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SUNY Old Westbury

## Living with 'honesty, integrity'



JAMES CARBONE

The college graduated 1,069.

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### Number of graduates

1,069; 987 bachelor's degrees, 82 master's degrees

### Commencement speaker

Donald Meltzer, chief executive of Tensar Corp., an Atlanta-based maker of construction products, recounted the high points of his life, from growing up in Hicksville and earning a bachelor's degree at Old Westbury to turning around several companies. "If overcoming adversity is what life is fundamentally all about," he said, "honesty, integrity and compassion are the way life should be lived."

### Student speaker

Paraskevas Nicholas Sava, who is Student Government Association president and received a bachelor's degree in politics, economics and law, quoted his late mathematics professor Jong Pil Lee, who used to tell students: "Don't give up, there is more than one way to climb a mountain." Sava, 21, of Lindenhurst, added: "It may have taken drive, dedication and a few Red Bulls, but we can finally say that we did it. We made it to the top of that mountain."

### Carole J. Martin 51, mental health

Being able to help people challenge themselves to grow is a real privilege," said Martin, of East Quogue, who plans to pursue a doctoral degree.



### Ashlee J. Harwood 22, communications

My next step in life is to continue to make my family proud and myself proud," said the Bronx resident, who hopes to work in public relations in the fashion industry.



### Cassandra Castma 23, psychology

I like to pick the minds of people," said Castma, of Westbury, who plans to study nursing at Stony Brook University. "I want to become a mental health nurse practitioner so that I can help people and better myself."

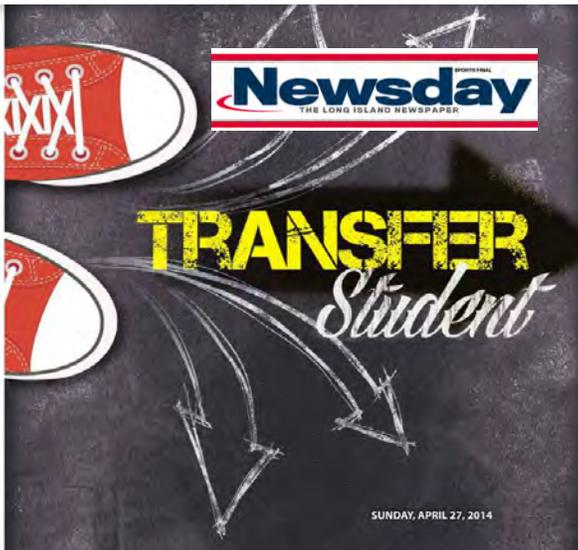


### Joseph Paiva 22, adolescence ed.

I want to help students find the skills they will need for the future," said Paiva, of Hicksville, who wants to be a history teacher.



— JAMES T. MADORE



## 5 Tips For Transfer Success At SUNY Old Westbury

**T**here are many reasons college students decide to transfer schools. Maybe you didn't like being so far from home. Maybe you decided to change your major and need to find a school that offers degrees in your new area of interest. Or maybe you've earned your associate's degree at a community college and are ready to continue your education and obtain a bachelor's degree.

For nearly 50 years, SUNY College at Old Westbury has helped transfer students from all walks of life achieve their goals. Below are five tips offered by the team at Old Westbury on how best to succeed on campus as a transfer student:

### 1. Start Early

If you haven't finished the admissions process, act quickly. Orientation sessions for transfer students at Old Westbury start on June 5<sup>th</sup> and run through the summer. At Orientation, you will meet with an academic advisor, register for classes, and learn about other valuable services and programs here to help you succeed. But you can't attend Orientation if you haven't applied and received your admissions decision. For information on applying, call the Office of Enrollment Services at 516-876-3073.

### 2. Keep Your Finances in Mind

As a SUNY campus, Old Westbury offers students the opportunity to earn their undergraduate degree in a small college environment while paying tuition and fees of less than \$7,000 a year. Even with that affordability available, you need to stay abreast of your financial aid options. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid needs to be updated annually with current income and school information. Be sure to list Old Westbury if you choose to attend so that aid for which you are eligible can be appropriately applied. Even if you don't choose Old Westbury, it is critical that you stay on top of deadlines and maintain direct communication with your new school's financial aid office.

