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*During the Holiday Season more than ever,
our thoughts turn gratefully to those
who have made our progress possible.*

*And in the Spirit we say, Thank you
and best wishes for the Holiday Season
and a Happy New Year*

Don Jordan and the Alumni Association Staff

Message from CCNY President Lisa S. Coico

Message from the President—Lisa S. Coico

As we approach the holiday season, I am amazed by how fast the semester has passed. What is even more phenomenal is all that has been accomplished by the exceptional faculty, staff, and students of City College. Here are a few highlights from the fall 2014 semester:

CCNY's 10th Nobel laureate is John O'Keefe ('63), who is Harlem-born and won the 2014 prize for helping to discover an "inner GPS" in the brain.

CCNY students represent the college locally and nationally at numerous conferences and panel discussions; they travel the world in study abroad programs; they intern in some of the top companies here in New York and beyond; and they are recipients of national and international scholarships.



Four PhD students have been awarded Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowships for excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. This brings to eight the number of GAANN fellows at City College in the last 10 months.

Faculty research on breast cancer, brainwaves, oxides that may advance memory devices, bird diversity, the chemical process in distinguishing odors, and the impact of climactic shifts on genetic diversity will help to improve the quality of life and environments in which we live.

City College has been awarded millions of dollars in grants, including an NSF ADVANCE grant to increase representation and advancement of women in academic science and engineering careers; a NASA grant for research on carbon dynamics along terrestrial-aquatic interfaces; an NIH grant to study local sleep; and a combination of NSF, NIH, and DoD grants to support several interdisciplinary research projects.

The CUNY-Dominican Studies Institute, housed on the CCNY campus, celebrates 20 years with the launching of the Dominican Blue Book, a series of online profiles celebrating accomplishments of Dominican students who graduated from CUNY. Nearly one-third of the profiles are CCNY alumni.

CCNY faculty share their research and creative scholarship that may impact public policy and the civic, social, political or environmental landscape through "Presidential Conversations," a new forum in which I join faculty in conversation about their research.

These are only a few examples of how City College faculty and students are impacting our local and global societies. City College is a place where we remain committed to providing access to excellence in higher education while also serving our communities.

Sincerely,
Lisa S. Coico
President

The 134th Annual Alumni Dinner, a night to remember for the over 450 guests in attendance.

It is hard to believe that it has been 134 years since the Alumni Association began this tradition. Tradition has also played a pivotal role in the mission of the Alumni Association for 162 years. We are the oldest ongoing Alumni Association connected to a public college in the United States. The tradition of bestowing the Townsend Harris Medal on CCNY alumni for outstanding post graduate achievement has been the centerpiece of the Annual Alumni Dinner, which was held at the NY Hilton. This year's honorees join an unparalleled group of 508 former Townsend Harris Medalists.

This year's honorees included:

Stanley Plesant '48, distinguished lawyer who was a member of the US Delegation to the UN Human Rights Commission, and heads the domestic relations group of Hogan Lovells;

Dr. Stanley Wolpert '53, acclaimed historian and educator who helped popularize the study of Asian History in the U.S., publishing 18 books on the subject;

Irwin Kahn '55, renowned civil litigator, arbitrator and mediator. Mr. Kahn is chairman of the arbitration committee of the General Practice Section of the NY State Bar association;

Dr. Joel Engel '57EE, led the team at Bell Laboratories that developed the design for the first cellular telephone system, and has been awarded the National Medal of Technology by President Clinton;

Dr. Laura Barbanel '62, distinguished psychologist who developed an innovative training program for bilingual school psychologists;

Phil Coltoff '62, national leader and innovator in the nonprofit world, who worked tirelessly for children as CEO of the Children's Aid Society.

Stanley Nelson '76, Emmy-award documentary filmmaker, producer, director, writer and MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Fellow, whose film "Freedom Riders" was one of the 10 favorite TV shows of 2011 as per NY Times.



top left to right: Donald Jordan, Executive Vice President of the Alumni Association; 2014 Townsend Harris Medalists Dr. Stanley Wolpert '53; Dr. Joel Engel '57EE; CCNY President Lisa S. Coico; 2014 Townsend Harris Medalists Phil Coltoff '62 and Stanley Nelson '76; Anne Mancuso '75, President of the Alumni Association. Seated left to right: 2014 Townsend Harris Medalists Stanley Plesant '48 and Dr. Laura Barbanel '62; 67th Finley Award Recipient C. Virginia Fields; 2014 Townsend Harris Medalists Irwin Kahn '55

The John H. Finley Award for exemplary service to the City of New York while enhancing the quality of life of its people was given to the **Honorable C. Virginia Fields**, former Manhattan Borough President and currently President and CEO of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS Inc. and THE FRIARS CLUB, famed for its fabulous celebratory roasts, the club is renowned for its work for the underprivileged, handicapped children, wounded warriors and senior citizens. **Stewie Stone**, actor, musician, comedian and former VP of the Club accepted the Finley Award on behalf of the Friars Club.



