Farmingdale’s pioneering efforts in renewable energy and sustainability will be highlighted at the annual Alumni Awards dinner on Friday, March 28 at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Retired professors Harry Dathatri of Electrical Engineering Technology and the Solar Energy Center, and Gary Brown of Ornamental Horticulture and Biology, two long-time faculty members who helped shape the College’s focus on the environment, will be honored for their many contributions to the College.

“Gary Brown and Harry Dathatri were instrumental in advancing the College in many ways, and during times when attention to the environment was not in fashion,” President Keen said. “It is largely due to their efforts that Farmingdale is synonymous with horticulture and alternative energy. Our Sustainable Garden and our solar carport/charging station are the fruits of seeds planted decades ago by them.”

Dr. Brown will receive the Judy McEvoy Memorial Alumnus of the Year Award, which is named for the beloved former president of the Alumni Association board. Gary is a 1964 graduate of the College who joined the campus community in 1970 and taught in the Departments of Ornamental Horticulture and Biology. He went on to become chair of the horticulture department from 2000-09 and is the recipient of numerous awards, including the College’s Distinguished Service Award and the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. He retired last year. In 2008 he was named Man of the Year by the Long Island Nursery and Landscape Association.

Professor Dathatri, who taught for 30 years before retiring last year, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in developing solar energy as an alternative energy source. He initiated the solar energy program, and was founder and director of the Solar Energy Center, the first of its kind in the northeast. Recognized nationally for his work in alternative energy, he has worked tirelessly to bring the School of Engineering Technology’s programs in solar energy to the community and industry. He received the 2006 SUNY Research Foundation Award for Research and Scholarship for his exemplary service.

Other honorees include Michael Deering (’75), director of communications and clean energy program oversight for the Long Island Power Authority, who will receive the Outstanding Alumni Award; Long Island Solar Energy Industries Association (William Feldmann, Chairman), which is being honored as the Outstanding Solar Technology Partner; and Solar Liberty (Adam Rizzo, President) and EmPower Solar (David Schieren, CEO), both of whom will be honored as the Outstanding Solar Vendor Partners.

For tickets and information on the Alumni Awards dinner, please contact the Alumni Relations office at 631-420-2369.
Through March 28, Hale Hall’s Memorial Gallery presents “Gail Anderson: Designer, Writer, Educator, Hoarder.” Gail Anderson is a New York-based designer, writer, educator and partner at Anderson Newton Design. She is known for her quirky letterforms made out of traditional and untraditional materials, from hot metal and wooden type to twigs and bottle caps. From her typographic wellspring has come an ever-expanding vocabulary of signs and symbols, methods and mannerisms that, in turn, have influenced a generation of designers.

On Tuesday, March 18, Gail Anderson will lecture on campus at 3:05 p.m. in Gleeson 104, followed by attendance at a reception in Hale Hall’s Memorial Gallery from 6-8 p.m. All are welcome. Regular Gallery Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Monday-Friday).

From 2002 through 2010, Anderson served as Creative Director of Design at SpotCo, a New York City advertising agency that creates artwork for Broadway and institutional theater. From 1987 to early 2002, she worked at Rolling Stone magazine, serving as designer, deputy art director, and finally, as the magazine’s senior art director.

Anderson’s work has received awards from major design organizations, including the Society of Publication Designers, the Type Directors Club, The American Institute of Graphic Arts, The Art Directors Club, Graphis, Communication Arts, and Print. Her work has been included in the permanent collections of the Cooper Hewitt Design Museum, the Library of Congress, and the Milton Glaser Design Archives at the School of Visual Arts. Anderson has also been featured in magazines, including Computer Arts (UK), designNET (Korea), kAk (Russia), STEP Inside Design, and Graphic Design USA.

Gail Anderson is co-author, with Steven Heller, of the upcoming The Typographic Universe, as well as New Modernist Type, New Ornamental Type, and New Vintage Type. She teaches in the School of Visual Arts’ MFA, undergraduate, and pre-college design programs, and serves on the boards for The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee and the Type Directors Club. Anderson received the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Medal from the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

Second Aviation Hall of Fame Award

Professor Paul K. Baumann will be honored at the 2014 Aviation Hall of Fame on Thursday, March 20. Professor Bauman was the chair of the department for many years. In addition to honoring Professor Baumann, the department’s top students and industry supporters will be recognized. Tickets are $25 per person and include a buffet dinner, dessert and coffee. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the 6:00 p.m. ceremony. Please RSVP by March 6 to Jeanne Radigan at jeanne.radigan@farmingdale.edu. The Aviation Flight Center is located at 885 Broadhollow Road in Farmingdale, NY.
Council Backs Tobacco-Free Move

The College Council voted in favor of a resolution to support the College’s efforts to move toward a tobacco-free campus last month. The resolution, recommended by President Keen, assists in the process of moving forward with plans to eliminate the use of tobacco products on campus, possibly sometime in 2015. The key language of the resolution states, “Therefore, be it resolved that the College Council supports the goal of the campus becoming a tobacco-free environment and urges the President to take steps leading to a tobacco-free campus.”

