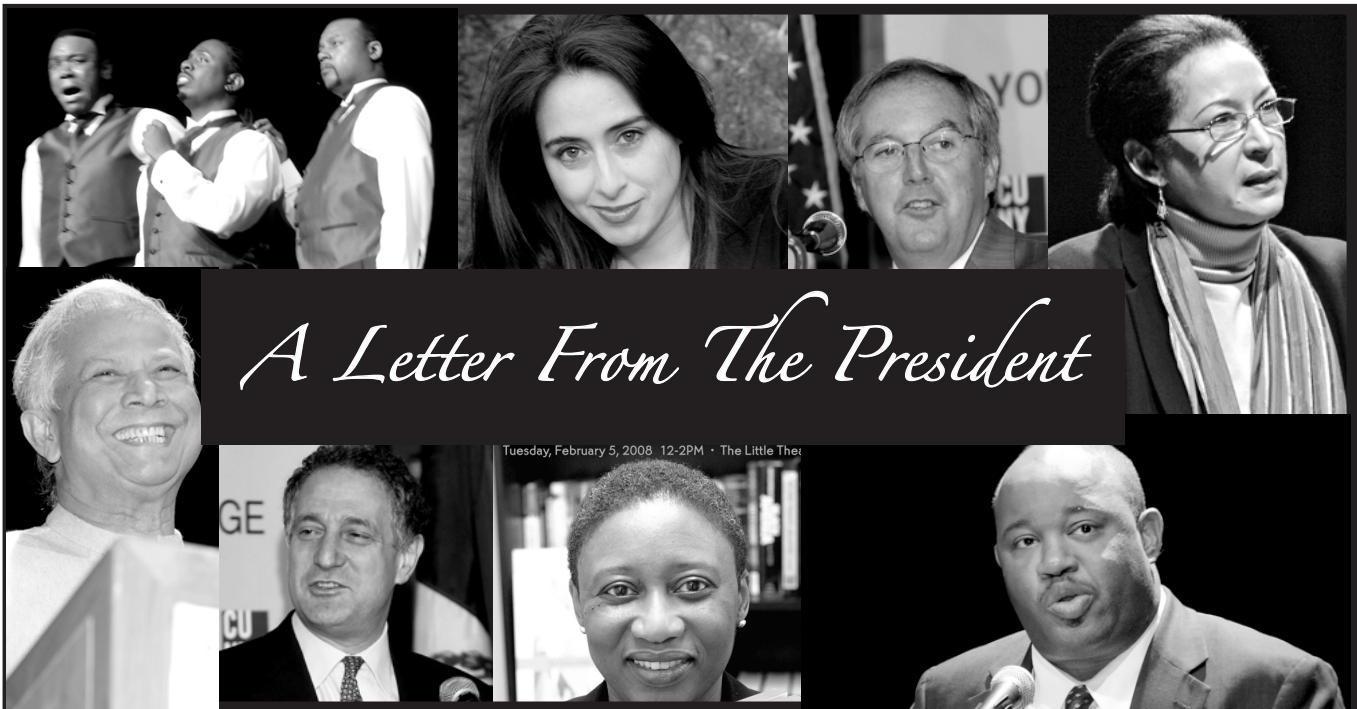




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Dear Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends of York College:

Welcome to Academic Year 2008-2009!

For the second consecutive year, we have enrolled an impressive number of new students who are prepared and ready to tackle the rigors of college. And we are pleased that we are prepared to help them fulfill their academic challenges since we have increased our faculty ranks by an unprecedented twenty-five percent. These outstanding new members of our faculty will be working hard with our students to keep them—and York “on the move.”

Listed are some of the highlights of the past year:

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

It is impossible to capture all the accomplishments of our very productive faculty in this limited space, but I would like to acknowledge some of the remarkable scholarship:

Provost Ivelaw L. Griffith (Academic Affairs) authored a peer-reviewed article, “Dynamics of Regional Security Engagement in the Caribbean.”

Dean Dana Fusco (Academic Affairs) authored two peer-reviewed articles, “School vs. Afterschool: A Study of Equity in Supporting Children’s Development.” and “Developmentally-responsive Relationships During Afterschool.”

Professor Paul Salisbury (Accounting and Business) authored a peer-reviewed article, “Purchase Drivers for Cottage Businesses.”

Professor Michael Flynn (Behavioral Sciences) authored three peer-reviewed articles including, “Globalizing the Streets: Cross Cultural Perspectives on Youth, Social Control, and Empowerment.”

