

To: C.W. Post Campus Community
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Welcome back from Spring break. I want to share a few exciting highlights of the past weeks, beginning with the Pioneer sports teams. The Division II men's and women's basketball teams, coached by **Chris Casey** and **Deirdre Moore**, respectively, had thrilling performances this season and both won the East Coast Conference Championships on the weekend of March 11 and 12 and participated in NCAA tournament play. Our sister team at the Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University won the Northeast Conference championship and earned a trip to the Division I NCAA tournament for the first time since 1997. Congratulations Blackbirds! In the classroom, C.W. Post's student-athletes have consistently distinguished themselves. The swimming team, coached by **Maureen Travers**, won the College Swimming Coaching Association's Scholar All America Team Award in recognition of the team's collective 3.58 GPA – the highest of any women's swimming team in the nation in NCAA Division II. The field hockey team, coached by **Raenee Savin**, had the second-best GPA in the country, 3.48. Four cross-country runners were named Academic All-Americans by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association: **Christian Altamura**, **Raymond Coyle**, **Vince Giambanco** and **Joseph Lasher**. Congratulations to the student-athletes of C.W. Post for their exemplary efforts, on and off the field!

In this update, you will find additional information on new learning and teaching activities that our faculty, staff and students are engaged in this Spring. You can stay current with the latest news about C.W. Post by visiting our website at www.liu.edu/cwpost/news.

Unusual Concert to Kick Off New Summer Session: Perhaps the most unusual performance in the history of C.W. Post will take place on Wednesday, March 30 at 11 a.m. in Hillwood Commons Lecture Hall. The entire campus community is invited to watch the first Long Island Vegetable Orchestra perform music on carrots, broccoli, peppers, celery, watermelon and other fresh produce that were carved into instruments only 24 hours earlier. Adjunct Professor of Music **Dale Stuckenbruck**, a Grammy-nominated veteran of many Broadway productions, will lead the performance. The concert captures the spirit of innovation, imagination and creativity of C.W. Post's new summer program titled "Sustainability: Our World, Our Responsibility." The program consists of three-credit undergraduate courses offered at a 1/3rd tuition discount that explore clean energy, economic stability and resource conservation from vastly different perspectives. Faculty members who are experts in biology and ecology, ancient history and modern technology, international business and Wall Street, public education and electronic journalism and the visual arts will address the many facets of sustainability and environmentalism in fresh and inspiring ways. The keynote speaker will be C.W. Post Professor of Art **Richard Kirk Mills**, who has been deeply involved with the New Jersey environmental community through various environmental art collaborations by creating art works for public spaces in New Jersey. For information visit our website at www.liu.edu/cwpost/summer.

Long Island Brain Bee: For the second straight year, a Jericho High School student won the Long Island Brain Bee at C.W. Post – and this time, her schoolmates won second and third place as well. **Lindsey Lam** of Muttontown, a 17-year-old Jericho senior, won the 12th annual neuroscience competition in Hillwood Commons Lecture Hall on March 5. Jericho High sophomore **Rachit Bhatt** was the second-place finisher and 9th grader **Preeti Kakani** came in third. Ms. Lam went on to represent Long Island at the National Brain Bee in Baltimore. More than 45 New York metro area high school students took part in the event. Congratulations to Dr. Grace Rossi and Susan Ansbro of the Psychology Department on the continuing success and growing prestige of this unique educational event.

Women of Distinction, Students and Faculty: Nearly 50 students were recognized for their leadership, community service, experiential learning and professional successes at "Making Your Mark: A Celebration of Women and Their Achievements," the annual dinner sponsored by the C.W. Post Employer Advisory Board and the Division for Student Success on March 10. Nassau County District Attorney **Kathleen Rice** was the keynote speaker. Meanwhile, Dr. **Kathleen Feeley**, founding director of the Center for Community Inclusion at C.W. Post, has been named a Woman of Distinction by the Town of Oyster Bay. The CCI has provided life-changing programming and advocacy for individuals with disabilities and their families since its founding in 2009.



