This year marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of York College of the City University of New York and as we embark on a year-long celebration (September 2016 – September 2017) of this milestone, I am gratified to ponder the major achievements we have sustained as we conclude our fifth decade.

From a college once housed in rented spaces in disparate locations, York on its modern 50-acre campus now anchors the thriving downtown Jamaica, Queens commercial district. Our alumni, nearly 30,000 of them since 1971; and our current students, make us proud every day with their accomplishments.

For example, Danielle Blount ’01, now serves as Commissioner of Family Court, in Maryland; Tony Wan ’12 and Kyla-Gaye Pinnock ’13, recently started medical school at Stony Brook University and SUNY Downstate College of Medicine, respectively. And Stephane Labossiere ’14 is graduating from Columbia University with his MS in Community Health Education and already has a job at the Clinton Foundation.

Meanwhile, our current students tested their mettle in research and at conferences on campus and across the nation. Under the guidance of world class faculty mentors, their intellectual curiosity and assertive applications are being rewarded with acceptances at Ivy League universities and internships at standard-bearing hospitals such as Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

We are also excited that we will launch two additional master’s programs in the fall of 2016. Joining the BS/MS in Occupational Therapy, will be the MS in Physician Assistant Studies and MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences. These niche programs are magnets for students from across the five boroughs, Westchester County and Long Island.

Because our enrollment is at an all-time high, the College’s Master Plan necessitates that we expand our campus with the addition of a nearly 163,000 gross square foot, nine-story academic village and conference center. The iconic design is now shovel-ready and awaiting state funding. This project, intended to house our School of Business and Information Systems, administrative offices, student affinity spaces and bookstore, will be a game changer for York.

So on the behalf of the entire York College community, I extend many thanks and much gratitude to all of you who have supported us with your donations and goodwill over these past two years. We depend on the kindness of our friends and ask that you continue to help us build York into a formidable institution of higher learning.

Thank you always.

Marcia V. Keizs
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York Students participate in the 50 year anniversary of the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, which paved the way for voting rights for all Americans, 2015
FACULTY Scholarship is at an all-time high. The achievers cut across disciplines and include:

- **Professor Dana Fusco** and **Professor George White**, who received a $25,000 Planning Grant from the Teagle Foundation to pursue an interdisciplinary approach to preparing future teachers;
- Professor **James Popp** and **Professor Kevin Lynch** received $300,000 from the U.S. Air Force Office of Scientific Research for a project to develop an all-weather weapon material detection system;
- **Professor Timothy Paglione** awarded $484,745 from Cornell University for “improving the graduation and transfer rates of community college and technical school Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) students from under-represented groups;
- **Professor Nazrul Khandaker** awarded $420,000 from NASA’s Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) formerly known as the SEMAA program here at York. The Aerospace Academies will engage historically underserved and underrepresented students in grades K-12;
- **Professor Ratan Dhar** mentored his students with the support of a $50,000 initiative from the Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a survey -- along with DEP employees – to help solve the vexing problem of flooding in Southeast Queens;
- **Professor Michael Sharpe** received a $700 Feliks Gross Award for Outstanding Scholarship;
- **Professor Timothy Amrhein** was a recipient of a CUNY Diversity Projects Development Fund Grant for $4,050 in the Spring 2015 and also awarded a Distinguished CUNY Fellowship at the Advanced Research Collaborative; and
- **Professor Elizabeth Alter** received the $800 Feliks Gross Award CUNY Collaborative Incentive Research Grant for research in environmental DNA of the Bronx River; and an NSF Award for the project “Bridge to Research in Environmental and Applied Metagenomics.”
Michelle Stoddart, Jonetta Moody, Rev. Floyd Flake, President Marcia V. Keizs, Chancellor James Milliken, Jacqueline Arrington, and Carlisle Towery during the celebration for Dr. Keizs’ 10th anniversary as president of York College.

CUNY Chancellor Milliken Hosts York Fulbright Awardees From left to right: Dr. Linda Gerena (Associate Professor, Teacher Education), CUNY Chancellor James B. Milliken, Dr. Linda Perry (Associate Professor, Business and Economics), Dr. Selena T. Rodgers (Associate Professor, Social Work).

Executive Leadership Breakfast Series Keynote speaker Errol Louis explains the meaning of the election results.
President Marcia V. Keizs and Regional President of Santander Bank Josephine Moran embarked on a five-year philanthropic collaboration for the Santander Universities Program to support York’s Merit Scholarship Program. Santander’s grant of $200,000 over five years is the largest corporate gift ever received by York College.

