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DEAN JULIUS FORD TO RETIRE IN AUGUST

After 31 years as Vice President and Dean of Student Personnel Services at Westchester Community College, Dr. Julius Ford has announced that he will retire on August 31st of this year.

Dr. Ford's long and distinguished career at the college has been one of concern and compassion, advocacy and action on behalf of the student body over the past three decades. He has helped untold thousands of students solve problems ranging from a lost bus pass to a dispute over a grade to an inability to pay for a required book--and everything in between. If there is any type of problem, emergency, or disaster that can befall a college student, Dr. Ford has dealt with it. His office has been a kind of safe haven where every student has been treated with kindness, warmth, understanding, sympathy, and in most cases, a fair solution to their problem.

"Dr. Ford's leaving us will be a great loss," said President Joseph Hankin. "I have mixed feelings: I am glad that he will be able to do things he could not do while fully employed, but we will miss him greatly. We are not planning to replace him, only to have someone succeed him."

Dr. Ford oversees an extensive program of services designed to meet the needs of a diverse student body. Departments under his supervision include: Admissions, Student Activities and Student Life, Counseling and Academic Advising, Financial Aid, Health Services, Registration and Records, Career and Transfer Center, Women's Center, Child Care Center, and Judicial Affairs.

Dr. Ford holds an Ed.D. in Student Personnel Administration and a Master's in Psychology from Columbia University Teachers College. Before coming to WCC he was an administrator, counselor and adjunct instructor for several years at CUNY's Queensborough Community College.

He is active in a number of community organizations and is a member of the County Executive's African American Advisory Board.

Dr. Ford's retirement plans include travel and spending more time with his family (including three grandchildren and another on the way) and taking care of many "honey-do" projects that are waiting for him at home. He also plans to continue his education in various areas, including computer and cultural literacy and possibly modern languages.

Julius Ford is only the third Dean of Students in the college's 60-year history.



Dr. Julius Ford

ALUMNI CELEBRATION SET FOR MAY 19TH

Where will you be on Saturday, May 19th? We hope you'll be here in Valhalla, attending the gala gathering of Westchester Community College alumni who will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of their alma mater.

This reunion will be a family affair. Bring your spouse, your partner, your children of all ages, even your brother-in-law. The college family wants to celebrate with *your* family. There will be lots of activities for kids as well as adults, so if you can't get a baby-sitter, don't let that prevent you from coming. There will be no extra charge for children under 12.

The day will begin with a continental breakfast in the Student Center and greetings by past and present members of the faculty and administration. Walter Joyce, a member of the college's original faculty (1947-1962) will be on hand, as will former Dean of Students Angelo Delgrosso. Dr. Julius Ford, who succeeded Delgrosso and is now preparing to retire after 31 years as Dean of Students, will also welcome alumni back to the campus.

Actor/singer John Treacy Egan, '83, will be present to accept the Foundation's Alumni Voyager Award, which is presented each year to honor the outstanding achievements of a WCC graduate. John, who was a drama major, spent last year playing the starring role of Max Bialystock in "The Producers" on Broadway, and will soon begin rehearsals for a starring role in a new Disney musical opening on Broadway this fall.



Broadway actor John Treacy Egan, '83, will accept the 2007 Voyager Award

To conclude the formalities, certificates will be presented to all those who are members of an "anniversary" class: '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, and 2002.

Throughout the day, special activities will be taking place all over campus, thanks to our fantastic faculty members who are helping to make this a memorable day for you and your kids. Plans are still being finalized, but some of the activities are listed in the schedule on page 4.

A gala barbecue will be catered by Great American Barbecue, a subsidiary of the popular White Plains restaurant, Sam's of Gedney Way. The sumptuous menu will conclude with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar, sure to be a hit with the kids!

A deejay will be on hand for the barbecue, and we will also have two special live musical performances. Alumnus Peter Tascio, a professional guitarist, composer, and teacher, will give a solo performance, and a band composed of Prof. Yan Pevzner's advanced music students will entertain guests with contemporary jazz/salsa-style music and vocals.

Many of our current and retired professors and administrators will be on hand to greet their former students. While we don't have a complete list at this time we know for sure that Walter Joyce and Angelo Delgrosso will be there, as well as Profs. Vincent Zappi, Joyce Belton-Lightner, John Ahern, Don Hoffman, Michael Shub, and Joanna Scalabrini.

