for myself. I found Greece simply breathtaking; while making new friends, touring wondrous sites, and trying new foods, we received a firsthand experience of the rich culture and history of the place. We traveled to Athens, Delpbi, and the Island of Santorini and were left enthralled by the amazing atmosphere, landscapes, and architecture of the ancient areas. I highly recommend participation in the Study Abroad Program to every student; it brings learning to the highest scope while giving us a chance to step out of the classroom and explore the wonders of the world.”*

### Sophomore Amena Malik

Major: Early Childhood/Special Education  
Minor: English

*“As a child I dreamed about going to Greece, but did not think I would ever have the chance. Even now it still feels unreal, as if it was dream, but I have pictures so I know it happened.”*

### Senior Hector Rivera

Major: History  
Minor: Business Management

# of NOTE

**Roddy Bogawa**, a professor of media arts, was the subject of a mid-career retrospective, “Roddy Bogawa: If Films Could Smell” at the Museum of Modern Art last fall. The retrospective featured screenings and discussions of more than a dozen of his works which explore the relationships between individuals and their environment. His feature-length films are a unique blend of experimental and narrative styles that range from autobiographical to science fiction.

**Dr. James Broderick**, an associate professor of English, has had his first novel, *Stalked*, published by Whiskey Creek Press. The novel tells the story of a young New Jersey woman whose life is uprooted when she relocates to rural Indiana to complete doctoral research in crypto-zoology, intending to debunk the myth of the “Indiana Corn Weasel.”



Dr. Broderick is the author of five previous works of non-fiction, including *Paging New Jersey: A Literary Guide to the Garden State*, and is currently completing a book about the tradition of amateur Shakespeare performance in America.

**Dr. Kimberly Dudas**, an assistant professor of nursing and coordinator of the Accelerated Nursing Program, received the 2014 Elsevier Exceptional Nurse Educator Award for Classroom Teaching. Elsevier is an international publisher of nursing and health professions textbooks that recognizes the work of outstanding faculty. Dr. Dudas' selection from a field of 60 candidates involved a peer-review process.



**Dr. Antoinette Ellis-Williams**, director of the Lee Hagan African Studies Center and a professor of women's and gender studies, had Hope Gardens, an East Orange Hospital residential facility, dedicated in her honor. Dr. Ellis-Williams, a decade-long member and former chair of the Hospital's Board of Trustees, was honored for her ongoing commitment to excellence in health care. The \$6-million facility serves an adult population with a history of homelessness and mental illness.

## Students Earn NJCU Science Credits at Union City High School

**T**wenty-two students at Union City High School will earn four credits at NJCU for “Organic Chemistry I,” an honors course offered through the University at their high school. While high school students have previously taken courses for college credits at NJCU, this unique arrangement is a first for the University.

The year-long class is being taught by **Dr. Mina Armani '90**, a former adjunct professor and *summa cum laude* graduate who majored in biology and minored in chemistry.

The cooperative program established between NJCU and the Union City Board of Education provides this selective group a rare opportunity to study organic chemistry before enrolling in college. All of the students are ranked in the top ten percent of their class of more than 700 students.

In addition to standard classroom instruction, the students attend laboratory sessions at their school and at a professional laboratory off campus. Eight of their laboratory experiments are being conducted at



Pliva, a pharmaceutical firm in East Hanover, with the cooperation of Students2Science, a non-profit organization that promotes education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

“The company has very specialized computers and other equipment that are perfect for students working on research, but far too expensive for schools to include

in their budgets,” said **Dr. Ken Yamaguchi**, a professor of chemistry who collaborated with the Union City Board of Education's science supervisor Nadia Makar to institute the program.

Several of the students enrolled in Dr. Armani's course have worked on summer research projects at leading universities in northern New Jersey, including NJCU.

## RETIREES

### JULY 2, 2012 – JANUARY 1, 2014

**VIVIAN ADAMS**, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER (1987)

**MARTHA BEHMAN**, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID (1987)

**GRACE BULAONG**, DIRECTOR, CONGRESSMAN FRANK J. GUARINI LIBRARY (1994)

**ERLINDA CASUGA**, PRINCIPAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT, CONGRESSMAN FRANK J. GUARINI LIBRARY (1982)

**DEBRA CRUMPTON**, PRINCIPAL MAIL CLERK, MAIL ROOM (1990)

**VINCENT DAJAY**, SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, HOUSEKEEPING (1998)

**CYNTHIA EGLI**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY (1967)

**DR. ROBERT HAMBURGER**, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH (1993)

**DR. HELEN HOCH**, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY (1967)

**JUDITH KUCHLER**, PRINCIPAL CLERK STENOGRAPHER, OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (1987)

**DR. DIANA LIEB**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (1987)

**DR. JILL LEWIS-SPECTOR**, PROFESSOR OF LITERACY EDUCATION (1973)

**DR. CHARLES LYNCH**, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH (1996)

**DR. PATRICIA MAGUIRE**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (1999)

**PATRICIA MURPHY**, DEMONSTRATION TEACHER, A. HARRY MOORE SCHOOL (1977)

**JOSEPH MUSCO**, DIRECTOR OF NJCU THEATRES (1978)

**DR. JOHN O'BRIEN**, PROFESSOR OF GEOSCIENCE/GEOGRAPHY (1972)

**CHARLES PLOSKY**, PROFESSOR OF ART (1972)

**DR. CATHERINE ROGERS**, PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (2000)

**DOROTHIO SAN JUAN**, SECURITY OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (2005)

**DR. MARCIA SCHLAFMITZ**, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE (1996)

**BERNICE SHANNON**, SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, HOUSEKEEPING (1988)

**ROBERT SWEENEY**, REPAIRER, FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT (1998)

**DONNA WILLIAMS**, SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF ARTS AND SCIENCES (1995)

**Matthew D. Farber '10 M.A.**, an adjunct instructor in educational technology, had his article, "Have Your Students Write an Ebook" published in the February issue of the *NJEA Review*. He wrote a reflection about an iPad book created by his class at Valleyview Middle School in Denville, where he is a social studies teacher. Mr. Farber is also a board member on the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies.

**Carolyn Hunter**, supervisor, and **Kathy Decker**, a nurse at the Health and Wellness Center, accepted NJCU's fifth-place award for donations at a New Jersey Blood Services ceremony at Liberty House Restaurant last spring. Ms. Hunter and Ms. Decker co-chair the NJCU's annual spring and fall blood drives.

**Rolando Lavarro**, assistant director of grants and sponsored programs, has been unanimously elected president of the City Council of Jersey City. He

is the first Filipino-American to serve as president, a point of pride for Jersey City's 16,000 residents of Filipino decent. Mr. Lavarro has served on the City Council since November 2011 and was reelected to the Council in June following a runoff election.

**Michele McConnell**, an adjunct instructor in the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre, has played the role of opera prima donna Carlotta Giudicelli in *Phantom of the Opera* at the Majestic Theatre in New York for the past three years. Ms. McConnell, who made her Broadway debut in the production, is a seasoned road performer, having toured in *Camelot* with Robert Goulet and *Beauty and the Beast* in Montreal and Las Vegas. She and her husband, baritone Duane McDevitt, traveled to more than 115 countries as entertainers on luxury cruise ships.



**Rocio Hernandez, Mauricio Perez, Owen Miller '12** and **Makisha Rodriguez '12**, all award-winning media arts majors, co-directed a film selected for screening in The Ridgewood Guild's Third Annual Spring Film Festival in April. "Don't Waste the Day: A Portrait of Okey Chenoweth" tells the story of a drama teacher at Glen Rock High School who worked with such luminaries as Edward Albee and Stella Adler and continues to teach, write, and promote and read poetry on WFDU-Radio's "Poet's Corner." The film was produced by **Jane Steuerwald**, a professor of media arts. "Jersey City: 24 Hours in Public Places," an award-winning video documentary also produced by NJCU students and alumni that explores the City's diverse cultural, historic, gritty, and eccentric places, was also shown at the Festival.

# of NOTE

## Student Jazz Combo Opens WBGO-FM Series

NJCU's student jazz combo, The Cedar Walton Quartet, opened WBGO-FM (88.3) Radio's "Jazz in the Schools," a month-long series of live performances held in recognition of April as "National Jazz Appreciation Month." The NJCU Quartet performed on a segment hosted by Michael Bourne and the program was broadcast worldwide via [www.wbgo.com](http://www.wbgo.com).

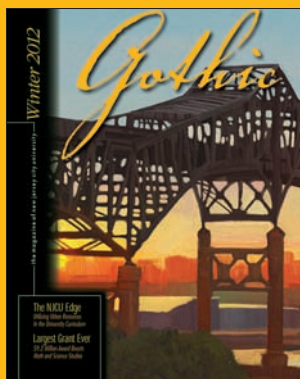
Comprised of pianist **Barry Spatz**, bassist **Anthony Perez**, and saxophonist **Neil Johnson**, all graduate students, and drummer **Ramsey Norman**, a senior, the Quartet is coached by trumpeter and composer **Nathan Eklund '05**, an adjunct professor of music.

One of only a dozen groups from colleges and universities throughout the New York metropolitan area that have been invited to perform, the NJCU Quartet is dedicated to the music of legendary jazz pianist/composer Cedar Walton, a 2010 recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Jazz Masters Fellowship, the nation's highest honor for jazz artists.

## CAMPUS SHOWCASE



At the second annual William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences Showcase, a program that recognizes student, faculty, and alumni excellence, **Karen Ziccardi '68** (left), the founder and a principal of Ziccardi Designs, Inc., an award-winning and internationally recognized, full-service interior design firm, received a Distinguished Alumna Award. The program also featured musical performances by students; exhibits of student artwork and research projects; the presentation of a Distinguished Faculty Award to **Dr. Timothy White**, an assistant professor of history; and a reception. A regular guest on interior design television programs, Ms. Ziccardi has worked in the industry for over 30 years, earning the respect of a worldwide client list that includes royalty, entertainment figures, entrepreneurs, hoteliers, and developers. Ms. Ziccardi earned a bachelor's degree in art education and is a loyal donor to her *alma mater*, annually funding and presenting the Karen Ziccardi Art Awards to high-achieving art students.



## AWARD WINNER

The Winter 2012 issue of *Gothic* magazine won third place in the publications category of the 66<sup>th</sup> annual print and broadcast journalism competition of the Garden State Journalists Association. The cover illustration of the Pulaski Skyway by William Low was commissioned by the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences. Kelly Resch and Pat Martínez are editors of *Gothic*.

**Sam Platizky '06**, secretary of NJCU's American Federation of Teachers Local 1839, appeared in the Off-Broadway premiere of Kevin Slack's *American Games*. The play was produced by Five Point Productions and staged at The American Theater of Actors in Manhattan in September.

**Lawrence R. Schiner**, former director of athletics, has been inducted into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame. Mr. Schiner was the first individual inducted into the NJCU Athletics Hall of Fame twice – in 2008 for his 30 years as athletics administrator and in 1980 as basketball coach. Before retiring in 2007, Mr. Schiner served NJCU for 40 years, including 30 as director of athletics. He and his wife, Barbara (Leppert) Schiner '78, M.A. '83, an NJCU women's fencing Hall-of-Famer, live in Bluffton, South Carolina.



