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# CONVOCATION '24

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# Staff Promotions

- **Ethan Alicea**, *Senior Desk Attendant*, Residence Life
- **Lynne Biondo**, *Administrative Coordinator*, Registrar
- **Douglas Bouchelle**, *Associate Director of Art & Design*, Marketing & Communications
- **Lisa Bruns**, *Director of Procurement*, Procurement
- **Daniel Cahill**, *Instructional Support Technician*, Civil Engineering Technology
- **Katelyn Dalton**, *Administrative Assistant 1*, Admissions
- **Vincent Danetti**, *Assistant Facilities Coordinator*, Athletics
- **Renz Nikka De Gula**, *Coordinator, Nursing Learning Center*, Nursing
- **Jodi DeNicola**, *Administrative Assistant Trainee 2*, Sport Management



# Staff Promotions

- **Deanna Ellis**, *Administrative Assistant Trainee 2*, Center for Health and Wellness
- **Alicia Femoyer**, *Assistant Director*, Office of Events Management
- **Marilyn Flores**, *Registrar and Degree Works Specialist*, Registrar
- **Tevin Foster**, *Associate Director of Digital Content*, Marketing & Communications
- **Jermaine Fraser**, *HR Associate*, Human Resources
- **Valerie Gaffney**, *Administrative Assistant 2*, School of Engineering Technology
- **Renata Germain**, *Office Assistant 2*, Facilities
- **Peter Greco**, *Chief Information Officer*, Information Technology
- **Nicole Griffin**, *Social Media Specialist*, Long Island Educational Opportunity Center



# Staff Promotions

- **Sarah Gross**, *Dean - School of Health Sciences*, School of Health Sciences
- **Joanne Guerrieri**, *Administrative Assistant 1*, Biology
- **Reiss Guttman**, *Instructional Support Technician*, Mechanical Engineering Technology
- **Rebecca Haas**, *Senior Academic Counselor*, RAM Program
- **Kimberly Hayman**, *Financial Aid Director*, Financial Aid
- **Marya Howell-Carter**, *Associate Dean - School of Arts & Sciences*, School of Arts & Sciences
- **Jennifer Infante**, *Administrative Assistant 1*, Sociology & Anthropology
- **Zachary Licht**, *Senior Professional Relations Specialist*, Nexus Center
- **Roxana Lima**, *HR Associate*, Human Resources



# Staff Promotions

- **Angela Lucchetti**, *Administrative Assistant 2*, Long Island Educational Opportunity Center
- **Marijean Marck**, *Office Assistant 3*, Student Accounts
- **Nicole Miller**, *Associate Director of Social Media & Digital Communications*, Marketing & Communications
- **Michelle Miranda**, *Director & Chair*, Center for Criminal Justice Studies
- **Joseph Moresky**, *Compliance Investigator*, Admin and Finance
- **Ann Noss**, *Director of Accounting and Finance*, Development & Alumni Engagement
- **Yetunde Odugbesan**, *Director*, Office of Community & Civic Engagement, Nexus Center
- **Patrick Payne**, *Plant Utilities Assistant*, Heating Plant
- **Elise Pollack**, *Administrative Assistant Trainee 1*, Professional Communications



# Staff Promotions

- **Michael Puglissi**, *Helpdesk, Web & Data Specialist*, Distance Learning
- **Carolyn Romaine**, *Administrative Coordinator*, School of Health Sciences
- **Kamaljeet Roy Chowdhuri**, *Administrative Assistant Trainee 1*, Liberal Arts and Sciences
- **Maria Serra**, *Administrative Assistant Trainee 2*, Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology
- **Amy Stier**, *Director of Transfer Services*, Transfer Services
- **Caitlyn Urban**, *Coordinator of Programming & Organizations*, Student Activities
- **Lisa Viti**, *Manager of Talent Acquisition*, Human Resources
- **Filomena Viti**, *Administrative Assistant Trainee 2*, Urban Horticulture

