Governor Pataki Awards Police Officer of the Year Medals to NYPD and PA Police Who Gave Their Lives on 9/11

This fall, during an emotional ceremony at John Jay College, Governor George E. Pataki awarded posthumous Police Officer of the Year medals for 2001 to 60 police officers who gave their lives during the rescue operation at The World Trade Center on September 11.

Following introductory remarks by President Gerald W. Lynch, Governor Pataki presented medals to the families of 37 Port Authority police officers and 23 New York City police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on America. Their heroism helped bring 25,000 occupants to safety before the towers crashed to the ground.

“While the loss of these men and women is immeasurable, the courage they displayed that day has been an inspiration to people across the country and around the world,” said Pataki. “Putting aside their own fears, these 60 individuals rescued and evacuated thousands of civilians on one of the darkest days in our nation’s history.”

Pataki was joined by New York State Director of Criminal Justice Chauncey Parker, New York City Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly and Port Authority Police Superintendent Charles De Rienzo.

The Governor also gave commemorative plaques to both police departments as well as individual medals of valor to the fallen officers’ families on the stage of the John Jay College Theatre.

Announcements

Distinguished Alumni Night - April 2003

The Alumni Office is currently accepting nominations for Distinguished Alumni 2003. If you know alumni who are doing outstanding work in their community or field, please submit a nomination letter to the Alumni Executive Board.

For more College news, please visit our website at www.jjay.cuny.edu.
Finally, after 13 years of false starts and short stops, Phase Two has begun. The fat lady has sung. It's all over but the shouting. It's official.

In early December, the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) on behalf of The City University of New York, signed a contract with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill calling for the prestigious architectural firm to design the John Jay College of Criminal Justice campus of the future, one that will consume the entire block between 10th and 11th Avenues and 58th and 59th Streets.

The new campus will feature a modern all purpose building on the 200 ft. by 500 ft. tract of land behind Haaren Hall, the main campus building at 899 Tenth Avenue. The Phase Two construction will replace North Hall, the converted shoe factory on the east side of Tenth Avenue that never adequately met the needs of the College since its conversion in 1971. The future of North Hall will be determined by the DASNY.

The new structure will contain roughly 600,000 square feet of usable space and could rise as high as eleven stories. When complete -- it is estimated to take five years from design to completion -- the College's classroom, office and laboratory space will grow by a third to about 900,000 square feet. This will allow for state of the art research facilities and a first for John Jay -- a campus commons.

This great news comes not a moment too soon!

Last semester, the largest freshman class in the history of John Jay, 2222 students, propelled the overall enrollment in the College's undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs to a record high of 12,496 students.

More and more young people, as well as mature professionals in search of second careers, are opting for public service positions in traditional and emerging new areas of the law enforcement community. John Jay owes it to them, and society as a whole, to be able to provide the best possible setting to educate and train the leaders of the next generation.

The future of John Jay College of Criminal Justice is looking better and brighter!
More than 700 guests from 25 countries attended this year’s conference in June. The four-day event was co-hosted by New Scotland Yard and the FBI. John Jay President Gerald W. Lynch and 35 John Jay faculty members addressed the Conference.

1) Sir John Stevens, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service of London, and Dr. Lynch
2) Prime Minister Tony Blair
3) Kathleen McChesney, Executive Assistant Director for Law Enforcement Services of the FBI
4) Judson Ray, FBI Special Agent; Roger Witherspoon, Vice President, John Jay College; Sir John Stevens and Roberta Blotner, Assistant Dean, John Jay College
5) Professor Janette Domingo and Professor Dolores Jones-Brown were among 300 participants at a Gala Dinner at London’s Science Museum.
6) Professor Eli Silverman of John Jay and Professor George Kelling of Rutgers University

We look forward to seeing everyone at the next Conference in Bucharest, Romania, June 6-10, 2004!
In recent years, John Jay students have worked as interns in a number of high profile agencies—the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Drug Enforcement Administration among them. However, this past spring, a John Jay student scored a first when she was selected to represent the College in its pilot internship program with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Aida I. Rodriguez, a criminal justice major, completed her senior year by serving in the Office of the Clerk in the U.S. Supreme Court. Among her many responsibilities, Aida observed Court sessions, reviewed and processed applications for the Supreme Court’s Bar Admissions Office and assisted the public with answers to general questions concerning pending cases. When asked about her internship experience, Aida remarked, “It was an amazing experience which let me see firsthand how law in this country is practiced. Also, as a student of color, I felt that my internship afforded me with an invaluable opportunity to open doors for other students of color.”

