More than 2,000 students received their degrees last month at the 96th Spring Commencement. For the first time in FSC history, there were two spring commencement ceremonies, to accommodate the large number of students and family members. Both ceremonies were held in Nold Hall, and video streaming was provided for those who could not attend.

A highlight was the awarding of a SUNY honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to alumna Theresa M. Santmann, a long-time benefactor of the college, and noted Long Island health-care advocate, philanthropist and entrepreneur. FSC’s School of Health Sciences bears her name.

“Every person graduating from Farmingdale State College has already taken a large step toward a positive life accomplishment” said Ms. Santmann.

“Farmingdale offers opportunities to so many in so many fields. It shall always have a place in my heart. I hope it will have a place in your heart as well.”

BS or BTech degrees were awarded to nearly 1,700 students; 340 received associate degrees; and 32 earned certificates.

President Keen offered three points to the graduates: what you have accomplished wasn’t easy and shouldn’t have been because our faculty has high standards; your degree is an intellectual asset to be reinvested and used for good; and it’s an exciting time to engage in the new economy and to deploy your intellectual assets.

Valedictorian Abraham Im, an Aeronautical Aviation-Professional Pilot major, was honored at the Student Award for Academic Excellence last month.

Five Chancellor’s Award for Student Excellence winners were recognized at Commencement: John Campbell, a Bioscience major; Elizabeth J. Calvente, a Bioscience major; Kristen Renaldo, a Dental Hygiene major; Vianna M. Reyes Duran, a Business Management major; and Shannon Vollmer, an Applied Mathematics major.

Two graduating students won the Chancellor’s Award for Scholar-Athlete: Alexandra Bentz, Women’s Tennis, Nursing, and Matthew Pollock, Men’s Golf, Business Management. A third winner, Tyler Danzy, is a Criminal Justice sophomore, Men’s Tennis.

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Faculty and Staff
Chancellor’s Award Winners

Seven members of the FSC community have received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence:

**Excellence in Teaching**
- Dr. Luisa Nappo-Dattoma, Dental Hygiene
- Dr. Jennifer Bryer, Nursing

**Excellence in Professional Service**
- Theresa Dember Neal, Nursing

**Excellence in Faculty Service**
- Prof. Wayne Krush, Visual Communications

**Excellence in Adjunct Teaching**
- Prof. Susan A. Candia, English & Humanities
- Prof. John DeCarlo, Professional Communications
- Dr. Jack Thomas, Biology

$75K SUNY Funding for 3D Printing

The Research Foundation for SUNY has awarded $75K to the Department of Automotive and Mechanical Engineering Technology to help build industrial partnerships, test new applications, and explore new industrial materials for 3-D printing. Said Dr. Hazem Tawfik, chair of the department: “This SUNY award will enable our faculty and students to participate in cutting-edge modern technology.”

New Building Opens For Business

A huge crowd filled the lawn in front of the new School of Business last month, to cheer on the formal opening of the new building. A roar went up when Dr. Keen, surrounded by a distinguished group of invited guests, cut the ribbon, signifying “Open for Business.”

“This is the most technologically-advanced building on campus,” Dr. Keen declared. “We are so pleased to see the final result. The campus revitalization is thrilling for all of us.”

Designed by Urbahn Architects and built by Stalco Construction, the 39,000 square-foot, three-story building provides 11 new classrooms, eight of which are configured in the collaborative style. One of the most architecturally compelling aspects to the building is tiered seating, located immediately opposite the lobby atrium and main entrance.

Designed to qualify for LEED Silver certification, the building incorporates high-efficiency heating, cooling and lighting systems, as well as occupancy sensors. Even the classroom equipment saves money – TVs are installed in the classrooms rather than more energy-demanding projectors.

“It’s been rewarding to see how excited our students are by the new classrooms,” said Richard Vogel, dean of the School of Business. “Having the majority of our faculty and students in one building will contribute to an even stronger sense of community within the School of Business.”

Michelle Obama’s ‘Signing Day’ Inspires FSC to Celebrate H.S. Juniors

As part of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Reach Higher Initiative – a national program designed to inspire middle and high school students to complete their education past high school. 10 FSC TRIO students visited Wyandanch High School and The Brooklyn Lab School last month to celebrate their school’s juniors signing college acceptance letters.

FSC’s TRIO students participate in the federally funded TRIO program that is designed to provide services to low-income students, first-generation college students, and students with disabilities. Said Dr. Lynn Elfe, director of Farmingdale’s TRIO program and Student Support Services, “The principal at Wyandanch was very grateful. Due to this event he had many juniors tell him that they’d be signing their certificate next year.”

The Reach Higher initiative is the First Lady’s effort to inspire every student in America to take charge of their future by completing their education past high school, whether at a professional training program, a community college, or a four-year college or university.
Enough is Enough!

We’ve all seen the headlines about sexual violence on college campuses—cases where students were raped or assaulted, and let down by the very institution that was supposed to protect and support them.

Stand with us to say “Enough is Enough” - end sexual violence on college campuses.

Governor Cuomo is working to change this across the state. Last year he directed New York’s public colleges and universities to adopt comprehensive and uniform policies that protect and support students, and now he’s fighting for a bill that would hold private schools to the same high standard.

Teddy Bear Clinic Teaches Safety

Seventeen FSC nursing students travelled to an elementary school in Wantagh last month to stage the department’s annual “Teddy Bear Clinic.”

