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Adding teachers a focus

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State University of New York Chancellor Nancy Zimpher, on part of a listening tour for a campaign to boost the teaching profession, said yesterday that she and state Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia may be looking at state policy changes as early as next year to help recruit, retain and train teachers.

The governing bodies of the two state education agencies — the SUNY Board of Trustees and the state Board of Regents — would begin looking at policy recommendations as soon as January, Zimpher said in an interview on the campus of SUNY Old Westbury.

“This is all in anticipation of the shortage of teachers, including here on Long Island,” said the chancellor, who is stepping down from her position in June. “The baby boomers are retiring. Not only do we want to meet the demand, we want to make sure these are outstanding teachers, that they are well-prepared, they are well-versed in their content area.”

Zimpher, the leader of the state’s public 64-campus university system, spent the morning listening to local school district officials, classroom teachers and administrators of teacher training programs to get feed-



Chancellor Nancy Zimpher

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back on TeachNY.

The initiative, announced in May, builds on a 144-page report from a SUNY advisory panel. The report listed over 60 recommendations on how to add diversity in recruiting new teachers, train them in the classroom before they start their jobs, invest in continuing professional development, and create regional councils to ensure there are enough teachers to

meet projected demand.

Long Island was the fourth of seven stops on the statewide listening tour to promote the campaign, a joint effort by SUNY and the state Education Department.

Elia, who was scheduled to speak at the event, canceled late Thursday afternoon, officials said. Jhone M. Ebert, senior deputy commissioner for education policy, represented the department.

One aim of the TeachNY partnership is to increase enrollment in teacher training programs across the state. SUNY Old Westbury has about 410 students in its School of Education, a 40 percent enrollment drop since 2008, when the recession had taken hold and many districts implemented hiring freezes.

The campus is the most racially diverse on Long Island.

“We have to look at producing a more diverse population of teachers, but to produce them you have to draw them, you have to recruit them,” said SUNY Old Westbury’s president, the Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, who pointed to the low numbers of black and Latino male teachers. “People don’t have the regard and respect for teaching as they ought to.”

Under TeachNY, Zimpher said the state is focused on keeping up with the future demand.

New York’s need for teachers will grow by 5.8 percent by 2022, or about 1,700 teachers from 2012 to 2022, according to the report. Nationally, the need for teachers will rise by a total of 1.6 million during that time, the report said.

A Newsday analysis in 2014 found that almost one-third of Long Island’s classroom teachers were at or approaching eligible retirement age.

“It’s very critical if we want to make change that we have a stronger partnership between higher education and K-12,” Ebert said. “We have SUNY students who want to become educators. In order to do that effectively and have true experiences, they need to be engaged with the schools around their campus.”

One-quarter of the teachers in the state are trained by SUNY, Zimpher has said.

Oceanside High School research teacher Marla Kilfoyle, a national board-certified teacher with 29 years in the profession, said she is hopeful about the program.

“Teachers want a voice in this partnership,” she said in the open forum of about 75 people. “As far as policy, we need working teachers and student teachers to tell us what really works from inside the classroom.”



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TeachNY Meeting Held At Suny Old Westbury

Teachers, administrators and college professors from across Long Island gathered at SUNY Old Westbury on Friday, Sept. 16, to discuss the new statewide initiative, TeachNY. They were joined by State University of New York Chancellor Nancy Zimpher and NYS Deputy Education Commissioner Jhone Ebert in candid discussions addressing teacher education, the impending gap in supply/demand for educators statewide and how to improve professional development for practicing educators.

“Long Island educators are dedicated to their students, profession and community,” said Zimpher. “It was a pleasure to hear their direct feedback on what we can do to lift the teaching profession.”

The event, which brought out more than 75 attendees, was coordinated by SUNY Old Westbury’s School of Education.

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State University of New York Chancellor Nancy Zimpher

want to meet the demand, we want to make sure these are outstanding teachers, that they are well-prepared [and] well-versed in their content area.”

The statewide initiative aims to support the entire educator preparation pipeline.

