

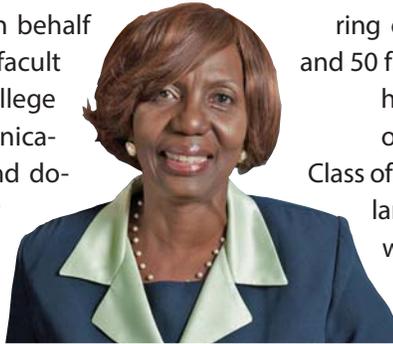


## Message from the President

I extend greetings on behalf of the students, faculty and staff of York College and hope this communication finds you well and doing well in your career.

Much has transpired at York since our last communication less than a year ago. For starters, in our ongoing quest to grow our master's level offerings we have been working on developing several programs and just this past spring, received initial approval through the New York State Education Department (NYSED) for the MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences and in Physician Assistant Studies. There are others in development and I will update you on those as the approval process unfolds. On the undergraduate level we recently rolled out the BS in Health Science and have approval from the New York State Education Department to launch the BS in Public Health.

As we approach our 50th anniversary as a college I look back at our remarkable growth. Having been chartered in 1966, York opened its doors a year later in the fall of 1967 with an



ring class of 371 students and 50 full-time faculty members. The Class of 1971 was ongoing. By contrast, the Class of 2015 was 1,178—our largest to date. Meanwhile, our fall registration has placed us at the highest number in our history.

We are now at 8,542 students and 210 full-time faculty members.

To honor this milestone and all of you who made it possible with your attendance and success stories, we will be celebrating the college's anniversary from fall 2016 through fall 2017. We invite you to visit and participate in the various activities we will sponsor and encourage your participation and welcome any donations you wish to make toward our continued growth.

All of us continue to wish all of you success in your careers and lives.

Sincerely,

Marcia V. Keizs,  
President

## Class of 2013 York Alum Receives Howard Hughes Medical Institute Gilliam Fellowship

Patrick Menzies '13, was awarded the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Gilliam Fellowship for Advanced Study. He is currently enrolled in the PhD program at the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine.



The Howard Hughes Medical Institute's newly expanded Gilliam Fellowships for Advanced Study Program awarded 30 fellowships to outstanding students who are pursuing a PhD in the life sciences and who are committed to increasing diversity among scientists. A total of 119 students applied for the fellowships this year.

Each fellow will receive an annual award totaling \$43,000, which includes a stipend, a training allowance, and an institutional allowance, for up to three years. In previous years of the program, HHMI selected between five and nine Gilliam fellows per year.

Patrick came to York in 2011 with a first degree from Harvard University where he specialized in History of Biotechnology, Genetics and Molecular Biology as well as Cellular Biology. He was drawn to York for its outstanding Biotechnology program and affordable CUNY price tag. In addition to his studies, the super achiever also served as vice president of the York College Biotechnology Club.

### DID YOU KNOW

York College received the **Number 1** ranking of the **Most Affordable Bachelor's Degree Program in Marketing** by AffordableSchool.Net, an independent college search and rankings site that centers on unique and affordable offerings within higher education.



York was also ranked **Number 2** for the **Most Affordable Bachelor's Degree Program in Economics and Communications**.

## Alum Includes York in Estate Plans and Praises Professor Who Made it Possible

Jack Glasser, Esq., a York alumnus of the Class of 1978 recently made the college a beneficiary of his estate with a bequest of \$200,000. He is the latest alum to give back to his alma mater.



At 18, Mr. Glasser, whose father was killed in a road accident before his birth, used his inheritance from an insurance policy ("blood money" he calls it) to purchase two apartment buildings in the Bronx.

Arriving at York as a freshman in 1972, Glasser proceeded to take his time in completing his BA in Political Science while managing his buildings.

"I had mediocre grades and no idea where my life was going," he said. "But York and Shirley Ostholm (pre-law advisor) opened doors to me that wouldn't otherwise have been open to me."

