

Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends of York College:

This year, we have enrolled an impressive number of new and better prepared students. We are acquainting our newest students, faculty and staff with campus programs and services, and are pleased that they have joined us. York continues to be "onthemove," and I am pleased to share with you some of the recent and future activities and events at the College.

Below are some of the highlights from this past year and plans for the coming academic year:

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS

It is impossible to capture all the intellectual energy and accomplishments of our amazing faculty in this limited space, but I would like to acknowledge some of the remarkable scholarship and accomplishments:

- Professor Donna Chirico (Behavioral Sciences) was appointed to the John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, representing the College, and is organizing a conference on the Italian American Experience.
- Professor Deborah Majerovitz (Behavioral Sciences) published the following chapter: "Physical health and illness" in the *Handbook of Girls' and Women's Psychological Health*.
- Professor Debra Swoboda (Behavioral Sciences) published two peer-reviewed articles, including "Embodiment and the search for illness legitimacy among women with contested illnesses."
- Professor Nazrul Khandaker (Earth and Physical Sciences) has been named a member of the board of the Asian American/Asian Research Institute, representing the College.
- Professors Nazrul Khandaker and Stanley Schleifer (Earth and Physical Sciences), together with three York College Geology students Thakur Chaturgan, Mindy Rivera and Charran Cabaroy, presented a referred abstract, "Stratigraphy and Sedimentology of the Hudson River Shale (Ordovician)."
- Professors Nazrul Khandaker and Stanley Schleifer (Earth and Physical Sciences), together with three York College Geology students Ryan McPherson, Edward Molenti, Michael Nicasio and Sasha Kisson, presented a referred abstract, "Sedimentology of the High Falls Shale (Silurian)."
- Professor Danyang Zhang (Earth and Physical Sciences) has been elected to the faculty of the CUNY Graduate Center.
- Professor Helen Andretta (English) published several articles, including "The mystery of redemption in Flannery O'Connor's *Wise Blood*," which was peer-reviewed.
- Professor Michael Cripps (English) was recently appointed Assistant Editor for *Across the Disciplines: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Language, Learning, and Academic Writing*, a peer-reviewed on-line journal.
- Professor Nina Buxenbaum (Fine and Performing Arts) is currently exhibiting her recent work, "Concealed," at the John Jay College Gallery.
- Professor Jean Francois (Foreign Languages) published two articles, including the peer-reviewed "Habiter la terre."
- Professor Robert Brugna (Health Professions) published a peer-reviewed article, "The physician assistant role in geriatric medicine and rehabilitation."
- Professor Basdeo Mangru (History and Philosophy) published a peer-reviewed article, "Chinese Hopetown Settlement. The first village experiment in Guyana."
- Professor Daniel Cleary (Library), published a book chapter, "Incentives for deconstruction of the e-journal."
- Professor Di Su (Library), published a book, *Collection Development Issues in the Online Environment*.
- Professors Lewis Lasser and Lou D'Alotto jointly published two papers, including "On the probability of connectedness of path graphs generated by the pattern recognition algorithms of sellers."
- Professor Susan Letteney (Social Sciences) published the following peer-reviewed article: "Disclosure of maternal HIV status to children: Key psychosocial correlates."
- Professor Tania Levey (Social Sciences) co-authored two peer-reviewed articles, including "Gender and value orientations: What's the difference? The case of the U.S. and Japan," with Dr. C. Silver.
- Professor Beth Rosenthal (Social Sciences) co-authored the following peer-reviewed article, "Adolescents' psychological response to the experience of community interpersonal violence: A cross-national and a cross-cultural comparison," with Dr. C. Wilson.