# Faculty Promotions

- **Dr. Ilknur Aydin**, Computer Systems
- **Dr. Yu Chen**, Business Management
- **Prof. Jack Harris**, Visual Communications
- **Dr. Michelle Miranda**, Center for Criminal Justice Studies
- **Dr. Abeba Mussa**, Economics
- **Dr. Mary Villani**, Computer Systems





# CONGRATULATIONS!

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# NEW FACULTY & STAFF HIRES

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# Management Confidential

- Rohan Howell, *Vice President for Enrollment Management*, Enrollment Management
- Kenneth Lee, *Dean - School of Engineering Technology*, School of Engineering



# Assistant Professors

- **Dr. Sara Aponte-Olivieri**, Modern Languages
- **Prof. Matthew Fried (ABD)**, Computer Systems
- **Dr. Richard Gustavson**, Mathematics
- **Dr. Yvonne Joseph**, Nursing
- **Dr. Bruno Kamdem**, Business Management
- **Dr. Cory Look**, Sociology & Anthropology
- **Prof. Michael Madden**, Urban Horticulture
- **Dr. Javier Munoz-Diaz**, Modern Languages



# Assistant Professors

- **Prof. Katharine (Katja) Patchowsky**, Urban Horticulture
- **Prof. Jolly Shah**, Medical Laboratory Science
- **Dr. Victoria Smith**, History, Politics and Geography
- **Prof. Melisa Tekin**, Visual Communications
- **Prof. Tesi Thomas (ABD)**, Nursing
- **Dr. Emre Tokgoz**, Computer Security
- **Dr. Jinnette Tolentino Collado**, Chemistry
- **Dr. Zhou (Joe) Zang**, Mechanical Engineering Technology

# Lecturers

- **Dr. Lauren Cesiro**, Visual Communications
- **Dr. Louis Chan**, Economics
- **Dr. Julie Clarissa Leventhal**, Chemistry
- **Dr. Meaghan Davis**, Liberal Arts & Sciences
- **Prof. Colleen Farrell**, Psychology
- **Dr. Rebecca Garcia**, Biology
- **Prof. Dawn Joyce**, Dental Hygiene
- **Prof. Christopher Long**, Psychology
- **Dr. Bianca Marro-Boyle**, Psychology



# Lecturers

- Prof. Jeremy Norris, Professional Communications
- Prof. Daniel Parks, Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Dr. Gary Wojtas, Professional Communications

# Fellows

- Dr. Bjarne Bartlett, Biology

# University Police

- **Gary Borowski**, *University Police Investigator I*
- **David Crimmins**, *University Police Communications and Security Specialist 1*
- **Jonathon Deacon**, *University Police Officer 1*
- **Jennifer Grimes**, *University Police Officer 1*
- **Amanda Pizzo**, *University Police Communications and Security Specialist 1*



# Professional Staff

- **Lauren Addeo**, *Assistant Registrar*, Registrar
- **Brittany Buchan**, *Staff Assistant*, Academic Support & Access Programs
- **Cris Burns**, *Admissions Advisor*, Admissions
- **Bradley Caravana**, *Manager of Web Development & Operations*, Marketing & Communications
- **Victoria De Maria**, *Macintosh Support Technician*, Information Technology
- **Eric De Sena**, *Study Abroad Manager*, Academic Advisement Info Center (AAIC)
- **Brandon DeFeo**, *Business Advisor*, Small Business Development Center
- **John DeMartino**, *Instructional Support Technician*, Information Technology
- **Gregorio Diaz Martinez**, *Undergraduate Research Coordinator and Advisor*, RAM Program



# Professional Staff

- **Brianna Fernandez**, *Distance Learning Support Administrator*, Distance Learning
- **William Finnegan**, *Coordinator of Fraternity/Sorority Life & Operations*, Student Activities
- **James Fitzpatrick**, *Academic IT Support Specialist*, Academic Affairs (Provost)
- **Margaret Fleming**, *Director - Interinstitutional Partnerships*, Academic Affairs (Provost)
- **Joy Flores**, *Administrative Coordinator-Honors Program*, Academic Affairs (Provost)
- **Bryan Garcia**, *Senior Director of College Support Programs*, Academic Support & Access Programs
- **Matthew Giafone**, *Transfer Services Reenrollment Counselor*, Transfer Services
- **Tara Gugliuzza**, *Instructional Support Technician*, Nursing