Anne Mancuso '75, President of the Alumni Association, C. Virginia Fields, recipient of the Finley Award and Dr. Lisa S. Coico, President of CCNY.



Stewie Stone, accepting the Finley Award on behalf of the Friars Club and Anne Mancuso '75, President of the Alumni Association

2015 Spring Fling Events

To reserve for any of the Spring Fling events, please call the Alumni office at (212) 234-3000. Visa or MasterCard accepted. Reserve Early. Seating is limited for all events.

“ALADDIN” the Tony Award Winning Musical **Thursday, March 5, 2015 - 7:00 pm**



Discover a whole new world in a whole new way. This beloved story is brought to thrilling theatrical life in this bold new musical. With just one rub of a magic lamp, Aladdin's journey sweeps you into an exotic world full of daring adventure, classic comedy and timeless romance. It's an unforgettable experience that includes all the cherished songs from the Academy Award winning score and more written especially for Broadway. This brand new stage

production is directed and choreographed by Tony Award winner Casey Nicholaw, and composed by Tony Award winner Alan Menken. Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tony Award winner Tim Rice. These tickets are discounted Orchestra seats.

Members \$90

Non-Members \$95

“BEAUTIFUL” the Carole King Tony Award Winning Musical **Tuesday, March 24, 2015 - 7:00 pm**



Long before she was Carole King, chart-topping music legend, she was Carol Klein, Brooklyn girl with passion and chutzpah. BEAUTIFUL tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way,

she made more than BEAUTIFUL music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation. This thrilling musical stars Tony Award winning actress, Jesse Mueller. These tickets are discounted Orchestra seats.

Members \$110.

Non-Members \$115

Private Guided Tour of Frida Kahlo's Garden and Lunch at the New York Botanical Garden

Saturday, May 23, 2015 - 11:00 am



Frida Kahlo, *Self-Portrait with Toucan Necklace and Hummingbird*, 1940. Harry Ransom Center, The University of Texas at Austin. © 2014 Banco de México Diego Rivera Frida Kahlo Museums Trust, Mexico, D.F. / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York.

The New York Botanical Garden announces its major 2015 exhibition, *Frida Kahlo's Garden*, focusing on the iconic artist's engagement with nature in her native country of Mexico. The exhibition will be the first solo presentation of Kahlo's work in New York City in more than 25 years, and the first exhibition to focus exclusively on her intense interest in the botanical world. Visitors to the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory will walk through a stunning flower show re-imagining Kahlo's studio and garden at Casa Azul ("Blue House") in Coyoacán, Mexico City. The multifaceted exhibition will include a rare display of more than a dozen original Kahlo paintings and drawings on view in the Lu Esther T. Mertz Library's Rondina and LoFaro Gallery at the Garden. Frida Kahlo's Garden will be a one-of-a-kind exhibition that will provide an in-depth look at Kahlo's work and artistic environment and also celebrate the energy and sophistication of Mexican culture. This one hour guided tour will begin at

11:00. After the tour you'll be given a voucher for one of two cafes, the Pine Tree Café or the Garden Café. Afterward you can explore the rest of the Botanical Garden, including a Mexican food market.

Members \$55

Non-Members \$60

Dinner at The French Culinary Institute's L'Ecole Restaurant

Thursday, April 23, 2015 - 5:30 pm



At L'Ecole Restaurant students in their final phase of training are the ones cooking your meal. With students from 80+ countries, the school's international influence marries with fundamental French techniques. The result: deliciously diverse dishes made with the finest, freshest seasonal ingredients, delivered to your table with personal

service and a remarkably reasonable price. Founded in 1984 as The French Culinary Institute in Soho, New York City, the International Culinary Center has been known as one of the best professional cooking and sommelier schools in the world. Our graduates include talents such as Bobby Flay, David Chang, Dan Barber, Jacque Torres, Christina Tosi and thousands more. You will choose 3 courses from a diversified menu.