**Ben Jones**, a professor *emeritus* of art, presented an exhibit of his work titled "Evolution/Revolution 2" at the University of South Africa in Pretoria last fall. Professor Jones said the works were executed using "wallpaper motif" patterns that incorporate familiar spiritual and political symbols and connect with issues relevant to the survival of our planet. He is also co-curating *African American Artists and Abstraction*, an exhibit that opens next July and will include his paintings, at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Havana, Cuba.

## Two NJCU Teams Participate in Institute on Biology Education

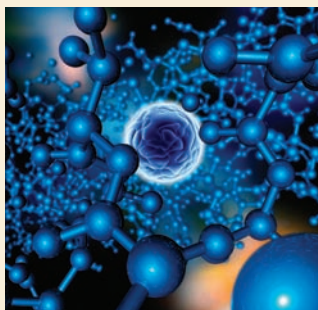
Two NJCU teams participated in the 2013 Northeast Summer Institute on Undergraduate Education in Biology, a five-day program presented by Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the National Academies at Stony Brook University that explored new models of instruction for the undergraduate classroom.

Comprised of **Dr. Freda Wasserstein-Robbins**, a professor of mathematics, and **Dr. Benjamin Griffel**, an NJCU visiting scholar in mathematics who is a postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Surgery/Molecular Biology and Genetics at UMDNJ's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, NJCU's biology and mathematics team focused on mathematic modeling and disease.

NJCU's cell biology and development team focused on cardiovascular development and disease models and was comprised of **Dr. Cindy Arrigo**, an assistant professor of biology,

and Dr. David Swope, a postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at UMDNJ's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

Both postdoctoral scholars are funded by a National Institutes of Health Institutional Research and Academic Career Development Award shared between Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, New Jersey City University, and Medgar Evers College.



During the Summer Institute, which models the scientific teaching principles of active learning, assessment, and diversity, participants learned practical strategies for enhancing student learning and refined classroom techniques to better integrate math and physical sciences concepts into biology and to attract more diverse students to research and careers in the sciences.

# of NOTE



**Dr. Lois Weiner**, a professor of elementary and secondary education, has had her most recent book, *The Future of Our Schools: Teachers Unions and Social Justice*, published by Haymarket Books. Dr. Weiner drew on research and her extensive experience as a teacher and union activist to demonstrate how teacher unions can be catalysts for positive change in public schools by making unions more like social movements, developing mutually respectful relationships with parents, students, and community activists.

Dr. Weiner, who also serves as coordinator of the Master of Arts in Teaching/Learning in Urban Schools Program, is also the co-recipient of a grant from the American Educational Research Association for its new Education Research Project, educational research undertaken in partnership with community groups.

**Dr. Timothy White**, an assistant professor of history, spoke at the inaugural Jersey City TEDx Conference, “Spheres of Identity and Influence,” in November at City Hall. Dr. White spoke on the importance of Jersey City to New York City’s harbor economy during the age of the railroads. National TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Conferences have been held since 1990. At the Conferences, experts in a various fields are given 18 minutes to discuss their ideas, which are shared with millions of viewers online.



**Dr. Karen Morgan Ivy**, an associate professor of mathematics, was honored in September by NJCU’s Black Administrators, Alumni, Faculty, Student, and Staff Organization (BAAFSSO) for her election as the first African-American president of the University Senate at the Organization’s “Welcome Event” for new faculty, staff, and students. She presided over her first Senate meeting on September 16.

## Dr. John Melendez Serving as ACE Fellow for 2013-2014

**Dr. John Melendez ’88 M.A.**, vice president for student affairs, is serving as an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow for academic year 2013-14.

Dr. Melendez is one of 50 Fellows nominated by the presidents or chancellors of their institutions who were selected following a rigorous application process.



Established in 1965, the ACE Fellows Program combines retreats, interactive learning opportunities, campus visits, and placement at another higher education institution to condense years of on-the-job experience and skills development into a single semester or year.

As an ACE Fellow, Dr. Melendez spent the fall semester on the San Juan campus of Inter American University of Puerto Rico,

the flagship of the largest private university in Puerto Rico. Dr. Melendez worked with Professor Marilina Lucca Wayland, chancellor of the University.

During this fellowship year, Dr. Melendez is focusing on issues related to international/global education and academic program reviews and accreditation, and is conducting a comparative analysis of private and public university systems. During his placement, he participated in site visits to several of the institutions which comprise the Inter American University nine-campus system. In the spring, Dr. Melendez will return to NJCU and assume his administrative duties while continuing to participate in experiential learning opportunities provided through the ACE.

Dr. Melendez has been a member of the NJCU staff for 28 years and has served as vice president for student affairs since 2007.



## CAMPUS DEDICATION



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NJCU has dedicated the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre in memory of the mother of Congressman Frank J. Guarini, a loyal and generous supporter whose most recent gift provides a significant endowment for the Department. The plaque was unveiled by President Sue Henderson and Congressman Guarini at a November ceremony that followed a performance of Mozart's *Requiem* by the 80-student Chorus with full orchestra. Mrs. Guarini was a music lover and accomplished piano player who, even in her late 90s, was able to perform the score of *Doctor Zhivago* from memory. Congressman Guarini, for whom the NJCU library is named, has been a dedicated donor, providing funding for many academic programs and projects.

## New to Campus

"New to Campus" is a new Gothic feature that will introduce some new faculty and staff to the NJCU community.

**DR. REED C. CARROLL**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

**MOST RECENT POSITION:** ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, DOMINICK P. PURPURA DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE, ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

**BACKGROUND:** CELL BIOLOGY, BIOCHEMISTRY, MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, NEUROSCIENCE

**RESEARCH:** "MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF SYNAPTIC PLASTICITY"

**EDUCATION:** PH.D. IN BIOCHEMISTRY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY; B.A. IN CELL BIOLOGY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

**DR. NATALIA COLEMAN**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

**MOST RECENT POSITION:** RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, MISHNER COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, UNIVERSITY OF THE SCIENCES

**BACKGROUND:** BIOLOGY, CELL BIOLOGY, STEM CELL BIOLOGY, EMBRYOLOGY, GENETICS

**RESEARCH:** "THE ROLE OF NEUROFIBROMIN IN STEM CELLS DIFFERENTIATION"

**EDUCATION:** PH.D. IN GENETICS/REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY, M.S. IN GENETICS, AND B.S. IN BIOLOGY (AGRICULTURAL CHEMISTRY), ST. PETERSBURG STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, RUSSIA

**DR. BUMJUNG "JAMES" KIM**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY

**MOST RECENT POSITION:** POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER, IBM TJ WATSON CENTER, YORKTOWN HEIGHTS/COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ENERGY FRONTIER RESEARCH CENTER (EFRC)

**BACKGROUND:** NANOMATERIALS SCIENCE, ORGANIC ELECTRONICS

**RESEARCH:** "SINGLE CARBON NANOTUBE TRANSISTOR AS A DNA SENSOR"

**EDUCATION:** PH.D. IN CHEMISTRY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY; B.S. IN PHYSICAL CHEMISTRY, HANYANG UNIVERSITY, SEOUL, KOREA

**DR. VANASHRI NARGUND-JOSHI**  
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY AND ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

**MOST RECENT POSITION:** POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING PARTNERSHIP, THE UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO, STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

**BACKGROUND:** SCIENCE EDUCATION, QUALITATIVE METHODS, ZOOLOGY

**RESEARCH:** TEACHER EDUCATION, SPECIFICALLY PEDAGOGICAL CONTENT KNOWLEDGE (PCK) DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE TEACHERS, AND CREATING METHODS TO SUPPORT PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS' PCK DEVELOPMENT TO TEACH SCIENCE TO ESL/ELL STUDENTS

**EDUCATION:** PH.D. IN SCIENCE EDUCATION, INDIANA UNIVERSITY; M.S., DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PUNE, INDIA; BACHELOR'S OF EDUCATION, ADARSHA COMPREHENSIVE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH, INDIA; B.S. IN ZOOLOGY, FERGIUSON COLLEGE, INDIA

## Campus Community Celebrates Journalism

More than 100 members of the University community attended the 10<sup>th</sup> “Celebration of Journalism,” an annual campus program at which NJCU’s prestigious Peter Weiss Scholarship is presented and students who contribute to the *Gothic Times* as well as campus supporters of the student newspaper are honored.

The program featured the presentation of the Peter Weiss Scholarship to **Elizabeth Ackerley**, a sophomore majoring in journalism, by Margaret Schmidt, managing editor of *The Jersey Journal* and widow of the nationally-known political columnist. Speakers included **Dr. Barbara Feldman**, dean of the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences; **Dr. Bruce Chadwick**, a professor of English; **Dr. James Broderick**, an associate professor of English and *Gothic Times* advisor; and **Monir Khilla**, a senior majoring in political science and journalism who served a two-year term as editor-in-chief. **Edgar Rivas**, a senior majoring in journalism, currently serves as editor-in-chief.

## OBITUARIES

**RUTH BRODY**, WHO SERVED AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT IN THE CONTROLLER’S OFFICE, 1969-2001, DIED IN NOVEMBER.

**DR. LAWRENCE P. CREEDON**, 80, OF FALMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS, DIED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2012. HE WAS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, 1990-1999. HE LATER TAUGHT AT FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE AND WAS SUPERINTENDENT OF QUINCY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND PRESIDENT OF QUINCY JUNIOR COLLEGE.

**DR. SEYMOUR EICHEL**, 83, OF BRIDGEWATER, DIED ON OCTOBER 13. A MEMBER OF THE ENGLISH FACULTY 1969-1994, HE WAS NAMED PROFESSOR *EMERITUS* OF ENGLISH IN 2000.

**JENI T. ESTILL**, A VOCALIST AND ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN WHO WAS A FORMER ADJUNCT PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRE, DIED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2013. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HER SISTER, DR. ANN ESTILL, A PROFESSOR *EMERITUS* OF MUSIC, DANCE, AND THEATRE.

**EDGAR J. HESS '82**, 60, A LIFELONG BAYONNE RESIDENT, DIED ON MARCH 14, 2013. MR. HESS WAS A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE, RETIRING AS CAPTAIN/EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN 2002. HE WAS AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, 2001-2004.

**JIM KEARNS '79**, 66, DIED ON OCTOBER 17 AT HIS HOME IN BAYONNE. A MEDIA TECHNICIAN IN THE OFFICE OF CAMPUS LIFE IN THE DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS, HE WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FOR 45 YEARS. HE IS REMEMBERED AS A LOYAL FAN OF NJCU SPORTS TEAMS AND AS A DEVOTED FATHER TO HIS THREE SONS.

**ELIZABETH A. MASTOWSKI**, 70, DIED ON SEPTEMBER 29. BORN IN ELIZABETH, SHE LIVED IN BAYONNE FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS BEFORE MOVING TO TOMS RIVER. MRS. MASTOWSKI SERVED AS A SECRETARY IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT AT A. HARRY MOORE SCHOOL, 1986-2004.