# Professional Staff

- **Michael Hughes**, *Director of the Flight Line*, Aviation Flight Line
- **Megan Hyland**, *Admissions Advisor*, Admissions
- **Tiffany Jamieson-Ward**, *Academic Advisor*, Academic Support & Access Programs
- **Navin Johnson**, *Senior Staff Assistant*, University in the High School
- **Georgia Kalamidas**, *ACE Advisor*, Academic Support & Access Programs
- **Sarah Kirby**, *Academic Advisor*, Academic Advisement Info Center (AIC)
- **Madison Lerner**, *Administrative Coordinator*, Center for Academic Success & Tutoring
- **Zachary Long**, *Institutional Research Technical Analyst*, Institutional Research
- **Karen Lopez**, *Academic Counselor*, Long Island Educational Opportunity Center
- **SueAnn Lundquist**, *Senior Staff Assistant*, Academic Support & Access Programs



# Professional Staff

- **Amber Mahoney**, *Gift Processing & Matching Gifts Associate*, Development & Alumni Engagement
- **Matthew Mangroo**, *Admissions Advisor*, Admissions
- **Herbert Mendez**, *Instructional Support Technician*, Information Technology
- **Lori Michalowski**, *Industrial Hygiene Officer*, Environmental Health & Safety
- **Connor Murphy**, *Admissions Advisor/Recruiter*, Long Island Educational Opportunity Center
- **Sidra Naru**, *Web Analyst*, Marketing & Communications
- **Shalini Outram**, *Applied Learning Food Pantry Coordinator*, Nexus Center
- **Jason Penalosa**, *Admissions Assistant*, Admissions
- **Corey Powell**, *Grant Assistant*, Office of Sponsored Programs & Research Admin
- **Ashleigh Pryor**, *Admissions Operations Specialist*, Admissions



# Professional Staff

- **Timothy Regan**, *Audio-Visual Support Manager*, Information Technology
- **Jessica Rera**, *Administrative Coordinator*, Facilities Operations
- **Tre Riggins**, *Coordinator of Office Operations*, Student Activities
- **Francesca Scala**, *Graphic Designer*, Marketing & Communications
- **Allison Siegel**, *HR Assistant*, Human Resources
- **Courtney Sprenger**, *Staff Assistant*, Academic Support & Access Programs
- **Daniel Stalter**, *IT Support Technician*, Information Technology
- **Mahambe Toure**, *Residence Hall Director*, Residence Life
- **Christopher Vallone**, *Senior Staff Assistant*, Athletics

# Professional Staff

- **Brittany Villalta**, *Athletic Facilities Director*, Athletics
- **Roberto Vitale**, *Financial Analyst*, Budget
- **Daniel Walsh**, *Event Coordinator*, Office of Events Management

# Professional, Scientific, & Technical Services

- **Allison Hanley**, *Registered Nurse 1*, Health and Wellness



# Classified Operational/Administrative

- **Edvard Alexandre**, *Cleaner, Custodial*
- **Maria Barahona Gomez**, *Cleaner, Custodial*
- **Sonia Bustamante**, *Office Assistant 1, Registrar*
- **Tyler Buyes**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1, Moving & Trucking*
- **Elvira Carcamo Pena**, *Cleaner, Custodial*
- **William Carpentiere**, *Maintenance Assistant Plumber and Steamfitter, Trade Services*
- **Rocco Ceparano**, *Plant Utilities Engineer 1, Heating Plant*
- **Roxana Claros**, *Cleaner, Custodial*
- **Ulises Diaz**, *Maintenance Assistant, Trade Services*
- **Roberto Dominguez Suriel**, *Cleaner, Custodial*

