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NJCU’s Numbers

“We learn in the sixth most densely-populated country in the U.S. With more than 1,200 employees, we generate over $300 million a year in payroll and wages that impact the local and state economy. Much of the remaining portion of our $138 million budget is spent with over 1,400 vendors, more than half of whom are state located. Add to this our over 1,400 graduates who fill our workforce every year. When you put that all together, we generate over $500 million dollars in economic activity for this state. That means for every $1 that NJCU spends another $1.19 is generated and for every job that we have right here at NJCU more than one is created.”

“According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, high school graduates earn an average income of $638 per week, those with a bachelor’s degree earn $1,053 a week, and those with a master’s degree are likely to earn $1,263.

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By Kelly Resch

“While faculty are the measure of our greatness, students are the reason we are here.”

In the very short time that I have been here, I have come to love this place, its history, and all that it stands for,” said Dr. Sue Henderson, a mathematician and educator who became the first woman to lead New Jersey City University when she assumed office as the institution’s 12th president on August 6. When she was named president by the NJCU Board of Trustees following a nationwide search, Dr. Henderson was serving Queens College as both chief operating officer and vice president of institutional advancement.

Although geographically close, Dr. Henderson admits to not knowing much about the institution located across the Hudson River and a bit south, but decided to conduct some research when a friend informed her that the mission and values of NJCU were such a good match for her own.

In a move right out of reality television’s “Undercover Boss,” or in this case, “Undercover Future Boss,” Dr. Henderson revealed, “Since Jersey City is not far from Flushing, Queens, I decided to take a look at the campus before my first interview.” She was truly impressed by the friendliness and warmth that she discovered. “Wow! It was love at first sight.”

And, in all of my encounters since, I am delighted that my initial impression has been confirmed. This is a warm and friendly intellectual community dedicated to access and excellence.”

When holding her first all University meeting last fall, Dr. Henderson told an audience of faculty, staff, students, and alumni, “I am humbled by the debt I owe to all of you who have served this wonderful University so well for so many years. Indeed, I stand on the shoulders of giants. In providing some insight about what she sees as the strengths, assets, and pride points of the University she now leads, Dr. Henderson mentioned NJCU’s broad-based and innovative curriculum, commitment to strategic planning, deep engagement in local schools, programming at Harborside and Brookdale, proximity to Manhattan, location in a revitalizing area, West Campus, work with instructional technology; and international exchange programs.

When discussing the National Survey of Student Engagement, which measures an institution’s effectiveness in reaching out to students, Dr. Henderson said, “I am so pleased to report that we did very well in so many areas. I was particularly delighted to see that our students felt that we engaged them in a number of ways, including that faculty connect their learning to societal problems and issues, work with them outside the classroom on activities other than their course work, encourage their active participation in class, and provide valuable feedback on various drafts of their work. And finally, something that I am very proud of, NJCU faculty challenge students to do their best work. My hat is off to your work…thank you.”

“While faculty are the measure of our greatness,” Dr. Henderson said, “students are the reason we are here. We can truly transform their lives by educating them not only for their first job but for their second and third job. The broad education that we offer them gives them a leg up on their livelihood as well as a quality of life.”

Deidra Henderson thanked the vice presidents, staff, and board members for their work, support, and “crash course on NJCU” before sharing what she believes the University can accomplish in the next few years.

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Dr. Sue Henderson Breaks NJCU’s Glass Ceiling As 12th President

By Kelly Resch

At Queens College

As chief operating officer: guided critical initiatives, including the implementation of long-range strategic planning and community-focused and entrepreneurial programs and activities; worked to bring greater diversity in faculty and staff hiring; oversaw facilities and construction work; implemented a zero-based budgeting initiative; and advanced the internationalization of the curriculum.

As vice president of institutional advancement: promoted the College within the campus community and cultivated support from public, private, and corporate sources; oversaw 12 units, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications, including alumni relations, athletics, communications, development, special events, government affairs, entrepreneurial programs, and activity, communications.
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Congressman Guarini has an outstanding record of public service to Hudson County, the State of New Jersey, and the country. A World War II veteran who saw active combat in the Pacific Theater, he received the Naval Commendation Medal and three Battle Stars. He served as a New Jersey State Senator, 1965-1972, and was elected to seven terms as a Congressman in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1979-1993.

Since his retirement from Congress, he has been involved in development projects along Jersey City’s waterfront. Just a few blocks from his law office in the waterfront’s financial district is Jersey City’s Main Post Office, which was named in his honor in 2008.

Philanthropy is a lifelong habit of his, first nurtured during his undergraduate days at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire, when the expectation of becoming a generous alumnus was “drilled into us,” he said. It was a lesson he took with him when he later enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

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This new Gothic feature will showcase NJCU’s Gateway to the Global Village Program, which brings visitors from throughout the world to campus and offers exchange and study opportunities abroad for students and faculty. Recognized for a commitment to the globalization of its curriculum and for a campus that is a microcosm of the world, NJCU further prepares students for the global economy by affording them many opportunities for scholarly, cultural, and personal interactions and collaborations as well as enduring borderless relationships.

Mexico

Thirteen students participated in a cultural and historical tour as well as a service project in a Mayan village as part of “Mexico’s Heritage: Explore the Yucatan,” a spring break trip led by Dr. Luis Cervantes Liñán (left), UIGV’s executive director and dean of the faculty of Business and Economics, and Goes Katz, director of NJCU’s Center for Community Service and Volunteerism, and Craig Katz, director of international programs.

Peru

A delegation of 12 administrators and professors from the Universidad Inca Garcilaso de la Vega (UIGV) in Lima, a private Peruvian university with which NJCU has an academic-exchange program, traveled to New Jersey to learn more about NJCU’s model Business Development Incubator. UIGV established the Centro Peruano-Americano para el Desarrollo Empresarial, its Peruvian-American Center for Entrepreneurial Business, in 2010. The Peruvian visitors toured the BDI and interacted with its NJCU counterparts and BDI entrepreneurs.

A visit to Machu Picchu was among the highlights of “Historic Cities in Global Perspective: Peru,” a three-credit, study abroad program in Cusco last June. Gathered with trip leaders Dr. Cora Lagos (left), an assistant professor of modern languages, and Dr. Timothy White (front right), an assistant professor of history, were students Rosanna Rodriguez (front left), and from left: Daniel Miller, Danny Sierra, Nazia Ali, Anthony Moore, and Marilyn Pardo.