**GEORGE M. MATASOVSKY '90, M.A. '94**, 80, DIED ON APRIL 10 IN JERSEY CITY. A BAYONNE NATIVE AND U.S. ARMY VETERAN, HE HAD WORKED IN DATA PROCESSING IN BERMUDA AND GERMANY PRIOR TO WORKING AT NJCU, WHERE HE WAS AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR, 1991-1992, AND LAB TECHNICIAN, 1992-2004.

**THEODORE MILTON** OF JERSEY CITY DIED IN NOVEMBER. HE SERVED THEN JERSEY CITY STATE COLLEGE AS AN ASSISTANT HOUSEKEEPING SUPERVISOR, 1961-1984. MR. MILTON WAS A WORLD WAR II VETERAN.

**RICHARD D. MORIARTY**, 68, DIED ON OCTOBER 30. AN ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR IN ACCOUNTING, 1969-1975, HE WAS ALSO A TAX PARTNER WITH ARTHUR ANDERSON. MR. MORIARTY WAS A MEMBER OF THE GLEN RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1982-1989, AND SERVED THREE TERMS AS PRESIDENT.

**KASHIC PHILLIP**, 21, A JUNIOR MAJORING IN ACCOUNTING AND A MEMBER OF TAU KAPPA EPSILON, DIED ON OCTOBER 24. HE WAS A JERSEY CITY RESIDENT. THE NJCU GREEK SENATE HELD A VIGIL IN HIS MEMORY ON OCTOBER 28.

**DR. JAMES SASSO**, 71, DIED ON APRIL 28. DR. SASSO WAS A PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION, 1970-2013. DURING HIS TENURE HE HELPED TO ORGANIZE THE PHILOSOPHY CLUB AND DEVELOPED THE DEPARTMENT’S LIBRARY.

**RAY STATLANDER**, 74, A PROFESSOR OF ART FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, DIED ON JANUARY 1, 2013. PROFESSOR STATLANDER, WHO SERVED AS DEPARTMENT CHAIR AND COORDINATOR OF FINE ARTS SPECIALIZATION, TAUGHT DRAWING AND PAINTING AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ART DEPARTMENT’S GRADUATE PROGRAM.

**WALTER “WALLY” SZYMANSKI** DIED ON MAY 5. A SENIOR MAINTENANCE WORKER AT NJCU SINCE 2000, HE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS FOUR CHILDREN AND 10 GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS THE FATHER OF TRACY MATOS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR AND CAMPUS CARD COORDINATOR IN THE OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES.

**HELEN T. WEBER**, A FACULTY MEMBER FOR MORE THAN 33 YEARS, DIED ON AUGUST 19. SHE RETIRED AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SPORT AND LEISURE STUDIES IN 2000. MS. WEBER HAD BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COLLEGE SENATE AND SERVED AS A SENATOR, SECRETARY, AND VICE CHAIR.

**EDWIN WEISMAN**, WHO SERVED AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, 1958-1999, DIED IN NOVEMBER. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE NJCU ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME IN 2000 FOR HIS WORK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH THE THOMAS M. GERRITY ATHLETICS COMPLEX AND THE JOHN J. MOORE ATHLETICS AND FITNESS CENTER.

**JOAN T. YADLON**, 83, DIED ON SEPTEMBER 14. MS. YADLON WAS A SENIOR CLERK STENOGRAPHER IN THE TESTING DEPARTMENT, 1981-1984. A JERSEY CITY NATIVE, SHE LIVED IN BAYONNE FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE MOVING TO MONROE TOWNSHIP.

# Bells Are Ringing for NJCU SIM Group's Success

The NJCU Student Investment Management (SIM) Group, an award-winning campus organization that gives students hands-on experience in live stock trading, was selected to ring the closing bell at NASDAQ on May 17.

The closing bell ceremony at NASDAQ's MarketSite in New York City's Times Square was broadcast on the NASDAQ Webcam; MarketSite Tower; television networks such as CNBC, Bloomberg TV, and Fox Business News; and nasdaq.com, reaching millions of viewers. An American stock exchange, the NASDAQ is the second-largest stock market in the world, after the New York Stock Exchange.

Last April, the SIM Group was among six teams of finance students who distinguished themselves in the University of Dayton's 13<sup>th</sup> annual

international student portfolio competition.

NJCU's SIM team was awarded first place for "Growth Investment Style" in the portfolio competition. The SIM Group outperformed the S&P 500 by 4% and its portfolio earned 18% in 2012.

Representatives of the 30-member SIM Group traveled to Dayton with

**Dr. Bernard McSherry**, an assistant professor of finance and SIM advisor, and **Dr. Rosilyn Overton**, an associate professor of finance. SIM members present at the competition



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were: **Andrew Armanus**, SIM Group president; **Tykel Jackson**, vice president; and portfolio managers **Joseph Hernandez**, **Raul Ligerio**, **Ruth Ortiz**, and **Teko Teko-Agbo**.

NJCU's SIM Group was established in 2006 with \$100,000 in investment funds contributed by former Congressman Frank J. Guarini, the Bank of New York, and the NJCU Foundation, Inc.

## Six Science Students Receive Awards at Annual Conference

Six NJCU science students received awards at the fifth annual Garden State-Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (GS-LSAMP) Conference, a program that showcased and judged 62 research posters by GS-LSAMP scholars who were awarded summer 2013 internships.

The award-winners were: "A Convenient One-Pot Synthesis of Esters and Amides from Carboxylic Acids" by seniors **Jennifer Rak**, **Unnati Shah**, and **Shobika Sivaram**, all chemistry majors, and **Dr. Robert Aslanian**, an assistant professor of chemistry; "Analysis of Expressed Sequence Tags in Apomictic Pistils of Buffelgrass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*)" by senior **Victor Leon**, a biology major, and **Dr. Terry Kamps**, an assistant professor of biology; "Simulations of TE and TM Fields in Waveguides" by senior **James Leiter**, a physics major, and **Dr. Alberto Pinkas**, an associate professor and chair of physics; and "Synthesis of a Selective Kinase Inhibitor for the M.tb. Ser/Thr Kinase - PknB" by senior **Aziz Mamur**, a chemistry major, and Sameer Phadke, Michael Steffy, and Dr. Matthew Soellner from the University of Michigan.

In addition to exhibiting and judging the research of GS-LSAMP students, the program includes sessions on supporting the academic success of GS-LSAMP scholars and encouraging them to pursue graduate studies and careers in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields.

The GS-LSAMP is a consortium of New Jersey universities, colleges, and community colleges that is supported by a grant from the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program of the National Science Foundation. The program seeks to increase the quality and number of students who earn doctorates in STEM fields, particularly those from populations underrepresented in STEM fields.

Among the judges were **Dr. James V. Menoutis '77**, president and CEO of Quantex Laboratories and a member of the Foundation Board of Directors, and **Maria Sacta '09**, a biology and chemistry major who is a Ph.D. candidate (2016) at Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Science and an M.D. candidate (2018) at Weill Cornell Medical College.

# Development UPDATE

## Foundation Board Elects New Chair, Officers, and 12 Members

**L**uke Visconti '13 (Hon.), CEO and founder of DiversityInc Media LLC, has been elected chair and Carol Preisinger, managing director of Credit Risk Management at BNP Paribas, has been elected vice chair of the Board of Directors of the NJCU Foundation, Inc. They were elected to their three-year terms in June.

Peter Hernandez, who is among the 12 new members who have joined the Board since January 2013, was elected treasurer in January. Mr. Hernandez is senior vice president and division controller for Wyndham Vacation Ownership-Hospitality Services, the timeshare division of Wyndham. Thomas J. Stanton III continues in his role as secretary.

In announcing the appointments, President Sue Henderson said, "NJCU is fortunate to have these board members serve in the top leadership positions. They are dedicated members of the Board whose commitment and contributions are true assets to this institution."

A member of the Foundation Board since 2006, Mr. Visconti succeeded Dominick D'Agosta, a retired bank executive who had served as chair since 2004 and as a member for 15 years. Ms. Preisinger, who has served on the Board since 2003 and is its immediate past treasurer, succeeded Dr. Rosemary McGee, a 25-year veteran of Wall Street who is founder and president of Arseya, a custom publishing and consulting company.

In a letter to the Board announcing the retirements, William Y. Fellenberg, interim executive director of the NJCU Foundation, wrote, "It is with great respect for the work, contributions, and character of two esteemed leaders of the NJCU Foundation that I inform you of the forthcoming retirements of Mr. Dominick D'Agosta as chair and Dr. Rosemary McGee as vice chair. Both have dedicated much time and support to the Foundation, delivering an organization to their successors that is financially secure, dynamically charged, and poised to move powerfully into the future."

Mr. Visconti's DiversityInc Media LLC publishes *DiversityInc* Magazine, the nation's leading publication on diversity issues, and provides consulting services to businesses on a wide range of diversity issues. Mr. Visconti donates all of his speaking fees to the DiversityInc Foundation, which he founded in 2006. In the past seven years, the DiversityInc Foundation has donated \$1 million to colleges and universities and has been among the lead contributors to NJCU's scholarship fund.

In addition to Mr. Hernandez, the new members of the 20-member Board are: Irene Fitzgerald '87, chief financial officer at Mountain Development Corporation; John Lahoud '85, managing director of wealth management at Merrill Lynch, The Lahoud Sadaka Group; Dr. James V. Menoutis '77, president and CEO of Quantex Laboratories; Rita Mitjans, chief diversity and corporate social responsibility officer for ADP; Edward O'Connor, managing director of Morgan Stanley Wealth Management; Ana M. Oliveira '06, senior vice president, regional manager for Investors Bank; Chirag Patel '89, co-CEO, chairman, and co-founder of Amneal Pharmaceuticals; Dagmar Rosa-Bjorkeson, vice president of the Multiple Sclerosis Business Unit at Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation; Paul A. Silverman, a principal of SILVERMAN; J. Cole Slattery '82, a lead associate at Booz Allen Hamilton; and Judith Wodynski '76, M.A. '77, director of development, community relations and educational/public programs for the Westmoreland Davis Memorial Foundation.

"The varied expertise of these new members will be invaluable to the Board as it moves forward in this age of increased demand for capable fund managers and fundraisers," said Mr. Fellenberg. "And I am delighted that seven of these new members are NJCU alumni, giving the Board an opportunity to have an unprecedented number of members who have firsthand experience of the great work done by this special institution."

### Newcombe Foundation Pledges \$100,000 To Endow Scholarship Fund for Mature Students

The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation has pledged \$100,000 to permanently endow the Charlotte W. Newcombe Endowed Scholarship Fund for Mature Students.

This new Fund awards scholarships to full- or part-time students who have completed at least 60 undergraduate credits, are at least 25 years of age, and maintain a 2.5 grade point average or higher. Preference is given to female students whose pursuit of a bachelor's degree is complicated by personal responsibilities such as balancing work, school, and family obligations. All awards are based on financial need

and range from \$500 to \$2,500 per student.