### 3. Find Your Niche

Old Westbury offers nearly 50 undergraduate degree programs through its schools of arts and sciences, business and education. Is scientific research something you hope to experience? We offer it in programs like Biology, Biochemistry and Chemistry. Looking to get a career-igniting foundation in Accounting, Marketing and more? The School of Business faculty is ready for you.

Interested in health and human services opportunities? Our programs in Psychology, Sociology and Public Health are among our most successful. How about a career in the arts or in the media? Be sure to ask about our Bachelor of Fine Arts and Visual Arts: Electronic Media degrees or investigate the journalism and broadcasting instruction available through the Media and Communications program.

### 4. Challenge Yourself

Use your transfer experience to break out of your shell and mold the future you want for yourself. Next fall will be the first where transfer students can be admitted into the Honors College, where motivated students are challenged both in and out of class to delve deeply into their academic and personal interests. To see if you are eligible for the Honors College, call 516-876-3177.

### 5. Get Involved

Make a promise to yourself to get involved in something on campus beyond attending your classes. Join one of the more than 50 clubs and personal interest groups active at Old Westbury. Become a Panther student-athlete by trying out for one of our 13 NCAA Division III athletic teams. Work as a peer counselor or tutor in those areas where you have great strengths. Attend campus events: basketball games, lectures, concerts, bus trips, career fairs, and more.

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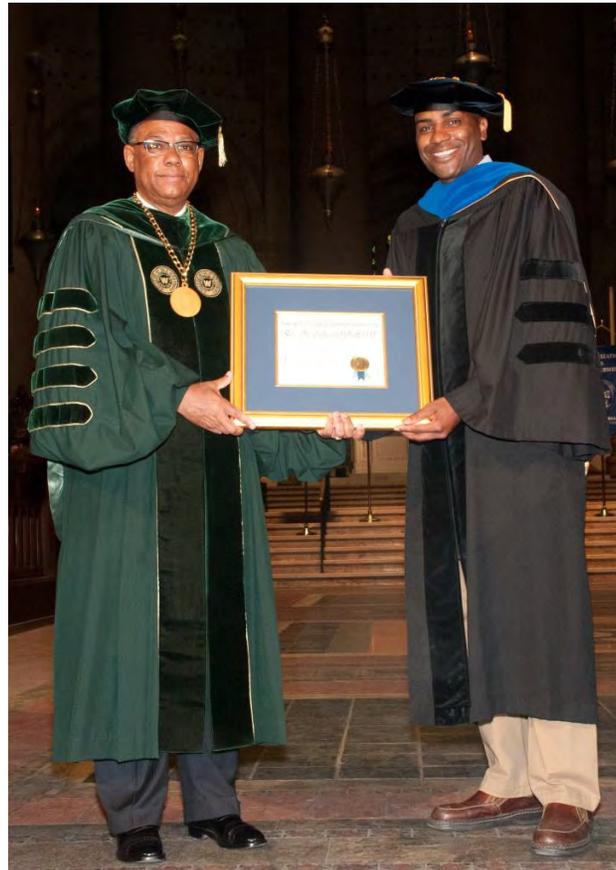
# OW President receives highest honor

For a more than 40-year commitment to improving the lives of others through education, community development, faith and more, SUNY College at Old Westbury President Calvin O. Butts, III was recently awarded the Medal for Distinguished Service, the highest honor bestowed by Teachers College, Columbia University.

Dr. Butts was presented the honor during Teachers College's Graduate Convocation Ceremony, where students received degrees in Organization & Leadership, Human Development, International & Transcultural Studies, and Mathematics Science & Technology.

In bestowing the honor on Dr. Butts, Dr. Ernest Morrell, director of the Institute for Urban & Minority Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, announced that the award was presented "for your years of service as one of the nation's most inspirational intellectual and spiritual leaders." Dr. Morrell also lauded Dr. Butts for "improving the lives of all New Yorkers and for demonstrating in today's world the authentic connection between spirituality and social justice."

