100 Come to Honor Fellow Alums at Annual Dinner

Approximately 100 guests turned out for the 5th Annual BCC Alumni Network Dinner at Bergen Community College at the Meadowlands in Lyndhurst on Oct. 9, for an evening punctuated by laughter and the celebration of success.

This year’s dinner surpassed last year’s in attendance and all of the previous dinners in money raised through sponsorships and dinner journal ad sales for the Alumni Scholarship Fund.

The Dr. Judith K. Winn School of Honors recognized the contributions of Honors Alumni Network (HANI) Founder Steven Chung ’12, (left) of Bayside, NY, with an Outstanding Alumni Award; while the Alumni Network honored (from leftl Associate Professor Joseph Sivo, Ph.D., of Fair Lawn, with the Rising Star Award; Assistant to the Athletic Director Elaine Korinko ('79), of North Haledon, with the Alumni Hall of Fame Award, and Vice President of Facilities Planning, Operations and Public Safety William Corcoran ('76), of Ridgewood, with the Living Legacy Award.

SAVE THE DATE: The 6th Annual Alumni Network Dinner will be held Oct. 8, 2015 at Biagio’s Restaurant, Paramus Road. WATCH YOUR MAIL AND EMAIL FOR YOUR INVITATION AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

ANET Co-Chair Stephen Dues, at podium, served as master of ceremonies for the event. See more photos of the Alumni Dinner on Page 3.

Alumni Network Awards $6,200 in Scholarships in 2014; $9,000 in 2015

BCC Alumni Board members presented six $1,000 Alumni Network scholarships during the 14th Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony last April in the Moses Family Meeting and Training Center. The scholarships were awarded to Bergen students Robert Abarca, Stephanie Han, Alexis Harley, Mahaaz Ismailzadah, Michael Riccardi and Hina Srejic. The BCC Dental Hygiene Alumni Network awarded two $100 scholarships at the Dental Hygiene Graduate Tea on May 9. The Alumni Network will award nearly $9,000 in 2015 scholarships this Spring.
A Message from President B. Kaye Walter

Dear Alumni,

You have company.

Thanks to the dedication to student success at all levels of the institution, record numbers of students continue to join your ranks each year – and the College is being recognized for it.

Based on data compiled by Community College Week, more students now graduate from Bergen than any other two-year institution in New Jersey, making it the state’s top associate degree granting college.

Taking it a step further, Bergen now ranks 29th among all two-year institutions in the U.S., jumping up 14 spots from the previous year’s rankings.

By focusing our strategic planning and execution on a “commitment to completion” through employing an award-winning faculty, supplying efficient student service resources and high-technology facilities, Bergen aims to support students at all levels – just as I hope you found when you enrolled here.

For these efforts, we’ve also been recognized on the national scene: in the fall, the White House announced that the College would lead the administration of a $15 million federal grant with other community colleges and business partners to create a healthcare career pathways system. Ultimately, we expect to educate, train and place approximately 2,000 people in new jobs. Further, the Cerullo Learning Assistance Center earned the 2014 National College Learning Center Association Frank L. Christ Outstanding Learning Center Award, which makes it the No. 1 two-year college tutoring resource in the country. Bergen is the first New Jersey college or university to win the award.

Taken in total, these three items reflect the College’s status as not only a regional leader, but also as a national model institution.

So when I say you have company, you are part of an elite group: our Bergen community. Thanks for being part of it.

Sincerely,

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Alumni on the Move

Class of 2014 members Maria De Abreu Pineda, valedictorian, and Ana Parra Vera, are studying at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken. Maria, of Hackensack, earned an A.S. in engineering science at BCC and is pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering while Ana is working toward a degree in computer science and working in New York City this semester under Stevens’ cooperative education program.

Enki Bello, ’13, plans to graduate from William Paterson University in May with a B.A. in popular music studies. A harpist, singer and songwriter, Enki released an album, “Rocking on Harp,” in December on Spotify and iTunes following a media tour during which she promoted her own album on television stations in Colombia, South America.

Tony Senatore, ’13, who has made his living in music since 1980, currently is attending Columbia University while working as a session bassist for Jason Corsaro, the chief engineer at Barber Shop Studios in Hopatcong. He has recorded with numerous musicians, including Andrew Rothstein (Wit of the Staircase) and Genya Ravan (Live at CBGB’s). Tony has been featured in Guitar Player Magazine and appeared in Down Beat Magazine and the Aquarian.

