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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I'm sure you know, the current NCCFT contract expires on August 31, 2005. The process of negotiating a successor agreement has been underway since January, when our Negotiating Team (the five NCCFT Officers plus Rich Ashker, Carmine DeSanto and our NYSUT Labor Relations Specialist, Claudia Shacter-deChabert) began meeting. We carefully considered input from our members, as well as from other sources; we discussed and debated; and we put together a contract proposal. This proposal was brought to our Executive Board and approved by the delegates at their April meeting. The first negotiating session is scheduled for Monday, June 6.

We will try our best to keep the membership informed about the status of these negotiations. We may need your help at some point, especially if negotiations are not progressing well. We will definitely need your support at critical junctures such as when the contract is voted upon by the College Board of Trustees and by the County Legislature.

The members of the Executive Committee wish everyone a happy and a healthful summer. We would also like to wish all those who are retiring, the best of luck, and thank you for all you've done for NCC – and perhaps also for the union – over the years.

Have a great summer, everyone!!!

CARLINO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS 2005

The Joseph Carlino Academic Excellence & Service Scholarship Committee (Denise Witt, Chair; Lennard Gerson, Errol Hibbert, Gregory Lehenbauer and Christine Tuailleon) has taken on, and completed, the very difficult task of selecting only two winners from an impressive field of NCC seniors who applied for this prestigious scholarship.

Congratulations to Ms. Lauren Schifano, our top winner of \$3,000. Lauren has received acceptance letters from St. John's University and Adelphi University and will major in elementary education.

Congratulations also to Ms. Misbha Ali, recipient of an additional award of \$1,000 towards the continuation of her education. Ms. Ali has received acceptance letters from St. John's University and C.W. Post College and will major in English.

The scholarships are awarded in memory of Joseph F. Carlino, Jr., who, at the time of his death in 1977, was Secretary of the NCCFT and a professor in the Mathematics Department. In addition to this graduating award, scholarships are also awarded to incoming students whose major at NCC will be mathematics or computer science. The Mathematics/ Statistics/ Computer Department faculty serves on the Incoming Scholarship Committee. The current committee members are Deana Spelman, Chair, Darci Burdge and Kathleen Cramer.

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NCCFT LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

The NCCFT-PAC hosted the Legislative Luncheon on Thursday, April 28th. Our guests included the Presiding Officer of the Nassau County Legislature, Judy Jacobs; Minority Leader, Peter Schmitt and Legislators Denise Ford, Vinny Muscarella, Ed Mangano and Dennis Dunne. Also in attendance, representing Dave Mejias was Gina Sillitti and representing David Denenberg, was Sue Dillon.

During the luncheon, we thanked the Legislative leadership for supporting a 2.5 million dollar bond to upgrade the technological infrastructure and for supporting a 3.9% increase in County funding towards the College. In speaking to the Legislators, it was clear that our elected officials receive your attendance at these events as evidence that we are concerned, knowledgeable and committed to the mission of Nassau Community College. Thank you for your support, and I will strive to provide you with better jokes.

Frank Frisenda, Chair, NCCFT-PAC





THINKING OF RETIRING?

If you are contemplating retirement, it is important for you meet with your particular retirement system, with Human Resources and with an officer of the NCCFT to review bargaining unit retirement benefits.

Contact Numbers

NYSUT Benefits Program - 1-800-626-8101
 TIAA CREF - 1-800-842-2733
 NYS Employees' Retirement - 1-866-805-0990
 NYS Teachers Retirement - 516 938-4850



RESULTS OF 2005 ELECTION

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NCCFT SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Mid June – Mid August

Monday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 Friday Office Closed

When the office is closed, you may leave a message on voice-mail and one of the officers will return your call. (516) 572-7198.

ANNUAL NCCFT DINNER/OPERETTA

THE NCCFT PLAYERS

Present

“12 Angry chairmen: the musical”

Written and Directed by Prof. Joan Sevick, and Under the Musical Direction of Prof. Paul Biersuck,

Thursday, May 26th

5 p.m. - Beverages & hors d'oeuvres

6:00 p.m. - Buffet supper

7:30 – The Curtain rises

All members of the College community are invited to attend this evening filled with

****FOOD****

****FUN****

****FRIVOLITY****

Reservations Not Required. Just Come Ready For A Fun-filled Evening With Lots Of Laughs!

Multi-Purpose Room - College Center Building

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