President of Old Westbury since 1999 and pastor of the nationally renowned Abyssinian Baptist Church since 1989, Dr. Butts has earned an international reputation for his leadership on such wide-ranging community development initiatives as education, homelessness, senior citizen and youth empowerment, cultural awareness and ecumenical



Old Westbury President Calvin O. Butts, III (left) receives the Distinguished Service Medal from Ernest Morrell of Teachers College, Columbia University.

outreach. Both nationally, through such roles as his post on the President's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, and locally, where he serves on boards of business, civic and educational organizations throughout the metropolitan New York area, Dr. Butts is sought after for his leadership and vision.

During his acceptance remarks, Dr. Butts told the graduates that they are now "soldiers in the fight to continuously educate our population to make the United States of America even greater than it is today." That work, he said, requires a conversation about three things: our national character, which he believes should be defined by "the avoidance of luxury;" courtesy of the sort that involves "not just holding the door for someone or taking your hat off when they enter the room" but instead, genuine concern for others' well-being; and an appreciation of

beauty.

The Medal for Distinguished Service is presented annually by Teachers College, Columbia University to those who have profoundly influenced the field of education. Others honored by Teachers College this year include Nobel laureate Carl Wieman, chairman of the board on Science Education of the National Academy of Sciences; Temple Grandin, international champion of autism rights; and Sonia Nieto, Professor Emerita of Language, Literacy, and Culture, School of Education, University of Massachusetts.

## Smithtown Physician to be honored during annual polo benefit

June 04, 2014 at 03:02 PM

Local physician and Smithtown resident Dr. Magdy Shady will be honored when SUNY College at Old Westbury and the Old Westbury College Foundation, Inc. serve as hosts for the 13th Annual Summer Polo Match and Lawn Party on Saturday, June 14.

A neurosurgeon with privileges at both St. Catherine of Siena hospital and Stony Brook Medical Center, Dr. Shady will be honored during the event with the Old Westbury Learning and Leadership Award. A Trustee of the College Foundation and formerly a member of the Old Westbury College Council, Dr. Shady is being recognized for his commitment of time, effort and philanthropic support to help Old Westbury advance for the benefit of its students and community.



All proceeds from the event benefit the Old Westbury College Foundation, the not-for-profit dedicated to raising support for the College.

Held to raise funds to support academic and programmatic enhancements at the College, the event features an afternoon of championship-level polo and a gourmet picnic featuring sampling of wines from Long Island Vineyards. Tickets are \$95 per adult for the general public, with children under 12 years of age admitted free when accompanied by an adult. A special Alumni Package is available: \$100 for 2 adult tickets. \$50 for each additional adult ticket.

Sponsors for the event include: Land Rover Long Island, TD Bank, Chartwells, and Thompson Hospitality.

For information about this year's event, contact the SUNY College at Old Westbury Office of Institutional Advancement at 516-876-3207.

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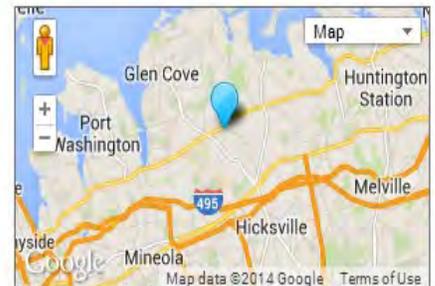
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## Summer Polo Match and Lawn Party