Prof. Russell Ippolito, a WCC alumnus who heads the Paralegal program, will be our emcee for the day.

Thanks to the generosity of the Westchester Community College Foundation, the cost for the day is being kept to a modest \$25 per adult. Children 12 and under are FREE.

Advance registration is required, so please fill out the registration form on page 4 and send it in as soon as possible with your payment. Don't forget to include the year you graduated and your contact information (especially e-mail address), as well as the number of children you are bringing.

After the reunion, you're invited to attend a performance by the "Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour" at 8 p.m. in the Academic Arts Theatre. A special price of \$17 is being extended to alumni for this spectacular evening of fun and laughter. (For more details, see page 4.)

If you have ANY questions or would like more information, call the Alumni Office at (914) 606-6559. Or you can e-mail WCC.Alumni@sunywc.edu.



Walter Joyce, member of the original faculty



Former Dean Angelo Delgrosso

IN MEMORIAM

Sir Mort Clark

Professor Emeritus Mort Clark passed away on January 24, 2007 at the age of 78.

Mortimer Laine Clark was born in Unionville, New York May 28, 1928. He joined the U.S. Army after high school and was stationed in Taequ, Korea. He was awarded a "Certificate of Esteem" from the Defense Department for providing entertainment to members of the Armed Forces in Europe in 1957.

Upon his honorable discharge, he attended Ithaca College to study Theatre, and then went on to study at Hofstra and Cornell. He married Doris Kirby in 1951; his wife predeceased him in 1965. He began his career in theater working for the Technical Institute directing, performing and writing plays.

In 1966, Prof. Clark began a 30 year career teaching Theatre and Speech at Westchester Community College. He served as department chair for a number of years and was instrumental in the design of the new theater in the Academic Arts Building. But he is perhaps best remembered for establishing an annual International Theatre Festival, which brought community theater groups from all over the world to the Valhalla campus for a week of nonstop dramatic performances. Every day, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., plays were performed continuously in a score of different languages as well as English. Anyone who had the luxury of being able



Mort Clark

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NEW ONLINE MAGAZINE SHOWCASES WCC TALENT

We are happy to announce the new Westchester Community College online magazine, "*etc.*" The launching of *etc.* offers an excellent opportunity for the college to showcase its writers, artists, photographers, scholars, and journalists online. All alumni are invited to make submissions and browse the site for information, insights, perspective, truth, beauty, outrage, whimsy, *etc.*

There is a link to *etc.* on the college website under Publications; or you can go directly to www.etcwcc.net to see what the new "webzine" is all about.

etc. is the brainchild of Don Gregory, former journalism professor at WCC. Although retired, Prof. Gregory is still the lead person at *etc.* He is joined by Prof. Carol Passariello, alumna Gabriella Augusticzn, and students Natenah Schechter and Amanda Mazariego.

The staff enthusiastically welcomes the works of WCC students, alumni, staff, faculty, administrators, retirees, and

board members—a source of several thousand for a potential audience of millions. The rules, listed on the website as Editorial Policies, are few and the opportunities great.

The site will be commercial free--unless, of course, the commercial is created as a PSA, meant only to make a statement, provoke a laugh, or provide some insight by using the form. The cover will change monthly and links to new material will be added.

The staff of *etc.* invites all alumni to submit photos, original art, poems, letters to the editor, poetry, op-ed commentary, chapters of novels, vignettes, works in progress, research, scholarship, animation, cartoons, interviews, human interest features, memoirs or just memories, unusual experiences, or your best essay.

Please join this new effort by sharing your talents with the wider WCC family. Then sit back and savor the pleasure of this site: www.etcwcc.net

REGISTER NOW FOR ALUMNI DAY, MAY 19TH.
See Registration Form, Page 4

SIXTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AT WCC

"Attending this college was exciting and certainly motivated me toward attaining a higher education. I went on to NYU to earn a B.S. degree. Studying was a cinch after my two years at State Tech/WCC. I kept going and earned a Masters in Education Administration from Antioch New England Graduate School. I have to admit that my decision to attend that unknown little college in White Plains influenced my life in ways that I never would have dreamed possible."