The clinic emphasizes car and bike safety and health issues for kindergartners. The nursing students use stuffed teddy bears to illustrate the use of booster seats and seat belts in cars; the importance of proper-fitting bike helmets; and hand hygiene. Children bring their own teddy bears or other stuffed animals to learn what it’s like to give care to an injured patient, and to ease their fears about visiting a doctor’s office or hospital.

Smart Energy House Hailed As Model For New Energy-Saving Technology

FSC’s Smart Energy House officially opened to the public in April, with Dr. Keen leading the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The SEH contains a number of energy-conservation, renewable, and cost-saving elements as part of a demonstration project designed to inform the public about existing and potential devices that can be used in residential buildings.

“The Smart Energy House provides homeowners with an understanding of how easily they can live in an energy-efficient house, offering convenience and comfort,” said President Keen.

Said Project Manager Dr. Kamal Shahrabi, Dean of the School of Engineering Technology, “It is one of the long-term goals of Farmingdale to promote and educate our students and the public in green technology areas.”

Designed by the faculty and staff of the Renewable Energy and Sustainability Center, the SEH is a collaborative effort involving FSC, the U.S. Department of Energy, PSEG Long Island, the Long Island Power Authority, and Stony Brook University.

According to Marjaneh Issapour, Director of the RESC, “Just as school children visited the campus years ago to watch chickens hatch (referring to FSC’s agricultural roots), school children can visit the Smart Energy House today to learn how to lessen their carbon footprint.”

For more information about the SEH, visit the SUNY blog, “Big Ideas,” at http://blog.suny.edu/2015/05/the-home-of-the-future-is-sustainable-efficient-and-smart/.

FSAG (Farmingdale Student Alumni Grant) was presented to Heather Mahn, first-place winner for her “Simply Fresh” idea for a fast casual restaurant serving healthy and convenient meals in Nassau County.

FSC Student Stephanie Guadagno is interning this summer at Walt Disney World.
People in the News

- Marjaneh Issapour, Director of the RESC, has been selected by the New York State Society of Professional Engineers – Suffolk Chapter, to receive the Professional Engineer in Education Award for “exemplary professional performance and dedication to the improvement of the engineering profession through excellence in leadership and performance as a professional engineer practicing in the field of education.”

- Christine Glaser received the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council 2015 Award for Nursing Excellence. This highly prestigious award was given for achieving significant accomplishments in an area of practice, serving as a mentor and inspiration for staff, providing assistance to patients and families, and fostering a positive image of nursing.

- An oil painting titled “Parting Gifts” by adjunct art professor William A. Dodge has been selected as winner in the 2015 Juried Art Show at The Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages.

Calendar

- August 27, Convocation, 9:30 a.m., Roosevelt Hall LT
- September 17, Car Free Day Rally, 2-5 p.m. (to support Car Free Day on September 22), Campus Center
- October 9, Governance, 1 p.m., Roosevelt Hall LT

Retirement and Recognition of Service Luncheon

Photographs from the event may be found on our Flickr page: https://www.flickr.com/photos/farmingdalestate/sets/72157650898063553

Best Wishes to our Retirees

Carol Balewski, Provost’s Office
Michael Brancato, Physical Plant
Gerald Flynn, Mathematics
Kevin Healey, Physical Plant
Richard Hume, Administration & Finance
Marcia Littenberg, English & Humanities
Daniel Marrone, Business Management
Christine O’Connor, Human Resources
Margaret Porciello, Computer Systems
James Woodhull, Automotive Eng. Technology

Kenneth Bowers, Automotive Eng. Technology
Larry Breslin, Physical Plant
David Greene, Professional Communications
Richard Hooghkirk, Physical Plant
Amy Kaplan, Human Resources
Samuel Lynch, Physical Plant
Peter Nolan, Physics
Anita Pallateri, President’s Office
Socrates Thanasas, Electrical Eng. Technology

Thank You for 25 Years of Service

William Austin, English & Humanities
Margery Brown, English & Humanities
Rita Hegde, LIEOC
Azadeh Mirzadeh, Library
Ruth Saper, Computer Systems

Amitabha Bandyopadhyay, Arch/Construction Management
Joanne Lapidus-Graham, Nursing
Marjaneh Issapour, Electrical Eng. Technology
Timothy Riordan, Heating Plant

Senior centerfielder Michelle Mongiello has been selected to the Capital One Academic All-America® Division III Softball Team. She is the first softball player from Farmingdale ever to receive the honor.

Mongiello graduated with honors last month with a 3.85 GPA in the Business Management program. Aside from excelling in the classroom, she was named the 2015 Skyline Conference Player of the Year while leading the Rams to their 5th straight Skyline Conference Championship. She led the Conference with a .468 batting average and her .504 on-base percentage was also tops in the Skyline.

A four-year starter, she finished with an outstanding .387 career batting average with 181 hits, 59 doubles and 115 runs batted in. She also held a career fielding percentage of .963. This season, she capped off her career with a team-leading and career-high .468 batting average and a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage, along with team and career-highs of 52 hits, 19 doubles, and 36 RBI’s. She was named MVP of the Skyline Conference. Mongiello leaves Farmingdale as the all-time leader in doubles (59), 2nd in career hits (181), 4th in RBI’s (115) and 6th in career batting average (.387).