When Steve Heintz, a Vietnam veteran and a 1970 graduate of WCC, picked up the November, '09 issue of the Alumnus, he was immediately struck by the lead headline: “Kappa Sigma Kappa Awards First Scholarship”. He thought back to the late 60’s, when he was a member of the Veterans Club at WCC, and remembered the friendly rivalry his group had had with the Kappa Sigma Kappa fraternity brothers. At this time he had finished reading the article, an idea was taking shape in his mind. If KSK members still cared enough about the college to fund a scholarship, why shouldn’t the fellow veterans do the same?

Steve called the WCC Foundation to find out how to start a scholarship fund. Now, a few months later, he’s on a mission to locate alumni who belonged to the Veterans Club, which was active on campus from 1966-1973. His goal is to build an active constituency of past club members and to encourage them, among other things, to help establish an endowed scholarship in the name of WCC veterans. Westchester Community College actually owes its existence to men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. The college was established in 1946, under the name of The New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Science, primarily to help returning World War II veterans acquire the skills they needed to engage in a new civilian life. In a rented space in the Battle Hill School in White Plains, 250 students shared classroom space with elementary school children and the name of The New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Science, primarily to help returning World War II veterans acquire the skills they needed to engage in a new civilian life. In a rented space in the Battle Hill School in White Plains, 250 students shared classroom space with elementary school children and the majority of them were newly-returned veterans.

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Dwayne Kelly's '06

Dwayne Kelly, '06, is an Entrepreneur and Scholastic Scholarship Program alumnus. He lives in Ossining, has two children and is an active member of the science community.

He has had a long and successful tenure in the science world. He has been involved in various projects and has contributed significantly to the field of science.

This year, he received the Rockefeller University Prize for his outstanding work in the field of science. The prize recognizes his contributions to the advancement of scientific knowledge.

Dwayne Kelly has been a part of the science community for many years and has made significant contributions to the field. He is a well-respected and respected member of the scientific community.

The award was presented at the annual Rockefeller University Prize ceremony, where he received the prize for his outstanding work in the field of science.

Dwayne Kelly's research has been recognized by many prestigious institutions and he has been awarded various scholarships and grants for his work.

He is a dedicated scientist and is committed to advancing the field of science. His contributions have been recognized by the scientific community and he has been awarded various honors and recognitions for his work.

Dwayne Kelly is a testament to the value of education and the importance of supporting scholarships for students. His success is a testament to the power of education and the importance of investing in the future of science.

The Rockefeller University Prize is one of the most prestigious awards in the field of science and Dwayne Kelly's receipt of this award is a testament to the high standards of the Rockefeller University and the dedication of its faculty and students.

Dwayne Kelly's story is a inspiring one and his success is a testament to the importance of education and the power of scholarships. His story is an inspiration to all those who are seeking to pursue a career in science and to all those who are looking for ways to support the next generation of scientists.

We congratulate Dwayne Kelly on his receipt of the Rockefeller University Prize and we look forward to seeing his continued success in the field of science.

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BRENDA L. PEREZVARGAS is a field interviewer for the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago. She is a renowned research organization that operates nationwide and is best known for its national studies at the University of Chicago. She earned a Bachelor’s in Environmental Studies in 1999 and an M.B.A. in Global Management in 2005.

1990
VINCENT DAILY is the owner of CuteMonster LLC, a media company focused on content creation. Their latest project is the development of CuteMonster, an online resource for dads of young children. Vincent is a graphic designer, writer, and musician. His artwork and music can be found at www.cutemonster.com. You can also check out their online store at www.cuteness.com.

1994
THOMAS AMMIAZARLO has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership, and excellence in education. Tom is a teacher atSuzuki School of Music in Hartford, CT. He earned his AAS degree in Civil Technology in 1976 and a B.S. in Construction Management from Utica College. When he finds the time to relax, he enjoys fishing and skiing.

2001
CARLOS (CHARLIE) RAMOS is very busy campaigning for the New Mexico Senate. Charlie is running in the 32nd District in the Bronx, where he currently serves as the Bronx Representative in the New York City Controller’s Office of Community Relations. Prior to holding this position, he worked for a lobbying firm in Washington and earned a master’s degree as one of the nation’s top emerging Latinos.

2003
KATHLEEN (KATIE) SULLIVAN is a Development Coordinator at Rider College’s UNY, where she is also studying for a Master’s degree in Public Administration with concentrations in program evaluation/health policy. Katie has a Bachelor’s in Neuroscience from Brandeis University. Although she no longer aspires to be a scientist, she still has a passion for the fields of neuroscience and environments working with a mental health awareness or policy research group in the future.

Katie started volunteering a good deal after her undergraduate studies (including tutoring biology for a few sessions at WCC, thanks to an invitation from her favorite professor, Michael Priano) and found an interest in the nonprofit world. Her current position as a Development Coordinator at Rider College was the perfect fit.

While attending a recent fundraising conference in New York City, Katie learned that she has a great interest in the field of women’s health. She plans to volunteer with a women’s health advocacy group in the future.