India

Seventeen NJCU students participated in “Study India,” a unique, 15-day immersion program offered in collaboration with H.R. College of Commerce and Economics in Mumbai last January. The program followed an exchange that brought 24 H.R. College students to NJCU in May 2011. In India, NJCU students visited religious and cultural sites, including the Taj Mahal (pictured), and attended dinners hosted by families of Indian students who had visited NJCU. They were accompanied by Craig Katz, director of international programs, Dr. Irma Miani, a professor of English who is a native of Delhi, and Robert Quinones, assistant director for campus life and coordinator of NJCU’s Center for Community Service and Volunteerism.

Oman

Yosra Abdalla (third from right), an international business major, studied Arabic language and culture at the Center for International Learning (CIL) in Muscat, Oman during the fall 2013 semester as the recipient of a prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Gilman Scholarship recipients are selected through a competitive process and must use the award to defray eligible study abroad costs.

Japan

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Italy

Dr. Gabriella Ganugi, president of Florence University of the Arts (FUA), visited NJCU last fall to speak about FUA’s many programs, including ones in business, social sciences, food and wine studies, and visual and fine arts. FUA offers an affordable-semester summer, and short-term winter programs. NJCU will launch a study abroad program there either in fall 2013 or spring 2014.

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Doctor of Education in Educational Technology Leadership Is N.J.’s First

New Jersey City University will be the state’s first institution of higher education in New Jersey to offer a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree in Educational Technology Leadership Program. The Program will enroll its first class next summer and is the only second doctoral program to be offered by the University. The Program will be offered by the NJCU Department of Educational Technology, one of only a few dozen throughout the United States that is recognized by the International Society for Technology in Education. In addition to being the only such program at New Jersey, the NJCU Program will also be unique in its approach, offering students the ability to complete the degree online and during only three, one-week Summer Institutes. The Summer Institutes are residential, day-long programs that will be held on NJCU’s Jersey City campus and will feature working breakfasts, lunchtime and evenings and opportunities for students to meet with fellow students, program advisors, professors, the dissertation committee, administrators, librarians, and the Advisory Board; showcase their projects; and plan their dissertation topics.

With an interdisciplinary focus that utilizes all of the University’s faculty resources, NJCU’s Ed.D. Program is designed to develop educational technology leaders and innovators whose work is characterized by scholarship, creativity, and innovation and who can address the educational issues of technology’s role in civic, social, cultural, labor, and organizational change.

Graduates of NJCU’s Ed.D. Program will be poised to lead schools and businesses in using technology to locate resources; assess, comprehend, interpret, and communicate information; evaluate products and processes; and solve problems. For further information contact Dr. Cordelia Twomey, chair of NJCU’s Educational Technology Department, at ctwomey@njcu.edu.

Two Major Education Programs Achieve National Accreditation

The national Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) has accredited two major education programs of the Debrah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education.

Five-year initial accreditation was awarded for both NJCU’s Teacher Education Instructional Certification Program and Educational Leadership/Administration Certificate Program. The College of Education’s programs in early childhood education, elementary and secondary education, special education, literacy education, multicultural education, and educational technology are accredited, along with the Educational Leadership/Administration Certificate Program, through June 12, 2017.

Founded in 1997, TEAC’s mission is to work with education programs dedicated to the improvement of academic degree programs for professional educators who will teach and lead in schools, pre-k through grade 12. TEAC’s goal is to support the preparation of competent, caring, and qualified professional educators. TEAC’s primary work is accrediting undergraduate and graduate professional education programs in order to assure the public about the quality of college and university programs. The education program, rather than the institution, receives TEAC accreditation. NJCU has maintained national accreditation for its education programs for more than 50 years.

Facilities Update

In a continuing effort to build, upgrade, and maintain the NJCU plant, the following projects will be undertaken during 2013:

- The design for the renovation and expansion of the Science Building. This includes renovation of existing chemistry laboratories and the construction of an addition to the building to add new teaching and research laboratories.
- Remediation and infrastructure construction on NJCU’s West Campus, which is expected to continue through the year.
- The design for the West Campus Academic Building, which will house general classroom space, faculty offices, and the Department of Music, Dance and Theatre. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2014.
- A demand study, which includes market analysis and focus groups, is also underway for a proposed residence hall for the West Campus.

Play Therapy Pioneer Visits Campus

Dr. Gary L. Landreh, a world renowned pioneer in the field of play therapy and an expert in training teachers and researchers worldwide, drew more than 200 attendees to “Healing the Hurting Child: The Necessary Dimension of Child-Centered Play Therapy,” a day-long workshop that included a 30-minute video and a 90-minute panel discussion.

The campus workshop focused on the perceptual world of the child, the dynamic elements of the relationship that facilitate the play therapy process, and the use of movement in the playroom, “reading” themes in children’s play, the four healing messages needed by a child who is hurting, child-centered play therapy skills, helping children develop self-control, and self-responsibility, the ACT model of therapeutic, the language of facilitating, and using language in children, and guidelines for selecting appropriate toys and materials.

Workshop activities included spontaneous demonstrations by Dr. Landreh about specific problems in the play therapy experience, skill-building exercises, and critiques of videos of his play therapy sessions.

Dr. Landreh founded the Center for Play Therapy, which has now become the largest play therapy training program in the world, in 1988. At the Center, students are trained in play therapy, a method of child counseling that uses toys and other play materials to enable children to express their feelings, thoughts, and ideas.

Dr. Landreh is also internationally known for his writings, which include his award-winning and widely translated Play Therapy: The Art of the Relationship, the first book on play therapy and still one of the most influential.

Grants at a Glance

- The New Jersey Department of Higher Education awarded a six-year, $528,000 grant to NJCU’s GEAR UP (Raising Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate) Program. NJCU is one of seven higher education partner institutions in the New Jersey Department of Higher Education’s GEAR UP program, which encourages students to earn college degrees and take rigorous high school courses to prepare for postsecondary education. NJCU’s GEAR UP serves Jersey City public schools.
- The United States Department of Defense (DoD) has awarded a one-year grant, capped at $1,117,296, to NJCU’s Information Assurance Scholarship Program (IASP). The DoD IASP leverages DoD’s efforts to retain students pursuing information assurance/cyber security programs of study. As many as 30 graduate and 10 doctoral students could receive scholarships to NJCU that would cover tuition, fees, and books.
NJCU Spring 2013 Open Houses

Graduate Studies
Thursday, June 6, 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
2039 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City

Highlights

information about NJCU’s two doctoral and 27 master’s degree programs, revised test waiver request process for select mas-
ter’s degree programs, and alternate route to teaching certification; opportunities to meet faculty and staff from academic departments and administrative offices.

Office of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education
(201)200-3409

Undergraduate
Saturday, April 20, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
2039 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City

Highlights

campus tours; an “Information Fair” on undergradu-
tate’s degree programs, and alternate route to teaching certification; opportunities to meet faculty and staff from academic departments and administrative offices.