--Alice Coles Scott, Class of 1949



"My journey from Westchester Community College went full circle when, in 1971, I joined the faculty in the Biology Department, which I currently chair. Coming to Westchester Community College truly does make all things possible. This college is the very best place to start one's life, to begin the journey to destinations unknown, and 'to become all one is capable of being', as stated in our college motto."

--Dr. Iris Cook, Class of 1954



"I have been an educator for over three decades. I currently serve as Superintendent of Schools for the Haverstraw-Stony Point Central School District, and for the past thirty-four years I have spent every Saturday morning teaching English as an adjunct professor at WCC. My hope and belief is that the college will help them the way it helped me. Congratulations to Westchester Community College on its 60th anniversary."

--Dr. Brian D. Monahan, Class of 1968



"After immigrating from Italy with my family as a child, it soon became apparent that my greatest assets were a family that valued education and a fierce drive to succeed. The missing element was financial resources. My first debt of gratitude to WCC is for having given me the opportunity to obtain a higher education without financially burdening my family. I truly doubt that I would be where I am today if Westchester Community College had not been there for me in 1970."

--Carla M. Brandt, M.D., Class of 1972



LEGISLATORS HONOR WCC COOKE SCHOLARS

Alumni Sherice Hughey ('04) and Dwayne Kelly ('06) were honored at the County Board of Legislators 2007 celebration of African American Heritage Month. Both students were winners of the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship Awards, which enabled them to continue their education beyond WCC.

The Jack Kent Cooke Award, which gives 2-year college students up to \$30,000 annually for three years to complete their Bachelor's degree, is one of the most competitive scholarships in the country. In 2004, Sherice Hughey was one of only 27 winners selected from among 863 nominees from 559 2-year institutions nationwide. In 2006 Dwayne Kelly was one of only 38 students chosen from among 676 nominees from 438 schools.

County Legislator Lois Bronz awarded Certificates of Merit to Sherice and Dwayne in recognition of their academic ability, leadership and personal achievements.



County Legislator Lois Bronz, L., with Sherice Hughey and Dwayne Kelly, Jack Kent Cooke Scholars.

Dwayne Kelly entered Fordham University last fall and earned a 3.78 GPA his first semester.

In 2003 Peter Tascio, a Performing Arts major, became the first WCC student to be named a Cooke Scholar. An extraordinary guitarist with outstanding musicianship and performance skills, Peter's goal was to become a professional performer, a music teacher and composer. He went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Jazz Guitar from CUNY and is currently performing, composing, and teaching. Peter will be performing at the Alumni Reunion on May 19th.

Sherice Hughey has completed her Bachelor's at NYU and will enter a Master's program in higher and adult education at Baruch College.

"Although I went on to graduate from Clarkson University and attended a semester at London University, neither faculties came close to providing the "in the trenches" business experience I got from the professors at WCC. As founder and Managing Partner of a technology consulting firm, I am often reminded of this comparison. The substantial value of having teachers who speak from experience is definitely one of my fondest appreciations for WCC and has taught me the value of business knowledge."

--Paul W. Bartko, Class of 1982



"With my high school grades being as poor as they were I was almost certain that no college would accept me. But WCC gave me a chance, and the faculty was enthusiastic, compassionate and understanding. I ended up being class valedictorian and received a full scholarship to Pace University. I would never have enjoyed such a fulfilling professional career were it not for the second chance I was given by WCC. Once again, thank you!"

--Andrew Block, Esq., Class of 1985



"When I came from Cuba in 1993 I was determined to get an education. I enrolled at WCC a year later. Although my English language skills were not very good, I started taking college algebra and the college level science courses. Then I began the happiest journey of my life into knowledge, education, and unforgettable experiences. Today, I own a franchise with Ameriprise Financial Services. I know that everything I have accomplished is because of the strong and great foundation that WCC gave me from the beginning."

--Jesus E. Lopez, Class of 1997



"At WCC I found a second home, a new life, and a gateway to a future I never imagined. I never felt alone; there was always someone in my corner, encouraging me to do better. I received several scholarships from the WCC Foundation, for which I am extremely grateful. Westchester gave me a chance to succeed, and I will never forget my experiences here."

