

Autumn: A Season for Change and Growth

To: C.W. Post Campus Community
 From: Paul Forestell, Provost
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As we embark on the second month of the new academic year, our campus community is already accumulating a full slate of accomplishments. In late September, C.W. Post was ranked in the top tier of best regional universities in the north by U.S. News and World Report. Last week, C.W. Post was favorably ranked in NCSA Athletic Recruiting's Collegiate 2011 Power Rankings, which assess both athletic and academic excellence at NCAA member colleges and universities. On October 20, Long Island Business News will recognize the campus for 57-years of leadership in business and service to the Long Island community. In addition several students and faculty have received accolades recognizing academic excellence, including a prestigious NIH grant awarded to Dr. **Luis Martinez** of the School of Health Professions and Nursing.

As the semester progresses, I encourage you to fully experience the C.W. Post Campus. Homecoming is just a few weeks away. You can join your fellow students, colleagues and alumni in cheering on the Post Pioneers against Kutztown University at 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 22 at Hickox Field. Below you will find a summary of recent campus developments.

C.W. Post Ranked a Best Regional University: C.W. Post has been named one of the Best Regional Universities in the north region in the 2012 edition of the U.S. News & World Report "Best Colleges" rankings. The ranking reflects C.W. Post's commitment to academic excellence and a personalized education for our students.

Fundraising Campaign for Stadium: Since the launch of the Pioneer Spirit Campaign in June, more than \$1.2 million has been raised toward the renovation of the athletic stadium. Long Island University trustees and C.W. Post alumni **Sal Naro** and **Peter Gibson** are chairing the project, which includes the installation of grandstands for 4,500, a new press box, coaching facility and ticket booth, and a beautifully landscaped entrance plaza. Demolition of the existing stadium is scheduled for spring 2012, once the Pioneer Spirit Campaign has secured a principal naming gift for the stadium (\$1.5 million) and an equal amount (\$1.8 million) in contributions from alumni, friends and corporate sponsors. The University will provide \$1.2 million of the remainder of the total \$4.5 million renovation cost. See our video at www.liu.edu/cwpost/impact.

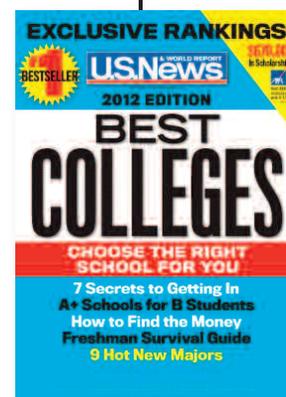
Welcome Class of 2015: This Fall, C.W. Post welcomes 960 freshman from 26 states, including Hawaii, Colorado and California. The Class of 2015 includes five sets of twins, 102 Honors Program students, and the 2011 valedictorian of Holy Trinity High School, **Margaret Buckley**. In total, our campus community is bustling with 7,200 students; 4,496 undergraduate, 2,689 graduate and nearly 760 international students from China, Norway, India, Korea, Sweden, Russia and other nations.

New Faculty: On behalf of Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. **Jeffrey Kane**, I am pleased to welcome 20 new full-time faculty members to C.W. Post. They bring considerable expertise and insights to every college and school across the campus: College of Education & Information Sciences: **Michael Mariska**; College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: **April Blakeslee, Shawn Welnak, Jay Diehl**; College of Management: **Tong (Tony) Bao, Maura Belliveau, Alexander Henderson, Alex Kim, Sue Moon, Zenu Sharma**; School of Health Professions & Nursing: **Visalam Chandrasekaran, Azad Guwra, Luis Martinez, Bruce Zitkus**; School of Visual & Performing Arts: **Robert Wildman, Elena Bertozzi, Seung Yeon Lee**; University Libraries: **Kathleen Burlingame, Lawrence Paretta, Eduardo Rivera**. In addition, we are pleased to welcome **Anne E. Greb** and **Donna Feigin Blumenthal** as director and associate director, respectively, of the Genetic Counseling program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

New Deans: I extend a warm welcome to our newest deans. Dr. **Noel Zahler**, a highly respected composer, researcher and administrator who has led departments, schools of music and interdisciplinary programs at universities across the nation, has been appointed dean of the School of Visual and Performing Arts.



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Most recently, Dr. Zahler was head of the School of Music at Carnegie Mellon University. Dr. **Robert D. Hannifan**, an accomplished educator, technologist and business executive, has been appointed dean of the College of Education and Information Sciences. Prior to joining C.W. Post, Dr. Hannifan served as a director of learning and development at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP and is a former professor and curriculum developer at three leading universities.