Professor Ivica Arsov (Biology) authored the peer-reviewed article, “BAC-mediated Transgenic Expression of Fluorescent Autophagic Protein Beclin 1 Reveals a Role for Beclin 1 in Lymphocyte Development.”

Professor Louis Lvinger (Biology) authored a peer-reviewed article, “Effects of Conserved D/T Loop Substitutions in the Pre-tRNA Substrate on tRNase Z Catalysis.”

Professor Ruel Desamero (Chemistry) authored a peer-reviewed article, “Synthesis of 6-amino-2,3-dimethylpyrimido[4,5-e][1,2,4]triazine-8-one: A Dihydrotriazine Reductase (DHPR) Inhibitor.”

Professor Lawrence Johnson (Chemistry) authored a peer-reviewed article, “Simple and Accurate Quantification of Quantum Dots via Single-Particle Counting.”

Lecturer Martin Colucci (Counseling) authored a book, *Introduction to Alcohol & Substance Abuse Studies*.

Professor Gregory Boutis (Earth and Physical Sciences) authored a peer-reviewed article, “Probing the Validity of Average Hamiltonian Theory for Spin $I=1$, $3/2$ and $5/3$ Nuclei but Analyzing a Simple Two Pulse Sequence.”

Professor Timothy Paglione (Earth and Physical Sciences) authored a peer-reviewed article, “The

Faint End of Starburst Galaxy Luminosity Functions in the COSMOS 2-square Degree Field.”

Professor Margaret Ballantyne (Foreign Languages) translated the book, *Memory Tracks. Fragments from Prison (1975-1980)*.

Professor Margarita Drago (Foreign Languages) authored a book, *Fragmentos de la memoria. Recuerdos de una experiencia carcelaria (1975-1980)*.

Professor Jean Francois (Foreign Languages) co-authored a book, *Je vais te dire” in Port-au-Prince: photographie et texts; Port-au-Prince: Presses Nationales d’Haiti*.

Professor Di Su (Library) authored a book, *Collection Development Issues in the Online Environment*.

Professor Tamara Avi-Itzhak (Occupational Therapy) co-authored two peer-reviewed articles, including “Psychometric Properties of Male Urogenital Distress Inventory (MUDI) and Male Urinary System Impact Questionnaire (MUSIQ) in Radical Prostatectomy Patients.”

Professor Tania Levy (Social Sciences) co-authored a book, *Passing the Torch: Does Higher Education for the Disadvantaged Pay Off Across the Generations?*

Professors Vadim Moldovan and William Divale (Social Sciences) co-authored a peer-reviewed article, “A Struggle to Survive: Services for the Chronically Mentally Ill in Moldova.”

Professor Bonnie Oglensky (Social Sciences) published a peer-reviewed article, “The Ambivalent Dynamics of Loyalty in Mentorship.”

Professor Xiaodan Zhang (Social Sciences) published a peer-reviewed article, “Hidden Forms of Bargaining on China’s Shop Floor.”

Professor Linda Gerena (Teacher Education) co-authored a peer-reviewed article, “The Role of Faculty Collaboration in Highly Qualified K-12 ESOL Teachers: Community College and Beyond.”

Professor Leslie Keiler (Teacher Education) published a peer-reviewed article, “Effects of an NSF Summer School Program.”

The following faculty reported other types of scholarly works and presentations as follows:

Academic Affairs: Provost Ivelaw L. Griffith; **Accounting and Business:** Mary-Jo Kranacher; **Behavioral Sciences:** Professors William Ashton, Ronald Daniels, Gilbert Escamilla, Deborah Majerovitz, Debra Swoboda, and Francisco Villegas; **Biology:** Professor Laura Beaton; **Earth and Physical Sciences:** Professors Narzul Khandaker and Stanley Schleifer; **English:** Professor Helen Andretta; **Foreign Languages:** Professors Hamid Bahri, Franklin Gutierrez, Elizabeth Meddeb, Fabiola Salek, Lucienne Serrano, and Eva Vasquez; **Health and Physical Education:** David Ajuluchukwu; **Health Professions:** Professors Robert Brugna, Peter Jackson and Lillian Kaplan; **History and Philosophy:** Professors Martin Atangana, Laura Fishman, Basdeo Mangru, Robert Parmet, and George White; **Library:** Professors Daniel Cleary, Anamika Dasgupta, John Drobnicki, Njoki-wa Kinyatti, Robert Machalow, Christina Miller, Scott Sheidlower, Sandra Urban, and Hope Young; **Mathematics and Computer Studies:** Professors Lou D’Alotto, Lewis Lasser, and Frank Pritchard; **Occupational Therapy:** Professors Donald Auriemma, Sharon Faust, Andrea Krauss, and Diane Tewfik; **Performing and Fine Arts:** Professors Kenneth Adams, Timothy Amrhein, James Como, Barbara Nickolich, and Tom Zlabinger; **Social Sciences:** Professors Michele Gregory, Susan Letteney, and Beth Rosenthal