--Amanda Menifield, Class of 2006



NEIL BASESCU PLAYS 26 CHESS GAMES--AT ONCE

Prof. Neil Basescu, who teaches physics at WCC, is also a U.S. Chess Federation Master. On Saturday, February 3, Prof. Basescu played against 26 opponents at a simultaneous chess match held at the Warner Library in Tarrytown.

His 26 opponents sat side by side at a long table with chess sets in front of them. Prof. Basescu walked the length of the table, carefully analyzing each player's last move and making a move of his own, then going on to the next player.

It took four hours to finish all 26 games. Prof. Basescu's final score was 21 wins, 3 losses, and 2 draws. One of the three players who beat him was a former student of his.

"Chess is an excellent exercise for the analytical mind, a beautiful ballet of the pieces, and a great contest of wills, science, art, and sport!" said Prof. Basescu. "The game requires a highly structured thought process, so the pursuit of excellence in chess helps us to organize our thinking in other areas as well."



Prof. Neil Basescu

MORT CLARK

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to spend an entire day in the theater was treated to an unforgettable dramatic experience--at no cost.

Everyone who knew Mort at all would probably find themselves playing host to a few of these international thespians, who could not afford hotels. One alumna recalls being asked by Mort to house two Italian actors for the week. When she replied that she wanted to ask her husband, Mort responded "Fine; they'll be there around 6."

His passion for community theater took him all over the world and earned him scores of awards, honorary titles and degrees too numerous to mention.

In 1993 Prof. Clark traveled to Monaco to be knighted by Princess Caroline on behalf of her father, prince Rainier.

The President's Corner



Spring, 2007

Dear Alumnus/Alumna,

This has been an extremely busy and exciting year for all of us as we mark the 60th anniversary of Westchester Community College. Since last fall, special events have been taking place all over campus as students, faculty, staff and administrators celebrate this landmark event.

But one of the biggest celebrations is yet to come, and it involves you. On Saturday, May 19th we will hold a special 60th Anniversary Alumni Reunion here on the Valhalla campus. It will be a day filled with nostalgia, fun, music, great food and interesting activities, and we invite all alumni to bring their families and spend the day getting reacquainted--with the college, the faculty, and one another.

Among the awards to be presented at the reunion is the Foundation's annual Alumni Voyager Award, which honors a distinguished graduate for outstanding achievement. This year's award will be presented to John Treacy Egan, a 1983 graduate of our drama program who has gone on to star in several Broadway shows; most recently, "The Producers".

John Egan's remarkable success is not only a tribute to the education and experience he received at Westchester Community College. It also serves to highlight the fact that this institution does not always get the recognition it deserves in the field of communications, media and the arts.

John Egan is not the only graduate to make it to the Broadway stage. Wayne Cilento is a noted Broadway choreographer with 6 Tony nominations--and one Tony Award to his credit. He won the 1993 Tony for Best Choreography for the musical "Tommy", and was also nominated for his work in "Wicked", "Dancin'", "A Chorus Line", and "Aida".

Other alumni who have become professional actors include Keith Hamilton Cobb, who has had several major TV roles including Tyr Anasazi in "Andromeda", and Larry Romano, who has a lead role in TV's "The King of Queens".

In another branch of show business, alumnus John Sialiano ("Goumba Johnny") entertains listeners every day on radio station WKTU and makes frequent appearances as a standup comedian at nightclubs throughout this area.

We also have a great many alumni who have achieved successful careers as television news producers, reporters, musicians, poets, artists, photographers, and writers. In fact, some of their work is showcased in the college's new online magazine, "etc." (See story on page 1.)

So when you think of all the reasons why you are proud of your alma mater, don't forget the important role it has played--and will play--in all branches of media and the arts.

Regardless of what you majored in, I urge you all to attend the Alumni Reunion on May 19th. We at the college are so proud of you; we would be very happy to find out that the feeling is mutual!

Cordially,

Joseph N. Hankin

HUGH McCABE REPORTS ON ALUMNI SUCCESS AT MARITIME

This note comes from Prof. Hugh McCabe, currently working at SUNY Maritime College as a Lecturer and Advisor in the Global Business and Transportation Department:

"I know you guys like success stories. Seven WCC grads made the "Admiral's List" at Maritime. They are: Mayra Barajas, Isabel Dossantos, Juan Martinez, Beatriz Serrano, Mia Zager, Thomas Meier, Mike Costable. Five WCC grads made the Dean's List: Severine Carroue, Tiago Freitas, Laurence Generali, Stephen MacKenzie, Richard Tejada.