With Dr. Ostholm's encouragement, Glasser applied to a then-new law school at the University of Bridgeport. To his surprise he was accepted. He sold his buildings to fund law school and excelled.

"I succeeded," said the father of two adult children. "For every day I thought about my father's blood money. I couldn't (lose it) so I studied nine hours

a day. I worked very hard in law school. They want the cream, not the crop so for my first semester every grade was an A. I got one of the highest grades in contracts."

Glasser excelled in every semester and was chosen by the law review as a "notes and comments" editor. He passed the Bar Exam on his first try; and has practiced law for more than 30 years.

Starting his career in prestigious Manhattan firms, Glaser specialized in real estate law. He succeeded perhaps beyond even his own imaginings and became an outstanding trial lawyer. He met "all the major players in real estate" including the Helmsleys, the Trumps (Donald Trump's father, Fred was a client) and the owners of Fisher Real Estate.

"Leona (Helmsley) slammed down the phone on me," he recalled of the late real estate tycoon nick-named 'The Queen of Mean,' by employees. But Glaser used the hairy moments in his career as fuel.

"I'm the American dream," he says. "I'm an American prince living the American dream. I've made millions."

The bequest will be known as the Jack and Heather Glasser Scholarship Fund.

"I hope that one day after I'm gone York College helps make another American prince live the American dream as it did for me."

## In Memoriam

### Professor Timothy Corkery '83



Professor Corkery graduated from York College in 1983 as a Speech Communication major. He also held a Master's

in Social Work, earned at Fordham University. At the time of his death he was the Coordinator of the Speech Program within York's Department of Performing & Fine Arts.

### Professor Emeritus Eric Karp



Professor Karp graduated from Brooklyn College with a BA and from NYU with a PhD in psychology. His work in-

cluded Psychologist, U.S. Army; Dept. of Neurology, Mt. Sinai Medical Center; Dept. of Experimental Psychiatry, Long Island Jewish-Hillside Medical Center; Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Professor Emeritus, York College, CUNY; and Consultant, CUNY Graduate Neuropsychology program.

### Dr. Stanley Everton Caines



Dr. Caines graduated from York College (Class of '76) from the School of Arts and Sciences. In 2011, he returned

to York to celebrate his reunion and also served as the alumni speaker for the Class of 1976. Dr. Caines was born in Basseterre, St Kitts and was an Associate Cardiologist with the Heart Center for Excellence and an Attending Physician in the division of cardiology at the Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. Dr. Caines was an important contributor to the forthcoming Leslie Lewis- Jack Schlein Professorship in Natural Sciences.

## DID YOU KNOW?

York College will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2016 and is producing the **York College Alumni Today 2016 Directory**. Harris Connect, our partners, is contacting all Alumni to ask for your participation in this publication. You're invited to share your graduation year, contact information, basic em-

ployment information and personal photos you want to include to let former classmates know what you've been up to since graduating.

This directory will be available in both hardcover and CD-ROM form for any alumni who wish to purchase it. It will be a valuable tool for alumni looking to reconnect with classmates and broaden their York network.

We look forward to having a wonderful York College Alumni directory!

## York College Hosts Largest Commencement and Alumni Class Reunion

On May 28th and May 29th, York College hosted two significant events. On the 28th, the College held a very successful class reunion dinner celebrating the alumni from 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990 and 1995. The very next day, the

College graduated 1070 students, representing the largest graduating class to date.

For the second year in a row, three separate commencement ceremonies were held by schools: the School of

Business and Information's Systems, the School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs, and the School of Arts and Sciences. The keynote speakers respectively were The Honorable Thomas P. DiNapoli, Comptroller for the State of New York, Ms. Yvonne J. Graham, Associate Commissioner and Director, Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Prevention, and York alumna, Dr. Belinda S. Miles ('83), president of Westchester Community College.