Office of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education
(201)200-3409

NJCU at Harborside
Wednesday, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 29, 2013
Jersey City Harborside Financial Center 4A, 286 Washington Street, second floor, Jersey City

Highlights

information about the graduate degree and certificate programs offered on the Jersey City waterfront; opportunities to meet faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
(201)200-3234

NJCU at Brookdale
Tuesday, March 26, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
NJCU at Brookdale

Highlights

opportunities to utilize the resources of the historic site and NJCU

NJCU Is Named Educational Partner of National Park Service at Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

New Jersey City University is now the official educational partner of the National Park Service (NPS) at the Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island.

NJCU’s status as the educational partner provides students with unparalleled opportunities to utilize the resources of the historic site and NJCU.

Administration by NJCU’s William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences, the formal relationship grew out of an informal collaboration between NJCU

and the NPS that was formed about two years ago. Through the informal collaboration, NJCU and the NPS had already worked together on a host of mutually-beneficial programs and initiatives.

Among the many initiatives that have now been formalized is an intern-

ship program for NJCU students at the historic site, which provides them with real work experience as well as academic credits.

The formal agreement also enables the curriculums of NJCU programs as well as the educa-
tional activities of the NPS to continue to be enriched by the reciprocal flow of information and shared expertise.

Through this arrangement, NJCU will now officially serve as the NPS community partner for the “Navigating Difference” project under the auspices of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, a multi-year, multi-component project to explore and promote an understanding of the immigrant experience worldwide.

The P&S and NJCU will also continue to partner on a partner on an artists-in-residence program at Statue of Liberty National Monument and Ellis Island. Launched last summer, the inaugural program selected three artists from an international pool of applicants for month-long residencies during which they created art inspired by the two islands and had use of NJCU studio and living space.

Conversations in Women’s and Gender Studies Features Screening, Discussions

“Conversations in Women’s and Gender Studies” an annual series presented by the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies featured discussions by prominent researchers and a screening of Katja von Garnier’s Iron Jawed Angels.

The discussions included “Women in Government: Politics and Policies” with New Jersey State Senator Sandra Cunningham; Jeanette LaRue, senior vice presi-
dent of Kaufman Zita Group; Sheila Daniels, Esq., ‘vice-chair of the Board of the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition, and field director for the Chris Diet for State Representative Campaign; “Women, Gender and Activism” with Thomp

ejune M. Tamaras McLafferty, Northeast field organizer for Amnesty International, and Tynesha McLafferty, director of programs and community engage-

ment for the Newark Trust for Education, and “What Can I Do With a JAGS Degree? Careers and Opportu-
nitites” with Jonel Adriano, an Emmy, duPont, and Peabody Award-

ning television news producer; Kristen Demaille, social media/com-

munications coordinator for GRACE Communications Foundation; and Regina Langley, a DJ and founder/ creator of Black Girl Enterprise.

Attention NJCU Alumni

As NJCU’s proudest ambassadors, please help your alma mater by referring prospective students to one of the University’s many Open Houses.

Around The Campus

The application fee is waived for those who apply for admission to NJCU at any of these events and parking is validated for all attendees.

Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad to Deliver 18th Annual W.E.B. DuBois Lecture

Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammad, director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, will deliver NJCU’s 18th annual W.E.B. DuBois Lecture on Thursday, April 25.

A former associate professor of history at Indiana University, Dr. Muhammad has served as director of the Schomburg Center since 2010.

Dr. Muhammad is at the forefront of scholarship on the

enduring link between race and crime. He is the author of The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime, and the Making of Modern Urban America, winner of the 2011 John Hope Franklin Publication Prize of the Ameri-
can Studies Association, and is currently working on Disap-

pearing Acts: The End of White Criminality in the Age of Jim Crow, which traces the historical roots of crime and punishment.

He has been featured on National Public Radio and Pacifica Radio, and his writ-

ings have been published in the Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Atlanta Journal Constitution, History News Network, and the Defender Online.com. Dr. Muhammad has also served as associate editor of The Journal of American History and is a member of the Nation

Magazine’s editorial board.

Dr. Muhammad’s lecture is part of a year-long series of special and annual programs presented by the Lee Hagan Afri-
can Studies Center in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and focusing on “Living Emanci-
pated Lives.”

For information about the Hagan Center’s year-long series call (201)200-3524.
New Jersey City University hosted a series of campus programs centered around “We Are You Project International,” an initiative that is the first comprehensive, coast-to-coast artistic overview of the current state of Latino socio-cultural, political, and economic conditions in the 21st century, as part of its campus celebration of "National Hispanic Heritage Month." NJCU’s "National Hispanic Heritage Month" programs included "The ‘We Are You Project International’ art exhibit, which features paintings, prints, and multimedia works by more than 30 contemporary Hispanic artists, including nine NJCU alumni and faculty; a screening and discussion of ‘We Are You Project,’ a documentary directed by artist Duda Penteado that features interviews with prominent leaders and artists; an artists’ reception; and a closing reception that featured readings by several internationally acclaimed poets, including Xan Brit, Pablo Casteros, Alex Alma, Raphael Montanez Ortiz, Mike Faldes, Carmen D. Lucia, Gabriel Navar, and Mr. Penteado.

Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy
NJCU
By Kelly Resch

A hundred and sixty students who trained to help save migrants’ lives. Shalini Kantayya, a Brooklyn-based, award-winning filmmaker, educator, and eco-activist who placed in the top 10 of over 12,000 filmmakers on "On the Lot," a television show in search of Hollywood’s next great director, was featured in November, and Dr. Dorthe Beren, director of communications at the Center for Constitutional Rights and chair of Methodists in New Directions, a grassroots organization working to end religious homophobia, was scheduled to speak in February. The free Series is sponsored annually by the NJCU Division of University Advancement. All lectures are held at 3:00 p.m. For further information call (201)200-3425.
Generators provided power to critical facilities during the storm.

Students unable to make it home during the storm were housed and fed in the Michael J. Gilligan Student Union.

Of Note

Andrew Christ, associate vice president for facilities and construction management, is president of the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Higher Education Facilities Professionals. His three-year term began in May 2012.

Dr. Allan A. De Fina, ’77, dean of the Deborah Cannon Partridge Weide College of Education, has been named by the New Jersey Department of Education to represent New Jersey’s higher education community as a member of the Educator Leader Cadre of the national Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). He will participate in a national initiative to implement Common Core State Standards and transition to PARCC assessments during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Dr. Vera Dika’s (The Moving) Pictures Generation: The Cinema of African Americans in New York. Art and Film has been published by Palgrave MacMillan. The book is a study of New York’s African American film world from the 1960s to the 1980s.

