Homecoming and BBQ a Big Success

Over 400 alumni, faculty, staff, students and their families attended Homecoming last month, beginning with a Friday night pep rally and culminating with a free alumni-sponsored BBQ that took place during a women’s soccer game and men’s tennis match.

President Keen addressed the gathering and announced additional events for the 100th Anniversary celebration taking place during this academic year. Music and carnival-type activities took place at the BBQ along with a special appearance by Ram-bo. Food was arranged by Joe Egan, vice president of the Alumni Association, with support from Aramark. Support was also furnished by the Boar’s Head Provisions Co., Ger’s Provisions Co. and Family Foods Computer Systems.

In addition, Professor Becker’s BBQ Sauce, the new product being produced by the Alumni Association as a fund-raising vehicle, was introduced and used on the chicken that was served.

“The attendance was a great indication of the affection our alumni, students, and staff have for the College,” President Keen said. “It was a great day for Farmingdale and for our campus community.”

The festive atmosphere was aided by the distribution of anniversary T-shirts and foam Rams hats.

The College received support from a variety of sources, including the Town of Babylon which contributed a mobile stage for the Pep Rally festivities, thanks to the efforts of Patricia Hill Williams, the former head of external affairs and now a member of the College Council. Members of the Fall athletic teams were announced at the rally on Friday evening.

With the food and refreshments, cotton candy, dunk tank and other activities, Homecoming represented the efforts of Dr. Keen and the 100th Anniversary Committee, chaired by senior vice president for administration and finance & CFO George LaRosa, to bring the campus together and as a show of appreciation for the hard work of the faculty and staff. Dr. Keen also welcomed students and their family members.

“Farmingdale is a terrific place,” Dr. Keen said. “All of you make it the terrific place that it is.”

The 100th Anniversary events will continue throughout the 2011-12 academic years. To see the anniversary events calendar, a photo slide show of the College’s history, and the anniversary video, please visit www.farmingdale.edu/100.

Farmingdale State College has been nominated by the readers of the Long Island Press.

It’s time to vote for FSC for Best of LI 2012 as Long Island’s best:
- College
- College President
- College Sports Program
- Public Garden

With your help and your vote, Farmingdale State will sweep its categories for 2012.

Here’s how: http://bestof.longislandpress.com/vote/ and follow the instructions any time between today and December 15, 2011.

We appreciate your support.
FSC Earns Praise in US News Rankings

Farmingdale again scored well in the U.S. News & World Report annual college rankings. The College was ranked No. 29 in the Regional Colleges North category, joining SUNY Maritime as the only regional colleges in SUNY to earn a spot in the top 30. In addition, Farmingdale and Maritime are the only SUNY colleges from Long Island to make the list.

"Once again, U.S. News has recognized the excellent progress Farmingdale has made," President Keen said. "This additional national recognition is a tribute to our outstanding faculty and staff, and the high quality of students we are attracting." Farmingdale has also recently earned praise from The Daily Beast, which ranked the College as the No. 5 Safest Campus in the U.S. And Farmingdale also ranks in the top 150 public colleges in the earnings power of its graduates, according to payscale.com.

100th Anniversary Spring Convocation

Convocation is scheduled for Thursday, January 19 at 9:30AM. In planning for this presentation, President Keen asks that members of the campus community check their photo albums for historic or significant photos of the College. Please send your electronic copies to jennifer.wilbur@farmingdale.edu. Send hard copies to Horton 115 so they can be scanned and returned.

State Legislative Internships Now Available

Internships for the Office of the Governor at the Long Island regional office are now available. Interns are responsible for helping with program coordination, distribution of materials, event planning, office needs and general office and field projects. Interns interact with members of the Governor’s staff, local elected officials, and community leaders.

Those interested in applying to the Internship Program must be U.S. Citizens, 18 years old, and enrolled in a college or university, or must have graduated from college in the past two years. Internships are for 10-plus hours a week. To apply, please send resume to Scott.Martella@exec.ny.gov. To follow up on your application, call (631) 952-6583.