Alyson Cina, ’12, garnered a U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarship to study Arabic in Jordan last summer while a senior at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Alyson is shown here during the spring of 2011 as a tutoring resource in the nation” last year.

BCC student studying for the semester in Morocco, an experience which she chronicled as a foreign correspondent for the Torch.

Natalie Tocci, a 2012 graduate of the Green Pathways Certificate Program in the Division of Continuing Education, is working in sales as a home performance consultant for Ceil Power, a company specializing in home energy audits in Lyndhurst.

Gowri Varanashi, who attended Bergen in 2010 and 2011, is a naturalist, guide and photographer working for Tamandua Expeditions in the Peruvian Amazon Basin. She has worked on protecting elephant corridors in India. Gowri’s areas of expertise are birds and butterflies and she is shown here presenting the helanor morpho butterfly.

Rory Riordan D’Lasnow, ’09, was valedictorian before transferring to the University of Michigan, where he graduated with high honors, receiving his Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology. Rory now works as an Account Executive for Boopsie, a Silicon Valley startup that creates custom mobile apps for libraries. A guitarist, he recently released his first recording, ”When All Is Fading,” which is available on iTunes, Amazon and Spotify.

Sebastian Arungundy, ’07, Bergen’s first salutatorian, graduated from Rutgers University in 2009 and currently is completing a Ph.D. in chemistry on a scholarship at Cambridge University in England.

Rich Fuchs, ’05, graduated Bergen with a Music Business degree, and has worked as an English teacher and as a studio guitarist. Rich, who recently visited Professor Andrew Krikun’s class, currently is in the band Fancy Reagan, which has been signed by Universal Republic Records and won the VH1 Make a Band Famous Contest. View the video.

Mike Powderley, ’05, 23-year veteran of the Midland Park Police department who earned his criminal justice degree from Bergen and currently is pursuing a master’s degree in criminal justice-business administration at Fairleigh Dickinson University, was sworn in as the borough’s 10th police chief last month. Mike is the fourth generation of his family to serve on a Bergen County police department.

Ivana Viana, ’04, graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Ivana is now in her second year of Harvard Medical School.

Samuel Ballard, ’98, is the art direct for GAF Materials Corp., in Parsippany, where he has worked for the past 10 years. Samuel has garnered professional recognition from numerous organizations, including awards for design from Graphic Design USA and the New Jersey Art Director’s Club. He also works as a freelance designer and photographer.

Scott Smith, ’93, a former BCC basketball player, is assistant basketball coach at Division I Wagner College on Staten Island.

Catherine Coronato, ’91, worked for the Bergen County Probation Department for 43 years. She retired in 2014.

Patricia Ennis, ’89, earned a certificate at Bergen and served as the Fair Lawn Registrar of Vital Statistics from 1995 to 2011. She is retired.

Khairia Fazal, ’87, is managing director of the Bergen Community College Cerullo Learning Assistance Center, which the National College Learning Center Association named “the best two-year school tutoring resource in the nation” last year.
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Class of 2014 Comes Home

Members of the Class of 2014 returned to Bergen Community College to share stories and plans and visit with some of their favorite faculty and staff during a BCC Alumni Network-sponsored class get-together in January. Here’s what some of them are up to.

• Charlen McNeil (see photo pg. 12), now a junior at Fairleigh Dickinson University, is spending her spring semester studying in China.

• Robert Cardona, of Bergenfield, is working on his own startup company in creating a social networking website geared to machine-to-machine industry smart grid technology.

• Victoria Tahhan is majoring in sociology with a concentration in Latin American studies at Columbia University. Victoria also represents BCC alumni on the College Board of Trustees.

• Linda Doering, an alternative route student with many years of work experience when she decided to earn an A.S. in science-psychology at Bergen, continues to do presentations on HIV/AIDS/STDs, healthy relationships, and substance abuse prevention as the education director for the Institute for Relationship Intelligence in Hudson, Essex, and Bergen Counties.

• Keion Best is assisting current Bergen students as a part-time generalist in the College’s Office of Student Life.

