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Commencement 2011:

A day for Celebrating Success

New Jersey City University awarded 1,650 graduate and undergraduate degrees at its commencement ceremony on Wednesday, May 11 at the Izod Center in East Rutherford. Honorary doctorate degrees were presented to the Honorable Hilda L. Solis, U.S. secretary of labor, and Christine Eibs Singer, co-founder and chief executive officer of E+Co, an international organization which helps empower local renewable energy enterprises.

Thousands of family members and friends cheered as degrees were conferred upon 1,184 undergraduate students and 466 graduate students. During the ceremony, every graduate's name was announced as he or she arrived on the stage. The degree candidates represented the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences, Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education, and College of Professional Studies.

Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno, vice president for academic affairs, presided over the ceremony and Dr. Carlos Hernández gave the president's charge to the graduates. Claudia Severino, president of the Class of 2011, gave the response for the graduates. Rafael Perez, Esq., chair of the Board of Trustees, extended greetings, and Robert Larson, C.P.C. '74 conveyed congratulations on behalf of the University's alumni.



1. Ambassador Clay Constantinou '73 (Hon. '99) congratulates his son, Dan Constantinou, who received a bachelor of science degree.

2. Evelyn Malzberg, 84, a retired secretary and great-grandmother, earned a bachelor of arts degree 25 years after she started classes at then Jersey City State College.

3. Sweet success

4. From left: William Y. Fellenberg, interim vice president for university advancement; Dr. Hernández, Aaron Aska, vice president for administration and finance; Ms. Singer; Dr. Bruno, Dr. John Melendez, vice president for student affairs; and Secretary Solis.

5. NJCU's Golden Gothics, special guests at the ceremony, include: (first row, from left) Dr. Serafina (Fiore) Banich '46; Alice (Levandowski) Pyka '40; Angeline (Quinto) Pacifico '40; Minerva Bell '54; Mary Honora (Zawitoski) Kronick '57; Jane McClellan, executive director of alumni relations; (second row, from left) Inez (Conrad) Boddy '48; Winifred (Marone) Smith '48; Dainty (Robertson) McIntyre '50, M.A. '63; Brenda (Turso) D'Onofrio '61, M.A. '67; (third row, from left) Dr. Alice Ousterman '61; Thomas J. Newell '61; Robert Conroy '61; Rosalyn (Podelsky) Bernstein-Charnes '53, M.A. '78; (fourth row, from left) James Morganti '49; Judith Adamo Paulillo '61; Mr. Larson '74; Arsenio Silvestri '61; and John J. Moore, Esq. '56.

6. Mortarboards as art

7. Seeing double

8. Proud moment

9. Her big day

10. Families and friends fill the arena in East Rutherford.

11. Faces from the Class of 2011

12. Confident about the future

13. Plenty to smile about

Photos 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, and 12 by Bill Wittkop

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President Carlos Hernández to Retire

Dr. Carlos Hernández will retire from the presidency of New Jersey City University on July 1, 2012.

In sharing his decision with faculty and staff at the annual University-wide meeting in September, he said his 38 years at NJCU “have been intellectually stimulating and personally and professionally rewarding.”

Joining the NJCU community as a faculty member in the Department of Psychology, Dr. Hernández also served the University as executive assistant to the president and as vice president for academic affairs and provost prior to his appointment as president in 1993.

During his tenure, the institution attained University status and changed its name from Jersey City State College to New Jersey City University. The diversification and expansion of academic programs led to the creation of three colleges offering 41 undergraduate and 27 graduate degree programs: the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Professional Studies, and the Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education.

Dr. Hernández oversaw significant changes to the physical campus, including the construction of George Karnoutsos Arts and Sciences Hall, the Visual Arts Building, John J. Moore Athletics and Fitness Center, University Academy Charter High School, and Business Development Incubator, as well as the redesign and renovation of both the Congressman Frank J. Guarini Library and the Michael B. Gilligan Student Union. NJCU’s 21-acre West Campus, which is part of Jersey City’s community redevelopment in the West Side neighborhood, has been remediated and is in the early stages of development.

Academic Year Opens with 27th Annual Convocation, Exhibits Focusing on 9/11

Rochelle Hendricks, acting New Jersey secretary of higher education, delivered the keynote address at the 27th Annual Academic Convocation on September 12 in Margaret Williams Theatre. Secretary Hendricks was appointed by Governor Chris Christie last May.

Ten recent retirees were recognized during the ceremony and the rank of professor *emeritus* was bestowed upon Ben Jones, a professor of art at the University, 1967-2010. Dr. Carlos Hernández, president, welcomed the members of the University community to the beginning of the academic year and Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno, vice president for academic affairs, presided over the ceremony.

Both referenced the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks in their comments and Dr. Bruno invited the audience to attend 9/11-related events on campus, including two art exhibits that inaugurated the galleries’ season.

“AFTERWARDS and FORWARD: A ten-year 9/11 reflective art exhibition,” a group show featuring works by 18 international artists, including Joel Meyerowitz, Yoko Ono, and Ultra Violet, as well as two works on loan from the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, was presented in the Visual Arts Gallery. The Michael Gilligan Student Union Art Gallery hosted “11 de septiembre, 2001,” an interactive, conceptual installation organized by Hugo W. Morales ’85, M.A. ’93, interim director of marketing.



Members of the staff and students of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics with representatives of Friends of India and NJCU, including Dr. Carlos Hernández (seated center left), president

NJCU Creates Global Village Program Through International Collaboration

Through its Gateway to the Global Village Program, NJCU recently welcomed visiting delegations from China and India and developed agreements with institutions to increase opportunities for scholarly collaboration. Providing the opportunity for NJCU students to explore other cultures first-hand is another aspect of the expanding Program.

In January 2012, a group of 15 NJCU students and three faculty members will spend 12 days in India, where they will explore the country’s rich history and dynamic modern development.

The NJCU students have completed a competitive application process and will pay \$500 for the trip; it has been largely underwritten by NJCU’s Foundation and Student Government Organization, and private donors. They will be guests of H.R. College of Commerce and Economics in Mumbai, which sent 25 students and staff to NJCU last May.

During the spring visit to NJCU, the students from Mumbai attended faculty lectures, visited business and political leaders, and toured Jersey City’s waterfront financial district, Indian business district, and area landmarks, including the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. The visit came about through the efforts of Friends of India, a group of New Jersey business women who seek to build linkages between women entrepreneurs in the United States and India. Craig Katz, coordinator of NJCU’s Office of International Students and Study Abroad, served as their guide.

In addition to his work with NJCU and visiting students, Mr. Katz has also assisted in arranging visits by groups and individuals from other countries. During the fall semester, he escorted a group of 19 educators from the Changde region of China, who attended campus workshops in educational leadership. University professors from Spain and Brazil also used NJCU as their base during the semester while conducting research.

As part of its Gateway to the Global Village Program, NJCU has established exchange relationships with institutions of higher education in Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Brazil, and China, and is in the process of finalizing bilateral exchange agreements with universities in the United Kingdom, Japan, and France.

Grants at a Glance

NJCU Captures Largest Grant Ever, \$9.2 Million for STEM Programs

• The United States Department of Education has awarded NJCU two significant grants totaling \$9.2 million to increase the number of minority and low-income graduates in technology and the sciences.

The five-year Title V grant, the largest in NJCU’s history, consists of one individual grant for \$3.9 million and one cooperative grant with Hudson County Community College (HCCC) for \$5.3 million. Both grants target STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) programs at Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI). NJCU is New Jersey’s only four-year public university designated as an HSI.

“This grant will allow NJCU to fulfill a critical goal as a Hispanic-Serving Institution by creating a clear path for community college graduates to earn baccalaureate degrees in STEM programs,” said Dr. Carlos Hernández, president. “Educating a new workforce in science and engineering is critical for our nation’s future and NJCU has a key role in that plan.”

HCCC, as a feeder school of students with two-year associate degrees in science who will complete bachelor of science degrees at NJCU, is a key partner in the program. Both institutions will support these bachelor degree candidates through the development of dual admission and dual enrollment opportunities, upgraded technology in the classroom, and campus-wide wireless networks. Mathematics courses, a common stumbling block for students interested in science, will be aligned at both institutions to provide continuity for those who transfer.

More than \$1 million of the grant money will be used to complete the construction and renovation of NJCU science labs, which began in 2008 with a federal grant.

The grant also provides \$1.2 million in unrestricted funds for the NJCU Foundation’s endowment, to be matched by the Foundation within the next 20 years.



Additionally, the grant provides for curriculum revision and alignment, website improvements, supplemental instruction, specific advisement for science majors, mentored research opportunities, professional development for faculty, and the hiring of a transfer counselor at NJCU and a director of developmental mathematics at both institutions.

The grant was obtained through the efforts of NJCU’s Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs, with the assistance of Dr. John Grew, an associate professor of biology, and Dr. Muriel Rand, a professor of early childhood education, who were the lead writers in the application process.

“We are currently in one of the most competitive funding environments in history,” said Ruddys Andrade ’01 M.S., associate vice president for academic affairs, grants and sponsored programs, and project director for the grant. “The challenge of obtaining external funding has become increasingly difficult, so we are extremely pleased by our success in obtaining this grant and proud of the excellent work of the many individuals involved in the process.”

Additional Awards for NJCU

NJCU’s status as a federally-designated Hispanic-Serving Institution and Minority-Serving Institution has been a significant factor in its selection for numerous other awards over the past year, including the following grants, also obtained by the Office of Grants and Sponsored Programs.

• The U. S. Department of Education awarded a \$3.5 million grant for “Increasing Latino Participation in Nursing and Health Information Management.” The Title V grant, awarded over five years to NJCU in partnership with HCCC, will provide students with tutoring and mentoring, and give the institutions resources to expand the nursing curriculum through improved technology and equipment. The grant will also fund professional development for faculty and recruitment for the nursing program.

• A \$599,487 Hispanic Serving Institutions Assisting Communities (HSIAC) grant for “E2 (Enterprise and Economic) Development Initiative” has been awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The three-year, HUD HSIAC award will enhance economic development activities among low-and moderate-income entrepreneurs by providing them with training, mentoring, and low-income loans. The E2 Development Initiative is a public-private partnership that includes Rising Tide Capital, the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation, the Hudson County Workforce Investment Board, TD Bank, and the Small Business Development Center at NJCU.

• A five-year, \$290,516 TRIO Student Support Services Program grant from the U.S. Department of Education will fund The Learning Communities (TLC) Program at NJCU. TLC provides students with disabilities and low-income, first-generation students with tutoring and advisement to increase their retention and graduation rates. TLC also offers students personal support and financial literacy, cultural, and social awareness activities.

Social Responsibility Is Theme Of University Lecture Series

The 2011-2012 University Lecture Series, which addresses the theme of social responsibility in a global community, will feature Ta-Nehisi Coates and Nina Alvarez in 2012.

On February 13, the Series will bring Mr. Coates to the NJCU campus. A blogger and senior editor for *Atlantic Monthly*, he will speak about social responsibility in cultural, political, and social issues. Ms. Alvarez, an award-winning television journalist, producer, and filmmaker, will speak on April 16 on her experiences covering the Iraq war, Palestinian conflict, maternal mortality in Nigeria, and sex trafficking in New York City.

Frederick S. Lane, an author, attorney, and expert witness in computer forensics, opened the series on October 17 and was followed by Andrea Elliott, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist for *The New York Times* who covers Islam in the United States, on November 21.

Since its beginning in 1986, the Series has hosted speakers with expertise in the arts, humanities, and science. Previous speakers have included Isabel Allende, Arthur Ashe, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Seamus Heaney, Tony Kushner, John Updike, and B.D. Wong.

The Monday afternoon lectures are held at 4:00 p.m. in the Gothic Lounge (Room 202) of Hepburn Hall. A reception with the guest speaker follows each lecture. The Series is sponsored by the Division of University Advancement.

Writer and ‘Sopranos’ Actor Speaks on the Creative Process

Carl Capotorto, a writer and actor for more than 25 years who played Little Paulie on HBO’s “The Sopranos,” lectured and read from his works in the Gothic Lounge on October 27. He is the author of *Twisted Head: An Italian-American Memoir*, published in 2008 by Random House.

The program was part of “Jersey City and Beyond: Writers Read the City,” a series co-sponsored by the Office of the Dean of the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences and the Department of English.

Mr. Capotorto holds an M.F.A. in playwriting from Columbia University and has received grants and fellowships in playwriting and screenwriting from the National Endowment for the Arts, New York Foundation for the Arts, and Edward F. Albee Foundation.

