Student and Faculty Awards

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Commencement 2008

Trustees' Award
Presented to the student whose positive contributions to University life and whose academic accomplishments exemplify the highest level of achievement attainable for an undergraduate.

Christopher Keogh, Westchester
BA, adolescent education and English
Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

In addition to distinguishing himself academically, Christopher Keogh has made a positive impact on the Pace community through service. Keogh is a member of the Pforzheimer Honors College and several distinguished honor societies: Golden Key Honour Society, Alpha Chi Honor Society, and the Dyson Society of Fellows. He served as treasurer of the English Honor Society Sigma Tau Delta, vice president of Future Educators Association, and president of National Residence Hall Honorary.

His awards and honors include making the Dean's List, a President's Scholarship, the Dyson EPortfolio Award, the Writing Enhanced Curriculum Award, and Pace Pride Awards for Outstanding Student Leader, the Silver Gavel Society, and Who's Who in American College Students. Keogh was chosen to represent Pace University as a delegate at the 2008 National Conference on Student Leadership. A vocal advocate for campus life, Keogh was a selection representative for the Dow Hall Council, treasurer of the New Dorm Hall Council, president of the Resident Hall Association, and a resident assistant.

For the benefit of Pleasantville Cottage schoolchildren, he organized the events "Hope for the Holidays" and "Come Out and Play." Keogh assisted with the Jacob Burns Film Center's Educational program and, as a part of the Ossining school district's outreach program, worked on "High Hopes and Expectations." He also organized "Dancing with Heat," which won the Program of the Year Award.

Keogh plans to continue at Pace by pursuing a masters in Educational Technology, and he aspires to teach middle or high school English while incorporating technology into his classroom experience.

Regina G. Gennari, New York City
BA, criminal justice, history, and women's and gender studies
Dyson College of Arts and Sciences
Regina G. Gennari, a member of the Pforzheimer Honors College, has appeared on the Dean's List, and is a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. An active participant in Project Pericles, Gennari served as faculty assistant for Civic Engagement, program facilitator for "Debating Democracy," and organized Project Pericles's "Discussion without Borders" as a part of the program's Political Action for Human Rights Series on Immigration and the Immigrant Experience. Along with other members of Project Pericles, Gennari traveled to New Orleans over spring break to help support Habitat for Humanity's efforts to rebuild the city.

She distinguished herself as president of the Dyson Senate of Student Government Association, as conference liaison for the Faculty Institute program, "Reacting to the Past," as treasurer and director of programming for the Stonewall Coalition, and as director and organizer of the V-Day Campaign. As a part of that campaign, she co-directed Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues." She is an active member of Pace's Lesbian, Gay, Queer and Transgender community.

Gennari was the recipient of Pace's Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship Recipient in support of non-profit internship work. She served as a teaching assistant to Pace Psychology professor Yvonne Rafferty, PhD, and as a student aide in the Women's and Gender Studies department. She was a Strategy and Communication Department intern at Echoing Green, an organization that invests in and supports emerging social entrepreneurs. In addition, she received a Social Innovation Fellowship to the StartingBloc Institute for Social Innovation. Gennari was also a legal assistant to State Supreme Court Justice Rosalyn Richter.

After graduation, Gennari will be working at an orphanage in Cambodia teaching English and literacy skills to Khmer children.

Sigrid Richards, New York City
BBA/MBA, public accounting and financial management
Lubin School of Business
Sigrid Richards member of Beta Alpha Psi, the honorary organization for accounting, finance, and information systems students and professionals and a member of the Beta Gamma Sigma honor society for business students and scholars and Golden Key International Honour Society. A member of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) since 2004, Richards was an active student adviser for NABA and served as the organization's president from 2006 to 2007. Richards ably represented Pace at the NABA's National Student Chapter Reporting and Evaluation Program (SCREP), which evaluates programs hosted and attended by NABA student chapters across the country.

Richards advised students as a graduate assistant in the Lubin Undergraduate Advisement Office. She was the recipient of an Inroads internship which places talented minority youth in business and industry internships and prepares them for corporate and community leadership. Richards distinguished has herself through summer internships at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, National Tax, and Metro Shared.