# Classified Operational/Administrative

- **Laura Galati**, *Office Assistant 1 (Stores/Mail)*, Mail & Supply
- **Maycol Raul Gavidia Luna**, *Cleaner*, Custodial
- **Michael Hume**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1*, Mail & Supply
- **Justin Isaac**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1*, Mail & Supply
- **Thamara Janvier**, *Cleaner*, Custodial
- **Ginette Jean Gilles**, *Cleaner*, Custodial
- **Ahmad Kakar**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1*, Facilities Operations
- **Kristen Kocaj**, *Office Assistant 2 (Calculations)*, Student Accounts
- **Anthony Lankowicz**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1*, Mail & Supply
- **Kelly Lira**, *Office Assistant 1 (Keyboarding)*, Academic Support & Access Program



# Classified Operational/Administrative

- **Dywan Liverman**, *Janitor*, Custodial
- **Jason Lorelle**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1 (Grounds)*, Grounds
- **Pierre Louis**, *Cleaner*, Custodial
- **Yovelis Matos Cuevas**, *Cleaner*, Custodial
- **Tashika McCalla**, *Cleaner*, Custodial
- **Kelly Mcdanel**, *Cleaner*, Custodial
- **Ana Mendoza**, *Office Assistant 1 Keyboarding*, Long Island Educational Opportunity Center
- **Bryan Moreno**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1 (Grounds)*, Grounds
- **Jennifer Nadolny**, *Office Assistant 2, History, Politics, and Geography*
- **Rafeeka Parker**, *Office Assistant 1 (Keyboarding)*, Economics
- **Patrick Perritt**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1 (Grounds)*, Grounds



# Classified Operational/Administrative

- **Brianna Ruppert**, *Office Assistant 1 (Keyboarding)*, Liberal Arts & Sciences
- **Briana Sarro**, *Office Assistant 1*, Registrar
- **Donna Schneider**, *Administrative Assistant 1*, Computer Security
- **Dylan Silva**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1*, Heating Plant
- **Jason Storer**, *Maintenance Assistant*, Trade Services
- **Sian Thomas**, *Office Assistant 1 (Keyboarding)*, Admissions
- **Bradley Trust**, *Office Assistant 1 (Keyboarding)*, Long Island Educational Opportunity Center
- **Paul Ulrich**, *Administrative Assistant 1*, Business Management
- **Walter Vasquez Carcamo**, *Facility Operations Assistant 1*, Mail & Supply
- **Nicolas Vega**, *Office Assistant 1 (Keyboarding)*, Academic Advisement Info Center (AAIC)
- **Evelyn Ventura**, *Cleaner*, Custodial