Aida’s internship capped a distinguished student career at John Jay College. On numerous occasions, Aida served as a role model and guest speaker for the freshman class. She used these opportunities to underscore the importance of excelling in college and in the work force. A member of the Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society, she was also chosen amongst hundreds of students to participate in the highly selective Ronald E. McNair Scholar Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program. Aida was also a recipient of the SEEK Academic Honor Award (2000-2001) and the Arthur C. Logan Award.

While a student, Aida served as a police cadet in the New York City Police Cadet Corps and as an intern with the New York City Department of Probation. Since July 2000, through the College’s Cooperative Education Program, she has also worked as an inspector for the U.S. Customs Service. After her graduation in May, Aida elected to continue her studies at John Jay College. She is presently enrolled in the Master of Public Administration Program.

**Alumni Affairs Calendar of Events, 2003**

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**CALLING ALL MEMBERS**

Alumni Affairs is looking for members to become more active in the Alumni Association. We encourage alums to join our Membership, Special Events, and Nominating committees. Alumni Affairs and the Counseling Office are also seeking criminal justice professionals to mentor current John Jay students and to speak at a Student-Alumni Networking Dinner in April 2003. Contact Kilsie Sosa at 212-237-8547 or at ksosa@jjay.cuny.edu so we can serve you better.
Richard J. Condon (MA ’78) has become Special Commissioner of Investigation for the New York City school system. Mayor Bloomberg and Department of Investigation Commissioner Rose Gill Hearm announced the appointment at a City Hall ceremony.

Said Mayor Bloomberg: “As we assume responsibility for the City’s schools, we seek to ensure that the environment in which our children learn is free of corruption and criminal or unethical conduct. Richard possesses the broad investigative experience, personal integrity and independence necessary for this post.”

The Office of the Special Commissioner of Investigation was created in June 1990 to investigate criminal activity, unethical conduct and other wrongdoing within the school system. It conducts criminal investigations and recommends changes to safeguard the integrity of City schools.

Condon has had a long, illustrious career. He has served as Commissioner of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and New York City Police Commissioner. Today, he is the NYPD’s representative on the Civilian Complaint Review Board.

Yadthira Gonzalez-Taylor (BS/MA ’99) graduated New York Law School in June 2002 and was appointed as an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx County, September 2002.

Joseph Hoffman (B.S. ’70, M.P.A. ’76) has written, Acts and Omissions—From A Single Act Judge Us All, a novel about the relationship between two friends from the Bronx who go on to become New York City’s Mayor and Police Commissioner. The investigation of the brutal, seemingly senseless murder of two prominent community activists takes strange turns, creating personal and political implications for Hoffman’s protagonists. John Jay College, the Police Commissioner’s alma mater, is mentioned in a number of scenes.

During his career, Hoffman has served as First Deputy Police Commissioner in New York City and President of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation. In 1979 he received the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Alumni Achievement Award.

Hugh McGowan (MA ’94), criminal justice doctoral student and retired commander of the NYPD Hostage Negotiation Team, (HNT) was recently profiled in “Men Who Save Lives” (Men’s Journal, May 2002). McGowan supervised a force of more than 100 negotiators, whom he personally trained. The team motto, “Talk to Me,” emblazoned on the officers’ response jackets, has been so successful in real situations that the HNT has been able to resolve 98% of its encounters without firing a shot.

Dr. James D. Seward (MA ’84) is currently Chief Forensic Psychologist for the State of Delaware. After graduating from John Jay, he received a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from Temple University and postdoctoral training in neuropsychology and forensic psychology. Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology, Seward is based at Delaware Psychiatric Center in New Castle. When not fighting crime, he likes to grow tomatoes.

Benjamin B. Tucker (B.S. ’77) was recently appointed as Chief Executive of the Office of School Safety and Planning by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg. “Ben is a respected and accomplished criminal justice expert, as well as an attorney and professor,” said Bloomberg.

Tucker will work with the NYPD and the Mayor’s Criminal Justice Coordinator to implement a comprehensive new school safety plan and provide support to all schools regarding the effective, coordinated use of disciplinary tools, truancy prevention programs, and school safety resources.

Tucker began his career as a New York City police officer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PARENTS!

