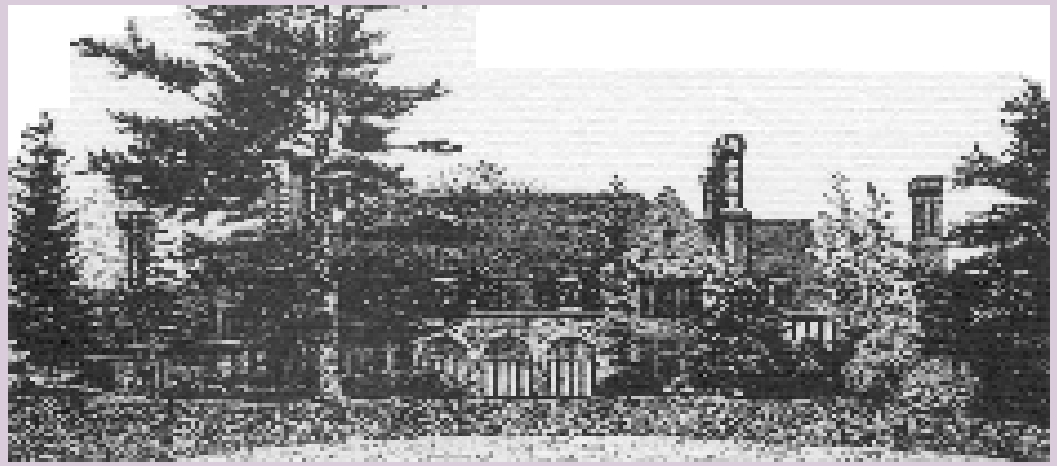


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MATTIE GRADY-SMITH RECEIVES VOYAGER AWARD



Mattie Grady-Smith (left) accepts the Voyager Award from Shirley Contino-Phillips, Vice President of External Affairs and Executive Director of the WCC Foundation

Mattie Grady-Smith, '77, Director of Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunities for Westchester County, received the 2002 Voyager Award at the Alumni Reunion last September. The Voyager Award is presented each year to a WCC alumnus/alumna who has made significant accomplishments in his or her career.

Ms. Grady-Smith was named to her present position after 27 years with the Department of Social Services and other County offices. After graduating from WCC in 1977, she earned advanced degrees while holding a full-time job. She holds a law degree from Pace University School of Law, where she was a ranking scholar in 1993.

In Memoriam



Professor Robert Battaly

Professor Robert Battaly, referred to by colleagues as a "passionate" teacher, passed away on February 11th after a long battle against cancer. He was 66 years old.

Poor health led Prof. Battaly to retire last summer, after teaching history at WCC for 36 years. He taught courses in U.S. History, the American Presidency and U.S. Constitutional History, and had a special fascination with anything connected with the Civil War.

Battaly published a number of articles and was working on a history of the United States from 1850-1900. He belonged to numerous historical associations and received many honors, but no honor was greater than the respect, affection and admiration of his students and colleagues.

The professor's extensive collection of history books has been donated to the WCC Library, where they will be kept in a special section marked with his name.

A campus memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 5th at 11:00 a.m. in the Classroom Building, room 200. Alumni are most welcome.

Donations to the WCC Foundation may be made in Prof. Battaly's memory. For information call the Alumni Office or e-mail wcc.alumni@sunywcc.edu.

DR. IRIS COOK TO GIVE MARCH 26TH LECTURE ON CLONING CONTROVERSY

Dr. Iris Cook, '54, chairperson of the Biology Department, will give a free lecture entitled, "The Cloning Frenzy: What Does It All Mean?" on Wednesday, March 26th at 7 p.m. in the Classroom Building, room 200. The lecture is being sponsored by the WCC Alumni Council as part of its "One Night Stand" series.

"We hear so many big statements about cloning," said Dr. Cook. "Is it good? Is it bad? Is it both? In this session we will explore just what cloning is all about and try to discern fact from fiction without the 'spin'. We're all interested in this topic and its potential for good and harm in our futures. Let's get some answers by looking at the whole picture. Our government has definite opinions, our scientists present the facts--where does each one of us fall in this information whirlpool? Let's discuss the benefits and risks as well as the future of this capability."



Dr. Iris Cook

Dr. Cook is a long-time faculty member at WCC, as well as a graduate of the College. She holds Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from the University of Bridgeport and a Ph.D. from Fordham University. Human genetics is her major area of interest.