The following faculty reported other types of scholarly works and presentations as follows:

Behavioral Science: Professors William Ashton, Donna Chirico, Deborah Majerovitz, Debra Swoboda, Francisco Villegas;

English: Professors Helen Andretta, Charles Coleman, Michael Cripps, Linda Grasso, James Papa; **Earth and Physical**

Sciences: Professors Stanley Schleifer, Nazrul Khandaker; **Foreign Languages:** Professors Jean Francois, Lucienne Serrano;

Health Professions: Professor Robert Brugna; **History and Philosophy:** Professor Laura Fishman; **Library:** Professors John

Drobnicki, Njoki Kinyatti, Scott Sheidlower, Hope Young and Instructor Anamika Dasgupta; **Social Sciences:** Professors Gila

Acker, Mesfin Araya, William Divale, Michele Gregory, Susan Letteney, Tania Levey, Vadim Moldovan, Bonnie Oglensky, Beth

Rosenthal, Ziaodan Zhang; **Teacher Education:** Professors Lindamichele Baron, Coleen Clay, Dana Fusco, Wynne Shilling

Welcome to those who have joined our faculty since Spring 2007:

- Lenore Abend, Distinguished Lecturer, Health Professions
- Veronica Arikian, Associate Professor, Health Professions
- Tamara Avi-Itzhak, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy
- Hamid Bahri, Substitute Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages
- Laura Beaton, Assistant Professor, Biology
- Sameea Belle, Lecturer, SEEK
- George Bercovitz, Lecturer, Accounting and Business
- Tracy Branch, Lecturer, SEEK
- Janice Bloomfield-Alves, Assistant Professor, Health Professions
- Elizabeth Chiariello, Assistant Professor, Occupational Therapy
- Linda Jo Crone, Associate Professor, Biology
- Samira Daher, Lecturer, Mathematics and Computer Studies
- Ron Daniels, Distinguished Lecturer, Behavioral Sciences
- Anamika Dasgupta, Instructor, Library
- Triant Flouris, Professor, Accounting and Business
- John Graffeo, Associate Professor, Health Professions
- William Hughes, Assistant Professor, English
- L. Phillip Johnson, Substitute Assistant Professor, Health and Physical Education
- Patricia Milanese, Lecturer, English
- Sachiel Mondesir, Substitute Lecturer, SEEK
- Solomon Morris, Substitute EOC Lecturer, SUNY Queens EOC at York College
- Ruth Anne Phillips, Substitute Assistant Professor, Fine and Performing Arts
- Harry Pitsikalis, Substitute Lecturer, Behavioral Sciences
- Juana Ramos, Lecturer, Foreign Languages
- Edward Rampersaud, Doctoral Lecturer, Health Professions
- Heather Robinson, Assistant Professor, English
- Yoav Spiegel, Substitute Assistant Professor, Biology
- Jeremy Tausch, Substitute Lecturer, Biology
- Celeta Vanderpool, Lecturer, Behavioral Sciences
- George White, Assistant Professor, History and Philosophy
- Karin Wolf, Lecturer, English
- Celeste Wortes, Lecturer, English

Welcome back to those returning refreshed from sabbatical leave:

- Franklin Gutierrez, Professor, Foreign Languages
- Daniel McGee, Associate Professor, English
- Wynne Shilling, Professor, Teacher Education
- Tsu Wu, Professor, Mathematics & Computer Studies

We bid 'adieu' to those who have departed for sabbatical or other approved leave:

- Nina Bauxenbaum, Assistant Professor, Fine and Performing Arts
- Harold Gellis, Accounting and Business
- Lillian Kaplan, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy
- Mary Jo Kranacher, Associate Professor, Accounting and Business
- Robert Machalow, Professor, Library
- Margaret MacNeil, Associate Professor, Biology
- James Papa, Associate Professor, English
- Sonia Rivera-Valdes, Professor, Foreign Languages
- Beth Rosenthal, Professor, Social Sciences
- Phillips Simkin, Professor, Fine and Performing Arts

Congratulations to those promoted to:

Executive Service:

- Dana Fusco to Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
- Cynthia Haller to Acting Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Administrative Service:

- John Drobnicki to Acting Chief Librarian.
- Gale Cunningham, Degree Works Coordinator, Academic Affairs