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New Master's in Digital Game Design Previewed in Online Open House: Prospective students learned the details of C.W. Post's new Master of Arts in Digital Game Design and Development, the first degree of its kind on Long Island, in a virtual open house conducted last week. **Benjamin Moore**, acting dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts, and Art Professor **Patrick Aievoli**, founding director of the Interactive Multimedia Arts program, were on hand to describe the program and answer questions in a live chat room. The Office of Admissions is taking full advantage of online technology to reach out to prospective students. The Office has hosted a number of online open houses this Fall and Spring which bring degree program information directly to the homes and offices of students interested in attending C.W. Post.

Pratt Center Begins 10th Year of Fitness and Fun: From thrilling moments such as the men's basketball team's come-from-behind victory in the NCAA East Regionals in March 2009, to popular annual events such as the student Fashion Show and Pratt After Dark, to daily workouts and fitness classes of great personal importance to the campus community, the Pratt Recreation Center is a hub of campus life at C.W. Post. The Pratt Recreation Center will begin its 10th year of fun and fitness this Spring, and the campus community is invited to a kick-off event on Friday, April 1 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. There will be free smoothies, snacks, T-shirts, giveaways and raffles, a trivia contest and plenty of Post Pride and Pioneer spirit.

Guest Lecturer to Examine the Traces We Leave Online: Most of us engage in online transactions and interactions on a daily basis – leaving bits of evidence and information behind as we go about our virtual lives. Dr. **Gary Marchionini**, dean of the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will examine the “projections of self” and the accrual of dynamic traces of our existences on the Internet in the final colloquium of the Spring 2011 semester hosted by the Palmer School of Library and Information Science. Dr. Marchionini's lecture, “Projections in Cyberspace: A New Kind of Information – Implications for Individuals, Institutions, and Information Professionals,” will be held on Tuesday, March 29 in the Patron's Lounge of Tilles Center. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m.; Dr. Marchionini's lecture will begin at 7 p.m. Dr. Marchionini's areas of expertise include information interaction, human-computer interaction, human-centered computing, information retrieval, digital libraries, information architecture, digital government, cyberspace identity and information policy.

Dr. Schutt Invited to Speak at Yale: C.W. Post Biology Professor **William Schutt**, a fellow at the American Museum of Natural History and a renowned authority on bats, has been invited to speak at Yale University's Peabody Museum of Natural History. Dr. Schutt is the author of the critically acclaimed book, “Dark Banquet: The Curious Lives of Blood-Feeding Creatures,” published by Random House, and has been asked to speak as part of the Peabody Museum's John H. Ostrom Program Series.

Alumna at Fox News to Address Media Arts Students: **Michaela Huntley**, a 2005 graduate of C.W. Post, will return to her alma mater on Thursday, March 24 to speak to students from the Media Arts Department as part of the “Food for Thought (and discussion)” lecture series. Ms. Huntley is a producer and talent booker at the Fox News program “Red Eye with Greg Gutfeld.” In this role she brings together politicians, musicians, authors and comedians for lively exchanges on the news of the day. Her talk is sure to be fascinating and especially valuable for students pursuing careers in the media.

Enjoying Art in the Digital Age: C.W. Post alumna **Barbara Applegate '93, '03** (M.A.), director of Hillwood Art Museum, will co-host a dinner discussion with the School of Visual and Performing Arts on new ways to use mobile devices like iPads or smartphones to learn about and enjoy the great visual art of the ages. Repositories of fine art including the Museum of Modern Art, the Brooklyn Museum and the Louvre have apps for mobile devices that enhance the museum experience or provide stand-alone information. The creators of the Metropolitan Museum of Art's new app, *Guitar Heroes*, will also discuss the development of this new venture and how museums are reaching a new technology savvy audience. The evening will conclude with a walkthrough of the M.F.A. exhibition at Hillwood Art Museum, which is enhanced by a digital tour through OnCell systems. The dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30 at 6 p.m.

Campus to Host Conference on Domestic Violence: The Department of Social Work will hold a public conference on the “Many Faces of Family Violence” on Friday, April 8. The event is co-sponsored by the Nassau County Executive's Task Force on Family Violence, and will feature remarks by Nassau County Executive **Edward Mangano**. Topics include the impact of post-traumatic stress disorder on veterans and their families; the impact of family violence on children; and the interdisciplinary approaches to abusive traits. Dr. **Elissa Giffords**, professor of social work, is a member of the county executive's task force. University President Dr. **David Steinberg** will deliver welcoming remarks to the conference in Humanities Lecture Hall.

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