Members \$45

Non-Members \$50

Private Guided Tour of NYC's High Line and Chelsea

Saturday, June 6, 2015 - 9:30 am



The High Line is an elevated freight rail line transformed into a free, public park on Manhattan's West Side. It runs from Gansevoort Street in the Meatpacking District to West

34th Street. The tour explores the historic and architectural evolution of the area originally named for the London borough. Chelsea features a dynamic and rich history as it moved from rural farmland in the 1700s to the industrial hub of Manhattan in the early 1900s. Our walk will include the High Line (conditions permitting). Stops could include: The Chelsea Hotel, "Death Alley", General Theological Seminary, sites associated with Dylan Thomas, Clement Clark Moore, Janis Joplin, John Sloan, and the birthplace of the Oreo cookie. After the tour we'll have lunch at Bocca di Bacco Restaurant on 9th Avenue and 20th Street.

Members \$65

Non-Members \$70

Grounds for Sculpture Saturday, May 9, 2015 - 10:00 am



This is a Spring Fling you will never forget. Grounds For Sculpture is situated on the former New Jersey State Fairgrounds and includes three of its major historic buildings, restored for a variety of purposes.

When you come to Grounds For Sculpture you can expect to find: a constantly evolving collection of 250 superb contemporary outdoor sculptures, 42 magnificently landscaped acres in which to stroll, rotating exhibitions in six indoor galleries, spectacular dining and a surprise around every corner. Step back in time to Claude Monet's beloved town of Giverny. Rat's Restaurant, located at Grounds For Sculpture, was conceptually designed by sculptor Seward Johnson, with an Impressionist Claude Monet-styled atmosphere. The restaurant scenery features Johnson's own impressionist-inspired sculptures, as well as a lily pond and bridge. It is named after the character "Ratty" from Kenneth Grahame's "The Wind in the Willows". We'll leave the City College campus at 10:00 am via the new City College bus and arrive back at the College around 6:30 pm.

Members \$70

Non-Members \$75

163rd Annual Alumni Meeting - June 11, 2015 in the Great Hall, Shepard Hall



...Rendering of ASRC complex with green roofs on connector. Courtesy KPF

Celebrating the new Science Center at CCNY. Two new amazing Science Buildings (one for CUNY, and one for CCNY) have opened on South Campus this past Winter 2015. The program will also include:

- President Lisa S. Coico's Highlights of the 2014-2015 Academic Year
- Election of Officers and Members of the Board
- Presentation of Alumni Service Award
- Presentation of Faculty Service and Administrative Service Award

6:00 PM - Hot Buffet Dinner \$40

7:00 PM - Meeting - Free

CCNY FLORIDA CHAPTERS' ANNUAL LUNCHEONS

GULF COAST FLORIDA CHAPTER – INAUGURAL LUNCHEON

Join us as we gather to meet with fellow alumni at our first official luncheon since the chapter was approved by the Alumni Association hear from and meet the President of CCNY, Dr. Lisa S. Coico and the Executive Director of the Alumni Association, Donald K. Jordan

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2015

1:00 P.M.

LAUREL OAK COUNTRY CLUB

2700 Gary Player Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34240

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

DR. LISA S. COICO, PRESIDENT, CCNY

DONALD JORDAN, EXECUTIVE VP, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CCNY

For more information or to make reservations, please call 212-234-3000

PALM BEACH/SOUTH FLORIDA CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Join us for the first lunch of the newly joined Palm Beach and South Florida Chapters of the CCNY Alumni Association.

We look forward to an even larger showing of alumni this year!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2015

11:15AM

BENVENUTO RESTAURANT

1730 N. Federal Highway. Boynton Beach, Florida 33435

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

DR. LISA S. COICO, PRESIDENT, CCNY

DONALD JORDAN, EXECUTIVE VP, ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF CCNY

For more information, please call chapter co-president, Bea Werden '62 at (561) 218-5628

For reservations, please [click here for the Invitation and RSVP Form](#)

THE ASIAN ALUMNI ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE RAM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2015

6:00 P.M. CASH BAR

6:30 P.M. DINNER & PROGRAM

\$55 PER PERSON \$500 PER TABLE OF 10



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Producer of *Secrets of New
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and Drink Time Out*