Furthermore, the LI Regional Office of Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand seeks interns for the spring 2012 semester. To apply, students can email their resume, cover letter and a one page writing sample to Sunny_Suchdeve@Gillibrand.Senate.gov.

Provost Cepriano Receives Brooklyn College Distinguished Achievement Award

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Lucia Cepriano has been selected as a 2011 Brooklyn College Alumni Association (BCAA) Distinguished Achievement Award recipient. The BCAA Alumni Honors Dinner took place last month on the Brooklyn College campus.

The Awards Committee selected Dr. Cepriano because of her scholarship and exemplary work in the field of neuroscience as well as her transformative leadership as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Farmingdale State College. Further, the Committee noted, “As a graduate of Brooklyn College you have achieved distinction in your field of endeavor and have reflected credit upon the college. You are indeed worthy of this honor.”

President Hubert Keen said, “Provost Cepriano has been an outstanding member of the campus community, first as a professor of biology, then Associate Provost and now Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.”

Farmingdale Dazzles at SUNY Showcase

Chancellor Nancy Zimpher couldn’t help but notice Farmingdale State College’s creative and dynamic displays at the LI SUNY Showcase held at the Wang Center at Stony Brook University in early October. From mannequins sprawled on the ground covered in blood for a crime detection demonstration to the Sim Baby to the flight simulator, all were impressive. A giant thanks goes to the faculty and staff from the Departments of Horticulture, Security Systems, Aviation, Nursing, Electrical Engineering Technology and EOC.

Tweet with President Keen

You can follow President Keen’s tweets on @PresidentHKeen. Sign in at www.twitter.com and follow the instructions.
BBQ Sauce is Getting Noticed

Professor Walter Becker's BBQ sauce was featured in the October 8 issue of the Wall Street Journal and in Jim Bernstein's column in the October 17 issue of Newsday.

To order BBQ sauce please visit www.professorbeckersbbqsauce.com.

100th Anniversary Student Competition: Call for Attention Grabbing Proposals

Students are encouraged to enter an attention grabbing project in the 100th Anniversary Student Competition. Designed to showcase our degree granting programs, the competition is sponsored by the College and will be part of our capstone 100th Anniversary Celebration, scheduled to take place following the spring Open House on April 21, 2012. A total of $3,000 will be distributed between 1 to 5 winning projects.

Please go to the 100th Anniversary section on the homepage for more information.

Weather Emergency Information

Individual departments are responsible for developing their own procedures for handling weather emergencies, such as creating phone chains or having employees contact their supervisors for information. In the event of a closure, delay, or cancellation, it is the responsibility of academic departments to provide specific information for students (such as the re-scheduling of exams or activities) on their departmental office voicemail messages and other communications efforts they have established for such emergencies. Faculty should cancel or delay classes because of the weather only in accordance with the campus announcement, except in case of a personal emergency. In a personal emergency which requires an individual member of the faculty to cancel his or her class, the faculty member is responsible for notifying students in as timely a fashion as possible in order to avoid students unnecessarily traveling to campus. Faculty members are strongly encouraged to put in place a method whereby they may contact or inform students of such incidents.

Additional information on possible methods of communicating with students will be sent to all faculty members shortly. Faculty canceling individual classes must also notify their department offices of such cancelations as specified in the Professional Handbook.

When classes are canceled or delayed, college offices, including academic offices, are still open and non-teaching employees are expected to report to work. If individual employees choose not to report to work because of weather conditions, they must notify their supervisors and charge their absence to appropriate accruals with supervisory approval. Please be aware that only the Governor can order State offices and facilities to be closed.

Information is typically posted on the college website and furnished to the following media outlets:

- News 12 Long Island
- WALK 97.5 FM
- WBLI 106.1 FM
- WBAB 102.3 FM
- WCBS 101.1 FM
- WINS 1010 AM
- WKJY 98.3 FM
- WHLI 1100 AM

FSC & Then & Now

The site of the gymnasium - Roosevelt Hall - and the uniforms were far different in 1964 than they are today.

President Keen and Senior Vice President & CFO George P. LaRosa put their signatures on the final beam before its place on top of the new Campus Center being constructed. Anticipated opening of the new building is in Winter 2012.