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PRESIDENT





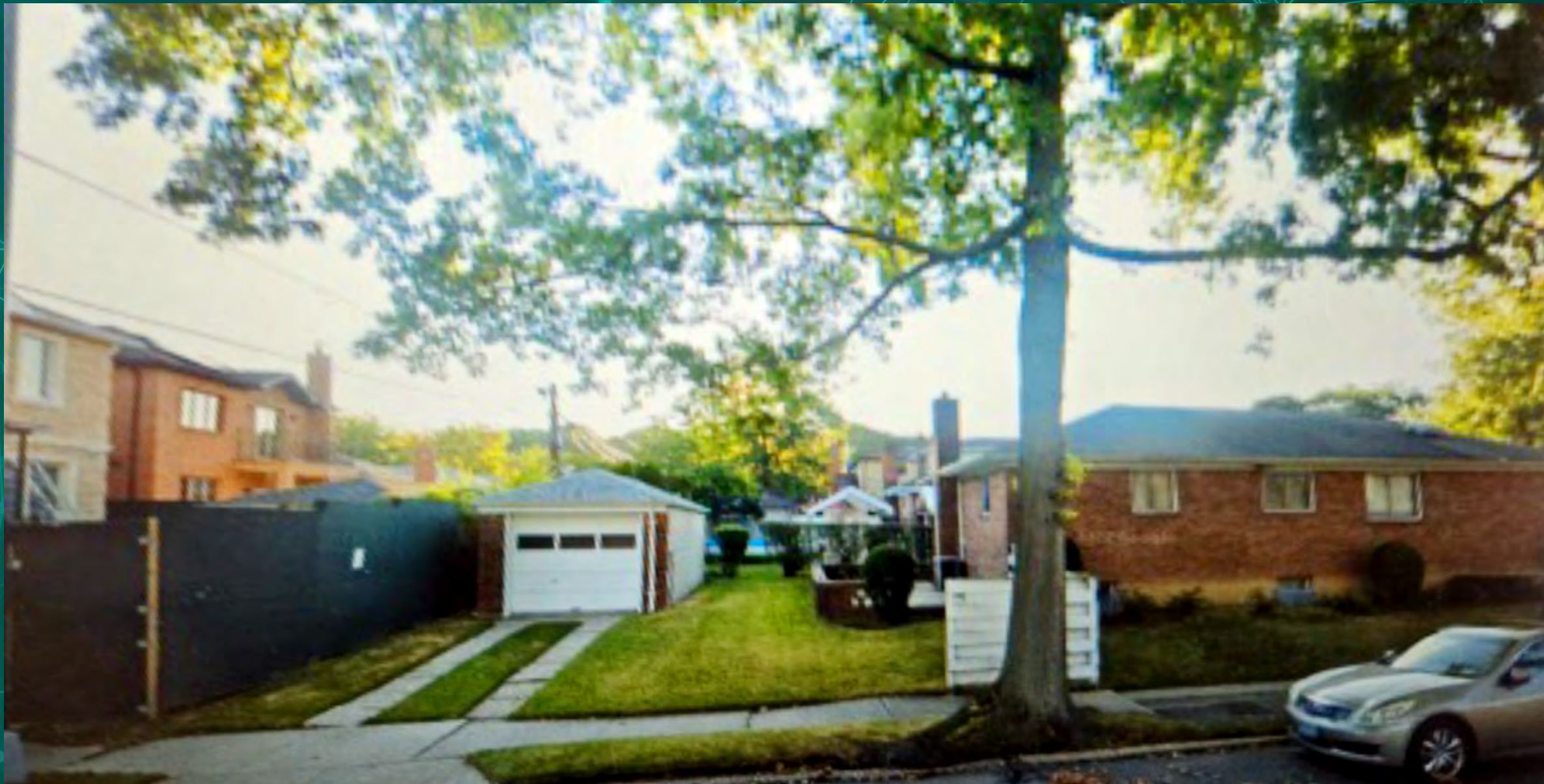
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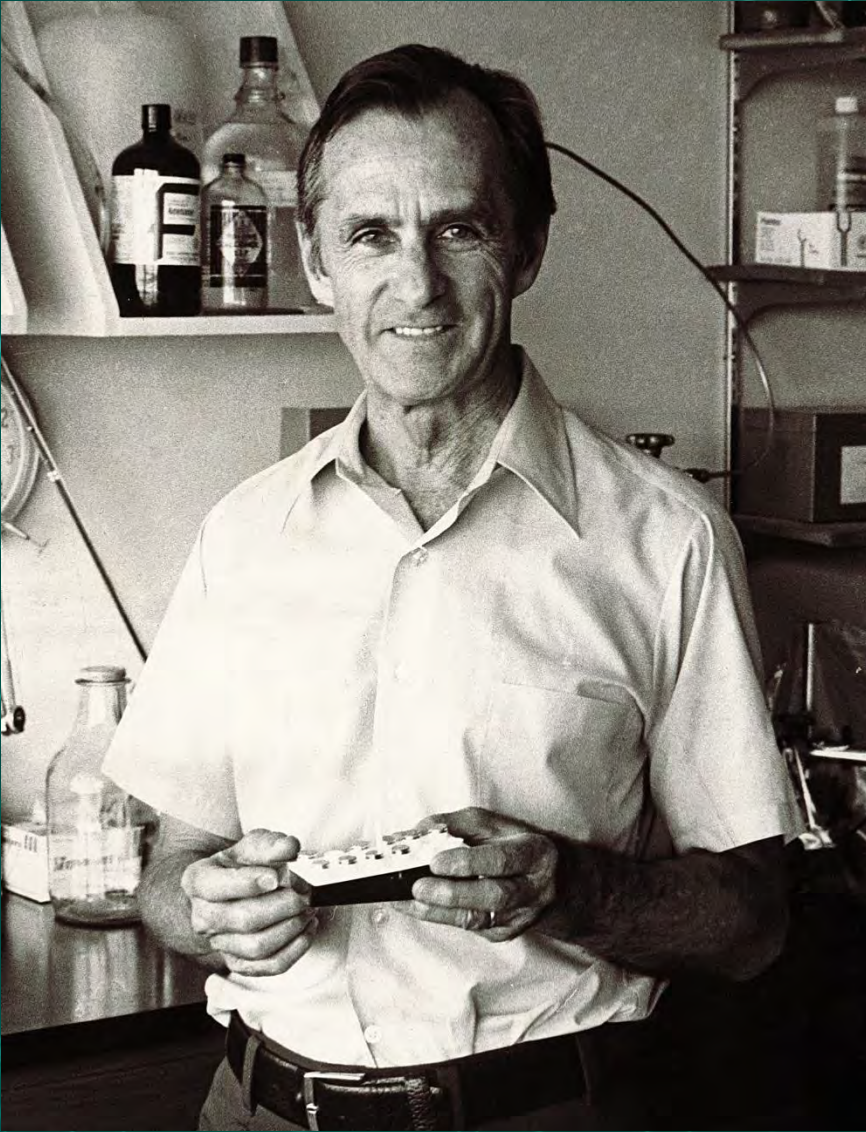
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**Dr. Margaret  
Simpson**  
Invertebrate Zoology