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ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JIE ZHANG

Principal of Stuyvesant
High School

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE
TO COMMUNITY

CHINATOWN PARTNERSHIP

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS, PLEASE CALL 212-234-3000,

[PLEASE CLICK HERE FOR THE INVITATION AND THE RESERVATION FORMS](#)

EDUCATION ALUMNI SEEK NOMINEES:

All Education Alumni mark your calendar for the Annual Awards Dinner at The National Arts Club on Thursday, April 30, 2015. At the Dinner, we will present Outstanding Teacher and Outstanding Administrator Awards to CCNY graduates. The Education Alumni Group is seeking nominations for these awards. If you know any deserving CCNY Alums and would like to nominate them for either of these awards,

[CLICK HERE FOR THE NOMINATION FORM](#)

NOMINATE A CCNY ENGINEER FOR THE HIGHEST HONOR FOR ENGINEERING ALUMNI BY ENGINEERING ALUMNI

The Engineering School alumni seek nominations for the Career Achievement Award, their highest honor for engineering and computer science alumni. The Award will be presented on May 19, 2015 at the ESA Annual Awards Dinner and Meeting. To nominate an engineering graduate for outstanding achievements in business, government, education, or their chosen field, please send a one page cover letter and resume for the nominee by January 5, 2015 by email to

lialison@ccnyalumni.org or mail to:

**Alumni Association of CCNY
ESA Honors and Awards Committee
PO Box 177
New York, NY 10027**

THE BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS ALUMNI SOCIETY SEEKS CANDIDATES FOR 2015 CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The Career Achievement Award is given to graduates of CCNY whose career and achievements in business and economics are a source of pride to Alma Mater and to fellow alumni. Past recipients include Mark Clements '44B, Roy Weinstein '64B, Lewis J. Altfest '62B, Bernell K. Grier '77Econ, Abe Tawil '55B, '63MBA, CPA, Eli Mason '40B, and Seymour Klein '50B, David Olin '53B, '59MBA, Dr. William C. Freund '49B, Stuart Altman '59B; Rear Admiral Robert A. Rosen '57B, NYNM (ret).

The winner will be honored at an award ceremony to be held at the National Arts Club of New York City on May 7, 2015. We encourage you to save the date!

If you know and would like to nominate a person who embodies the spirit of this award, please submit the candidate's name, year of graduation (if known) and the reason why you think this person should receive the award (at least a page, including biographical information). You can send your nominations by **fax to, 212 – 368 – 6576; email liaison@ccnyalumni.org** ; or mail it to:
The Alumni Association of CCNY, PO Box 177, New York, NY 10027 .

ROTC LOOKING FOR DISTINGUISHED ALUMS:

ROTC is seeking nominations for its Annual ROTC Distinguished Alumnus Award. Please use the following outline in making your nomination: The candidate must meet the following criteria:

- Completed ROTC at CCNY or affiliated school, graduated and was commissioned.
- Will acknowledge ROTC was a positive influence/enabler.
- Will accept and value the award.

Consideration for the award will be based on a mix of the following considerations. It is understood that no single individual will match all the criteria equally.

- Did something that bettered the human condition on a long-term basis.
- Served in a capacity of hardship/charity/public service to community.
- Served to increase the nation's security/prosperity/prestige.
- Valorous in combat.
- Served as a benefactor/donor on projects to better human condition.
- Performed pro-bono services to community.

Please send all nomination materials to liaison@ccnyalumni.org

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Kindly visit our website for a [very special offer: www.ccnyalumni.org](http://www.ccnyalumni.org). You are very important to us and we hope that you take advantage of the special offer.

You can use your credit card and [pay online](#) (secure payment service offered through PayPal). Should you have any difficulties paying online, you can pay the membership dues by cash or credit card (Master Card/ Visa only) by calling our office at 212-234-3000. Alternatively, you can fill out the [membership form](#), and make your check payable to the Alumni Association of the CCNY. Send your check to:

**Alumni Association of CCNY
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New York, NY 10027**

Your dues greatly help the Alumni Association to continue promoting the interests of the college, to continue servicing alumni and supporting today's students. *16 young men had a great idea in starting your association 162 years ago. We hope you are committed to keeping that dream alive.*

Please Note All Alumni

When coming on campus, you not only need your Alumni Association ID card, but also a state or federal picture ID (i.e. drivers license, military ID, etc).



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