President Keen welcomed students, legislators, faculty, and staff to the ribbon-cutting for the new Campus Center which opened in time for the beginning of the spring semester. The $25 million, 50,000-square foot building boasts new dining facilities for resident and commuter students, a campus bookstore, a ballroom for lectures and special events, a student lounge, and several unique architectural features.

“This new Campus Center is a great leap forward for the campus and, especially, for our students,” President Keen said. “With modern dining facilities, a new bookstore, and space for events, our students will be well-served.”

Dr. Keen thanked State Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. and Assemblyman Bob Sweeney for helping to secure the funding for the Campus Center. He also welcomed newly-elected Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci, an adjunct professor at Farmingdale.

“This new Campus Center will be a hub of activity for the College,” said Dr. Keen. “It also will serve as a symbol for the unprecedented growth and progress we are making in all the critical areas—applications, enrollment, quality of students, and the importance of our research enterprise. I want to thank SUNY for its support also Senator Fuschillo and Assemblyman Sweeney for leading the effort to obtain funding for this and the many other projects we are developing.”

“Today Farmingdale State College takes yet another step forward in its continued development. The new, modern campus center will be a critical component to Farmingdale State’s infrastructure that will greatly benefit students and staff for years to come. I am proud to have worked with Farmingdale State to complete this project and continue to support its growth into one of Long Island’s premier higher education institutions,” said Senator Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr. (R-Merrick).

“The Campus Center will be a focal point for student activity on the Farmingdale campus, and its construction is indicative of the exciting things that are happening at Farmingdale,” said Assemblyman Bob Sweeney. “This is one of many significant projects on campus that will help continue the great tradition of opportunity at Farmingdale.”

In keeping with the College’s legacy of environmental sustainability, the Campus Center has a roof constructed of energy-efficient materials. The ballroom will have a capacity of 400 for lectures and events and 220 for dinner-style seating. A special feature of the building is the oculus—a rounded skylight—that provides a spacious and inviting atmosphere and help ignite student-faculty interactions.

“As someone who knows the campus well, I know how exciting this is for the students and what it will mean to the campus,” said Assemblyman Lupinacci. 

See more photos of the ceremony Page 3.
Much to be Proud About at Convocation

President Keen welcomed faculty and staff to the Spring Convocation last month and reported on several new developments on campus in addition to announcing individual academic and other professional achievements.

He began the event with a moment of silence for recently deceased faculty members Ray Bigliani and Leon Taub, followed by praise for those faculty, staff and students, who participated in relief efforts for Superstorm Sandy, and also those who were critical to keeping the campus safe during the storm. “It was great to see how the campus came together at such a time and pitched in to help others,” Dr. Keen said.

Among the accomplishments over the past year noted in the presentation were the increases in students served by tutoring, veterans’ benefits, and disability services; new student recruitment materials and marketing initiatives; and a mobile site that will make the college website compatible with Smartphones. Also, new academic programs are being established in sustainable energy technologies, civil engineering technology and another in landscape architecture is in progress.

Grants of $500,000 for the Broad Hollow Bioscience Park and $250,000 for engineering technology student enrollment and support were featured among the many college and faculty awards. Dr. Keen also announced that the Business Hall of Fame Gala last fall honoring Hicks Nurseries raised $164,000.

The update on campus construction included groundbreaking for the School of Business building and the Children’s Center as well as the solar parking lot with plug-in charging station, which is expected to be completed in March.

“There is much to be proud about,” Dr. Keen said. “The campus in on a very good path thanks to all the good work being done by you.”

Spring 2013 CARES Winners

Kathy Kollar (Professional Staff), Christine Glaser (Faculty), and Deborah Faulhaber (Classified Staff)

Campus Mourns the Passing of Ray Bigliani

Raymond E. Bigliani began work at the college in 1970 as an instructor in physics and was promoted to full professor in 1994.

Professor Bigliani, who died last month, was dedicated to academic excellence. Co-Director of CELTT, (Center for Teaching and Learning), he served as a member of the International Education Committee and was the first professor to teach in Florence, Italy. A dedicated amateur astronomer, he was known for holding Astronomy Nights on campus. He helped to set up computer facilities at the Vanderbilt Planetarium.

He earned a BS in physics at Manhattan College, a MS in physics at NYU and completed additional graduate coursework at Stony Brook University and Adelphi University. He received a New York State Regents Teaching Fellowship and was a member of Sigma Pi Sigma (National Physics Honor Society).

He authored or co-authored several textbooks: Technical Physics, Experiments in Physics (collaborated with Dr. Peter Nolan).

Ray was a vital part of the Department of Physics and a core member of the Farmingdale faculty. At the time of his passing, he chaired a committee charged with hiring two new faculty members. He will be missed by the Farmingdale community.

Editor’s Note: Two other members of the campus community, Leon Taub, mechanical engineering technology, and Noel Palmer, retired LIEOC administrator, have recently died. Articles to recognize their contributions will be in a future issue of the Campus Times.
Gold and Bronze Awards for Campus Design

The Office for Institutional Advancement captured six honors in the Service Industry Advertising Awards, a national competition which includes not only higher education, but private businesses, government agencies, healthcare organizations, and other segments. The winning designs were the work of creative director Jon Goldstein, who in many cases competed not against other campus in-house operations—but against professional advertising agencies with very large staffs and resources to match.

Farmingdale won a Gold award for President’s Keen’s holiday card, two Bronze awards for the Farmingdale Forward brochure and the College Foundation logo, and three Merit Awards for the new “Reach Higher” viewbook, a student recruitment video, and a pop-up admissions display.

“I am very proud of the team we have, and the excellent work they do for the college, often against daunting challenges,” said Patrick Calabria, vice president for institutional advancement and enrollment management. “Farmingdale is progressing in many important ways, and the creative design work produced clearly reflects that progress.”

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Publications


- **Dr. Lynn Marsh**’s article “Dental Hygienist Attitudes toward Providing Care for the Underserved Population” was published in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene*, Nov. 2012

Aviation Hall of Fame Established as Lou Howard Becomes First Inductee

Farmingdale State College’s Department of Aviation established an Aviation Hall of Fame with an inauguration ceremony at the Aviation Center south of the main campus in December. The event honored Lou Howard, former chair of the aviation department and one of the pioneers of the program, which dates back to the 1960s. At the induction, Farmingdale State president Hubert Keen noted that “Farmingdale was indeed fortunate to have Lou Howard as a member of the campus community. Our aviation program enjoys its fine reputation today because of his dedication and expertise.”

Campus administrators, faculty and staff, as well as industry representatives, attended the event to honor Howard, who also is a former SUNY Trustee and well-known in local political, community, and athletic circles. Howard, who has a PhD in Aerospace, wrote an early textbook designed to teach pilots how to fly using instrument landing systems and was appointed to serve on a federal advisory committee to help design the first space shuttle for NASA. To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Charles Lindbergh’s famous transatlantic flight, he retraced the flight, landing in LeBourget field outside of Paris. Howard was the founding chairman of what was then known as the Department of Aerospace in 1969. The program began with three planes. Today, it has a fleet of 23 planes, two flight simulators, and a 19,000 square-foot Aviation Center at Republic Airport consisting of classrooms, aircraft and engine labs, flight operations and briefing rooms, an aircraft hangar, and faculty offices. Farmingdale has the only Professional Pilot program at a public university in the state.

He has served as a Village of Amityville Mayor and Trustee, and was a Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature and a State Assemblyman. Inductee co-chairs were aviation professor Jeanne Radigan and alumnus Warren Kroppel, an executive with Sheltair.