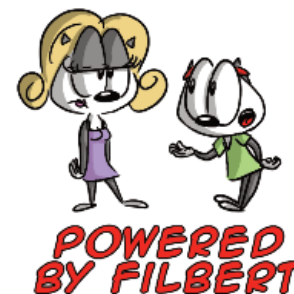


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Dating apps, and safety

Laura LaVacca
Campus News

In this new device-obsessed culture, it seems only natural that people are making love connections (or at least trying to) over their iPhones, iPads or Androids. Safety issues are an increasing concern, but first here's a roundup of a few popular applications:

Launched in 2012, and perhaps the best known of the bunch, **Tinder's** "face swiping" seems to be taking the dating world by storm. Although Tinder is accused of being the "hook up" app, it is also home to successful long-distance relationships. To date, the website boasts 20 billion matches. Regardless of your views on online dating, it's safe to say Tinder has changed the dating game.

The app requires users to have



a Facebook account and be eighteen years of age. Once you're up and running, users can connect to Instagram, make a profile and include a handful of profile images. There are user settings that control who sees profiles and what users you would like to see.

Perhaps what sets Tinder apart and what users flocked to is the "swipe" feature. When logged in, Tinder shows the picture,

name and age of a prospective love-interest. Swiping right means a like while swiping left means a pass. If mutual swipes occur, the app will invite you to send a message. This prohibits unwanted contact.

To download Tinder is free but Tinder Gold or Tinder Plus does come with a subscription fee.

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'Free' is good!

Darren Johnson
Campus News

I intended to write a big followup to last month's cover story on how the "free tuition" Excelsior Scholarship played out in New York this fall, as SUNY had expected to have final numbers by mid-September. But as of press time, they haven't come. I put out a query to numerous community colleges to get individual stats; some had them, while others were wait-

ing for SUNY's lead. CUNY also hasn't sent out final stats. Surely, they will be in by the next issue.

That said, I have been approaching this from the community college angle, as that's where our print edition goes – to community colleges. And the various administrators I've spoken to are generally optimistic about this scholarship, and feel it can only help. Overall, most colleges felt

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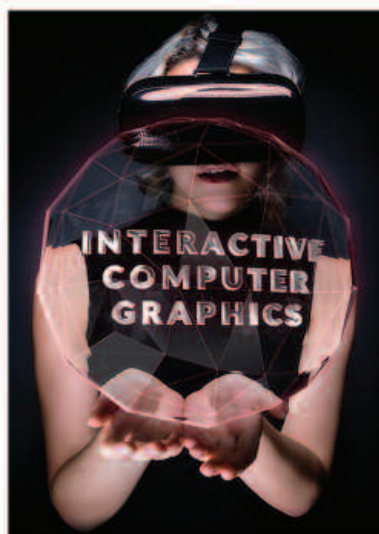




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that New York’s approval of the scholarship came a bit too late to dramatically affect enrollment, but next year, as the scholarship becomes more widely known and the income threshold for eligibility increases to \$110,000 per year, more students will take advantage of it.

“The big upside is it reinforces the state’s commitment to making college as affordable as possible – there’s really no downside to that,” said Jay Quaintance, President of Sullivan County Community College, in a recent interview.

There are some reports that students who qualified for the scholarship decided not to take it after reading all of the requirements: A student must stay in state for an equal number of years after graduation, must continue to maintain 30 credits with passing grades and must stay in touch with HESC to prove their residence – else, the scholarship turns into a 10-year loan. Because Excelsior is a last-dollar scholarship – meaning, it also takes into account other aid a student gets and doesn’t go past zeroing out a student’s bill – a student may

only get a small amount of money from the program; thus signing the paperwork isn’t worth the potential hassle down the road. One student was reported to have received only \$7 from Excelsior; meaning, Pell and Tap covered everything else for him, so, in fact, he did get “free tuition.” The governor’s office estimates that over 50% of New York students attending a SUNY or CUNY full-time got completely free tuition, one way or the next.

It appears that about 23,000 of New York’s SUNY or CUNY bound students qualified for some Excelsior money; 75,000 applied. Some students, though, already got full TAP/Pell, so didn’t need the money and thus don’t count toward the 23,000. Especially community college students; the largest number of Excelsior recipients were at four-year colleges with University at Buffalo, which is in a poorer region where more people earn under the \$100,000 threshold, leading the way.

Community colleges had fewer students actually need

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From a 2-year college to the Ivy League

Telijah Patterson
Campus News

“We think that we don’t stand a chance at getting into highly selective schools and therefore don’t apply. I really struggled to get out of that mindset,” said Christian Esquivel, a Fall 2017 LaGuardia Community College transfer at Brown University.

Brown, one of the eight esteemed Ivy League schools, had a paltry freshman acceptance rate of 9.8% and an even lower transfer acceptance rate of 5.6% in the year 2016, but that didn’t stop Esquivel from applying, and his case isn’t isolated; a year earlier he was preceded by fellow LCC student Edemir Castano.

Traditionally, most transfers to Ivy and other prestigious schools are from other four-year universities, but increasingly students from community colleges are setting their eyes on and being admitted to highly selective schools. In fact, Esquivel was not the first from LCC to attend Brown. Four other students were admitted last year. In addition to Brown, alumni have attended Cornell, Columbia, Johns Hopkins, Georgetown, Sarah Lawrence, and even Stanford.

“If you think that there is any possibility you might want to attend, apply, no matter how out of reach it may seem,” advises Esquivel. In addition to Brown, he was accepted at Amherst, Tufts, NYU and others.

However, the road is not an easy one. From researching schools that will be the right fit to gathering recommendation letters to writing and rewriting personal statements to even retaking the SAT, the road to an elite college can be a grueling one, yet rewarding. The key is to have the right guidance and support. In addition to his high GPA coupled with his roles as a

Phi Theta Kappa VP and school ambassador, Esquivel humbly acknowledges that having a transfer coach was really the determining factor. As a Kaplan Scholar, he was provided with SAT tutorials, a transfer coach, and monthly visits to elite four-year schools.

“Our coach gave us a list of 20+ schools,” notes Esquivel, “and then it was on us to do research and find the schools that were most attractive in terms of programs, departments, environment, etc. We had three categories: safety, reach, and super-reach schools. Once I warmed up to the idea of leaving New York, I also tried to diver-

Elite colleges may also give more financial aid.

sify my list based on geographical location.”

Although most students don’t have the luxury of a transfer coach, most community college campuses have a writing center and a transfer office. Many offer workshops on how to improve your personal statement. Take advantage of these resources. Go to your writing center regularly to get feedback on your writing. Your transfer service office will also give you tips on how to get into a selective school, some offer vouchers for your application fee, and some schools even have articulation agreements with selective schools making it easier to transfer credits. Many schools have mentorship programs; find out what is available on campus. Building and maintaining a strong relationship with your professors can also help you to gain a mentor. Don’t forget to seek out other motivated students on your campus. If your

college has an honors program, take an honors class; selective schools love to see this on your transcript. Even if you don’t make an A, it indicates drive and determination.

Transferring to an elite institution opens many doors. And contrary to popular belief, often low-income students from community colleges receive more financial aid at selective private schools than they would at big public schools.

There is a correlation between high ranking schools and high endowments. The higher the school’s endowment the more generous they tend to be in giving students aid. This is often done through grants and scholarships with loans being a last resort. In fact, amongst all the Ivy leagues the policy is to meet 100% of a student’s financial need as determined by the college. Many other top ranking schools have adopted this policy. More financial resources means that the school can hire more faculty, so class size tends to be smaller, averaging around 10 students. This type of close-knit learning community gives students individualized attention, which greatly enhances their learning. There are more opportunities to network with fellow top students. And of course completing a degree at a prestigious university is an excellent notation when your resume is being judged by a hiring manager.

Perhaps the biggest obstacle for students is their own perception of themselves. Many students feel they don’t have what it takes to attend an elite institution. To her students that doubt their potential, Monica Johnson, program director of the America Needs You fellowship states, “Don’t tell yourself no, let other people tell you no, then you can prove them wrong.”



Christian Esquivel

In fact, an increasing number of prestigious colleges are saying “yes” to transfer students. Princeton recently started accepting transfers. Cornell accepts 20% of transfer applicant as opposed to 14% of freshman applicants. Yale, Columbia, Smith and Mount Holyoke are amongst a few institutions with special programs designed for non-traditional aged transfer students. The latter two schools even have options to accommodate women with families.

With over 40% of college students nationwide attending community colleges and rising, Ivy and other first-tier schools realize the value in accepting these students. Not only do community college students add diversity, many often come with life experience, and the grit to handle a rigorous curriculum. As winter graduations approach, many students are looking to transfer to four-year institutions for the Spring 2018 and Fall 2018 semesters. If your dream is to attend a selective college, go for it! You wouldn’t be the first, and you won’t be the last.

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How to invest in the stock market

Prof. John DeSpagna
Campus News

In previous columns, I have written about preparing for your future and having a passion for things you do in life. In this column, I would like explore preparing for your future with financial literacy and pursuing a passion with stocks.

My first position in finance was working as a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch. I learned about the world of investments and have used this financial knowledge to help prepare for the financial goals I have set. Learning about stocks can be enjoyable and fun when you implement the knowledge into your portfolio decisions.

Many people want to learn about stocks but don't know where to start. So, let's take a couple minutes and get things going.

The first step I would take is to simply select ten stocks that you want to follow. Pick stocks of companies that you know and use so you can relate to them. Some examples I can give would be Apple, Facebook, Google, Nike, Amazon, Bank of America,

Starbucks, Home Depot, McDonalds and Tesla. (Please note that I am not making stock recommendations here but listing companies you are familiar with).

After selecting your ten stocks, enter them into your cell phone so you can track them every day. Look at the daily price changes and changes in volume and try to figure why you have these price changes. On my iPhone, you can also see the stock price chart for the last year and you can also read the updated news on the stock. What are the high and low prices for the stock in the past year? How is the stock trending and why the change in price?