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As January ended ironworkers were completing the steel structure for the $26 million Health Professions Integrated Teaching Center at the school’s main campus in Paramus. The building represents the College’s capital improvement project as part of the $750 million Building our Future Bond Act, approved by New Jersey voters in 2012. The three-story, 65,000 square-foot facility is the first free-standing new construction on campus since the building of West Hall in 2007. Currently, more than 1,000 students enroll in health professions programs such as dental hygiene, radiography and nursing at Bergen. The College offers nine degree and certificate programs and nine non-credit certificate programs as part of its Division of Health Professions. Bergen’s president, Dr. B. Kaye Walter, said the center will provide new opportunities for those students, preparing them for entry into the occupational sector with the highest projected net job growth of any field – 3% from 2010-2020 – according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The center will allow the College to offer new amenities, technologies and community resources to meet the country’s evolving healthcare industry. In total, the center will include 26 classrooms and laboratories including medical simulation and computer labs. The center also will feature a ground-floor dental hygiene clinic, a laboratory for Bergen students that also offers low-cost preventive oral healthcare for the community and has hosted free oral cancer screenings and prophylaxis for children.

Nearly 1,000 of the 2,862 Bergen Community College candidates for graduation accepted their diplomas during the College’s 45th commencement ceremony on May 22 at the Izod Center in East Rutherford. Graduates ranged in age from 17 to 65, including a mother and daughter receiving their degrees together. American Express CEO and Chairman Kenneth Chenault delivered the keynote address and urged the graduates to use their success to help others reach their goals: “Real leaders are simply people who know their values, act on those values and empower others to do the same.”

Valedictorian Maria De Abreu, who moved to Hackensack three years ago from Caracas, Venezuela, to pursue her degree at BCC in engineering science, was one of 66 graduates to attain a perfect 4.0 GPA. “Be unique. Be different. Do the impossible. It’s kind of fun,” Maria told fellow graduates.

Salutatorian Katarzyna Jankowski, of Lodi, (shown here) spoke of growing up in Poland and Germany before coming to New York City. She worked as an au pair as she began her eight-year journey to gaining a green card. She is the first surgical technology student to deliver a graduation speech.

Stay in Touch
The Alumni Network wants to hear from you. Tell us about the interesting developments and accomplishments in your life so we can tell your friends and classmates. Email the Office of Alumni Affairs.

College Tutoring Center Named Best in Nation
The National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA) has named the Bergen Community College Cerullo Learning Assistance Center as the best two-year school tutoring resource in the nation. “In nominating the Cerullo Center, I hoped the judges would recognize what those of us who work at the College know very well: it is an amazing resource staffed by talented and dedicated people who play a major role in the success of our students,” said Bill Mullaney, Ph.D., Bergen’s vice president of academic affairs.

Bergen is the first New Jersey school – four- or two-year – to earn the Frank L. Christ Outstanding Learning Center Award. Past honorees include Clemson University, Texas A&M and Dutchess Community College. Alumna Khairia Fazal, managing director of learning assistance who has directed the Cerullo Center since 1994, accepted the award at the NCLCA’s 29th annual conference in October in Albuquerque, NM.

The Cerullo Center hosted more than 40,000 subject-specific and individualized tutoring visits in 240 courses last year. Approximately 7,000 students relied on a team of 150 professional and peer tutors employed by the Center to assist them via no-cost one-on-one, walk-in and in-class tutoring.

Library Exhibit Featured Alumni
The Sidney Silverman Library on the Paramus Campus recently staged an exhibit of alumni memorabilia. Alumnus Michael Hettinger, Class of 2011, of Jersey City, looks over the display.
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BCC Foundation Honors Alumnus Robert Vandenbergh

Alumna Maria De Abreu Pineda, 2014 Valedictorian, delivered an inspirational speech as the BCC Foundation honored alumnus Robert A. Vandenbergh, Regional President and Chief Operating Officer of Lakeland Bank, at the Medallion Awards Dinner, in November at the Rockleigh. In an interview aired on the College’s “Studio Bergen” Vandenbergh recalled the impact of his time at BCC. “I learned a lot of the stuff that was important academically, but I also got a lot of practical experience that I was able to put out there,” he said. “In my case, a two-year school made a big difference. It’s a lot more closely knit. There’s more mentoring. There’s more camaraderie. Because of the size and structure it becomes a little bit more personalized, a little friendlier, and that was important to me.” Click here to view Maria De Abreu Pineda’s speech.

Alumni Share Experience with Students

Four talented BCC alumni participated in an Oct. 29 panel sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa and the Offices of Alumni Affairs as part of the statewide “Commit to Complete” initiative geared to focus New Jersey community college students on staying in school and obtaining their degrees. The panel shown here from left featured 2014 BCC Valedictorian Maria De Abreu Pineda, a biomedical major at Stevens Institute of Technology; David Kawash, senior corporate financial analyst for TD Bank; Kenneth Clune, an associate scientist in cellular biology at Firmenich, a company that produces fragrances and flavors; and Bergen County Surrogate Michael R. Dressler.