Full Professor:

- Deborah Majerovitz, Behavioral Sciences
- Linda Grasso, English

Associate Professor:

- Margarita Drago, Foreign Languages
- Michael Flynn, Behavioral Sciences
- Timothy Amrhein, Fine and Performing Arts

We continue to make key appointments that solidify our leadership and improve our infrastructure across the campus, and **welcome the following executives and staff members who joined us in a full-time capacity since the Spring 2007:**

- Ivelaw L. Griffith, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Jamillah Abdullah, CUNY Office Assistant, Student Financial Aid
- Shirley Ali, Acting EOC Admissions Specialist, SUNY Queens EOC at York College
- Teresa Allen Michaud, College Laboratory Technician, Chemistry
- Merzina Bikram, CUNY Office Assistant, Bursar's Office
- Sheridan Bisram, Assistant to the Dean for Affiliated High School Programs, Academic Affairs
- L. Brenda Brown, Loan Coordinator and Senior Financial Aid Counselor, Student Financial Aid
- Efrain Colon, IT Support Assistant, Computer Services
- Daisy Davis-Credle, CUNY Office Assistant, Human Resources
- Rosemarie Facey, Custodial Assistant, Buildings and Grounds
- Keteya Harrison, Teacher Academy Services Manager, Teacher Education
- Timothy Johnson, Senior Recruiter, Admissions
- Terry Kessler, Locksmith, Buildings and Grounds
- Kuok Lin, IT Support Assistant, Academic Computing
- Edgar Lopez, College Accounting Assistant, Business Office
- Valerie Mabry, CUNY Office Assistant, Human Resources
- Gail Marshall, Executive Assistant, Compliance Programs and Legal Affairs
- Shah Masom, IT Support Assistant, Computer Services
- Carollette McDonald, Acting Writing Center Coordinator, English
- Gabrielle McDowell, CUNY Office Assistant, Registrar
- Carla McIntosh, CUNY Office Assistant, SEEK
- Rafael Nunez, Information Systems Specialist, Computer Services
- Cheryl Otusile, Development Assistant, Institutional Advancement
- Samia Ouederni, College Laboratory Technician, Foreign Languages
- William Perkins, CUNY Office Assistant, Admissions
- Daniel Phelps, Multimedia Facilities Operations Manager, Academic Computing
- Latresha Richards, CUNY Office Assistant, Health Services
- Robert Saby, College Laboratory Technician, Occupational Therapy
- Mohammed K. Sarwar, College Laboratory Technician, Academic Computing
- John Scarinci, Sports Information Manager, Health and Physical Education
- Faria Sookdeo, Acting Writing Center Supervisor, English
- Lazne Stanley, Recruiter, Admissions
- Subrina Sukhdeo, CUNY Office Assistant, Bursar's Office
- Konstantin Tomchuk, Oiler, Buildings and Grounds
- Peter Van Zandt, Oiler, Buildings and Grounds
- Regina Varin-Mignano, Disabled Student Counselor, Student Development
- Gregory Vega, Computer Systems Manager, Computer Services
- Sue Ann Yates, Assistant to the Director for Administrative Operations, York College Child and Family Center, Student Development
- Starvo Zhonga, Carpenter, Buildings and Grounds

Several members of our faculty and staff have or soon will retire, deciding after many years of service to move on to the next phase of their lives. We extend our well wishes to:

- Michael Chenouda, Health Professions
- Edvige Coleman, Foreign Languages
- Reuphenia James, Health Professions
- Alfredretta Johnson, SEEK
- Diatra Jones, President's Office
- Leslie Lewis, Biology
- Carolyn Kirkpatrick, English
- Paul Lu, Earth and Physical Sciences
- Peter Motz, Buildings and Grounds
- Gregory Niedzwecki, Mathematics and Computer Studies
- Dorothy Parker, English
- Jack Schlein, Biology
- Cheryl Smith, Academic Affairs
- Antoinette Sumter, Occupational Therapy
- Lawrence Waters, Buildings and Grounds

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Dr. Ivelaw L. Griffith joined the College this summer as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. A political scientist and specialist on Caribbean and Inter-American security, drugs, crime, and terrorism issues, Provost Griffith comes to York with extensive academic leadership experience at Florida International University and Radford University. Welcome, Provost Griffith!
- Charter graduating class of BS/MS in Occupational Therapy and BS in Communications Technology.