One of the most important and valuable valuation measures of a stock price is what is known as the P/E ratio. This is the price of the stock divided by the earnings per share. Looking at Apple stock today, the earnings per share is 17. As a generalization, a P/E ratio of over 20'ish is considered high by analysts. Generally speaking, try to stay away from companies with a high P/E ratio as they become overvalued and subject to a potential correction.

I would also suggest buying stocks of quality companies and stay away from the low priced penny stocks. Part of your strategy should consider thinking long term with your holdings. This leads into what is your sell strategy? I had many clients who never wanted to sell a stock because they thought it would keep going up. A stock does not go up forever. Develop a strategy here and stick with it. Perhaps you sell half of your



position if the stock doubles.

Researching what stocks to buy is part of the fun. A resource used by many to research stocks is Value Line. Value Line gives a very short and concise one page analysis of a stock with their current recommendation. You can obtain a Value Line report on a stock from the Reference section of your local library.

If you want to continue to develop an interest in stocks or follow a career path, I can recommend several steps you can take.

First, I would take a course at your favorite community college in Investments or Personal Finance. You will learn the basics to enhance your financial literacy and you can see if you like this field. The next step you could take is to get an internship at a brokerage or financial firm. I had a goal to work at Merrill

Lynch because I wanted to work with the best firm in the business. I also felt that after going through their training program and a few years working there, this would open other opportunities for me and it worked out that way.

‘A stock does not go up forever. Develop a strategy.’

Learning about stocks can be fun and also help you be a better

educated investor. This will help you reach your financial goals. If you really like this field, you can have a career doing something that really you enjoy.

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Dating apps, and safety (cont.)

Using a similar format as Tinder, **Coffee Meets Bagel** also asks users to connect via their Facebook profiles. A “bagel” is sent each day which contains a potential match. Users still like or pass on the match. The same rules as Tinder apply, both users must “like” the other before a chat room opens up for contact.

The profile is a little more involved than Tinder’s, asking questions about religious beliefs and ethnicities (should those things be important to you). Users can also upload up to nine photos. There are other caveats such as the trend #LadiesChoice. As the creators of the app explain, “We are giving women more control of their dating experience. We are enabling them to re-focus their time and energy on men who are serious about taking the next step. We are hoping to inspire all singles around the world to feel good about dating again.” Each day at noon, guys will receive up to 21 quality matches. Then, Coffee Meets Bagel will curate the best potential matches for women among the men who expressed interest.

Women will choose who gets to talk to them. As the cutesy app with the equally cutesy tagline states, “Meet Your Everything Bagel Today.”

Perhaps the most identifiable and arguably the original dating website, **Match.com** now has a dating app where users do not have to log in via Facebook. The same profile questions apply, and users are asked to add photos and answer questions about potential matches. Users can log-on via the website if they so choose or switch back and forth between the two interfaces.

The site provides personalized matches daily but users can also search on their own. If so

inclined, you can send a wink as a way of expressing virtual interest. To get the most from the site, there are subscriptions options that begin at \$40.99 for one month. One gripe is that the application is not as user-friendly as Tinder because it has a multi-tab system that requires you to click around to see potential matches, winks, etc. It’s not simply a swipe right or left motion.

The list of dating apps is exhaustive with others including Grindr, OKCupid, Bumble, Hinge, PlentyofFish, Tastebuds and many more. But despite the many safety precautions these apps put into effect – from asking users to pay to requiring a Facebook profile – these dating sites have long been part of the internet safety debate with many shying away from the online world.

Joseph Ahn, a student at Adelphi University, shares his concerns: “I always found apps not to be trustworthy because anyone can fake their pictures and talk to you. I’ve heard numerous stories regarding dating apps, such as people getting kidnapped.”

“Someone can so easily pretend that they’re someone else,” Gabby Fiocco, freshman from Whitesone, NY, piggybacks.

There are precautions people should take to avoid potential dangerous situations. Robert Siciliano, Personal Security and Identity Theft Expert at IDTheftSecurity.com, warns people, “Keep in mind that not everybody is nice or has good intentions. Some are looking for a connection while others are looking for personal information or worse to hurt you.”

Siciliano is a best-selling author and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla Staff Officer of the U.S. Department

of Homeland Security whose motto is *Semper Paratus* (Always Ready). Siciliano is also a Private Investigator who is dedicated to educating people about violence and crime in both the physical and virtual worlds.

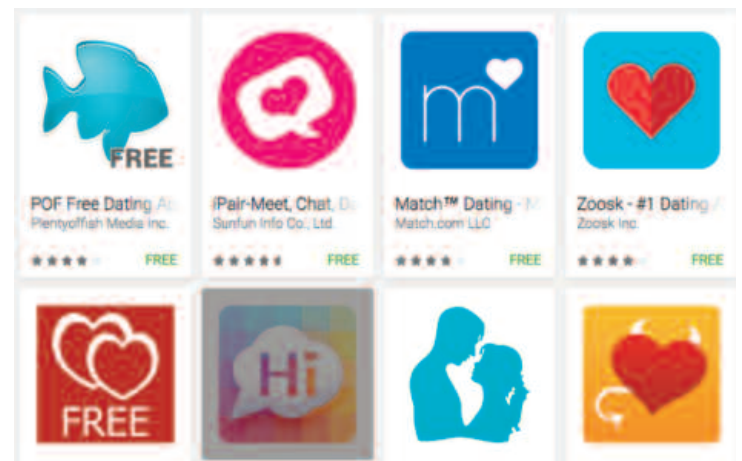
Safety starts long before meeting up. Siciliano advises only downloading vetted apps that have been proven to be free and clear of any malicious software. Make sure all devices are updated with the latest operating systems: “Androids need antivirus the same way PCs need antivirus and don’t jailbreak or root your device as this opens you up to malicious viruses whether iPhone or Android.”

After making a connection, take some basic safety precautions when communicating. Don’t give out too much personal information. This “means not giving out your physical address and refrain[ing] from giving out mobile phone numbers. Consider not giving out e-mail.”

If you can communicate solely through the app, then do so, he advises.

“Also considering further obscuring your identity by getting a Google voice number or using WhatsApp for texting.”

When moving to the actual date phase, always let a loved one or friend know the exact details of where you will be going, what time and how you’ll be getting there. Taking pictures of li-



cense plates and giving names out is a necessary safety step.

“I enable the location feature on my phone of where I am. I tell a friend to track me,” Hanna Miller, 18, shares.

As always go with your gut, and pay attention to any red flags. If you feel uncomfortable in any way, remove yourself

‘Someone can so easily pretend that they’re someone else.’

from the situation. Miller continues, “I went on a date off Bumble and quickly realized that the guy had a different name. ... Be careful who you talk to.”

These stories as well as Siciliano’s tips are not meant to scare but rather to curb naiveté and create awareness. Siciliano simply urges people to be smart.

“Don’t drink too much alcohol, consider buddying up and bring a friend with you. Always meet in a populated area like a coffee shop,” he continues “Be careful because there are some wacky people out there with wacky intentions.”

For more information regarding safety tips please see Siciliano’s video on the Campus News web site at www.ccn.us.

Regional NJCAA sports roundup

Peter Briguglio
Campus News

The month of September has ushered in a new Region 15 athletic year. At the midway point of the fall season, numerous teams find themselves gaining national recognition. Below we recap key games and records throughout the past month and delve into the future to see who is primed to make deep postseason runs in volleyball, soccer, and football.

Volleyball

Last year's NJCAA Women's Volleyball tournament representative from Region 15 is shaping up to make it back-to-back years with an appearance on the national stage as the #15 ranked Queensborough Tigers have rattled off seven straight victories in regional play to start the season. Over those seven contests, the team has only lost three out of 24 sets. The race for the Region's second seed is wide open however, with BMCC (5-1) and Rockland (6-1) having the inside track.

Soccer

Perennial national contender Monroe is having another successful campaign on the pitch in 2017. The men's team remained unbeaten through September, going 7-0-1 in eight contests while being ranked as the #2 team in the nation. ASA, standing at 4-4-1, appears to be the only Region 15 program capable of upsetting the Mustangs in their plan to return to the NJCAA tournament.

For the Mustang women, a #10 ranking in the national poll is a start, but the team expects greater success heading into the back half of their schedule. The right to advance to the women's District tournament may be the

most hotly contested regional matchup this fall as ASA also finds themselves ranked in the nation's top 15 teams, checking in at #14. Two regular season matchups will precede their sure-to-be-intense postseason encounter.

In Division III men's soccer action, Suffolk and Nassau have earned the notoriety in the rankings based on their histories, but it's BMCC who is asserting themselves as the Region's top contender. The Panthers have gone unbeaten through September, dominating the #12 ranked Nassau Lions 4-0 back on September 25th. The team from lower Manhattan appears poised to make a run at not only a perfect regular season but a better postseason fate

than endured last year when they bowed out of the Region XV tournament in the quarterfinals.

Division III women's soccer hasn't seen anyone dominate during the regular season, however Nassau and Dutchess appear to be the region's best teams thus far. Nassau, while only sporting a .500 overall record through 12 games, has gone a perfect 6-0 in Region XV contests. Dutchess began their year with five straight Regional victories before dropping back to back contests to Nassau and BMCC at

the end of the month.

Football

Nassau, ASA and Monroe have combined to win eight of 11 games so far in 2017. Monroe has gone 4-0 to open the year, including a 36-7 defeat over Nassau back on September 8. ASA and Monroe will meet each other on October 28 in a Northeast Conference matchup as the team's attempt to position themselves for a bowl game bid this fall.

Nassau and Suffolk remain very competitive; BMCC threatens.

Bronx CC teams donate uniforms

Bronx Community College athletics donated over 200 pieces of team uniforms during the month of September to victims who have suffered from the devastating impacts of Hurricane Harvey in the greater Houston Area.

The University of Houston began collecting gently-used athletics uniforms, apparel, sneakers, and other apparel to be given out to local student-athletes after their head basketball coach Kelvin Sampson took to Twitter with his plea. He requested from other basketball coaches that their programs donate 20-30 items to be given out to victims in need. From there, social media ran with the request, and programs across the nation began donating much more than Sampson ever could have hoped for.

