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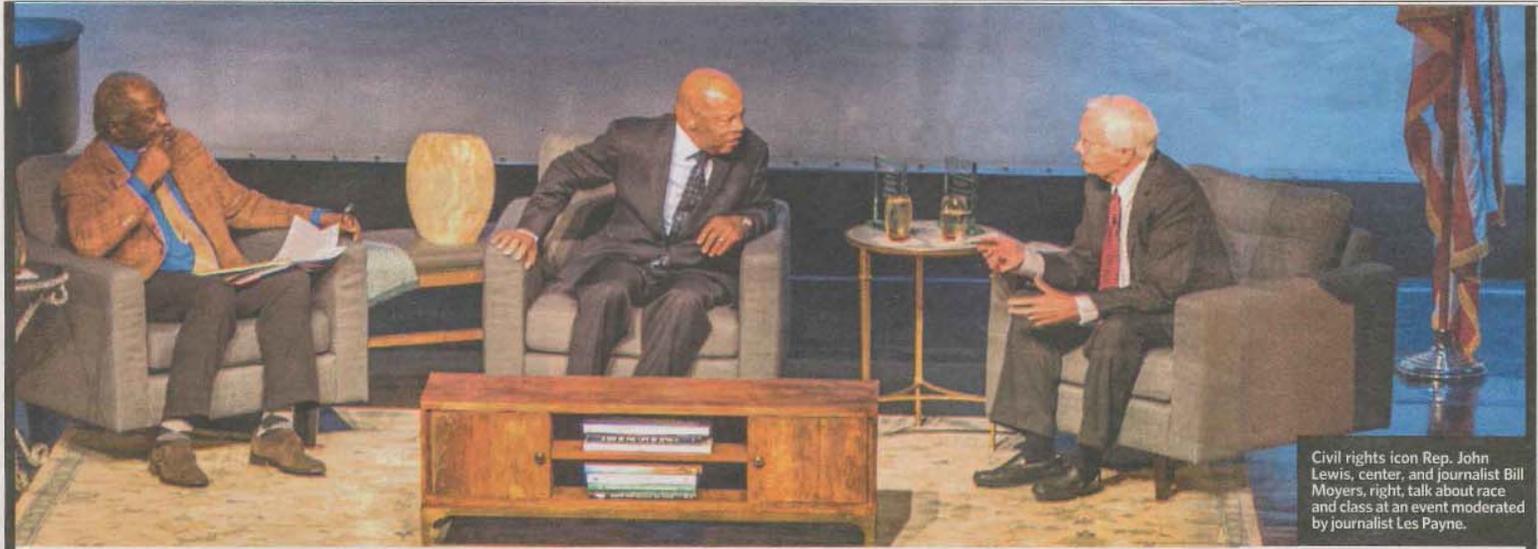
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Civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis, center, and journalist Bill Moyers, right, talk about race and class at an event moderated by journalist Les Payne.

Perspectives on race in America

Civil rights icon, publisher recall March 7, 1965

BY CANDICE FERRETTE
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Civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis was 25 years old when he and other nonviolent demonstrators were beaten and tear-gassed by state troopers on the way from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama on March 7, 1965.

Journalist Bill Moyers, then an assistant to President Lyndon Johnson, was at home about 1,000 miles away, listening to news reports about violence against those same

young black activists trying to get the right to vote.

Both men retold that pivotal moment in American history yesterday to a packed crowd of students, faculty, staff and donors at a special event to celebrate the 50th anniversary of The College at Old Westbury — a 4,400-student institution founded with a mission of promoting social justice and civil rights.

"It was one of those moments when the unpremeditated courage of those young people and John Lewis changed history," said Moyers, who made loose references to recent events, such as those at the University of Missouri, where student protests against racial discrimination led to the resignation of the

university's president.

"Never forget it takes courage on the ground," said Moyers, 81, a longtime award-winning broadcast journalist and commentator who was publisher of Newsday from 1967 to 1970.