SUNY Old Westbury gets \$296K grant for research

Posted: Thursday, September 8, 2016 12:43 pm

by Chris Adams



SUNY Old Westbury

Rep. Steve Israel (D-Dix Hills) announced Thursday that the National Science Foundation is awarding \$296,189 to SUNY Old Westbury to fund improvements to its science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs.

The state university will receive the funding over a three-year period, starting this school year, for a project that will seek changes in the curriculum to create a more customized teaching approach for its STEM students, a news release from the school said.

“Preparing the next generation of researchers, physicians and scientists is a critical need as our nation and world continue to grow more complex,” SUNY Old Westbury President Calvin Butts III said. “With this funding, we will be able to test new, creative approaches for improving STEM learning and learning environments, focused on the learning occurring in our chemistry laboratories. By challenging students to work independently in a project-oriented environment, and to think critically as scientists, our faculty expect to identify new methods to ensure the students’ knowledge-based understanding grows.”

The project will aim to replace the “cookbook-style” approach to lab teaching with methods driven by the students’ own scientific questions, said Ruomei Gao, associate professor of chemistry.

Gao is the primary investigator for the project, and one of the ways it may tailor the educational experience is by incorporating student-designed assignments into curriculums, the release said.

“Our objective is to study creative approaches for improving STEM learning and learning environments, with a focus on a research-rich and a skills-rich chemistry laboratory curriculum,” he said.

Also working on the project are two professors of chemistry, Judith Weinstein-Lloyd and Duncan Quarless Jr., and an assistant professor, Bright Emenike. The English department and College Writing Center will offer input to improve instruction on scientific writing.

The grant is part of a \$5 million award from the National Science Foundation to Long Island institutions, including SUNY Old Westbury. The Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory received \$4,616,755 for a plant genetics study to yield new crop varieties, and a web developer, Applied Visions Inc., received \$162,262 for a cybersecurity education program.

“These National Science Foundation grants are proof positive of Long Island’s continued leadership as a center of innovation and research,” Israel said. “This investment will allow for key research across a variety of scientific fields and will help promote economic growth on Long Island. Congratulations to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, SUNY Old Westbury and Applied Visions Inc. for their fine work to receive these grants.”

People ON THE MOVE

BOARDS



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LAW

Michael J. Barresi of Long Beach has been hired as an associate in the general liability practice group of **Knobbe, Douglas & Richardson** in Garden City. He was a deputy county attorney in the office of the Nassau County attorney in Mineola.

Katerina Griska of Southington, a law clerk at **Therese, Latham, Shea, Kolop, Dutton & Quarantano** in Riverhead, has been hired as an associate attorney at the firm.

NONPROFITS

Terrl Maczotte of Glen Head has been appointed executive director of **Long Island Autism Communications Inc.** in Deer Park. She was a grant author/coordinator of grant operations for The Center for Discovery ASSET Program in Sparta, Harris.

Nancy C. Leight of Westbury has been hired as director of external affairs at **Alzheimer's Foundation of Long Island** in Fort Washington. She was director of advancement at the Mid Neck Family of Organizations in Mid Neck.

AUTOMOTIVE

Alan Heller of Plainville has been hired as national sales manager at **Autologic Diagnostics** in Commack. He was a regional manager at Neopress, a division of Nestlé, in Manhattan.

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FOOD SERVICE

Jeffery J. Barresi of Farmingdale, a food service renovation solutions firm, has two new hires. **Jim Collins** of Huntington, below left, an intern for the firm this summer, has been hired as a food service designer. **Jordan Slinger** of Commack, below right, has been hired as a project administrator. He was an intern for the New York Mets.



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FINANCE

Christina McQuilken of East Islip has been hired as marketing and operations director at **Dayton & Spangley Wealth Strategies Group** in Woodbury. She was a marketing intern at The Greater Oswego-Pulaski Chamber of Commerce in Oswego.

Robert Spagnuolo of Lynbrook, New Jersey, has been hired as director of business development at **The Service Family of Companies** in Farmingdale. He was a regional account executive of an expert's collection vertical team, working from home.