Carolyne Hunter, supervisor of the Health and Wellness Center, was elected treasurer of the New Jersey College Health Association, assuming the office from Kathleen Decker, a nurse in the Center. Ms. Hunter, president emeritus of the Association, has

Retired

January 1, 2011 - July 1, 2012

ROWED M. AKER, senior student 边际化病人, health services (1993)
LYNN BARRON, assistant director, office of graduate studies and continuing education (1991)
MARY-ELLLEN CAMPBELL, professor of art (1979)
PERRY COHEN, assistant director, office of creative planning and placement (1986)
CAMILLE COLLARIALA, principle clerk typist, health and wellness center (1989)
ANDREW DICK, senior building maintenance worker, housekeeping (1986)
GARY DOMINO, executive assistant to the president (1987)
DR. RICHARD HENDERSON, dean of graduate studies (2005)
VICTOR JOHNSON, professor of art (1986)
DANNY HALL ’12, trombone. They were named to the Kappa Eta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society.

In the letter, Mr. Piscal recounted the journey of hurricane Sandy, and the department must take advantage of these opportunities to strengthen our students’ abilities.

The Gothic Party, Hurricane Sandy Relief Initiative, a drive coordinated by the Division of Student Affairs, Student Government Organization, and Center for Community Service and Volunteerism, collected cleaning supplies, clothing, food, and household goods that were distributed to those members of the NJCU community most affected by the storm and donated to the local charities.

The Department of Music, Dance and Theater donated a portion of proceeds from two recent performances of “Strange Boarders” to the victims of Hurricane Sandy, and the department decided to make it through the devastating storm called Hurricane Sandy.

Dr. Vera Dika, an assistant professor of media arts, is the author of several other books on film and is a founding editor of the Millennium Film Journal, which has been published biannually since 1978 and is dedicated to avant-garde cinema and practice.

Dr. Keri Giordano, director of the Children’s Learning Center, is serving on the New Jersey Council for Young Children’s Subcommittee on Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, and was selected by the New Jersey Department of Education to conduct a field review of the State’s new Birth-To-Three Early Learning Standards.
English Professor’s New Book Explores Scrapbooks As Social Media

Dr. Ellen Gruber Garvey, professor of English, has been speaking about her new book, Waiting with Scissors: American Scrapbooks from the Civil War to the Harlem Renaissance, at universities, historical societies, and libraries all over the country. She also recently discussed Civil War scrapbooks on the New York Times Discussion blog.

Published by Oxford University Press, Writing with Scissors explores how Americans from all walks of life, ranging from farmers and janitors to Abraham Lincoln and Susan B. Anthony, created scrapbooks to document, share, and critique press accounts of events, thereby shaping an alternate media and creating their own democratic archives. By cutting out and paring down what they read, people claimed ownership of their family and community, much as future generations would use social media.

Garvey is also the author of The Adman in the Attic: Magazines and the Gendering of Consumer Culture, 1880s-1920s, winner of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing’s prize for the best book of 1998 on the history of the book, and with Sharon Harris, helped to edit Blue Pencils and Modesty Wounds: Women Editing Periodicals, a volume of the series. A member of the faculty since 1994, Dr. Garvey’s teaching interests include 19th-century American literature, print culture, popular literature, lesbian and gay literature, and children’s literature. She also co-edits the University’s Transformations: The Parlor: Magazines and the Gendering of Consumer Studies in April 2012.

In Memoriam

Dr. Dorothy Menosky, a graduate student in the Master of Fine Arts Program, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Bergen Community College, Mrs. Penchansky was a confidential secretary to the late Dr. William Maxwell ’58 in the Office of the President. She retired in 1997 to Bloomington, Indiana. Mr. Nugent was a U.S. Navy veteran. Dr. Garvey’s new book, Waiting with Scissors: American Scrapbooks from the Civil War to the Harlem Renaissance, will lecture on the following:

Steve Otero, a senior repairman in the Department of Facilities and Construction Management, received an Athletic Achieve- ment Award from the NJCU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. The Award recognizes Mr. Otero’s outstanding efforts in maintaining the facilities at the John J. Moore Athletics and Fitness Center, including the installation of the All-America and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Association displays in the building lobby.

Dr. Howard Palmer 62, professor emeritus of geoscience/ geography and chair of the United Way of Hudson County, was one of three honorees at the Annual Evening of Tribute at the Bayonne Jewish Community Center (BJCC). BJCC is a non-sectarian social service agency that has provided local residents with outstanding social, cultural, recreational, and educational activities since 1952.
Vocal Students Take Top Prizes in Competition

Students from the Department of Music, Dance and Theatre won top awards in the New Jersey National Association of Teachers of Singing, Inc. (NATS) 2012 Festival of Singing Competition, which was hosted by NJCU.

The students and their awards include Angela Rose Iannacone, a graduate student in vocal performance, first place in the upper-level men category; Naomi Onite, a sophomore majoring in vocal performance with teaching certification, first place in the upper-level men category; Andrew Darlington, a senior majoring in voice performance, second place in the upper-level men category; and Sarahle Ganger, a senior majoring in musical theatre, first place in undergraduate musical theatre.

The festival featured contestants from the Eastern Region of NATS, which includes colleges and universities in Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Quebec. NATS is the largest professional organization of teachers of singing in the world, representing 7,000 members in more than 25 countries.

Student Films Place First and Second in N.J. Young Film and Videomaker’s Festival

“AKA Cheese,” a video portrait of Jersey City graffiti artist Juan Vasquez by Nancy Santos, 12, and senior Makisha Rodriguez, won first place and “Jersey City: 24 Hours in Public Places,” a video documentary produced by media arts students that explores the city’s diverse cultural, historic, gritty, and eccentric places, won second place in the college category of the 38th annual New Jersey Young Film and Videomakers Festival Showcase.

“AKA Cheese” explores the four major pillars of the Hip-hop culture through the eyes of Mr. Vasquez, a.k.a. “Cheese,” as he focuses on the street art element, graffiti. The challenge for the filmmakers was to convey the importance of Hip-hop culture as well as its role in inspiring graffiti as a truly original, albeit controversial, art form. According to Mr. Vasquez, graffiti is not limited to words and paint; “It’s an urban revolution.”

“Jersey City: 24 Hours in Public Places” was inspired by National Public Radio’s “NYC: 24 Hours in Public Places,” a documentary created in the 1980s by audio producers. The filmmakers, like the producers, recorded life at various locations at different times of the day and night.

The students worked in teams covering sound, video, and still photography. Each team produced a 60-second segment at locations ranging from the Justice Brennan Courthouse and the Colgate Clock to the Landmark Loew’s Jersey Theatre and White Mana fast food diner.

