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Morgan also has a solid playing career, beginning with his two years at Westchester Community College, during which he helped the team to 54 wins. “Wayne was the first kid I ever recruited to play basketball,” said retired WCC coach Ralph Arietta, who still keeps in touch with Morgan regularly.

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As a member of the 2002-03 Cyclone staff, Morgan helped ISU to its 13th postseason appearance in the last 19 seasons. A top-notch recruiter, he was instrumental in recruiting the Cyclones sign a nationally ranked recruiting class in 2003. The 52-year-old Morgan has been involved in 12 NCAA Tournaments, seven regular-season conference titles, three NIT appearances and has tutored numerous players who have gone on to NBA careers. “Wayne has shown the talent, energy, skill and character needed to lead our men’s basketball program,” said Iowa State President Gregory Geoffroy.

After leaving WCC, Morgan went on to St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York where he began his coaching career as an assistant and earned a Bachelor’s degree in Physical Education. He then went to Ithaca College where he assisted with the basketball team and received his Master’s degree in 1974. The following year he got his first head coaching job at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie.

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Morgan, who was born in Brooklyn in 1950, lives in Ames, Iowa with his wife, Maribeth, and their three children: Jerusha (20), Shayne (6) and Ciara (4).

Believing that the family that learns together earns together, two generations of one family donned caps and gowns on May 20th to graduate with more than 1,200 other students from Westchester Community College.

Deana Shields, 49, will now return to her job at Westchester Medical Center with a two-year nursing degree. Larry Shields, 59, will seek employment with his degree in computer networking, and Carl Evans Shields, 23, will use his degree in culinary arts to earn his way toward owning a restaurant. Larry Sr. lost his job at WCC earlier this year. “This was my brainstorm,” Deana Shields said. “Now, my whole family has a degree and a piece of paper.” The Shields’ other son, Larry Jr., is also a college graduate.

Members of the class of 1954 leave stage with new “diplomas”

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Egan gives his all in a performance that carries the weight of character and history.

**Note:** Special thanks to Natacha in the Admissions Office for her help in researching the WCC alumni who have been interviewed for this edition of WCC Report.
Sixties

KATHY DALEY TOBIN, ’66 is happy to announce that she has been married for 36 years and has three daughters and two granddaughters. She has been married for 36 years and has three daughters and two granddaughters. She has been married for 36 years and has three daughters and two granddaughters. She has been married for 36 years and has three daughters and two granddaughters. She has been married for 36 years and has three daughters and two granddaughters. She has been married for 36 years and has three daughters and two granddaughters.

Seventies

JOHN SEEKIRCHER, ’73 has been restoring steel casement windows for more than 25 years. He is, in fact, one of the only remaining window repairmen in Westchester County. Since 1973, John Seekircher has been repairing steel casement windows. In addition to doing work in the neighborhood of his Scarsdale-based business, he also travels to other states, including Pennsylvania, where he loves to travel.

Eighties

JIM MORETTI, ’83 is Manager of Finance and Planning at Cendant Mobility. He earned his B.S. in Accounting from Pace University in 1983 and returned to receive an MBA in Management in 1993. Jim and his wife Laurie live in Danbury with their daughters, Samantha and Hayley. Chris Mulos, ’85 received his B.E. degree from Manhattan College in 1989 and is now Associate Director of Technology at Abbott’s Mid-Field School in the Bronx. He is also an Emergency Medical Technician and was a communications specialist for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Chris and his wife, Donna, live in Carmel, New York with their children—Shayla Catherine, 2 1/2 and Elias Paul, 5 months.

Nineties

ROSEMARIE GUSTAFSON, ’91 earned her Bachelor’s degree in Neuroscience at the College of New Rochelle where she also received her M.A. in Psychology in 1996. She presently works as a staff nurse in the ambulatory surgery department at Albert Einstein Hospital.

STEVEN MARDEL, ’94 is a police sergeant for the Westchester County Police Department. Steven is a police sergeant for the Westchester County Police Department. Steven is a police sergeant for the Westchester County Police Department. Steven is a police sergeant for the Westchester County Police Department. Steven is a police sergeant for the Westchester County Police Department.

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2000’s

CHRISTINA BARTMANN, ’00 received her Bachelor’s degree in Accounting at SUNY New Paltz and is currently enjoying her job as an Internal Auditor at the Fortune 500 company in White Plains. She is planning to take her CPA exam in November. EUGENE MALARO, ’00 is the general manager of Millwood Supply, a lumber company in Millwood, New York. Michael recently married Kathleen Lattner at a quiet ceremony on Sugarbush Mountain in Vermont. GREGORY MAIDA, ’02 has been a Senior Technical Editor at a large medical publisher over the past 20 years. He is working toward a certificate in Web Design for E-Commerce at WCC.

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Steven Marello, ’64 is a police sergeant for the Town of Mount Pleasant. His wife Debra is a partner in the accounting firm of D’Arcangelo and Company. They have been married for 25 years and have three daughters, Samantha, 12, Hayley, 8, and Lauren, 5 months.

JAMES R. CUMMING, ’94 has provided medical therapy for the Westchester County Medical Center since 1993. Dr. Cumming is a neurosurgeon trained at Northwestern University and graduated this past February with a B.A. in Psychology. Donna, live in Carmel, New York with their children—Shayla Catherine, 2 1/2 and Elias Paul, 5 months.
Native plants are the “staves” of the new Stone Cottage Demonstration Garden on WCC’s Valhalla campus.

“We go slowly but surely as we get funding,” said Brooke Beebe, the director of the Center since its inception. “We just can’t do it all at once.”

The non-profit Stone Cottage Garden consists of four small areas which demonstrate the different uses of native plants—for example, around foundations, to provide fall and winter interest. The four fledgling gardeners who installed the 60-plus new plants did so with great care and lots of enthusiasm, and celebrated the completion of the garden with punch and cookies.

“They planted well and worked hard,” said Ms. Beebe. “They were also a pleasure to be with. We enjoyed having them here, and we truly appreciated this help.”

The collaboration between The Native Plant Center and Children’s Village began last fall when Ms. Fischer, a member of the NPC Steering Committee, suggested that her students in the Village’s greenhouse program might be interested in helping with some special projects. The boys were more than willing and putted over 100 hours, put them outside for the winter, and then brought them into the greenhouse to spread and grow. The plants were ready for The Native Plant Center’s spring plant sale in May, and the Village’s award-winning Work Appreciation for Youth (WAY) program have helped out this year.

For more information call 785-6262.

Please register by October 7th! Clip the form below and return with your check for $35 to “WCC Foundation”, or charge Visa or MasterCard. Mail to:

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
75 GRASSLANDS ROAD
VALHALLA, NY 10595

Your old classmates are looking for you, and we’d love to have them out! With the 2004 Reunion coming up, alumni from the anniversary years—all years ending with 4 or 9—are especially anxious to locate their friends from WCC. Please send us news about yourself, including the best way to contact you. Call the Alumni Office at (914) 785-6559, or e-mail us at:
wccalumni@sunywcc.edu