



FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE

Retirement and Service Recognition

Virtual Event

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2020 FARMINGDALE STATE COLLEGE RETIREMENT AND SERVICE RECOGNITION EVENT

PROGRAM BEGINS AT 4 P.M.

Welcome.....	John S. Nader, <i>President</i>
Presentation of Honorees.....	President Nader Mathew Colson, <i>Vice President of Development and Alumni Engagement</i> Kevin Jordan, <i>Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer</i> Laura Joseph, <i>Senior Vice President and Provost</i> Gregory O'Connor, <i>Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer</i>
Toast	President Nader

HONORED RETIREES

Kathryn Bond.....	LIEOC	Jane Massimino.....	Development & Alumni Engagement
Kathryn Coley.....	Institutional Advancement	Alexander Mayer	Carpentry and Locksmith
Dan D'Amico.....	Information Technology	Diane Melamed.....	Student Accounts
Theresa Dember-Neal.....	Nursing	Eugene Peters.....	EOP
Christine Dose	Professional Communications	Timothy Riordan.....	Heating Plant
Robert Elgart	Biology	Robert Shirley.....	LIEOC
Marion Frosch.....	Custodial	Michael Smiles.....	Biology
David Groden	LIEOC	Joel Tarantowicz.....	Trade Services
Gregorios Maninakis	Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology	Richard Turk	Grounds

HONORED FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Thomas Germano	Visual Communications
Rhonda Jones	Custodial
Nancy Maggio.....	Nursing
William Musto	Athletics

ABOUT OUR RETIREES

Kathryn “Casey” Bond

Long Island Educational Opportunity Center (1990)

Casey worked with the LIEOC for 30 years and was an academic counselor when she retired in 2020. With her encouragement and support, many students from Nursing and other disciplines completed their degree at FSC. Casey has a pleasant nature and was always welcoming to her students and fellow co-workers. In her spare time she enjoys drumming and participating in concerts throughout New York and neighboring states.

Kathryn Coley

Institutional Advancement (1979)

Kathy was Senior Director of Communications in the Institutional Advancement office. She worked at Farmingdale for 41 years and filled a variety of key positions throughout her career. She has provided a depth of institutional knowledge and valuable advice to five presidents and to many members of the College community. Kathy received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 1991 and the CARES Award in 2009. She successfully spearheaded our efforts in media relations, image enhancement, and public perception. Working with legislators, community organizations, and not-for-profits, Kathy was an excellent representative of the College and an asset to many campus offices. Kathy also developed the Campus Times as the voice of the College and the mechanism to keep everyone informed of the latest news, announcements, and awards. Kathy loves to garden, serve on the executive committee for the Landmark on Main Street Theater, and spend time with her grandson, August.

Dan D’Amico

Information Technology (2006)

Dan joined the programming team at FSC after 30 years working in the IT industry. He was a critical part of the Banner implementation at Farmingdale and prior to the creation of the Institutional Research department he was instrumental in providing the data necessary for our successful submission of the TRIO grant application. Upon the launch of the Latin Honors program at FSC, Dan performed all the back-end programming necessary to enable this culminating academic achievement for our students. Dan’s thoughtful approach to programming and his numerous contributions to our IT infrastructure will be missed. His colleagues will miss the stories he told about all the excursions he had been on and the movies, shows and concerts he had seen. Dan enjoys vacationing every year in Wildwood Crest with his sons Michael and Robert and daughter Stephanie, and his wife Terry. He enjoys playing cards, walking on the beach and loves trying new restaurants.

Theresa Dember-Neal

Nursing (2003)

Theresa pioneered and embraced the simulation technology (SimMan) and provided workshops for faculty. She supported self-care activities for students, including the demonstration of Reiki and other complementary and alternative medicine practices. She involved our nursing students, faculty and staff in the Queens Hospital preparedness drills. Theresa developed programs to expose LIEOC CNAs to simulation and engaged CNA in interdisciplinary simulation with BSN students. Theresa also coordinated a Health and Wellness Fair bringing in participants and activities. She was a union representative for the nursing department. She won the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 2015. Theresa is a nature lover and is passionate about acupuncture and natural healing. She holds a Doctorate in Chinese Medicine and is a Reiki practitioner.