"Establishing the Charlotte W. Newcombe Endowed Scholarship Fund for Mature Students at NJCU, where the average age of students is 26, makes perfect sense," said Lori Summers, director of development. "So many of our students are working, studying, and taking care of families, proving how committed they are to earning a college degree to improve their lives."

The Scholarship Fund pledge will be matched 2:1 by the NJCU Foundation; half of this will be matched by a Title V grant awarded to the University by the

U.S. Department of Education and the other half will come from private donations.

Based in Princeton, the Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation is an award-winning, independent foundation established in 1979 through a bequest from the estate of Charlotte Newcombe, a Philadelphia philanthropist.

The Foundation continues Mrs. Newcombe's support of students as they pursue higher education degrees by maintaining scholarship and fellowship programs that are in keeping with her lifelong interests.

## George Karnoutsos '55 Donates \$440,000 towards Scholarships for Honors Program Freshmen

**D**r. George Karnoutsos '55, a professor *emeritus* of philosophy whose commitment to his *alma mater* spans more than five decades and whose \$2.5 million gift in celebration of his 50<sup>th</sup> reunion remains the University's largest to date, has donated another significant gift: \$440,000 to help support scholarships for high-achieving freshmen accepted into the Honors Program.

In announcing the gift, President Sue Henderson thanked Dr. Karnoutsos and said, "Dr. Karnoutsos' commitment to this University has been unwavering, first as a dedicated and beloved faculty member and, through the years, as one of this University's most loyal and significant donors. High-achieving students for generations to come will benefit from his unparalleled generosity."

Dr. Karnoutsos, for whom George Karnoutsos Arts and Sciences Hall is named, taught at his *alma mater* for 40 years before retiring in 2000. During his four decades at the institution, Dr. Karnoutsos also served as assistant director of graduate services; chair of the Department of Philosophy and Religion; and chair and vice chair of the College Senate.

In addition to his most recent gift, Dr. Karnoutsos has made many other financial donations to the University, including annual contributions to the George Karnoutsos Endowed Scholarship Fund, which he established in 2001 and is the largest fund managed by the NJCU Foundation.

William Y. Fellenberg, interim executive director of the Foundation and interim vice president for university advancement, said, "Dr. Karnoutsos is one of NJCU's most generous donors and through his regular contributions to his Scholarship Fund, the Foundation is able to award five scholarships each year, helping well-deserving students to continue their education. Just as with his namesake Fund, Dr. Karnoutsos has again stepped forward to help students."

Through the Honors Program, NJCU awards full and partial scholarships to academically-talented incoming freshmen admitted to the Program. Scholarship awards are based on high school class rank, grade point average, and SAT scores.

Among other opportunities, students in the Honors Program receive laptops and are invited to participate in two fully-funded exchange programs, either abroad or within the United States.

*"Dr. Karnoutsos' commitment to this University has been unwavering, first as a dedicated and beloved faculty member and, through the years, as one of this University's most loyal and significant donors."*

Dr. Sue Henderson  
President, NJCU



Bill Wittkop

*Dr. George Karnoutsos was among the many benefactors who attended NJCU's inaugural Scholarship Luncheon.*

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# MESSAGES

## FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIR

Dear Donors to the NJCU Foundation,

On behalf of the NJCU Foundation, Inc., I thank you for your recent support. I can assure you that every member of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors is fully committed to growing an endowment that will allow NJCU to provide a top-quality educational experience for its students. Your gift is an affirmation of that unique mission.



Because of your generosity, the Foundation is able to provide financial assistance through student scholarships, professional development for faculty, and enhanced facilities. Your contributions to the Foundation are especially critical as the University continues to deal with the State's meager funding of higher education.

We are pleased to report that the Foundation raised more than \$2 million during the last fiscal year and that a new group of business and community leaders and alumni have joined the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors. They are already engaged in fundraising and community-strengthening initiatives to help NJCU. I'm sure you'll enjoy reading about them on Page 26.

As NJCU continues its commitment to providing access and excellence in higher education, it is encouraging to have your continued support.

Luke Visconti  
Chair, NJCU Foundation

## FROM UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Dear Friends,

Beginning with this issue, we are including "Honor Roll of Donors," the NJCU Foundation's annual financial report and donor list, in *Gothic* magazine. We take great pride in our donors and we want to share the news of their generosity with an even wider audience.



Our success in raising more than \$2 million, as detailed in the financial report on Page 30, is even more impressive when we recall that so many in the greater NJCU community were hard hit by Superstorm Sandy during the 2013 fiscal year.

The efforts of the Board of Directors of the NJCU Foundation in strengthening the University's financial base are supported by every member of the Division of University Advancement – staffers in alumni relations, communications and marketing, development, public information and community relations, and television and multimedia services are partners in this work.

Like all publicly-funded institutions in New Jersey, NJCU faces real economic challenges in the years ahead. The support shown by loyal friends such as you provides critical assistance for our students and is an inspiration to all of us at the University.

William Y. Fellenberg  
Interim Vice President for University Advancement  
Interim Executive Director, NJCU Foundation

## NJCU FOUNDATION'S FY13 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**T**he NJCU Foundation, Inc. advances the goals of the University by directing funds to scholarships, research, technology, special programs, and general operating costs.

As reported in its audited Statement of Financial Position at the conclusion of FY13 (June 30, 2013), the NJCU Foundation's liabilities and net assets totaled \$10,660,059. This amount includes investment dividends as well as gifts from 1,777 donors.

The NJCU Foundation, Inc.'s investment is managed in part by Commonfund, an organization that is solely focused on the investment management needs of non-

profit organizations. The Foundation is an independent, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Founded in 1977 as the Jersey City State College Development Fund, Inc., the name was changed to the NJCU Foundation, Inc. in 1998 to reflect the new name and status of the University.

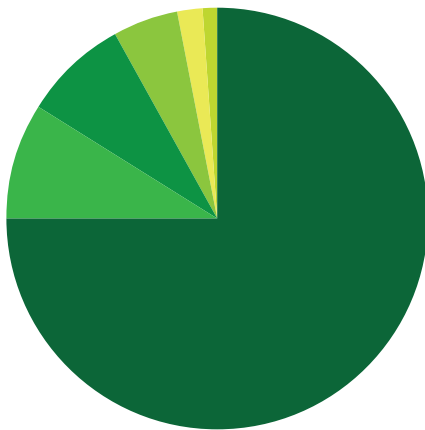
The Foundation's Board of Directors encourages alumni, business leaders, corporations, and community members to invest in NJCU's future through charitable contributions. Gifts made to the NJCU Foundation, Inc. may be made in cash, negotiable securities, and real estate, and are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law.

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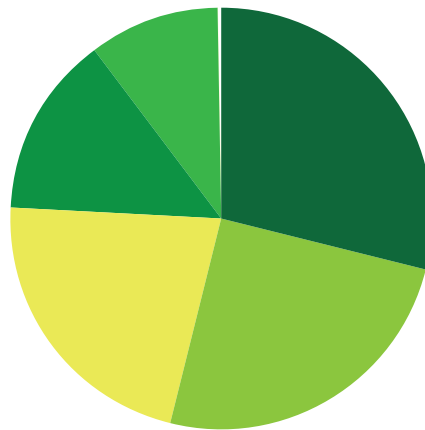


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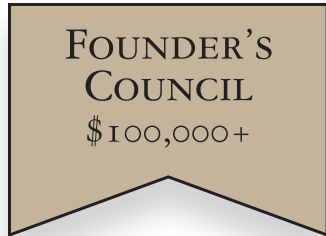


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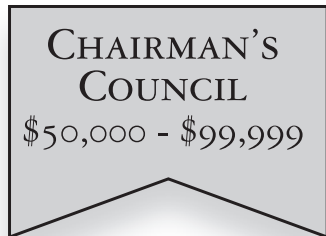
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## Scholarship in Memory of Alumnus' Mother Reaches Over \$26,000

The Margot Frank Faivush Endowed Scholarship Fund, established by Michael Faivush '12 when he was a senior in memory of his mother, who died of ovarian cancer in 2008, has reached over \$26,000.

The Fund includes more than \$13,000 in donations as well as matching funds from a U.S. Department of Education Title V grant awarded to NJCU in 2011. The amount raised was matched when the Fund reached \$12,500.

Beginning in fall 2015, the Margot Frank Faivush Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide financial assistance to a full-time NJCU undergraduate student with pressing financial need who has, or has lost, an immediate family member or guardian with a terminal illness; applicants with a loved one with terminal cancer will be considered first. Any scholarship recipient who reapplies must demonstrate continued academic achievement as well as campus involvement.

In addition to honoring his mother and her commitment to education, which she instilled in her son, Mr. Faivush established the Scholarship because his mother left him some money to complete his studies. He realized that so many in similar situations do not have the same luxury, particularly at NJCU where so many struggle to fund their education.



*Margot Frank Faivush and her son*

“As I shared my story, I was amazed to find so many students who were dealing with financial hardship as well as deaths in their immediate families or terminally ill parents. Many who experience such trauma leave school to help their family financially or, worse, are so broken by the experience that they give up. I thought that

creating a scholarship to provide some financial assistance, as well as a sign of encouragement and motivation, could go a long way to helping others through their collegiate journey.”

Since graduating, Mr. Faivush has completed two institutes for future leaders in student affairs and an internship in the Office of Campus and Community Involvement at Trinity University in San Antonio. He has also served as an Israel Government Fellow in Jerusalem

where he worked in Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Jewish Communities Department, and Department for Combating Anti-Semitism and Holocaust Remembrance.

“We are still fundraising and I'd really love to see this Scholarship grow to where it could provide more significant support,” said Mr. Faivush before adding, “I'd like to see this ‘Honor Roll’ story generate many, many donations.”

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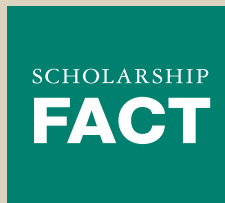
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*New Jersey City University and the NJCU Foundation, Inc. disbursed 469 scholarship awards valued at \$1,993,877 during FY13.*



Bill Wittkop

Valerie (Kelly) Massaro (seated left) and Sofia (Dubowska) Parish (seated center) with members of the Class of 1963

## Class of '63 Is First to Establish Endowed Scholarship

Former Class of 1963 classmates Valerie (Kelly) Massaro and Sofia (Dubowska) Parish believe in the power of education to transform lives.

Their experiences at then Jersey City State College and the occasion of their class's 50<sup>th</sup> reunion last May spurred them to establish a scholarship to assist current and future students.

The brainchild of Ms. Massaro, who co-chaired the class reunion in May with Ms. Parish, the scholarship is the first to be established by a graduating class. The \$15,000 donated by classmates has been matched by a Title V grant. The total amount of \$30,000 established an endowed scholarship, meaning that scholarships will be awarded through the NJCU Foundation from the interest alone for decades to come.

"Jersey City State really opened up a world for me and made me realize how much I wanted to be part of a larger world," said Ms. Massaro. The eldest of four children from a working-class Jersey City family, she was the first in her family to enroll in college. The scholarship she received was not only a help financially, it also gave her confidence to succeed.