In total, Bronx Community College donated 203 pieces of out-of-rotation game uniforms from the Broncos men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, and baseball programs.

"I'm glad our programs could donate to those in a time of need, especially donating through sports and allowing those less fortunate to continue to play," said Bronx Director of Athletics Ryan McCarthy. "Hopefully our donations help teams and



individuals use sports as an outlet during challenging times."

Sophomore Bronx women's volleyball player and criminal justice major Mayra Almontesaid said, "We hope this will be of great use to those hit by Hurricane Harvey and that it helps them recover from the storm."

In all, 136 uniform tops and 67 pants and shorts were among the 203 like-new and gently-worn Nike, Adidas, and Mizuno branded items shipped to Houston.

NCC prof's donation leads to Haiti help

Nassau Community College will be part of a statewide collaboration of 10 State University of New York (SUNY) campuses and five not-for-profit organizations to establish a sustainable village and learning community in Akayè, Haiti. NCC Nursing Professor Emeritus Dr. Carmelle Bellefleur began the project with a vision and a donation of 40 acres of land in Akayè. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation recently awarded SUNY a nearly \$800,000 grant to support the project, which will develop educational, economic and social programs, resources and other needed services on the land.

Students, faculty, and staff from SUNY campuses will bring specific expertise to the project as follows: Nassau Community College (nursing), University at

Albany (international development for management), Binghamton University (public administration), University at Buffalo (social work), Buffalo State College (performing arts), SUNY Cobleskill (agriculture and fisheries), SUNY-ESF (landscape architecture), SUNY New Paltz (disaster mental health), Stony Brook University (health sciences), and Upstate Medical University (public health).

Said SUNY Board Chair H. Carl McCall: "This project began with a generous donation ... [from] Dr. Bellefleur. ... It is an enormous point of pride for SUNY to collaborate with the people of Haiti as we establish a sustainable learning community to farm the land and provide food, build a medical center to increase health and wellness,

and deliver much-needed services and economic development across many sectors."

The five not-for-profit organizations partnering on the project are: African Methodist Episcopal Church Service and Development Agency (AME-SADA), Effort Commun Pour Le Developpement de L'Archaie (ECODA), Haiti Development Institute, Hope on a String, and YouthBuild International.

"Working in Haiti is an extension of how SUNY collaborates with other educational and cultural institutions to better fulfill its mission of education, research, development, and services," said Dr. Bellefleur. "New York State is home to the largest communities of Haitian descent in the country. Working in Haiti



Dr. Carmelle Bellefleur

is in service to the diverse student body, faculty, and communities SUNY embodies. As a nurse and professor of nursing at NCC, giving back to our communities in the U.S. and in Haiti has been central to my career, and a personal and professional endeavor."



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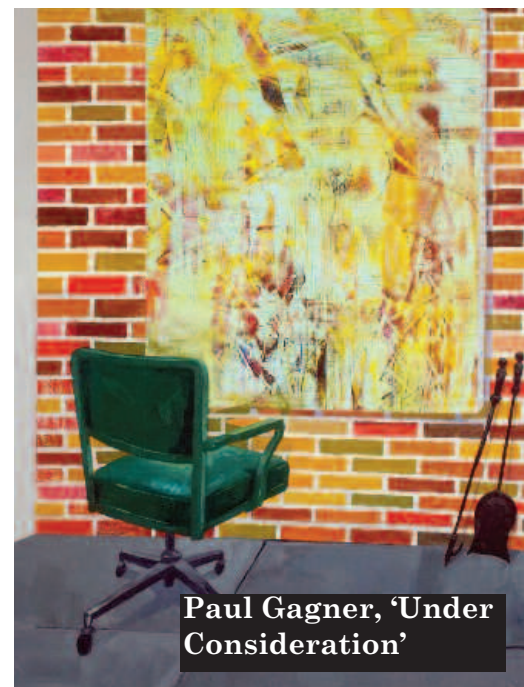
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Maureen Drennan is a photographer born and based in New York City. She received an MFA from the School of Visual Arts in 2009 and her work has been included in exhibitions in North America and Australia including the National Portrait Gallery in Washington D.C., the Tacoma Art Museum, Aperture Gallery, the Rhode Island School of Design Museum, Chelsea Art Museum, Silvereye Center for Photography, Newspace Center for Photography, and the Colorado Photographic Arts Center. Her images have been featured in The New Yorker, The New York Times, California Sunday Magazine,

Photograph Magazine, Huffington Post, UK Telegraph, and American Photo. She has received honors from Aperture, The Photo Review, PDN, The Photographic Resource Center of Boston, Humble Arts, Artist as Citizen, and the Camera Club of New York. Maureen currently teaches photography at LaGuardia Community College in New York City.

Paul Gagner was born in 1976 in rural Wisconsin. He received his BFA from the School of Visual Arts in 2005, and his MFA from Brooklyn College in 2009. He has exhibited throughout the United States including Halsey McKay, Allen & Eldridge, Driscoll Bab-



Paul Gagner, 'Under Consideration'

cock, the Sheila & Richard Riggs Leidy Galleries at the Maryland Institute College of Art, the Housatonic Museum of Art and the Richmond Center for Visual Arts. Gagner is based in Brooklyn, New York.

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Halloween, the not-so-scary Disney way

Kaylee Johnson
Campus News

During my recent Disney World trip I attended Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party for the first time. It was a wonderful experience, but it surely was not what I expected. Here are 10 honest tips for that outing and what and what not to do during the five hour ticketed event:

1. Rest during the day. The Halloween Parties technically start at seven o'clock, but they will start letting you in at four o'clock. I highly recommend spending the day at your resort pool or taking a Sleeping Beauty worthy nap, because the night is high impact and the issue is not walking, it's standing.

2. Do not arrive with unrealistic expectations. I have been to Disney Parks many times, yet August 25th was my first time attending Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party! I was under the impression that the ticketed event would be much more exclusive than it actually was. The lines for the characters ranged from forty five minutes for Lotso from Toy Story, to four hours for Moana! I also thought I would be able to meet every character and have time to trick or treat, but I quickly realized I only had time for one character meet and greet. My family and I decided to wait on the Seven Dwarfs line, which was 3 hours. I do not think I would wait on that line ever again. It was August in Florida, so it was extremely hot and un-

self aware twenty-somethings took selfies with each dwarf while a line of people rolled their eyes.

3. Watch Boo to You. Mickey's Boo to You Halloween Parade was fantastic and highly interactive. I sat right in front of The Confectionary on Main Street U.S.A. To be safe you should claim your seat twenty minutes before the parade begins. Keep your camera out during the parade, as you never know when Haunted Mansion ballroom dancers will twirl your way.

4. Go on a few rides. Fastpasses are not distributed during the Halloween Party, but they do not need to be since the average wait times range from zero to twenty minutes. If you are not a character lover, try to go on as many rides as you can. Rides like Splash Mountain, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, and Seven Dwarfs Mine Train are especially fun to ride at night because you can see Magic Kingdom lit up while falling down a mountain or whipping around train tracks!

5. Skip the heavy costumes. I saw many people in ball gowns, footed pajamas and coats. Those same people walked out miserably as the rain started to pour down. Keep it casual; remember that Disney requires a lot of walking and standing in Florida heat. I wore a lightweight Belle dress; it was just enough to be festive without being over the top.

6. Do not overlook trick or treating. I had so much fun trick or treating during the



Halloween Party! Cast members were so generous with the candy that we had to get an extra bag! This is the only opportunity for college students to trick or treat and not have eyes rolled at them, so I strongly recommend enjoying it.

7. Shop on Main Street during Hallowishes. The shops were empty during the fireworks and I was able to buy the limited edition Mickey's Not So Scary Halloween Party Alex and Ani. Use this pro tip if one of your Disney pet peeves is shopping in crowded gift shops.

8. Wear sneakers. Standing on line will tire your legs out, but you will feel much better the next day if you wear good quality sneakers rather than flip flops, sandals or boots. Who cares if your sneakers clash with your costume? Take care of yourself in Disney by taking breaks, wearing appropriate attire and drinking lots of water.

9. Eat well before the

party. We ate at Crystal Palace around four o'clock and we never felt hungry during the Halloween Party. If you want to do a Halloween snack food crawl, be sure to hit all of the restaurants listed on your Halloween Party map. Every year Disney announces new snacks, such as candy corn ice cream, dirt and worms, and Haunted Mansion themed desserts.

10. Have fun! So many visitors were fussing so much over their costumes and long wait times that they forgot to enjoy themselves. Take it easy and make memories. Do not fret over making the perfect costume or the weather. I suggest being spontaneous and taking a few short breaks. You will not have time to do everything, so use the five-hour block wisely.

If you go...

Dates for the party continue until November 1, keep in mind that tickets sometimes sell out quickly, so snatch them while you can! Go to DisneyWorld.com.



Protect gray wolves

Jacy Gomez
Special to Campus News

The U.S. and Wildlife Service (FWS) could soon derail years of conservation efforts for one of America's most iconic and important predators: Mexican gray wolves or "El Lobo."

Currently, FWS is considering legislation that would prevent wolves from reaching essential habitats and growing the population to healthy levels. The plan – disguised as a recovery effort – goes against the recommendations of wildlife scientists and advocates. FWS should abandon this plan and opt for one that enables habitat access and boosts population growth to stable levels.

Thousands of Mexican gray wolves once roamed the wilds of New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, as well as Northern Mexico. By

the 1970s, the wolves were driven to near extinct in the United States due to massive habitat loss and ruthless, deliberate hunting measures. By 1976, the species was placed on the Endangered Species List, and the last seven remaining wolves were captured from the wild to ensure that the species would not become extinct.

El Lobo made a small comeback in 1998. Thanks to wildlife advocates, descendants from the seven remaining Mexican gray wolves were slowly reintroduced to parts of Arizona. Now, there are only 113 Mexican Gray Wolves roaming free in the southwest U.S.

To aid the ongoing recovery, FWS has just drafted a plan that establishes criteria that, when met, will allow FWS to remove Mexican Gray Wolves from their list of Endangered and Threat-

ened Wildlife.

Here's the problem: FWS' proposed "recovery" plan falls fantastically short in helping the wolves.