Mike Dressler, a 1974 graduate of BCC, told the approximately 90 students who attended the discussion in TEC on the Paramus campus the story of his recovery from a broken neck suffered while diving into the ocean off Seaside Heights the day after his senior prom. Left paralyzed and confined to a wheelchair, Mike went on to earn a scholarship to FDU; a law degree from Seton Hall Law School, and a distinguished life of public service that included election to the Cresskill Town Council at age 22 and beating an incumbent to become mayor at 30.

“People at Bergen Community College took me in and did everything they could for me. They transitioned me from the hospital back into the real world,” he said. “If you think you can do something, you can do it,” he advised the students. “Don’t let anyone tell you that you can’t accomplish what you want to accomplish in life.”

David Kawash, another non-traditional student who worked in the family business for several years before starting at Bergen, became Phi Theta Kappa president and graduated in 1995, earning a Phi Theta Kappa scholarship to the NYU Stern School of Business and today is a corporate financial analyst for TD Bank.

“I got involved at Bergen Community College and made really good friends who are still good friends 20 years later,” David recalled. “NYU took 64 of my credits so I went into Stern as a junior. I was shoulder-to-shoulder to the other students who already had been there two years.”

Honors Alumni Network Founder Starts Scholarship Endowment

Steven Chung, Class of 2012, who started the BCC Honors Alumni Network or HAN, has been working with the BCC Foundation and the Office of Alumni Affairs to create an Honors Alumni Network Scholarship Endowment Fund. In addition to being president of the Honors Association, Steven was the first student in Bergen’s history to fund a scholarship while still attending the College. Steven, who graduated from NYU last year with a bachelor’s degree in social work and currently is taking graduate courses at Fordham University, put up the first $1,000 to create a the initial pool of matching funds for the HAN Scholarship Endowment that will challenge other alumni, faculty, staff and friends and spur their generosity. The goal is to raise at least a $10,000 endowment that that would yield $500 annually to fund an Honors Alumni Network scholarship for a current Bergen student. If you would like to help provide funds for the matching pool, or make a contribution to the Honors Alumni Network Scholarship Endowment Fund, please contact Joe Cavaluzzi in the Office of Alumni Affairs at (201) 689-7639.
Dental Hygiene Students, Staff Join Alumni for Oral Cancer Walk

A total of 23 dental hygiene alumni, students and faculty participated in the Oral Cancer Foundation Walk/Run for Awareness in Memory of David Nasto on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, at Perona Farms in Andover. Participants raise awareness of oral cancer and money for research to fight the disease. Special thanks to the Office of Student Life for providing bus transportation from the College to the event and to Goli Kocharian for organizing the team.

Dental Hygiene Alumni Return for Continuing Education Classes

The Dental Hygiene Alumni Network hosted “Prevention and Early Detection of Oral Cancer” with Dr. M. Fatahzadeh in November, providing the opportunity for 59 BCC dental hygiene alumni to obtain professional responsibility continuing education credits, according to Goli Kocharian, Class of 2002, an instructor at the College and member of the Alumni Network Board of Directors who organized the class. Goli signed up 12 new ANET members the night of the class. The Dental Hygiene hosted a second course in February, “Management/Identification of Oral Lesions and Conditions,” cosponsored by the New York/New Jersey AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) and presented by Dr. Gwen Cohen-Brown. Forty-three attended and eight new members joined the Alumni Network.

Alumni Show Appreciation to Former Coach Doug Yennie

His former players came to say thanks.

On Nov. 6, the BCC Department of Athletics, Basketball Coach Carlos Quinteros and the Office of Alumni Affairs honored former BCC Basketball and Golf Coach Doug Yennie at the men’s basketball game as the Bulldogs bested Bucks County CC. Doug, a former Bergen professor, earned a spot in the NJCAA Men’s Basketball Hall of Fame with 408 wins in 32 seasons at Bergen. He also is in the NJCAA Men’s Golf Hall of Fame.

The Bulldogs donned T-shirts in the original school colors of black and yellow and former players going back to 1972 joined Coach Quinteros and Athletic Director Jorge Hernandez on the court at halftime to honor Coach Yennie, whose wife Linda and Alumni Board of Directors member and assistant to the athletic director Elaine Korinko also participated in the ceremony. “If it wasn’t for Doug Yennie I never would have gotten my degree and I never would have become a Division I coach,” said Scott Smith, Class of ’93 and the assistant men’s basketball coach at Wagner College in Staten Island.