President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia and VP Ronald C. Thomas of York College prepare a new class to begin their studies at York.


Executive Leadership Breakfast Series speaker Carla Harris discusses tools for maximizing success.

Patrick Menzies, ’13 2015 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Gilliam Fellowship.

New Student Orientation prepares a new class to begin their studies at York.

York nursing student participation in study away program in Haiti.
The Empire State Development Corporation designated York College a STARTUP NY site. The designation creates a tax-free zone on the York College campus for new and expanding businesses that meet the STARTUP NY criteria. The program offers opportunities for collaboration with faculty in York’s fields of expertise, student internships and jobs.

Dr. Timothy Paglione, professor of physics and astronomy, Chair of the Department of Earth & Physical Sciences, and chair of CUNY Astronomy & Astrophysics, traveled to Japan in March to work at the Nobeyama Radio Observatory.

Dr. Ram Raju, the president and CEO of New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC), was the keynote speaker at a York College public forum on the Ebola disease.

Professor Elizabeth Alter (front center) with BREAM students in Jamaica Bay, holding the molt of a horseshoe crab.

Undergraduate Research Day is a major event each year at York. Research Day is a celebration of undergraduate research and creative scholarship in all disciplines at York College.

York Social Work students work with older adults to improve their computer skills in Rochdale Village.

York faculty, staff and students at ‘Black Lives Matter’ protest.
PROFESSORS Leslie Lewis and Jack Schlein, now retired, were longtime members of the Biology faculty in the Natural Sciences Department at York College. Both professors were prolific and well-respected researchers. Professor Schlein also served as the pre-medical advisor for more than three decades. Professors Lewis and Schlein have inspired and mentored scores of physicians, dentists, researchers and other scientists over their decades at York.

In gratitude to their mentors in the Natural Sciences at York, several of Professor Lewis and Professor Schlein’s former students have made financial commitments in their honor, totaling in excess of $750,000. Contributed funds are being placed in an endowment fund which, as it grows, will help recruit and retain outstanding faculty; fund faculty and student research and travel to academic conferences; provide scholarship support; and help meet other special needs, such as paying for MCAT or GRE preparation for students who could not otherwise afford it.

In recognition of their decades of mentorship and of the financial commitments made in their honor, the Leslie Lewis-Jack Schlein Professorship in Natural Sciences is being established. This is York College’s first professorship named by alumni.
Former Professor and Pre-Med Mentee Now Doctor and Patient

In his 20-plus years Dr. Daniel Brietstein must certainly have come across a few patients associated with York College. But one particular patient has brought the physician full circle.

Professor Jack Schlein was reconnected with Dan Brietstein when a York colleague mentioned that his wife was being treated by Dr. Brietstein. Schlein immediately recognized the name as a student of his in the early 1970s and, one could say, Schlein was in part responsible for Brietstein’s becoming a physician.

When they got back in touch for a visit, Dr. Brietstein spoke of his specialty in treating spinal pain. Dr. Brietstein learned that Schlein was experiencing just such pain and expressed interest in treating his former professor. And so a doctor/patient relationship was born from what was once a teacher/student partnership.

Schlein, a biology professor at York, was for decades the pre-med advisor for the college and Brietstein was one of his many mentees. Enrolling at York in 1972 as a 17 year-old straight out of Cardoza High School, Brietstein recalls York’s role in his development.

“I was a wild young kid and York was very good for me,” Brietstein recalled. “York [at the time] was smaller than Cardoza and was on the campus of Queensborough [Community College]. I love that it was a new opportunity and I loved the small college. I got a quality four-year education.”

As a faculty member, Dr. Schlein, is officially retired from York but still teaches part-time at the college. He was among the early faculty who created York’s formidable Biology Department and is now tickled by the irony of his and Brietstein’s current relationship.

“I find it quite fascinating that I’m being treated by a former student,” said Schlein. “In all modesty it gives me a great sense of pride. Danny was a bright student. I would definitely recommend him to others at York. In fact I referred [an old friend] to Dr. Brietstein.”

Brietstein, who is associate director of the Division of Integrative Pain Medicine at Pro Health Care Associates, LLP, was previously director of the Comprehensive Pain Management Center at Mount Sinai School of Medicine at Elmhurst Hospital Center. He specializes in performing therapeutic injections and other pain intervention treatments. He is board certified in both Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine.

Dr. Schlein’s pain is under control, thanks to the professional care of his former student.

“He’s helping me,” said Schlein.