Lewis (D-Ga.) has been a member of Congress for more than 30 years. A founder of the activist Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, he played a central role in the civil rights movement of the 1960s. His graphic novel, "March," written with Andrew Aydin and illustrated by Nate Powell, is required reading for freshmen at The College at Old Westbury.

"My hope is with the very young," said Lewis, 75, the only person among those addressing

the thousands on the National Mall during the 1963 March on Washington who is still alive. "I am very optimistic about the future. We will get there. We will lay down the burden of race, and if we can get it right, we will serve as a model for the rest of the world."

The event was moderated by former Pulitzer Prize-winning Newsday reporter, editor and columnist Les Payne.

Daphne Mezier, 22, an English major, said she felt guilty and inspired after hearing Lewis tell his story of being arrested 40 times during nonviolent protests — the first time as a college student during the Woolworth's department store lunch counter sit-in of 1960 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

"When you hear about what they did in their youth, you can't help but feel like you're not doing enough," she said.

Keri Springett, 22, a senior majoring in marketing, said, "I'm thinking we need to have a louder voice outside the campus and get involved in what's going on in the community."

Both women, who are black, said they believe the Old Westbury campus is a good example of diversity and inclusion. Even when issues pertaining to race are discussed or debated in class, they said there's never been an instance when discrimination or hatred among students has marred the conversation. The college's charter, created in 1965, has a mandate to educate a diverse, multicultural student



Timothy Varghese of Dix Hills attended the event.



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College talk on race, class

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Veteran civil rights advocate Rep. John Lewis and journalist and commentator Bill Moyers will headline a discussion today on race and class in America at The College at Old Westbury.

The special event is being held for students, faculty, staff and donors of the college in celebration of the school's 50th anniversary. About 800 people are expected to attend.

"The college was really born out of the civil and human rights movement," said the Rev. Calvin O. Butts, president of the State University of New York campus. "People have been excluded because of race, sex and class at institutions of higher learning, and SUNY Old Westbury began to make sure all students — New Yorkers, especially — were not left out."

Butts, pastor of the nationally renowned Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, has been president of The College at Old Westbury for 17 years. With an enrollment of 4,400, the college is among the youngest of

the SUNY system's 64 campuses.

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Lewis has made other local appearances this semester, including at Molloy College and Nassau Community College.

Moyers, who most recently was the host of a weekly series called "Moyers & Company," has worked in broadcast journalism for more than 40 years, winning dozens of major awards. He was publisher of Newsday from 1967 to 1970.

The discussion, "The Future of America: Race and Class," will begin at 2:30 p.m. inside the John and Lillian Maguire Theater on campus. It will be moderated by Les Payne, the former Newsday assistant managing editor, Pulitzer-Prize-winning reporter and columnist who is a co-founder of the National Association of Black Journalists. The event is sponsored by the college's 50th Anniversary Planning Committee.

Congressman John Lewis, Broadcaster Bill Moyers Visit SUNY Old Westbury in Celebration of College's 50th Anniversary, Mission

College founded during the height of the civil rights movement, welcomed era icons to reflect on "The Future of America: Race and Class"

November 13, 2015

Against the backdrop of its 50th anniversary, SUNY Old Westbury, a college founded during the height of the American civil rights movement, welcomed two icons of that age to campus to reflect on the events of yesterday and forecast their ideas for tomorrow during "The Future of America: Race and Class."

U.S. Representative John Lewis, recognized internationally for his work as a founder and chairman of the famed Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and for his ongoing commitment to equality and fairness, and Bill Moyers, an integral member of the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson who went on to become among the nation's most-respected journalists and commentators, regaled an audience of more than 400 students, faculty and friends of the College during their session in the John & Lillian Maguire Theater.

Moderated by Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist Les Payne, the event was held as part of the College's 50th Anniversary programming, "A Celebration of Educational Leadership and Empowerment."

The discussion between Lewis and Moyers ranged far and wide, from Lewis' speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as part of the 1963 "March on Washington," to his thoughts as he crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge during the famous march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, to Moyers' insights on the behind the scenes discussions that took place in the White House as President Johnson and his staff watched news coverage of Lewis and his fellow activists.