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Welcome to those who have joined our faculty since Spring 2008:

Rahnumba B. Ahsan, Assistant Professor, Accounting and Business

John-Thones Amenyo, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Studies

Parisa Babaali, Substitute Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Studies

Xin Bai, Assistant, Academic Computing

Hamid Bhari, Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages, ESL and Humanities

Mark Blickley, Substitute Lecturer, English

Linglan Cao, Substitute Doctoral Lecturer, English

Edoardo Carta-Gerardino, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Studies

John Casey, Lecturer Doctoral Scholar, Biology

Daniel Cleary, Instructor, Library

Tim Cockery, Substitute Lecturer, Performing and Fine Arts

Alex Costley, Assistant Professor, Health and Physical Education and Gerontology

Andrew Criss, Substitute Lecturer Doctoral Scholar, Biology

Ratan Dhar, Assistant Professor, Earth and Physical Sciences

Douglas DiToro, Lecturer, English

Robert Duncan, Assistant Professor, Behavioral Sciences

Maria Elena Pina-Fonti, Assistant Professor, Health Professions

Catherine Foster, Doctoral Lecturer, Chemistry

Reeves Gandy, Lecturer, Accounting and Business

Samuel Ghelli, Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages, ESL and Humanities

Sarah Kate Gillespie, Assistant Professor, Performing and Fine Arts

Debra Glaser, Assistant Professor, Health Physical Education and Gerontology

Lidia Gonzalez, Assistant Professor, Mathematics & Computer Science

Charlene Greenidge-Lane, Instructor, Health and Physical Education and Gerontology

Nicholas Grosskopf, Assistant Professor, Health and Physical Education and Gerontology

Linda Gerena, Associate Professor, Teacher Education

Jonathan Hall, Assistant Professor, English

Robin Harper, Assistant Professor, Behavioral Sciences

Rossi Hassad, Assistant Professor, Health Professions

Mande Holford, Assistant Professor, Chemistry

Shao Ying Hua, Assistant Professor, Biology/Neuroscience

Timothy Kirk, Assistant Professor, History and Philosophy

Tom Marion, Substitute Assistant Professor, Performing and Fine Arts

Jason Corey Mendez, Assistant Professor, Teacher Education

Christina Miller, Instructor, Library

Kathariya Mokrue, Assistant Professor, Behavioral Sciences

Justine Valinotti (Nicholas), Substitute Lecturer, English

Patricia Ogle, Lecturer, Health and Physical Education and Gerontology

James Popp, Assistant Professor, Earth and Physical Sciences

Selena Rogers, Instructor, Social Sciences

Zohra Saad, Assistant Professor, Foreign Languages, ESL and Humanities

Mark Schuller, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences

Michael Sharpe, Assistant Professor, Behavioral Sciences
Anne Simon, Assistant Professor, Biology
Winsom Smickle, Substitute Lecturer, Behavioral Sciences
Sandra Urban, Instructor, Library
Denise Nazzaro, Substitute Lecturer, Performing and Fine Arts
Renee Wright, Distinguished Lecturer, Health Professions

Welcome back to those returning refreshed from sabbatical or other leave:

Nina Buxenbaum, Assistant Professor, Performing and Fine Arts
Harold Gellis, Professor, Accounting and Business
Lillian Kaplan, Associate Professor, Occupational Therapy
Mary-Jo Krancher, Associate Professor, Accounting and Business
Robert Machalow, Professor, Library
Margaret MacNeil, Associate Professor, Biology
James Papa, Associate Professor, English
Sonia Rivera-Valdes, Professor, Foreign Languages
Beth Rosenthal, Professor, Social Sciences
Phillips Simkin, Professor, Performing and Fine Arts

To those going on sabbatical or other approved leave we wish you well:

Kelly Baker-Josephs, English
Margaret Ballantyne, Foreign Languages, ESL and Humanities
Donna Chirico, Behavior Sciences
Jean Francois, Foreign Languages ESL and Humanities
Cynthia Haller, English
Tim Paglione, Earth and Physical Sciences
Di Su, Library