Ms. Parish recalled the huge sacrifice made by her widowed mother. "College was something she wanted for me and she worked hard to make it a reality. Parents today have the same aspirations for their children and face the same financial obstacles that she did. I know that this scholarship will help them."

Both of the women are now retired from successful careers in education. Ms. Massaro, who also earned a master's degree from JCSC in 1975, taught special education for 32 years, mostly in Hawthorne. Ms. Parish was a first-grade teacher at Solomon Schechter Day School. She is married to Dr. Howard Parish '62, a professor *emeritus* of geoscience/geography; the two met as JCSC students.

"The students at NJCU today represent many different cultures, yet they're so much like us – they are also the first in their families to go to college," said Ms. Massaro. "A college degree is as big a step up for them as it was for us. I want the students at NJCU to have the same opportunities for a good life that I had, and college does that for people."

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## Financial Assistance Keeps Students On Track for Success

New Jersey City University and the NJCU Foundation, Inc. disbursed 469 scholarships valued at \$1,993,877 during FY13.

With 85% of NJCU students receiving financial aid, these awards provide academically-deserving students an opportunity to pay costs not covered by financial aid and complete their degrees in a timely fashion. Supporting these gifted students also encourages academic excellence within the student body and builds on future support as they move on to alumni status.

Among the awards made during the 2012-2013 academic year were:

- **110** Presidential Scholarships valued at \$1,076,219
- **165** University Scholarships valued at \$573,255
- **191** NJCU Foundation Scholarships valued at \$304,902
- **Three** Talent Scholarships valued at \$4,500.

Scholarships allow NJCU to balance its financial aid program with merit-based awards for academically-qualified students. These individuals and their achievements add to the overall academic vitality of the University, enhance the learning experience for all undergraduate students, and contribute to the positive public image of NJCU.

## Benefit Concert Raises \$65,000

“Rising Stars,” a benefit concert that featured vocal and instrumental performances by eight of NJCU’s outstanding music students, raised more than \$65,000 for the Annual Fund and the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Held in Margaret Williams Theatre of Hepburn Hall, the April concert drew a crowd of more than 400 who enjoyed a program featuring solo and ensemble performances by students in the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre.

Student performers were Michael Carleo, flute; Andrew James Darling, counter tenor; Samilles Ganges, contralto; Charles LaLima, piano; Owen Lenz, violin; Chivonne Perkins, soprano; Song Yuan Tang, piano; and Mitsael Trinidad, alto saxophone.

A grand piano was provided courtesy of Steinway.



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## Casio Keyboard Donation Honors Memory of Dominique Romeo

**C**asio America, Inc. has donated four keyboards in memory of Dominique Romeo, the father of Rob Romeo '85, an assistant professor of music at his *alma mater*.

Casio America's donation to NJCU's Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre includes two Privia digital keyboards, an XW-P1 digital synthesizer, and a PX-55, which is a state-of-the-art professional stage piano. The donation was made through Stephen Schmidt, vice president of Casio's Musical Instruments Division.

A master cabinet maker whose handiwork included designing and building doors at the Metropolitan Opera House, Dominique was born in Italy, raised in France, and immigrated to the United States in 1952. He became an American citizen in 1957 and settled in Cliffside Park in 1960.

Among many other interests, the elder Mr. Romeo was an avid opera and music fan who attended and recorded every one of his son's campus concerts, becoming such a beloved audience member that performances would not begin until he had arrived.

Mr. Romeo died on June 10, 2012.

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Scholarship recipients

## Scholarship Recipients and Donors Meet On Campus at Inaugural Luncheon

**M**ore than 75 alumni, friends of the University, and scholarship recipients attended NJCU's inaugural Scholarship Luncheon, a campus event that enabled the high-achieving students to meet their benefactors, many for the first time.

The formal program featured a performance by the NJCU Musical Theatre Workshop Touring Ensemble and remarks by Dr. Sue Henderson, president; William Y. Fellenberg, interim vice president for university advancement and interim executive director of the Foundation Board of Directors; Margaret Schmidt, managing editor of *The Jersey Journal* and benefactor of the Peter R. Weiss Memorial Endowed Scholarship; and Jessica Rodrigues '13, a recipient of the Provident Bank Foundation Endowed Scholarship.

When delivering her remarks, Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Weiss' widow, said, "Through teaching, mentoring, and scholarship, Peter believed that students could excel and he would be happy to know that NJCU is helping current students achieve their dreams."

Ms. Rodrigues recounted how she has faced financial hardship for a long time, beginning in high school when she lost her father and more recently, due to the illness of her mother. She explained, "The support from NJCU and the Provident Bank Foundation Scholarship has made a real difference in my life and helped me to complete my degree." She expressed her heartfelt appreciation to donors who are "crucial to the existence of the scholarship program."

During the 2012-2013 academic year, NJCU awarded 469 Foundation and University scholarships totaling \$1,993,877.

To support NJCU scholarships, contact Alan Grossman, director of leadership gifts, at (201)200-2472 or [agrossman@njcu.edu](mailto:agrossman@njcu.edu).

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## Leadership Legacy Foundation Donates \$40,000 Gift To Establish Gloria Esposito Endowed Scholarship

New Jersey City University received a \$40,000 gift from the Leadership Legacy Foundation, Inc., to establish the Gloria Esposito Endowed Scholarship in memory of the graduate of Ferris High School in Jersey City who was a dedicated advocate of education, especially for young women. The gift will be matched by the U.S. Department of Education Title V grant, bringing the initial corpus to \$80,000.

“Gloria epitomized the heart and soul of the immigrant experience,” said Dominick D’Agosta, immediate past chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors, a trustee of the Leadership Legacy Foundation – The Gloria Esposito Fund, and a personal friend of Ms. Esposito. “She worked and founded her own company while attending college and used her success to benefit others, volunteering her time and expertise. It is so fitting that students who are so like her in so many ways will continue to be the beneficiaries of her generosity.”

To be eligible for a Gloria Esposito Scholarship, an applicant must exemplify leadership qualities, demonstrate financial need, and be a female graduate

of Ferris High School, pursuing business or a closely-related field of study full-time, and involved in community service or extracurricular activities.

The ninth of 10 children born to Italian immigrants, Ms. Esposito was the first female president of the Ferris High School Student Council and was a 22-year-old undergraduate student at Seton Hall University when she founded an employment agency that would become Commerce Help-Mates. Ms. Esposito was a respected business woman and community activist who earned a master’s degree from New York University’s Graduate School of Business and was the first female appointed to the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Ms. Esposito’s successful personnel agency enabled her to devote much of her time to charitable and civic causes. Gloria Esposito Plaza at Journal Square is named in her honor.

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Louis R. Virgil '69  
Joseph A. Vodola '94 M.S.  
Francine R. Vogel '58  
Lance B. Vollweiler '83  
Jacqueline Karcich  
Walker '62, '73 M.A.  
Ann Wallace  
Alice M. Walty '67

James R. Wardell '66  
Eula M. Washington  
Silvia G. Washington '75  
Sydel M. Wasserstrom '72  
David W. Watson '83  
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'73 M.S.  
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'94 M.A.  
Sandy A. Wheeler '75  
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Vashti C. White '91 M.A.,  
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Eleanor E. Widdis '67  
Ronald E. '67, '71 M.A. and  
Phyllis A. Wiese '71  
Helen P. Wiley '70  
Ann Marie Williams '58  
Donna Williams  
Gloria Williams '93 M.A.  
Hazel E. Williams '75, '86 M.A.  
Jean Williams '11

Vernetta Wimberly  
Jessica Jeanne Witte '12  
Robert A. Wittek '05  
Judith A. Woelpper '93 M.A.  
Sara N. Wolfe  
Joseph I. Wolleon, Jr. '90  
George A. Worsley '96 M.A.  
Michael J. Wowkun '68  
Donna G. Wrightson '93 M.A.  
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Anna Chmielmicki  
Zacharyczuk '63  
Theresa I. Zachowski '78,  
'82 B.S.N.  
Cora A. Zakrzewski '77  
Madeleine I. Zeho '64  
Joel E. Zelnik '69  
Ernest Ziegfeld\*  
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Dr. Henderson with Mr. Visconti (left) and Senator Booker

## Class of 2013 by the Numbers

Total Graduates: 1,688

Total Bachelor's Degrees: 1,258

Bachelor of Arts: 548  
 Bachelor of Fine Arts: 21  
 Bachelor of Music: 4  
 Bachelor of Science: 546  
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing: 139

Total Master's Degrees: 430

Master of Arts: 207  
 Master of Fine Arts: 2  
 Master of Arts in Teaching: 102  
 Master of Business Administration: 10  
 Master of Music: 5  
 Master of Science: 93  
 Professional Diplomas in School Psychology: 11

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**KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** The Honorable Cory A. Booker, U.S. senator and then mayor of Newark

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 14

**WHERE:** IZOD Center, East Rutherford



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# Achievement

# Alumni CURRENTS

**1962 • Frances Leon** served as marshal of the Bayonne Contingent for the 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Pulaski Day Parade in New York City. Ms. Leon has been an avid participant in Polish-American celebrations and has often marched with the Bayonne Contingent. She retired in 2002 after 40 years as a teacher in Jersey City and Bayonne and is an adjunct instructor and supervisor of student teachers at NJCU.

**1970 • M.A. 1973 • Dr. Salvatore Pizzuro**, a member of the Bergen County Mental Health Advisory Board since June, has received a citation from the New Jersey Assembly for his work on behalf of disabled New Jersey

residents. Dr. Pizzuro, a disability policy specialist with the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law, is also a member of the NJTransit Americans with Disabilities Act Taskforce. He has also served as a consultant to the United States Congress on every re-authorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act since the law was first passed in 1975.

**1972 • Paul Pugliese** has published *Bedtime Horror Stories for Homeowners*, a collection of funny and true stories about homes and homeowners, on Amazon.com. A Long Branch resident, he is also an accomplished guitarist who is on

YouTube and provides background music at local events.

**1975 • Leonard Resto** is director of insurance and risk management for Endo Pharmaceuticals in Malvern, Pennsylvania. As a result of accepting the new position, Mr. Resto moved from Chatham, where he had served as Borough Council president, to West Chester, Pennsylvania. Mr. Resto served on the NJCU Foundation Board of Trustees, 1996-2009.

**1976 • Rosemarie (Cogelia) Musella** was named “Teacher of the Year” at Thomas G. Connors Elementary School in Hoboken, where she teaches

art. Ms. Musella, who has worked in Hoboken for 12 years, promotes the artistic talents of her students through school displays and exhibits in local venues; and by submitting their work to *Celebrating Art*, an annual book of children’s art. She is also an advisor to the School’s art club and yearbook.

**1976 • Mary Mahon Sciarillo** has been named head of school at Trinity Hall, a new all-girls high school in Middletown Township. Ms. Sciarillo was previously upper school principal at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit and has worked for nearly two decades in independent schools.

## Sum Deal: Alumnus Adds Full Scholarship to Columbia University’s Doctoral Program in Mathematics to His Resume

One day last winter, Bernard Lipat '13 and his cousin were doing their laundry at a Jersey City laundromat, chatting about his graduate school applications as they worked. When they arrived home, he checked his email and learned that he was accepted to his first choice: Columbia University.