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# DEI AWARDS

A Commitment to a Broadly Inclusive  
Campus is a Point of Pride



# 2024 DEI AWARD RECIPIENTS

## Christine Freaney, PhD

Assistant Professor, Nutrition  
Science & Health Promotion

- FSC Pride Club Faculty Advisor
- DEI Advisory Council Co-chair
- DEI Curriculum Committee Co-chair





# 2024 DEI AWARD RECIPIENTS

## Arianna Rivera, '25

Major: Business Management

Minor: Legal Studies

- TRIO Student
- Peer Mentor
- SGA Treasurer





# CARES AWARDS

Commendation and Recognition  
for Excellence in Service



# 2024 CARES AWARD RECIPIENTS

## Faculty

Geraldo Vasquez, PhD

Business  
Management

## Classified

Traci Dilliard-Nolan

Marketing &  
Communications

## Professional

Lukas Miedreich

Office of Student  
Activities



# CHANCELLOR AWARDS

SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS  
FOR EXCELLENCE

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SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD  
**EXCELLENCE IN  
ADJUNCT TEACHING**

**Michelle Tuchinsky**

Computer Science





SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD  
**EXCELLENCE IN  
ADJUNCT TEACHING**

**Dr. David Byrne**

Criminal Justice





SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD  
**EXCELLENCE IN  
SCHOLARSHIP &  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**

**Dr. Angela Jones**

Sociology & Anthropology





SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

# EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARIANSHIP

**Danielle Apfelbaum**

Library





SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

# **EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Lauren Bazhdari**

School of Business





SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD

# **EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Diane Kazanecki Kempter**

Financial Aid





SUNY CHANCELLOR'S AWARD  
**EXCELLENCE IN  
CLASSIFIED SERVICE**

**Annetta Frank**

Administration & Finance





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## KALENA RICKETTS, '24 BALANCING IT ALL, ON THE COURT AND IN THE CLASSROOM