In addition to chairing the Biology Department, Dr. Cook is also the curriculum chair for the Medical Laboratory Technology Program, which has placed over 1,000 graduates in health science jobs in the community. This semester more than 3,000 students are enrolled in Biology courses at WCC.

All alumni and faculty members are invited to a pre-lecture reception at 6 p.m. in Hartford Hall. Please call the Alumni office, 785-6559 if you plan to attend.

GRANTS DIRECTOR SEEKS VOCATIONAL ADVISORS

Seymour Lesh, the Director of Grants at WCC, is looking for a few new people to serve on a college-wide Advisory Council for vocational education. He is looking for people who understand employee needs in their specific fields, and the kinds of training and education required to enter and advance in these fields.

The purpose is to review and comment on from 6 to 8 proposals for the use of vocational education funds by various units of the college. Since many of the vocational projects focus on women entering traditionally male-dominated occupations, and men in traditionally female-dominated occupations, he is especially interested in recruiting women and men who fit these criteria.

The Advisory Council meets once a year for two hours on a Wednesday, probably in April. Lunch is served. If you are interested, please contact Sy Lesh at (914) 785-6713 or Seymour.Lesh@sunywcc.edu.

Check Out Our New Web Site!

The new WCC alumni web site will be online literally any minute now. Go to www.sunywcc.edu and click on "Alumni". You can find out about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities, add your name to an online directory, and even read the *Alumnnews*. More information is continually being added, so check back regularly. And please, please, give us your feedback!

PHI THETA KAPPA TO CELEBRATE 20TH ANNIVERSARY AT WCC



This year the Alpha Iota Omicron chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national community college honor society, is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of its charter at WCC. To mark the occasion, plans are being made for a special PTK reunion to be held on Alumni Day, October 18th.

The Westchester chapter of PTK was founded in 1983 by Prof. Barbara Connolly of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Department. Prof. Connolly wanted to give outstanding WCC students the opportunity

to be recognized for their achievements in the same way that four-year college students are recognized by Phi Beta Kappa. Since that time more than 2000 WCC students have been inducted into PTK, and the organization has become one of the most active student groups on campus.

Prof. Connolly served as faculty advisor to PTK for more than 15 years and was succeeded by the current advisor, Prof. Michael Berkowitz. Professors Connolly and Berkowitz invite all PTK alumni to the reunion on October 18th to share their experiences and successes since leaving WCC, to exchange ideas and network, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the honor society on the WCC campus.

For more information please call Prof. Berkowitz at 785-6915, or Prof. Connolly at 785-6566.



Prof. Barbara Connolly



Prof. Michael Berkowitz



16 members of the class of 1962 celebrated their 40th reunion last September at the annual Alumni Day festivities. Most of the classmates had not seen each other since graduation, and they had such a good time that they are planning to do it again this year. If you would like to organize a reunion of your class members, please call the Alumni Office, 785-6559. This year's Alumni Day will be Saturday, October 18th.

Save the Date!
WCC Alumni Reunion
Saturday, October 18th, 2003

MISSIONER RECALLS CAREER FROM VALHALLA TO THE NICARAGUAN JUNGLE



John Blazo

When John Blazo graduated from WCC in 1969, his goal was to become a missionary and work abroad. He went on to study at Rogers, a small Catholic missionary institution in Ossining, New York where he received a bachelor's degree in Adult Education with a minor in Latin American Studies.

He achieved his goal, became a Maryknoll missionary, and went off to work in Guatemala and Nicaragua from 1976-1982. During these years he spent all his time getting to know the people and working with them in health, literacy and religious programs.

"With the help of our parish youth group plus the local boy scout troop," said Blazo, "I was able to set up a small recreation center and library for the youth of our town of Poptun, located in the Peten area of Guatemala. As a result of this program, the town library reopened and more townspeople had access to reading materials."

The photo below shows Brother John (striped shirt) with a Guatemalan family in front of the missionaries' house in



Poptun. "They used to pasture their horse and mule around our house so that we never had to mow the grass."

The six years he spent hiking, riding mules and horses up and down hills full of dust or mud began to take a toll on Blazo's health, as did bouts with hepatitis, leishmaniasis (jungle leprosy) and intestinal parasites. These health problems led him to return to the U.S. in 1982. He now works out of the Maryknoll Society Center in Ossining.

"My work involves visiting schools and churches to talk about my experiences in Central America in relation to our own lives in this country," said Blazo.