“I’m still kind of in disbelief,” he said modestly.



*Bernard Lipat (right) with mathematics students from his class at Proyecto Science, a summer program for high school students at NJCU.*

Mr. Lipat, who was also accepted for graduate programs in applied mathematics at Stevens Institute, Drexel University, Temple University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, received a full scholarship from Columbia University for tuition and living expenses during a combined master’s and doctoral degree program.

A Hudson County native who attended high school in Maryland and Florida, he said he first considered mathematics as a career choice during his junior year at Eastern Technical High School in Baltimore.

“I had a really great calculus teacher who convinced me that I had the ability,” he recalled. It wasn’t until he arrived at NJCU and was enrolled in a survey of mathematics course with Dr. Zhixiong Chen, though, that he became fully engaged with the idea.

“Dr. Chen presented whole new ways of thinking about mathematics and got me really excited about it,” he said. Mr. Lipat later worked on research with Dr. Chen and Dr. Yi Ding, both associate professors of mathematics, on the effects of the 2011 tsunami and Fukushima nuclear disaster as they related to the marine environment. He believes that research project along with his involvement in the University’s Student Government Organization played a key role in his successful graduate school applications.

Mr. Lipat, who attended NJCU on a Presidential Scholarship, said he never failed to appreciate the personal attention that was available to him as a math student. “You could walk into any faculty office in the Mathematics Department and they were always supportive, always encouraging.”

He also credits his fellow math students for his success. “There’s something about being around other people who are just as passionate as you are about a subject. It was a great community.”

**1982 • Thomas A. McGurk** of North Arlington has been promoted to first vice president/treasurer of Kearny Federal Savings. Mr. McGurk, who has been in the banking industry for two decades, is completing a master's degree in accounting at NJCU. He was recently inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society in recognition of his volunteer efforts for the North Arlington High School Band. He and his wife Ann have two daughters, Susan and Tracey, and one granddaughter, Zoe Ann.

**1983 M.A. • Richard Earl** has expanded his longtime interest in art and photography since his retirement from the Elizabeth Fire Department in 2005. "A Time of Seeing Dangerously," an exhibit of his montages, was shown at Pearl Street Gallery in the Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Mr. Earl has also served as an instructor in fire science at Union County College.

**1984 M.A. • Carlos G. Beato** is chief executive officer for Bon Secours New York (BSNY) Health System, where he is responsible for management and growth of BSNY in the region's post-acute care industry. He had previously served as corporate director of clinical services at United Methodist Homes of New Jersey. Mr. Beato lives in Clark with his wife, Maria. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

**MARY RITA (HOLLINGSWORTH) RINYAK '35**, A RETIRED JERSEY CITY TEACHER, WELCOMED ALAN GROSSMAN, NJCU DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP GIFTS, TO HER HOME IN GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP. DURING



THE AFTERNOON VISIT, MR. GROSSMAN PRESENTED MS. RINYAK WITH A GOLDEN GOTHIC MEDALLION. GOLDEN GOTHICS ARE ALUMNI WHO GRADUATED 50 OR MORE YEARS AGO.

## GOLDEN GOTHICS HAIL CLASS OF 2013



Golden Gothics, the title reserved for those who graduated 50 or more years ago, participated in the 2013 NJCU Commencement ceremony in May. Joining Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno (left), vice president for academic affairs, and Jane McClellan (right) executive director of alumni relations, are (from left) Golden Gothics James Morganti '49, Richard Sentipal '63, M.A. '67, a retired teacher from A. Harry Moore School; Angeline Quinto Pacifico '40, Sofia Dubowska Parish '63, Christine Giannantonio Lischick '48, and Dr. Howard Parish '62, a professor *emeritus* of geoscience/geography. The group includes two married couples: Dr. Bruno and Mr. Sentipal and Dr. and Mrs. Parish.

**1990 • M.A. 1995 • Dorothy Rose** of Bayonne is a licensed mental health and addiction therapist. She practices at the Lennard Clinic in Newark and C-Line Community Outreach in Jersey City and worked as a probation officer for 10 years while completing her certifications. Ms. Rose is a certified Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Clinical Alcohol and Drug Counselor, and Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor, as well as a licensed hypnotherapist. She also maintains a private practice in Bayonne,

where she treats clients with a range of issues including substance abuse, bipolar disorder, anxiety, trauma, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

**1995 M.A. • Paul R. Herink** of Oakland has coedited *The Psychotherapy Guidebook* with his father, Richie Herink, Ed.D., Ph.D. The book, a compilation of articles on 255 different therapies, including their definitions, histories, techniques, and applications, was released by Fideli Publishing, Inc.

**1998 M.A. • Ralph Gonzalez** of North Hackensack is the training and compliance manager for patient financial services at Hackensack University Medical Center. An adjunct professor of health sciences at his *alma mater*, he is also a certified hypnotist and conducts self-hypnosis presentations to hospital staff, patients, and their families. Mr. Gonzalez recently released an e-book, *I Believe*, an assessment of addictions and rehabilitation and wellness programs.

Annie Esther Walker Flood '34  
 Geraldine Dillon Polasky '45  
 Mary B. Maeder '47  
 Inez (Conrad) Boddy '48  
 Rosemarie L. Burke '49  
 Edward Hoeffner '50  
 Dr. Edward Meyers, Jr. '58  
 Martin Bendian '62  
 Frederick Mele, Jr. '64  
 Dorothy A. Grogan '65  
 Beverly J. Fowlkes '66  
 Yvonne Kohrherr '67  
 Barbara DeGeorge '70  
 Concetta Jean Cetrulo '71, M.A. '78  
 Kathleen A. (Purcell) DeNoble '71, M.A. '84, M.A. '87  
 Ruth E. Hazen '71 M.A.  
 Evelyn Kowalchuk '71  
 Bernice (Johnson) McMahon '71  
 Virginia Caraccia '73  
 Joan Mae Picini '73  
 Evelyn (Toomey) Place '73  
 Catherine Watson McWilliam '74  
 Bernadette O'Reilly Lando '75  
 Stephen Patrick Antonacci '76  
 William J. Gill '77  
 Maurice "Recie" Grzelak '77  
 Kenneth Sinclair '77  
 Elizabeth Joy Daubenberger '78 M.A.  
 Eileen M. Konecko '78  
 Elizabeth "Betty" (Sullivan) Lawson '79  
 George E. Milne '79  
 Edgar J. Hess '82  
 Ernest James Stanberry '82  
 Dolores G. Healy '83  
 Mary Catherine Finn '87  
 Michele Lewis-Moore '89 M.A.  
 Dorothy Pitter '89  
 George M. Matasovsky '90, M.A. '94  
 Susan Remiszewski '91  
 Gail (Cascino) Lee '93 M.A.  
 Thomas M. Szeffinski '93  
 Frances Marie Ziemba '93 M.A.  
 Frances Alexander '94 M.A.  
 Robert J. Agostini '95  
 Janet S. (Jackson) La Badia '95  
 Linnie M. Penn '95  
 David M. Lopez '97  
 Joan Dunn Lindsay Ruiz '99 M.A.  
 Crystal Evelyn Jeter-Harding '00  
 Tonya Renee Bradley '08  
 Marcelo A. Ona '10  
 Kathy M. (Hackett) Potter '10  
 Ashley Sara Chieco '12 M.A.

## Recent Alumnus Earns Scholarship to Esteemed Opera Program at University of Texas

**K**imun Kim '13 fell for opera's high drama, rich characters, and sweet arias early in life. In fact, he was in middle school.

"I started collecting opera CDs and videos," he recalled, "I was simply crazy about opera."

Mr. Kim has followed that dream around the globe and in May 2013 received a bachelor of arts degree in music from NJCU. In August, he began a joint master's and doctoral degree program in opera direction at the prestigious Sarah and Ernest Butler School of Music at the University of Texas (UT), Austin. The University has awarded him a full scholarship, including tuition and a living stipend.

A native of Seoul, Mr. Kim served in the Korean Army and then launched a professional career, working for the Korean National Opera, Japan Hwugiwara Opera, Deutsch Opera Berlin, and Seoul Opera before immigrating to the United States and enrolling at NJCU, where he received scholarships throughout his studies.

Having served as assistant director and stage manager for more than 25 opera productions abroad, Mr. Kim was also the logical choice to fill the positions of assistant director, director, or stage manager for NJCU's productions. In such roles, he directed the placement and movement of performers on the stage; developed the cues for lighting, sound, and set changes; and supervised scenery construction and the collection of the appropriate props.

"I realized that I very much enjoyed teaching the performers how to move, blocking, and staging. Some people might enjoy performing and taking pleasure in



*Kimun Kim (right) performs during his student days at NJCU.*

that ovation but I very much enjoy directing and conceptualizing, so I decided to go down that path," he said.

Moving on to the highly-competitive graduate program at UT is another piece of his unfolding dream, one made possible, he claims, because of many friends and faculty from NJCU's Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre.

"Anthony Laciura [adjunct instructor of music] was very supportive as my mentor as well as being my voice and directing teacher at NJCU, but there were many others who also helped me along the way," he said. "NJCU is a very friendly and uplifting place. I will never forget that I came from NJCU."

**2000 • Michael Krivicka** was interviewed on "The Today Show" about the viral video campaigns produced by ThinkModo, a company he co-founded in 2011. One video for Popcorn Indiana showing people eating popcorn with the assistance of a voice-activated "Popinator" created for the video, was viewed by more than 1.9 million people on YouTube. Another video, promoting the surfing movie *Chasing Mavericks*, featured two surfers making their way through New York City traffic on motorized surfboards. To view the videos, visit [thinkmodo.com](http://thinkmodo.com).

**2001 • John T. Trigonis** is the author of *Crowdfunding for Filmmakers*, which was published in March by Michael Wiese Productions. The practical guide to financing films

by using today's technological and social innovations was inspired by Mr. Trigonis's personal experience as an independent filmmaker. He raised \$6,300 through Facebook and Twitter to make his award-winning film *Cerise* and then raised additional funds to submit the work to film festivals.

**2003 • Yrina V. Castro**, branch manager of the West Bergen Branch of Capital One Bank, coordinated an art show in her bank by students from Chaplain Charles J. Watters Middle School in Jersey City during "Youth Art Month." More than 100 works selected by a school district art specialist were included in the exhibit.