West Campus Update

Remediation of a former industrial site that is being redeveloped as NJCU’s West Campus is continuing. The restoration is being conducted under the direction of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and is expected to be completed in fall 2012.

Construction of the infrastructure will begin in 2012 and ground-breaking for the first two buildings, a student residence hall and an academic building, is expected to take place in late 2013 or early 2014.

NJCU’s 21-acre West Campus will include educational facilities and a residence hall for students set amid landscaped public areas. The property is located west of the main campus between West Side Avenue and Route 440.

It's A First. "Headlight Reflection" by Jean Davidson was among the works by 42 members of the Printmaking Center of New Jersey featured in the Center's "36th Annual Member Art Exhibition." First shown at the Printmaking Center in Branchburg, the exhibition was featured last fall in the Harold B. Lemmerman Gallery of Hepburn Hall, marking the first time that NJCU has hosted the prestigious exhibit. The exhibit was juried and selected by Mary-Ellen Campbell, an NJCU professor of art, and Ella Rue M.A. '05, assistant to the dean of the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences. The Printmaking Center is an award-winning nonprofit arts center that has been offering exhibitions and educational programs to schools, community organizations, and the public in printmaking, papermaking, book arts, and photography for the past 38 years. The Center also houses open working studios for artists from throughout the state.

New Bachelor's Degree Approved

NJCU has instituted a bachelor of arts degree in women's and gender studies after offering a minor in the program for 37 years.

The University's women and gender studies major places the focus on women's lives and experiences, while incorporating analyses of masculinity as well as perspectives from LGBT Studies, queer theory, and feminist practice. Completion of this degree prepares students for careers in education, social services, public advocacy, counseling, and community organizing.

"This program of study continues to be among the most versatile of the liberal arts programs, preparing graduates for careers and further study in a multitude of disciplines," said Dr. Barbara Feldman, dean of the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences.

"The B.A. in women's and gender studies enables students to analyze complex social, political, and cultural issues and to make essential connections between their own experiences and their local, national, and global communities," explained Dr. Jacqueline Ellis, chair of the Women's and Gender Studies Department.

NJCU Reaches Out to Veterans

NJCU is reaching out to the thousands of local veterans returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan with newly-instituted veterans' open houses that provide detailed information for veterans who are interested in learning more about their higher education opportunities and NJCU.

The veterans' open houses, co-hosted by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the University Advisement Center's Military and Veterans' Services program, include campus tours and provide information on financial aid and undergraduate and graduate degree programs with special emphasis on the specific benefits available to veterans. Veterans can review their military benefits with financial aid experts and the application fee is waived for all who attend.

To ease their transition from military to student life, the University's Office of Veterans' Benefits also provides information about veterans' benefits and support services year-round. Veterans are also welcome to attend NJCU's fall and spring open houses or to directly contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions or Office of Veterans' Benefits.

Jose Alvarez '11, Fernando Cunha '11, senior Mikhael Eliasi, David Ksepko '11, sophomore Lekendrick Shaw, and Jennifer Munoz '11 placed second in the Core Investment Strategy category of the 2011 R.I.S.E. XI international student-managed portfolio competition. The students represented NJCU's Student Investment Management Group (SIM Group), a campus organization of students that invests and monitors a student-managed security fund. The competition is sponsored jointly by the University of Dayton and the United Nations Global Compact and held on the University of Dayton campus. Dr. George Li, an associate professor of finance; Marilyn Ettinger, a professor of business administration, and Bette Goldstein, executive assistant to graduate business programs, serve as advisors. As of March 2011, the Sim Group's one-year return was 16.85%, outperforming the S&P return of 15.64%.

Dr. Mitch Batoff, a professor emeritus of elementary and secondary education and an award-winning educator and photographer, presented "Beyond the Naked Eye: The Amazing Unseen World of Macro and Extreme Close-up Images" at the Nutley Public Library in August. The exhibit included detailed photos of animals, flowers, plants, and molds.

Aynur Eglow '11, Miriam Eisenmenger '12, Christina Leiva '11, and Marjorie Wichert '12, placed third among teams of master's degree candidates in the American Counseling Association's annual ethics competition. All four team members were graduate students enrolled in the Counseling Program during the competition, which was held in March in New Orleans. This is the second consecutive year that NJCU's ethics team has placed third in the competition and only the second year that the Univer-

sity has fielded a team. Dr. Jane Webber, an associate professor and coordinator of the graduate-level Counseling Program, served as the team's faculty advisor.

Dr. Antoinette Ellis-Williams, an associate professor of women's and gender studies and director of the Lee Hagan Africana Studies Center, is the recipient of the New Jersey Hospital Association's 2011 Hospital Trustee of the Year Award. Dr. Ellis-Williams, chair of the East Orange General Hospital Board of Trustees, received the award at the organization's 92nd annual meeting in January at the Hyatt Regency Princeton.

Raul Garcia '04, had a three-minute film, "Crude Remains," shown on the national Chiller Cable Channel on Halloween night 2010. Mr. Garcia, an English tutor in NJCU's Opportunity Scholarship Program (OSP), was cinematographer for "Blaming George Romero," which was directed by Bob Lise, also an OSP tutor, and also featured Samuel Platizky '06, a former OSP tutor and office manager for NJCU's Local 1839 of the American Federation of Teachers.

Dr. Julio Guillen, a professor of mathematics, received the *Honor a Quien Honor Merece* (Honor to Those Who Deserve Honor) Award from the Salvadoran Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey at the organization's annual dinner in Elizabeth in November 2010. Dr. Guillen was nominated and introduced by Roseangela Mendoza '06, his former student.

Dorothy Dierks Hourihan, a professor emeritus of art, exhibited "The Flower Show" last spring at Viridian Artists, a contemporary art gallery in Chelsea. The show included works that spanned four decades and evoked the life force expressed in "the energy in growing things."

Ben Jones, a professor emeritus of art, exhibited "Evolution/Revolution" earlier this year at Rich Mix in East London. The series consists of nine large-scale acrylic paintings and 20 drawings on paper and was the first

major international exhibition to be displayed at Rich Mix's newly renovated mezzanine gallery. Rich Mix is a group of venues at one location that features art in various forms. To coincide with the exhibition, Mr. Jones curated performances, film screenings, workshops, and discussions throughout the site.

Lindsay Jones and Jacqueline Lawrence, both seniors majoring in fire science, have completed cooperative education internships related to their field of study. Ms. Jones, a member of the Herbertsville Fire Company in Brick, received an associate of science degree from Ocean County College before transferring to NJCU. She spent the spring semester with the New Jersey State Police Arson

RETIREES

- (JANUARY 1, 2010 - JULY 1, 2011)
- PAMELA ANDREWS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY ADVISEMENT CENTER (1977)
- DIANA ANTONIO, PRINCIPAL LIBRARY ASSISTANT (1990)
- HERNANDO BARRIOS, OPERATING ENGINEER, MAINTENANCE SERVICES (1995)
- CATHERINE BETSWORTH, PRINCIPAL CLERK TYPIST, DEPARTMENT OF LITERACY EDUCATION (1992)
- GINA BOESCH, DIRECTOR, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INCUBATOR (2003)
- RONALD BOGUSZ '77, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, MARKETING (1980)
- CHRISTINE CARMODY-AREY '80, M.A. '92, DIRECTOR, M. JERRY WEISS CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE (1986)
- NICHOLAS CERRATO, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRE (1970)
- MARIA CIRACO, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN, DEBORAH CANNON PARTRIDGE WOLFE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (1987)
- MANUEL COSSI, SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, HOUSEKEEPING (1987)
- VERONICA DALSTROM, DEMONSTRATION TEACHER, A. HARRY MOORE SCHOOL (1985)
- MIGUEL DELEON, PLUMBER AND STEAMFITTER, MAINTENANCE SERVICES (1991)
- CARL DUNN, SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, HOUSEKEEPING (1993)
- THOMAS FEELEY, PAINTER, MAINTENANCE SERVICES (1980)
- MARILYN LA IACONA FINSTEIN, PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY (1967)
- DR. FRANK FRENCH, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH (1965)
- LINDA JOHNSON, TEACHER ASSISTANT, A. HARRY MOORE SCHOOL (1982)
- BEN JONES, PROFESSOR OF ART (1967)
- DR. JOANNE A. JUNCKER, PROFESSOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (1982)
- DR. LYDIA NESE '72, DIRECTOR, LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES, CONGRESSMAN FRANK J. GUARINI LIBRARY (1972)
- HENRY PETERSON, TRUCK DRIVER, MAINTENANCE SERVICES (1976)
- MARCIA PINKETT-HELLER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF HEALTH SCIENCES (1986)
- DR. EDWARD RADITZ, PROFESSOR OF MUSIC, DANCE AND THEATRE (1964)
- BARBARA RAINES, PRINCIPAL CLERK TYPIST, OFFICE OF UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS (1985)
- FREDDIE REEVES '00, PRINCIPAL CLERK TYPIST, OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING (1992)
- ROBERT RIPP, REPAIRER, MAINTENANCE SERVICES (1995)
- WILLIE MAE ROBINSON, SENIOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE WORKER, HOUSEKEEPING (1980)
- JAN SCHLEGEL, PROFESSOR OF FITNESS, SPORTS AND LEISURE STUDIES (1976)
- DR. ELAINE SHARPE, PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH (1964)
- DR. CONSTANCE SICA, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH (1991)
- DR. PHOEBE SLADE, PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY (1963)
- JOHN VIDA, ELECTRICIAN, MAINTENANCE SERVICES (1977)
- SHIRLEY WILLIAMS, PRINCIPAL CLERK TYPIST, OFFICE OF CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT (2001)
- DR. BOHDAN YAWORSKY, PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE (1981)

and Bomb Squad. Ms. Lawrence, who was placed with the Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management, served with the Herbertsville Fire Company, 2006-2010, and is now with the Ferrell Fire Company in Elks Township. She earned an associate's degree at Camden County College prior to transferring to NJCU.

Joel Katz, an associate professor and chair of media arts, produced a documentary that premiered in July in New York City. "White: a Memoir in Color" is a personal film about growing up white in America. It weaves a multi-generational story through his family's experience and includes the autobiographical perspectives of the son of a white Jewish father, who was a professor at Howard University, a traditionally black college; a contemporary white professor at a university with a predominantly non-white student body; and the white adoptive father of an African-American-Irish-Italian child.

Pete McGuinness, an adjunct professor of music, was named "Best of the Best" jazz vocalist during the 2010 New York City Jazzmobile Vocal Competition. Mr. McGuinness topped 80 contestants with a scat-filled rendition of "Smile" by Charlie Chaplain. The singers were assessed on specific criteria by a panel of judges.

Hugo Morales '85, M.A. '93, interim director of marketing, traveled to the Universidad Inca Garcilaso de la Vega to present "11 de septiembre, 2001," an interactive, conceptual installation that was inspired by the events of 9/11. Mr. Morales and **Ruddys Andrade '01 M.S.**, associate vice president for academic affairs, grants and sponsored programs, were invited by Dr. Luis Cervantes Linan, president of the institution, to present the exhibit and to explore shared opportunities for students from the two universities.

Kathy G. Monteiro, project director of West Campus Development, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the

Honor Society Debuts at NJCU

NJCU INDUCTED 104 STUDENTS INTO ITS NEW CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS (NSCS) AT A NOVEMBER CEREMONY HELD AT THE LANDMARK LOEW'S JERSEY THEATRE IN JERSEY CITY. THE CHAPTER WAS CHARTERED LAST SPRING.

NSCS IS AN HONOR SOCIETY COMPRISED OF HIGH-ACHIEVING FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS WHO RANK IN THE TOP 20 PERCENT OF THEIR CLASS. THE SOCIETY ENCOURAGES LEADERSHIP THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FOSTERS STUDENT RETENTION THROUGH AN APPRECIATION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE. MORE THAN 800,000 STUDENTS FROM 300 COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES ARE MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

THE NJCU MEMBERS, WHO MEET WEEKLY, HAVE ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE BY WORKING ON THE RESTORATION OF THE LANDMARK LOEW'S JERSEY THEATRE. THEY WILL LAUNCH A PROGRAM, "PLANNING TO ACHIEVE COLLEGIATE EXCELLENCE" (PACE), NEXT SPRING. UNDER PACE, NJCU STUDENTS WILL TUTOR AND MENTOR LOW-INCOME MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND INTRODUCE THEM TO THE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

SOPHMORE **UZMA RASHIDI** IS CHAPTER PRESIDENT AND **SARAH AMBROSE-ROMAN '03**, ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN OF THE WILLIAM J. MAXWELL COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, IS CHAPTER ADVISOR.