2004
NADINE NILFAIR MARSH COLEMAN recently graduated from West Chester University with a Master’s degree in Information Systems, Software Engineering Management, and Cyber Security. While at WCC, Nadine’s favorite professors were Prof. DiBianco (who helped her with her computer science classes and offered career advice) and Prof. Lingley (who was always willing to provide extra assistance with computer program grading).

Prof. DiBianco called Nadine “one of WCC’s truly wonderful success stories.” Nadine transferred to SUNY Purchase and got her Bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and Computer Science in 2006 before relocating to Georgia.

2006
VINCENT CONTO ARREGLI is now pursuing his Master’s degree in computer science and has been accepted by both NYU and Columbia. Ernesto won the curriculum award when he graduated from WCC and was one of the students featured in an early Gateway Center promotional piece.

RYAN CASKEY, a computer science major who won the Terry O’Bannon Microsoft Scholarship at WCC, recently graduated from Georgia State and is currently working on a mission in Peru with his wife.

2008
GARY MORGAN, an international student sent to Westchester Community College by the government of Japan, completed his degree in 2008 with an AAS in an Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic. With a $3,745 GPA, Gary returned to his job in Japan as a Fire Brigade Officer. Shortly after his return he was promoted to the rank of Superintendent of the Brigade—charge of all EMS Operations. Gary Morgan replaces GIFFORD BLACROFT as the Officer in Charge of EMS. Gifford Blagrove was also a graduate of the AAS degree program at WCC.
It is with sadness that we announce the death of Stephen Fraley, an alumnus of the college as well as an esteemed supporter in the Mission of Continuing Education and JobStart. He formerly tutored in the Academic Support Center. Those of you who interacted with him know him to be the consummate professional. For several years, he taught a variety of non-credit remedial courses such as spelling and grammar, spelling 101, building a good vocabulary and improving writing skills. Dedicated to his students, he strove to help make a greater difference by teaching them basic skills for work and/or college success. He touched countless lives by sharing his personal experiences to inspire others to overcome adversity and help them realize that they can accomplish anything they set their minds to. He believed in education as a path to self-improvement, self-confidence, and one’s sense of worth. He was a great motivator and role model for his students.

It was China’s way of saying ‘thank you’ to SUNY for make the trip. There I am wandering around Heathrow still dragging my bags. Several hours later I am allowed to check in and get my boarding pass. Off to the gate, where I promptly spent about 1/3 of the time not eating, use the restroom and just breath a little, so Jeremy can ‘hook up’, and things calm down, but we are facing a 7 hour wait. "Leave us alone, WE ARE FINE!" Finally Jeremy gets to eat, use the restroom and just breath a little, so Jeremy can ‘hook up’, and things calm down, but we are facing a 7 hour wait. "Leave us alone, WE ARE FINE!" Finally Jeremy gets however he knew that he was here.

If You Graduated in the Forties, We’re Looking for You!

The tradition of inviting the graduating class of fifty years ago to Commencement began in 2000 as a way of celebrating the new millennium. Our story begins on May 20, 2000. Following a reception breakfast upper the college donned caps and gowns and led the procession of 2010 graduates to their Commencement ceremony.

Twenty-two members of the class of 1960 celebrated their 50th anniversary at a reunion in Valhalla on May 20, 2010. Following a reception breakfast upper the gate and handed in our boarding passes. The Brits all cleared and I was BOWED BACK!!! Why? Because someone with a higher priority than I had too much for a bargain ticket arrived at the last minute and bumped me! I sadly waved goodbye to the Brits and returned to Juraving to await the next day’s flight. This was no glacier but it was not going to well, to say the least.

On March 15 I returned to the airport at this time I am going to England – it was March 13th. That was the day of flight so far as Kansas, California, and Florida to attend the reunion. If you graduated in the forties, we’re looking for you. The Class of 1961--so if you graduated in 1961 please make sure we have your current address.

The Westchester Community College Foundation is planning a luncheon and reception this fall for members of the first two graduation classes—the classes of 1948 and 1949. In the past six months we’ve heard from two 1949 graduates interested in having a reunion with their classmates, who attended WCC when it was known as the New York State Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences.

The member of the Class of 1960 gather on the Hartford Hall patio before attending the 2010 Commencement ceremonies.

Dr. John M. Anderson with China’s Great Wall in background

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The delegation toured various colleges and universities in Beijing and Chengdu as well as some of the country’s sightseeing highlights. They are together in the upper pavilions of the local restaurants and were also divided into groups to view campuses of particular interest to them. They slept in dorms or with Chinese families for the last week of their stay, which enabled them to have an authentic cultural experience.

In Memoriam

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It was so exciting to be in my dorm room at Oxford to eat in the big dining hall (think Harry Potter!) in the amazing atmosphere of this spectacular University. I was here – a little graduate of Harrison High School and Westchester Community College – in Oxford!

And I was in the country of my father’s birth. I hoped somehow he would know that I was there.

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