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Scrutiny continues of Wells Fargo CEO

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Angry lawmakers heaped another round of blistering criticism on Wells Fargo's CEO, pressing yesterday for details about what senior managers knew about allegedly illegal sales practices and when any concerns were disclosed. Chief executive John Stumpf, newly stripped of tens of millions in compensation, told the House Financial Services Committee that the bank is expanding its review of accounts and will evaluate executives' roles. But as during the grilling he received last week from a Senate panel, Stumpf remained on the defensive. Several lawmakers, both Republican and Democrat, said that Wells Fargo's sales practices may have violated federal laws, including the federal racketeering laws, which would constitute a criminal offense. Federal regulators have not said if they have referred the Wells Fargo case to the Department of Justice. "Fraud is fraud. There is



John Stumpf, Wells Fargo CEO, at a hearing yesterday.

nothing," committee lead Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas, told Stumpf. Stumpf reiterated his words of last week that he was "deeply sorry." He said the bank was looking at accounts further back to 2009, and that bank executives' roles will be reviewed "across the board" in an inquiry by Wells Fargo's outside attorneys. U.S. and California regula-

tors have fined San Francisco-based Wells Fargo \$185 million, saying bank employees trying to meet sales targets, opened up to 2 million fake deposit and credit card accounts without customers' knowledge. Regulators said they issued and accrued debit cards, and signed people up for online banking without permission. The abuses are said to have gone on for years, unchecked by senior management. Stumpf bristled at depictions of the culture of Wells Fargo — a bank with origins in the California gold rush — as elevating sales and profits at the expense of ethics. "This is the behavior of people that we found, that we did not want," Stumpf insisted. Stumpf noted new leadership at the retail bank business and the accelerated elimination of sales goals. He said about 10 percent of the 5,300 fired employees were branch managers, while others terminated were above that level, supervising the branch managers.

Chairman replaces CEO at Comtech

By KIM SCHACHTER

Longtime Comtech Telecommunications Corp. executive Fred Koenberg has resigned his role as chief executive, replacing Stanton Slone, the company announced yesterday. The move comes less than two years after Slone replaced Koenberg, 60, who had served as chief executive for 38 years. Koenberg remains chairman of the board. In the announcement after the stock market close, Comtech said that Slone, 66, would step down from the board of directors and exit the company. Koenberg, 68, was a regional executive at Northrop Grumman and Harris Corp., has been appointed to the newly

created role of chief operating officer. Slone was named chief executive in December 2014, weeks after the company announced it was abandoning an effort to find an acquirer or merger partner. During his tenure, Slone oversaw Comtech's acquisition of TeleCommunication Systems Inc., based in Annapolis, Maryland. That deal closed earlier this year. "With the acquisition of TeleCommunication Systems Inc., completed and its integration with Comtech well underway, I am excited about Comtech's trajectory," Koenberg said in a statement. "I thank Stan for his efforts during an important time of the Company's development. The Melville company is scheduled to report its fourth-quarter and fiscal 2016

results after the market closes on Oct. 6. In the third quarter, Comtech posted a 71 percent year-over-year increase in revenue with the integration of TeleCommunication Systems, but a net loss of \$14.4 million compared with a profit of \$5 million in the year-earlier period. Comtech's products include satellite Earth station modems and microwave amplifiers used in internet and satellite communications. Separately, Comtech said yesterday it won a \$14.4 million contract from a Defense Department agency to continue providing satellite bandwidth and support services to the U.S. Marine Corps. Slone of Comtech left its job to close at \$2.1 million yesterday.

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Commack Resident Elected as SUNY Old Westbury School of Business Advisory Board Chair

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Andrea Mattera, senior manager with the accounting firm AVZ, New York, has been elected chair of the **SUNY Old Westbury School of Business Advisory Board**.

Mattera, an alumna of the College's Accounting program, will lead the Board in its role as a liaison between the School and the local business community.

"The faculty and staff of the School of Business are confident in the leadership of Ms. Andrea Mattera, a proven role model to our students and neighboring communities alike, as we begin our next academic year," said Dean Jason Zhu.