In addition to his contributions to the College, Doug and Linda Yennie also inspired the award-winning Pioneer Tour youth golf program that continues today and has introduced thousands of young Bergen County golfers to the sport.
ANET Recognizes Alumni Service

The BCC Alumni Network and the Office of Alumni Affairs recognized 29 alumni during the Alumni Appreciation Breakfast on last April 1 in the Moses Family Meeting and Training Center.

“Our alumni are a well of knowledge and experience from which our students can draw wisdom, skill, and experience,” Dr. William Mullaney, vice president of academic affairs, told the audience of alumni, staff and faculty attending the breakfast.

In addition to joining fellow alumni board member Jane Grinch, Class of ’75, in handing out the certificates of appreciation, Board of Directors Co-Chair and Master of Ceremonies Stephen Duess thanked College faculty and staff for supporting the alumni efforts over the past year.

“Just about everybody in this room has taken time out of their day at some point to provide valuable guidance and support to the various alumni initiatives,” said Stephen, Class of ’73.

The ANET awarded certificates of appreciation to the following people:

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Mary Ann Ascione
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Patricia Belmonte
Lori Bogan
Robert Bohlander
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Maria Brough
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Kapcr-Kieski
Dennis Lackovic
William LaRaia
Devan Lau
Claudia Levis
James Levis
Frank Loiacono
Jose Lorenzo
Patricia Lux
Uwe Malakas
Joseph Mamatz
Elaine Mandler
Dennis Marchesani
Phyllis Marino-Masterson
John McCausland
Frederick McGarril
Kirk McLachlan
Ann McNeil
Rosalie Mendel
Aase Metzger
Tracy Miceli
Mark Monacelli
Carmela Moore
Jo Ann Mosley
James Mosley
Adel Mulvaney
Anna Murano
George Murphy
Martha Myers
Eileen Neville
Claudia O’Rourke
Kevin O’Dea
Laura O’Connor
Robert Oberkehr
Theresa Oriente
Loukas Papamichael
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Rosalie Ponsi
Annette Posencheg
Diane Raachel
Debra Reynolds
Timothy Ross
Catherine Ryan
Adriana Sacchi
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Alice Sass
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Kathleen Scordato
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Patrice Tobin
Michael Tortora
Pamela Trasso
Dorothy Vasel
Dorothy Verga
Annette Vernon
Kathleen Webster
Michael Wilkinson
Carolyn Wolak
Tim Youngsworth
John Zuccolo

Goli Kocharian, ’02, instructor in the Dental Hygiene Department and Alumni Board member; Dr. Naydeen González-De Jesús, vice president of student affairs; Alumni Education Mentors Anna King, Bergen Professor Fran Ruff; Business and Finance Mentors David Kawash, Guillermo de Veyga and Stephen Novak; Criminal Justice Mentors Detective John Cleary, Detective Sgt. Russ Christiana and Lt. Walter Beese (also a ANET Board member); and Psychology Mentor Dr. Jennifer Barker; Alumni College Ambassadors Carolina Espin, Laura Madera, Rhina Navarro, Ariel Leconte, Hector Polanco, Alyson Ann Cina, Alexander Delgado, Amanda Trott, Wilkaris Silvestre, Anthony Sganga, John Sapida, Lorena Calderon, Jesse Kurtz, Jessica Bonilla and Margarita Valdez, who received special recognition as the founding member of the BCC Alumni College Ambassadors Program; Gabrielle Salerno and Dasha Albert for starting the theatre alumni group, the BCC Thespian Society, and Steven Chung for creating the BCC Honors Alumni Network. The ANET also recognized former Board of Directors member William Abbott, ’83, who was unable to attend. Board member Gerard Quinn, ’79, accepted the certificate of appreciation on William’s behalf.

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- Andreiys Pena, 2014
- Paola Pepin Rosada, 2014
- Annie D. Peralta, 2014
- Jessica M. Pecorso, 2011
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- Lauren N. Petro, 2014
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- Liree L. Pires, 2008
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- David C. Poelstra, 1990
- Ana A. Polanco, 2014
- Ruth A. Polinrone, 1990
- Philip Pope, 2013
- Kelly Alexander Popenk, 2014
- Annette M. Posencheg, 1979
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- Susan F. Small, 1982
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- Jose Sofio, 2014
- Anna Sokoloski, 1979
- Imelda M. Soledad, 2004
- Studying in China this spring.

- Charlen McNeil, ’2014, a junior at Fairleigh Dickinson University, is studying in China this spring.