For starters, their plan ignores scientific recommendations for stable population growth. Scientists dedicated to wolf recovery in the region have repeatedly concluded that the population needs to total at least 750 wolves in three interconnected U.S. locations to ensure survival. FWS' current recovery plan would have them removed from their List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife once they number 320 wolves in just two non-connected populations. That's not even half of the suggested total.

What's more, the plan allows for artificial barriers that would prevent wolves from interbreeding. Currently, the plan prevents wolves from dispersing outside of the Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area (MWEPA). This means wolves are unable to ex-

pand throughout the Grand Canyon, parts of New Mexico, and Colorado.

Unfortunately, some of the most suitable habitat areas occur outside FWS' designated MWEPA. By depriving wolves of these great habitats, FWS makes it harder for the species to thrive in new environments and to breed with one another. A recovery plan that discourages population growth is no recovery at all.

By accepting the recovery plan as is, FWS is abandoning gray wolf recovery in the southwest. After once obliterating the population to near extinction, humans owe it to El Lobo to stand up against this reckless plan.

Jacy Gomez is a communications specialist and a former congressional staffer.



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‘Bold Type’ actress’ empowering role

Gianluca Russo
Campus News

The magazine industry is known for constantly evolving and changing to fit the wants of readers all over the country and world. With the current political and social climate at a whirlwind, many publications, most prominently Teen Vogue, have switched their focus from fashion, entertainment and lifestyle to serious topics that directly impact the young women, and men, who read them.

The reason for this is simple: young people want to be informed and want a voice. They want representation in media, in business, in government and in every place that lacks their unique voice. This focus switch served as a major inspiration for Freeform’s hit summer show, “The Bold Type.”

“The Bold Type,” which premiered in July, centers on three young women working at a fictional version of Cosmopolitan Magazine called Scarlet. Each episode discusses real and relevant topics, stemming from the focus point of female empowerment. From immigration to sexism to sexual assault and, of course, fashion, the show does a great job of documenting what it’s like to work at a progressive magazine as a modern day millennial woman.

Meghann Fahy portrays the role of Sutton Brady, a 26-year-old assistant working at Scarlet. Along with Jane Sloan (Katie Stevens) and Kat Edison (Aisha Dee), the three women are navigating their way through life while finding themselves and their voice in a man’s industry (and a man’s world).

“She loves working at Scarlet, she loves the magazine,” Fahy tells Campus News about her character Sutton, “but she isn’t really passionate about what



Meghann Fahy

she’s doing right now. So during the first season, we get to see her say ‘Okay, this is what I care about, and I’m going to go for it.’”

While fashion is Sutton’s true love, she is well aware that is a financially unstable business. When she’s offered a job in ad sales, she must decide: take the safe route or fight for what she wants? As expected, she fights, and (spoiler alert!) lands a fashion assistant job at the magazine.

“I think ‘The Bold Type’ is important because it talks about current events and issues and it makes it really easy to digest, too; it’s not banging you over the head with anything, but it’s more than just a show about three girls who work for a magazine,” says Fahy.

She adds, “We talk about politics, we talk about sex, we talk

about women’s health, we talk about friendships and supporting each other. We show the positive side of that and how building each other up is more productive for everyone, and I think that showing those kind of relationships on television, espe-

**‘We talk about politics,
we talk about sex,
we talk about friendships
and supporting each other.’**

cially now, is really an important thing to do. Feminism is fairness: everybody deserves the same pay and rights in the workplace and outside of the workplace.”

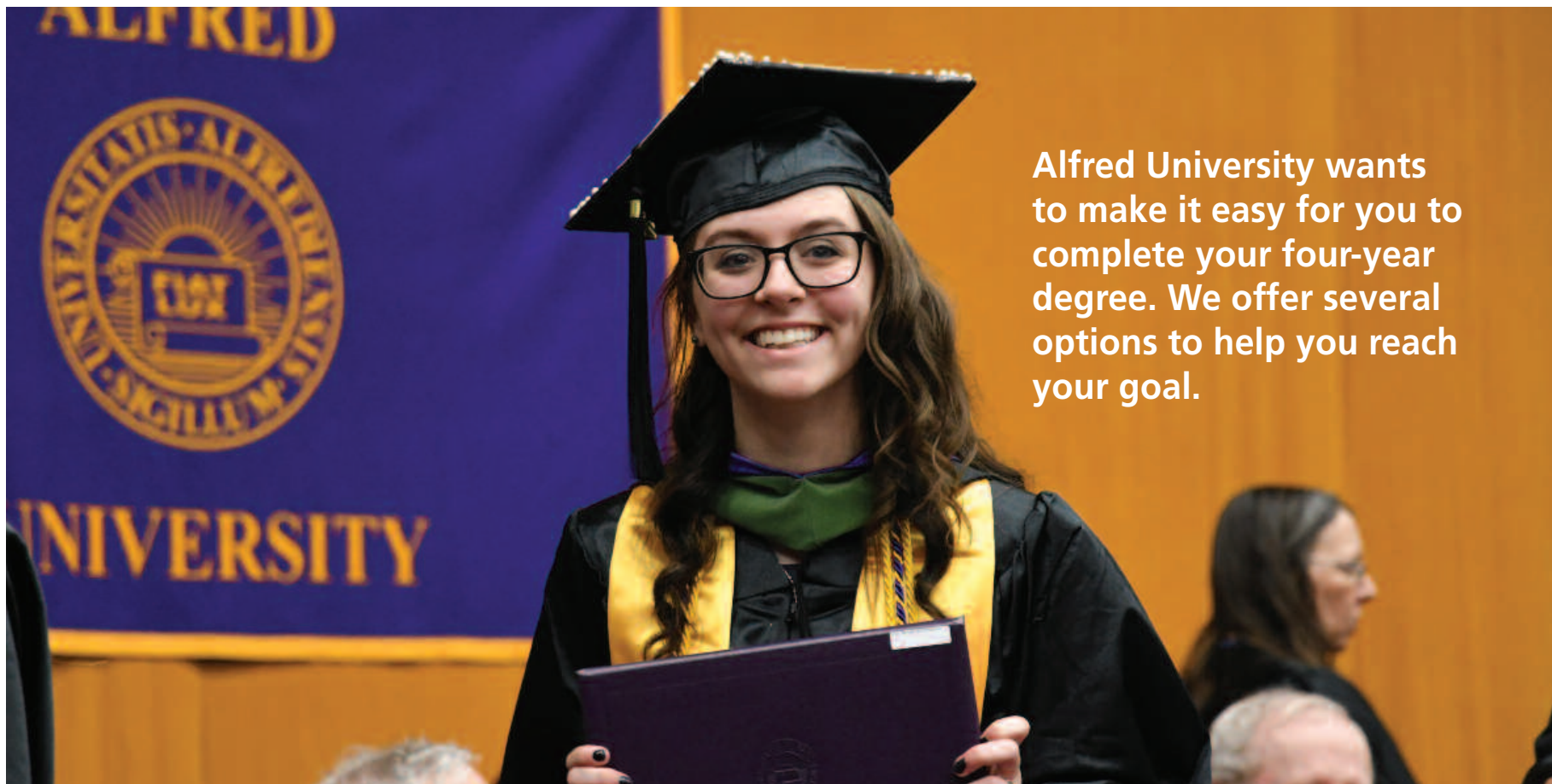
Since its premiere, the show has picked up a relatively large fan base and has been praised by many in the magazine industry who are working the jobs depicted on screen. While Freeform has not officially re-

newed the show yet, the cast and creative team are hopeful that a season two is on its way. Fahy has loved growing with “The Bold Type,” especially bonding with her castmates.

“I’ve really enjoyed becoming a family with these people. Katie Stevens and Aisha Dee have become sisters to me, and I just have really enjoyed exploring our relationship with each other on and off screen.”

Reflecting on “The Bold Type’s” message, Fahy hopes that the show’s first season empowered young women and showed how strong their voice truly is.

“I hope that young women will be empowered. I hope that they will be less afraid to speak about things that are on their minds. I hope that they see that it’s okay to start conversations about things that initially might feel tough. We want to make it easier to start conversations about things like health and sex and everything else,” she says.



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WCC kicks off Honors College

Westchester Community College has expanded its Honors offerings to include a new Honors College. The first cohort of eighteen students (the maximum enrollment) was welcomed to the college during a special ceremony on September 6 during which these scholars received new laptops.

The newly created Honors College allows top-performing high school graduates to complete a two-year Honors-Designated Associate Degree in an academically challenging environment. These students will be individually mentored until they graduate and will be encouraged to transfer to renowned four-year universities for two additional years of Bachelor's Degree studies.

All students are given text-

book stipends, the laptops, and full tuition coverage subject to any financial aid that they have received.

"The opening of this new Honors College has its roots in our strong tradition of academic rigor and student engagement," said Dr. Belinda S. Miles, President, Westchester Community College, at the ceremony. "This makes WCC a destination of first choice to many students going on to college. It showcases the college as an institution of high academic quality and standards, and recognizes our faculty who share research and experiences with our students."

She noted that for many of these students, the two-year degree will be the start of their effort to gain an advanced education as they pursue future

degrees and enter careers as professionals in healthcare, law, and other fields.

Faculty consists of award-winning, exceptionally caring professors. In addition to intellectually engaging courses designed to nurture critical thinking and independent, in-depth exploration of meaningful concepts and current issues, students will enjoy exciting co-curricular opportunities such as participation in summer study abroad at Cambridge University in England and the ability to contribute to academic publications, attend conferences, complete internships, and take advantage of numerous leadership and applied learning options.

For three decades, Westchester Community College has offered individual Honors classes through its Honors Program.

This is the first time it is giving the students the option of a full Honors College.

The Honors College is funded by the WCC Foundation through a gift from an anonymous donor. Among the extraordinary students who are in the initial group are Sasha Rodriguez, a member of the Dominican National Karate Team who has her eye on participating in the Olympics; Nancy Elsohaby from Egypt, who wants to study Neuroscience in the future; Julia Guyon, who is interested in becoming an educator and published writer; Jamila Desir, who intends to become an attorney; and Prince Ababio, a former resident of Ghana who wants to pursue a career in healthcare, focusing on pathology in order to alleviate suffering in Africa.

