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Announcements:

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- Dr. Lori Hoeffner Joins York College as Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness.
- Salim Gnabode, a graduate of York's Class of 2017 and a former Student Government Vice-President, has decided to attend Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM) in Boston.
- President Keizs announces she will be stepping down after 14 years on August 31, 2019.

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Announcement from the Department of Health Professions

It gives us great joy to announce that Professor Harrynauth Persaud successfully defended his oral dissertation today at SUNY Downstate School of Public Health. His dissertation title "Healthcare Decisions Among Indo-Guyanese Immigrant Men in the United States: Behaviors, Barriers and Cultural Influences," will surely have a positive contribution to a larger scholarly conversation.

Well done Dr Persaud!

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Dr. Lori Hoeffner Joins York College as Assistant Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness

Following a national search, I am pleased to welcome Dr. Hoeffner as the new Assistant Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness. She begins today, May 6, 2019.

Dr. Hoeffner comes to York College with more than 20 years of Institutional Research Assessment experience. She was previously the Director of Assessment at Adelphi University; and previously held the positions of Research Coordinator in the Office of Planning, Research and Information Technology at Molloy College; and Director in the Office of Institutional Research and Assessment at SUNY Old Westbury. In 2012, she completed her Ph.D. in Information Studies at Long Island University (CW Post).

Dr. Hoeffner will lead the Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Strategic Planning with the responsibility of supervising the daily functions within that office while working collaboratively and directly with the Provost, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the departments and administrative offices on all matters pertaining to assessment. Further, she will be the major anchor for York College in Strategic Planning and will be the college's Accreditation Liaison Officer to Middle States.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Hoeffner to her new position and to York College/CUNY. She can be reached at 718-262-3806 or email lhoeffner@york.cuny.edu.

York Grad Heads to Medical School



After many months of evaluating acceptance offers, **Salim Gnabode**, a graduate of York's Class of 2017 and a former Student Government Vice-President, has finally decided where he will attend medical school starting in fall 2019.

Gnabode, who completed a Master of Biomedical Science (MBS) at Duke University in spring 2018, has decided to attend Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM) in Boston and will receive full tuition scholarship for the MD training. However, in addition to the MD, Gnabode will concurrently pursue an MBA in healthcare management at Brandeis University through TUSM; and is applying for external scholarships for living expenses.

"I'm interested in the combined MD/MBA program at Tufts because it is a four-year program, says Gnabode of his plans at the 126 year-old medical school. "I'm also interested in combining a career in academic surgery with working on medical devices and healthcare innovation, and I think

the combined degree will provide me with the skills and networking [opportunities].”

Gnabode, a native of Benin, West Africa, has worked hard and endured hardships in pursuit of his goals. He lost his mother early and when his father returned to Africa in 2018, he became the de facto parent to his four younger siblings, three of whom are now CUNY students, including a graduating senior at York College. He works as a tutor at the Harlem Children’s Zone and at York in the Men’s Center where Dr. Jonathan Quash has been a mentor to him since his undergraduate days at the college.

“As a driven person, I take any opportunity I get to improve myself and foster my success,” he explained during his sophomore year at York.

It has paid off well. For medical school application, Gnabode received 11 invitations for interviews; he did five, including Tufts and received acceptance offers from all five. The others were SUNY Upstate, SUNY Downstate, Albert Einstein College of Medicine and the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University.

But he has not forgotten those who helped him succeed at York.

“I would like to give special thanks to **Dr. Quash, Dr. Andrew Criss, Dr. Radoslaw Wojciechowski, Dr. John-Thones Amenyó, Dr. James Popp, Professor Lalit Bajaj**; and the Duke MBS Program,” Gnabode says.