The Class Reunion dinner, a first time event, was attended by alumni with friends and family. Alumni greeted classmates, pored over their yearbooks and reminisced about their student days at York. Representatives from each class were invited to the podium to speak about the impact York had on their lives. Many mentioned the names of York faculty who had mentored them and helped their career paths. After the program, the festivities began with games and dancing. The evening ended with every reunion class taking a group picture in front of the banner displaying their anniversary year.

The Office of Development and Alumni Affairs is very grateful to all the alumni who joined us for a night of laughter, friendship and nostalgia at York College.

*Thank you Classes of '75, '80, '85, '90 and '95!*



40th Alumni Class Reunion - Class of '75



35th Alumni Class Reunion - Class of '80



30th Alumni Class Reunion - Class of '85



25th Alumni Class Reunion - Class of '90



20th Alumni Class Reunion - Class of '95

**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can meet and network with amazing alumni by joining York College

Alumni **LinkedIn**. You can also receive updates about the York community and the impact the college and alumni are making throughout the world by liking us on **Facebook** at York College Alumni Network (YCAN)

## York Students Enjoy Internship in Greece

Two York College, CUNY Aviation Management students had the summer internship of a lifetime and returned to campus filled with gratitude.



Dianna Rodriguez and Thinley Wongmo both received internships at Athens International Airport under the supervision of Hellenic American University.

The students, now entering into their lower and upper junior year re-

spectively, spent two months living in an apartment on the campus of Hellenic American University. Both report that the whole experience was the opportunity of a lifetime for them.

"It was amazing, I didn't want to come back home," said Rodriguez. "They treated us like family. We cried when we were leaving." The overall experience was according to Wongmo, "Transformative!"

For the internship, Wongmo, a native of Tibet, was assigned to "Passenger Services" while Rodriguez interned in the aviation unit. They were also given projects to complete at the University and each earned three college credits toward their degrees at York.

"The internship gave me an idea of how much more I have to learn; and helped me appreciate what I have learned at York College," said Wongmo.

The study abroad in Greece experience was facilitated by Dr. Triant Flouris, provost at Hellenic American University, who once served as director of the CUNY Aviation Institute at York College.

York College is very grateful to Hellenic American University and to Athens International Airport, which in addition to the internship and discount coupons for food, funded all their ground transportation; and Dr. Hsu, their York mentor.

## Santander Bank Partners With York to Support Merit Scholarships

Santander Bank announced a philanthropic commitment to contribute \$200,000 over five-years to support the York College Merit Scholarship Program. This agreement was signed by President Keizs and Josephine Moran from Santander Bank US at York College with students and staff in attendance.

Santander will provide Merit Scholarships to incoming freshmen and transfer students to help with their tu-

ition and other educational expenses. Merit scholarships have a powerful impact on York students, allowing Merit Scholars to complete a college education in four years.

This scholarship would not have been possible without the help of one of our very own York College alumni, Robert Sinclair, Class of 1990, who made the initial introduction to Santander Bank.



Josephine Moran with President Keizs

## WYCR Alumni Establish Scholarship in Memory of Peter Mark

Peter Mark was a founding member of the York College radio station, WYCR, along with Ray Warren and Bob Reich.



Peter Mark at WYCR, 1975

Bob writes that "Pete's love of music and kind, gentle demeanor" were cherished, and that "we were honored to have him as a friend." After his time at York, Pete pursued a career in retail music with the Record World/TSS chain. Tragically, in 1986, he died in a car accident, leaving his many York friends devastated. Pete's dear friend Bob Reich is now working to establish the Peter Mark Memorial Scholarship Award for Excellence in Communication Arts and Sciences. This would be

the second award at York College to be established by WYCR alumni; the "WYCR Excellence in Broadcast Journalism Award," was launched last year. We are reaching out to our alumni to participate in this effort to keep Peter Mark's memory alive at York. Please contact Larry Cowen, York's development director, at 718-262-5315 or [lcowen@york.cuny.edu](mailto:lcowen@york.cuny.edu), or contribute on-line at <https://giving.york.cuny.edu/peter-mark> for your contribution in memory of Peter Mark.