Jason Roque, supervisor of audio-visual services in the Media Arts Department, was technical director. The musical score was written and performed by Jose Ahumada, a senior majoring in music education who also specializes in composition for film and video.

The project grew out of a class created and taught by Jane Steuerwald, a professor of media arts, as part of “The Urban Experience,” the first themed semester offered by NJCU’s William J. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences.

The New Jersey Young Film and Videomakers’ Festival is a project of the Black Maria Film and Video Festival, an international juried competition and traveling showcase of independent works based at NJCU.
I began working at New Jersey City University in the summer of 1998. Like so many, I was first drawn to this institution because of its mission of excellence and opportunity, but had the good fortune to arrive at an exceptionally exciting time—a time when it was transitioning from Jersey City State College to New Jersey City University and its three schools were transforming into three separate colleges.

My arrival marked two firsts: I was the first external dean ever hired as well as the first dean of NJCU’s recently-formed College of Professional Studies (CPS). I came to the position with extensive experience in higher education, having held leadership positions in an array of health-related and professional disciplines, making me a good “fit” to help the College of Professional Studies become a center of excellence for professional education in New Jersey.

But, I also came to the position as a first-generation college graduate myself, helping me to better understand what the majority of students at NJCU were going through and knowing that it was imperative that our College provide them with the opportunities necessary to benefit from an excellent education.

At the time of my arrival, the College of Professional Studies was comprised of five departments: Business Administration, Criminal Justice/Fire Sciences/Security, Health Sciences, Nursing, and Sports and Leisure Studies. Each department offered an undergraduate degree program and the Business Administration, Criminal Justice, and Health Sciences Departments also offered master’s degree programs.

I was fortunate to join a College where the faculty and administration were deeply committed to the University’s mission and to providing an excellent broad-based professional education with a strong liberal arts component. And, we were all fortunate to have students, then reflective primarily of Hudson County and the surrounding region, who brought a richness of cultural and work experiences as well as a
Doctoral Degree Program Is a First for NJCU

The College of Professional Studies has enrolled its first students for the Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in Civil Security Leadership, Management and Policy Degree Program, the University’s first doctoral degree program. The Program ensures that all students are immersed in a generalist civil security curriculum incorporating the three distinct areas recognized by the American Society of Industrial Security (ASI) International: national, corporate, and information assurance/cybersecurity. The D.Sc. is a scholar-practitioner degree with a strong research and analysis component that is ultimately demonstrated by a successful dissertation. Completion of this degree prepares one to assume executive-level responsibilities of a major security position within government or business. This terminal degree will also prepare students to become college-level educators in the professional security field at institutions that require candidates to hold doctoral degrees from an accredited program.

Students who meet experience requirements within the appropriate security domain(s) will be prepared to take the examination leading to board-certification as a Certified Protection Professional (CPP™). Students that already possess the CPP™ designation will assist in mentoring their classmates in preparation for the examination.

The unique scholar-practitioner structure of this degree program boasts a full-time and adjunct faculty with appropriate doctoral degrees, professional certification(s), and a minimum of 15 years of professional security experience.

NJCU received designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence (CAE) by the National Security Agency (NSA) in 2009. NSA’s CAE designations are considered reciprocal with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) – authorizing various research projects, grants, and scholarships for security professionals that are participating in D.Sc. degree program.

The first group enrolled in July 2012 and a second Learning Community (LC) of 30-35 doctoral students will enter the three-year program this summer. In addition to online coursework, LC members are required to attend residential programs for two weeks each summer and four weekends during the academic year.

NJCU’s second doctoral degree offering, a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in educational technology has recently received approval and will welcome its first class next summer (See Page 8.).

desire to advance, characteristics unparalleled at other colleges in our state’s higher education system.

The mission of the College of Professional Studies was to enroll students with the skills, abilities, knowledge, and ways of thinking that encouraged their growth as ethical professionals who valued lifelong learning – who were also well-informed, responsible global citizens. Given this mission and the academic environment that exists in the College’s faculty, administration, and staff began exploring the myriad opportunities for enrollment growth, new program development and expansion, a greater state-wide presence, and better globalization of our already multi-ethnic student population.

In 2004, with the participation of the entire faculty, we engaged in a major strategic planning effort to assess the College’s strengths, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities and to revitalize the vision and mission. We fully adopted the mission of the College of Professional Studies as: “…becoming a center of excellence for professional education in which a diverse body of students, scholars, and practitioners form an intellectually challenging and socially responsible community that fosters life-long learning and prepares productive members for local and global societies.” The mission was “…to educate individuals from diverse communities to succeed in their professional goals and personal aspirations, and to effectively contribute to society.”

This vision and this mission, reaffirmed in 2009, continue to guide our principles and planning as the College of Professional Studies advances closer to becoming the school of choice for professional education in the State of New Jersey. The NJCU Administration Department has taken another step in this direction by forwarding a proposal to the University Senate. They have proposed a change from “Department” to “School of Business” with four discrete departments: Accounting, Finance, Management, and Marketing.

The proposal has reached the final step in the Senate process and, if approved, will be presented to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President for review. If endorsed, it will then move to the Board of Trustees for consideration this spring.

The Business Administration Department faculty are certainly representative of all College of Professional Studies faculty in that they are all extremely talented and committed. During my tenure as Dean, 24 new faculty have been added to the College’s roster. It was and remains critical that all have strong academic and experiential credentials as surveys of our students consistently show they are pursuing an education to enter or advance in a professional career or to move on to graduate studies. Thus, it is important that our faculty have the necessary academic and professional expertise and networks to assist our students in their career paths.

Each and every day, I think about our students. Is what we are doing really helping them and making a difference? And, are they receiving the best possible education? It appears so.

The College of Professional Studies now has departments with some of the highest number of students and offers a doctoral program, baccalaureate and master’s degree opportunities, and certificate programs. It is now effectively reaching students throughout the state, regionally, and internationally and a survey of graduates consistently indicate the highest level of student satisfaction.

But, our successes would never have been possible without the unwavering and complete support of the University’s administrative leadership. The College of Professional Studies also has always supported the University mission, and we look forward to continuing to advance excellence and opportunity under our new President.
2001  The Business Administration Department is awarded its first accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP), the small Business Development Center (EBOC) is established and will subsequently serve several thousand community residents annually.

2002  Through the CPS, NJCU is one of only 200 campuses nationwide to be designated a Carnegie Academy Campus by the American Association of Higher Education and Carnegie Foundation; the Criminal Justice Program is the first in New Jersey to undergo national recertification by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

2003  NJCU is the first in New Jersey and only the first in the New York metropolitan area to offer a Master of Science (M.S.) Degree in Accounting totally online; the Criminal Justice Fire Science/Security Department becomes the first to participate in CommunityVig, a partnership with Brookdale Community College that establishes NJCU’s off-campus site in Wall Township, where 13 CPS programs are now offered; the Sports and Leisure Studies Department changes its focus and name to the Fitness, Exercise and Sports Department.