"My two years at WCC were great preparation for what I've done in my life. Professor Carlos Del Rey was my Spanish teacher for 4 straight semesters. This was great continuity for learning the language. For three summers surrounding these courses I practiced the language by working in Spanish-speaking areas of New Mexico and Los Angeles. All this gave me a base before my formal language studies in Cochabamba, Bolivia a few years later.

"Having served overseas surrounded by another language and culture and trying to learn, helps me understand our own immigrants here who are trying to do the same thing. It takes lots of time and energy and I didn't even have to be concerned about family and paying the bills! That experience also gave me insights and understanding about how other people live and think as well as how I live and think as a white male of Polish/Italian background who grew up in the United States.

"As a Catholic Brother, I've met so many different people over the years. Prof. Jerry Bucci's psychology classes gave me great insights into human behavior, which helped me to interact with people of so many different backgrounds.

"During my last visit to the campus about a year ago, I was amazed at how it has grown, with new roads and buildings everywhere. I was so pleased to see that WCC is still a thriving educational environment."

NEWS STAND OPENS IN STUDENT CENTER

A student-run news stand opened last month in the Student Center lobby. Under the auspices of the Behavioral Science Club and the generous support of the Martha and Ted Nierenberg Chair for Economics and Business Strategy, a wide variety of newspapers and magazines are being made available for purchase to WCC students, faculty and staff.

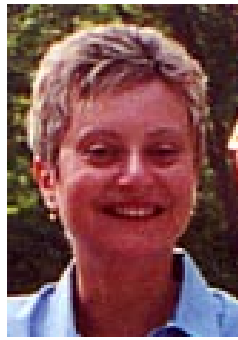
Mr. Roy Philip, an evening student at WCC, manages "The Stand", which is open from 8:30 am to 2pm Monday through Friday for the convenience of the college community. The manager is pleased to report that The Stand is thriving; he is continually expanding the number and selection of the periodicals offered for sale.



Roy Philip at the news stand he manages in the Student Center

WCC PROFESSOR IS AN EXPERT IN MURDER

Dr. Lori Maida, who teaches Sociology at WCC, is presently developing a rather unusual new course. The subject? Murder. Dr. Maida is fascinated by the topic and has become known as an expert in serial killings.



Dr. Lori Maida

The course that she is developing for the Dept. of Behavioral/Social Sciences is a non-traditional interdisciplinary course which intends to examine murder from a variety of perspectives: legal, religious, philosophical, psychological, sociological, and pop-cultural. It will consider murder in law, religion, literature and popular culture.

The course will examine the legal definition of homicide and compare it with that of other serious crimes. It will also examine various types of murder, from ordinary homicide to serial killing and genocide, and will question how and why murderers differ from the rest of us. Since the course is still being developed the syllabus has not yet been approved by the department. If approved, it is likely to be offered as an honors course due to its non-traditional character.

Dr. Maida started out specializing in race, ethnicity, and community studies. Later she began doing a lot of work in the area of domestic violence. At present, her main interest is in serial killers.

"I began to get interested in serial killers because of all the work I did in domestic violence," she said. She noticed a big correlation between abuse in childhood and becoming an abusive adult. "If you look at all serial killers, about 90% or more come from homes where they were either abused or neglected, or witnessed abuse or neglect."

Dr. Maida is considered an expert in the field of serial killing and has consulted on the topic for radio, television, and print news features. Several months ago, during the Washington, D.C./Maryland area serial shootings, she was interviewed by the *Ridgefield Press* and asked to comment on the case. She theorized that there were two people involved, evidenced by the fact that they were able to leave the scene very quickly in areas heavily covered by the police. She also felt that the persons involved were mass murderers rather than serial killers. "Serial killers usually kill people close up. They like to see people in pain, they like to experience the torture. That's not what happened here; they murdered from far away." Dr. Maida's assessment of the case proved to be correct.

Dr. Maida attended Drew University and studied different areas of behavioral sciences. She decided to major in sociology because she "liked the focus on the group rather than the individual." She came to WCC as an adjunct in 1987, then went to Concordia College in Bronxville where she taught for ten years before returning to WCC full time.

"WCC is a much larger, much more diverse place," she said. "Its largeness and diversity make it a more dynamic, exciting institution."