at Hickox Field | Sat Jun 14



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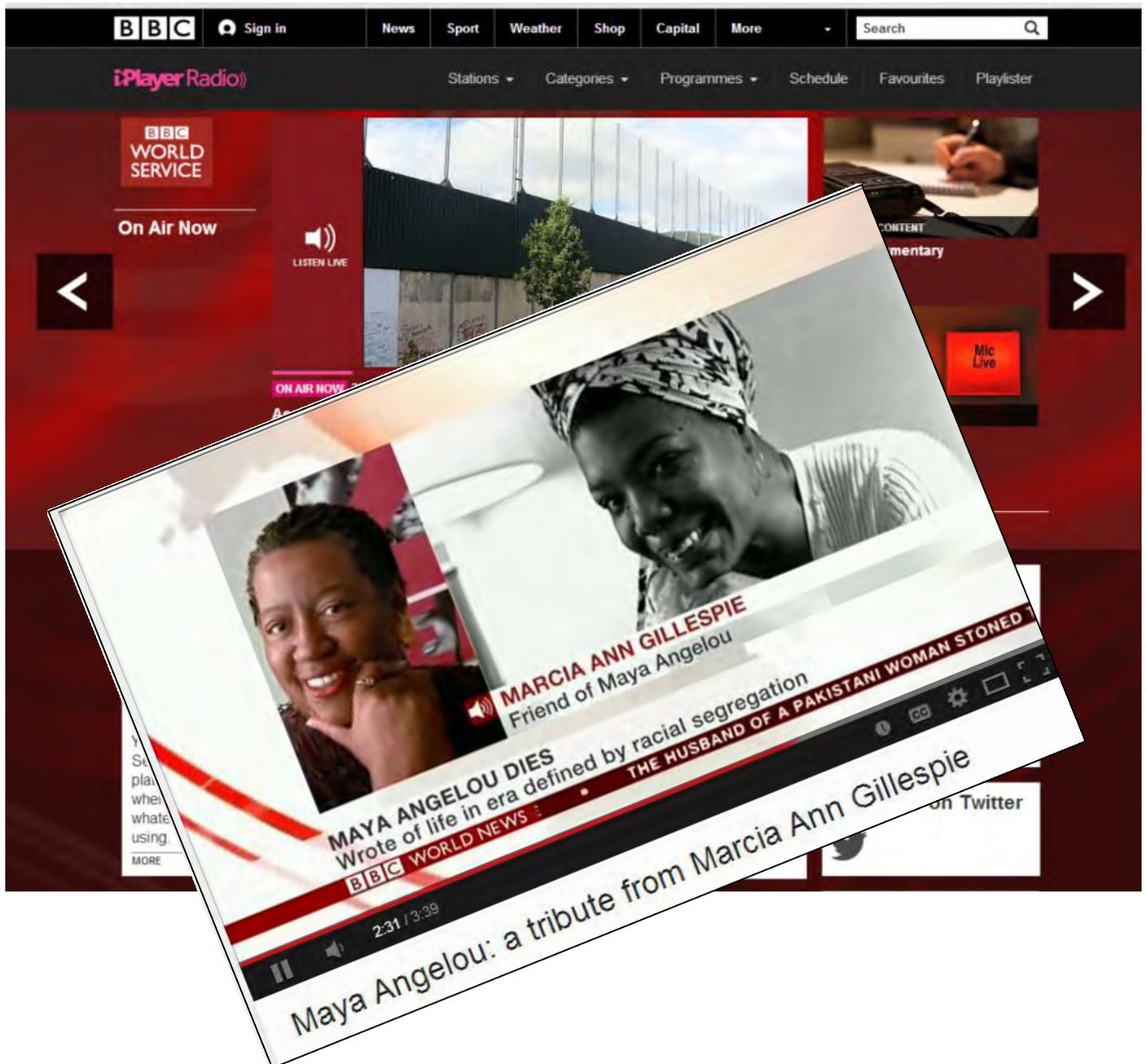
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Maya Angelou obit  
Maya Angelou faced an uphill battle -- but she made it to the top. A conversation with the poet and memoirists' close friend, Marcia Gillespie.

**Pakistan stoning, Maya Angelou obit, muskie full moon bite study, and more...**

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Farzana Parveen was twenty-five. She was pregnant. And she was in love. And because she married the man she loved, she was stoned to death in Pakistan, by a mob that included members of her own family...The late Maya Angelou's poetry and prose was deeply personal -- but its impact was universal...and fishing folklore says muskie bite more when there's a full moon. Now, a Canadian researcher-cum-fisherman crunched the numbers and it turns out to be true.

**Part One**

**Pakistan stoning**

Farzana Parveen was brave, young, pregnant, and in love. Today, she's dead -- stoned to death by a mob outside a courthouse in Lahore, Pakistan because she dared to get married against her family's wishes. A mob that included her own father.