New Jersey Center for Hispanic Policy, Research, and Development (CHPRD). The CHPRD and its Advisory Committee work in four areas of importance to the Hispanic community: entrepreneurship, citizenship and integration, workforce development, and the delivery of services to Hispanic residents. Ms. Monteiro was appointed to the post by Governor Chris Christie in June.

Dr. Jose Rodeiro, a professor of art, and **Raúl Villarreal '88**, an adjunct professor of art, joined seven other artists in an exhibition titled "Pura Cuba: Una Sola Isla" at Qbava Gallery in Union City. The exhibit, held last winter, explored contemporary Cuban and Cuban-American cultural themes, and socio-artistic and aesthetic issues. Curated by Mr. Villarreal and Jesus Rivera, the show was the third in an ongoing series of "Pura Cuba" exhibitions held in the New York metropolitan area since 2009. Dr. Rodeiro also had an essay, "The Apocryphal World of Loén" published in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, in an anthology titled *Loén: Un Mundo Amazónico Olvidado*,

which was edited by Nicomedez Suarez Araúz, one of the country's most popular authors.

Herb Rosenberg, a professor and chair of art, had his art work shown at two different exhibits during 2011. His "Dialogue with an Ancient Forest," which consists of nine aluminum tree trunk forms arranged to suggest a grove of trees, was installed in the Emily Davis Gallery at University of Akron. His sculpture "Vigilant," was included in an innovative exposition titled "Touch: Beyond Sight," a touchable, interactive show at The Noyes Museum at Stockton University.

Ella Rue '05 M.A., assistant to the dean of the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences, has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of Raritan Valley Community College (RVCC). Ms. Rue, an RVCC alumna, received the College's Alumni Achievement Award in 2009. She has served as an alumni representative to the Board of Trustees and on the RVCC Graphic Design Advisory Board.

Owen M. Ryan '85, a managing partner of advisory services with Deloitte & Touche LLP in New York, has been appointed to the

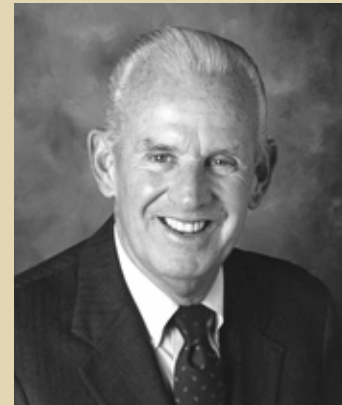
NJCU Board of Trustees. **Rafael Perez, Esq.**, chair, administered the oath of office at the February 2011 meeting. Mr. Ryan's executive experience includes risk management, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, corporate finance, auditing, tax, and practice management. Mr. Ryan is a Certified Public Accountant,

Karen DeSoto, an attorney, public advocate, television legal analyst, and philanthropist, has been appointed to the NJCU Board of Trustees. **Rafael Perez, Esq.**, chair, administered the oath of office at the July meeting of the Board. Ms. DeSoto's private law practice focuses on areas of employment law, civil rights, election law, municipal corporations, and criminal defense. Her extensive community service includes service on the Boards of Directors of the Head Start Program, the Hudson County Hispanic Coalition, and the Glenn D. Cunningham Foundation.

Ira Thor, sports information director, was inducted into the North East Collegiate Volleyball Association Hall of Fame. He was also elected second vice president of the Division III Sports Information Directors Association of America. He will serve an eight-year term on the Board of Directors, including two years as president, 2015-2017.

Sergio Villamizar '07, fitness center coordinator, had his work featured in a printmaking exhibit, "Hatching: Crossing the Line," at One Gallery in Newark during December 2010 and January 2011. Hatching is an artistic technique used to create tonal or shading effects by drawing or painting in closely-spaced parallel lines, and is used in engraving, etching, and woodcut. Twenty-five international, national, and local artists contributed to the show, which was presented by Guerilla Galleries.

Dr. William J. Maxwell '58 1932-2011



Dr. William J. Maxwell '58, a proud alumnus, champion for higher education, respected scholar of African-American history, and president *emeritus* and distinguished service professor of history and education, died on May 15.

Dr. Maxwell, 79, had served NJCU for 39 years as a faculty member, dean of arts and sciences, and president. Dr. Maxwell began teaching at his *alma mater* in 1961. In 1970 he was named dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and served in that capacity until the beginning of his 18-year tenure as president in 1974. Before retiring in 2010, Dr. Maxwell had returned to the classroom as a distinguished service professor of history and education.

Dr. Carlos Hernández, president, said the loss of his mentor and friend was deeply felt.

"This University drew strength from his incredible intelligence, leadership, love of the working class, commitment to diversity, and belief in the American Dream. He never wavered in his belief that ours was a special mission,"

said Dr. Hernández. "NJCU and indeed the State have lost a true champion, a giant in public higher education."

Under Dr. Maxwell's tenure as president, the institution continued to expand its mission from a teacher-training college to a liberal arts institution. The Departments of Nursing, Computer Science, and Media Arts were established, and the Student Union Building and Center for Media Arts were opened.

Also, as president of then Jersey City State College, Dr. Maxwell led a successful campaign to secure passage of the state college autonomy

legislation, which gave New Jersey's four-year institutions control over their fiscal management.

NJCU's William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences was named in his honor in 2006 and last October, the University recognized Dr. Maxwell's contributions to his *alma mater* at its 80th Anniversary Gala. In observance of a period of mourning, the flags on the NJCU campus were flown at half-staff for a month following his death. A memorial tribute is also being planned by the University.

A native of Hoboken, he worked as a longshoreman before joining the U.S. Army and serving in the Korean War. He attended JCSC under the G.I. Bill and later earned master's and doctoral degrees from Columbia University.

Dr. Maxwell is survived by his wife, Carolyn Rieger, his children, William J. Maxwell IV and Stephanie Maxwell Binder, stepchildren Max Parisi and Beau Parisi, and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Angela Giardina Maxwell.

IN MEMORIAM

JOSIE CALDWELL, WHO SERVED AS A SECRETARY FOR THE DEPARTMENTS OF FIRE SCIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL SECURITY STUDIES, DIED ON FEBRUARY 18, 2010. SHE HAD WORKED AT THE UNIVERSITY FOR ALMOST SEVEN YEARS.

DOMINICK J. COLANERI '41, WHO WAS DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS PRIOR TO HIS RETIREMENT IN 1985, DIED ON JANUARY 23, 2011. HE WAS 90. A WORLD WAR II VETERAN, HE WAS A TEACHER AND AN ADMINISTRATOR IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEWARK AND EAST BRUNSWICK PRIOR TO HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THEN JERSEY CITY STATE COLLEGE.

ALICE M. DEARING OF MILLTOWN, WHO HAD WORKED AT NJCU FOR 20 YEARS PRIOR TO RETIRING IN 1994, DIED ON OCTOBER 16, 2010. SHE HAD WORKED AS A TECHNICAL ASSISTANT IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT. A FORMER RESIDENT OF JERSEY CITY AND NORTH ARLINGTON, SHE WAS 85.

WILLIAM CHARLES DEFAZIO, JR., WHO SERVED AS ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH FOR THE GOTHIC KNIGHTS IN THE LATE 1970S, DIED ON NOVEMBER 17, 2010. THE JERSEY CITY RESIDENT WAS A COACH AT MARIST HIGH SCHOOL IN BAYONNE, WHERE HE BECAME THE WINNINGEST GIRL'S BASKETBALL COACH IN HUDSON

COUNTY HISTORY. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS WIFE, ALICE S. DEFAZIO, NJCU'S DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS.

MICHAEL J. HERBERT, ESQ. '62, SECRETARY OF THE NJCU FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1983-2011) AND A SENIOR PARTNER WITH HERBERT, VAN NESS, CAYCI AND GOODELL IN LAWRENCEVILLE, DIED ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2011. PRIOR TO HIS LEGAL CAREER, HE HAD SERVED AS SECRETARY TO GOVERNOR RICHARD J. HUGHES AND AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE NEW JERSEY CHANCELLOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION. SURVIVORS INCLUDE HIS SON CHRISTOPHER HERBERT, AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS AT NJCU.

DR. ONILDA JIMÉNEZ, A PROFESSOR *EMERITA* OF MODERN LANGUAGES, DIED ON JUNE 18, 2010. DR. JIMÉNEZ TAUGHT IN THE MODERN LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT, 1968-1996. HER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS WERE MANY, AND SHE WAS AN AUTHORITY ON THE CHILEAN POET GABRIELA MISTRAL. DR. JIMÉNEZ ALSO ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT IN HER NATIVE CUBA.

JACK NEIL "LEEDS" LEIBOWITZ '79, WHO RETIRED IN 2008 AS SUPERVISOR FOR CAMPUS SECURITY AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE, DIED ON JUNE 29, 2010. ALSO AN ACCOMPLISHED

MUSICIAN, HE HAD TOURED THE WORLD AS A SAXOPHONE PLAYER IN THE BUDDY RICH BAND.

WILLIAM J. MAIER, JR., 88, DIED ON JANUARY 2, 2011. THROUGH MOST OF HIS CAREER HE WAS A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER WITH LARGE ENGINEERING FIRMS, AND WAS ASSISTANT FACILITIES MANAGER AT NJCU FOR FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO RETIRING IN 1991.

CARL ROBBINS, 67, DIED ON AUGUST 24, 2011. MR. ROBBINS SERVED AS AN ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND AS SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNDER FOUR PRESIDENTS: DR. JAMES MULLEN, DR. WILLIAM LIGGITT, DR. WILLIAM J. MAXWELL, AND DR. CARLOS HERNÁNDEZ. HE RETIRED IN 2000.

SHIRLEY STEPHENS-INMAN OF JERSEY CITY, WHO WAS A SECRETARY FOR THE OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, DIED ON AUGUST 22, 2010. SHE WAS A SENIOR CLERK TYPIST FOR SIX YEARS. MS. STEPHENS-INMAN SANG WITH SEVERAL GOSPEL GROUPS AND WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE STEPHENS SINGERS AND CAROL AND THE NEW ANOINTED STEPHENS SINGERS. HER DAUGHTER, CH'ARRA ROYAL, FORMERLY SERVED ON THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.



Soccer Scholars Win National Award

THE NJCU'S WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM HAS BEEN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FOR ITS ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. THE NATIONAL SOCCER COACHES ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (NSCAA) SELECTED THE GOTHIC KNIGHTS TEAM FOR A 2010 NSCAA COLLEGE TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD FOR THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, TEAMS IN DIVISIONS I, II, AND III MUST HAVE ACHIEVED A COLLECTIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 3.0 OR HIGHER DURING THE FALL 2009 AND SPRING 2010 SEMESTERS. THE 20 PLAYERS ON THE 2009-2010 SQUAD HAD AN OVERALL GPA OF 3.01 AND 10 PLAYERS ACHIEVED A 3.50 GPA AT LEAST ONE OF THE TWO SEMESTERS WHILE FIVE OF THE WOMEN TWICE EARNED AT LEAST A 3.50.

"AS WE'VE BEEN BUILDING THIS PROGRAM, WE'VE RECRUITED YOUNG WOMEN WHO WE FELT WERE TRULY STUDENT-ATHLETES AND WHO WOULD ATTEND NJCU FOR ALL OF THE RIGHT REASONS," SAID HEAD COACH **ROBERT BIELAN**. "TO BECOME A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM, YOU HAVE TO HAVE PLAYERS WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK HARD ON THE FIELD AND EQUALLY HARD IN THE CLASSROOM."

FOR MORE ON THE WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM SEE PAGE 28.

Absorbing Lessons *from the* Metropolis:



Dean Barbara J. Feldman Relates Her Ambitious Plan to Create a True Campus Without Borders by Incorporating the Area's Intellectual and Cultural Wealth

I was drawn to apply for the deanship of New Jersey City University's William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences due in no small part to how the location of the University would afford me endless opportunities to enrich the learning experience for students. The location of this University fits in perfectly with my strong belief that student learning must extend beyond the classroom. Since my arrival in 2009, I have made great strides in linking the metropolitan area to the classroom experience, but my plans are far from complete. Still, I see many more opportunities to enhance the experience further.

For many universities, funding laboratories and finding space for students to conduct research is costly and challenging. NJCU is fortunate to be located in the middle of one of the largest and most interesting laboratories in the world. NJCU's laboratory is the metropolis in which it is situated. Opportunities abound for students to venture throughout Hudson County, New York City, and the surrounding areas and to link those off-campus experiences to their classroom learning.