Barbara and Dr. Collin Brathwaite have made a $150,000 commitment to York College in honor of Dr. Brathwaite’s mentors, Professor Jack Schlein and Professor Leslie Lewis. Dr. Brathwaite was accepted to Howard University College of Medicine after only three years as an undergraduate at York College. Dr. Brathwaite is now Chief of Surgery at Winthrop University Hospital, and has recently joined the York College Foundation Board of Trustees. Barbara Brathwaite is a nurse in the surgical practice at Winthrop University Hospital.
PROFESSOR Louis Levinger called it about five years ago when he predicted that then-sophomore Kyla-Gaye Pinnock would go places as a Biotech major in his class. She is now in medical school and has been awarded the prestigious Salk Scholarship.

Pinnock, who graduated in 2013 but remained as a researcher in her mentor’s lab, is attending medical school at SUNY Downstate Medical Center.

“Right now I’m looking at [studying] orthopedic surgery and some kind of outreach in minority communities,” said Pinnock, a native of St. Catherine, Jamaica, who came to the United States at the age of 13.

Levinger prepared her well.

“Our (previous) project includes mutations in the tRNASE Z enzyme that causes mitochondrial diseases,” said Pinnock. “We try to figure out how these mutations affect the enzyme’s structure and function. In research there is a lot of problem-solving and Dr. Levinger is just always telling you to ‘look at it from different perspectives, there’s a solution, you just have to find it.’”

Pinnock, who as a York undergraduate served on the college’s Curriculum Committee and presented at the RNA Society Conference at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS). And it’s “all because of Dr. Levinger.”

“He definitely advocates for us to go out and see what other researchers are doing,” said the former York Honors Program student. “The whole Biotech major is a small major so you get lots of one-on-one and lots of hands on research [opportunities] from him.”

Gaye also believes in the power of the well-rounded experience.

“You have to be more proactive to find out what’s going on and take advantage of as much as possible,” said Pinnock, daughter of a school teacher and a limousine company employee. “It’s not just about academics, but about social and the total college experience.”

“In addition to being bright, Kyla is motivated, patient and persistent,” said Dr. Levinger. “The Salk Scholarship is a significant award as a record of Kyla’s biomedical research accomplishments at the transition between the BS in Biotechnology and her matriculation in Medical School.”
Jack Glasser, Esq., Class of 1978

Alum Includes York in Estate Plans & 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 “at least” $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 – including 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 nicknamed ‘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. I’ve been sued a few times and I’ve learned two things: Number one, it's the person. And number two, life is not just what you know, but who you know… the contacts and how you use them.”

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,” Glasser says in his commitment letter.
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THEY went, they marched, they returned transformed. Led by York Distinguished Lecturer Dr. Ron Daniels, a group of nearly 30 students plus faculty and administrators, converged on Selma, Alabama in early March to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Bloody Sunday.

The large York delegation along with thousands of others solemnly crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge to honor the original march in 1965, which led to the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The original group of civil rights marchers, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., were met by law enforcement on the bridge and beaten bloody (hence the name, “Bloody Sunday”).

Dr. Daniels had taken students on the pilgrimage before and was even joined by President Marcia V. Keizs once. But this was the largest group ever assembled from York for this kind of trip.

York students had the honor of leading the throng across the bridge from right behind the dignitaries and a mass choir. The students marched displaying a distinctive York College banner. They returned to York enriched by the reenactment of the bridge crossing. Each returned with an agenda of community involvement starting in their neighborhood and on campus.

Rachelle Antione, a Social Work major who had the great delight of meeting and being photographed with Congressman John Lewis at the commemoration, immediately declared her candidacy for a spot on York Student Government and is now serving as senator. She intends to be the change she wants to see.
Dr. Belinda Miles, a member of the York College Class of 1983, was appointed president of Westchester Community College (WCC) and began her tenure in January 2015.

Dr. Miles, a career educator, who was provost and executive vice president for Access, Learning, and Success at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) in Cleveland, Ohio, at the time of her appointment to WCC, had also served as president of that system’s Eastern Campus from 2006 to 2011.

Miles, who majored in Political Science at York, would go on to earn an M.A. in Educational Psychology and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration, both from Teachers College, Columbia University.

“This is an opportunity to showcase what students are already doing here and build on that,” said Miles of WCC. “The community is getting increasingly diverse, which enhances the campus culturally. Together, we will develop relevant programming that creates pathways to success for all students.”

Miles was always a leader.