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Must-see, underappreciated NYC museums

Ted Exstein
Campus News

I like museums; they're not everyone's cup of tea, but these are some of the underappreciated ones around New York:

The Morgan Library & Museum – it's like dying and going to ... a library. For exam-



Ford Foundation Home

ple, it has one of the very few copies of the Gutenberg bible.

Far from the mad-dening crowd, on the northern end of Manhattan, is **The Met Cloisters** – actual medieval cloisters plopped down into a quiet corner of Manhattan (it's possible – really!) – and much less popular than its parent, the Metropolitan Museum.

Hard to believe, many days you can visit **The Frick Col-**



Morgan Library

lection and be almost alone – especially considering that it is on Fifth Avenue and screams importance. But hey, not everyone cares about how a 19th Century robber baron lived.

Not into old masters? No problem, try the **Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum** – for reasons I can't explain, this museum is fre-

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9 to 5 by Harley Schwadron



"This way I never worry if I have the latest upgrades."

SUNY students protest proposed Perkins cut

In response to the approaching expiration of the Federal Perkins Loan Program, student leaders at the SUNY are speaking out in support of this campus-based aid program.

"The 600,000 students of the State University of New York are disheartened by the divisive partisanship in Washington preventing critical legislation, including Perkins reauthorization, from moving forward through the legislative process," said Student Assembly President and SUNY Trustee Marc J. Cohen. "Students receiving aid from the Perkins program often have nowhere else to look for financial assistance. We urge leaders in Congress to put party affiliation aside for the greater good of our students looking to make a better life for themselves and their families."

In 2015, more than half a million undergraduate, gradu-

ate, and professional students took advantage of Perkins loans. Unlike other campus-based aid programs, Perkins loans are repaid by the borrowers to their school, with the repayments being used for future loans. "It is wrong to allow polarized politics to block access to an affordable higher education," said Katherine Holmok, the Student Assembly's Senior Representative and a two-term president of the Student Senate at Alfred State College.

A rally was held last month by students at the University at Albany calling on federal leaders to act. "Students at UAlbany count on this funding to help them afford an education," said Jerlisa Fontaine, the Student Association President at the University at Albany. "I hope Congress comes together to keep this important program alive."

Museums (cont.)

quently overlooked, and much less popular than the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) uptown.

Another gem of modernism, although architectural, is the **Ford Foundation Home** – most New Yorkers just walk on by, and yet this was an award-winning design in its day, and a very green zone, completely covered and always warm and

welcoming – regardless of the exterior weather. People who work in the building prefer a view of the atrium to the outside neighborhood.

Willing to leave Manhattan for more – exotic – locations still in the City? Try the **Brooklyn Museum** – anywhere else this would be a blockbuster and major draw – after all it has amazing collections of Egyptian art, Asian art – well you name it! But, then it competes with the comprehensive collection across the river and it gets unfairly overlooked.

Staten Island is often ignored,

which is a shame, really. There are some impressive sights there too. For example, the **Jacques Marchais Museum of Tibetan Art Home** is an oasis of serenity in the midst of the frenetic city. And the Staten Island ferry is the best deal in the City – still free with an amazing view of the New York skyline.

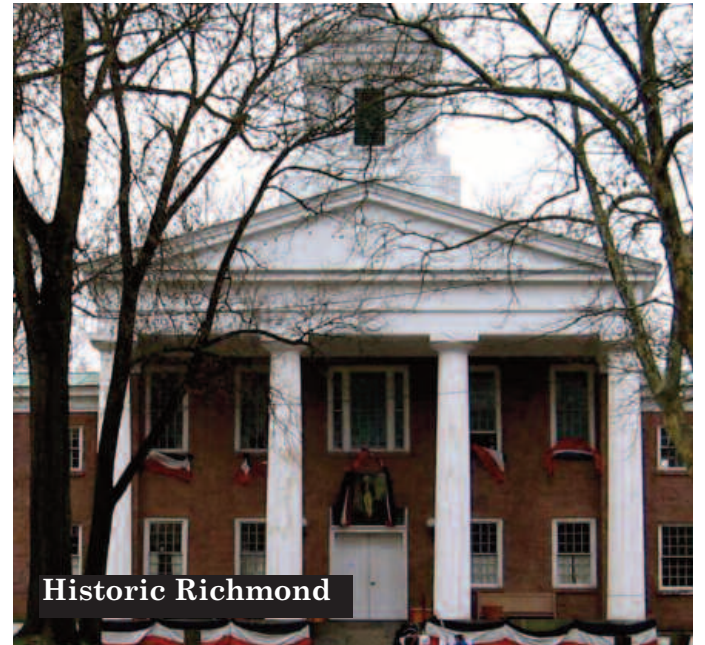
While in Staten Island, you shouldn't miss the charming **Historic Richmond Town Home** – with buildings from many eras and locales all con-

gregated into a small village. Another fun and very different experience: **City Island** The Bronx's Seafaring Small Town has more of a New England feel than a New York feel to it.

Those are some of my personal favorites.



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How to handle your first day at work

Prof. Steven Levine
Campus News

In the last two articles, I discussed some of the issues associated with Entrepreneurship. In this article, I would like to shift the focus to a different topic; your first day at work, as well as the issues involved in the beginning of your career.

You have graduated with your Associate's degree, or possibly your Bachelor's. You have successfully completed your interview as well as any testing, to verify that your skill set matches the position that you are applying for, and have been offered a position, but now what? You accept the position and look forward to starting the position when the company stipulates.

Now it is the first day at your job. Yes, you must learn what is expected of you, and perform the tasks required in a superior manner, but what about your co-workers, your boss? How do you

develop relationships with each? How will the politics of the company play into this? Before we start to discuss these issues, it is very important to keep in mind one thing. When you start your job, your mindset is that as long as you perform your assigned task in a superior manner, you will be promoted as a reward for your superior accomplishments. This is not always the case. The reason may be the politics of the company, which you did not take into account. Let's discuss what I mean by politics. Politics in a company has to do with the culture of the company; the reporting relationships stipulated by the organization chart, as well as how people interact with each other on a daily basis. Yes, you have to learn your tasks, but equally important is starting to learn not only your direct manager's work habits and preferences, but how he reacts to his superiors as well. As an example; you have been assigned to evaluate a problem and arrive at

a solution. You have come up with a solution, but realize that your manager's preference would be a solution different than the one you selected. Here is the political aspect; do you stick with your solution, thereby risking your manager's displeasure, or pick the one he would prefer, knowing that yours is probably better. Before you give an answer, realize that this is a situation that is not black and white, hence the political aspect. When a promotion is going to be offered, how will your manager remember that scenario?

When I talk about the culture of the company, there are some signals that you can look for. How are people dressed, casual, or in suits? How are people addressed; by their first names? Are the offices of the managers accessible? Do you feel comfortable walking in without a prior appointment. Lastly, your relationship with your coworkers. Even though they may appear casual about their work assign-

ments, do not fall into the trap of copying their behavior. "Keep your eyes on the prize."

If you remember some of the issues discussed in this article before starting your first day at work, you will have a greater chance of success. One other point, always look and analyze the actions of both co-workers and managers around you, and remember them, for future reference. Good Luck on the first step toward a wonderful career.

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Magazine's matchmaker and 'Gossip Girl'

Gianluca Russo
Campus News

"Living the dream" is an understatement when it comes to Hannah Orenstein. As Assistant Features Editor of Seventeen.com, she spends each day living out her high school fantasies, writing about teen life, pop culture, relationships, sex ed and more. But the real reason we can't get enough of Orenstein isn't because of her extremely successful career (okay, her career does play a HUGE part in our obsession), but due to the fact that she is, quite literally, the real-life Blair Waldorf.

That's right: Blair Waldorf, Upper East Side queen of the CW's hit show "Gossip Girl." Like many millennial women and men, Orenstein quickly became a fan of the show when it premiered ten years ago. Soon enough, however, her love for Gossip Girl became an inspiration that would lead her to her dream job.

"I totally fell in love with it!" Orenstein tells Campus News via phone. "I started watching it religiously as many people my age did, but I think what was different about my connection to the show is that I wanted to see if it was real; I wanted to make it into a dream."

Following in Waldorf's footsteps, Orenstein moved to New York City, attended New York University and interned at some of the largest publications in the industry, including the Huffington Post, Mashable, ELLE and Cosmopolitan.com. During her senior year, an editor at Seventeen put a call out looking for personal essays. Determined to be published there before graduation, Orenstein came up with the perfect pitch: a piece entitled "I Based My Entire Life on 'Gossip Girl' and I Don't Regret It."

Upon publication on Seventeen.com, the piece went viral. "I didn't expect it, [my editor] didn't expect it, but it got hundreds of thousands of views."

Of course, Orenstein was well aware that certain parts of "Gossip Girl" were not exactly admirable, explaining, "Did I move here with the intention of becoming a teenage billionaire, drinking at hotel bars

after school? No. For me, and I think for a lot of people, the show provided a life path when we weren't sure who we really were or who we wanted to become. And the show said that it's okay to want to move to a city and be glamorous and have this beautiful wardrobe. That's why I connected with "Gossip Girl" and I think that's why people still connect with it today."

After Orenstein graduated from NYU in May of 2015, the editor at Seventeen encouraged Orenstein to apply for a weekend editor position. Yet, after submitting her application, life took an unexpected turn.

"That Monday, she said that a bunch of people called in sick and asked if I could please come in and fill in and write for them that day, and I did. Two days later, she offered me a position as a regular writer," she recalls.

Orenstein has been working for Seventeen.com ever since then, making her way on up to Assistant Features Editor. The position is one she's worked toward and dreamed about since she was 11 years old when she picked up her first copy of J-14. But at night, Orenstein has been accomplishing a new goal she never thought she'd make: becoming a published author.

'I was setting up people who were in their 40s and 50s.'

Orenstein's first novel, "Playing with Matches," is set to be released by Touchstone Books in June 2018. It is inspired by her short time as a matchmaker in college.