Community Service Award

Presented to the undergraduate student whose active contributions to the life of the University community and to the endeavors of our neighbors in the surrounding community most admirably embody an appreciation for the value of social responsibility.

Nicole Papaioannou, Westchester
BA, English, communications with a minor in photography
Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

A dedicated member of the Pforzheimer Honors College, Nicole Papaioannou worked in the Honors office and was the editor of the award-winning Pforzheimer Honors College newsletter *SCHOLASTICA*. In addition to serving as vice president of the Golden Key International Honour Society and as a member of the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, Papaioannou appeared on the Dean's List and made her mark at Pace through her involvement in campus outreach activities.

An athlete as well as a scholar, Papaioannou was captain of the equestrian team, and a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). She welcomed visitors to Pace as tour guide for the University's Welcome Center and contributed to University life as a participant in Project Pericles, a national organization of colleges and universities committed to making socially responsible and participatory citizenship an essential part of education.

In addition to representing Pace when visiting seniors at Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Montrose, New York, Papaioannou has demonstrated her sensitivity and kindness by acting as Team Recruitment chairperson for Pace University's Relay for Life, a visitor to Pleasantville Cottage School, and a fundraiser for UNICEF, SurfAid, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Her aspiration is to become a professor of English literature and to children's literature.

Walleska Lantigua, New York City
BA in Political Science and Women's and Gender Studies and minors in Anthropology and Sociology

Walleska Lantigua certainly made the most of her time at Pace. She was a presidential ambassador, a member of the Model United Nations, an orientation leader for new students, a resident assistant, a peer leader in University 101, and a desk attendant for the Office of Housing and Residential Life.

As a welcoming face at Pace and one of the University's most visible ambassadors, Lantigua also shown her great care for the University community by serving in other roles, as assistant program manager in the Summer Scholars Program, a student aide in the Dean for Students Office, and as treasurer of the Stonewall Coalition. She offered several organizations her time as a volunteer for ACORN, the New Orleans Rebuilding effort, for the NYC Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, the HIV and AIDS Research and Resource Center, Body Positive, and as an intern for the Progressive Book Club. In addition, she was a lead organizer for the 2006 Tom Suozzi campaign for governor.

Despite the many demands on her time, Lantigua's academic accomplishments are strong—from her appearance on the Dean's list to her membership in the Golden Key International Honour Society. She was recently chosen as a nominee for a prestigious Fulbright scholarship to teach English in Korea. She hopes to be selected for the Fulbright award and to one day pursue a degree in law.

Rebecca M. Stull, New York City
BA, Sociology/Anthropology, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences
During her time at Pace, Rebecca M. Stull was an active and involved member of campus and a member of both the prestigious Alpha Chi Honor Society and the Lambda Sigma National Honors Society. Stull was an intern for Resource Generation Development, participated in the Student Development and Campus Activities Leadership Conference, the environmental advocacy group T.H.I.N.K Environment, and was the student project coordinator for the Center for Community Outreach.

A deeply involved member of the Project Pericles Leadership Program, Stull served as the program's faculty assistant for Civic Engagement, and participated in the Civic Engagement Research Group, the Faculty Assistant for Civic Engagement Series (FACES) program, and the Women's Action Network. She volunteered in the greater metropolitan New York community for Paint a School Day, New York Cares, Connection to Advantages, and Hands on New York.

Stull will remain in New York City after graduation to finish her Bachelor of Arts at Pace University this summer. Committed to the importance of community service and civic engagement, Stull intends to continue her work with non-profit organizations that focus on social justice. She hopes to travel and teach English abroad before going on to graduate school.

Henry Birnbaum Endowed Scholastic Achievement Award

Presented to a full-time undergraduate or graduate student on the New York City campus who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

Richard Allen Baker, New York City
MBA, Management, Lubin School of Business

The Charles Dyson Award

Presented to the outstanding member of the Dyson College Society of Fellows

Maksim Astashinskiy, New York City
BA, History, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Project Pericles Leadership Certificate Award

Presented to students who have completed the rigorously structured certificate program, which challenges them to demonstrate leadership in civic engagement. The hard work and creativity of these students has made a significant contribution toward advancing Pace University's mission to educate for citizenship and social responsibility.

