

## Spring Brings Growth and Change

To: LIU Post Community  
 From: Paul Forestell, Provost  
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 Subject: April Campus Update

As Commencement approaches, we look forward to celebrating the accomplishments of our newest alumni and the faculty and staff who helped make their success possible. At the 54th annual graduation exercises on Friday, May 4, Long Island University will award 2,326 baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees and advanced certificates. More than 9,000 students and families are expected to attend the ceremony which begins at 11:30 a.m. on the Great Lawn. **Steve Collins**, M.D., founder and chairman of Valid Nutrition, which provides nutritious ready-to-use foods to severely malnourished people in Africa, is the keynote speaker. He will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters. The following leaders will also be bestowed the Honorary Doctorate: **Manuel H. Barron** '68, founder, chairman and CEO of Barron's Educational Series, Inc. and **Peter J. Neufeld**, co-founder and director of The Innocence Project, and a partner with Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP. **Renee Madigan**, an LIU Post alumna ('07, '10) and social studies teacher at New Hyde Park Memorial High School, will receive the Long Island Teacher of the Year Award. Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented to **Fred Gaudelli** '82, producer of Sunday Night Football on NBC; **Janet DiFiore** '78, Westchester District Attorney; and **James N. Macri**, Ph.D. '65, founding president of NTD Laboratories. The Valedictorian is Locust Valley resident **Sean Simensky**, a history major and member of the Honors and Merit Fellowship Program. The Salutatorian is Commack resident **Melissa Yonelunas**, an English adolescence education major and Honors student. To learn more details about Commencement, visit our website at [www.liu.edu/post/commencement](http://www.liu.edu/post/commencement). In addition to honoring our graduating seniors, I am pleased to share a few campus updates and events planned for the spring semester:

**PlayExpo:** The Department of Media Arts and School of Visual and Performing Arts will host the first annual PlayExpo, a juried show of games and other interactive digital entertainment, on Sunday, April 15 from 1 to 6 p.m. in Humanities Hall. More than 50 interactive 3D, 2D, aural, virtual and animated works will be judged. Guest speakers are Cindy Au, community director of Kickstarter, the world's largest funding platform for creative projects, and Dave Johnson, art director of 3 Video Games. For information visit [www.liu.edu/post/games](http://www.liu.edu/post/games).

**LIU Post in Prime Time:** LIU Post advertisements, featuring the university's new logo and positioning message, "Find Out How Good You Really Are," will be seen beginning April 23 in Penn Station, on TV networks such as NBC, CBS and CNN, along major highways including the Meadowbrook Parkway and the LIE, and behind home plate at Citi Field. Our commercials will appear during popular shows such as the Today Show, CBS This Morning, Jimmy Fallon, The Soup, Access Hollywood and David Letterman.

**Alternate Spring Break:** Several LIU Post students used their week-long break to engage in community service projects. Graduate students in the Clinical Art Therapy program, under the direction of adjunct professor **Kelvin Ramirez**, participated in the Social Action program in Nicaragua, working with children and families struggling with mental health issues. Students and staff members, under the supervision of Community Service Coordinator **Jeanette Murray**, traveled to Lafayette, Louisiana to participate in Rebuilding Together and help people preserve and revitalize their homes affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Ike.

**Teaching Excellence:** Four LIU Post faculty members were honored with the university's highest awards in teaching and research excellence at a ceremony on April 2 at Kumble Theatre for the Performing Arts at LIU Brooklyn. Congratulations to Dr. **Panos Mourdoukoutas**, professor of economics and chair of the Economics Department, who was presented with the 2012 Abraham Krasnoff Memorial Award for Lifetime Scholarly Achievement. The 2012 David Newton Awards for Teaching Excellence were presented to Dr. **John Lutz**, assistant professor of English and chair of the English Department, Dr. **James McRoy**, professor of music and chairman of the Department of Music, and Dr. **Haeryun Choi**, assistant professor of education.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Digital Assassination:**  
 Protecting Your Reputation,  
 Brand or Business Against  
 Online Attacks

Speaker:  
 Richard Torrenzano  
 Wednesday, April 18, 2012  
 12:30 p.m.  
 Patrons Lounge,  
 LIU Tilles Center  
 Information: 516-299-3500

**Ludacris in concert  
 at LIU Tilles Center**

8 p.m., April 19  
 For tickets: Present LIU ID  
 at Tilles Box Office

### This Just In...

AACSB International has renewed the accreditation of the College of Management's business programs. Only 5% of business programs in the world hold this distinction.

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**Mental Health Counseling Advanced Certificate:** A new advanced certificate in Mental Health Counseling offered by the Department of Counseling and Development will prepare professionals who have a master's degree in school counseling with the additional academic credits and clinical experience needed to become licensed New York State mental health counselors. For information visit [www.liu.edu/post/counseling](http://www.liu.edu/post/counseling).