"My senior year of college, I took a creative writing class and I had to submit a short story. I chose to write about matchmaking, and the advice from the professor and other students was to keep going. So with that feedback, I started working on the first draft in May of 2015 when I graduated college."

Orenstein had worked as an amateur matchmaker for about a year before working professionally with a New York City based company for seven months.

"I was 21 years old when I started working as a matchmaker, and I was setting up people who were in their 30s and 40s and 50s who were looking to me to find them love. It was a really intense experience and I learned a lot. There were a lot of really



funny, sad and surprising moments along the way."

"Playing with Matches" follows the life of 22-year-old Sasha Goldberg, a professional matchmaker in New York City. From trolling Tinder to coaching clients to dealing with heartbreak, the novel is sure to be a must-read. Orenstein is incredibly excited for the book to become available and hopes that audiences will devour and love each word and page.

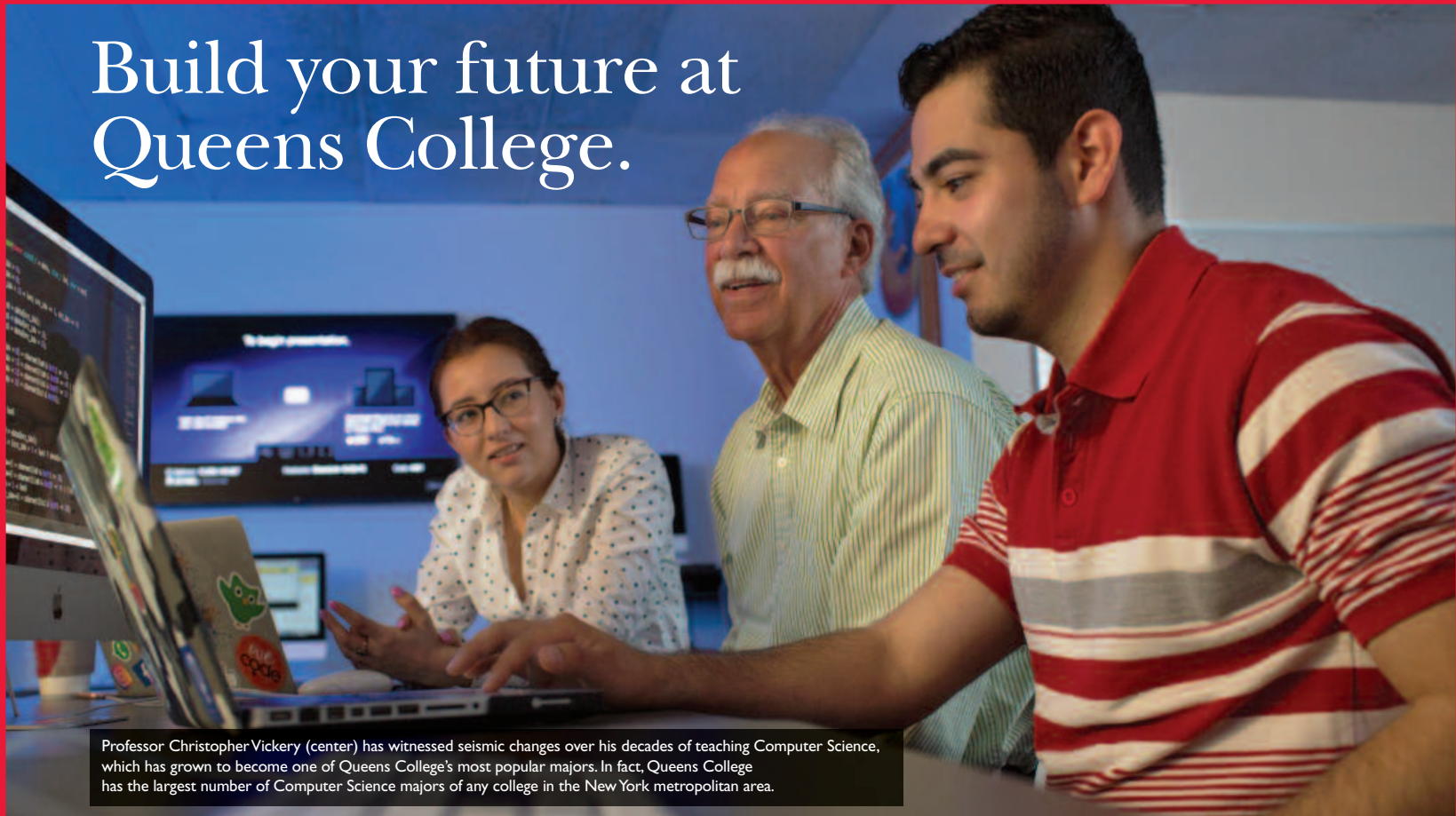
"I love to connect with readers who care about the same types of stories that I do, and I hope to make this book something memorable."

For more about Orenstein and to stay up-to-date with news about "Playing with Matches," follow her on Twitter @HannahOrens or visit www.HannahOrenstein.com.

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'Free' tuition seen as a positive (cont.)

the scholarships, as the threshold for Tap and Pell is \$80,000 a year, and their tuitions are lower than the four-year colleges'. Some administrators worry, though, that the four-year SUNYs may take some students prematurely from the two-year schools because of the price break.

"The way the New York State budget works, it came too late to drive decision-making for many students, but we expect more Excelsior Scholarships next year," Quaintance said. "The only potential downside may be that it takes away some incentive for students to go to a community college first vs. a four-year [SUNY or CUNY] school."

Buffalo will have 3500 students receiving some Excelsior

money while UAlbany 2700 and Stony Brook University 2400. Meanwhile, a community college, Sullivan, had 40 students qualify. At Fulton Montgomery Community College, 67 students qualified, with the average Excelsior award being close to \$1600. Tuition at FMCC is \$4200, so that means \$2600 was covered by TAP, Pell and other aid first.

Westchester Community College, one of the larger community college systems in the state, did have 1000 apply, but final acceptance numbers were not available at press time.

"Many already have tuition fully covered through Pell Grants and state Tuition Assistance," said Dr. Belinda S. Miles, WCC president. "We an-

ticipate awareness and interest will grow, especially as income limits increase in the next two years. There is increased importance on financial literacy programs and outreach efforts to make sure students understand how the Excelsior Scholarship works."

She also sees Excelsior as promising: "Students who have not previously considered college are now doing so. This includes students seeking career and technical programs for middle skills careers in addition to



traditional students seeking transfer to four-year colleges."

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Wells signs CC pact


During a ceremony on October 5 at Cayuga Community College in Auburn, Cayuga President Brian Durant and Wells College President Jonathan Gibraltar signed a formal agreement that will allow Cayuga Presidential Scholars to be guaranteed admission to Wells College and to receive a President's Award at Wells worth a minimum of \$22,000 annually for up to four years.

The Cayuga-Wells Presidential Scholars transfer agreement provides a way for high-achieving Cayuga students from Cayuga and Oswego counties to be guaranteed access to Cayuga County's only private, four-year college. Under the agreement, both colleges will partner to promote this new program to prospective and current students, and



host information sessions and other events on both campuses and in other locations.


"The Presidential Scholars transfer program is a perfect opportunity to provide an accessible, affordable pathway for students to continue their educational pursuits at a nationally recognized four-year institution," said Cayuga's President Durant. "It's a way to keep our best students engaged with and connected to the communities that are right here in our own backyard," President Durant said.



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‘Six Feet Under’ is a touching, and disturbing, look at life and death

Darren Johnson
Campus News

“Six Feet Under” – a show about a family of morticians that aired on HBO from 2001-2005 – didn’t capture my attention back then.

I mean, I saw a couple of episodes – *it was interesting* – but I was moving around a good deal, and couldn’t justify paying for HBO. And that show was overshadowed at the time by another HBO show, the mega-popular “The Sopranos,” which holds up great, and even “Sex in the City,” a show that seems horribly dated now. When I did have access to HBO, I mostly was looking for Tony and his New Jersey gang of thugs, not this more nuanced show set in Southern California.

Now, all of these classic HBO shows are on Amazon Instant. You can watch Instant in the same way as Netflix or Hulu; just download the app to your device. I watch via an original Nintendo Wii hooked up to my

still seems; and marathon watching it allowed me to catch little details that I’d never have caught watching this live on TV every week. Especially 15 years ago when Zima was still available.

Researching the meaning of “The Sopranos” finale, I found a web post about the “greatest TV finales of all time” and saw “Six Feet Under” mentioned. The person responded that this show helped him recover from the death of a sibling. I figured if a show were that powerful for someone, it may be worth revisiting, and queued it up on Instant.

And, wow, was “Six Feet Under” worth the 63 hours or so I devoted to it – and, yes, the finale is excellent – especially the final montage that shows how each character kicks the bucket.

The Alan Ball-created show introduces us to the Fisher family, which owns Fisher & Sons funeral home in Los Angeles, though only one son, David (Michael C. Hall, later and better known for playing the serial killer “Dexter”), actually cares about mortuary work. He’s also closeted gay. The family patriarch dies in the pilot, and the other son, Nate (Peter Krause), returns and reluctantly rejoins the business. He meets Brenda Chenoweth (Rachel Griffiths), a genius-IQ narcissist who easily is one of the least likeable characters ever written for TV, and they have an on/off-again relationship over all five seasons. Ruth Fisher (Frances Conroy), the mother, is fantastically played – all of the performances are stellar, actually – as well as



daughter Claire (Lauren Ambrose).

The miracle of this series is that it can show us so many different perspectives – gay, straight, young, old, white, black, Latino, etc., and they all appear genuine.

Now, there’s a lot of sex in this series – especially considering it’s a mortuary show – and much of it is kind of cringe-worthy, but, that said, it may be safe to assume that morticians could have some pent-up sexual desires that present themselves in quirky ways. Or maybe it’s just horny writing. But the show is wise and well researched – and learning about the funeral parlor business model is fascinating. Surely this hasn’t been done before. And we don’t have enough shows/movies dealing with death – we seem to ignore the idea of dying in America – until it’s too late. But the Fishers can’t avoid death – it’s everywhere around them – and they talk to the ghosts of the departed regularly, a fantastic show gimmick. Another show gimmick that works is starting off each show with the death of some one-time character – often awkwardly – and then we see

the intake process for the body and the Fishers’ negotiations for funeral arrangements with the survivors.