Corinne S. Beniasians, New York City
BS, Physicians Assistant Studies, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Rachel Chopra, New York City
BBA, General Accounting, Lubin School of Business

Farah Elghazal, Westchester
BA, Human Services, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Regina G. Gennari, New York City
BA, Women's and Gender Studies, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Matthew S. Koppe, Westchester
BA, History, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Leah M. Londrigan, Westchester
BA, Liberal Studies, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Rebecca M. Stull, New York City
BA, Sociology/Anthropology, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Rocio J. Tua, New York City
BS, Business Economics, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Academic Leadership Award

Presented to the student who best exemplifies academic citizenship through the integration of academic achievement and leadership to serve as a role model for other students through the Center for Academic Excellence.

James E. Lentz, Westchester
BS, Mathematics, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Stevi A. Raab, New York City
BBA, Management with concentration in Entrepreneurship, Lubin School of Business

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Scholastic Achievement Award

Presented to students excelling in scholarship, effectiveness in class discussion, research, and general performance in a baccalaureate program.

Liliya Bilenko, New York City
BS, Nursing, Lienhard School of Nursing

Pjeter Dushku, New York City
BBA, Finance, Lubin School of Business

Daniel Friedman, Westchester
BA, Government, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Regina G. Gennari, New York City
BA, Women's and Gender Studies, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Dina Gusovsky, New York City
BA, Political Science, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Laura A. Jacob, Westchester
BS, Computer Science, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems

Matthew S. Koppe, Westchester
BA, History, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Kathryn A. Marciano, Westchester
BA, Childhood Education, School of Education

Erin N. Matthews, Westchester
BS, Nursing, Lienhard School of Nursing

Emily Schultz, Westchester
BS, Nursing, Lienhard School of Nursing

Alison M. Schmitt, New York City
BA, Childhood Education, School of Education

Yuliya V. Sundatova, New York City
BS, Nursing, Lienhard School of Nursing

Frances A. Uzzi, Westchester
BBA, International Management, Lubin School of Business

Willie K. Wong, New York City
BS, Information Systems, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems

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Outstanding Student of the Year
Presented in recognition of scholarship and exceptional dedication to the ideals of their school.

Tatiana M. Arreglado, New York City
MS, Collaborative Nursing Informatics, Lienhard School of Nursing

Nana A. Baffour, New York City
MA, Nursing, Lienhard School of Nursing

Karishma Chawla, Westchester
MS, Counseling, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Todd D. Cohen, New York City
MS, Information Systems, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems

Justin C. Colby, New York City
MS, Publishing, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Jennifer M. DiChiarra, Westchester
MBA, Lubin School of Business

Maria Klara, New York City
MSEd, School Clinical Psychology, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Donna M. Kleinberger, Westchester
MA, Nursing Education Lienhard School of Nursing

Robert A. Lee, Westchester
MS, Teaching, Adolescent Education, School of Education

Christopher J. Monclova, Westchester
MS, Internet Technology, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems

Jennifer M. Newman, New York City
MS in Teaching, Childhood Education, School of Education

Andres A. Nieto, Westchester
DPS, Computing Studies, Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems

Sunera Rahman, Westchester
MS, Environmental Science, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Jamie L. Rounds, New York City
MS, Forensic Science, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Marina Slavina, New York City
MBA, Financial Management, Lubin School of Business

Jan F. Spinardi Pirozzi, New York City
Doctor of Psychology, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Karina V. Warshaw, Westchester

Master of Public Administration,, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

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School of Law Faculty and Student Awards

Presented to the most outstanding faculty members and students with the highest academic achievement.

Valedictorian
Marilyn Miller

Adolf Homburger Humanitarian Award
Tawney Lynn Alvarez
Megan Margaret McDonald

Barbara Salken Outstanding Professor of the Year Award
Steven H. Goldberg

The Outstanding Adjunct Professor of the Year Award
Louis Fasulo

The Outstanding Departmental Award
Registrar's Office

School of Law Dean's Award

Presented to the part- and full-time graduates of the Class of 2008 who have made the most outstanding contributions to the School of Law.