**New Minors to Enhance Careers:** The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has expanded its academic portfolio to include undergraduate minors in writing and international studies. The 21-credit writing minor, taught by playwrights, authors and literary professors from the English Department, will impart the writing skills necessary for professional success. The 24-credit minor in international studies, offered by the Department of Political Science/International Studies, will provide a wide range of courses, including introduction to macroeconomics, international law, government and policies of the Middle East, Western civilization and a foreign language.

**New Biology Concentrations:** The B.S. in Biology will be offered with three new concentrations that provide the academic foundation for future admission into medical, dental or veterinary schools and other health and scientific fields. Each student in the new concentrations – Pre-medical Sciences, Molecular Genetics-Cell, and Ecology, Evolution and Behavior – will conduct a year of research in a professional laboratory and receive hands-on knowledge in scientific research methods and techniques.

**Department of Health Sciences:** To help meet the growing national demand for qualified health care professionals, the School of Health Professions and Nursing has established a new Department of Health Sciences. The department will administer the B.S. degrees in Health Information Management and Radiologic Technology, the new online Certificate in Health Information Management, and the new B.S. in Health Sciences – a versatile degree launching in September which will prepare students for careers or post-baccalaureate study in a wide range of fields.

**Kennedy Center Awards for Post Theatre Company:** Professor Maria Porter and theatre students in the School of Visual and Performing Arts have won five national awards from the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. The Post Theatre Company's production of "Re-Membering Antigone" won for Outstanding Production of a Devised Work, Outstanding Production of a Classic Play, Outstanding Director of a Classic, Distinguished Lead Deviser/Director of a Devised Work and Distinguished Performance and Production Ensemble. The performance troupe will be honored in Washington D.C. on April 21.

**Headed for Carnegie Hall:** The 65-member LIU Post Chorus will perform at Carnegie Hall on Saturday, April 21. The chorus, which has appeared twice at Lincoln Center and completed a European tour under the leadership of Assistant Professor of Music Mark Shapiro, will perform Verdi's Requiem with the St. Cecilia Chorus and Orchestra. For information visit [www.carnegiehall.org](http://www.carnegiehall.org).

**Green and Gold Awards:** The 2012 recipients of the Green and Gold Staff Recognition Award are **Daniel Rico**, a graduate student at the Center for Community Inclusion; **Nadia Hernandez**, senior administrative assistant for International Student Services; **Patricia Morgera**, inquiry processor in the Admissions Office; and **Michael Sweeney**, assistant director of Facilities Services. The special award is given to staff members in recognition of their exceptional dedication and commitment to the LIU Post community.

**Text-A-Librarian:** If you need assistance with your papers or research, you can now ask questions and receive information by texting a reference librarian in the B. Davis Schwartz Memorial Library. This service is a convenient option for receiving information on a mobile device. Simply text "askpost" to 66746 for instructions. Message and data rates may apply. For more information, visit [www.liu.edu/post/library](http://www.liu.edu/post/library).

**Summer Science Internship Program:** Highly motivated undergraduate students are invited to apply for four paid research internships available this summer in the science laboratories of LIU Post faculty. Opportunities for research include DNA barcoding, bay scallop restoration, Diamond Terrapin turtle migration, oncogenesis in breast cancer and opiate pharmacology. For information visit [www.liu.edu/post/suri](http://www.liu.edu/post/suri).

**Dog Daze:** To help students relieve stress during final exams, the Division of Student Affairs will host "Dog Daze" – an opportunity to meet, pet and cuddle with puppies and dogs. The canines, under the care of the Therapy Dogs International dog handlers, will be at Winnick Student Center on Wednesday, April 25 from 3 to 6 p.m.

**Spring Sports Going Strong:** The Pioneers have dominated opponents in the first half of the women's lacrosse season, running out to an 8-1 record and ranked as high as No. 3 in the nation. Junior attacker **Ashley Olen** scored a career-high nine goals against Merrimack on April 7. The softball team was 25-13 overall, 13-1 in the East Coast Conference, as of April 9. ECC Preseason Player of the Year **Nicole Hagenah** led the conference with nine home runs and 37 runs batted in through the first 38 games. The baseball team improved its overall win total from last season (14), going 15-13 overall with a 7-3 conference clip in the ECC through early April. **Jennifer McLaughlin** won the women's 5,000 meters at the Millersville Metrics cross-country meet April 7. Fellow Pioneers **Angelica Price**, **Jeanette Solberg** and **Alexandra Gentile** finished in the Top 10, and Jennifer's twin **Sara McLaughlin** finished 11th.