Tilles Center Opens Season: **Idina Menzel** will headline Tilles Center for the Performing Arts' annual Gala on Saturday, November 5. Menzel's performance is part of a stellar 2011-2012 season that includes the State Symphony Capella of Russia, Broadway sensation **Brian Stokes Mitchell**, the wacky and wonderful Flying Karamazov Brothers, a fully staged performance of "Tosca," the legendary salsa singer **Rubén Blades** and the runaway hit musical "In The Heights" – and that's just in October! As always, C.W. Post students and faculty are eligible for significant discounts on tickets to most shows. Visit tillescenter.org for complete information.

Provost Distinguished Lecture Series: Scholars from the Smithsonian, The New York Times and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory are among the guest lecturers on campus this Fall as part of the annual Provost Distinguished Lecture Series. The series began on October 5 with a presentation by PBS commentator and conservationist **Carl Safina**, founding president of the Blue Ocean Institute. Additional speakers include **A.O. Scott**, film critic for The New York Times; **Georgina Goodlander**, exhibition coordinator for "The Art of Video Games" and interpretive programs manager of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and **Chris Messilinos**, video game collector and guest exhibition curator; Dr. **Tahira Homayun**, president and founder of The Organization for Advancement of Afghan Women; and **John Collins**, chief operating officer, National Hockey League. Nobel Prize Laureate **James Watson**, one of the most celebrated scientists of the 20th century, will also be a featured speaker. For information visit liu.edu/cwpost/provostlecture.

Faculty Awards: Dr. **Luis Martinez**, assistant professor of biomedical sciences, was awarded a two-year Career Transition Award of \$227,376 from the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease to conduct research on the "Impact of Maternal Methamphetamine Abuse on Neonatal Immunity." Dr. **Elena Bertozzi**, associate professor and director of the new M.A. in Digital Game Design & Development program, won a silver medal at the 2011 International Serious Play Award conference for developing the game "Emergency Birth!"

Student Accolades: **Bryan Coopersmith**, a senior health and physical education major, won the Jay B. Nash Outstanding Major Award from the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Inc. Three medical biology majors presented their DNA research at a national conference at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. **Sanket Patel**, **Dipen Patel** and **Venkata Kollu** attended the event with Dr. **Daniel Ginsburg**, assistant professor of biomedical sciences. Medical biology major **Jade Greco** was the recipient of the Metropolitan Association of College and University Microbiologists' Benjamin Cummings/MACUB Student Research Grant, with a cash award of \$500, for her research on the effects of methamphetamine on the central nervous system. **Kimione Francis**, who is pursuing a master's degree in information systems, was awarded a scholarship sponsored by Cisco to attend the 2011 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing in Portland, Oregon this November.

Award for Student Newspaper: Congratulations to The Pioneer on winning a Certificate of Achievement from the New York News Publishers Association. The Pioneer is the first college publication to receive an award from NYNPA, a non-profit trade association representing the daily, weekly and online newspapers of New York State.

Dining Services: In response to student requests, dining options in Hillwood Commons have been expanded and reconfigured to provide more choices and speedier service. A much anticipated Starbucks coffee shop has opened next to the cinema. The popular Subway restaurant was doubled in size to reduce wait time. The Little Shop of Commons convenience store has moved to the Winnick Student Center.

50 Years of WCWP: College radio station, WCWP, is celebrating a half century of service to the north shore of Long Island. The station went on the air October 18, 1961. Fifty years later, WCWP welcomes back original student broadcasters for an anniversary show that will air on WCWP 88.1 FM at 12 noon on October 18. It will include a discussion with former radio station personalities **Art Beltrone** ('63), **Hank Neimark** ('64), **Bill Mozer** and **Dan Cox** ('88), the current station manager. Station alumni will reprise their old shows on air during Homecoming Weekend, October 21-23. Visit the radio station website at wcwp.org.

Excellence in Academics and Athletics: C.W. Post placed more student-athletes on this year's East Coast Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll than any other member of the conference. One hundred forty-six Pioneer athletes earned the honor, which is awarded to student-athletes with a G.P.A. of 3.25 or better. Meanwhile, for the second consecutive year, coach **Maureen Travers**' women's swimming has the highest team G.P.A. (3.58) of all NCAA Division II women's swimming programs in the country. Congratulations also to **Raenee Savin**, who became the winningest C.W. Post field hockey head coach with the Pioneers' 7-0 victory at Southern Connecticut.

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