What a wonderful opportunity NJCU offers — enabling students to attend one of the nation's most diverse universities in one of the most diverse metropolitan areas of the world. Within arm's reach, students have museums, theatres, concert venues, sporting arenas, restaurants, educational institutions, and galleries that people travel from all corners of the globe to visit. Combine this ideal setting with the excitement of attending a university and you have a recipe for learning,

maturing, and experiencing that is incomparable. The faculty and administration of the College of Arts and Sciences take seriously and enthusiastically their role in bringing all these learning opportunities to life for every NJCU student.

As dean, one of my first actions was to institute an ambitious and formal plan for incorporating the surrounding area into the curriculum of the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences.

One of the specific ways in which I am bringing the surrounding area into the classroom is through a new signature program, "Campus Without Borders." Through this unique program, students are encouraged to attend a wide range of events and to visit historic, cultural, and educational places throughout the Jersey City/New York City metropolitan area as part of their class work. It is my hope that the view of this University "campus" will grow to include the entire geographical area and that students and faculty will think beyond the classroom in approaching the educational experience.

Another way I am including this vibrant surrounding area in learning is through College of Arts and Sciences themed semesters. Themed semesters feature a concentration of classes and extracurricular activities and events that address one particular topic of inquiry. Themed semesters provide an opportunity for students to explore a topic in depth and across several disciplines.

My College offered its first themed semester, "Jersey City and Beyond," last fall. Given the University's mission and setting, the faculty and I felt that a semester about the urban experience

Immigration Expert Speaks on Campus

Barry Moreno, a librarian at the Bob Hope Memorial Library of the Ellis Island Immigration Museum who is an authority on topics related to cultural history, including immigration and ethnicity in New York City and Tin Pan Alley, and the vaudeville stage, spoke on "125 Years of History: A Celebration of the Statue of Liberty" to a standing-room-only crowd at the University in October.

Mr. Moreno is the author of several books, including *The Statue of Liberty Encyclopedia*, *Italian Americans*, *Children of Ellis Island*, *Manhattan Street Scenes*, and *Ellis Island's Famous Immigrants*. He most recently served as co-editor, with Diethelm Knauf, of a new volume on global emigration, *Leaving Home: Migration Yesterday and Today*.

At the Library, Mr. Moreno conducts research about cultural history, literature, and foreign languages as well as the fascinating immigrant world that once existed on Ellis Island.

Dr. Barbara J. Feldman

A sociologist who specializes in the study of disasters, Dr. Barbara J. Feldman has served as dean of NJCU's William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences since 2009. As dean of the College, Dr. Feldman oversees 25 academic departments and programs, manages a \$24 million budget, supervises approximately 165 full-time faculty and 50 professional and clerical staff personnel, and is responsible for strategic planning, accountability, and assessment. She also serves the University as a professor of sociology.

Prior to joining the NJCU staff, Dr. Feldman had served as associate dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and associate professor of sociology at Montclair State University (MSU) for four years, beginning in 2005. Before joining MSU, Dr. Feldman served Seton Hall University in various capacities, including associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, chair of the Department of Sociology/Anthropology, assistant chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, and associate professor of sociology.

Dr. Feldman's areas of specialization also include collective behavior; the sociology of gender, mass communication, work and occupations, the family, crowds, cults, and revolutions; social stratification, and research methods.

Dr. Feldman, whose most recent work has been published in *The American Sociologist*, *The Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, and *Journal of Culture & Society*, is currently working on three articles for the *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*: "Who Gets to Wear an 'I Survived' T-Shirt?: Seven Degrees of Disaster Separation," "The Ultimate Disaster Souvenir: Owning a Piece of a Disaster," and "Disasters as Pseudo-events."

Dr. Feldman has been called upon to deliver expert commentary on various disasters, including 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, by such media outlets as *The Seattle Times*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, WBGO-Radio, *The Star Ledger*, "Jersey's Talking," "NJN Evening Talk Show," and "Channel 9 News."

Dr. Feldman holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania and both an M.A. and a B.A. in sociology from the University of Delaware.

was a fitting launch. Among the 25 special courses offered by 17 academic departments, including biology, chemistry, geoscience, history, media arts, philosophy, and psychology as part of "Jersey City and Beyond" were "Practical Nutrition: The Jersey Diner Experience," "Literature and Film: New York, Naturalist City," "Urban Environmental Issues," and "Select Topics in American History: Urban Disasters." "Jersey City and Beyond" also featured a series of urban walking tours led by Dr. Timothy White, an NJCU assistant professor of history.

As part of expanding the NJCU "campus," I also initiated contact with the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island. I am proud to report that last spring, the College of Arts and Sciences and the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island collaborated on their first formal project, "The Immigrant Experience." A week-long, campus series that included lectures, a panel discussion, the premiere of a student video, a theatrical adaptation, and a silent auction, "The Immigrant Experience" also celebrated the re-launch of the College's minor in immigration and ethnic studies.

Although impressive, that was only the beginning. Through the efforts of many, the University now has an ongoing collaborative partnership with the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island that is administered by my office.

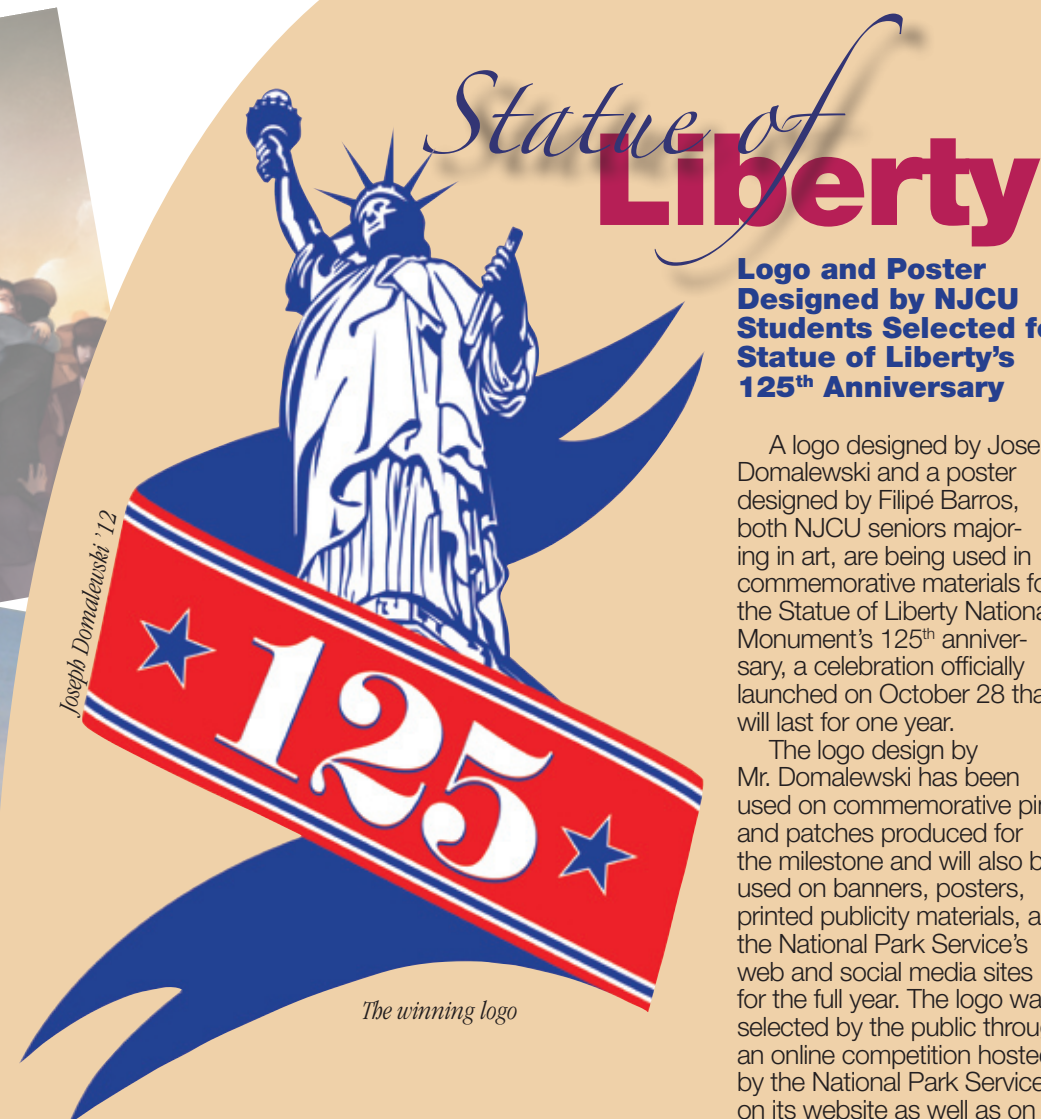
Ideally located only a few miles from NJCU, the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island, which also includes the National Museum of Immigration, are exceptional resources for our students, offering them unlimited learning opportunities. As part of the collaboration, the College of Arts and Sciences hosts trips for students to the islands and offers courses, internships, and special research opportunities at the historic sites. This partnership has also now become a focal point for NJCU's re-launched immigration and ethnic studies minor, energizing it and making it truly unique among such programs.

I want NJCU graduates to be known for being the most urbane of all New Jersey graduates of the city landscape. By combining on- and off-campus experiences, NJCU graduates will know how to navigate the local cities, take advantage of the arts and cultural venues, and

Walking Tours

As part of the first themed semester, 13 walking tours of various neighborhoods, landmarks, and cultural and historic sites throughout the New York/New Jersey metropolitan were conducted by Dr. Timothy White, an NJCU assistant professor of history.

Tours included: "Governors Island," "Historic Lower Manhattan," "Liberty State Park," "Ellis Island," "Chinatown and Little Italy," "Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn Heights," "Greenwich Village," "Tenement Museum and Lower East Side," "Central Park," "Downtown Jersey City," "Gay and Lesbian Greenwich Village," "Historic Harlem and The Apollo Theater," and "Times Square and TKTS."



Logo and Poster Designed by NJCU Students Selected for Statue of Liberty's 125th Anniversary

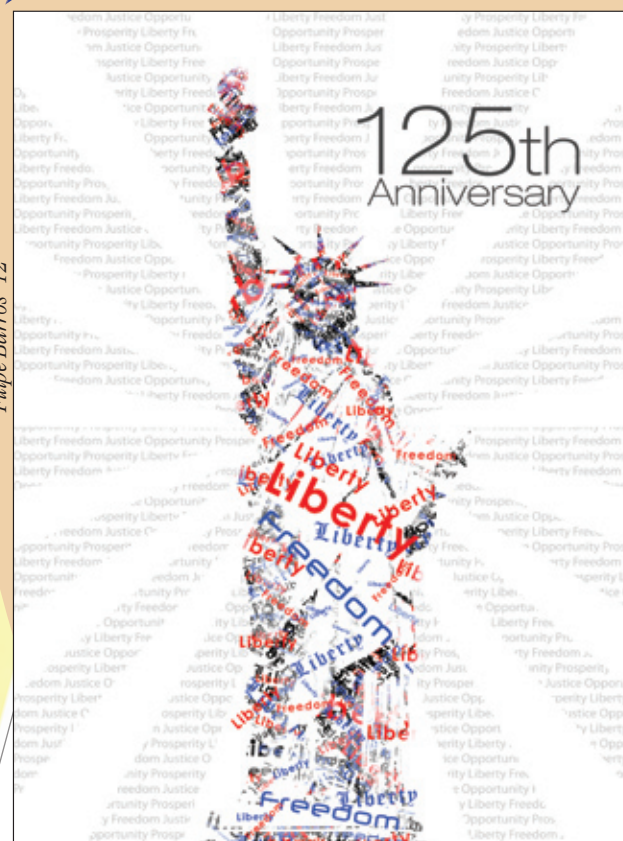
A logo designed by Joseph Domalewski and a poster designed by Filipé Barros, both NJCU seniors majoring in art, are being used in commemorative materials for the Statue of Liberty National Monument's 125th anniversary, a celebration officially launched on October 28 that will last for one year.

The logo design by Mr. Domalewski has been used on commemorative pins and patches produced for the milestone and will also be used on banners, posters, printed publicity materials, and the National Park Service's web and social media sites for the full year. The logo was selected by the public through an online competition hosted by the National Park Service on its website as well as on Facebook, Twitter, and Flickr.

The poster by Mr. Barros, which was selected through a juried competition, has been reproduced and will be exhibited and sold throughout the anniversary year. The poster has also been reproduced on tote bags, t-shirts, and mugs. All of the submitted posters selected to be juried were displayed in the Ellis Island Immigration Museum during the month of October. Traveling exhibits are also planned.