2004  A unique M.S. in Finance Program enables graduates to sit for national and international examinations leading to Certified Financial Planner Certification and Chartered Financial Analyst designation; the CPS begins offering New Jersey’s only four-year Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree Program in Fire Science, described by the Director for the National Fire Academy as “...one of the three best programs in the nation”; the CPS first begins to develop what will continue to be discipline-specific dual admission agreements with Brookdale Community College, Hudson County Community College, Essex Community College, and Middlesex Community College.

2005  NJCU’s Business Development Incubator (BDI) opens and integrates case-study experiences for graduate M.B.A. students to support start-up business.

2006  A series of courses complementing the M.S. in Accounting program prepares students to sit for the Certified Management Accountant certification examination; the Health Sciences Department’s graduate certification program in school nursing is approved; the Bachelor of Science Degree Program in National Security Studies and Master of Science Degree Program in National Security Studies with specializations in national, corporate, and information assurance are developed.

2007  The accelerated, second degree, B.S. in nursing program, which currently enjoys a 95% pass rate, is approved; graduate business programs are also offered at Hackensack in Jersey City’s Financial District.

2008  CPS graduate business programs begin recruiting Chinese students for M.S. and M.B.A. programs in collaboration with the International Academic Alliance; a five-year B.S. to M.B.A. in Accounting (Bridge) Program is introduced.

2009  An M.B.A. Program with specializations in finance, marketing, and organizational management and leadership is introduced; NJCU, through the Professional Security Studies Department, is recognized as a National Center for Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and Office of Homeland Security.

2010  The Business Administration Department establishes University and State approval to offer five bachelor’s degrees instead of one, the B.B. in accounting, finance, management, marketing, and business administration (for specializations in international business, travel and tourism management); the P.L.N. B.S. in Program, in partnership with Hudson County Community College, receives a $4.1 million, five-year Title V federal grant.

2011  The Student Investment Management (SIM) group, which invests and monitors a security fund, places second in the “Core Investment” category of the annual “Re定义ing Investment Strategy Education” (RISE) conference, the largest international investment competition in the world; the Professional Security Studies Department offers all courses in its B.B. program at Middlesex Community College; the Student American Marketing Association is awarded first place at the National AMA Conference for its video project promoting organ donation.

2012  The CPS initiates dual admission agreements with Central University for Finance and Economics in Beijing and with Dongbei University of Finance and Economics in the city of Dalian; the CPS offers NJCU’s first doctoral degree program in civil security leadership, management, and policy (See Page 22); the CPS registers a 99% increase in graduate and undergraduate enrollment since 2001.

The eighth annual New Jersey City University Donor Soirée drew dozens of supporters to a festive gathering in the Gothc Lounge on December 6. Hosted by the Division of University Advancement on behalf of the NJCU Foundation, Inc., the event provided an opportunity to acknowledge significant donations from businesses, corporations, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the University during the past fiscal year. The reception also provided an opportunity for scholarship recipients to meet their benefactors.

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An honorary doctor of humane letters degree was bestowed upon Emanoel Araujo at New Jersey City University’s 2012 Commencement on Wednesday, May 16 at the IZOD Center in East Rutherford. Joining Mr. Araujo (right), a Brazilian artist who is founder and director of the Museu Afro Brazil in Sao Paulo, are (from left): Rafael Perez, Esq., chair of the Board of Trustees; Dominick D’Agosta, chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Carlos Hernández, then president of NJCU; Ambassador Luiz Felipe de Siqueira Correa, Consul General of Brazil in New York, and Jane Sepulveda, president of the Class of 2012. Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno, vice president for academic affairs, presided over the ceremony.

Class of 2012 by the Numbers

Total graduates: 1,658
Total bachelor’s degrees: 1,220
  Bachelor of Arts: 515
  Bachelor of Fine Arts: 12
  Bachelor of Music: 8
  Bachelor of Science: 568
  Bachelor of Science in Nursing: 117
Total master’s degrees: 438
  Master of Arts: 214
  Master of Fine Arts: 2
  Master of Arts in Teaching: 113
  Master of Business Administration: 12
  Master of Music: 12
  Master of Science: 75
  Master of Arts in Educational Psychology and Professional Diploma in School Psychology: 2
  Professional Diploma in School Psychology: 8

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More than 500 guests paid tribute to two NJCU presidents at the Legacy and Promise Tribute and Gala on October 18 at The Westin Jersey City Newport in Jersey City. Presented by the NJCU Foundation, Inc., the elegant event honored Dr. Sue Henderson on the beginning of her tenure as NJCU’s 12th president and Dr. Carlos Hernández on his retirement.

The gala raised more than $188,000 for the NJCU Foundation, which provides support for the University and its students. Leading sponsors included Diversey, Inc., Congressmen Frank J. Guarini, President Bank Foundation, and United Way of Hudson County.

The program featured the presentation of NJCU’s Global Leadership Award to Dr. Henderson by Rafael Perez, Esq., chair of the Board of Trustees, and Dominick D’Agosta, chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors.

The NJCU Jazz Ensembles provided music under the direction of Dr. Edward Jobe, a professor of music and coordinator of jazz studies.

1. Dr. Sue Henderson, NJCU president, and Dr. Giselle Hernández (second from right), past president, with event co-chair Rafael Perez, Esq., (left), chair of the Board of Trustees, and Dominick D’Agosta, chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors
2. Daniel Allen (left), president and CEO of United Way of Hudson County, and Ambassador Gay Constantinos (Ret.) ’75, ’90, ’05, (center), co-host of the event, with Rodney’s Andrade (right), ’91, U.S. associate vice president for academic affairs, grants and sponsored programs and co-chair of the gala planning committee.
3. William Hervolides, Ben Jones, professor emeritus of art, and Dr. Rosemarie Z. Bruno (right), vice president for academic affairs.
4. Dr. Sandra Bloomberg, chair of the College of Professional Studies, Dr. Rachel Levine (center), retired professor of criminal justice/security, and Dr. John Hiatt, ’58, ’00, vice president for student affairs.
5. John Nevin ’73, M.A., retired vice president for university advancement, and John J. Moore, Esq., ’56 (right), trustee emeritus.
6. Dr. Theodore and Congresswoman Frank J. Guarini, who recently made a signature gift of $1 million to the University (See Page 4.)
7. Dr. Barbara Feldman (left), chair of the William H. Maxwell College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Henderson join Dr. George Karnoutsos ’55, retired professor of philosophy and NJCU Board Trustee.
8. Nancy Vincenzo and Linda Vincenzo (standing), co-founder and CEO of申花Vincenzo, and a member of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors, join Dr. D. Agosta and Dr. D. Agosta.
9. Dr. Allen A. DePree ’72, chair of the Deborah Cannon Partridge Wolfe College of Education, joins Leah Jackson, an academic advisor in the University Advancement Center, on the dance floor.