- New Bachelor of Arts in Journalism degree, in final stages of review, to be launched in Spring 2008.
- Aviation Institute enrolled its inaugural class in the BS in Aviation Management program, and welcomes new director – Dr. Triant Flouris.
- Natural Sciences Department renamed to Earth and Physical Sciences Department.
- Two new science departments established: Biology and Chemistry.
- Provost Lecture Series launched this fall. Provides forum for faculty to share research.
- Letters of Intent for a Generic BS in Nursing and BS and MS degrees in Pharmaceutical Sciences approved by CUNY.
- Medical Technology in the beginning phases of accreditation.
- This past academic year, nearly 1,000 students participated in College Now, which offers college credits to eligible HS students. Hillcrest HS joined our roster of 10 partner high schools.
- York's Teacher Academy, a program to develop prospective math and science teachers, admitted first cohort of 14 students.
- Adult and Continuing Education and the FDA partnered to offer workshop on counterfeit drugs. Dr. Dora Akunyli, NAFDAC Director (Nigeria), keynoter.

SPONSORED RESEARCH/PROGRAMS:

Faculty and staff awarded over \$5 million in new research funding this year:

- Title III institutional grant of \$2 million from the Department of Education to strengthen areas of weakness and to establish institutional change. The College will focus on strengthening the following areas: retention, student academic support services (i.e., advisement), faculty pedagogy through the establishment of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and developing a culture of college-wide assessment.
- Academic Affairs, \$2.8 million (including Title III); Adult & Continuing Ed, \$1.1 million; Health & Physical Ed, \$40K; Occupational Therapy, \$72K; Social Sciences, \$10K; the Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Earth & Physical Sciences), \$740K; Student Development, \$626K.
- Twenty-eight faculty members awarded a total of \$103,740 in PSC-CUNY grants.

UPDATES ON INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES:

- Strategic Planning Committee (H. Strassberg, J. Posman, A. Mohammadi, Co-Chairs): Phase 2 well underway; activities targeted to meet institutional goals.
- Middle States Committee (G. Acker, M. Ballantyne, T. Paglione, Co-Chairs): Self-Study Report in final draft; site visit by Middle States Liaison on October 11th; Team visit March 2 thru 5, 2008.
- Outcomes Assessment Committee (D. Fusco and W. Divale, Co-Chairs): Assessment Plan completed this summer; Committee hosting "Day of Assessment" on October 2nd, 12 noon in the Faculty Dining Room (announcement to follow).

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Recruitment Initiatives:

- New recruitment marketing materials developed, including print/radio/movie slides ad campaigns ("Look who's graduating from York College," and "Look who's teaching at York College").
- CUNY ad features York's Salk Scholars ("The Triple Crown for Salk Scholars"), shown on subways and buses.
- Recruited 138 new Merit Scholars.

Enrollment (Headcount):

2007 – 6545
 2006 – 6236²
 2005 – 5900
 2004 – 5741
 2003 – 5672

Retention Initiatives:

- Successful implementation of DegreeWorks.
- Freshman Orientation re-designed and successfully test piloted this fall. Over 350 freshmen attended.
- Expansion of Student Leadership Development Programs.
- Private movie screening of "American History X" hosted by Time Warner at the Time Warner Center for York College students.
- Men's Center inaugurated its "Barbershop Forum for Men" Lecture Series.