"The logos and posters created by NJCU students in various communication design classes show the creativity and talent that NJCU has to offer," said Statue of Liberty National Monument Superintendent David Luchsinger. "We are delighted, and think our visitors will be too, with the two top illustrations that were selected."

Both competitions were open to NJCU students and alumni, and both were based on the anniversary theme, "Honor History – Envision the Future."



The winning poster

Landmark Loew's Theatre Painting Workshop

The "Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre Painting Workshop," a program offered through the Department of Art and conducted by artist Eric Fowler, an educator, illustrator, and painter of urban landscapes who is permanent collections manager at the Society of Illustrators, gave students the opportunity to visit the Hudson County treasure and use it as the subject of their works.

The first day of the four-day painting intensive, which covered research and documentation methods and included painting



Kasey Balla '12



demonstrations and instruction, was held at the Landmark Loew's Jersey Theatre, a "movie palace" built in the 1920s that is currently being restored. The students toured the Journal Square theatre and were instructed to photograph anything they wished inside. The remainder of the workshop was held on campus, where they artistically interpreted what they had documented. These are two of those works.

appreciate the diversity and multi-cultural aspects of not only this area but others like it that will become more and more prevalent around the globe as our world continues to become smaller and smaller. NJCU graduates will carry with them a unique perspective as they move on to graduate studies and/or the workplace.

When NJCU students graduate, I want them to know and feel confident about what they have to offer – urban sophistication, an appreciation for diversity, an inquisitive mind, and a skill set that includes the ability to think critically, work alongside people of all backgrounds, communicate effectively, and process information with the rapidity that is necessary in the 21st century.

The information "highway" is not the only one familiar to our students who are of a generation for which automobiles have been the primary mode of transportation. We must teach our students how to use mass transportation, move around a city with ease, and understand and appreciate the complexity and availability of an area's transportation infrastructure. NJCU graduates will understand first-hand the value of mass transit in managing an urban environment.

NJCU graduates will understand why the car is increasingly becoming a non-viable mode of transportation when they consider traffic congestion, the price of river crossings, the expense of parking, and damage on the environment. NJCU students will know that it is their responsibility to be mindful of their role in protecting the environment.

A person with an NJCU diploma will value diversity and bring to their personal and professional lives the ability to interact respectfully and productively with people from all backgrounds. The NJCU graduate will have learned how to appropriately celebrate and share his or her own cultural background thereby adding to any setting.

A person with an NJCU diploma will appreciate the many challenges of urban life and have the educa-

Jared Reyes '12



tional background and intellectual ability to participate in finding solutions for many of the problems facing cities today. These abilities will make NJCU graduates not only desirable citizens of the metropolitan area but invaluable employees in the urban environment, including in business, government, education, and healthcare.

Some students may assume that because they grew up in an urban setting or because they go to a university in a city, they know the metropolis. But existing in the city is not enough. Students need to learn about the city. Learning about a city means learning about its history, neighborhoods, residents, cultural diversity, arts, problems, and challenges. Students need to find their own place in the city so that they can fit in and contribute.

Knowing about city life is more than living in a city or attending a university in a city. New Jersey City University is a premiere urban institution dedicated to access and excellence. As part of this unique institution, the William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences is equally committed to offering a diverse student population an academically excellent experience and preparation for life after graduation.

If students do not know how lucky they are to be attending a university in the most vibrant and exciting metropolitan area of the world, it is my goal to let them know by the time they graduate. Once they do, it is their job to let others know how uniquely prepared they are.

Narciso Espiritu, Jr. '11



Sidra Hassan '12



Ellis Island

Last fall, the Michael Gilligan Student Union Art Gallery featured an exhibit of student paintings of Ellis Island that were created during "Special Topics in Art," a course taught both on campus and on Ellis Island by William Low, a children's book author and illustrator who served as a visiting instructor for the course.

Ray Greaves '12



Kasey Balla '12



Lauren Clemente '11



HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Art Student Moves from Internship To Employment at Guggenheim Museum

By Pat Martínez

Laura Krapacher '11 has held a Picasso, and a Kandinsky, and a Mondrian in her hands. She wears protective gloves and takes utmost care as she moves these and other priceless pieces of art about. It is what one would expect of a trained art handler, which she is, at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City, one of the world's finest museums.

"I get close enough to see details that only a select few get to see, and I can see the back side of the

piece," she said, clearly treasuring these intimate moments. The backs of the masterpieces may contain a notation, or on rare occasion, a secret treasure in the form of an entirely different composition that was rejected by the artist.

Ms. Krapacher, who received a bachelor of arts degree in May, traveled a rare course from art student to museum intern and then to employee over the period of just a few months in 2010. Today, she enjoys a behind-the-scenes role in some of the modern art world's most important exhibits. Her success is an affirmation to those who have played a supporting role in her fledgling art career.

"Laura struck me as one of the most competent students I have ever met. What distinguishes her is her strong self-motivation and ability to execute her ideas in projects without much assistance," said Dr. Midori Yoshimoto, an associate professor of art and director of campus galleries. Ms. Krapacher worked with Dr. Yoshimoto in NJCU gallery management, including installing and deinstalling exhibits.

Following the tradition of art students around the globe, Ms. Krapacher spent spring 2010 applying for student internships. She cast a wide net, sending more than 30 cover letters and resumes to galleries and museums in New Jersey and New York. She received two responses, one from the Guggenheim Museum, which filled its 30 intern positions with students from across the United States, Scotland, China, and Brazil. They were placed in marketing, education, and the art services and preparation department, where Ms. Krapacher was

assigned. (The other response was from the Jersey City Museum, which has since closed its doors.)

"I was happy to be chosen for the internship," she said modestly. "It's a place that really matters."

Her experience in NJCU's art galleries and her work as a personal assistant to a curator in New York City were likely significant factors in her selection, she said, as was her proficiency with hand tools.

"My father never had sons, so I was always the one who helped him with repairs," she said. As an art student, she used those skills hanging shows in NJCU galleries. Her work at the Guggenheim presents special challenges as the cylindrical shape of the building requires the staff to build braces for each piece so that the artwork can hang securely on the curving walls.

Before the summer of 2010 elapsed, Ms. Krapacher was offered a paid position at the Museum and became part of the team that installs and deinstalls each exhibit, following exacting plans that have been drawn by the curator and exhibit designer. She also interacts with couriers from great museums around the world who accompany art work to the Guggenheim. Her fluency in Spanish and her comfort on a global stage are assets in her work, she said.

"I was born in New Jersey but never spoke a word of English until I entered school," she said, recalling a difficult adjustment to elementary school because of the language barrier. Her father, Luis Alberto Krapacher, emigrated from Argentina and is an electrical engineer, and her mother, Norma Rosario Espinoza-Krapacher, is a native of Peru and a preschool teacher. Her

younger sister, Lisa, is majoring in international studies at City College of New York.

"I want to encourage other Latino students to see their culture as an advantage, because it is," she said.

A graduate of Morris Hills High School in Rockaway, Ms. Krapacher received an associate of fine arts degree from County College of Morris before enrolling at NJCU as a transfer student. "I was looking for an affordable school because I didn't want to take out student loans," she said. "The other thing that was important was to be close to New York City."

At NJCU, she explored her choices as an artist. "I kind of dabbled in everything, experimented in different mediums. I've come to really love printmaking, and I know I will never stop drawing. I have been drawing since I was a child and I know I'll never stop."

Dr. José Rodeiro, a professor of art who taught Ms. Krapacher, said she "truly enjoys learning."

"Laura made courses better and more exciting by means of her questions and contributions to the class. She was also very supportive of other students and helpful to them."

At NJCU, she found an art faculty that is widely diverse in interests and suggested that because of this, every student will find someone to mentor them through their artistic development.

"I clung to the people who supported me," she said, "and they prepared me for this job."



An Evening to Remember: NJCU's 80th Anniversary Gala

New Jersey City University's 80th Anniversary celebration came to a close at a formal gala attended by nearly 500 persons at the Westin Jersey City Newport in October 2010.

Dr. Carlos Hernández, president, paid tribute to the students, faculty, staff, and friends who helped to shape the University over eight decades and introduced the honorees.

One honoree for the evening was Dr. Bernard Poulin '09 (Hon.), an international businessman and philanthropist. Dr. Poulin is founder, president, and C.E.O. of SM Group International Inc. (SM^I), an international corporation based in Montreal. He received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from NJCU in December 2009.

Dr. William J. Maxwell '58, president *emeritus* and distinguished service professor of history and education was also honored at the landmark event. A scholar of African-American history and a respected leader in higher education on the local, state, and national levels, Dr. Maxwell died seven months later, on May 15, 2011. His obituary appears on Page 9.

Photos by Bill Wittkop



Dr. Poulin '09 (Hon.) (second from left) receives the NJCU Global Leadership Award from Dr. Hernández. Ambassador Clay Constantinou '73 (Hon. '99) (left) 80th Anniversary Gala co-chair, and Rafael Perez, Esq. (right), chair of the NJCU Board of Trustees, joined in the presentation.



Dr. Sang Jin Kim (left), a member of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors, and his wife, Helen Kim (second from right), with other Gala guests



Lison Benarroch, vice president for strategic development at SM^I, with Dr. Hernández



Gerard Langanieri, vice president of SM^I



Mark Levinson (center), a member of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors, with his wife Eta Levinson (left) and Lillian Hernández



The NJCU Jazz Ensemble provided the evening's entertainment.

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Verizon Support. The Verizon Foundation has established a \$10,000 annual scholarship for students enrolled in the National Security Studies Program. Gathered on campus at the presentation with Verizon Scholarship recipients Priscilla Alvarez and John Sebik (third and fourth from left) were (from left): Dr. Tsung "Bill" Soo Hoo, an assistant professor of criminal justice; Dr. John Collins, an associate professor and acting chair of professional security studies; Sam Delgado, Verizon vice president, external affairs; Mark Bocchieri, Verizon director of external affairs; Lori Summers, NJCU director of development; and Douglas W. Schoenberger, Verizon's vice president of corporate responsibility and public policy. Ms. Alvarez, a computer operator in the NJCU Department of Information Technology; Mr. Sebik, and Patricio Lara, a third Verizon Scholarship recipient, are graduate students.



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Royal Knights. Dominick D'Agosta (fourth from left), chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors, hosted the second annual Royal Knights Luncheon for donors who have included NJCU in their wills and estates. Also among those attending the campus event were (from left): Lori Summers, director of development; Dr. Maria Schantz '54, William Y. Fellenberg, interim vice president for university advancement; Dr. Harvey Weiss '60, Harry Guerriere '86, M.A. '96 and his wife, Theresa Guerriere '90, M.A. '95, a demonstration teacher at A. Harry Moore School, Lois Waltz '77, M.A. '03 and her husband Arthur Waltz '75, M.A. '80.

Winokur Scholarship Honors Memory Of Parents Who Stressed Education

The Abraham and Molly Winokur Scholarship Fund at NJCU has received two recent bequests from family members who died in 2009. The gifts, totaling \$50,000, were from the estates of Dr. Paul A. Winokur and his wife Betty Winokur of Marietta, Georgia, who both died that year.

"The Winokur family has been steadfast in keeping the memory of their parents alive through this Scholarship," said Lori Summers, director of development. "Just as Abraham and Molly Winokur sacrificed during the Depression to make a college education possible for their five children, their children are following that example by providing scholarships for NJCU students during these very difficult economic times."

The endowed scholarship was established in 1983 by Dr. Winokur and his four siblings, three of whom earned undergraduate degrees at NJCU. Awarded annually to two incoming freshmen, the scholarship honors the Winokurs' parents, who encouraged each of them to pursue higher education.

Dr. Paul A. Winokur was chief of pediatrics at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield and a distinguished professor of pediatrics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Mrs. Winokur, a native of Pierce City, Missouri, met her husband in Okinawa, Japan, during the Korean War. The couple raised their three children in Cranford.

Dr. Winokur is also survived by three siblings, two of whom are NJCU alumni: Rita Winokur Wolf '52, Gene Winokur '42, and Dr. Gerald Winokur.

Their late brother Herbert Winokur, Esq. '44, who died in 2008, was a member of the Board of Trustees of then Jersey City State College (JCSC), 1968-1983, and chair, 1981-1983. He also served on the Board of Directors of the then JCSC Development Fund, and received from his *alma mater* a Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1979 and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in 1989.

Gene Winokur '42 has also made significant contributions to the Abraham and Molly Winokur Scholarship through the years and is a member of NJCU's Royal Knights Society. Now retired, Mr. Winokur developed a manufacturing business in California, where he has lived for most of his life.