WCC TO HOST NY STATE RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION

On April 22, students in WCC's Restaurant Management Program will host a meeting of the Westchester/Rockland Chapter of the New York State Restaurant Association. Many WCC alumni are successful members of the association and will be attending the meeting in their professional capacity. Two of these alumni, Peter Herrero and Antonio Santoemma, are profiled on the *Alumnnotes* page.

If you are a graduate of the Restaurant Management program and would like further information, please call Prof. Daryl Nosek at (914) 785-6551.

Thoughts from the President



The word "alumnus" comes from the Latin word meaning "to nourish." Here at Westchester Community College you were indeed nourished by your excellent faculty members, and we hope that you always feel that it is a pleasure to return here to see them.

Alumni reunions are occasions when you can see old friends and make some new ones. Past alumni reunions at WCC have had "funshops" on hypnosis, French, Media, international business, photographing the heavens, politics, Italian heritage, improvisation, the Presidency, yoga, the transition in Russia, and Math fun, so the reunion was also a place for continued learning, but in a less formal setting. We hope to greet you at the next reunion.

Someone once calculated that I had personally signed more than 25,000 diplomas in the 32 years that I have been here. I do that for a purpose: it is my belief that the very last thing which a graduate gets from an institution should not be a machine-signed diploma. That is the kind of place that Westchester Community College is, and will continue to be with your help.

Suppose that you change your name, move to some improbable place, grow a beard—a task rather difficult for half of you—and/or join an aboriginal tribe. By these devices you may well escape any possible tracing by the FBI, creditors, or a deserted spouse, but I give you fair warning that you will continue to receive regularly the letters and requests of the Alumni office.

In other words, we will make every effort to keep in touch, and we hope that you will too. Let's hear from you!

Cordially yours,

Joseph N. Hankin, President

Spring, 2003

2002 Faculty Retirees

Angela Alvisi, Physical Education

Robert J. Battaly, American History

Colleen Booth, Nursing

Nathan Dubowsky, Biology

Barbara Gold, Reading & Study

Thomas Halsall, Art

Frank S. Hrubci, Counselor

Shirley Kurtzberg, Biology

John F. Loase, Mathematics

Marilyn Menack, Associate Dean

Christopher Phoenix, EOC Counselor

Angela Reid, EOC

Howard Reiter, Mathematics

Eugene P. Rutheny, Biology

Joanna Scalabrini, Nursing Dept. Chair

Juliana Snyder, Food Services Dept. Chair



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Market research conducted on campus before the opening indicated that 85-90% of all sectors of the campus population felt that an on-campus newsstand would benefit the college community.

The newspapers offered for sale are The Daily News, El Diario, The Financial Times, The Journal News, the New York Post, the New York Times, and the Wall Street Journal. More magazines will be added in the coming weeks, as well as special newspaper requests for classroom needs. Sundries such as No. 2 pencils and facial tissues are also available.

Profits from this venture will be donated to the WCC Foundation to be earmarked for student scholarship assistance.

Fifties

WILLIAM MAYER, '52 was honored at last year's commencement as one of the year's "golden anniversary" alumni. Bill, who lives in Garnerville, New York, wrote to let us know that he had a great time at his class' 50th reunion.

FREDRIC BEARDSLEY, '56 will be moving into his new house in Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania, this spring. Fred built the house on a golf course to be close to one of his favorite pastimes. He is also kept busy by his two grandchildren—Jack, 3 and Ethan, 1½.

Sixties

ROBERT DOWGIALLO, '62 and **CAROL SCHULZE DOWGIALLO, '63** recently had their first book published. "That First Christmas Eve" is an illustrated children's poem that tells the story of the first Christmas as seen through the eyes of a young shepherd boy. The text and illustrations are laid out in such a way that it can be used as a coloring or activity book for young readers.

Writing a book was a complete turnaround from the Dowgiallos' normal business. As owners of Programming Research Office they sell, install, and train physician offices in medical billing software. But the recent arrival of their two grandchildren inspired them to take on a new endeavor.

Bob and Carol are pleased with the interest shown in their book, which was published by Vantage Press and released in late October. "We have done local book signings and already have various bookstores and religious gift stores carrying it," they said. "Interest and sales have far exceeded our expectations, keeping both the publisher and us extremely busy." The book is currently available from Amazon.com, or may be ordered directly from the publisher.



Carol Dowgiallo

Seventies

MARC V. LaBANCA, '73 is both a chef and a master scuba diver trainer. He has combined his two passions into a cookbook entitled "The Transcendental Divers Cook Book".