While many faculty members at NJCU impart gifts of knowledge, inspiration, and encouragement to their students, some also provide them with practical support by making scholarships available. Recently, three new scholarships honoring former faculty members were established through the NJCU Foundation.

In October 2011, hundreds of friends attended a retirement celebration for Professor Emeritus Ben Jones, a renowned artist and a member of the art faculty for four decades. The event, which included the sale of Professor Jones’ art work, raised $100,000 to establish the Ben Jones Endowed Scholarship Fund. Professor Jones has made significant contributions to the University through the decades and has been equally generous with his time, as an active member of several groups on campus and an ever-present guest at art openings and campus events.

“Our students really need and appreciate scholarship assistance because so many of them are from working-class families,” said Professor Jones, who noted that applicants for his scholarship will be required to list their community service. “The most important thing in life is that we are willing to serve one another and build better communities.”

Professor Emeritus George Hansler has established the George Hansler Choral Music Scholarship with a gift of $100,000, which will be presented annually to students studying choral music. Dr. Hansler taught music and directed choral groups at Jersey State College, 1958-1991. A former resident of New York City, he now lives in St. Paul, Minnesota, near his sister Elise Trapp and other family members. For many years following his retirement in 1991 he held reunions for former students at his summer home on the New Jersey shore that always included performances of choral works.

Mr. Hansler said many times through the years that he was especially pleased to have taught such diverse and enthusiastic students, most of whom were the first in their families to attend college. The NJCU Foundation has also received a gift of $50,000 to establish a scholarship in memory of Dr. Janak Batra Chopra, who taught mathematics at then-Jersey City State College for more than three decades. The gift was made through the estate of her husband, Kewal Chopra, a faculty member at Rutgers University who died in May 2011. The scholarship donation has been matched by a $50,000 U.S. Department of Education Title V Grant.

Dr. Janak Chopra earned four degrees from the University of Punjab as well as a master of education degree from the University of Delhi and a doctoral degree from the University of London. She died shortly after her retirement in 1992.

“These three faculty members have all been known through the years for their exceptional dedication to their students,” said Lori Summers, director of development. “It is indeed heartening to know that the scholarships that carry their names will continue to assist NJCU students into the future.”

New scholarships honor (from top) Ben Jones, Dr. George Hansler, and the late Dr. Janak Batra Chopra.

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1969 • James Sabia has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Tennessee Valley Winds, an all-volunteer community band comprised of amateurs and professionals that was organized in 1984. Mr. Sabia, who works in casino management in Las Vegas for 25 years before establishing a second career as a music educator, also plays trombone with two other local bands. He is married to Renea Basham, a church organist, and lives in Woodbury, Tennessee.

1981 • Connie Soben Sensor of Scotch Plains has been elected secretary of Sigma Theta Tau International, the nursing honor society. She is also former president and treasurer of the Society’s Kappa Mu Chapter at NJCU. A dental student at Rutgers University, she has focused her research on global health and the power of culturally responsive nursing. Ms. Sensor is a school nurse in Union and an adjunct instructor in nursing at Kean University. She has also served as public policy advisor for the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, president of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Transcultural Nursing Society, and secretary for Region 3 of the New Jersey State Nurses Association.

1986 • Dominick Callicchio of Lakewood is an editor for General Media Strategies in Manhattan. Mr. Callicchio has worked for several newspapers and magazines in New York, California, and Pennsylvania, including the San Francisco Chronicle, Oakland Tribune, Business 2.0, and Information Week. He began his journalism career as a student intern at The Jersey Journal in Jersey City.

1992 M.A. • Lisa Winkler has written On the Trail of Anciet: A Black Cowboy’s Ride Across America, which was published by CreateSpace in 2012. Ms. Winkler tells the story of Miles Dean, a Newark school teacher who spent six months riding across the United States on horseback to raise awareness of the contributions of African-American cowboys. The account of his 5,000-mile journey in 2007 is enhanced by historical information from the places he visited. Ms. Winkler, who spoke about her book at NJCU for the Jerry Wein Center for Children’s and Young Adult Literature in December, has also a regular contributor to Education Update and poultry magazines.

1993 • Chris Ostrowsky has been named head football coach at Division I Northern Michigan University, where he had served as offensive coordinator for the two previous seasons. Mr. Ostrowsky has 15 years of coaching experience, including service as assistant head football coach at Division III Widener University and offensive coordinator at Washington and Lee University. During his student years at then-Jersey City State College, he was a quarterback for the Gothic Knights. He and his wife Jennifer have three children, Jackson, Joseph, and Hope.

Moving Up the Ranks
Captains Carl Palumbo ’99, John Shoemaker ’11, and Dan Sullivan ’05, all fire-scene alumni, have been promoted to deputy chief of their respective fire departments.

Deputy Chief Palumbo joined the Springfield Fire Department in 1998 as a firefighter and was promoted to captain in 2006. He started in the Fire Science Program at NJCU in 2003, having transferred from Union County College.

“We all worked together,” he said of his NJCU experience. “We all had a common goal – to be the best firefighter or officer that we could be. Even today, if I’m in need of assistance or advice, I know I can just pick up the phone and call one of my professors.”

Prior to starting his firefighting career with the South Orange Fire Department in 1985, Deputy Chief Shoemaker was a nurse, but found that working as a nursing supervisor removed him from patient contact. “I just wanted to work with people,” he said. After advancing to lieutenant in 1997 and captain in 2001, he started classes in 2005. “My education at NJCU definitely made me a better officer both in the fire house and on the ground.”

A member of the South Orange Fire Department since 1981, Deputy Chief Sullivan was promoted to lieutenant and captain in 2005, the same year he received his degree commensurate from NJCU. His degree is one in a series of professional contributions of African-American cowboys. The account of his 5,000-mile journey in 2007 is enhanced by historical information from the places he visited. Ms. Winkler, who spoke about her book at NJCU for the Jerry Wein Center for Children’s and Young Adult Literature in December, has also a regular contributor to Education Update and poultry magazines.

1994 • Marian H. Gordon, founder and owner of Ypetto Prize and Marketing, a screen-printing business in Edgewater, has been the recipient of several business awards during the past five years. She was named 2007 Bergen County Business Woman of the Year by the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners, from which she also received the 2009 Trail Blazer award. Ms. Gordon is a member of the education committee for the Specialty Advertising Association of Greater New York, and also volunteers for Palisades Medical Center in North Bergen.