"Other WCC students did very well, but did not have the minimum credits for the list. They are: Sofia Teran, and Timothy Roode. Liybov Atamaniyk earned her MS in International Transportation Management. Four years ago she was at the ABG dinner. Jose Garcia got his degree from Maritime last May and has been accepted into Iona's MBA program. Keep 'em coming!" --HJM

(Although officially retired from WCC, Prof. McCabe is still acting Curriculum Chair for International Business. He enjoys monitoring former WCC business students who have transferred to Maritime. We thank him for the update!)

He was awarded the Chevalier Medal of Culture at Monaco's Princess Grace Theatre, and was thereafter entitled to be addressed as "Sir Mort"--an honor which delighted him.

Prof. Clark retired from Westchester Community College in 1997, and that year he made over 40 trips to teach and work with theatre groups around the world. He continued to travel and work until he became ill several years ago.

Many of Sir Mort's former students are active in theatre today, and kept in touch with him over the years. One of these students, Broadway actor John Treacy Egan, is the recipient of the 2007 Alumni Voyager Award.

To celebrate Mort Clark's life, his family requests that contributions of theatre books be made to local libraries.

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1950

JEAN DIXON O'CONNOR, a member of the college's third graduating class (57 years ago) recently wrote to the Alumni Office:

"I truly enjoyed my two years at WCC (then called State Tech). Not only was the education excellent, I have many happy memories of the teachers, especially Walter Rauch. Attending college in a former elementary school was quite an experience. I recall one very funny incident (not for the professor, though). Four male students took his car - a Volkswagen Beetle - from the parking lot and carried it up to the second floor, placing it outside his office! Don't know what happened after that! I also learned how to play pinochle, which I still play today.

"I was glad that the college offered additional classes in 1955 that allowed me to receive an Associate Degree instead of a graduation certificate. My curriculum was Medical and Dental Technology and Secretarial. I did use my secretarial skills for five years as a medical secretary for the Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. in NYC. I disliked the travel, and subsequently went to the NY Telephone Company and worked as a secretary for the District Manager of the Mount Kisco office. Worked 10 years, met my future husband who was an attorney for the New York Central RR. We married in January 1965 and had two children, a son and a daughter. Unfortunately in January of last year my wonderful husband passed.

"I am now living in a beautiful retirement home in Media, Pennsylvania, and I'm happy to be able to share my memories of WCC in this 60th anniversary year. I wish the college many more years of continued success."

Jean Dixon O'Connor
Medical & Dental Tech., 1950

1958

JOE BROWNE writes from Florida that he regrets he will not be able to attend the Alumni Reunion on May 19th, but he would love to hear from his old friends. His e-mail address is: poppafla@yahoo.com.

1961

GLORIA DUMKE BALL writes, "Guess after 45 years, I should check in with you. My college name was Gloria Dumke, Chemistry Class of '61. Live in San Clemente, Ca. Retiring from Costco Wholesale soon and plan to travel the US in our RV. Have a reunion for '61, I'll be there"

1963

CAROL and BOB DOWGIALLO have written a new song entitled "The Christmas Truce" which premiered at a holiday concert in Yonkers last December. The Dowgiallos met while they were both students at WCC.



Carol and Bob
Dowgiallo

Bob and Carol based their song on a documentary about a Christmas Eve truce in 1914 during World War I. That night, British and German soldiers on the front near Ypres, Belgium, began exchanging Christmas greetings and then gifts. The truce inspired various films and books.

The Dowgiallos said their song is a call for peace in today's world. "These people decided on their own that they wanted to be in a peaceful situation,"

said Bob, who runs a computer consulting firm with Carol. "What were their feelings when they went back into the trenches and started shooting at each other?"

It took the Dowgiallos about two weeks to write their lyrics, and then they began searching for a musician. Their pastor recommended Andrew Bauer, the music director at Sacred Heart Church in Yonkers. Bauer wrote the music and recorded the vocals on a demo track. The song sounds like contemporary Christian praise music.