"Part of the movement from its inception was to make it plain, make it real, for the whole nation and world to see," said Lewis as he recounted the training in non-violence that saw him through lunch counter sit-ins and Freedom Rides. "We had to make it real and we felt that if we were true to the immutable principle and philosophy of peace and non-violence, the nation would respond."

Often at odds with law enforcement during the peaceful protests organized by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, Lewis described for the audience his first arrest, on February 27, 1960. "I grew up being told by my parents: 'Don't get in trouble,'" he said. "But when I was arrested for the first time, for sitting in at a Woolworth's store waiting to be served, I felt free. I felt liberated. During the 1960s, I was arrested 40 times, and since I've been in Congress I've been arrested five more times, and I'm probably going to get arrested again for something."

Moyers later described President Johnson's response upon passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 to the question of whether the new legislation would lead to the election of an African-American president in their lifetimes. "He said, 'No, we'll have a woman first,'" said Moyers. "And I was wondering, wherever he is, what he was thinking in 2008 when Barack Obama beat Hillary Clinton during the election."

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In closing, Congressman Lewis noted: "At the March on Washington, I spoke about a revolution. There must be a revolution of values, a revolution of ideas. We must get people to move to that point. I'm convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that we will see more African-Americans, more Latinos, more Asian-Americans coming into power and changing America forever. In the process, we can never lose hope, because when you lose hope, it's like giving up."

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SUNY Old Westbury student Nimra Hameed with Congressman John Lewis. Photo by Bob Giglione.



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American Campuses Act on Climate

On November 19th, 2015, the White House launched American Campuses Act on Climate (ACAC) initiative to amplify the voice of the higher-ed community in support of a strong international climate agreement in the United Nations COP21 climate negotiations in Paris. The launch included a White House roundtable with campus and business leaders, including school presidents and students, to highlight best practices to promote sustainability and address climate change on college campuses. Additionally, a live-streamed conversation with EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy also energized young people to achieve ambitious climate goals on their campuses and push for increased global action.

As of December 10, 318 colleges and universities representing over 4 million students have demonstrated their commitment by joining the American Campuses Act on Climate Pledge. Modeled on the American Business Act on Climate Pledge, it complements any previous pledges or commitments institutions might have already. The pledge reads:

“As institutions of higher education, we applaud the progress already made to promote clean energy and climate action as we seek a comprehensive, ambitious agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris. We recognize the urgent need to act now to avoid irreversible costs to our global community’s economic prosperity and public health and are optimistic that world leaders will reach an agreement to secure a transition to a low carbon future. Today our school pledges to accelerate the transition to low-carbon energy while enhancing sustainable and resilient practices across our campus.”

Schools standing behind ACAC pledge:

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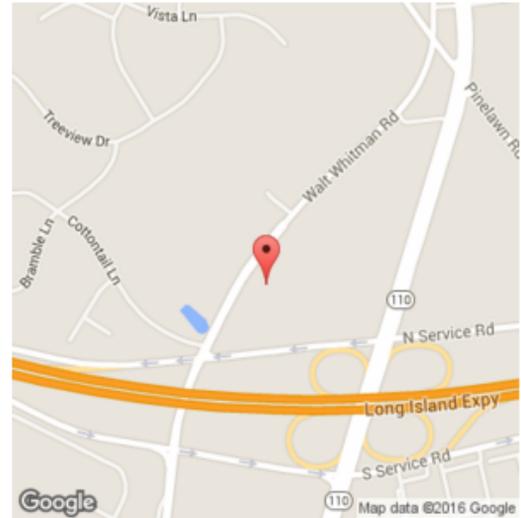
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The conference is geared towards educators, school administrators, professionals, service providers, parents and family members who live or work with individuals on the autism spectrum.