Attending York during its nomadic era, the young scholar’s part-time job was that of campus English tutor. She also served as film critic on the college’s student newspaper, “Pandora’s Box.” But her ultimate leadership proving ground at York turned out to be her two terms as Student Government president.

“I had an amazing undergraduate experience at York,” said Miles. “It was a tremendous opportunity to be exposed to the world of ideas as the first in my family to go to college. I learned a lot from Professor [Shirley] Ostholm, Professor [Richard] Boris and others; and as Student Government president, I stood before the CUNY Board of Trustees telling them, ‘We need a campus!’”

Dr. Miles also served as commencement speaker for York’s School of Arts and Sciences for 2015.

“I am so grateful there are such [great] opportunities at York,” said Miles. “It stayed with me and really shaped who I am.”
York Celebrates Performing Arts Center Naming for Former President

In fall 2014 York College honored the memory and service of its late president Milton G. Bassin by naming its performing arts center in memory of the institution’s longest serving president.

The building once known simply as “the PAC, is now The Milton G. Bassin Performing Arts Center; and to the delight of all who knew the former president as a dedicated administrator who advocated for students and strenuously fought to keep York open and build a permanent campus in downtown Jamaica.

In attendance at the unveiling of the name were some of the generous donors to an endowment fund that has been established to provide an annual Milton G. Bassin Merit Scholarship. Present for the celebration were Milton and Bernice Bassin’s...
A delegation of nearly two dozen high-level Chinese government officials recently participated in a three-day seminar at York College, learning from York experts.

The seminar, “Government Procurement Procedure and Fraud Prevention,” was led by Accounting Professor Mary-Jo Kranacher, a specialist in fraud and forensic accounting; and Professor Chiao-Han Lin of the Business and Economics Department.

But the visiting dignitaries were not the only ones who gained from the experience arranged by Dr. Chun-Pin Hsu, director of the CUNY Aviation Institute at York College. Teachers learned as well.

“It was certainly a learning experience for me, said Kranacher. “I shared my knowledge of fraud prevention and I learned a lot about Chinese culture.”

The group took time out of their training to visit with President Marcia V. Keizs, who told them through an interpreter, about her time as a Fulbright Scholar in China in the early 2000s. Acting Provost Panayiotis Meleties and Vice President Ronald C. Thomas also met with the group to extend greetings from the broader York Community.

The visit to York was inspired by a trip Dr. Hsu made to the China Annual Conference for International Education and Expo in 2013, and where he was one of more than 30,000 attendees. Hsu made a presentation about York and mentioned several of the college’s special programs: Aviation Management, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Finance; and Accounting and Fraud Prevention. Members of the Chinese government were interested in the subject areas but chose Fraud Prevention as the first foray into their York experience.

“When I went to the conference in China, my purpose was to increase York’s visibility,” said Dr. Hsu. “[But] this didn’t just increase our visibility it shows our students that our teaching quality has been recognized internationally.”
THE Commencement exercises of 2014 and 2015 at 1,070 and 1,178 respectively, were York’s two largest to date. The exercises were separated by two schools for three separate ceremonies.

The School of Business and Information Systems, School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Health Sciences and Professional Programs, held separate ceremonies, in the Milton G. Bassin Performing Arts Center, with separate student speakers and keynote speakers.

Katsiaryna Hud ’14 and Muhaned Mohamed ’15 served as valedictorian for their classes and are both now in the process of entering medical school.
Chemistry Major Valedictorian Makes Three In A Row

YORK’S Class of 2014 hailed from nations running the alphabetical gamut from Australia to Zambia with the valedictorian falling under B for Belarus.

Katsiaryna Hud a chemistry major, was chosen valedictorian of the class and wowed with her personal narrative of struggle in her adopted homeland.

Hud who actually started college in her native country, had a circuitous route to York. Entering the United States via Miami as a refugee, due to her political activism as a student in Belarus, the then-21 year-old lived in that city for a short while. With no English language skills at the time, she survived on odd jobs before finding her way to New York and settled in Rego Park, Queens.

She moved to New York, because she felt there would be better opportunities for her. She eventually made her way to York College with the intention of majoring in Pharmaceutical Science.

But first she had to learn English so she started in the college’s CUNY Language Immersion Program (CLIP) and was later accepted into the Percy E. Sutton SEEK (Search for Education, Elevation and Knowledge) program, of which York is a participating institution.

“I was very afraid I wouldn't be able to read the books,” said Hud of her venture into college. “But after one semester I knew that I had no time to waste. I heard about the SEEK Program and that I would get tutoring with my English papers.”