In her role at AVZ, Mattera delivers accounting, auditing and taxation services to a diversified client base in a variety of industries including wholesale distribution, manufacturing, construction, professional services, and not-for profit entities. Prior to joining the firm in 2004, she worked for a mid-sized public accounting firm in Nassau County, and the Assurance and Business Advisory Services Practice at Ernst and Young, LLP, in Melville, New York.

Mattera, a resident of Commack, has previously been honored as one of Long Island Business News' "Who's Who in Accounting," and through AVZ, is enrolled in the Emerging Leaders Academy, which is a three year program which prepares a select group of high caliber professionals to be the future leaders of a professional services firm. She was honored earlier this year among Old Westbury's "50 Alumni for 50 Years," announced at the College's 50th anniversary gala celebration.

Active in her community and professionally, Mattera is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants (NYSSCPA), and is passionate about her work for the Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Community Outreach Committee.

The SUNY Old Westbury School of Business Advisory Board serves in an advisory role to the Dean of the School of Business and as advocates of the School. Members identify and analyze opportunities and enhancements that serve the comprehensive long-range goals of the School.



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Nonprofits

Nancy Leghart joined the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation in Port Washington as director of external affairs. She was previously director of advancement at Mill Neck Family of Organizations in Mill Neck.

Sustainable Long Island in Farmingdale announced the appointment of **Reinhardt (Rick) Van Dyke** as its interim executive director. Most recently a nonprofit consultant, Van Dyke is a former president and chief executive officer of Family Service League in Huntington.

Andrea Mattera, senior manager with the Hauppauge accounting firm AVZ, was elected chair of the advisory board of the SUNY College at Old Westbury's School of Business. Mattera is a graduate of the college's accounting program.



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Interfaith Event Draws Crowd At ICL

More than 100 Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus and members of other faiths gathered at the newly expanded Interfaith Institute of the Islamic Center of Long Island (ICLI) recently, for the first annual awards event.

People from different faiths enthusiastically came together to further the mission and vision of the Institute, engage Muslims and members from diverse cultures and communities by promoting the values and teachings of Islam and other faiths and advocate inter-faith harmony in a multicultural environment in accordance with the Holy Qur'an and Sunnah.

The Institute Chair and one of the founding members, Dr. Farouque Khan, presented his opening remarks and an overview of the activities and events since the launch of the Institute in October 2015. Some of the board of trustees present made brief comments and emphasized the significance of the existence of such an Institute to help dispel misconceptions about Islam and build bridges of understanding amongst different faiths. Shaida Khan, a past member of the board of trustees of the ICLI made a very informative and insightful



Dr. Calvin O. Butts III, Dr. Farouque Khan and Dr. Larycia Hawkins

presentation on the "hijab." She addressed the three C's behind the 'hijab': confusion, controversy and conversation, which embodied the solidarity for the evening's awardee, honoring her recognition of the hijab in her personal journey. Shaida Khan touched upon the literal and metaphorical meaning of the word hijab, its religious significance to Muslims and the questions surrounding it. A slideshow loop that played along with

the presentation was a visual delight and aroused a unique element of enthusiasm amongst the audience. This brought the event to a pinnacle; recognizing and honoring the courageous and distinguished Dr. Larycia Hawkins. The Institute presented Hawkins with a plaque for her unconditional solidarity to Muslim women by donning the hijab as well as for her interfaith activism. A Christian professor of

political science at Wheaton College, an evangelical school in Illinois, Hawkins was suspended in December 2015 for expressing her belief that Muslims and Christians worship the same God. She is presently a visiting faculty fellow at the University of Virginia. In her acceptance speech she emphasized that all religions convey a singular message and that the hijab is simply a way of honoring God with our bodies. What better way to end the evening than by listening to the charismatic eloquence of Dr. Calvin O. Butts III. The audience was enthralled by his articulate keynote speech on the importance of interfaith interactions and his continued comradery with the ICLI. He also shared his views on the utter disregard and disrespectful rhetoric from Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump towards Muslims, minorities and women, which has no place in this county or elsewhere. The evening ended with abundant time to mingle and get to know one another along with a delicious spread of food from different Muslim ethnicities and cultures.