2006 • Stephen Wade has been named medical director of the Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit at Faxton St. Luke’s Healthcare in Utica, New York. Dr. Wade received a medical degree from The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He completed a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at the University’s 28th annual Academic Convocation in September. Danielle M. Kovach ’07 (right) delivered the keynote address from NJCU. Joining Ms. Kovach are (from left): Dominick D’Agosta, chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Sue Henderson, president; and Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno, vice president for academic affairs.

Alumni in the Spotlight
Danielle M. Kovach ’07 (right) delivered the keynote address at the University’s 28th annual Academic Convocation in September. Ms. Kovach, a third-grade, special education teacher at Julia Trill Elementary School in Hopatcong, received the NJCU Members Benefit Award for Teaching Excellence, one of public education’s top honors. In 2011, she was named “2010-11 New Jersey Teacher of the Year” and received NJCU’s Distinguished Education Alumni Award. Ms. Kovach holds a master’s degree in educational technology from NJCU. Having Ms. Kovach are (from left): Dominick D’Agosta, chair of the NJCU Foundation Board of Directors; Dr. Sue Henderson, president; and Dr. Joanne Z. Bruno, vice president for academic affairs.

Alumni Pair Heads Prize-winning Firm
Jim Menoutis ’78 is president and CEO of Quanex Laboratories in Edison, where his wife, Angela Parisi ’74, is senior vice president of laboratory operations. The firm was recognized in May with a CBO Leadership Award, acknowledging the clinical research organization in the areas of productivity and regulatory compliance. The CBO Leadership Awards were presented by Life Science Leader, a trade publication, and acknowledge excellence in various areas. Winners are selected based upon a survey of more than 40,000 pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical executives who depend on the work of clinical research organizations such as Quanex to develop their products.

Dr. Menoutis, who majored in chemistry and mathematics and minored in physics at then-Jersey City State College, later received a doctoral degree in analytical chemistry at American Western University in Arizona. He also holds certifications as a Certified Professional Chemist and as a Certified Professional Chemical Engineer and is a fellow of the American Institute of Chemists. Dr. Menoutis has focused on human exposure to contaminants during his career while also exploring entrepreneurial ventures in the field of clinical research. He co-founded (Quantes) in 1993 and was named CEO in 1997.

Ms. Parisi, who majored in chemistry and biology at then-Jersey City State College, has 37 years of experience in the personal care products, pharmaceutical, and specialty chemical industries. She has worked as a researcher, scientist, and research and development executive, and in senior management. Both have been active members of professional and scientific societies and are involved in Irving Church in Scotch Plains. The couple has four children, William, Mary, Stephen, and Jonathan.
2003 • LeDerrick R. Horne attended the keynote address at NJCU’s 26th annual “Salute to Graduates of African Heritage,” which was co-sponsored by the University’s Black Administrators, Alumni, Faculty, Staff and Student Organization and Lee Loo African Studies Center. A nationally recognized motivational speaker and advocate for people with disabilities, he is chair of the board of Project Rey to Eye, a national nonprofit that provides mentoring for students with learning disabilities.

2007 • H. Luis Martinez is a licensed real estate agent with Douglas Elliman in New York City, where he handles commercial and residential real estate, mostly in his niche markets of Thunder Rock and Battery Park City. Martinez is a certified social media consultant and participates in Food Network’s No Kid Hungry Campaign and AIDS Walk New York.

2011 • Joanne Ploch is a community college officer in Essex County, New Jersey. A percussionist and educator in the New York/New Jersey area, a percussionist, he performs regularly with Chobee Open and Garden State Philharmonic, and recently toured China with the Park Avenue Chamber Symphony. He is a two-time winner of the University of Delaware Young Artist Competition and was a finalist in the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Young Artist Competition at the Texas Music Festival. An adjunct instructor and program assistant in NJCU’s Department of Music, Dance and Theatre, he is also an adjunct instructor at Essex County College.

2010 • Abraham Lopez is executive director of the New Jersey Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development. Mr. Lopez first joined state government in 2009 as part of the staff for then-Governor-elect Chris Christie’s transition team. He has worked in Hispanic and faith-based communities for nearly a decade. He and his wife, Brenda Lopez, and their son, Jason A. Lopez, reside in Jersey City.

2011 • Joanne Ploch has been appointed to the New Jersey Special Education and Traumatic Brain Injury Task Force. Mr. Ploch, who has been an athletic trainer and health and physical education teacher at Vernon Township High School since 2002, is also an executive council member of the Athletic Trainers’ Society of New Jersey. The Task Force develops practices for education professionals who work with students with traumatic brain injuries.
**Women’s Soccer Team Honored For Academic Achievement**

For the second time in three seasons, the NJCU women’s soccer team has been honored on a national level for its academic prowess.

After earning a combined grade point average (GPA) of 3.266 for the fall 2011 and spring 2012 semesters, the 18-member team received a National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) 2012 NSCAA College Team Academic Award for 2011-12.

The team’s GPA was the second highest in the New Jersey Athletic Conference and among the highest in the state of any Division I, II, or III men’s or women’s soccer program. To have been eligible for the honor, a team must have earned a collective GPA of at least 3.0 during both semesters.

The NJCU team earned the combined 3.266 GPA, the highest in program history, while tying the single-season school record for victories (14-8) and advancing to the post-season for a third consecutive year.

Half of the players on the 2011-12 squad earned a 3.50 GPA and were named to the NJCU Dean’s List for at least one of the two semesters while Julita Caceres, Brittany Hoffman, Amanda Spethmann, and Devon Williams made the Dean’s List twice; Kelsey Plaskon and Ms. Hoffman did so with a 4.00 GPA during the spring, 2012 semester.

The NJCU team is one of only three women’s teams in the competitive New Jersey Athletic Conference to be recognized by the NSCAA.

**Official Mascot**

NJCU’s first official Gothic Knight mascot was unveiled at the first home basketball game of the 2012-2013 season. The new Gothic Knight mascot, which will attend many campus events, was created collaboratively by the Department of Athletics, Office of Campus Life, and Student Government Organization (SGO). One of the Gothic Knight’s first official duties was to challenge Panda the Non-Propaganda Mascot.

**Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner Set for April**

New Jersey City University will induct its 19th Athletics Hall of Fame class at a campus dinner and ceremony on Friday, April 5, beginning with a cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m.

Five individuals have been elected to the Class of 2013 by the Athletics Hall of Fame committee from a list of 26 outstanding nominees. The inductees, who will be announced this winter, will bring membership in the Hall of Fame to 134.

For tickets or information contact the office of Alumni Relations at (201) 350-3160 or alumni@njcu.edu.

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