If there is a main character, it may be Nate and how he processes his life and the death all around him – including the

Classic HBO shows are on Amazon Instant.

deaths of people close to him. While Michael C. Hall went on to bigger things, this was the role of a lifetime for the lesser-known Peter Kraus, and he nails it.

Slide your Kleenex across the table and prepare for a 63-hour final journey that certainly has a beginning, middle and an end. And, remember, at the end there is no rewind button. When it’s over, it’s over...

Darren Johnson has written “It’s New to You!,” a column that looks at shows and movies on streaming services you likely haven’t seen before, since 2010.



TV. If you have an Amazon Prime membership, Instant comes free – just log in with your usual information. If you have a .EDU email address, you can get Student Prime for only \$50 a year (they also give Student Prime to faculty/staff).

I reviewed “The Sopranos” last semester, after finally being able to marathon watch it. I was amazed at how good the series

Colleges make a lot off of app fees

To paraphrase an old Lotto motto, do you have \$70 and a dream? ... Maybe playing the lottery does have better odds.

UCLA leads the country in how much they make from their application fee — \$6.5M per year off of 93,000 applications at \$70/per. Sadly, only 16,000 could be admitted. Of those, only 35% actually decided to enroll. That last figure ranks UCLA No. 209 in the country, making it one hell of a fallback school.

LendU, an online site devoted to student loans, has come up with an interesting data set related to the college admissions process — and how much colleges make off of application fees; including how much money they make off of denied application fees.

What can you gather from this data? First, you can see which colleges are clearly making a huge profit off of apps. Berklee School of Music charges \$150 for theirs. Sure, Music applications require an audition of sorts, which needs further review and thus more admissions

counselors need to be paid, but how much of this asking price plays on performers' dreams?

Do schools over-advertise, or make themselves seem accessible when they really aren't, just to grab thousands of \$50 to \$150 checks and credit card transactions?

Overall, Berklee makes \$1.2M off of applications overall; \$861,000 off of denied musical aspirants.

In New York, State University of New York schools are limited to charging \$50 per application. Stony Brook University makes \$1.7M off of 34,000 applications. Only 14,000 are accepted. SUNY at Binghamton makes \$1.5M per year off of 31,000 applications. Only 13,000 are accepted. SUNY at Albany makes \$1.1M off of 22,000 applications. Only 13,000 will make the cut. University at Buffalo makes \$1.2M while SUNY Buffalo State makes \$680,000.

The City University of New York, with a \$65 fee, also has

some flagships, such as CUNY Hunter College, which makes \$1.8M off of application fees. CUNY City College makes \$1.3M. CUNY Brooklyn makes \$1.3M. Baruch, Queens and New York City College of Technology also all make more than \$1M off of application fees each year.

The University of California system clearly benefits from having a higher application fee (\$70) and larger population than New York and dominates the list, having the top six colleges in the country as far as admissions fees profit goes. After UCLA, UC Berkeley makes \$5.5M; UC San Diego makes \$5.4M; UC Irvine makes \$5M; UC Santa Barbara makes \$4.9, and UC Davis makes \$4.5M.

As for private colleges, the top earner was Boston University at No. 7 overall, raking in \$4.4M off of their \$80 fee. Almost \$3M of that comes from denied students. No. 8 is University of Southern California at \$4.2M. NYU follows, making just over \$4M on its 58,000 apps (only

18,500 will get in and, of them, only 5900 will enroll). No. 10 is University of Michigan-Ann Arbor at \$3.9M.

Of Ivies, Cornell at No. 13 overall leads the charge. They make \$3.4M off of apps; 42,000 apply, 6315 are accepted and about 50% of accepted students enroll.

Compare this to Harvard, where nearly 80% of those accepted enroll, according to the data. Based on this ratio, one can safely say Harvard is a first-choice college.

But they aren't the top first-choice college in the country. Ranking No. 1 in that category is Robert Morris University Illinois, where 86.78% of accepted students enroll. No. 2 at 86.74% is the U.S. Naval Academy, followed by West Point at 83.2%; University of Puerto Rico-Carolina at 82%, and Stanford University at 80.4%. Harvard is No 6.

Find the link to this data on the Campus News web site at www.ccn.us.

Central NY events

Cultural Series at Mohawk Valley Community College tickets are available at www.mvcc.edu/tickets. Some highlights:

The MVCC Drama Club will present a production of Agatha



Damaris Phillips

Christie's "Ten Little Indians," directed by James Gifford, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 19-21, in Schafer Theater, Information Technology Building, at the Utica Campus. Admission is \$5 general. The play tells the story of 10 people who are invited to a lonely island for a getaway. Once there however, the guests are murdered one by one, the killer following the famous children's rhyme that bumps its characters off, "and then there

On Thursday, Oct. 26, celebrity chef Damaris Phillips will present a cooking demonstration and conversation at 6

p.m. in Schafer Theater, Information Technology Building, at the Utica Campus. Admission is \$10 general. Impressing judges with her fresh take on Southern cuisine and winning over the audience with her impeccable charm, Phillips outlasted 11 rival competitors to win season 9 of "Food Network Star."

On Friday, Nov. 3, MVCC will host the Oneida County Naturalization Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. in Schafer Theater, Information Technology Building, at the Utica Campus. All are welcome.

Headlining the series is Olympic Gold Medalist Gabby Douglas, who will take the stage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, in the Robert R. Jorgensen Athletic



Gabby Douglas

and Event Center Field House at MVCC's Utica Campus. Admission is \$15 general. Douglas became the first African-American woman, as well as the first woman of color of any nationality, to win an Olympic Gold medal as the All-Around Individual Champion.

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Lifetime Fitness of Garden City invited Prof. Jack Mandel of the school's marketing department and his students to tour the facility, interact with staff members and attend an informative talk in the Lifetime University learning center on the third floor.

Based in Minnesota, the national chain caters to families and offers a wide variety of programs for all age groups.

General Manager Doug Newhook (pictured to the right of Prof. Mandel) presented a highly motivating talk about



branding; not just of a corporate entity but of an individual.

According to Prof. Mandel, "Field trips offer students an opportunity of experience, unlike textbook theory." It was an exciting day for all, he added.



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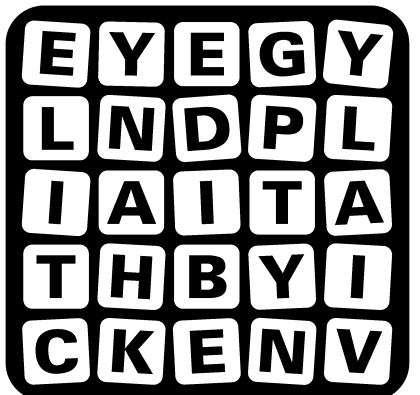
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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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8 letters = 10 points
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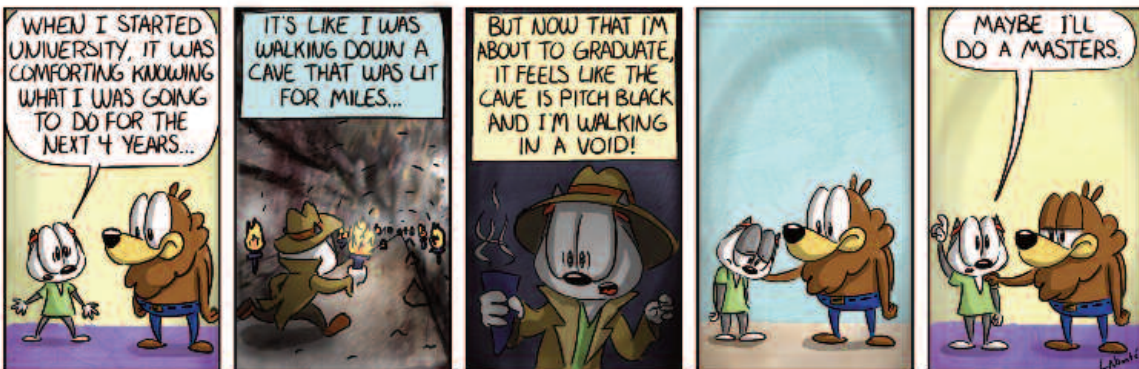
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Answer: _____ TO " _____ "

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Mobilizing to help disaster victims

CUNY and SUNY campuses are mobilizing to aid the millions of people devastated by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria and by the two earthquakes in Mexico.

At Bronx Community College, a fundraising drive runs through Oct. 6 and a campaign to collect toiletries goes until Oct. 20. Personal counseling for those affected will last through the entire school year.

At City Tech, the Student Government Association has responded to fundraising requests for help from three Houston colleges that Hurricane Harvey left, quite literally, under water: Houston Community College, Rice University and Texas Southern University (<http://tsu.thankyou4caring.org/tsucares>). The City Tech campus counseling center has scheduled group sessions for students af-

ected by either this unprecedented string of natural disasters or the stresses caused by the federal threat to students who had been protected by DACA, or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. In addition, the campus human relations office is reaching out to faculty and staff affected, to provide details about CUNY's employee counseling service.

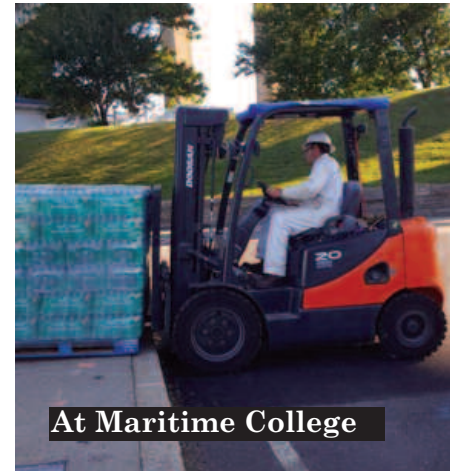
At Hostos Community College, where almost 60 percent of the student body comes from the Caribbean and Latin America, representatives of the president's office had met with community leaders and longtime partners on to shape a response.