—Submitted by the
Islamic Center of Long Island

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The How Is the What: The Essential Harry Leigh



Stephen Maine | October 1, 2016

Since the early 1970s, Harry Leigh has been producing distinctive, elegant, deceptively simple wall-based sculptures, mainly of wood. Incorporating thin strips or bands of hardwood and bent plywood — and in some cases heavier stock or red bricks — they often frame, bracket, or otherwise ensconce a section of the wall they hang on.

Fifteen of these works constitute a stunningly beautiful exhibition, titled *Harry Leigh: Essential Form*, on view through October 20th at the Amelie A. Wallace Gallery at SUNY Old Westbury. The show, organized by the gallery's Director and Curator Hyewon Yi, presents ample evidence that Leigh is a major, albeit under-recognized, American sculptor who has transformed the Minimalist penchant for reductive form and flat-footed fabrication into something of exquisite lightness, sensuality and grace.

While the exhibition is thoroughly engaging, for me the most convincing works are among the more austere — those that align with the exhibition title's promise of formal essentials. From a distance, "Untitled" (1974) presents itself as a horizontal rectangle nearly seven feet wide; at closer range, the viewer sees that the short sides arch out from the walls to a maximum depth of eight inches.

[Harry Leigh: Essential Form](#) continues at the Amelie A. Wallace Gallery (Campus Center, SUNY Old Westbury) through October 20.

The Amelie A. Wallace Gallery is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 5pm, and by appointment.



Harry Leigh, "Untitled (Cascade)" (1991-95), 131 x 71 x 18 inches



Harry Leigh, "Untitled" (2004), 96 x 96 x 11 inches (click to enlarge)



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SUNY Old Westbury School of Business Students Receive Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarships

Written by Allison Gayne | 12. October 2016

Old Westbury, NY - October 11, 2016 - SUNY Old Westbury School of Business Students Adan Velasquez and Magdalena Zielinska were each recently awarded Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarships from Teachers Federal Credit Union (TFCU), one of the country's largest credit unions.

Reflecting TFCU's ongoing efforts to provide support and encouragement to local students within the communities it serves, this year's Nichola Maletta Memorial Scholarships were given to Velazquez of Huntington, a senior, is majoring in finance who is a graduate of John Glenn High School, and Zielinska of Lindenhurst, a sophomore accounting major who is a graduate of Lindenhurst High School.

Nicholas Maletta, for whom this scholarship is named, began serving on TFCU's Board of Directors in 1983. In 1991 he was elected Vice Chairman, a position he held until his passing in 2012. In recognition of his 29 years of selfless volunteer work, the \$5,000 Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship Award was established for students who have graduated from a Long Island high school and who are enrolled in SUNY Old Westbury's School of Business.

"The recipients of the two TFCU Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship awards are impressive students. They are both on the the road to achieving their educational goals. We, at TFCU, celebrate the academic accomplishments of Adan and Magdalena and wish them well as they prepare for their future careers in the world of business and finance," said Robert G. Allen, President/CEO of TFCU.

SUNY Old Westbury students applying for the Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship must be enrolled in a degree program of the School of Business and meet other criteria. Applicants must submit an original essay of a minimum of 500 words, on the following: *Describe the most challenging obstacle you have faced, what you did to overcome it, and what you have learned from the experience.*

For information about Teachers Federal Credit Union community outreach and its products and services, please call (631) 698-7000 or visit www.teachersfcu.org.

Teachers Federal Credit Union (TFCU), one of the country's largest credit unions, is a full-service, not-for-profit financial institution. TFCU was founded on Long Island in 1952 and now has over \$5 billion in total assets, serves more than 265,000 members and has 25 full-service branches throughout Long Island including: Amityville, Bay Shore, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Central Islip, Commack, East Northport, Farmingville, Hauppauge, Holbrook, Huntington, Manorville, Merrick, Nesconset, North Babylon, North Massapequa, Oakdale, Patchogue, Port Jefferson Station, Riverhead, Rocky Point, Selden, Shirley, Smithtown, South Setauket, and Wading River. Members also have access to services at more than 5,000 shared service centers located across the country. TFCU offers financial services to all people and businesses located in Nassau and Suffolk counties. More information is available about TFCU by visiting www.teachersfcu.org or by calling (631) 698-7000.