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Teaching to Successful Outcomes: A Conference on Supporting Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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The SUNY Old Westbury Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders is hosting "Teaching to Successful Outcomes," its annual conference that provides the latest information on evidence-based supports for children with autism spectrum disorders in the home, school, and community. To be held on Friday, January 29, 2016 from 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. at the Melville Marriott, the conference is geared towards educators, school administrators, professionals, service providers, parents and family members who live or work with individuals on the autism spectrum. "Our goal is to serve as a resource for children, parents and schools so that we can bring research and practice together for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder on Long Island," said Sanja Cale, associate professor in the College's School of Education and director of the Old Westbury center. "We must ensure these children are impacted by the knowledge and resources that can help them achieve successful outcomes." The keynote address, "All Kids Can Succeed: Effective Interventions for Handling Challenging Behaviors, Frustration, and Anxiety," will be presented by Jed Baker, Ph.D., director of the Social Skills Training Project. Baker, an award-winning author, serves on the professional advisory boards of several autism organizations, and provides training worldwide on the topics of social skills training and managing challenging behaviors. His work has also been featured on ABC World News, Nightline, the CBS Early Show, and the Discovery Health Channel. In addition to the keynote, there will be a variety of sessions throughout the day that will address topics including verbal behavior, supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder as they transition to adulthood, community skill building, collaborative and proactive solution models. The conference will also include a session conducted in Spanish by SUNY Old Westbury Professor Julio Gonzalez regarding navigating the special education system. The Regional Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders at Old Westbury is one of six university-affiliated programs across New York State with an overarching goal of identifying, disseminating, and assisting in the implementation of evidence-based practices to build capacity to improve services and outcomes for children and youth with Autism Spectrum Disorder. The Center offers free workshops and training programs to families and educators of children with autism. Registration for attendees is \$60 per person, which includes a light lunch. For more information and to register, visit www.owautism.com or call 516-628-5647.

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A Fix For Malfunctioning Mitochondria

DECEMBER 15, 2015

By GREGORY ZELLER //



Farmingdale's MitoGenetics team.

MitoGenetics LLC – brainchild of former Iowa State University researcher William Switzer – is knee-deep in lab work at Broad Hollow Bioscience Park in Farmingdale, where it enjoys the benefits of Empire State Development's Start-Up NY tax-incentives program.

The company's Broad Hollow research, according to CEO Marcia Hendrickson, could soon rewrite medical texts regarding malfunctioning mitochondria, tiny bacteria-based structures that share a symbiotic relationship with human cells.

Quick biology lesson: Thousands of mitochondria live in every cell, each containing over 16,000 base pairs, the building blocks of the DNA double helix. Those base pairs form genes and proteins primarily responsible for turning glucose into adenosine triphosphate, the so-called "molecular unit of currency" that essentially fuels cellular reactions.

When the mitochondria malfunction, the cells mutate, leading to any number of potentially serious disorders. As a large energy consumer, the human brain is especially susceptible to mitochondrial disease, leading to a high association with Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease and other neurodegenerative conditions. The mitochondrial focus on glucose also leads to a high percentage of diabetes diagnoses.

Other mitochondrial-related conditions include heart, liver and kidney diseases; gastrointestinal and respiratory disorders; and a host of maladies with symptoms ranging from muscle failure to sight and hearing problems.

Switzer launched MitoGenetics in 2010 specifically to develop pharmaceutical therapies for misbehaving mitochondria. In his mid-80s at the time, Switzer was friends with SUNY College at Old Westbury neuroscience professor George Stefano, who agreed to take the mitochondrial baton and run with it.

Through a sponsored research agreement, Stefano – now a MitoGenetics vice president – led years of research at Old Westbury. By 2013, the work seemed promising enough to start taking the business side a little more seriously. Enter Hendrickson, a microbiologist, CPA and self-described "corporate clean-up person."

Hendrickson had spent nine years as the founding director of the Enterprise Institute, a South Dakota-based business accelerator that helps researchers commercialize technology by focusing on funding, IP and strategic planning.

As a veteran "restructuring of companies," as she put it, the scientist/accountant knew immediately that MitoGenetics had the goods.

"I could tell the Old Westbury team was brilliant, and I could see where the science was heading," Hendrickson told Innovate LI.