Jazz Concert for Scholarships. A total of \$34,000 was raised at a special concert in Margaret Williams Theatre featuring renowned jazz guitarist and vocalist John Pizzarelli and the NJCU Jazz Ensemble.

Proceeds from the event benefitted the NJCU Jazz Scholarship and the NJCU Endowed Scholarship Fund.



Bill Wittkop

Leadership Circle Launched

NJCU's Office of Development has established a new donor recognition society, the Leadership Circle, to acknowledge donors who make gifts of \$1,000 or more on an annual basis.

Members of the leadership circle receive special benefits, including a copy of the *President's Report*, prominent listing in the *NJCU Honor Roll of Donors*, advanced notice of special programs, and VIP parking at campus events.

Parents' Lessons Encouraged Legacy of Giving



Dr. Jane Webber displays photos of her parents, whom she has honored by establishing a scholarship.

A giving heart came naturally to Dr. Jane M. Webber; it's in her DNA.

During her childhood days in Red Bank, it seemed that every member of her family wove good deeds into the fabric of everyday living. They delivered meals from their kitchen and vegetables from their garden to neighbors in need, ran errands for the sick and elderly, and genuinely welcomed every person into their home as family.

"My parents taught us to expect to find goodness in people," she said simply.

In January 2011, Dr. Webber established the Hart and Sherry Webber Scholarship to honor her generous parents and to continue their legacy. Dr. Webber is an associate professor and coordinator of the graduate-level Counseling Program in the Educational Leadership and Counseling Department in the Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education.

"The idea for the Scholarship was a natural outgrowth of everything they did," she said. "They spent so much of their time empowering and encouraging people to do what they love. The Scholarship also does that and I know my parents would be honored."

The Scholarship is awarded annually to two graduate students in the Counseling Program who

exemplify the Webbers' qualities, especially service to others.

Mr. Webber was a scientist and a musician, working by day as an environmental engineer at Fort Monmouth, and spending the balance of his time playing and teaching music. Mrs. Webber managed the household, cared for their three daughters, and kept track of her husband's performance schedule.

"Mom was the brains of the group, the organizer. My Dad was the original absent-minded professor. He would double-book engage-

ments and she would get it straightened out," Dr. Webber said. "She was a stage manager, director, and agent, but she did it all quietly. My mother completely supported him. She made sure he had the correct music and instruments in the car for every engagement. They were made to be together."

As her mother extended her talents to those in need with gifts of food and comfort, her father shared his love of music.

"Every Saturday morning, a steady stream of people arrived

for music lessons," Dr. Webber recalled. Her father played and taught nine instruments, scored music for orchestras, big bands, and rock musicians, and directed marching bands. The students who couldn't afford the lessons studied for free; some were also given instruments as gifts.

"My father also had an incredible ability to help people through encouragement and empowerment because he truly listened to them," she said.

He also taught life's practical lessons to his three girls, Claire, Jane, and Carol. "He taught us carpentry, electronics, and stone masonry," she said. "And we were licensed as ham radio operators."

Today, Dr. Webber continues the type of commitment set by her parents. She and her husband Dr. J. Barry Mascari, chair of counseling at Kean University, provide *pro bono* counseling for students in need. Occasionally, Dr. Webber also finds private benefactors to assist students financially.

"At this point in our careers, our mission is to help the next generation, to empower them," she said.

The memory of her parents is always near at her office in Rossey Hall. Most days there's a lively mix of sounds from music students rehearsing vocal and instrumental pieces in nearby practice rooms.

"I love to listen to the students playing. It always reminds me of those Saturday morning music lessons. It brings it all back."

Eight New Scholarships Announced

The Development Office has announced that eight new scholarships have been established in the past two years. The new scholarships include:

Classical Music Scholarship

Donor: Michael Maher, CEO of Observer Capital; \$20,000 awarded to piano students studying classical music

Hugh Griffin Memorial Scholarship

Donor: His widow, Peggy Griffin, an assistant professor of business administration; \$1,000 awarded to students with financial need with preference given to combat veterans

Kappa Delta Phi Alumni Association Scholarship

Donor: Members of the Kappa Delta Phi Alumni Association; \$1,000 awarded to students with financial need with preference given to fraternity or sorority members

Robert Sidney Needham Memorial Scholarship

Donor: The Robert Sidney Needham Memorial Foundation; \$10,000 awarded to students with financial need who are involved in community service

The Brendan O'Reilly Memorial Scholarship

Donor: His father, Brian O'Reilly '10; \$1,000 awarded to students in the Accelerated Nursing Program

Gertrude Kessler Silverman '54 Memorial Scholarship

Donor: Her son, David Silverman; \$1,000 awarded to students with financial need, with special consideration given to mothers of young children

Verizon Communications Scholarship

Donor: The Verizon Foundation; \$10,000 awarded to students in the National Security Studies Program

Hart and Sherry Webber Memorial Scholarship

Donor: Their daughter, Dr. Jane Webber, an associate professor and coordinator of the graduate-level Counseling Program at NJCU; \$1,000 awarded to graduate-level students in the Counseling Program who are active in community service.



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1. Mack Do (second from right) a junior majoring in criminal justice who received the Kappa Delta Phi Scholarship, with (from left) Ted Jankowski '78, Dr. Carlos Hernández, president, and Joseph C. Conti '72. Mr. Jankowski and Mr. Conti, who were members of the student fraternity, are scholarship donors.

2. Edith Westpy, a junior majoring in illustration and a recipient of a Karnoutsos Scholarship, meets with her benefactor, Dr. George Karnoutsos '55, a retired professor of philosophy who endowed the Scholarship.

3. Peggy Griffin (left), an assistant professor of business administration, established the Hugh Griffin Memorial Scholarship in memory of her husband to assist students who are combat veterans. She was joined by Fabio Villa, Jr. (right), a graduate student in national security studies and the first recipient of the Scholarship; Elaine Garguilo '96, coordinator of veterans' benefits; and Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno (second from right), vice president for academic affairs.

4. Members of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors Dr. Rosemary McGee, vice chair, and Dominick D'Agosta, chair

5. Faithful alumni donors in attendance included Theresa Guerriere '90, M.S. '95 (left), a demonstration teacher at A. Harry Moore School; and Lois Waltz '77 and her husband Dr. Arthur Waltz '75, M.A. '80.

6. Faculty friends (from left) Barbara Hildner, a professor of English; Dr. Nicholas Gordon, a retired professor of English; and Dr. Myrna Erlich, a retired professor of literacy education

7. Students John Carlos Arcos, Shykela Moore (center), and Ebony Taylor

8. Dr. Howard Parish '62 (right), professor emeritus of geoscience, and his wife Sophia Parish '63 with Dr. Karnoutsos

Photos by Bill Wittkop

Thanks Again

The seventh annual New Jersey City University Donor Soirée welcomed dozens of supporters to a festive party in the Gothic Lounge last December.

Hosted by the Division of University Advancement, the event provided an opportunity to acknowledge significant donations from corporations, friends, alumni, faculty, and staff to the NJCU Foundation,

Inc. during the 2010 fiscal year. The voices of NJCU students filled the room during a musical presentation and many of the year's scholarship recipients

were on hand to extend their personal thanks to donors.

The Foundation funds research projects, special programs, and scholarships.

Alumni NEWS

Hundreds of Alumni Attend Atlantic City Reception

More than 200 alumni and friends attended a November 2010 reception sponsored by the NJCU Office of Alumni Relations and hosted by Theresa Guerriere '90, M.A. '95, a demonstration teacher at A. Harry Moore School, and her husband Harry Guerriere '86, M.A. '96 in the Foundation Room of the Showboat Hotel in Atlantic City.

The event featured a ceremony honoring two alumnae selected for prestigious awards from the University and the presentation by Atlantic City Mayor Lorenzo T. Langford of a proclamation declaring "NJCU Day" to NJCU President Carlos Hernández.

Brenda Wright Porter received NJCU's Distinguished School Nurse Alumni Award and Allyson Krone received the University's Distinguished Education Alumni Award. Both women earned graduate degrees from NJCU in 2006.

Ms. Krone is assistant director of secondary education at High Tech High School in North Bergen, one of the Hudson County Schools of Technology, where she has worked to create small learning communi-



Ms. Porter (left) and Ms. Krone

ties, including the Performing Arts Academy, the Communications Academy, and the Science Academy. Ms. Krone, who received a master of arts degree in teaching and principal's certification from NJCU, is a member of the adjunct faculty in literacy education.

Ms. Porter, a school nurse in East Orange, serves on the Executive Board of the New Jersey State School Nurses Association and is a member and past president of the Essex County School Nurses Association. Ms. Porter received school nurse certification from NJCU in 1995 and a master of science in nursing degree in 2006.

The event is held annually in conjunction with the New Jersey Education Association Convention.

Get Connected with Alumni Friends

NJCU alumni have a new resource to find lost friends and stay in touch with former classmates.

Launched mid-summer, the Gothic Alumni Connection is an easy-to-navigate social networking site that allows users to create and customize their own profiles, post photos, and contact fellow alumni.

"We are thrilled to make this available to our alumni," said Jane McClellan, executive director of alumni relations. "We expect that the Gothic Alumni Connection, along with other social media such as Facebook, will help bring our alumni closer to each other, and to NJCU."

To get connected, simply visit www.njcu.edu and click on "Alumni." Select "First Time Login" and follow the directions. If you have any difficulty, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@njcu.edu or 201-200-3196.



Dave Hollander

Award for Business Alumnus. Vijay Sammy '93 (center) received the 2011 Richard H. Fabris Distinguished Business Alumni of the Year Award at the spring meeting of the NJCU Chapter of Delta Mu Delta, the international business honor society. Presenting the Award are Dr. Sandra Bloomberg (left), dean of the College of Professional Studies, and Jeanette Ramos-Alexander, a professor of business administration and president of the NJCU Chapter. Mr. Sammy, a Certified Public Accountant, operates accounting and financial services offices in Westfield, Jersey City, and Fair Lawn. The installation ceremony and dinner were co-sponsored by the Department of Business Administration, College of Professional Studies, and Office of Alumni Relations.

Alumna is N.J.'s 'Teacher of the Year'



Danielle M. Kovach '07, a third grade special education teacher at Tulsa Trail Elementary School in Hopatcong, was named "2010-2011 New Jersey Teacher of the Year" by the State Board of Education in Trenton.

As the Tulsa School's technology leader, Ms. Kovach was instrumental in earning the School designation as a SMART Showcase School, one of only two in New Jersey to be so recog-

nized. In 2009, she received the SMART Board Exemplary Educator Award.

Ms. Kovach has been the recipient of more than \$35,000 in grants during her career, including a \$10,000 award for "Superheroes of Safety," a program she designed to keep students safe from child predators. The program has been featured on New Jersey Network's "Classroom Close-up, NJ."

Ms. Kovach, who earned a master's degree in educational technology from NJCU, has served the Hopatcong District since 1997. She also holds a master's degree in special education from East Stroudsburg University and a bachelor of science degree in education from Kutztown University.

The Bright Lights of Broadway

Al Parinello '73 and his wife Anita Parinello '70, M.A. '74, producers of the Broadway musical, "The People in the Picture," hosted a Broadway theatre party for NJCU alumni on June 9. A group of 24 alumni and friends of NJCU enjoyed a reception at Studio 54 before attending the Roundabout Theatre Company musical starring Tony-nominee Donna Murphy. The Office of Alumni Relations expects to schedule similar events in the coming year.



Alumni Return for Reunion

An Alumni Reunion Dinner brought more than 50 alumni back to campus for a celebration in the Michael B. Gilligan Student Union on May 14. The reunion honored classes celebrating milestone anniversaries as well as the Golden Gothics, alumni who graduated from the University 50 or more years ago. A group of Golden Gothics had also participated in Commencement 2011, held earlier in the week.



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1. Rhoda (Shafir) Koslowsky '67 (seated, third from left) joins members of the Class of 1961 who were celebrating their 50th anniversary. Seated from left are: Virginia (Nagengast) Milan '64 M.A., Judith (MacPherson) Bock '64 M.A., Judith (Adamo) Paulillo, Theresa (Candeloro) McDonough, Mary Frances (Bellacosa) Loomam, and Arsenio Silvestri. Standing from left are: Elliot Grabine, Robert Fyne, Barbara (Gordon) Barker '65 M.A., Alla Sakalo Long, Gloria Weisberg '74 M.A., Judith (Napolitano) Waters, Lynn (Guilgis) Hendricks-Wong, Josephine (Vicenti) Hassard, Angelica (Mazza) Harrison, Jane McClellan, executive director of alumni relations; Theresa (Steber) Pallarino, Dr. Joseph J. Panepinto '76 M.A., Brenda (Turso) Donofrio '67 M.A., Judith (Bachley) Lynch, James Sgambettera, and Olga (Barusich) Sgambettera.