**REIMAGINING  
HIGHER EDUCATION**  
Flexible Learning Empowers  
FSC Students to Succeed

**GREENLEY  
GOES GOLD**  
Greenley Library Celebrates  
50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**FARMINGDALE  
FLYING HIGH**  
Flight Instructors Perform  
at Jones Beach Air Show

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### ONE STELLAR PROFESSOR

Edmund "Ned" Douglass Brings Cosmic Connection to FSC

When Farmingdale State College's (FSC) Edmund "Ned" Douglass was about 14 years old, he and his father would go on walks looking toward Maryland, home and explore the night sky. Douglass admitted that while he "didn't" have him the evening air and the incalculability of the universe, he was drawn in.

"It did give me a bit of an empty feeling and a sort of chill, looking at pictures of galaxies and stars and the vastness of space," he said. "And my dad would take me out back in the field with binoculars and point out different stars, and star clusters, and constellations. There was an interest in getting a sense for our place situated within this vast cosmos."

After high school, Douglass went on to study physics at the University of Pittsburgh, until a six-hour Greyhound bus ride his freshman year changed his course.

"It gave me a lot of time to read whenever I was traveling home," he said. "And one weekend I read Stephen Hawking's *A Brief History of Time*, which is a description of fundamental physics and the origin of the universe and how we've come to understand the most basic components that shape the grandest scales of existence. And that—'that' blew my mind. That changed my direction. That weekend, I went back and I changed my major to add astronomy."

After college, Douglass went straight into a PhD program, and in 2002, received a doctoral degree in astronomy from Boston University, where he studied clusters of galaxies, the largest gravitationally bound systems in the universe. The day after completing his dissertation, he was on a plane to Egypt to begin a teaching fellowship at the American University in Cairo. Former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had just stepped down from power, and Douglass' courses in physics theory and "applying scientific reasoning to everyday life" were partially eclipsed by the city's political turmoil and civil unrest.

"It was exciting being there and teaching scientific thinking and how to address problem solving," he said. "There was a lot of political rhetoric that was

flying around, a lot of propaganda. And this class was, in a way, how to sift through all of that, to really understand what's going on. You know, not to be hoodwinked, not to be misled. That's what we were aiming to do, trying to provide some reliable process within a time of tumult."

"I think science and scientific thinking is always something that you can fall back on," he added. In 2004, he joined the physics faculty at FSC, and in 2007 became chair of the Science, Technology, & Society (STS) Department. Dr. Douglass has remained and redesigned the STS program during his time as chair of the department," said Thomas Ward, PhD, dean of FSC's School of Arts & Sciences. "He has led Farmingdale's largest major through changes in curricular offerings and the hiring of the first full-time faculty in the program's history. Our students have benefited tremendously from his skilled leadership and academic expertise."

"FSC's new STS curriculum is built around scientific thinking and the development of a problem-solving tool kit," said Douglass. "Whether you are in a laboratory, in the midst of a revolution, or working through more mundane, unstructured problems encountered on the job, it is extremely useful to be able to approach such challenges from a scientific perspective, with a time-tested method for the acquisition of reliable information."

Douglass also enjoys sharing his enthusiasm for research with his students and is passionate about teaching them to "quantify their evidence in this grander scheme."

"I want students coming out of my classes feeling something bigger or feeling that they're part of the conspiracy of 13.8 billion years of cosmic evolution. And we're not just hidden in some corner of the universe, but we are the universe thinking and feeling, and experiencing itself," he said.

"Putting yourself in that frame of reference can help to allow yourself to step back from smaller things that can bring you down," he added. "Once you have that, it can be applied everywhere outside of a physics classroom."

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### THE NUCLEUS OF BIOLOGY AT FSC

Cultivating Collaboration, Discoveries, and Breakthroughs With Every Experiment

Hale Hall, the long-standing home base for Farmingdale State College's (FSC) Biology Department, has had a transformative journey spanning several decades. In 2003, the introduction of the Bachelor of Science degree in Bioscience marked a significant milestone in the department's evolution. However, a setback occurred in 2004 when a massive water leak forced the Biology Department to vacate Hale Hall, dispersing the faculty, staff, and lab equipment across the campus.