Congratulations to those promoted/upgraded to:

Executive Service:

Janis Jones, Vice President of Student Development
Earl Simons, Acting Director of Government and Community Relations

Administrative Service:

Berthilde Donatien, Student Financial Services Scholarship Coordinator
Tyrone Forte, Acting Director of Public Safety

Full Professor:

Louis D'Alotto, Mathematics and Computer Studies
Laura Fishman, History and Philosophy

Associate Professor:

Michael Cripps, English
Nazrul Khandaker, Earth and Physical Sciences
Ray Marks, Health and Physical Education and Gerontology
Vadim Moldovan, Social Sciences
Tim Paglione, Earth and Physical Sciences
Debra Swoboda, Behavioral Sciences

Information Technology:

Efrain Colon to IT Associate-1
Steve Dukharan to IT-Associate-1
Shah Masom to IT-Associate-1
Mohammed K. Sarwar to IT Associate-2

We continue to make key appointments that solidify our leadership and improve our infrastructure across the campus, and welcome the following staff members who joined us in a full-time capacity since Spring 2008:

Daneen Anderson, CUNY Office Assistant, Human Resources
Farhana Akter, Administrative Assistant, Business Office
Marysol Arbelaez, CUNY Office Assistant, Health Sciences
Robert Baer, Director of Academic Advisement, Academic Affairs
Sandra Bell-Adams, Acting Executive Assistant to the President, President's Office
Susan Bily-Lindner, Director of Counseling
Craig Campbell, Assistant to Higher Education Officer, Institutional Research/ Academic Affairs
Alicia Cesar, Tutoring Coordinator, SEEK
Elizabeth Chow, Coordinator of Academic Computer Lab, Academic Computing & Education Technology
Rebecca Ciceron, CUNY Office Assistant, English
Benjamin Colobong, Campus Peace Officer, Campus Security Services
Julissa Contreras, Assistant to Higher Education Officer-Entering Students, Student Financial Services
William Dinello, Dean for the Executive Office, President's Office
Aduni Fashuyi, CUNY Office Assistant, Registrar
Barbara Francis, College Laboratory Technician, Biology
Donna Grace, CUNY Office Assistant, Admissions
Janet Guidi, Assistant to Higher Education Officer, Health Sciences
Timothy Hawkins, College Laboratory Technician, Health and Physical Education
Frankie Healy, CUNY Office Assistant, Student Financial Services
Holger Henke, Assistant Provost, Academic Affairs
Michel Hodge, Director of Project Management, Administrative Affairs
Vlad Iorsh, CUNY Office Assistant, Education Technology
Jeannie James-Simmons, Assistant to Higher Education Officer, Human Resources
Matthew Jeet, CUNY Office Assistant, Business Office
Nicholas Jordan, Assistant to Higher Education Officer, Environmental Health and Safety
Alimany Kamara, Associate Director Admissions, Admissions Services
Elli Levy, Media Resources Coordinator, Academic Computing and Education Technology
Carolette MacDonald, Writing Center Coordinator, English
Reginald Madden, CUNY Office Assistant, President's Office
Regina Mesir, Assistant to Higher Education Officer, Teacher Education
Larese Miller, Project Analyst, Administrative Affairs
Wayne Modesto, Assistant to Higher Education Officer, Admissions Services
Keshaw Narine, College Laboratory Technician, Earth and Physical Sciences

Michele Neuhaus, Early College Liaison, Academic Affairs
Aldi Palacio, Campus Peace Officer, Campus Security Services
Jessica Pecharsky, College Laboratory Technician, Performing and Fine Arts
Julissa Perez, Administrative Assistant, Continuing Education
Sarina Perez, CUNY Office Assistant, Nursing
Rajendra Persaud, Assistant to Higher Education Officer, Admissions Services
Brenda Pettiford, CUNY Office Assistant, Administrative Affairs
Geraldine Powell, CUNY Office Assistant, Institutional Advancement
Michele Reed, Assistant Women's Basketball Coach and Academic Advisor, (HPEG)
Jessica Roman, CUNY Office Assistant, Academic Affairs
Kariefe Samuels, College Laboratory Assistant, Health and Physical Education and Gerontology
Mohammed J. Sarwar, College Laboratory Technician, Academic Computing
Tamika Scholes, Academic Advisor, Academic Affairs
Bernadette Stroud, CUNY Office Assistant, Biology
Byron Taylor, Financial Aid Counselor, Student Financial Services
Barbara Tirado, CUNY Office Assistant, Human Resources
Victor Victoria, Financial Aid Counselor-SEEK, Student Financial Services
Natalie Walker, CUNY Office Assistant, Student Development
Odiah Wallace, Acting Assistant to Director of Testing and Assessment, Academics Affairs
Angela Wearing, CUNY Office Assistant, Aviation
Juanita White, Campus Peace Officer, Campus Security Services
Charmain Williams, TAP Coordinator, Student Financial Services
Beverly Wilson, Assistant Purchasing Agent, Purchasing/Materials Management
Amy Wolfe, Academic Advisor, Academic Affairs