2. Dr. Carlos Hernández (right), president, and Ms. McClellan (second from right), with alumni (from left) James Sgambettera '61, Olga (Barusich) Sgambettera '61, and Angela Canque '01.

3. Couples attending are (from left) Carmela Moore and John J. Moore, Esq. '56, a former member of the NJCU Board of Trustees; Kathleen Sheekey and Dr. Arthur Sheekey '60, and Gloria Weisberg '61, M.A. '74 and Dr. Joseph Weisberg '60, professor emeritus of geography/geoscience.

4. Victoria Thompson (standing, second from left), former NJCU director of annual giving, joins (standing, from left) Lisa Jones '81, Louise Wangechi, Anthony Agini '86, Harry Guerriere '86, M.A. '96 and his wife Theresa Guerriere '90, M.A. '95, a demonstration teacher at A. Harry Moore School, and (seated, from left) Brian Doty '86 and his wife Dr. Lillian Garcia Doty, and Gerard Luciani '86 and his wife Mary (Reynolds) Luciani '86.

5. Catching up with classmates during the cocktail hour are (from left) Brenda (Turso) Donofrio '61, M.A. '67, Judith (Adamo) Paulillo '61, and John Pallarino and his wife Theresa (Steber) Pallarino '61.

6. Old yearbooks garnered the attention of (from left) Ellen (Kahrs) Frederickson '71, M.A. '95, Francis Hesketh '71, Margaret Walsh '71, M.A. '86, and Patricia Kelly '71, M.A. '88.

7. Dr. John Melendez M.A. '88 (center), vice president for student affairs, with senior Michael Faivush, president of the Student Government Organization (SGO), and junior Mack Do (right), an SGO vice president.

Photos by Bill Wittkop

ALUMNI Currents

1964 • Nancy Griffin

retired in 2009 from a career in social work with a special emphasis on serving mentally ill clients. She has since started a business, Alternatives Plus LLC, that provides financial management assistance for the mentally disabled.

1969 • Dr. Paul J. Condello received the 2010 Dr. Robert J. Issacson Award from the Monmouth-Ocean Counties Dental Society.

Dr. Condello has been a practicing dentist, faculty member at Jersey Shore University Medical Center in Neptune, and affiliate director of continuing dental education for the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine for three decades.

1970 • Linda (Linfante) Gisondi was named “Teacher of the Year” at C.J. Davenport School in Egg Harbor Township, where she is a first-grade teacher. During her 20 years in the school district, she has also taught basic skills, kindergarten, and third grade. She and her husband **Richard Gisondi ’72** have four daughters, who are all teachers.

1973 • M.A. 1988 • Lynn Pearce Gatchell, who has been teaching science at Tisbury School on Martha’s Vineyard for 35 years, has been named president of the Massachusetts Association of Science Teachers. She will serve a two-year term. Ms. Gatchell was named to the NJCU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1987 for her achievements in swimming and diving.

1975 • Marguerite (Lesko) Modero, who has been teaching vocal and instrumental music in Garwood Public Schools for more than 30 years, was named a “2010 Master Music Teacher” by the New Jersey Music Educators Association. She also received a Governor’s Excellence Award

for Arts Education in 2010. Mrs. Modero and her husband, **Michael Modero ’75**, a music teacher in North Bergen, live in Roselle Park.

1980 • Gary Marchesi of Union City has published his second volume in a trilogy with Vantage Press. *Inside the Shadow of the Black Hand: Book Two* is the story of Bosnian Serb youth just prior to the outbreak of World War I. Mr. Marchesi, who taught science at Emerson High School in Union City and High Tech High School in North Bergen prior to retirement in 2007, is active with the Japanese American Society in Fort Lee, where he studies anime and the Japanese language.

1983 • David Shaughnessy has published his first novel, *The Bitter End*, a book set in South Boston that is full of political intrigue and colorful characters. Mr. Shaughnessy, an alumnus of Boston University School of Law, has a private appellate criminal law practice. He and his wife, Heather Williams, live in Boston.

1985 • Roy Chambers was one of four exceptional New Jersey secondary school teachers honored at the Princeton University 2010 Commencement. The commencement tradition, which began in 1959, also provides each honored teacher with a \$5,000 gift as well as \$3,000 for his or her school library. Mr. Chambers teaches art, drawing, and graphic design at Westfield High School, where

Alumnus Shares Memories From Kindergarten to College

Ed Goldman started attending classes in the Gothic building now known as Hepburn Hall in 1932 and received a bachelor’s degree in 1950. He believes he may be the only living alumnus who is a graduate of both of the schools then housed in the landmark building – the Demonstration School, a training facility for teachers, and the New Jersey State Normal School in Jersey City, where he earned a bachelor’s degree.

In between, he attended Jersey City Public Schools and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. When he returned home from the War, he used his benefits from the G.I. Bill to attend college.

“We had a huge sandbox and we would build little cities in the sand,” he said, happily recalling kindergarten days at the Demonstration School. Live goldfish and white mice were part of his classroom experience and he laughed as he remembered the time he brought a mouse home and it got loose, upsetting his mother.

Historic events also passed along the school on then-Hudson Boulevard. He and his classmates lined up there to see a motorcade with President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who waved at them from an open car. And on May 6, 1937, they watched as the German airship, the Hindenberg, passed en route to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, where it burst into flames later that evening.

Mr. Goldman returned to the familiar campus as a young man and studied with legendary professors, including Dr. Foster Grossnickle, Clara Hepburn, Margaret Williams, and Dr. Chris C. Rossey, who served as president.

“It was a great experience. All of the teachers really got to know the students and were there to help us,” he said.

At 85, Mr. Goldman has not completely retired from his career in the garment industry and travels into New York City weekly for business appointments. He and his wife, Muriel Goldman, lived in East Brunswick for 35 years and now reside in an adult community in Monroe Township. They have two children, Bob and Jody.

he is also a consultant to the marching band, a set director for the drama department, and a daily, after-school volunteer for Project 79, an alternative education program.

1985 • Robert “Bob” Delaney served as the head official for the 2011 National Basketball Association (NBA) All-Star Game in February at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. Mr. Delaney, a 2006 inductee into the NJCU Athletics Hall of Fame, has served as a referee with the NBA since 1987 when he retired from the New Jersey State Police. He has officiated at the NBA playoffs every year since 1988 and also refereed the 1998 NBA All-Star Game.

1985 • Frank Risalvo has published the book, *A Manager’s Guide to Maximizing Search Firm Success*. Mr. Risalvo started his own staffing firm, IRES, Inc., in 1991. He lives with his wife, Deborah Risalvo, and their two children, Rebecca and Frank Jr., in Waxhaw, North Carolina.

1989 • Anthony Principato, a firefighter with the Linden Fire Department since 2000, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant. Mr. Principato and his wife Michele Principato have a daughter, Gabriella.



1991 • J. Michael Roberts, chief of the Millburn Fire Department, and **Andrew Stratton**, a

lieutenant with the Cranford Fire Department and an NJCU fire science major, were among the dozens of volunteers who prepared the Arthur C. Luf Children’s Burn Camp for its summer campers. Chief Roberts and Lt. Stratton became involved in the camp through the New Jersey Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association. The camp, in Union County, serves 76 children and young adults who have survived serious burn injuries.

1993 M.S. • 2001 M.A. • Dr. John Hill received the “Best Paper Award” (education) at the 2010 Annual Conference of the Utah Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters for “The Weakening of Tenure and Post-Tenure Review: An Issue Analysis.” The scholarly work was one of the few conference papers to be published in *Journal of the Utah Academy of Sciences, Arts, and Letters*. Dr. Hill is an associate professor of criminal justice at Salt Lake Community College.

1993 • Douglas S. Langway received critical praise as well as several honors for his film, “Bear City,” including a Grand Jury Award for screenwriting at Los Angeles’ Outfest. The film, referred to as the gay version of “Sex and the City,” was released in 2010. He served as director and producer for a previous film, “Raising Heroes,” in 1996. Mr. Langway is CEO and co-owner of Sharplett Studios, a marketing, video, and broadcast studio in New York City.

1998 M.A. • Michele Charmello of Avenel was appointed to the Woodbridge Town Council in October 2010. Ms. Charmello is director of early intervention services at Hudson Milestones, which serves

the developmentally disabled in Hudson County, and has been an adjunct professor at Hudson County Community College for more than a decade. She serves as commissioner for the Barron Arts Center and treasurer for the Woodbridge Artisan Guild.

1998 • Ralph Gonzalez is the training and compliance manager for patient financial services at Hackensack University Medical Center. He has also written *I Believe*, an e-book that explores life-enhancing techniques he has studied and taught. He is a certified hyp-

notist and also teaches toning, which uses sound and vibrations to improve well-being.

2001 • Justin Strawhand has received critical acclaim for his latest film, “War Against the Weak,” a documentary about the links

Golden Gothics Class of 1961

Janet Eleanor (Goldstein) Dardik is a certified mediator with Rockland Mediation Center of Cluster, Inc. in Nyack, New York. She and her husband, Dr. Herbert Dardik, have been married for 52 years and live in Tenaflly. They have three children, Alan, Michael, and Sharon, all physicians, and eight grandchildren. Mrs. Dardik enjoys theatre, aerobics, and tennis.

Robert J. Fyne is an English professor at Kean University and was the book review editor for *Film and History* for 15 years. He and his wife, Jo-Ann Dorio-Fyne, have one daughter and three grandchildren. Of his student days at Jersey City State College, Dr. Fyne fondly recalled Dr. Chieh-Hou Kan, an outspoken history professor from China, who shared his first-hand experiences about life in Red China, and Dr. Foster Grossnickle, who had served in the U.S. Army with baseball great Ted Williams and told wonderful stories about their friendship when he wasn’t teaching mathematics.

Katherine (Burke) Gavin and **William F. Gavin** are semi-retired and living in McLean, Virginia. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with their three children, Alison, Nancy, and William, and their three grandchildren. Mrs. Gavin served as a substitute teacher, PTA president, and leader of a Junior Great Books group for elementary school students. In 1968, Mr. Gavin became a speechwriter, which eventually led to positions in the executive and legislative branches of the federal government, including work for President Richard M. Nixon. He has written two novels and two works of non-fiction, one of which, *Speechwright*, will be published by Michigan State University Press this year.

Barbara (Licata) Jones and **Raymond Jones** of Clifton have retired from their respective careers in education. Mr. Jones taught social science and coached cross country and track at North Arlington High School and also served as an adjunct instructor and fencing coach at NJCU. Mrs. Jones was director of guidance at Rutherford High School when she retired in 2007 after 44 years of service to the school district. They have one daughter and two grandsons.

Mary (Bellacosa) Looram of New York City launched an acting career when she turned 60 and has appeared in commercials, on the “David Letterman Show” and “What Would You Do?,” and as one of the old ladies in the movie “The Producers.” She and her husband James Looram, a retired Army officer, lived in California for 25 years and have five children and seven grandchildren, several of whom live in Asia.

Eugene Zutell retired in 1985 from the U.S. Air Force with the rank of major and then developed hazardous materials emergency response training for the State of Arizona. Now fully retired, he volunteers in search and rescue and other community activities. He and his wife Josephine (Sorrentino) Zutell, a psychotherapist, are residents of Prescott, Arizona, and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June. The couple has two daughters, Patricia and Elizabeth, and seven grandchildren.