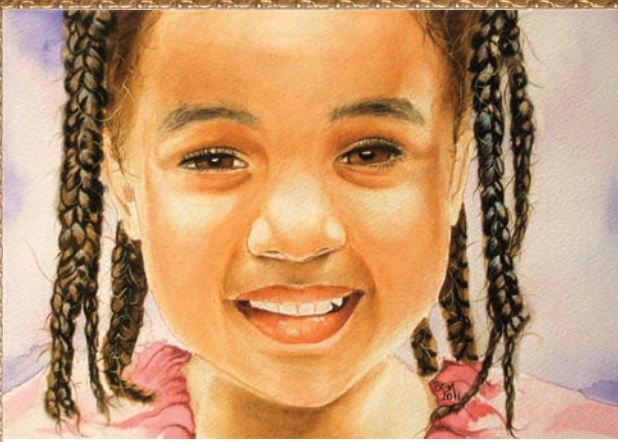
**2003 M.A. • October Hudley** of Irvington, who is enrolled in NJCU's doctoral program in educational technology leadership and is a library media specialist at Grove Street Elementary School in her hometown, was among those honored by the Irvington Municipal Council at a "Women's History Month" ceremony in March. Ms. Hudley is an active member of the NAACP, Friends of Irvington Park, and Abyssinian Baptist Church in Newark and has served in leadership positions in Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) in Irvington schools and with the New Jersey PTA.

**2004 M.A. • Monica Rowland** is superintendent of the Tewksbury Township School District. The former high school science teacher had

previously served as middle school principal in Frankford Township and is a doctoral candidate at Seton Hall University. She resides in Branchburg.

**2005 M.A. • Mark Maire** has been appointed superintendent of the Morris Plains School District. Mr. Maire had previously taught in Montville and Montvale and had served as principal of Fieldstone Middle School in Montvale for five years. He and his wife Kelly live in Parsippany with their twins, Matthew and Molly.

**2007 • William Brown** is chief operations officer at Park Avenue Aesthetics Associates, a cosmetics and medical corporation located in Bricktown. He had previously worked for the federal government.



## Capturing Childhood

The Hoboken Historical Museum featured “Portraits of Childhood: Watercolors by Benjamin Roman, Jr.,” a summer exhibit of portraits by the 2007 alumnus. An art teacher at Beyond Basic Learning in Hoboken, Mr. Roman paints adult portraits and landscapes. He layers his paintings to give them more detail and depth, almost like oils. Studying watercolors by New Mexico-based Steve Hanks and Peruvian Rogger Oncoy has contributed to his development as an artist, he said. “Children are unpredictable, watercolor is too.” To see additional samples of his work, visit [benswatercolor.com](http://benswatercolor.com).



## Among the New Faces

“Still Life with Apples and Artichokes” was among seven oil paintings by Lisa Ficarelli-Halpern '10 M.F.A. on view in “New Faces 2013,” a month-long exhibit at Artists’ House Gallery in Philadelphia. “Although my paintings recall traditional, ‘old master’ artworks and are painted using classical oil techniques, they contain objects of contemporary fashion and technology,” she said. An adjunct professor of painting and drawing at NJCU and Brookdale Community College, Ms. Ficarelli-Halpern is also a graduate of Parsons The New School for Design, where she was a surface design major.

## His Hands Were Liberace’s In Award-winning Film

Philip Fortenberry '04 M.M. provided Liberace’s hands for Steven Soderbergh’s film, *Behind the Candelabra*, which received three Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe Award.

The television biopic about the pianist and showman Liberace starred Michael Douglas and Matt Damon and featured Mr. Fortenberry’s piano playing — his hands adorned with gaudy rings. The Emmy awards were for the best mini-series or movie, lead actor, and direction.

A native of Columbia, Mississippi, Mr. Fortenberry studied at NJCU with Dr. Min Kim, associate professor and chair of the Caroline L. Guarini Department of Music, Dance and Theatre, and earned a master of music degree in piano performance.

Early in his New York career, he served as pianist for *Forbidden Broadway* and was musical supervisor for the show in London’s West End. He also played for numerous Broadway productions and tours, including *Cats*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Saturday Night Fever*, *Ragtime*, and *The Lion King*.

Now a resident of Las Vegas, he performed regularly at the Liberace Museum prior to its closing in 2010 and has served as associate conductor of *Jersey Boys*.



## ALUMNI HONORED



Dave Hollender

Four alumni received awards during an NJCU reception at the 2013 NJEA Convention in Atlantic City in November. From left are Dr. Allan A. De Fina, dean of the Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education; William Petrick '01 M.A., superintendent of schools for Little Falls Public Schools and recipient of the “2013 Distinguished Education Alumni Award”; Kristine Nazzal '98, '05 M.A., a language arts and English as a Second Language teacher at Union City High School and recipient of the “2012 Distinguished Education Alumni Award”; Carol R. Cruden '70, '74 M.A., retired director of school nurses for Bayonne and recipient of the “2013 Distinguished School Nurse Alumni Award”; Lorraine Chewey, an assistant professor and coordinator of the School Nurse Program at NJCU; Jane McClellan, executive director of alumni relations; and Dr. Sue Henderson, president. Not pictured was Elizabeth Craft '01 M.A., a supervisor of school nurses for the Paterson School District and recipient of the “2012 Distinguished School Nurse Alumni Award.” The 2012 NJEA Convention was cancelled because of Superstorm Sandy.

**2008 • Audley Campbell** is a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and an Airborne Rifle Platoon Leader with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Airborne Division, having completed 18 months of training. He and his wife, Yurines, an E-4 Human Intelligence Specialist in the U.S. Army, are stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Their son, Aiden Braxton Campbell, was born last June.

**2008 • Louisa Luisi** ran a successful kickstarter campaign that raised \$12,000 to publish her children's book, *Your Best Coaches*. The 24-page book relates the tale of a boy on a baseball team who discovers that his parents are his best coaches. Ms. Luisi teaches English at Ridgewood High School.

**2008 M.A. • Mary Szoke**, a librarian at Washington Avenue School in Chatham, received a grant for \$19,300 from the Chatham Education Foundation Board to purchase a Starlab Planetarium. Ms. Szoke uses the portable planetarium to provide integrated learning opportunities across the curriculum. She also presented a workshop for librarians about the Starlab at the last New Jersey Association of School Librarians Convention.

**2009 • Linda Okerulu** serves on the faculty at her *alma mater*, Lincoln High School in Jersey City, where she teaches English and Advanced Placement courses and has served on the Professional Development Committee. She is also a student in the master's degree program in counseling at NJCU and teaches during the summer

for College Bound, a pre-college program for high school students at the University.

**2012 M.A.T. • Harry Breiner** has written and published a book for children ages four to seven, *A Boy and His Bike*, now available through Amazon.com. A Wall Township resident, Mr. Breiner is an earth science teacher at Fisher Middle School in Ewing. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, films, outdoor sports, and cheering for the New York Yankees.

**2013 • Thomas Krychkowski** is the recipient of the 2011-2012 Robert L. McNulty Memorial Soccer Award, presented to the top all-around male or female soccer player who exemplifies the soccer skills and leadership of the late NJCU head soccer coach for whom

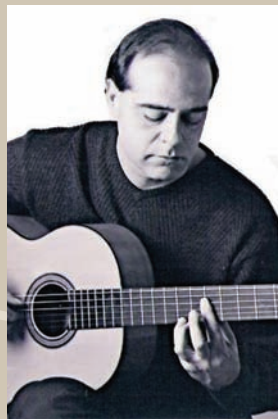
the award is named. In 46 games (18 starts), he netted nine goals with eight assists for 26 career points, including two game-winning goals with 46 career shots, including 17 on goal. A business marketing major, Mr. Krychkowski also served as a student assistant in the sports information office while attending NJCU.

**2013 • Melida Rodas** of Jersey City was invited to read her poem, *There in a City, Our Jersey City* at the inauguration of Jersey City Mayor Steve Fulop. A multi-media artist and writer, her work has been published in *American Working-Class Literature*, *What We Hold in Common*, and *Literature and Work*. Ms. Rodas is a member of ReCollective, a group of NJCU alumni who are professional writers.

**Rave(ns) Review.** Matthew Lahm '05, M.F.A. '11, an admissions counselor and national student exchange coordinator, and his wife, Simona Martore, a senior majoring in history, comprise two-thirds of Ravens Ballroom, a rock band that released a debut album, *Rain Dance*, in April. Performing under the name Matthew Ravens, Mr. Lahm handles guitar and vocals while Ms. Martore, who performs under the name Simi Ravens, plays bass and is a vocalist. Drummer Jon Rosenbaum rounds out the trio. Mr. Lahm also engineered and produced the album, and designed the cover and CD layouts. Reviewer Robert Gluck called *Rain Dance* "a very solid disc" in *The Aquarian*, adding praise for Mr. Lahm's and Ms. Martore's excellent vocals. Ravens Ballroom plans to release a full-length LP in May.



Members of Ravens Ballroom (from left) are Mr. Lahm, Ms. Martore, and Mr. Rosenbaum.



## Classical Guitarist.

Patrick Appello '06 M.M., a classical/flamenco guitarist and lutenist, has received wide critical acclaim for his second recording, *The Last Rose of Summer*, a CD of guitar compositions from the early Romantic period. *The Last Rose of Summer* features works by and arranged by Johann Kaspar Mertz, including two by Franz Schubert, and compositions by Mauro Giuliani, including arrangements of Irish folk tunes and four selections from *Giulianiate*. On the ten-track CD, Mr. Appello plays on an 1846 Lacôte, an instrument from the Augustine guitar collection. In *Early Music America*, Lance

Hulme wrote, "Appello's colorful technique brings out the best in these works. His use of different plucking techniques is particularly striking..."

On the syndicated BlogCritics, Jack Goodstein, wrote, "Patrick Appello's artistry is evident throughout." Over a distinguished career that has spanned more than three decades, Mr. Appello has performed at prestigious venues throughout the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area. In 1976, he was selected as solo guitarist for the premiere of the World Trade Center's "Cellar in the Sky," performing there until 1993. Mr. Appello has served Georgian Court University as a lecturer in theory, music history, and classical guitar since 2006 and as director of the Classical Guitar Ensemble since 2007. He has been an instructor in classical and flamenco guitar and Renaissance lute at Monmouth Conservatory of Music since 2002. Mr. Appello resides in Red Bank.



## Career Shift Moves Engineer to a Science Classroom at McNair Academic in Jersey City

Taking a break from an engineering career to be a stay-at-home dad led Michael Chin '13 M.A.T. to a new career as a high school physics teacher in Jersey City.



Michael Chin

When his daughter started pre-school, he volunteered in her classroom and was quickly drawn into the mystery of the learning process.

"I found that I just loved it. It was a fascinating thing to just observe the way children learn."

Eventually he moved from school volunteer status to substitute teaching and started to apply for alternate-route teaching positions in districts near his home in Howell. He was somewhat surprised that he had no luck, despite the demand for science teachers.

At 44, with bachelor's and master's degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and 17 years as an electrical engineer with AT&T-Verizon, he needed to enroll in education courses to become certified to teach science. At NJCU, he found the Robert Noyce Program, a fast-track certification program for professionals in mathematics and science who want to become teachers. The Noyce Fellows earn

master of arts in teaching degrees by completing education courses and student teaching assignments.

"The Noyce program was perfect for me," he said. "One thing that was strongly emphasized in all of our work was the urban experience. This was something that wasn't familiar to me. I grew up in the New Jersey suburbs and still live there now."

His student teaching experience at Jersey City's renowned McNair Academic High School earned him a nomination for the "New Jersey Distinguished Student Teacher Award" as well as a job offer. For Mr. Chin, the transition from student teacher to faculty member went as expected.