Despite this setback, the revitalizing of Hale Hall was completed in 2011 and the Biology Department returned to its rightful home, beginning a new chapter in the department's history characterized by innovation, collaboration, and academic excellence.

Hale Hall houses nine biology laboratories and four preparation rooms. Each lab features specialized workstations tailored to different areas of study, including genetics, microbiology, anatomy & physiology, ecology, molecular biology, and more. Students have access to advanced equipment and resources relevant to their coursework and research interests.

"We're dedicated to offering students authentic, state-of-the-art lab experiences by continuously updating our equipment," said Sarah Gross, PhD, chair of FSC's Biology Department. "From flow cytometers and rotating fluorescent microscopes

in cell biology to DNA sequencers in molecular biology, we provide cutting-edge tools."

The preparation or "prep" rooms play a crucial role in supporting biology education and research by providing a controlled environment for the safe and efficient handling of biological materials. The prep rooms, which are used by a dedicated team of instructional support technicians and specialists, contain equipment and supplies needed for tasks such as dissection, staining, microscopy, and specimen storage. They are exceptionally well-organized, with supplies neatly arranged and readily accessible. Cabinets and shelves are fully stocked with a comprehensive array of reagents, consumables, and equipment, ensuring that faculty and students have everything they need to conduct experiments with precision and accuracy.

With safety as a top priority, students are trained in proper laboratory techniques and protocols before conducting experiments. The labs are equipped with safety equipment such as eyewash stations, emergency showers, fire extinguishers, and fume hoods to ensure a safe working environment.

"The layout of the labs is designed to encourage collaboration and teamwork among students, which fosters a sense of community and helps students learn from each other's experiences and perspectives," said Gross.

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### NOTEWORTHY EQUIPMENT

Technology plays a pivotal role in enhancing the learning experience within the biology labs. Students utilize advanced software for data analysis, simulations, and virtual experiments, augmenting their understanding of complex biological concepts. In May 2023, FSC made a significant investment of nearly \$80,000 and purchased the Invitrogen Attune Cytofluorometer, a powerful tool for cell analysis that offers enhanced imaging capabilities. Flow cytometry is a technique used in laboratories to analyze and sort cells based on their physical and chemical characteristics. Its high-speed analysis, multicolor capabilities, user-friendly interface, and versatility make it a valuable instrument for researchers seeking to explore the complexities of cellular biology.

In December 2023, FSC received the QuanteStudio 5 Real-Time PCR System as a generous gift from Group Biotech. This advanced tool is used in laboratory settings for real-time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) experiments. It plays a vital role in amplifying and monitoring DNA in real time, streamlining PCR processes. The system is indispensable for various tasks, including gene analysis, pathogen detection, and genetic testing.

The Anatomage Table is an advanced virtual dissection platform with a high-resolution

touchscreen display for exploring detailed 3D anatomical models. It recreates skeletal systems, organs, and tissues with exceptional accuracy, providing a deep understanding of human anatomy and spatial relationships. This highly immersive and interactive learning experience enhances students' comprehension of anatomical variations, and is used to supplement the anatomy and physiology laboratories.

FSC's new Bioscience Aquarium Lab, unveiled in September 2023, is a cutting-edge facility in Gleason Hall, just down the hall from Hale Hall. Supported by local vendors and designed for teaching and research, this is a valuable asset for exploring Long Island's aquatic ecosystems. Equipped with gear and custom-built tanks, it offers hands-on learning opportunities for students in biology courses.

Overall, the biology labs at Farmingdale State College are a testament to the College's dedication to excellence in scientific education, providing students with the tools, resources, and opportunities needed to thrive in their academic and professional pursuits.

"In our labs, students are not just conducting experiments," said Gross. "They are laying the foundation for future discoveries and breakthroughs in the field of biology."

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