In Memoriam

Agnes (O'Neill) Ross '34
David L. Auslander '35
Joseph Rodriguez '35
Zena Fox '36
Sidney M. Rifkind '36
Ruth (Smith) Rodeman '36
Edna Terjesen '37
Mary J. (Bebus) Tortorici '39
Helen Perkel '40
Dominick J. Colineri '41
Mary Pearl (Kaberle) McEllen '41
Anne (McDermott) Sofield '41
Mildred (Fraiese) Botti '42
Elizabeth (Peebles) Murchie '42
Arlene (Jewett) Bizlewicz '43
Eleanore (Foti) Dixon '45
Marie (Nixon) Herbst '46
Helen Mae Flannery '47
Lorraine (Runkewicz) Klimowicz '48
Ida (Meisse) O'Brien '51
Jean Ann (Madden) Yeomans '51, M.Ed. '55
Robert W. Brodo '54
Patricia Ann (Tokarik) Duriske '54
William J. Maxwell '58
Jack William Motters-head '59
Michael J. Herbert '62
Dorothy P. Newhouse '62
Peggy Ann (Goetz) Vidito '62, M.A. '66
Florence (DeLuca) Capasso '63
Darlene (Joiner) Moran '63
Roxanne (Wolf) Rosenbaum '63
Barbara (Grant) Schumann '64
Stephany Stefani '64, M.A. '83
Madalynn Aloia '66
Antonio M. Oliveira '66
Charles E. Trefurt, Jr. '66

Joann (Stanish) Fusiak '68, M.A. '71
Charles A. Tocko '69
Judith E. (Luzzi) Novellino '70
Emma (Bodner) Hutchison '71
Sister Ellen Maureen McIntyre '71
Loretta (Foohs) Matthews '72
Mary Sweeney '72, M.A. '74
Milton Griffin '73
Phyllis (Killelea) Mancini '74
Marie (Pedersen) Zink '74
Rose (Festa) Pollara DeLisi '75
Laura Ann (Tagliaferro) DiLorenzo '75
Alvina (Pierro) Gasalberti '76
Dorothy (Stevenson) Oliver '77
Vera Holimon Russell '78
Jack "Leeds" Leibowitz '79
Eleanor (Olaszewski) Rkicki '79
Nancy Zarro '82
Charles Alan "Al" Grove '83
Kathleen (Giblan) Ford '84
Doris (Pierce) Walker '84
John "Jack" Brunner '87
Robert E. Edge '87
Dorie Heckman '90
Shirley M. Silver '91, M.A. '99
Gloria (Erxleben) Dougherty '92
Barbara (Dominguez) Blanco '93
Marian Morgan '93, M.A. '94
Roderick F. Ante '95
Robert M. Sarch '98
Victor Seelall '04
Antonio F. Anazco '11
John Bischoff '11

between the American eugenics movement and Nazism. The film has played at festivals throughout the world since its premiere at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, where it was nominated for the Social Justice Award. It has also been named "Best Documentary" at the Camp Winelands Film Festival in South Africa and won "Best Editing Prize" at the Rhode Island Film Festival. Mr. Strawhand began work on the film as a tenant in NJCU's Business Development Incubator.

2003 • Chris Feliciano, who was the all-time winningest coach in NJCU's women's volleyball history and who served as head coach for men's and women's volleyball at NJCU, has been named head women's volleyball coach at Rider University. He had previously served as assistant coach at Fordham University. Mr. Feliciano was a recipient of the 2009 American Volleyball Coaches Association's "30 Under 30 Award."



MELISSA GORGA

2003 • Melissa Gorga starred in season three of "Real Housewives of New Jersey." Ms. Gorga's husband, Joe Gorga, is the brother of Teresa Guidice, who has starred

in the reality show since 2009. The Gorgas live in Montville with their three children.

2003 • Patricia (Ocampo) Soraire has started a play group, Madres Latinas, for families interested in maintaining their Latino culture and Spanish language for their children. Ms. Soraire and her husband, Jean-Paul Soraire, live in Campbell, California, and are the parents of Benjamin, Jacqueline, and Zachary.

2005 • Jason O'Donnell was sworn in as the Assemblyman for the State's 31st District in September 2010. Mr. O'Donnell, public safety director for the City of Bayonne, is on leave from his position as a captain in the Bayonne Fire Department. He and his wife Kerry O'Donnell live in Bayonne with their daughter and two sons.

2006 • Peter Martínez of Jersey City has opened a music shop, The Drum Den, in the historic Neumann Leather Building in Hoboken. A regular sideman in the Hoboken music scene, Mr. Martinez gives lessons, rents and repairs drums, and sells new and vintage drums and accessories.

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Do you have news to share with your college friends? A new job or a promotion? An engagement, wedding, or birth? Send an e-mail to Pat Martínez at pmartinez@njcu.edu or call her at 201-200-3039.

2006 • Benjamin Ortega has been a police officer in North Bergen for 12 years. As a contributing writer for *New Jersey Corrections Now*, a magazine for New Jersey police officers, Mr. Ortega covers emerging technology and new equipment used in law enforcement. He is the father of two daughters, Angelica Marie and Bianca Marie.

2008 • Audley Campbell, Jr. of Bayonne earned a master of public administration degree from Rutgers University's School of Public Affairs and Administration in Newark. He was also inducted in Pi Alpha Alpha, a Rutgers University honor society, for his outstanding academic performance. He is pursuing employment in the field of emergency management.

2011 • Kevin R. Farrell is a student in the School of Visual Arts in Manhattan, where he is enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching Program. In addition to conducting field research and exploring contemporary educational issues, students in the Program are also required to develop their talents as practicing artists.

Men's Basketball Team Wins Unprecedented 12th NJAC Division III Championship



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New Jersey Athletic Conference Champions. That's the title the 2010-11 NJCU men's basketball team can claim after winning the NJAC crown for an unprecedented 12th

time while advancing to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Tournament for the 18th time in NJCU history. A squad voted the pre-season dark horse in the NJAC

turned out to be just that, winning the league's title for the first time since 2004 by defeating rival Montclair State University, 72-67, on February 25, 2011.

Head Coach Marc Brown matched the accomplishment of his legendary father, Charlie Brown, by leading his program to a league title in his fourth year at the helm. It's appropriate that family was the theme of the 2011 men's basketball team.

"Family – that's been the motto for all of my teams, but this is the one team that put it all together. This was a team effort all year," said Mr. Brown,

• Coaching Round-Up •

• **Jeremiah "Jerry" Smith** is the 11th head coach in the 65-year history of the baseball program, following seven successful seasons at JFK Memorial High School in Iselin, where he posted a 120-70 record, culminating in the 2009 New Jersey Group III state championship and the North II, Group II state sectional crown. As a collegiate player, Mr. Smith played three seasons at Kean University, 1997-99.

• **Amy Mulligan** is the 13th head women's basketball coach in the 42-year-old program. Ms. Mulligan, who also serves as an athletic academic advisor, is one of the few female coaches in the country to have coached both men's and women's college teams. Prior to joining the NJCU staff, Ms. Mulligan was head men's basketball coach, athletic director, director of student affairs, and women's tennis and co-ed cross country team coach at Vaughn College in Flushing.

• **Krystle Wilson '11**, a cross country and track and field athlete who has served as an assistant to the athletic trainer at NJCU for nearly three years, has been named head coach of the Gothic Knight men's and women's cross country teams.

• **Timothy Black** has been named head coach of the men's golf team after serving for one year as the first assistant coach of NJCU's newest athletic program in 2010. Mr. Black, an avid golfer for more than 35 years and a member of the United States Golf Association, has worked as a telecommunications analyst at NJCU since 1995. His contributions to the Gothic Knight athletics program were recognized in 2009 when he was presented the annual "NJCU Athletic Appreciation Award."

• **Kevin Rodgers '10**, one of the most accomplished players in the history of either the men's or women's volleyball programs at NJCU, and a veteran assistant coach with the Gothic Knight men's program, has been named the 12th head women's volleyball coach in the 29-year history of the program. He will continue to serve as NJCU's assistant men's volleyball coach for a third season in 2012.

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who was voted the D3hoops.com Atlantic Region "Coach of the Year."

"This is a big deal, especially for us to do this on my Dad's court. A lot of people didn't believe in us [after the slow start to the season] but I told the guys to stay together. When you play hard and work hard, good things happen."

After a slow start to the season – just three wins in the first nine games and a 0-2 record in the NJAC – the team won 16 of its final 20 games and 11 of 14 against conference opponents, including the NJAC Tournament. NJCU finished with a 19-10 record and 8-5 in the league. The Knights fell to Cabrini College in the opening round of the NCAAs.

Junior point guard Keith Williams of Jersey City and senior point guard Da'Shon Barrino of Newark each earned All-NJAC accolades as leaders of a balanced scoring attack where 10 players averaged at least five points per game.

NJCU ended the year among the national leaders in a number of categories, ranking in the Top 25 nationally in steals per game (5th), turnover margin (8th), scoring margin (13th), blocked shots (18th), and field goal percentage defense (24th).



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Head Coach Mark Brown

Women's Soccer Team Makes First NJAC Appearance



The NJCU women's soccer team reached uncharted territory during the 2010 season, qualifying for the New Jersey Athletic Conference tournament for the first time in the 18-year history of the program while finishing in fifth place in arguably the most competitive women's soccer league in Division III.

A year after winning a then-program record 13 games and reaching the Eastern College Athletic Conference tournament—the first post-season appearance in program history—the Gothic Knights exceeded that result in 2010, finishing with a mark of 14-7-1. The Knights lost in the NJAC Tournament quarterfinals before being selected to the ECAC

Tournament for the second consecutive season. NJCU was eventually eliminated from that event in a penalty kick shootout in the ECAC Quarterfinals.

Head Coach Robert Bielek '95, who has transformed the program into a legitimate contender during his five-year tenure, said, "It's definitely been a history-making season for our program. For us, making the NJAC Tournament is all new, fresh, and exciting and is what I envisioned when I first joined the NJCU coaching staff. We've been building each year on the previous year's record and keep propelling the program forward."

It was also a successful year in the classroom for the NJCU soccer team,

which received a 2010 NSCAA College Team Academic Award for 2009-10 from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. This marked the first time in University history that the Knights have been collectively honored for academic prowess on the national level.

To be eligible for the honor, teams must have achieved a collective grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher during the fall 2009 and spring 2010 semesters. The 20 players on the 2009-10 squad had an overall GPA of 3.01 and 10 players had a 3.50 GPA in at least one of the two semesters while five athletes twice had at least a 3.50.

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Five Inducted into NJCU Athletics Hall of Fame

On January 28, New Jersey City University inducted five new members into its Athletics Hall of Fame at a campus ceremony: legendary men's basketball coach Charlie Brown '65, M.A. '85; five-time Division III track and field national champion Diana Lawson '06; all-time leading rusher in football Daniel Harrison '02; women's basketball standout Tara Mitchell '05; and, posthumously, the late men's soccer coach Robert L. McNulty.

The five honorees were elected to the Hall of Fame Class of 2011 by the six-member Athletics Hall of Fame committee from a list of nearly 25 outstanding nominees. There are currently 129 members in the University's Athletics Hall of Fame, which was founded in 1979.

For biographical information on the Athletics Hall of Fame inductees, visit www.njcugothicknights.com, scroll down to "Tradition/History" on the left, and click on "Hall of Fame."

Where Are They NOW?

(This new feature will profile former student-athletes.)

A quarter century ago, Owen M. Ryan '85 was a four-year standout for the Jersey City State College men's soccer team. Since then, the former three-year, Gothic captain, 1982-84, has achieved great success in the world of business, where he is a managing partner of advisory services with Deloitte & Touche LLP in New York.

In 2011, Mr. Ryan was appointed to the New Jersey City

University Board of Trustees, replacing another great JCSC student athlete, Hall-of-Famer John J. Moore, Esq. '56.

Mr. Ryan made 115 saves in 1983 and received All-New Jersey Athletic Conference accolades as a senior in 1984. He looks back fondly on the years he spent in a JCSC soccer uniform.

"Being a student-athlete, you learn a lot about time management while playing college sports and carrying a full course load. In the professional world that becomes incredibly important. You also learn about teamwork, recognizing the strengths and weaknesses of your team and how to execute. For me, I learned a lot about leadership, how to motivate different people, when to push hard and when to pull back, and how to pick people up when they have a failure. All of this is very relevant and important in life."

His former head coach, Tom Casserly, who served JCSC from 1982-86 and also coached Mr. Ryan at Marist High School, recalled the leadership he saw in his goalkeeper.

"Even at that young age you could tell that Owen had a certain leadership quality about him. While our teams had their share of ups and downs, Owen always had a positive attitude. He was a hard worker and well respected by his teammates. I often felt that he served as another coach on the field.

"There was no doubt in my mind that the desire, dedication, and effort he exhibited both in the classroom and on the soccer field would make him a success throughout his life."

Today, Mr. Owen, is an executive leader of almost 6,000 Deloitte professionals and has over 25 years

of diversified experience within professional services that includes risk management, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, corporate finance, strategic consulting, auditing, tax, and practice management.

As a member of the NJCU Board of Trustees, he is excited about the opportunity to give back to his *alma mater*, and advises students, "Never be outworked. Understand your reputation is your most important asset so be careful of that at all times. Be willing to meet people more than halfway to get things done. Don't be afraid to take a contradictory position if you believe strongly and passionately about it from a principle perspective. You have to take risks and you have to understand that when opportunity knocks, it knocks softly, so make sure you are listening."

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