**EU vote: UKIP leader Nigel Farage**

On the weekend, British voters handed the anti-EU, anti-immigration party U-KIP a victory that surprised a lot of people. But for his part, UKIP leader Nigel Farage was not surprised at all.

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June 8, 2014

# At Nassau science fair, acid in rain is food for brain

by **LAUREN HARRISON**  
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Poster boards displaying terms most people would find challenging to pronounce -- let alone research -- filled Old Bethpage Village Restoration Sunday for the second annual Nassau County Science Competition.

The competition, organized by The Center for Science Teaching and Learning -- a nonprofit organization in Rockville Centre -- in partnership with Nassau County, included more than 400 middle and high school students from 50 schools. More than 70 judges volunteered their time.

Ray Ann Havasy, the center's director, said the event was the only countywide competition of its kind in the state. "We all need to learn and to understand why science is critical in our world," Havasy said. "The United States is losing out on research and development. . . . If we don't find the people to keep that going, we'll fall rapidly behind."

Nassau County Executive Edward Mangano said the event was "a wonderful opportunity" for students "to showcase the projects that they have worked so hard on."

Students competed in categories including molecular biology, social science

and engineering. They were judged based on their hypothesis' originality, research, procedure, organized data and insightful analysis.

First-, second- and third-place prizes were awarded by category in both middle and high school, along with overall winners. All winners received cash prizes, including \$300 each for first place.

Smiti Shah, 13, of Bethpage, won first place in the overall middle school competition by analyzing how temperature affects the acidity of precipitation.

Smiti, an eighth-grader at John F. Kennedy Middle School in Bethpage, collected rainwater and tested its acidity with litmus strips. "I found out that acid dissociates faster at a colder temperature," said Shah, adding that she wanted to develop a chemical that counteracted acidity to "balance out equilibrium of the water and create a safe environment for biodiversity."

First-place overall high school winner Abrar Nadroo, 16, of Syosset, was drawn to research corneal scarring -- a problem faced by many who have glaucoma and cataract surgery.

The Syosset High School junior focused on preventing a cell from turning into scar tissue and reverse-engineering scar tissue. Nadroo worked under the mentorship of

Dr. J. Mario Wolosin, a professor of ophthalmology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, he said.

"I was fortunate enough to gain access to his lab," said Nadroo, adding that he worked 12-hour days during winter break to collect data. "I look forward to the other great opportunities my research may be able to bring me." Other middle school projects included examining the effects of caffeine on the heart rate of water fleas and effects of video games on hand-eye coordination. Some high school projects focused on comparing sound waves produced immediately before car crashes and in normal driving conditions to determine the imminence of auto accidents, and the effects of cleaning products on DNA at crime scenes.

Many students said they had to overcome challenges to conduct their research.

Kanav Gupta, a 16-year-old junior at Jericho High School, who studied a compound that can be combined with cancer drugs to prevent cells' resistance to the drugs, said physical endurance was a challenge.

"You have to have a very stable hand," said Gupta, who seeded cells in a laboratory at St. John's University, overseen by Dr. Zhe-Sheng Chen, a cancer

pharmacology professor. "Your shoulder is dead by the end."

For Rachel Kogan, Tessa Peierls and Lena Kogan, all 17 and juniors at Paul D. Schreiber High School in Port Washington, calculations to determine the decrease in concentration of the drug metoprolol tartrate after it reacts with aspirin were tough, because the group was using a less-sophisticated spectrophotometer meant for high school students.

Undeterred, the students sent their research to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, said Lena Kogan, who is not related to Rachel. "We encouraged them to change their label on metoprolol tartrate to say that it should be taken two hours apart from aspirin," she said.

Patrick Cadet, an associate biology professor and senior researcher at SUNY Old Westbury's Neuroscience Research Institute, said he enjoyed judging the high school biology competition.

"I'm very impressed at the level of their knowledge," he said of the participants. "Just by looking at the students' work, that may even stimulate me to incorporate some new ideas for my research."