KEVIN JENKINS, '74 is the General Counsel for the Utility Workers Union of America Local 1-2.

Eighties

PETER HERRERO, JR., owner of Sam's of Gedney Way Restaurant in White Plains, received the New York State Restaurant Association "Restaurateur of the Year" award at a banquet last October in Lake Placid. The award was for his 16 years of service to the restaurant industry and his continued support of every aspect of it. Peter was also honored at the Grace Church Community Dinner for being active in many White Plains community organizations. For many years he has assisted in feeding the men at Grace Church Community Center Open Arms Shelter. Some of the other groups who call him their friend include The Food Patch, The Lord's Pantry, Scarsdale-Edgemont Family Services, The Friendly Gathering, and the White Plains Beautification Committee. Peter's generosity also extends to the WCC Alumni Association and the WCC Foundation. We are proud to know him.



Peter Herrero

CECIL A. SHEPHERD, '88 is currently working as a Fixed Income Specialist in the Individual Investor Group at Morgan Stanley in Manhattan. Cecil, who lives in Mamaroneck, received an AAS degree in Business Administration from WCC and went on to earn his BBA in finance from Pace University and an MBA from the University of Michigan Business School.



Cecil Shepherd

MICHAEL MESZAROS, '82 has worked in the field of Information Technology for the past twenty years. Since 1998 he has been employed by Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets. He is in charge of Systems Operations.

CINDY D'AMBROSO ARGIENTO, '83 met her husband **RALPH** while they were students at WCC. They married four years later and now live in North Carolina with their three children. Cindy writes a humor column for a local newspaper and hopes to become syndicated; she's also working on a book. She traces the development of her writing skills back to her classes with Prof. Chicatelli and other WCC professors. "Their teachings did not fall on deaf ears", she writes.

ALISON PINSLEY, '85 recently had some of her poetry professionally recorded. Her song, "A Dream I Had", was accepted for an upcoming CD being produced by Tumba Records in Massachusetts and entitled "Hands Across America". Another song has been recorded as a demo and may soon be picked up by a record label. For the past 11 years Alison has worked for the Westchester County Division of Disease Control, Bureau of Sexually Transmitted Diseases. She has recently been accepted to the M.S. in Adult Education program offered at WCC through Buffalo State University.

CHARLES LERCARA, '85 is happy to announce that he retired last October. Charles had been a Laboratory Director for the Department of Environmental Protection.

Nineties

CHRISTINA CILIBERTO COONS, RN, '93 earned her nursing degree from WCC. She returned and took a variety of courses including International Business, in which she earned an "A". She is presently serving as Nurse Administrator and Health and Wellness Director at "The Fountains", an assisted living facility in Tuckahoe.

MICHAEL SHEEHAN, '93 wrote to Dr. Frank Fato from Ireland that he has completed a Masters Degree in European Economics and Public Affairs from University College Dublin, and is currently working for Fianna Fail (the Irish equivalent of the Democratic Party). In 1999 he was elected as a member of the Local Authority, New Ross Town Council, and now at the age of 29 he is the youngest ever elected Chairman (Mayor) of New Ross in County Wexford. While at WCC, Michael studied International Politics with Dr. Fato. "Being a graduate of WCC, I feel indebted to the college and faculty who helped me reach my goals," he said. He will be traveling in the U.S. this spring and plans to do a few speaking engagements in the New York area.

KIMMICHELLE EDWARDS, '96 graduated from WCC with a degree in Fine Arts. In May, 2000 she received her Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies from SUNY Purchase, with a major in Visual and Performing Arts and a minor in Black Studies. After 7 years as a part-time college student,

she is justifiably proud of her achievement. Kim is very active in community and church affairs in her home town of Mount Vernon. In addition to working at her church's food pantry Kim belongs to the Mount Vernon Women's Service League and the Episcopal Churchwomen, among other organizations. She recently attended the 20th reunion of her high school class. Kim is especially proud of her status as an aunt to 2-year-old twins Samantha and Erik.

WENDY LASSITER, '97 graduated cum laude in May, 2002 from New York Institute of Technology with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She plans on pursuing a Master's Degree in counseling. Wendy's son also graduated from high school last year and is now attending SUNY Maritime College. Wendy is presently the division secretary for the Technology Division at WCC and is very active in alumni affairs on campus. (See photo below.)



