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Yvette Leung

Brookville Student Wins Brain Bee at C.W. Post

Then captures first place at U.S. National Brain Bee in Baltimore

Yvette Leung of Brookville, a senior at Jericho High School who took a college course while in seventh grade, won the 11th annual Long Island Brain Bee at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University in March.

Yvette credited her "absolutely fabulous" science research teacher at Jericho High School, Serena McCalla, with helping her prepare for the Brain Bee. Dr. **Grace Rossi**, Professor **Barbara Bauer** and **Susan Ansbro** of the C.W. Post Psychology Department played key roles in Yvette's achievements by organizing Saturday morning prep sessions for the Brain Bee. Yvette answered every question correctly in the quiz-show-style neuroscience competition. Her final question asked the name of the disorder that causes an "overwhelming sense of impending doom." The answer was panic disorder.

"I like neuroscience because it's a relatively new field of science that merges many disciplines together – biology, chemistry and physics," said Yvette, who lives with her parents, Cynthia and Benny Leung, in Brookville.

After winning on the regional level, Yvette represented Long Island at the United States National Brain Bee in Baltimore where she competed against 37 students to win first place.



(from left) Dr. Katherine Hill-Miller, dean, C.W. Post College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Dora Lu, grandmother, Cynthia Leung, mother, Yvette Leung, Dr. Paul Forestell, C.W. Post provost

With the national title
Yvette earned a \$1,500
scholarship and a summer
internship with a
neuroscientist. She will
compete in the International
Brain Bee in San Diego
this August.

Yvette will begin her college career at Harvard University in September with three college credits under her belt, from the "Introduction to Computer Science" course she took with C.W. Post Professor Seth Magot while still in middle school. "It was challenging, obviously, but it was a nice experience to see what college is like," she said.

C.W. Post Lauded by American Red Cross

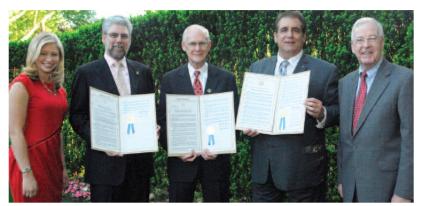
The Nassau County Chapter of the American Red Cross honored the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University as a "Partner in Preparedness" at its annual Red & White Dinner Dance on May 20.

For almost a decade, C.W. Post has served as one of only three disaster relief centers at a college campus in the New York metropolitan area. Should a weather-related disaster or other emergency occur, as a mega shelter, C.W. Post is prepared to provide food, shelter and comfort to those who need it.

"The members of the C.W. Post community are truly honored to be recognized by the Nassau County chapter of the American Red Cross," and to be a part of the important, benevolent work done by this outstanding organization," said Dr. Paul Forestell, C.W. Post provost.



(left to right seated) Margo Kramer, C.W. Post Semper Fi Endowed Scholarship benefactor; Joanne Graziano, assistant provost for admissions recruitment; Lisa Mulvey, associate vice president of development; Mary Lai, treasurer emerita, Long Island University; Tess Mullarkey, chancellor; Nancy Marksbury, deputy chief information officer; (left to right standing) Marty Kramer, C.W. Post Semper Fi Endowed Scholarship benefactor; Dr. Paul Forestell, provost; Paul Rapess, director of public safety; Dr. Kay Hutchins Sato, assistant provost for continuing education; Gina Bigelow, associate director of public relations; Jennifer Fitzpatrick, director of community relations; Michael N. Emmerman, trustee, Long Island University; Ed Shorin, trustee Long Island University; Bob Jahelka, president, C.W. Post Alumni Association; Bob Gariglio, member, Alumni Board of Directors, Bill Gustafson, associate provost for student success



(from left) Jackie Lukas, News 12 anchor and mistress of ceremonies, Dr. Paul Forestell, provost, C.W. Post Campus, Dr. W. Hubert Keen, president, Farmingdale State College, Frank Cassano, chief executive officer, American Red Cross, Kemp Hannon, New York State Senator

From the Editor



Do you want to become more familiar with the C.W. Post Campus?

We are proud to offer monthly community

tours designed to introduce Village residents to the Campus and its amenities. Just a short walk or drive from your home, you will find a spectacular university setting that features many academic and recreational opportunities, from sporting events and lectures to concerts and museum exhibits. We host numerous events where C.W. Post scholars and guest experts speak about timely topics of the day. Often, our events are free of charge for community residents. In recent months we have hosted New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, comedian Bill Cosby, world-renowned Egyptologist Bob Brier, suspense novelist and C.W. Post Professor Tom Fahy and wine connoisseur Louisa Hargrave, to name a few.