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SUNY Old Westbury Student Adan Velasquez of Huntington Awarded Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship from TFCU

Teachers Federal Credit Union awards SUNY Old Westbury Student Adan Velasquez of Huntington Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship.

By Allison Gayne (Star Patcher) - October 13, 2016 10:27 am ET



Huntington, N.Y., October 11, 2016 – Teachers Federal Credit Union (TFCU), one of the country’s largest credit unions, presented one of two \$5,000 Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship Awards to SUNY Old Westbury Student Adan Velasquez of Huntington, a senior majoring in finance who is a graduate of John Glenn High School. The scholarship reflects TFCU’s ongoing efforts to provide support and encouragement to a local student within the communities it serves.

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“Adan is a worthy recipient of the TFCU Nicholas Maletta Scholarship Award. Now a senior, I am sure Adan is working diligently to complete his course work to earn his graduate degree. We, at TFCU, celebrate Adan’s academic accomplishments and wish him well as he pursues his career in business and finance,” said Robert G. Allen, President/CEO of TFCU.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Pictured from left to right is SUNY Old Westbury School of Business Student Adan Velasquez of Huntington, who was recently awarded the \$5,000 Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship, being congratulated by TFCU President/CEO Robert G. Allen. The educational scholarship reflects TFCU’s ongoing efforts to provide support and encouragement to local students within the communities it serves.



SUNY Old Westbury Student Magdalena Zielinska of Lindenhurst Awarded Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship from TFCU

Teachers Federal Credit Union awards SUNY Old Westbury Student Magdalena Zielinska with the Nicholas Maletta Memorial Scholarship.



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“TFCU acknowledges the outstanding academic accomplishments of Magdalena. She is diligently working hard in her studies in preparation for a career in the world of business and finance,” said Robert G. Allen, President/CEO of TFCU.

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From SUNY Old Westbury to Hollywood Star: Meet Andrea Navedo

By Nathalie Ligonde

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If you watch Jane the Virgin, CW's hit TV show, you know who this is! If you don't watch it, you must start! Jane the Virgin won a Golden Globe for best performance, a People's Choice Award for best new TV comedy, and a Peabody Award. Andrea Navedo is from the Bronx, New York and earned her Bachelor's degree in theater at SUNY at Old Westbury.

Why did you choose to study at SUNY at Old Westbury?

I'm going to be really honest! For the majority of high school, I wasn't a good student. There was even one year that I decided to not go to school and just hangout with my boyfriend. I guess my junior or my senior year, I had a wake up call and decided to turn my life around and I broke up with my boyfriend. Out of nowhere, I became an honor student and I had never been a good student! So I went to Old Westbury because it was the only school that took me. I applied to a bunch of colleges and Old Westbury kind of considered me but it was a teacher that encouraged me to write a letter and that's why I got into to Old Westbury. I don't remember what I wrote in the letter but I poured my heart out! The head of admissions was really impressed by my letter so I got accepted. Turns out I was an honor student my whole time at Old Westbury!

How would you describe your time at Old Westbury?

It was the best time of my life! In high school everyone was so immature and I wanted to be in a learning environment. I just wanted to be in an atmosphere where people were more serious about their studies, motivated, wanted to get ahead in life and that's what Old Westbury did for me. I was a theater major at Old Westbury and it doesn't have a theater major anymore. They did when I was there. I do sometimes wish I went to a theater college, but that's alright, you get what you get.

What inspired you to be an actress?

I always wanted to be an actress even when I was a kid, watching TV, and wanting to be out there just feeling excitement. It just didn't seem like a reality to me because I didn't know how to go about it. There was no money, I had a single mom working a full-time job trying to raise her kids. It wasn't easy at that time and it was more than just money. It was just this little secret that I had, that I wanted to be an actress; it wasn't a reality to me that I could be on TV. It wasn't until I got to Old Westbury College that I saw it as a new beginning, a clean start and I wanted to start on the right foot. I wanted to be open and try new stuff.