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## HOTSHOTS



**4** (From left) SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher presented a Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence to SUNY College at Old Westbury student Susan Ramirez. Provost Patrick O'Sullivan is also pictured.

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# Non-Profit Executive Earns Highest Student Honor at SUNY Old Westbury

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Why Hunger? COO Named President's Medal winner at SUNY College at Old Westbury...

**Old Westbury, NY - May 29, 2014** - Marc S. Weiss, a recent graduate of SUNY College at Old Westbury and a resident of Plainview, New York, ended his college career by earning the College's highest student honor -- the Old Westbury President's Medal for Scholarship.

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## Plainview Resident Earns Highest Honor From SUNY Old Westbury

June 13, 2014 at 01:12 PM

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President's Medal winner Marc Weiss (left) with SUNY College at Old Westbury President Calvin O. Butts, III.

# The Westbury Times

June 26, 2014

## Westbury High School Salutatorian: Otilia Bernal

BY BETSY ABRAHAM

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It's been a long, hard, and often times lonely road for Westbury High School senior Otilia Bernal. But come June 28, it will all pay off as she takes the stage at graduation as the Class of 2014 Salutatorian.

**"I've always done my best and have achieved all my goals," said Bernal. "I feel proud, I never thought I would get so far."**

When Bernal was 2, she and her sister had to leave the country because their mother was deported. Seven years later, Bernal returned to the U.S. to live with her aunt. She **didn't speak English** and learned with the help of her cousin.

**"My mom thought it would be best for me to be here and learn the language. It's been very hard,"** says Bernal. "Usually your parents are there to see your award nights and congratulate you for everything, but **I've been doing that on my own."**

But being separated from her family only made her more motivated to work hard and make them proud.

**"I want a better life for me and my family. I want to be the first in my family to go to college. I want to make my family proud and show them we're able to achieve our goals,"** says Bernal.

Come fall, Bernal will be the first person in her family to go to college. **She'll be attending SUNY Old Westbury and majoring in biology with the hopes of becoming a Physician's Assistant.**

During her time in Westbury, Bernal was a part of the Green Club, Spanish Honor Society, National Honor Society and a member of the Interact Club. She also played on the softball and soccer teams. She says her time in high school and the guidance of her teachers have prepared her well for life after graduation.

**"My teachers taught me respect and obedience and determination. You become determined to be the best you can be and do what you can,"** Bernal says. "I've learned so much through high school because of my teachers' guidance."

She's looking forward to college, but says she'll miss "everything" about high school.

**"I've always enjoyed school and learning. I'm going to miss playing sports and my teachers,"** she said. "There's nothing I did that I regret or that I wasn't able to do, because I did everything I wanted to do."



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## Old Westbury finishes atop Skyline Conference



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The SUNY College at Old Westbury baseball team captured its first Skyline Conference Regular Season Championship with Saturday's 6-3 and 11-1 road victories over the Maritime Privateers (13-18, 9-7 Skyline) from Reinhart Field. Old Westbury (18-19, 12-4 Skyline) will be the No. 1 seed in the upcoming Skyline Conference Championship set for this weekend at Jackie Robinson Athletic Complex in Old Westbury.

Maritime went up early in the opener with a Joe Longo RBI single for a 1-0 lead at the end of the first inning. Old Westbury answered in the fourth with Kevin Licul scoring as Michael Cardino grounded into a double play. Brandon Stein then stepped to the plate with an RBI single to deliver home John Angelino for a 2-1 Old Westbury advantage. Maritime went back up with single runs in the seventh and eighth innings before Old Westbury erupted with four runs in the ninth to take the opener. Tommy Ziegen scored the game-tying run off Trevor Cannella's wild pitch. Nick Yip followed with an RBI single to score Jacob Coners for the game-winning run off reliever Ryan Heizman. Two batters later, Old Westbury scored Yip and Jonathan Pagan off a throwing error by short stop Tom Bauer.