At Medgar Evers College – where approximately 25 percent of students are foreign-born and many U.S.-born students have Caribbean parents and extended family in places like Ja-

maica, Haiti, Trinidad and Puerto Rico – efforts are under way to help the millions across the Caribbean, Texas and Florida who are recovering from the recent catastrophic hurricanes. The college has established a Hurricane Relief Account that will allow donations to be made through the Bursar's Office. The college will make donations only to reputable charities that it deems best suited to get the aid directly to affected families.

At York College, students and staff are donating to the York College Auxiliary – Disaster Relief Fund to channel money to relief agencies. Its counseling center is open to those who need support.

State University of New York Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson and SUNY Impact Foundation Executive Director Christine



At Maritime College

Fitzgibbons also announced that more than \$30,000 has been raised for Hurricane Harvey and future disaster relief, following Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's announcement of a statewide collection.

SUNY Maritime College's training ship, the Empire State VI, was loaded with supplies for Texas, including food and bottled water, as a result of the SUNY collection.

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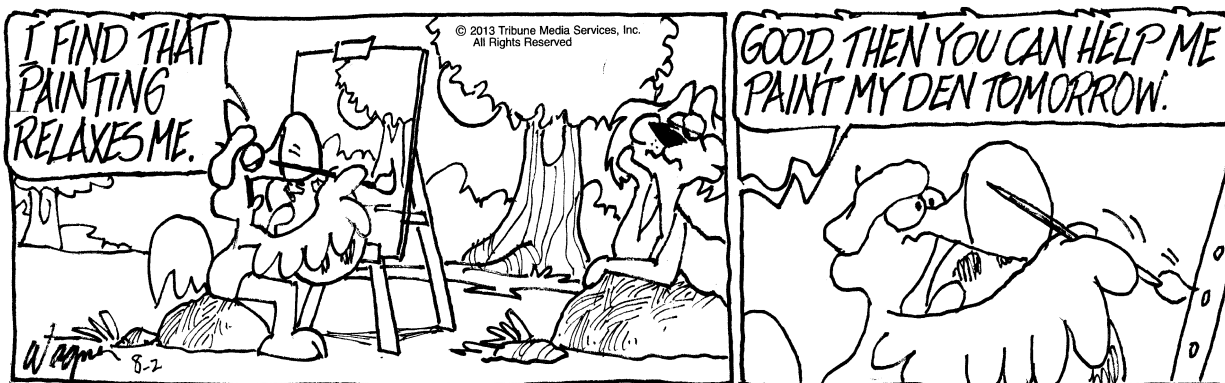
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Occupational therapy program launch

Cayuga Community College officials held a ribbon cutting for the Occupational Therapy Assistants Lab (OTA) on the Fulton campus located at 11 River Glen Drive in Fulton, NY, on September 27, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

The creation of the Occupational Therapy Assistants Lab was made possible in part from a \$65,000 SUNY High Needs Grant that Cayuga was awarded in September, 2015. The grant was used for lab space and rehabilitation clinic area equipment.

Cayuga Community College recently received SUNY and State Education approval for its Occupational Therapy

Assistant Program and the first cohort of students began classes on August 28, 2017.

Cayuga's President Dr. Brian Durant said, "Healthcare remains one of the strongest industries in Central New York. Our ability to deliver an Occupational Therapy Assistant program demonstrates the College's commitment to align learning, credentialing, and workforce needs. The strong relationships and support between local health care employers and the College distinguishes the OTA program offerings and we are delighted with the continued support of industry partners for their contributions to this



project."

"The OTA program will address workforce needs in the expanding healthcare field in Oswego and surrounding counties. The two-year degree for Occupational Therapy Assistants will provide a direct path to employment in a much-needed field," said Joan

Meyers, Program Director for the OTA Program.

For additional information, please contact Keiko Kimura, Associate Vice President and Dean of the Fulton Campus at 315-592-4143 ext. 3008 or Joan Meyers, OTA Program Director at 315-592-4143 x 3021.

Berkshire history

The third annual Berkshire Natural History Conference, which will feature presentations by local and regional naturalists as well as acclaimed authors, will take place on Sat., October 14 at Berkshire Community College (BCC) at 1350 West Street from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

"This annual event will bring natural history home to the Berkshires," notes BCC Professor of Environmental Science Tom Tynning, one of the lead organizers of the event. "We are really excited to gather programs and like-minded people together to help understand and appreciate the deep natural heritage that surrounds us all in the Berkshires."

The event will appeal to naturalists and residents of the Berkshires, as well as visitors.

The Conference will feature researchers Jim Cardoza, who was responsible for the return of the wild turkey in Massachusetts and Bob Leverett who identified and helped conserve the remaining Old-Growth forests in the Berkshires.

In addition, local field biologists and naturalists will discuss topics ranging from Berkshire Winter Weather to rare plant communities, to a remarkable BCC student who has a design to fit the entire solar system within the confines of Berkshire County.

There will also be a presentation on Ralph Hoffmann, for whom Hoffmann Hall on BCC's campus is named, for his impressive contributions to the area's natural history collection and for his renowned expertise.

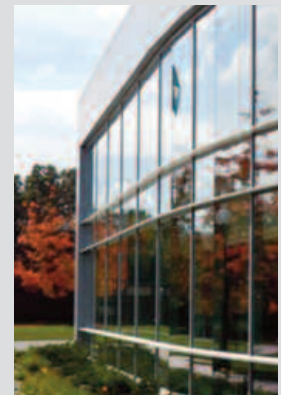
Herkimer is No. 2

Herkimer County Community College was recently ranked second among two-year colleges in New York State by OnlineColleges.com.

Focusing on affordability, student services, and the availability of online programs, OnlineColleges.org used the most recent government data to rank more than 2,500 colleges and universities across the country. Data sources include The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), The Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System (IPEDS), The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and The United States Census Bureau.

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Ranking the best Halloween candies

Darren Johnson
Campus News

When I used to work for Southampton College – out on the East End of Long Island where many celebrities live – I’d sometimes, with my wife, take my daughter trick-or-treating out there. There’s one wealthy neighborhood that’s crazy and all the houses give out the full-sized candy bars, not the “fun size” – which usually are too small to be all that much fun. Trick-or-treating behind us could be some celebrity with his or her kids; one I recall seeing was Kelly Ripa. We’d get so much candy, I’d have to try some of it later.

But even in years where we just went to normal neighborhoods and did mostly get the “fun size” treats, there was abundance, and, being a good parent, I’d get to sample some here and there. Purely for research purposes, of course.

Hence, I am well qualified to write this timely article on the 10 best “fun size” Halloween takeaways. Let’s go in reverse order, for spooky suspense purposes:

10. Twizzlers – I have no problems with this red fake licorice, per se. It’s tasty, though lacks much substance. The main issue is, because people are so afraid of affecting kids who have

peanut allergies, there’s way too much of this product on the market. As J-Lo said: “Enough!”

9. Mary Janes – Unlike Twizzlers, I really only see these chewy candies at Halloween, or if I’m in some retro general store in Vermont, where they like to partake in a different kind of “Mary Jane.” These are rare treats, but more than one or two and you may start to hallucinate and think these candies are actually good.

8. M&M’s – My beef isn’t with M&M’s, necessarily, but a “fun size” pack may only have four or five of the peanut variety. Four or five? Feh! That’s just getting started.

7. O’Henry – These would score higher if they didn’t taste so much like Baby Ruth. That said, O’Henry makes the list because I rarely see them full-size anywhere while Baby Ruth may have a better distributor. And O’Henry is slightly better.

6. Mr. Goodbar – Again, I only see these in the tiny sizes, but they pack a wallop. Why aren’t these more mainstream? Their Hershey cousin, Krackel, suffers similar discrimination – but Krackel is way better than similar Nestle Crunch.

5. Dots – The original, indestructible gummy candy. You can use these as temporary fillings to cover the cavities caused by the previous candies, until you get safely to a dentist on All Saints Day. The trial size version of Dots only contains 4 or 5 of these door-stoppers, and there’s no qual-



ity control. They could be all the same color, or different colors. No one at the factory cares.

4. Peppermint Patties – I know there are some Junior Mints loyalists here, but for me, there’s no contest between the two. Junior Mints are mushy and lack punch. The mint in York’s Peppermint Patties sticks with you; the chocolate is richer. Now, this is one of the few candies where the small-sized version is better than the full-sized. The smaller ones have a better chocolate-to-mint ratio, and taste great frozen.

3. Heath Bars – English toffee treats. Jolly good! A great example of less is more. How can anyone not like these?

2. Starburst – Sorry, Skittles, but Starburst is the king of the candies for kids with allergies. They are big enough where you only can handle one at a time; not too sweet, but not too waxy. And taking 20 minutes to wrestle a wrapper off of one of them is great for your fine motor skills. Prevents dementia.

And ... drumroll ...

1. It’s Complicated – No, this is not the name of a candy, or my Facebook status, but my take on this all-important No. 1 needs some explaining. You see, the simple answer is **Reese’s Peanut Butter Cups**. But – and this is a big but (and I can-

not lie) – not the full-sized single cup that has been trendy to hand out recent Halloweens. No way. Much, much better are the little foil-wrapped Peanut Butter Cups. Again, it’s the chocolate-to-peanut-butter ratio that makes all the difference.

So that’s my Top 10 Halloween candy list, and it should be yours, too.

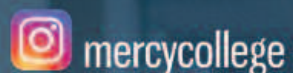
Another note: If you are at home on Halloween night, it’s important to buy trick-or-treat candy you yourself like to eat, in case you don’t give away all your loot that night to the costumed kids.

If you are reading this after Halloween, go get the above candy on clearance at your local grocery store or pharmacy. And send me pic of you with your favorite holiday candy – email your image to cccn@cccn.us or text 518-879-0965. We’ll run the pics on our web site. Happy snacking!

Darren Johnson believes it’s OK to wear a costume to class on Halloween. He will be teaching his Public Relations and Advertising classes that day at a small college in Upstate New York.



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