Wendy Lassiter, '97 (left) and Gina Pelliccio, '95 watch over the alumni table at a recent Club Day

REMI OYEDELE, '97 was valedictorian of her graduating class at WCC and went on to graduate summa cum laude from Pace University. She has since become a Certified Public Accountant and is now working as a senior accountant at a major accounting firm, with aspirations of becoming a manager within two years.

DORNA MICHELIN, '97 has been appointed Interim Assistant Professor of Nursing at WCC.

JEANNE GIBSON, '97 continued her education at Mercy College. She graduated cum laude in February 2001 with a bachelors degree in Gerontology and a minor in Health Care Management. She is currently working part-time as a volunteer coordinator with the elderly, and has plans to pursue a master's degree with a concentration in Geriatric Care management. Jeanne writes, "Keep up the good work in providing a well-rounded education at the college which gives individuals like me a start on the road to success!"

ANTONIO SANTOIEEMMA, '97 is Director of Beverage Services at the Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown. He graduated from WCC's Food Service Administration Program in 1997 while working part time at the Marriott, and was hired full time upon graduation. Last October, Antonio welcomed Prof. Daryl Nosek's Restaurant Management class to the Marriott for a tour and presentation on the "back of the house" operations of a large hotel. Prof. Nosek describes Antonio as "an excellent role model for students...a success story, a person who acquired academic credentials, industry experience, and has a passion for the hospitality industry which has resulted in a successful career path."

FLAVIE BAGNOL, '98 is a producer at CBS News.

News from Our "Faculty Alumni"

ANGELO DELGROSSO, former Dean of Students, is so busy traveling these days that it's almost impossible to track him down. Angelo and his wife Audrey moved from Westchester last summer and now divide their time between their Pennsylvania and Cape Cod homes. That is, when they aren't off on a trip somewhere!



JOANNA SCALABRINI, former Nursing Department Chair, was recently appointed Dean of the Hoper School of Nursing at Mount Vernon Hospital. Professor Scalabrini retired last August but decided that she just couldn't stay away from educating future nurses. She still keeps in touch with her former students at WCC. We wish her all the best in her new position.



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COMMUNITY COLLEGES JUMP-START EDUCATORS

Condensed from an article by JAYNE J. FELD
in *The Journal News*, January 5, 2003

When Yonkers resident Magaly Plunkett decided to become a teacher after 17 years in the business world, she enrolled, tentatively, at Westchester Community College.

From the first discussions of childhood development and the role of creativity and nurturing student interests, Plunkett was hooked.

"I took that one night class and the rest is history," said Plunkett, a mother of two who is now finishing her graduate



Magi Plunkett, '00 with
Mariah, 10 and Kayla, 8

work in teacher education at Sarah Lawrence College.

Plunkett said her previous experiences in school and college were so miserable that she was nervous about starting all over again at Westchester Community College. She said she failed miserably in business classes at Baruch College in the early 1980s,

mostly because she was working too many hours to apply herself to studying.

She was inspired to become a teacher by her own children's more positive educational experiences and often thinks about what she's learning in relation to her own bad experiences. She was such a good student at Westchester Community College that she earned a scholarship to Sarah Lawrence, where she is finishing up her master's degree and student teaching in Mamaroneck.

"I'm so prepared right now, I'm dying to just go into a classroom and forge ahead," she said.

Her experience mirrors that of one in five U.S. educators. A new study shows that community colleges are the country's largest single source of public school teachers.

Westchester Community College has such a good reputation for grooming future teachers that local four-year education programs seek out its graduates. Many students at WCC are older than traditional students, may be the first in their families to go to college or are looking to change careers. They are offered numerous services not found at four-year schools, from remedial classes to courses taught close to home and in the evenings.

Graduates who have transferred to four-year programs say caring teachers, the low cost of tuition, intensive course counseling and, in some cases, remedial or English as a Second Language classes help make them more than prepared for transfer to four-year schools.

Diane Quandt, chair of the education department at the College of New Rochelle, said Westchester Community College is "one of our best fields" for recruiting education students. "They're a little older, a lot more mature," Quandt said. "Many of them have been teachers aides in classrooms. They've worked in nursery school programs and often have children of their own. They are very good students, serious and career-oriented."

At Westchester Community College, the early childhood program has long-established articulation agreements with local four-year institutions, including Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York University, The College of New Rochelle, Mercy College and Sarah Lawrence. These agreements allow for smooth transitions from WCC. The school is working on agreements with Marymount and Long Island University, said Sheila Hanna, chairperson of Westchester Community College's early childhood education program.