Joseph Curich (BS ’98) and Krupskia “Sky” Curich (BA ’98) are proud parents of a son, Gabriel, born in April 2002. Before moving on to more important things, Sky worked at Alumni Affairs and was a contributor to the John Jay Informer.

Ella and Sergey Suponitskiy (MS ’99) are also proud parents of a baby boy, James Paul, born in April 2002, weighing in at 6 lbs. 1 oz.

In Memoriam

Martin O’Grady (BS ’80) Retired Director of Security at Queensborough Community College. Survived by wife Joan, son Frank and daughters Jean and Bernadette.
Police Officers Complete Certificate Program at John Jay College

President Lynch awarded certificates to 105 uniformed members of the New York City Police Department who successfully completed their course requirements in the New York City Police Studies Certificate Program last semester. Designed to give participants an understanding of the multicultural population they serve as well as an enhanced capability for service-oriented leadership as supervisors, the program was co-sponsored by the New York State Legislature and the New York City Council. Special funding provided tuition-free courses for the police officers.

The certificate program included courses that addressed police management practice and culture. Supervisory and non-supervisory personnel who already had bachelor’s degrees were allowed four graduate courses. Students could apply NYPD Program credits toward an undergraduate or graduate degree at the College.

Academic advisement and career development coun-

sensing was available throughout the semester. The programs were funded for a fourth semester beginning Spring 2003 by the New York City Council.

The Class of 2002, the largest graduating class in John Jay College’s history, reached the pinnacle of their academic careers in a memorable ceremony at the College’s 37th commencement at the main arena in Madison Square Garden.

Justice Scholarship Winners Honored by President Lynch

The first ten recipients of the Justice Scholarship were recognized by President Gerald W. Lynch at a reception in his office. Established by Princeton University to honor the memory of the September 11 heroes who were members of the John Jay community, the scholarships recognize academic excellence and perseverance in pursuing a career in public service. Five scholarships are given annually to incoming freshmen and five to currently enrolled students.
ER Kevin Donnelly, who died in the rescue effort, received a Master of Science Degree. Marilyn C. Garcia, Digna Riveracostanza, Jacqueline Sanchez and Maria Ramirez, who all worked at the World Trade Center, received Associate in Science Degrees. Family members accepted the degrees of their loved ones.

World-renowned opera singer, Jessye Norman, gave an inspirational commencement speech and led the graduates in a resounding rendition of “God Bless America.”

Norman, a national spokesperson for the Partnership for the Homeless and Honorary Ambassador to the United Nations, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree for her lifelong commitment to human rights.

Feminist author Susan Brown-Miller and James C. McCluskey, advocate for the wrongfully convicted, also received honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degrees.

Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison, an international authority on mental illness and Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree.

On September 11, 2002, the John Jay community observed a “Day of Reflection” to commemorate the attack on the World Trade Center. The College community paused for a minute of silence and displayed flowers around campus to remember the victims.

Internationally recognized opera singers Camelia Johnson, Terry Cook and John Jay Professor Yvonne Hatchett sang at a concert titled “Music, Healing and Hope: The Power of Song.” The uplifting musical performances culminated with an inspirational version of “America the Beautiful.”

“What Happened: The September 11th Testimony Project,” a play written and directed by Professor Amy Green based on the oral histories of various New Yorkers on 9/11, was reenacted by John Jay students, faculty and staff. The emotional dialogue captivated the audience as they relived the tense day.

The day ended with a panel discussion with John Jay Professors Blanche Wiesen Cook and Charles Strozier of the History Department, Barry Latzer of Government, and José Luis Morín of Puerto Rican/Latin American Studies.
John Jay and the Federal Trade Commission Teach Students “Credit Card Smarts”

John Jay College began the fall semester with a spirited warning to students about the high cost of “no fee” credit cards and “free gifts” that come along with them.

John Jay and the Federal Trade Commission set up a sidewalk table where marketers congregate at the start of every school year and handed out educational materials about the dangers of credit card abuses to students.

At a joint news conference with the FTC, Vice President Roger Witherspoon announced an initiative designed to educate students about responsible credit card use—“Project Credit Smarts.” Various local and national media outlets reported on the conference, as well as Spanish language television networks.

“The College’s primary goal is to help first year students become credit card savvy,” said Witherspoon, reiterating John Jay’s long-standing commitment to stamping out credit card abuse by students.