SUNY Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher has encouraged campuses to become tobacco-free and the College has held campus-wide discussions on the issue with an eye on resolving issues related to implementation. As Farmingdale begins to put the policy in place, the execution will include education on the use of tobacco products and other wellness advice and information. Becoming tobacco-free has become a nationwide movement on college campuses due to tobacco’s impact on personal health and continuing efforts to create a more pleasing environment.

Legislative Interns

Four students have been awarded legislative awards for the spring 2014 semester. Three out of four are interning with an assembly member – the fourth has a senate internship: Llesy Alcantara, Junior in Business Management - Assemblymember Mark Gjonaj; Paul A. Rodriguez Hernandez, Senior with a dual major in Computer Programming & Business Management - Assemblymember Chad A. Lupinacci; Danielle Durkin, Senior in Professional Communication, with an English minor - Assemblymember Janet L. Duprey and Roxeen Mundy, Senior in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement, with a Business Management Minor - Senator Philip Boyle 4th District.

The Center for Teaching and Learning Awards Given

The Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology is pleased to announce the 2013 Outstanding Scholarly Publication Prize recipients:

For a Publication in the Area of the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning:

For a Publication in a Discipline-Specific Area of Research:
Ram Nation Radio Hits the Air Waves

Ram Nation Radio, FSC’s student radio station, was re-launched last month. As you may know, the old student radio station, previously known as WRAM had gone offline approximately three years ago. Beginning in July of last year, Russell Patterson of student activities was asked to bring the station back. Since July 2013, the club has grown to about 100 students, with 12 student leaders, as well as almost 30 on-air shows totaling almost 60 hours of exciting talk and music programs each week.

People In The News

- **Michael Veracka**, horticulture, was an invited speaker at the Winter Conference of the Northeast Organic Farmingdale Association of Rhode Island (NOFA/RI) last month. Veracka, who is a founding member of NOFA/RI, described his shift from an organic farmer to an edible landscape designer. His presentation was on incorporating food-producing plants in home and business landscapes.

- Adjunct Professional Communications Professor **Vicki Gruber**, who is a local attorney, recently gave a talk at the Farmingdale Bethpage Historical Society about the Van Cott family. [Site](http://www.antonnews.com/levantowntribune/news/35956-local-gravesite-motivates-historians.html).

- The Career Center won a Creative Program Award for a Civic and Service Learning Program presented at the LICSPA Conference last month. LICSPA is the Long Island Council for Student Personnel Administrators. The award was given for the Employer Workshop Series.

- The **Nursing class of 2013** achieved a 90.48% pass rate on the NCLEX. According to Dean Mary Stedman, this is “especially significant in that our results are higher than ALL local private colleges offering the BS, and also surpass our SUNY colleagues at Binghamton, Buffalo, and Stony Brook by a rather large margin. Congratulations to Jenny, the faculty of the department of nursing and most importantly to the graduates on this outstanding accomplishment.”

- **Robert Saunders**, STS, has been invited to give the keynote address next December at the University of Leeds conference titled, “Visual Satire, Performance and Protest in (Post-) Authoritarian Cultures.”

- **Mihaela Radu**, electrical and computer engineering technology, has been elected Chairperson of the IEEE WIE (Women in Engineering) LI Affinity Group.

- Two art professors are part of the Women of the World exhibition at the Hutchins Gallery at CW Post through March 29. Professors **Barbara Stein**’s art is on display and **Thomas Germano** serves as a member of the eight-member judging panel. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 2-5 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

- **Tuesday, March 11** at 3:05 PM, Thompson 117. **What is it like to be a Financial Advisor?** Contact Michelle Kriegel at (631) 794-6203.

- **March 13, 14 & 15** at 8 p.m., Roosevelt Hall. Eve Ensler’s **A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer**. $5 admission fee for non-students will benefit local organizations that serve battered women. Contact Sandy Lory-Snyder at (631) 420-2552.

- **Tuesday, March 18** at 3:05 p.m., Lupton 239. **Modeling Medical Laser Treatments Physics Colloquium** by Dean of Arts & Sciences Lou Reinisch. Contact Dr. Lloyd Makarowitz at (631) 420-2188.

- **Friday, March 21** from 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Roosevelt Hall. **STEM Diversity Summit**. Building Tomorrow’s STEM-STEAM Leadership Through Industry, Education, Partnerships and Innovations on Long Island. Register at farmingdale.edu/stem or (631) 420-2622.

- **Tuesday, March 11** at 3:05 p.m, Ward Hall. **Mexican Telenovelas 1958-1973** by Melixa Abad Izquierdo PhD, History and Political Science. Contact Elizanne Warren-Russell at (631) 420-2467.

- **Accepted Student Day** Friday, April 4 at 1 p.m., Campus Center

- **Open House** Saturday, April 12-10 a.m. – noon, Campus Center

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Commencement Reminder:
Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Noon
Raindate: Sunday, May 18, 2014 at NOON (RAIN or SHINE)
Held at soccer field near Nold Hall.

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