Following conversations with Chemistry Professor Ruel Desamero, Hud changed her major to Chemistry affording her more options “in the science field.” She conducted research with Dr. Desamero analyzing, she says, the protein, which causes Type II diabetes. She was also a recipient of the (Frank) Pomila Award at York.

Hud, who still worries about her less-than-perfect English, is now at New York Institute of Technology’s College of Osteopathic Medicine.
For the fourth consecutive year the York College valedictorian came from the Chemistry department and like his three immediate predecessors, he too has plans to attend medical school.

This time, however, the valedictorian brought another academic department into the mix with Chemistry.

Muhaned Mohamed was selected as the valedictorian for the class of 2015, but the Chemistry major was also a Psychology major. The precocious scholar came to York at 16 and excelled throughout not only academically, but in all facets of college life.

Mohamed was the fourth of his parents’ five children, to graduate from York, with the fifth and final sibling expecting to enroll for the fall 2016 semester.

Asked what they like best about York, Mohamed’s response was simple.

“At York we get what we deserve,” he said. “Here you have access to the professors.”

As for why he chose psychology as his combination major with chemistry, Mohamed explained that the two are not as dissimilar as one might think.

“I was interested in neurology and the mechanisms behind depression and bipolar disorder,” said Mohamed, a Eugene Levin Scholar. “So what you don’t get to ‘see’ in psychology, you get to see in chemistry.”

Mohamed conducted his research with Dr. Ruel Desamero studying phosphate metal interactions and peptide aggregation. He (Mohamed) is now working on a manuscript for submission to the Journal of Physical Chemistry. He has also worked with Biology Professor Margaret MacNeil mapping the neuroanatomy and the development of the bipolar cells in the mammalian retina.

And if the 19 year-old’s academic talents made it sound like doing two majors concurrently was easy while juggling numerous other responsibilities, he says far from it.

“[Psychology professor and mentor] Dr. Lawrence Preiser,” he said. “He kept me sane. He helped me handle the double major and taught me how to keep this all together.”

Mohamed and his mentor, Dr. Preiser

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Chemistry Major Valedictorians at York College

2012 Tony WAN
2013 Debra WHORMS
2014 Katsiaryna HUD
2015 Muhaned MOHAMED
In the summer of 2013, Mohamed won a competitive research position in the National Science Foundation- funded REU at University of California, Irvine where he studied proteins responsible for cataracts, the leading cause of blindness worldwide.

But Mohamed’s Psychology mentor sums up the college’s pride best. “What an honor for Muhaned and to have been a part of this, for me, is the culmination of what teaching is all about,” said Dr. Preiser. “To have someone from beginning to end and have an ending such as this, [is the] ultimate achievement as a professor!”
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**Gifts-in-Kind**

- Aladdin Food Services
- American Airlines
- Elena Borstine
- Impulse
- Jamaica Multiplex Cinemas
- JetBlue Airways Corporation
- Modell's
- Old Navy
- Red Lobster
- Resorts World Casino-New York City
- Golareh Sina
- United Airlines, Inc. (EWR)
Operating Expenditures Analysis Fiscal Year 2014
(July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 Unaudited)
Operating Budget: $54.3 Million

Operating Expenditures Analysis Fiscal Year 2015
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Operating Budget: $55.3 Million
RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Fiscal Year 2014

Awards Received Institutional Grants

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Fostering African American Students’ Talent (FAST) | $600,000 U.S. Department of Education
Metro New York City Junior Mathematics, Science and Humanities Symposium | $16,000 Academy of Applied Science
Long Island Junior Mathematics, Science and Humanities Symposium | $10,000 Academy of Applied Science

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS
Entrepreneurial Development Disaster Assistance | $450,563 Research Foundation/SUNY
WIA Title II ESOL/Civics | $400,000 Office of Career and Continuing Education Services
New York State Small Business Development Center (NYS/SBDC) | $269,298 Research Foundation/SUNY
Literacy Zone Initiative WIA Title II | $200,000 Office of Career and Continuing Education Services
Adult Literacy and Basic Adult Education | $100,000 Office of Career and Continuing Education Services

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT
York’s Student Support Services (SSS) | $356,805 U.S. Department of Education
York Enrichment Services (YES) | $266,776 U.S. Department of Education

Awards Received by Schools

ARTS AND SCIENCES
AstroCom NYC: A Partnership Between Astronomers at CUNY, AMNH, and Columbia University | $648,769 National Science Foundation
The Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA) | $50,000 Paragon Tec, Inc.
Mu2e at the City University of New York | $98,000 Department of Energy
National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program: New York Space Grant Consortium | $5,000 Cornell University