Christmas previously inspired the Dowgiallos to write a children's book, "On That First Christmas Eve..." which was published in 2005 by Our Sunday Visitor, a Catholic publishing company. The Dowgiallos estimated that it has sold about 5,000 copies.

The Dowgiallos said they plan to produce more music about the holidays, life and love.

1965

FRANCIS MANCUSO is the Controller for Griffin Hospital in Connecticut. He has a B.S. in Accounting from Widner University. Frank and his wife, Mary Ann (Yates) live in North Haven, CT. They have two daughters and two grandchildren.

1970

MARK KIERSTEIN met his future wife at WCC in the Fall of 1970. He had transferred to the University of Corpus Christi, in Texas. On a visit back WCC he was introduced to **LYSEE BACKER** by a member of his fraternity, Kappa Sigma Kappa. Lysee was a member of the Phi Iota Sigma sorority and the sisters and brothers of Kappa Sigma Kappa spent a lot of time together. That chance meeting in the PUB during school break was the beginning of a lifelong partnership.

Since Mark was living in Texas, he and Lysee communicated in writing every day and by "long distance" phone calls once a week. They soon realized that they had found each other's life's partner. On June 18, 1972 they were married and will be celebrating their 35th anniversary this year. Now living in Florida, they are still actively involved in their careers (Lysee is the President and Owner of All Promotions, Inc. and Mark has a career in high tech sales and marketing), but their focus is on their family.



Mark and Lysee Kierstein

Mark wrote to the *Alumnnews*: "I recently attended the Kappa Sigma Kappa reunion at the WCC campus and was shocked at how the college has grown. I still consider the years at WCC to be some of the finest of my life and welcome the chance to participate in the Alumni Association's activities and information exchange". Mark's e-mail address is mkiesterin@yahoo.com

1971

THOMAS BERSTENE is President of WorkForce Planning Assoc., Inc. and is a retired Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. Tom has a B.A. in Psychology and an M.A. in Industrial Organizational Psychology. He and his wife, Claudia, live in South Windsor, CT and have three children, Laurie, Valerie, and Kevin.

1976

JEANETTE RUELLAN DRISCOLL is Director of Client Service at Savvy Market Extend, a New Jersey-based company specializing in multilingual marketing communications and translations of marketing materials. Savvy's translator/copywriters translate brochures, newsletters, surveys, etc. into 100 languages, including Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Arabic, Russian and Dutch etc. Jeanette, who is fluent in French and Spanish, has worked for such companies as Philip Morris, Pepsi & AC Nielsen in positions that include brand manager, market research account executive, advertising, communications and promotions manager.



Jeanette Driscoll

At WCC Jeanette was on the Dean's List each semester. She was active in Student government, *The Viking* staff, and was editor of the literary magazine. She received her Bachelors in Marketing & Journalism from CUNY, and her MBA in Marketing from Cornell. She is presently a member of the National Society of Hispanic MBAs, the American Marketing Association, and Alliance Francaise (French Institute).

1986

JOAN M. RUIZ is retired after 12 years as a sign language interpreter/teacher assistant at the New York School for the Deaf in White Plains. During her winters in Florida, "Jody" interprets for various clubs and centers for the deaf, and is especially dedicated to helping deaf persons learn about hurricane preparedness and what to do when they are unable to hear instructions being broadcast on TV or radio.



Joan "Jody" Ruiz

1987

CHRISTINE TEGTMEIER is the owner/chef of "Happiness Is..." Caterers and gourmet food shop in Greenwich, Connecticut. Her full service catering and party planning business has been flourishing for over ten years. Christine is a graduate of WCC's Hotel/Restaurant Management program. She went on to study at Peter Kump's French Cooking School, the Cordon Bleu in London, and the International Pastry Arts School. Christine and her husband live in Bedford with their four small children, including one-year-old twins. In her rare spare time, Christine enjoys collecting antiques.



Christine Tegtmeier

1990

P. ANTHONY MARCIANO is the owner of Century 21 Marciano in New Rochelle. Prior to opening his own business he was a construction estimator for Columbus Construction. Anthony received an Associate degree in engineering science from WCC and a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering from the Manhattan College School of Engineering. He and his wife Toniann live in New Rochelle with their three children, Sara, Anthony, and Frankie.