Christine Dose

Professional Communications Department (1989)

Chris was an employee at FSC for 31 years and in those three decades she worked in multiple departments, most recently in the Professional Communications department. Chris was very dedicated to the College and to her union; CSEA. She received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service in 2012. She also organized Toys for Tots for many years. Chris was described as wonderful to work with and very attentive to details and procedures. Chris recently had a grandchild and is looking forward to spending time with family during retirement.

Robert Elgart

Biology (1969)

Bob was with the College for over 50 years. He is known for teaching General and Medical Microbiology for the College for more than 40 years and providing research internship opportunities to several students. Bob is passionate about opera and his dogs. He is adventurous and likes to travel to exotic places. Bob enjoys exploring wines and is a gourmet cook, who created interesting dishes for the University Club. He is also an enthusiast of the Polish culture of his ancestors.

Marion Frosch

Custodial (2018)

Marion began working at FSC in 2018 and currently resides in Florida. Although her time at FSC was short, Marion was always a hard worker, dependable and a team player.

David Groden

Long Island Educational Opportunity Center (1990)

David was a Senior Counselor for 47 years with the LIEOC. David loved to work with the students, faculty, and administration, and enjoyed the campus environment. He was always well-prepared, and the students respected his opinion and responded to his sincerity. He said "I will always support the mission of the LIEOC and the College." David resides in Huntington Station.

Gregorios Maninakis

Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology (1979)

Gregorios worked on developing the first upper Division BS-EET program for the College, he taught several upper division courses, and served as the EET/CET department chair from 1986-1992. Gregorios also served as Acting Dean of the School of Engineering Technology for about two years, chaired the department CCTA and served on departmental search committees for several years. He enjoys participating in community service for the Greek American Community of New York. He organizes and takes part in cultural events, music, singing, recording and volunteering at the Hellenic Program Radio COSMOS-WNYE 91.5 FM. Gregorios demonstrated commitment to the students and the goals of the College and the department, under five different administrations from 1979-2020.

Jane Massimino

Development & Alumni Engagement (1989)

Jane, a resident of Farmingdale, began her career at FSC in October, 1989. Jane retired from what was then the Development and Philanthropy office as an Administrative Assistant 2. Jane loves to travel, she is a member of a book club, and enjoys trying new restaurants. In retirement, she is looking forward to traveling more as she is always planning for her next trip, and spending time with her two grandchildren.

Alexander Mayer

Carpentry and Locksmith (1983)

Al worked at FSC for over 30 years and resides in Shirley. Al enjoys listening to music on the radio, and he likes to enter contests for concert-ticket giveaways. When he'd win, if he couldn't attend the show himself, he would give the tickets to others. Al also loves to tinker with cars, and to fiddle around the carpenter shop making things. Al is a family man and enjoys spending time with his wife and children.

Diane Melamed

Student Accounts (1986)

Diane was a key player in moving the College forward from a largely manual administrative environment in the 1980's. She helped implement Banner in the 1990's while working in what was called the Computer Center. As Director of Student Accounts, her expertise in implementing technology solutions, then allowed her to efficiently deliver services to our students. Diane won the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in 2008. Diane had a conscientious work ethic and assisted many students in realizing their higher education dreams. Diane is dedicated to her family and loves to spend time with her daughter, Lisa and her husband, Ira. Her favorite place to visit is Disney World.

Eugene Alexander Peters

Education Opportunity Program (1986)

Gene began working at FSC in July, 1986 and started in the EOP department in 1996. Gene made it his personal goal to teach students how to become advocates for themselves and he enjoyed being a mentor to them. He helped expand the EOP in its formative years and acted as an integral resource for planning Black History Month events. Gene is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and has served on many FSC campus committees. He was an advisor for the Black Student Union club during the 1990's. Gene is an avid historian and collector of African American and African Arts artifacts. Gene enjoys presenting and sharing items from his collection to museums across the country. Gene is a fan of smooth jazz, and enjoys spending time with local business owners and artists in Harlem.