"I certainly have a full understanding of the material I'm teaching and I think I do a pretty good job relating to the students, but now I have all the administrative work to do as well," he said, indicating that he much prefers classroom interaction to reports and paperwork.

In May, Mr. Chin accompanied one of his physics students, David Prilutsky, to the Intel ISEF – the International Science and Engineering Fair in Phoenix. Mr. Prilutsky was one of two top students in *The Jersey Journal* 2013 Hudson County Science Fair, for which NJCU is a sponsor. Mr. Chin was quick to note that much of Mr. Prilutsky's hard work and the guidance of other teachers at McNair had taken place before his arrival. Still, he was pleased to see the event through the eyes of his student.

"I'd love to see these kids get the kind of attention that high school athletes get," he said. "They deserve it."

Dozens of alumni return to campus regularly to attend classes and performances, serve on boards and committees, accept awards, volunteer at open houses, and mentor students by sharing their stories and their work.

Last spring, two award-winning media arts alumni returned to their *alma mater* to screen and discuss their work as part of the Media Arts Department's 2013 lecture series.

**Michael Krivicka '00**, co-founder of Thinkmodo, a viral video marketing agency based in New York City, screened and discussed numerous viral video campaigns created by his company. **Justin Strawhand '01**, founder and director of mutationengine, a multimedia production company based in Union City, screened and discussed excerpts from his films *War Against the Weak* and *City World*.

Both distinguished filmmakers earned bachelor of arts degrees and both were recipients of the University's Celeste Holm Award for Excellence in Media Production.

Two NJCU art alumni returned to campus to exhibit *The Spiritual Heart*, a show curated by **Ben Jones**, a professor *emeritus* of art.

The spring exhibit featured ten mixed media paintings by **Gerardo Castro '94**, an adjunct professor of art, and a 30-foot installation comprised of more than 25 charcoal drawings by **OROCORO (Antonio Coro '89)**.

## Alumni Calendar of Events 2014

March 18  
TUESDAY

Gothic Networking Event  
Growler and Grill Craft  
Beer Shoppe  
Nanuet, New York

March 30  
SUNDAY

Campus Reception  
for alumni from the  
Caroline L. Guarini  
Department of Music,  
Dance and Theatre

May 4  
SUNDAY

Annual Alumni Reunion:  
A full day of events of  
special significance for  
Classes celebrating their  
25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> reunions

May 15  
THURSDAY

Golden Gothics, alumni  
who graduated 50 or more  
years ago, are invited to be  
special guests at NJCU's  
2014 Commencement  
and a luncheon hosted by  
President Sue Henderson  
at the IZOD Center  
in East Rutherford.

June 12  
THURSDAY

Alumni Networking  
Event

Sept. 26  
THURSDAY

Gothic Greats Athletics  
Reunion for Gothic  
Knights alumni

## Academic Retention Program Scores for Student-Athletes

While winning is a goal for all athletes, academics comes first for student-athletes on Division III teams and NJCU's Athletic Academic Retention Program (AARP) is a strong supporter of success off the fields and courts.

Launched by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in 2011, the AARP creates individualized study plans for all student-athletes and evaluates them each semester. All incoming student-athletes as well as returning student-athletes who have utilized a conference participation waiver or whose grade point average (GPA) is less than 2.5 are automatically admitted to the special program.

Student-athletes meet with retention coaches throughout the academic year and must attend Center for Student Success tutoring sessions and at least two hours of weekly study hall. Retention coaches also confirm class attendance.

"This program supports the success of our student-athletes by helping them to balance their academic, athletic, and personal ambitions," explained Alice De Fazio, director of athletics.

The success of the program was demonstrated during the 2012-13 academic year when the overall combined GPA of every student-athlete was an impressive 2.814 and half of the women's teams finished the year with a cumulative GPA that exceeded 3.1 for the first time since records have been kept.

The program also helps improve the Department's retention rates. Of the 65 student-athletes who enrolled in fall 2012, 63 returned in the spring, a 96.9 retention rate. The two-semester retention rate for those same students was 87.7 percent.

Peter Vincent is AARP coordinator.

## Women's Soccer and Bowling Welcome New Coaches

Vicki Spratford '08 has returned to her *alma mater* as head coach of her former team, the women's bowling team, and Michael Vivino has joined the NJCU athletics staff as head women's soccer coach.

The greatest bowler in the illustrious history of the University's bowling program, Ms. Spratford replaced her former head coach, Frank Parisi, when she was named the program's second head coach last May. Mr. Parisi retired after 13 seasons as the second winningest coach in NCAA history with 758 victories.

One of NJCU's greatest female student-athletes ever, Ms. Spratford was among the most dominant players in the history of NCAA Division I, II, or III bowling, backing that claim up with a dynamic resume of accomplishments.

The NJCU anchor bowler was a four-time All-American among players in Division I, II, and III and earned First-Team All-America honors three times. In 2007 and 2008, she was the highest vote

recipient on the All-America First Team and had the National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) given out just one national player of the year, rather than one per division, she would have been the Division I Player of the Year. She was voted the 2006-07 and 2007-08 NTCA Division III National Player of the Year.

Ms. Spratford led her team to four NCAA National Collegiate Women's Bowling Tournaments, reaching the Final Four in 2006 and 2008. During her four-year career, NJCU amassed an incredible 303-117-2 record, a .720 winning percentage.

Mr. Vivino, a veteran high school and club soccer coach, was named the 14<sup>th</sup> head coach of the women's soccer team last May, succeeding Robert

Bielan, the winningest coach in program history who now coaches at Division I Saint Peter's University.

Mr. Vivino is also currently head coach of the U18 boys and U17 girls teams for the PASCO Soccer Club, a premier New Jersey club which he has served since

2009. He previously coached the U16 and U17 boys and guided the U16 club to the 2009 Super Y League national finals. He began coaching the U17 girls in 2010 and, since 2011, has also been head coach of U14 girls at the MLBTB Soccer Club (Mountain Lakes, Boonton Township, Boonton), a team that went on to the league championship in 2012.

On the high school level, Mr. Vivino most recently served as head girl's soccer coach at Mountain Lakes High School, 2009-12, and assistant boys varsity coach at his *alma mater* Wayne Valley High School, 2005-09.

For seven years, Mr. Vivino has owned and operated the Metropolitan Soccer Academy, a full-service soccer training company in Wayne.



Ira Thor

## Athletics Hall of Fame Inducts Five New Members

Five new members joined the NJCU Athletics Hall of Fame at the 19<sup>th</sup> induction ceremony in April 2013: women's indoor/outdoor track and field national champion Andrea Herbert '07; men's basketball star Mark Washington '07, the fifth-leading scorer in program history; baseball pitching star John 'Jack' Nagurka '87; men's basketball 1,000-point scorer George Thomas '04; and the first bowler, All-American Jennifer Viens '06.

Ms. Herbert and Mr. Washington were only the eighth married couple in Division III history to be inducted into the same Athletics Hall of Fame in the same class.



Richard Formica

Inductees (from left): Mr. Thomas, Ms. Viens, Mr. Nagurka, Ms. Herbert, and Mr. Washington

The five honorees were elected by the seven-member Athletics Hall of Fame committee from a list of 25 nominees. There are currently 134 members in NJCU's Athletics Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1979.

For information on the inductees visit [www.njcugothicknights.com](http://www.njcugothicknights.com) and click on Athletics Department and then Athletics Hall of Fame.



## From Campus to the N.J. State Police: NJCU Alumni Remain Forces to Be Reckoned With

By Ira Thor

The excellent reputation of NJCU's criminal justice program has long been a selling point for head coaches when recruiting student athletes who seem to gravitate towards that field; in fact, this academic year, more than 40 student athletes list criminal justice as either a major or a minor.

Over the years, many student athletes have joined the law enforcement ranks but only a select few have completed demanding training to become New Jersey State Troopers, validating statistics showing that collegiate athletes have a better chance of doing so.

In the most recent trooper class last December, 42 percent of graduates played college sports, including Juan Vera '07, a member of soccer's 2005 Sweet 16 team. Men's volleyball Hall-of-Famer Satsay Thongvichith '99 is also a state trooper. But, unquestionably, the most prominent former athlete to serve the state police is retired National Basketball Association referee Robert J. Delaney '85, whose life story is revealed in the riveting *Cover: My Years Infiltrating the Mob*.



Ms. Feehan at left and above

Today, one of the best examples of a former student-athlete emerging to become a state trooper is women's soccer great Katie Feehan '07, '09 M.S., who earned degrees in criminal justice and, as an undergraduate, minored in pre-law and maintained a near-perfect 3.98 grade point average.

With a very impressive background of academic and on-the-field accomplishments, Ms. Feehan was one of 85 New Jersey State Troopers sworn in on January 27, 2012. After 26 grueling weeks of training with 123 candidates, Ms. Feehan was one of only 11 women to receive a badge that day.

Although only three percent of troopers are women, Ms. Feehan did not originally consider herself a role model.

But recently, while on duty in Trenton, Ms. Feehan encountered a young girl on a class field trip who was surprised to meet a female trooper.

"When I meet young children, they don't always know that a woman can be a cop," Ms. Feehan explained. "I hope that my all-around success as a student-athlete and my current career path inspire others to realize there is no reason to set limitations on yourself. With hard work and dedicated training, gender does not matter."

Ms. Feehan, a 29-year-old Newark resident and Manasquan native who graduated from Wall High School, completed her sixth season as an assistant women's soccer coach at her *alma mater* last fall.

She was a four-year standout for the Gothic Knights and as a graduate student was the first three-time CoSIDA Academic All-America recipient in NJCU history and the first ever named a First-Team Academic All-American. The three-year team co-captain and three-time All-New Jersey Athletic Conference honoree was chair of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, 2007-08. At the time of her graduation, the center midfielder owned every major career record at NJCU, including points (92), goals (33), and assists (26). She has since coached a pair of players that have eclipsed her records.

Ms. Feehan says that having experienced NJCU's diversity has been an asset in the field when she



encounters people from different backgrounds and that she considers Dr. William Calathes, a professor of criminal justice, as the most influential professor she encountered during her five years on campus.

"Dr. Calathes wanted me to go to law school and kept me motivated academically. While I chose not to pursue a law degree, I know that what I learned from Dr. Calathes will one day help me to become a detective."

Former NJCU head coach Robert Bielani '97, who coached and later hired Ms. Feehan as an assistant, also saw her potential.

"She always took it upon herself to step up and elevate her teammates. She was the standard on the field and everyone else aspired to play at her level. Playing with her you knew you had a chance to win. I always knew Katie would succeed at anything she did."

"Although she was one of the best players in the NJAC, she was always eager to learn more," Mr. Bielani added. "She worked harder than everyone on the field and at practice was first one there to set up and the last one to leave, always breaking down the equipment. Her academics were top notch as well. She is as perfect a women's student-athlete I ever had the pleasure to coach."

Despite only recently thinking of herself as a possible role model, Ms. Feehan continues to be just that as she gives back to her *alma mater* on the soccer pitch while protecting the citizens of the state in a field where women are just beginning to make their mark.

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