Angelino (2-for-4, 2 2B, R) and Byron White (2-4) paced Old Westbury's offense with multi-hit performances. Coners (1-for-3, R, SB) extended his hitting streak to seven games with a single in the seventh inning. Arismendy Nunez (5-2) picked up his fifth win of the season by striking out a career-best 14 batters in eight innings of work. Nunez allowed three runs on seven hits and one walk before Alex DiSanto closed the door with a one-two-three ninth inning to record his third save of the season.

Cannella (3-3) was pinned with the game one loss and was charged with four runs on eight hits and four walks in 8.1 innings of mound work. Nick Galli's 2-for-4 day included a solo home run in the eighth inning to lead Maritime's offense. Yip supplied enough offense to power the Panthers past Maritime in the finale with solo homers in the first and third innings. In the fourth, White stole third and scored on a throwing error by catcher Albert Doerbecker to make it a three-run lead. Longo doubled home Galli in the bottom of the fourth for Maritime's lone run of the game.

The Panthers answered in the fifth with a Pagan RBI single and then scored four more in the sixth when Coners delivered an RBI single before Yip smashed a three-run homer for his third long ball of the game. In the seventh, Joey Walsh scored off Maritime reliever Peter McGurty's wild pitch and Coners' two-run double closed out the scoring for Old Westbury's 11-1 win.

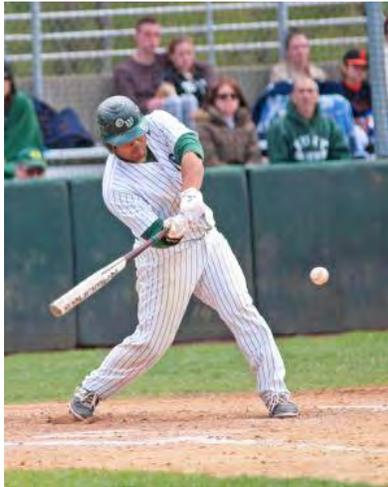
Tim Ingram (6-2) once again dazzled on the mound for Old Westbury, striking out 11 batters to post his team-leading sixth win of the season. Ingram served up just one run on four hits and one walk to record his fourth complete game outing of the season with a seven inning effort. Ingram registered his third double-digit strikeout total of the season and has now fanned 24 batters over his last 18 innings.

Yip produced his fifth three-hit game of the season, finishing 3-for-3 at the plate with three homers and five RBIs. Coners (3-for-5, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R, SB), Pagan (3-for-4, 2B, RBI, 2 SB) and Jesse Matos (3-for-4, 2 R, SB) also added three-hit games for the Panthers. Coners extended his hitting streak to eight games as the Panthers held a 14-4 edge in hits.

Nick Sarna (3-2) started for Maritime and surrendered two runs on four hits and one walk in three innings to take the loss. Maritime's bullpen allowed nine runs in four innings.



## Skyline Conference slugger



Nick Yip of Elmhurst, the left fielder for the baseball team at SUNY-Old Westbury, has been named to the All-Skyline Conference team.

Yip, a junior, led the conference this year with eight home runs and a .612 slugging percentage. He also was first in total bases; fourth in hits; fifth in runs scored, tied for third with 29 runs batted in; tied for second in triples, first in total bases; and tied for seventh in walks.

He had 11 multiple-hit games, and got three hits in one game six times to go with six games of two or more RBIs.

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### Kevin Licul Named To All-Skyline First Team

SUNY Old Westbury senior first baseman Kevin Licul took first-team honors to cap off his two year career with the Panthers.

Licul, a Levittown native, led the conference in fielding chances (288), putouts (260), and ranked among the leaders in home runs (tied for 5th with 2), doubles (tied for 5th with 8) and total plate appearances (136).

Licul batted .295 at the plate with 18 RBIs, 19 runs scored and 10 stolen bases. He reached base in a team-leading 15 straight games and produced nine multi-hit games (two games with 3 or more hits) and five multi-RBI games.

As a senior, Licul recorded career-highs in hits, home runs, RBIs, runs scored, stolen bases, doubles and walks. Licul closed out his career at Old Westbury as a .307 hitter (54-for-176) to go along with a stellar .995 fielding percentage, including 351 putouts and 30 assists in 383 chances.