Timothy Riordan

Heating Plant (1989)

Tim was with FSC for over 30 years before he retired in 2020. As Plant Utilities Engineer, he at times, kept the powerplant running on his own. He was helpful to his successor in passing on his knowledge of the campus. His outstanding service to FSC showed in his continued efforts in the upkeep of the Heating Plant. Timothy currently resides in Bohemia.

Robert Shirley

Long Island Educational Opportunity Center (2000)

Bobby worked at FSC for 21 years as a cleaner in the LIEOC Center, specifically at Hooper Hall. Bobby's pastimes include watching sports and Nascar Racing, and playing video games, which has become his passion.

Michael Smiles

Biology (1970)

Mike has been with FSC for 50 years in the Biology department. While at FSC, he was UUP President, was very involved with the Marine Biology option in the Biotechnology curriculum and he was the BIO 131 coordinator. During his earlier days at FSC, he organized boat trips for students to collect specimens. Mike is known to be very dedicated to the College and worked hard for the benefit of the members in UUP. Mike currently resides in Islip with his red golden retriever, Kayous.

Joel Tarantowicz

Trade Services (1990)

Joel worked at FSC for 30 years before he retired in 2020. He started as a Laborer and then became a Maintenance Assistant Plumber and Steamfitter. Joel was then promoted to General Mechanic in 2007. He resides in Brentwood and enjoys spending time with his sister and her family in Washington, DC and loves to play golf.

Richard Turk

Grounds (1987)

Rich spent over 30 years working at FSC and when he retired, he had the title of Supervisor of Grounds. Rich enjoyed and took pride in helping maintain the grounds on campus. Rich resides in Hicksville and loves spending time with his family and going fishing.

ABOUT OUR 25-YEAR HONOREES

Thomas Germano

Visual Communications (1995)

Thomas was the recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Scholarship and Creative Activities in 2017. He has taught Art History and studio art within the Visual Communications department at FSC, as well as at Nassau Community College. He currently teaches painting and drawing. He has led several study abroad trips to Europe. He enjoys travelling, painting and art history research.

Rhonda Jones

Custodial (1995)

Rhonda had served in Physical Plant as part of the Custodial crew for 25 years. Rhonda is a resident of Huntington. She is a kindhearted person who puts her grandchildren and others before herself.

Nancy Maggio

Nursing (1995)

Nancy is a dedicated and innovative educator. She has been involved in motivating student participation in the SNA as one of its advisors. Nancy has high standards for all her students and continuously seeks to improve coursework delivery, accessibility, and relevance as per the latest evidence in nursing practice and education. Her claim to fame is her ability to engage students in the department's writing intensive course, *Nurses Ways of Knowing*. Her support for each student is palpable and reflected in her student evaluations. Nancy is a wonderful colleague and friend who is quick to share information and mentor new staff. Nancy loves the east end of LI and spends her summers with her children and family enjoying simple summer days at her second home on the water. She enjoys nature, the beach, wine tasting, Broadway musicals, and her award-winning golden retrievers. Annually, she creates beautiful calendars of the previous summer adventures with family and friends, and they have become treasured keepsakes. Nancy is one of the department's unsung heroes. Any course she teaches is provided the same compassion and diligence she has given to patients along her clinical practice trajectory.

William Musto

Athletics (1995)

Bill is currently the Coordinator of Student Athletics Services and has been working at FSC for 25 years. While at FSC, William has coached the men's basketball teams to the NJCAA National Champions and to be one of the final eight teams in the country. He later became an integral part of the athletic facilities staff and has been helping the coaches with recruiting the many high-quality student-athletes for all 18 teams. He is an avid sports fan, and his favorite teams are the Phillies and Eagles.

Twenty-Five Years Ago 1995

The introduction of Internet Explorer, which was originally an extra-cost add-on with Windows.

Toy Story is the first ever wholly computer generated film.

A robot cut the ribbon for the opening of SUNY Farmingdale's \$3.34 million Aerospace Educational Facility.

The College celebrated its 76th commencement and presented an honorary degree to Bob Keeshan, better known as Captain Kangaroo.

Hot 100 Billboard Hit for January 1995 - "On Bended Knee" by Boyz II Men.

The original PlayStation was released in North America.

Major League Baseball players end a 232-day strike.

**Congratulations to all of the honorees.
Thank you for your service.**

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