BIOLOGY
Training for Success in Biomedical Research | $19,980 Brown University

CHEMISTRY
Oxazolone Cycloadducts as Heterocyclic Scaffolds for Decahydroquinoline Alkaloid Synthesis | $123,809 National Institutes of Health

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
Whole Systems Educational Technology Project (WSETP) | $5,911 Whole Systems International

Fiscal Year 2015

Awards Received Institutional Grants

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Metro New York City Junior Mathematics, Science and Humanities Symposium | $16,000 Academy of Applied Science
New York Long Island Junior Mathematics, Science and Humanities Symposium | $12,000 Academy of Applied Science
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

WIA Title 2 ESOL/Civics | $400,000
Office of Adult Career and Continuing Education Services

New York State Small Business Development Center (NYS/SBDC) | $264,825
Research Foundation/SUNY

EB-5 Immigrant Program Development | $150,000
New York State Empire State Development

EB-5 Immigrant Program Development | $135,000
New York State Empire State Development

Awards Received by Schools

ARTS AND SCIENCES

EARTH AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

NYSG Community College Partnership Program | $244,026
Cornell University

Threat Detection Using a Modular Cosmic Ray Muon Tomography System | $100,000
Department of Defense

CUNY for Queens | $48,372
New York City Department of Environmental Protection

ConEdison Strategic Partnership in Education | $10,000
Con Edison

BIOLOGY

Bridge to Research in Environmental and Applied Metagenomics: An Inquiry-Based Module to Build Core STEM Competencies and Improve Retention Among Underrepresented Students | $269,124
National Science Foundation

Bridge in Research and Environmental and Applied Metagenomics: An Inquiry-based module to build core scientific competencies and improve retention among underrepresented students in STEAM | $25,000
Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Training for Success in Biomedical Research | $30,780
Brown University

MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

Engaging Undergraduates in Research that Speaks their Language | $25,000
Thurgood Marshall College Fund

Interrelated Properties of the Laplacian on Infinite Graphs: Essential Self-Adjointness, Stochastic Completeness and Estimates for the Bottom of the Spectrum | $7,000
Simons Foundation

PERFORMING AND FINE ARTS

2015 NASA Robotic Mining Competition | $25,000
National Aeronautics and Space Administration

HEALTH SCIENCES & PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

TEACHER EDUCATION

I-Corps: Scaling the Peer Enabled Restructure Classroom (PERC) Program | $50,000
National Science Foundation
MICHELE CHOW-TAI, a member of York’s Class of 1999 has come full circle in her relationship with the college. The business executive found herself wanting to give back to the institution, which had provided not only a college education, but a chance to succeed in life after losing her mother as a teenager.

“Giving back to York was an easy decision to make,” said Chow-Tai, who was an HSBC executive at the time. “I was at the point in my career and in an environment working on a trading floor where my life was becoming focused around ‘Who’s losing money and who’s making money.’ I met President [Marcia V.] Keizs and was blown away by her character and what she had done [at York] up to that point.”

Chow-Tai recalled that she told Dr. Keizs that she wanted to serve the college. “She asked me to be a Foundation Board member and felt it was an opportunity to do something that was focused on the really important things in life and our future,” she said. “I love working for the students. They are our future. I felt it was a nice way to balance my life.”

At one point Chow-Tai’s future might have seemed less certain as following her mother’s death she moved with fair regularity and changed colleges as convenient to her homes and employment du jour; she even found herself homeless for a time. It was not until she found York that she was able to settle down and complete her degree under the guidance of York’s dedicated faculty.

“With the professors at York I got a sense they really wanted me to succeed,” said Chow-Tai. “In other places I didn’t feel comfortable enough to ask a question or get clarification nor did I have the time to figure out the politics at those colleges with having to work full-time. I had been to a number of colleges but York was great. It was not easy. I was expected to do the work and perform at my highest level despite my personal challenges.”

Currently Director and Head of Business Development for a private equity firm, Chow-Tai has worked her magic at a number of important companies and brings her vast experience to the table at York.

“We need to instill in our young people, the confidence to know they’re just as good as anyone else and can achieve all their heart’s desire with confidence and hard work,” she noted. “It’s more on us to help them believe in themselves, especially if they’re not striving. So I’ve made it a point of my duty to grab one every chance I get if they reach out and even if they don’t, I still give them my time and thoughts in hopes that they’ll see the light.”
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