1991

JENNIFER CARIDI is a radiology technologist at Northern Westchester Medical Center in Mount Kisco. Jennifer lives in Pawling with her husband and their young child.

1994

JUDY CALANDRINO has been working for Con Edison since 1982, and was recently promoted to Manager. She began as a general utility worker and soon became one of the first women to operate a substation and the first woman supervisor in her field. She serves as a mentor for women entering non-traditional careers. Judy and her husband also own their own business, Frankmichael's Victorian House Spa and Hair Salon in Hawthorne.



Judy Calandrino

JON HOSTETTER is currently working as a nurse at Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu on an acute crisis unit for children. Jon received his BSN in 1998 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

1996

JOAN'NA D'ARRIGOTYBORSKI is Senior Audit Consultant for Protiviti Risk Consulting in New Jersey. She holds a B.B.A. in Business Management and a B.S. in Public Accounting. Joan'na and her husband, Chris, were married in May, 2005

2000

CAROL PFEFFER received a Special recognition Award at Upstream People Gallery's 4th Annual Color: Bold/Subtle, an International Juried Online Art Exhibition, which can be viewed at www.upstreampeoplegallery.com. Carol makes prints without a camera. Her work, *Brain States 0216* uses color theory as a metaphor for neural activity in the brain. Complementary optical hues are used to define a relationship between otherwise unrelated areas of the brain and analogous colors to mediate otherwise unreachable transitions. No camera, film or digital media of any kind is used in these unique prints each made one at a time by hand.

2001

CARLOS RAMOS has returned to NYC after more than three years in Washington, DC (with political stints in Florida, Pennsylvania, and Tucson, to name a few states). He has accepted an offer with the NYC Controller, William Thompson, to serve as his Bronx Representative. Carlos graduated with honors from Baruch College, where he earned a B.S. in Public Affairs. Three years ago, after receiving a prestigious fellowship in Washington, DC, he was referred to by one reporter as being "among the nation's top emerging Latino leaders".

2003

RHONDA HARRELL has been working as a computer resource assistant for the Ossining School District Technology Department since 1998. In addition, she recently obtained her real estate licens and is a salesperson for an a firm in South Salem.

SHEBNA OLSEN is a Vice President-Investments at Wachovia Securities in White Plains. She graduated from Columbia University last May with a B.A. in Economics. She is now enrolled at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs where she is pursuing an M.B.A. with a concentration on International Finance Policy.

2004

LESLIE CRUNDEN is the Membership Benefits Coordinator for the New York State Restaurant Association. She graduated from WCC with an A.A.S. in Business Marketing and is proud of being a WCC alumna.

PATRICIA MAYE-MITCHELL is working as a Secretary for the County of Westchester, Department of Environmental Facilities.

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MEET "HARTFORD HAWK"



There's a new kid on campus these days, and he doesn't seem at all camera-shy. "Hartford the Hawk" was discovered by Kim Mason, senior lab technician for Media Services, who sighted the bird happily munching on a downed seagull near the Administration Building. Kim, a 1996 alumnus who was editor of the *Viking News* while he was a student here, is also an award-winning photographer. Fortunately he had his camera with him that day, and the hawk was more than willing to pose for pictures.

"Hartford" seems right at home on campus, and is sighted regularly in his usual place between the Administration Building and Hartford Hall. Many thanks to Kim for sharing these photos--we think he deserves another award!

CELEBRATE WITH YOUR CLASS ON MAY 19TH

A number of alumni have volunteered to serve as "Class Captains" for members of their class who plan to attend the reunion on May 19th. If you'd like to know who's coming from your graduating class, please contact your class captain. He or she will be keeping a list, and perhaps you can help to locate some of the 'lost' alumni from your class.

CLASS CAPTAINS

CLASS

1948-51 PLEASE CALL THE ALUMNI OFFICE, 606-6559

1952 (55 years) JIM MONKS
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1959 BEN MATHEWS
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1960 BARBARA SHUMOFSKY HUTNIK
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ATTENTION ALUMNI--END THE REUNION WITH A LAUGH!