Do you think that your college degree helped you after graduation? And how?

Oh my God yes! For sure! Everything I did in college informed what I do as an actor. It was the foundation of my acting and the basic stuff such as open up to a camera, opening up to an audience. It helped with my diction, emotional preparation; all of these things are things that I learned at Old Westbury.

Where to watch the Hillary Clinton-Donald Trump debate on LI

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Sag Harbor's Bay Street Theater, which hosted a viewing of a 2008 presidential debate between Barack Obama and John McCain, will again have a debate viewing party Monday. Photo Credit: Gordon M. Grant

The Long Island chapters of Delta Sigma Theta sorority are hosting an interactive watch party, inviting guests to learn more about Clinton and Trump's platforms.

"Guests should bring their smartphone or tablet to enhance their viewing experience with online conversations about the debate," event organizers said in a release.

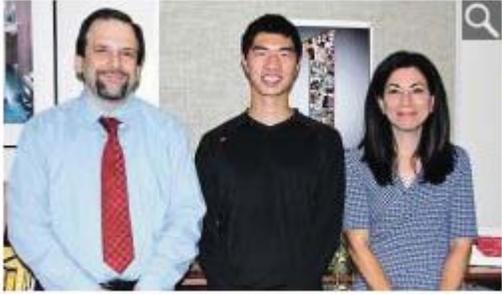
The event is being hosted by the sorority's Nassau Alumnae Chapter, Suffolk County Alumnae Chapter, Stony Brook University's Pi Delta Chapter, [SUNY Old Westbury Pi Sigma](#) Chapter and the Adelphi University's Pi Tau Chapter.

INFO 8:30-11 p.m. at Evergreen Charter School, 605 Peninsula Blvd., Hempstead; email socialaction@dstnac.org



GCHS junior is Siemens Semifinalist for second time

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Garden City High School Junior **Brandon Gong**, with science research teacher **Dr. Steven Gordon** and **Principal Nanine McLaughlin**

On October 18th Garden City High School Junior Brandon Gong, pictured here with science research teacher Dr. Steven Gordon and Principal Nanine McLaughlin, was named a 2016 Semifinalist in the prestigious Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology.

Approximately 2,200 students from 46 states, Washington D.C., and seven international sites entered this year's competition. Only 500 were selected as International Semifinalists. Among this select group of winners are students from specialized magnet schools for math, science & technology, and close to 20 public school districts in Long Island.

Amazingly, this is the second consecutive year Brandon has been selected as a Semifinalist. "I'm relieved, amazed, and very grateful to Drs. Gordon and **Zhu**," shared Brandon upon learning he was named a Semifinalist. "It's a good feeling to know that all the hours of work have been recognized." **Dr. Wei Zhu is a Natural Sciences professor at SUNY Old Westbury. He has mentored Brandon since Brandon began his science research projects in Garden City Middle School.**

Brandon's project was entitled: "Reduction of amyloid mediated lipid peroxidation and cytotoxicity by Helianthus tuberosus (Jerusalem Artichoke): A potential new disease-modifying therapeutic for Alzheimer's disease." Translation: Brandon and his partner Aric Zhuang from Great Neck South, discovered that leaf extract from the Jerusalem Artichoke reduced the toxic protein amyloid in human nerve cells and in fruit flies predisposed to the disease. Research has been focused on amyloid since the breakdown of this protein is suspected of playing a major role in Alzheimer's disease.

"It was pretty exciting doing all the prep work for our project," Brandon explained. "We had to tweak the concentrations of the extract to find the most effective solution. Once we had the results for the human nerve cells, we worked with the fruit flies. They also showed a positive amyloid reduction, as well as an increase in life span."

"This is the second year in a row that Brandon has been awarded the Semifinalist title," said science research teacher Dr. Steven Gordon. "This distinguishes Brandon as the first student in Garden City High School history to have achieved a repeat win in the Siemens Competition."