Several members of our faculty and staff have or soon will retire, deciding after many years of service to move on to the next phase of their lives. We extend our best wishes to:

Celestine Anderson, Sociology
Ronni Bunn, President's Office
Nancy Chow, Education Technology
Robert Coen, Mathematics and Computer Studies
Tae-Yu Dai, Mathematics and Computer Studies
Lucia Fahey, Foreign Languages, ESL and Humanities
Patrick Gao, Student Development
Che-Tsao Huang, Academic Computing
Duli Jain, Earth and Physical Services
Joseph Malkevitch, Mathematics and Computer Studies
Barbara Nickolich, Performing and Fine Arts
Shirley Ostholm, Behavioral Sciences
Ina Richards, Student Development
Michaelangelo Salcedo, Mathematics and Computer Studies
Wynne Shilling, Teacher Education
Edward Stevenson, Behavioral Sciences
Helen Strassberg, Mathematics and Computer Studies
Yvette Urquhart, Faculty and Staff Relations

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

The BS in Generic Nursing and Journalism degree programs were approved and registered by the New York State Department of Education.

Academic Affairs launched monthly newsletter “Academic Update.”

Provost Lecture Series launched.

Robert Clovey (Accounting and Business) and student volunteers prepared nearly 600 tax returns.

Department of Teacher Education and Colleen Clay organized and hosted a conference on Caribbean and West African Creole. Keynote speaker: Dr. Adelaide Sanford.

Academic Affairs established the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). Debra Swoboda (Behavioral Sciences), Director and Editor of “DisCover” (A Journal of Scholarly Teaching).

External review of Accounting and Business Department.

RESEARCH & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Faculty and staff awarded over \$6 million in research and sponsored programs funding.

These initiatives support the arts, sciences, philosophy, social and behavioral sciences, health and physical education, adult and continuing education, and small business development.

Twenty faculty members were awarded a total of \$79,867 in PSC-CUNY grants.

UPDATES ON INSTITUTIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES:

Strategic Planning Phase II (President Keizs, Chair).

Middle States Committee (G. Acker, M. Ballantyne, T. Paglione, co-chairs): June 6, 2008, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education reaffirmed our accreditation on all 14 standards. Progress letter due to Middle States on April 1, 2009 on assessment and standardization of syllabi across the college.

Outcomes Assessment Committee (D. Fusco, chair): Assessment Plan completed summer 2008

General Education Task Force launched fall 2008 (M. Ballantyne, V. Moldovan and D. Swoboda, co-chairs).

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Recruitment Initiatives:

New recruitment materials targeted better-prepared students especially potential merit scholarships for freshmen and transfer students.

Increased recruitment efforts beyond local public schools/include parochial schools, 5 boroughs and Nassau and Suffolk counties.

Enrollment Headcount (includes College Now)

Fall 2008: 7,101 (as of September 3, 2008)

Fall 2007: 6,722

Fall 2006: 6,236

Fall 2005: 5,900

Fall 2004: 5,741

Graduation Headcount:

2007-2008: 747

2006-2007: 812

2005-2006: 724

2004-2005: 735

2003-2004: 736

Retention Initiatives:

Successful implementation of DegreeWorks.

Pilot senior year project launched.

Expanded Freshman Orientation. (450 freshmen and 100 transfer students attended).

Expansion of “Up ‘til Midnight” offering specialized workshops for CPE prep. New initiatives for Student Government Retreat and Student Leadership Development Programs.

Ms. Michele Montas, the Spokesperson for the Secretary-General of the United Nations, “The Agronomist,” December 3, 2007.

Men’s Center “Barbershop Forum for Men” Lecture Series and 4.5 Mentoring Program.

Regional Student Affairs Conference, May 2, 2008. (800 plus attendees).