“The country, while dealing with credit card debt, is not dealing with personal debt, particularly that of college students,” said Witherspoon. Barbara Anthony, Northeast Director of the FTC, praised John Jay for leading the fight against unscrupulous credit card companies.

Witherspoon warned that a bad credit rating earned in college has a long lasting, negative effect on students’ academic performance and on a graduate’s ability to obtain employment.

During the semester, John Jay followed up with crash courses to help students combat the high pressure tactics of credit card promoters and gave out brochures on ways to prevent credit card abuse. The brochures were distributed at freshman orientation seminars and to upperclassmen when classes began. The Office of Student Development also organized a mass mailing of FTC educational materials to all students.

Charity, Sports & Show Biz at John Jay

The New York Fire Safety Foundation and the New York City Credit Union Foundation (NYCUCF) present a $500,000 donation to the New York City Fire Department. (l-r) Frank Kerbein, Executive Director, NYCUCF; President Lynch; Thomas Galbus, Deputy Assistant Fire Chief, FDNY; Michael Lutz, Trustee, NYCUCF and Chief Operating Officer, British Airways Employees Federal Credit Union.

Italian-American actors Vincent Vella (left) and Paul Borghese (right) discuss ethnic stereotypes in film in Professor Claudia Riferon’s class on the Sociology of Deviance. Mr. Borghese is also the president of the Guild of Italian-American Actors.

2002 NBA Champions L.A. Lakers held a practice session at John Jay before Game 4 against the N.J. Nets during the NBA Finals. (l-r) Roger Witherspoon, Vice President for Student Development; Koby Bryant, shooting guard for the L.A. Lakers; Robert Pignatello, Vice President for Administrative Affairs; Mary DePiano Rothlam, Vice President for Professional Development and Training.

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The Office of Career Development’s full range of programs and services are available to all JJC graduates. Alumni may take advantage of professional career counseling and are also welcome to participate in the Graduate and Professional Days, and the Job Fairs. The Alumni Association also hosts an annual Career Seminar for seniors and recent graduates. Call (212) 237-8755.

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Application fee to John Jay Graduate Program ($45) is paid for by the Alumni Association. To have your application fee waived, include a copy of your membership card with the application. Alumni are eligible for discounts on Special Programs such as Prep for the GRE, LSAT, entrance and promotional examinations. Call (212) 237-8633.

MINI-COMPUTER LAB
Alumni have free access to the Alumni Association Mini-Computer Lab which includes the latest software such as Windows 98, Word Perfect 8.0, Word 97, Excel, Internet access, email and much more. You will also have access to a fax machine. Call (212) 237-8547.

PUBLICATIONS
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- Visit the College to speak to students about your profession;
- Videotape remarks about their professional experiences for the students to view at the College. Your participation in the A.S.K. project will give you the opportunity to share your expertise and network with professionals in your field. To rediscover John Jay, please call (212) 265-3619.

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Alumni Association members get 10% off on sweatshirts, T-shirts, books and other memorabilia available at the John Jay College Bookstore. (Software excluded.)
**Alumni Association membership card must be presented. Call 212-265-3619.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Alumni receive invitations to special College receptions, events and to seminars and workshops held by the Alumni Association.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am pleased to report that this year’s freshman class—with 2238 students from dozens of nations—is our largest ever. It is evident that more and more people are discovering what we have known for a very long time: John Jay College is the recognized leader in public service education. Thanks to all of you who have “spread the word” about John Jay.

During my tenure as Alumni Association President, the thing that has touched me most is our sense of community and how so often we have pulled together and supported one another to achieve our common goals. This was never so evident as during the past year when our students, faculty, and staff helped one another in coping with the horrific events of September 11. My heartfelt thanks to all who worked together during this difficult time.

The upcoming year will present new challenges for our College community, including our alumni. Many of our incoming class are highly motivated, first-generation college students. Your continuing support will help us ensure that scholarships are available to students who are in need of financial support to continue their studies.

With a renewed focus on forensic science and criminal justice (just take a look at recent television listings—think CSI and Law and Order) the College is also looking forward to upgrading its forensic science laboratory and expanding the resources of the Lloyd George Sealy Library—the world’s #1 criminal justice library. Alumni generosity helps achieve these goals.

The most enjoyable aspects of my role as Alumni Association President are occasions at which I speak to alums and receive input on how we are doing and what you would like to see the Association accomplish. Preparations are already underway for our annual Distinguished Alumni Reception in April 2003. I look forward to seeing you there.

George Abraham
President, Alumni Association