She said 75 percent of students who graduate from her program go on to four-year institutions. Others are often able to get jobs as teachers aides or preschool teachers before completing their degree.

ATTENTION ALL PHI THETA KAPPANS!
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The Alumni Council Corner

An invitation from Council member
JANICE R. ADAMS, Class of '98



Janice Adams

I started my college career here at WCC and earned my Associates degree in August of 1998. It was a wonderful experience and I immediately found a home – so much so that I came to work at WCC in 1998. I work in College-Community Relations, the marketing and public relations center for WCC. We work at a hectic pace, but it's rewarding to witness the success of our students. I went on to graduate with a Bachelor's degree from Manhattanville College, but I stayed where my roots were planted – WCC.

The WCC Alumni Council is a great organization – and a great way to keep in touch with all of our wonderful graduates. If you're not already involved, check us out! We're planning a number of fun and interesting events, and we'd love for you to join us. Upcoming events include a fundraising Bowl-a-thon (a real hoot!), a casino trip (know anything about one-armed bandits?), walking tours of New York City ("Gangs of New York" has nothing on us!), and tours of our wonderful Historic Hudson Valley. If you're up for more of a challenge, how about a kayaking trip down the Hudson? And don't forget Alumni Day in October!

The Alumni Council is pleased to plan these events for you – and we need you to come and enjoy all that is offered. We're always open to suggestions, so if you have something in mind, or if you'd like to be involved with the Alumni Council, just let us know. Send us an e-mail at wcc.alumni@sunywcc.edu. Remember, we're here for you!

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UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26: "The Cloning Frenzy: What Does It All Mean?", a free lecture by Dr. Iris Cook, '54. 7 pm, Classroom Building room 200. **SPECIAL ALUMNI RECEPTION at 6 pm, Hartford Hall. RSVP.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 5: WCC Bowl-A-Thon Faculty, students, alumni and staff bowl to raise money for scholarships. Join the *Alumni All*Stars* team and get free bowling, free shoe rental, free lunch. Call for your pledge sheet (minimum pledge total of \$25).

THURSDAY, MAY 22ND: 50th Reunion of Class of '53.

SOMETIME IN JUNE: Kayaking trip down the Hudson River! Date to be announced.

OCTOBER 18TH: Alumni Day, PTK Reunion

Call 785-6559 for information on these events.

Council Member Profile:
ROB DeROY, Class of '75

Rob came to the U.S. in 1973 as a foreign student from The Netherlands and majored in Liberal Arts/Math/Science. He was active as a member of Student Council and the Board of Governors. Rob had a weekly 1-hour radio program on campus, and he also managed to find time to work in the Placement Office. After graduating in 1975 he went on to attend Hunter College, and received a B.A. in Geography in 1978.



Rob DeRoy

Rob has been employed in the automotive/finance/management field since 1978. He lives in Glen Cove, New York with his wife, Maura and his son, Peter.

An avid sailor, Rob is Commodore of Musceta Cove Yacht Club in Glen Cove. He is a member of the Corinthians Yachting Association, the Long Island Sound Catalina Association, the Netherlands-America Foundation, and the Netherland Club...AND the WCC Alumni Council!

Council Member Profile:
MARY NESI MEROLA, Class of '56

Mary received her AAS in Food Service Technology in 1956. Soon afterward she embarked on a rewarding 38-year career as a School Food Service Manager for the New York City Board of Education. She was an active member of the American Food Service Association and the New York State and New York City Food Service Associations and received many prestigious awards for her accomplishments in her field. Mary has been an active member of the Pelham Woman's club and the WCC Alumni Council.



Mary Merola

She enjoys travel, cooking, entertaining, dancing and sometimes flies with her husband John who is an FAA pilot examiner. Married forty-four years, they have one son, John, also a WCC graduate (1993). Mary is the Alumni Council's fundraising chairperson.

Join the Alumni Volunteers!

Your old classmates are looking for you, and we'd love to help them out! With the 2003 Reunion coming up, alumni from the anniversary years (all years ending with "3" or "8") are especially anxious to locate their friends from WCC. Please send us news about yourself, including the best way for your friends to contact you. If you have an e-mail address, please share it with us.

PARENTS: If you have received this newsletter addressed to your son or daughter who no longer lives at your address, please forward it to them, or notify us of their new address. We would greatly appreciate your help to keep our mailing list up to date.

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