Summer is a great time to visit us. Our arboretum is in full bloom, you can sign-up at a special summer membership rate for the Pratt Recreation Center, take a course or catch a concert in the Chamber Music Festival in July.

I am happy to introduce you to the many programs that make C.W. Post a proud place to learn, engage and become inspired! I can be reached at (516) 299-3500 or e-mail neighbor@liu.edu

~Jennifer Fitzpatrick

"Just a short walk or drive from your home, you will find a spectacular university setting..."

Monti Foundation Funds New Genetics Lab at C.W. Post

Students in the new master's degree program in genetic counseling at C.W. Post will learn the details of DNA and human developmental biology in a new laboratory funded by a \$500,000 gift from The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation.

The Tita, Joseph and Don Monti Genetics and Human Development Lab, which opens Sept. 7, will serve as a genetics/ embryology teaching facility equipped with the most advanced scientific tools. The laboratory also will be used by students in the biology, biomedical sciences, and forensic science degree programs.

In acknowledging the generous gift from The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation, Dr. David J. Steinberg, president of Long Island University, said, "We are deeply grateful to The Foundation for advancing this exciting medical discipline, which is bringing new resources to patients and families in the fight against debilitating birth defects and inherited conditions."

The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation is the premier organization dedicated to cancer research, education, fellowship and patient care in the Long Island/tri-state area. It was founded in 1972 by Tita and Joseph Monti in memory of their son, Don, who died that



Caroline Monti Saladino, president of The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation, and her husband Arthur Saladino, recently visited the Pell Hall/Life Science building on the C.W. Post Campus where the new Tita, Joseph and Don Monti Genetics and Human Development Lab will be located. (FRONT ROW: from left) Bhuma Krishnamachari, director of genetic counseling; Caroline Monti Saladino; Dr. Katherine Hill-Miller, dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. (BACK ROW) Edward Travaglianti, chairman of the board, Long Island University; Dr. Jeffrey Kane, vice president for academic affairs, Long Island University; Arthur Saladino; Dr. David J. Steinberg, president, Long Island University; Dr. Matthew Draud, chair, Biology Department; Dr. Paul Forestell, provost

year at age 16 of myeloblastic leukemia.

Caroline Monti Saladino, president of the foundation, said, "I am very excited that The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation has partnered with Long Island University in funding the Joseph, Tita and Don Monti Genetics and Human Development Laboratory, a program that will train professionals to guide patients and their families in understanding their genetic predisposition to various types of cancer. I believe that my parents and my brother would be very pleased that our foundation is focusing on

education, which is such an important component in our war against cancer."

In September, C.W. Post will become one of the few universities in the nation to offer the Master of Science in Genetic Counseling. Graduates of the program will be qualified to evaluate patients' personal and family histories for inherited medical conditions, including certain birth defects or inherited cancer syndromes.

For more information on The Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation, visit www.donmontifoundation.org. For more information on the genetic counseling program at C.W. Post, visit www.liu.edu/cwpost/genetic.

News On Campus

- Blended Degree Programs: C.W. Post will offer three master's degree programs in a blended learning format, which combines the convenience of online learning with the richness of face-to-face classroom instruction. The new programs are available in the areas of accountancy, nursing education and library & information science with a specialization in school library media.
- Mission Trip to Rwanda: Nearly two dozen C.W. Post students pursuing master's degrees in mental health counseling and school counseling will travel to Rwanda in July to work with those who survived the genocide of 1994. The students will be completely immersed in the Rwandan culture, living in two private guest houses and



working in mental health hospitals and orphanages in and around Kagali, the capital city.

• Men's Lacrosse National Champs: The C.W. Post men's lacrosse team won its second straight NCAA Division II National Championship with a 14-9 win against Le Moyne College on May 30 at M&T Bank Stadium in Baltimore.

Brookville Neighbors Night Out on Campus

neighbors in the Village. The gallery featured an exhibit of art work by local high school students.

In January, Brookville residents enjoyed a night out at C.W. Post for a performance of Hairspray at Tilles Center for the Performing Arts. A pre-show reception was held at the Student Art League Gallery, where guests mingled and caught up with friends and

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Frank and Sue lannucci with family and friends



(left to right) Angela Garridoa, Carolyn Mangiarotti, Marcia Stadler, Christine Arnouse, Joanne Von Zwehl, Sherri Huseby, Maria Steck, Regina Rogers, Caterina Kunzman



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