CAMPUS FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

- Efforts continued to enhance student affinity spaces [3rd Floor Lounge, Game Room, Cardinal Café (Starbucks)].
- New furniture and flooring in Library, Cafeteria, and soon-to-come new outdoor furniture, all for the benefit of York College students.
- Master Planning exercise scheduled to begin this fall.
- Restroom upgrades ongoing: new partitions and dispensers.
- Eleven passenger College van available to transport students to academic and co-curricular activities (e-mail Dean Ronald Thomas at RTHOMAS@YORK.CUNY.EDU to reserve).

¹Includes College Now enrollment. Final ("Form A") headcount will be available in October.

²Actual Form A headcount. Includes, for the first time, College Now enrollment.

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

- Over \$5 million in capital funding received: \$1.7 million in support from Queens Borough President Marshall, \$3 million from Councilmembers Comrie and White.
- \$1.7 million for transforming the learning environment, including multimedia and ADA-compliance upgrades.
- \$1.2 million for exterior campus beautification.
- \$1 million for Academic Core Science facilities upgrades.
- \$145,000 for upgrades to the York College Performing Arts Center.

DAY CARE CENTER

- Anticipated Spring opening.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:

- IT Strategic Plan completed.
- Service Deliver Manager and Webmaster hired; HelpDesk established and website redesigned.
- Student mailbox size upgraded
- Cardinal Check (a.k.a. DegreeWorks) successfully implemented.
- Implemented on-line purchasing system with Staples.com.
- Current projects: E-grading, E-PAFs, Online Survey Development, new Career Services system.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Angela Hopkinson '07, secured York's third consecutive Salk Award and has begun studies at the University of Michigan School of Medicine '11.
- Jean Cesarius '07, admitted to the doctoral program in mathematics at Stevens Institute of Technology.
- Wainwright Joseph '07, admitted to doctoral program in mathematics at the University of Arizona.
- Commencement 2007: York's largest graduating class to-date (897), which included the first graduates from the Communication Technology and BS/MS Occupational Therapy programs.
- York College Cardinals Basketball Team wins CUNYAC Championship for two consecutive years. Go Cardinals!
- Women's Track and Field Team win both Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

ADVANCEMENT/OUTREACH INITIATIVES

- Executive Breakfast Series continues for second year: hosted Comptroller William Thompson in March, Con Ed Chairman/CEO Kevin Burke this October.
- Recruitment/fundraising DVD written by James Siegel '77, produced by Communication Tech faculty and students, narrated by former Mayor Ed Koch.
- College hosted Barrington Irving, youngest pilot and first African American to fly around the world.
- Cultivation event hosted by CUNY Trustee Jeffrey Wiesenfeld with honored guests Ed Koch, Governor Hugh Carey, and James Siegel '77.
- YC Foundation generated \$391,000 from new donors.
- New scholarships: Natural Sciences Scholarship, Communications Technology, Gloria Waldman Scholarship for Study Abroad, Carolyn Kirkpatrick Scholarship for Excellence in English Studies.

ALUMNI COMMUNITY

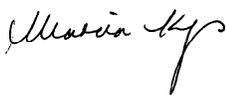
- Andrew Campbell '81, Associate Professor of Medical Science at Brown University.
- Celeta Vanderpool '00, appointed Lecturer in the Behavioral Sciences Department at York.
- Celia P. Lloyd '85, serves as Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management at City College.

As you can see, this has been a busy and productive year, and I would like to thank each of you for your dedication and commitment. I am proud to announce that I have been appointed to the New York State Higher Education Commission, established by Governor Eliot Spitzer, to promote quality higher education in New York; and that I have also been appointed to the NCAA Division III President's Council. I appreciate your involvement in our many activities, particularly those that enhanced academic programs and increased student recruitment and retention.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Linda Rose Barley for her dedicated service as acting Vice President for Academic Affairs. I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Margaret Vendryes for her service to the College especially in her role as Faculty Caucus Chair.

I look forward to our continued success as we journey towards excellence together.

Sincerely,



Marcia V. Keizs
President

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