Full-time Award
Mary Claire Haskins

Part-time Award
Gina Marie Muccio

Kenan Award for Teaching Excellence

Presented to faculty by their colleagues in recognition of classroom performance, understanding of students, high standards of intellectual integrity, and ability to serve as an inspiration.

Charles North, New York City
English and Poet-in-Residence, advisor to Aphos Literary Magazine
Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Called by James Schuyler "the most stimulating poet of his generation" and by the Washington Post "one of the most memorable of contemporary poets," Charles North is the author of eleven books of poems, including the recently published Cadenza; a book of essays on poets, artists, and critics, No Other Way; and collaborative works with artists and other poets. With James Schuyler, he edited the anthologies Broadway: A Poets and Painters Anthology and Broadway 2.

His previous poetry collection, *The Nearness of the Way You Look Tonight*, was chosen as one of five finalists for the inaugural Phi Beta Kappa Poetry Award for best poetry book of the year. North's poetry has appeared in many important periodicals and more than thirty anthologies, including Post-Modern Poetry in America (Norton), Best American Poetry (Scribner), and New York Poets II (Carcanet). Among his numerous awards are two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, Four Fund For Poetry Awards, and most recently, a Foundation for Contemporary Arts, 2008 Grants to Artists Award.

He has been full-time Poet-in-Residence at Pace University (NYC) since 1997. North also is faculty advisor to *Apros*, the Pace literary magazine and is a two-time winner of the National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship, and a recent finalist for the inaugural Phi Beta Kappa Poetry Award.

Christian N. Madu, PhD, New York City
Research Professor of Management and Program Chair
Lubin School of Business

Christian N. Madu is Research Professor of Management Science and co-editor of the *International Journal of Quality and Reliability Management*, Topic Editor, *Encyclopedia of the Earth*, and founding editor, *International Journal of Quality Science*. He joined Pace University in 1984 as an adjunct and became a full time faculty in 1985.

Madu is involved in interdisciplinary research that has crossed many fields including statistical modeling, technology transfers, strategic planning, supply chain management, quality management and environmental management. He teaches courses in operations management, management science, and statistics. Serving as the chairman of the Management Science department for more than ten years, Madu actively engages in research and has published more than 100 research journal publications and more than a dozen scholarly books. His current area of research interest is in community-based environmental decision making. Professor Madu is on the editorial board of several academic journals.

Professor Madu's teaching philosophy is that each student is capable of learning and contributing to the society if they apply themselves. He

encourages students to learn beyond the classroom and to see their learning at Pace as a subsystem of their global systemic learning experience.

Professor Madu received a BS in Industrial Engineering (IE) from the State University of New York at Buffalo, MBA, MSIE from the University of New Haven, MBA from Baruch College, and MPhil, PhD from City University of New York.

Linda Anstendig, EdD, Westchester
Associate Dean and Professor of English
Dyson College of Arts and Sciences

Linda Anstendig, PhD, who has degrees from Connecticut College, Harvard University School of Education, and Columbia Teacher's College, is an Associate Dean of Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, and Professor of English . As Director of Writing for her department, Co-Director of Writing Across the Curriculum, and as former co-director of the Pforzheimer Faculty Development Center, Anstendig organized and led many workshops for faculty: on teaching writing, using writing to learn course content, developing course assessment techniques, incorporating technology into the curriculum, and creating civic engagement courses.

Anstendig's publications include a text book, *Writing through Literature*, and numerous refereed journal articles on writing across the curriculum, service learning, and writing with technology. Recent publications, are a chapter in Peter Seldin's *Teaching Portfolios* (co-authored with Professor Connie Knapp), and a chapter in a book for college teachers called *It Really Works: Ideas from Award Winning English Teachers*. Since 1990, she has presented over thirty papers at conferences dedicated to College English and Writing as well as General Education issues. Anstendig has also served as a consultant for local colleges and high schools on teaching writing, has been involved with national organizations dedicated to English studies and Writing Across the Curriculum, and has been active locally as an advocate for the Westchester Library System.

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