Child Care Center opened summer, 2008 (currently 11, 2-3 year olds enrolled).

CAMPUS FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

Facilities Master Plan launched July, 2008.

Phase II of Library renovation implemented.

Site improvements expanded to the exterior: benches, tables, planters, shrubbery, and trees.

Exterior guard booth installed at Guy R. Brewer entrance.

Expanded student affinity spaces [3rd Floor Lounge, Game Room and Cardinal Café (Starbucks)

Creation of New Spaces for Students and Faculty

Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL)

Scholarship Center

Pandora’s Box (Student Newspaper)

Men’s Center

Career Counseling

CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Over \$8 million in capital funding was received: \$2.7 million from Queens Borough President Marshall; \$3.8 million from the Queens Delegation; and \$2.3 from Council members Comrie and White.

The funding will support the purchase of scientific equipment (\$2.3M); Greenhouse Renovation (\$1.7M); HPE Renovations (\$665K); and Landscape Development (\$2M).

Congressional Funding of \$500,000 from Congressman Gregory Meeks for the Aviation Program and the Science, Engineering, Mathematics and Aerospace Academy (SEMAA).

Environmental Initiatives

Hybrid parking spaces

Bike racks
NYC Parks Department donated and planted 40 trees
Greenfest celebration
Comprehensive recycling and waste removal project

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE:

e-PAFs launched (electronic personnel action form).
Cardinal Careers implemented (electronic jobs and internships search engine).
Resources 25 (electronic space allocation and scheduling system).
Student, faculty and staff email system upgraded.
Y-Connect implemented (student customer service desk).
CUNY Alert system launched.

CUNYfirst

A comprehensive Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that will revolutionize the underlying business and information systems that serves students, faculty and staff. The first phase - new accounting and bookkeeping processes – was implemented July, 2008.

Future benefits of CUNYfirst:

Streamline online course registration

Streamline payroll system

Enable students, faculty and staff to view their records online

Allow online applications for University employment

Standardize administrative terminology throughout CUNY

Create online requests for financial aid

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Michael Brown '08, former York College All-American, places seventh at Jamaica Olympic National Trials.

Joanna Coradin-Hayes '08, Biology major, Princeton University, Ph.D. in Molecular Biology.

Angelo Damanti '08, Chemical Analyst, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Northeast Regional Laboratory.

Adis Charles, incoming freshman via the Continuing Education, Adult Learning Center, awarded the Peter Jennings Laurel Scholarship.

ALUMNI COMMUNITY

Angelo Gousse '86, M.D, appointed full Professor at the University of Miami, School of Medicine.

Derell Kennedo '07, Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow.

Kathy Jedruczek '06, graduated with honors, inaugural class of CUNY Graduate School of Journalism.

ADVANCEMENT/OUTREACH INITIATIVES

York College Foundation raised almost \$480,000 in philanthropic support.

York College Foundation fundraiser featured Three Mo' Tenors. The event raised \$270,000 for merit scholarships and honored York College Commemorative Quilt Committee.

SCS Astoria Foundation gave the College \$125,000 in scholarship support.

Muhammad Yunus, 2006 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, delivered an address and received the CUNY Chancellor's medal.

York on the March bi-annual publication, Vol. 3.

Executive Breakfast Series speakers included Elliott Lee Sander, President of MTA, Kevin Burke, CEO Con Edison, Dan Doctoroff, former Deputy Mayor, Bloomberg Administration.

Renowned author Paule Marshall donated a valuable collection of African American and Afro-Caribbean books to the Library from her personal collection.

Hosted prime ministers and senior government officials from 12 CARICOM nations.

Continuing Education partnered with FDA to offer a three-day workshop. Attendees from the U.S., Ghana, Mexico and Nigeria.

Continuing Education awarded \$15,000 from Verizon to produce video in preparation for new citizenship examination.

Educational Opportunity Center (SUNY/EOC) opened a satellite center in Far Rockaway.

This has been a year of achievement for York College. I thank you all for being such active partners in our progress as we continue our journey to being the best York College we can be. During 2008-2009, we will execute and plan at the same time. Execution will lead us to improve our academic outcomes in the areas of CPE performance; general education courses; retention and graduation rates; increase instruction by full-time faculty; and improve student satisfaction. Planning will lead us to probe the question: who will we be at fifty? I encourage each of you to review the full Performance Management Process report and Goals and Targets on the website.

I invite your continued engagement.

Sincerely,


Marcia V. Keiz
President

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