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### Greetings from the Associate Provost

I would like to welcome you to the Long Island University community! As the only private university serving Long Island's east-end, we are uniquely positioned to

provide both the personal and friendly atmosphere of a small college with the educational resources of one of the nation's largest independent universities. Our partnership with Suffolk County Community College in Riverhead, where our academic facilities are conveniently located, serves as a model of public/private educational collaboration.

I am especially pleased to note that this May we graduated our first undergraduate class. This was a wonderful moment for Long Island University at Riverhead students, faculty, and administration alike. Along with the aforementioned undergraduate childhood education students, we were also extremely proud to graduate students from our teacher education graduate programs in Literacy, Teaching Students with Disabilities, and Childhood Education as well as those in the fully online M.S. and Advanced Certificate programs in Homeland Security Management.

We also are excited about a new undergraduate degree opportunity for students at Long Island University at Riverhead. Beginning this fall, students will be able to enroll in the new B.A. in Communication Studies – New Media program. This innovative degree is designed to prepare students for a wide-range of employment opportunities where effective communication skills are desired. Along with a new website and the addition of a new full-time faculty member, this degree serves as a major part of an exciting time for Long Island University at Riverhead.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Long Island University at Riverhead newsletter, and I invite you to learn more about us by visiting our new website at www.liu.edu/riverhead or by visiting us in person.

Sincerely, Jennifer Browne Associate Provost



Jacqueline Salvesen receives a Bachelor of Science degree in childhood education from President Steinberg.

#### A Historic Occasion!

Long Island University at Riverhead celebrated its first cohort of baccalaureate graduates at its annual commencement ceremony held at Giorgio's in Baiting Hollow, N.Y.

The ceremony celebrated the achievements of the first 13 students to graduate with the B.S. in childhood education. Riverhead resident Alicia Burt was Long Island University at Riverhead's first valedictorian.

In addition, 47 students received the Master of Science in education; 23 received the fully online M.S. in homeland security management and 31 received the graduate-level online Advanced Certificate in homeland security management.

"If you are truly committed to your dream, there are jobs because there are children waiting for you," said Maryellen Gamberg, assistant adjunct professor of education and keynote speaker.

Dr. David J. Steinberg, president of Long Island University, said there is a national void waiting to be filled by both the graduates of the education programs and the homeland security program—growing threats of terrorism as well as a growing learning deficit and drop-out rate in the nation's K-12 education system. "Imagine how bleak the future would be if programs like these two did not exist; consider how much more vulnerable our nation would be without each of you," he said.

Dr. Paul Forestell, provost of Long Island University at Riverhead and the University's C.W. Post Campus, and Jennifer Browne, associate provost for Long Island University at Riverhead, presided over the ceremony.



## New Media Degree Offered at Riverhead Campus

In today's global society, the ability to communicate clearly and effectively is essential to career success. There are many ways to transmit information - and Long Island University at Riverhead's newest undergraduate program, the B.A. in Communication Studies – New Media, will prepare students to become skilled professionals in advanced writing and communication on 21st century platforms. Classes began in September for the 62-credit, interdisciplinary program, which includes courses in: technology in education, new media and society, interpersonal communication in the digital age, emerging media applications, advertising and public relations, new media literacies, digital storytelling, business communication, gaming and society, media law, advanced professional writing, communication research methods and oral communication and presentation. Graduates of Suffolk County Community College can transfer seamlessly into the program, but transfers are welcome from all institutions. For more on the new B.A. in Communication Studies – New Media, visit www.liu.edu/riverhead.

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### Alumni Profile



## Homeland Security Planner Nicholas Giordano

Nicholas P. Giordano, a 2009 graduate of the M.S. in Homeland Security
Management Program at Long Island
University at Riverhead, is a Homeland
Security Planner with Strategic
Emergency Group, LLC. He has in-depth
knowledge and experience in homeland
security programs, including emergency
management planning,

# Students, Alumni and Faculty Videotaped for New Website



New video profiles of Riverhead students, alumni and faculty will offer an up-close and personal introduction to the campus for prospective students and community members. Interviewed are homeland security management program alumnus Nicholas Giordano '09 M.S. (see sidebar); Christopher Padden, who is pursuing an M.S. in homeland security management and is a team leader of the Long Island Search and Rescue unit of the Brookhaven Tech Rescue Task Force; Michelle Valerio, pursuing a B.S. in childhood education; professor Erica Pecorale in the teacher education program; alumnus Corydon Doyle '09 M.S., a permanent substitute teacher in the Westhampton Beach School District; Wendy Castelli, pursuing an M.S. in childhood education and a certified residential real estate appraiser and vice president/co-owner of Pase Appraisers; and Long Island University at Riverhead Director of Admissions Andrea Borra.

# **Education Faculty Welcomes New Professor**

Lisa M. Scheffer, Ed.D., has joined the faculty of Long Island University at Riverhead as an assistant professor in teacher education. Dr. Scheffer comes to the University from the Sag Harbor school district, where she is director of pupil personnel services, responsible for staff supervision and development, student supervision and management, curriculum and instruction and parental and community involvement. She holds a Doctorate of Education in educational administration, leadership and technology from Dowling College, a professional diploma in school district administration from Stony Brook University, an M.S. in school counseling from the College of New Rochelle and a B.A. in psychology from New York University.

preparedness, response and recovery, critical infrastructure protection and resilience, and grant funding. His daily responsibilities include researching, analyzing and incorporating the components and protocols of the National Response Framework, National Incident Management System, Incident Command System and National Infrastructure Protection Plan.

Giordano's experience with both the public and private sectors allow him to lead security programs in a variety of settings. Giordano, who also received his master's degree in political science from the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University, teaches political science at Suffolk County Community College.

"The faculty of the Homeland Security Management program is dedicated to ensuring students receive individualized attention," Giordano said. "Their knowledge and real-world experience provides well-balanced lessons. They're a big reason why the Homeland Security Management Program at Long Island University is one of the most well-respected programs in the country."

### New Website Debuts This Fall

Long Island University at Riverhead's new website is scheduled to launch in September. The new site at www.liu.edu/riverhead will feature easier navigation, quick links to campus news and FAQs, video profiles of students, faculty and alumni, an updated calendar, user-friendly search options and links to important sites for students, alumni and other members of the Riverhead community. The site is coordinated and managed by Long Island University's marketing and public relations team.

### About Long Island University at Riverhead

Long Island University at Riverhead provides working adults, career changers and community college graduates with the opportunity to pursue private university education on Long Island's East End. Located on Suffolk County Community College's Eastern Campus, Long Island University at Riverhead offers the upper-division B.S. in Childhood Education and B.A. in Communication Studies -New Media, the M.S. in Childhood Education, the M.S. in Literacy Education, the M.S. in Teaching Students with Disabilities and the Advanced Certificate in Applied Behavior Analysis. In addition, an M.S. and an Advanced Certificate in Homeland Security Management are offered fully online. These unique programs feature comprehensive curricula designed by professionals for professionals. Faculty and guest lecturers include some of the top names in law enforcement, counterterrorism and government. All programs are accredited by the Commission of Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In addition, the teacher education program is accredited by the Teacher Education Accreditation Council.