On Saturday, May 19, the Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour is coming to Westchester Community College. Perhaps you are...or will become...or know someone who is...dedicated to that sagging mid-section of the American public who obsess over mortgages, marriage, mini-vans, and mortality. Reserve your chance for hilarious realignment with this interactive parade of comedians telling it "like it is." Four comedic talents - Buzz Nutley, Jim Brogan, Cathy Ladman, and Brad Upton have been known to have audiences rolling in the aisles.

You're invited to join us for this special evening of fun and laughter at 8 p.m. in the Academic Arts Building. We have a limited number of tickets available at a **special alumni price of \$17 each** (general admission). This will be "the frosting on the cake" for your Reunion celebration!

To order tickets, please complete the form below and return it with a check made payable to **FSA/Cultural Affairs**. Mail to: **Janice Adams, Westchester Community College, 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY 10595**.

Tickets will be mailed to you upon payment.

MIDLIFE CRISIS COMEDY TOUR

Saturday, May 19, at 8 p.m.

Ticket Order Form

Please send me _____ tickets for the "Midlife Crisis Comedy Tour" @ \$17 each. A check for \$ _____ is enclosed*. (No credit cards please.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tel. (Day): _____ (Eve): _____

Email _____

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ALUMNA RECEIVES WCC STAFF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Wendy Ann Lassiter, a graduate of the class of 1997, began working at WCC 15 years ago and for the past 11 years she has been Division Secretary for the Math and Technologies Division. At the 2007 Staff Development Day in March, Wendy was honored with the Foundation's Staff Excellence Award, which is presented annually to staff members who have demonstrated outstanding performance beyond the requirements of their job description.

"Our division operates effectively because of Wendy's hard work and efficiency", stated one faculty member.



Wendy Lassiter and her sons Jordan, left, and Jason

In addition to her competence, attention to detail, cheerfulness, patience and thoroughness, Wendy

was cited for her great dedication to the needs of the students. She genuinely cares about their success at the college and often takes time to help individual students with problems that may be hindering them.

Her interest in advising students has led Wendy to attend evening classes and complete a Master's Degree in Counseling from Pace University. She is in the process of being certified as a School Guidance Counselor for New York State.

ALUMNI DAY SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 19, 2007

This is a partial listing of activities

9-10 a.m. (Student Center)
REGISTRATION; CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

10 a.m.
GREETINGS AND WELCOMING REMARKS
AWARDS PRESENTATIONS
PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES
classes of '52, '57, '62, '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02

12:30-2:30 p.m.
BARBECUE *DJ Music*
Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, grilled chicken, BBQ pulled pork, corn on the cob, salads, watermelon, cornbread, cookies, brownies
ICE CREAM SUNDAE BAR

ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAY (Partial List):
"SIXTY YEARS OF EXCELLENCE": Media presentation by Dr. John Flynn
"AND NOW FOR SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT"
Lip-sync with Prof. Michael Berkowitz as he swings along to some well-known "oldies" and possibly a rock 'n roll tune as well!
"VENEZIA VIA VALHALLA" Media presentation by Prof. Carlo Sclafani
MUSICAL COMBO
SCAVENGER HUNT
GUITAR MUSIC by Peter Tascio, '03
"INTRIGUING TIDBITS ABOUT THE PRESIDENTS"
Prof. Gary Klein reveals which president lost the White House china in a poker game, which one dressed as a purple butterfly on religious holidays, and more bizarre facts

FOR THE KIDS:
SCIENCE DEMONSTRATIONS, WATER COLOR PAINTING, QUILLING (PAPER FOLDING)
...AND More to Come!

Watch Our Website for Updates:
www.sunywcc.edu/alumni

REGISTRATION FEE:
ADULTS (12 and over): \$25.00
CHILDREN (under 12): FREE

Clip the form below and mail it with your payment by May 11, 2007. Mail to:
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION
75 GRASSLANDS ROAD VALHALLA, NY 10595

WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE 60TH ANNIVERSARY ALUMNI REUNION SATURDAY, MAY 19, 2007

REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Important: WCC Class Year: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone (Day) _____ (Eve.) _____

E-mail: _____

I WILL ATTEND THE ALUMNI REUNION.

No. of ADULTS (12 & over) @ \$25: _____

No. of children (12 & under FREE): _____

(Please list children's ages): _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

If paying by Visa or MasterCard, fill in below.

Card No. _____

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