A tri-state connection may soon unravel the mystery of mitochondrial disease – a potential breakthrough for patients with type 2 diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and a host of other life-threatening conditions.

Headquartered in South Dakota,

"If their theories were right and their early science was right, they could do astounding things for health.

"The mitochondria are really the drivers of our health," Hendrickson added. "If they could actually do something to keep the mitochondria healthy and functioning properly, it would be a real blockbuster."

To accommodate the new CEO, MitoGenetics' headquarters was "moved" to South Dakota. The meat of the business, however, remains on Long Island, and in March shifted to Broad Hollow, where 11 researchers led by Stefano are now "refining" a therapeutic compound that should be ready for human trials in 2016.

With a patent pending, the company has already scored with investors. So far, it's raised about \$6 million in venture capital, including buy-ins from South Dakota-based angels familiar to the CEO and multiple individual Long Island investors. It's now embarking on a \$2 million funding round that will cover the early human trials and the toxicity studies that precede them.

"It will pretty much be spent in New York," Hendrickson said of the \$2 million, which MitoGenetics would like to raise by March. "It will all be spent on the science."

The Start-Up NY designation, Hendrickson noted, has been a big help for a company whose M.O. from the start has been spending on the science.

"It effectively helps us get more cash into the hands of scientists, because we don't have to pay those taxes," she said.

Ever more importantly, the Start-Up NY designation helps legitimize Switzer's startup – a critical differentiator, Hendrickson added, for a company that's been completely investor-funded to date, sans private or government grants.

"It shows the world that the State of New York is investing in MitoGenetics," she said. "It gives us much more credibility."

Hendrickson said she would be happy to pitch the Long Island Angel Network – "if they're interested" – and any other potential investor eager to learn more about the company's research and business plan. Whoever does or doesn't get on board, however, Hendrickson is confident that her company will raise that \$2 million and begin human testing in the next several months, starting first with type 2 diabetes patients.

How long those trials will last and when researchers may move on to other mitochondrial disease-related disorders "are among the questions we're figuring out now," Hendrickson said, though the CEO is already predicting a fully commercialized MitoGenetics therapeutic remedy by 2020.

"That's really not that long, in pharmaceutical-company terms," she noted. "We're pretty far down the science road already, and we've already got pharmaceutical companies talking to us."

"We understand this is still a high-risk investment, which is why we're using a lot of smaller angel investments," Hendrickson added. "We don't expect somebody to put \$500,000 into the company at this point. But whoever does invest ... is buying into what will be some of the biggest blockbuster drugs ever to come out of Long Island."

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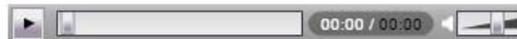
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Wayne Edwards Gives Rare Glimpse into Music Industry from Black Executive Perspective

Author introduces debut book, 'Can't Touch This.'

BRONX, N.Y. (PRWEB) November 18, 2015 -- Author Wayne Edwards served as an executive in the music industry for many years, responsible for bringing MC Hammer's "Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em" album to Capitol Records. Now, in his debut book, "Can't Touch This: Memoir of a Disillusioned Music Executive" (published by AuthorHouse), Edwards gives readers a rare look into the music industry from the eyes of a black executive.

"There was a story that needed to be told about the music industry from the perspective of a senior level black executive," Edwards explains.

The book chronicles the success of CBS Records' Black Music Marketing Division and offers humorous and sometimes frightening insights into behind-the-scenes celebrity and executive experiences. As Edwards' memoir, "Can't Touch This" brings his unique perspective and knowledge of the music industry to the reader.

Edwards hopes readers will come to appreciate "the unique challenges facing black executives in corporate America."

"Can't Touch This"

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About the Author

As vice president of A&R, black music at Capitol Records, Wayne Edwards brought "Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em," one of the best selling rap albums of all time, to the label. Edwards holds a doctorate in sociology from City University of New York. He now serves as vice president for student affairs at State University of New York's College at Old Westbury. Edwards and his wife, Jeanne, live in New York City. They are the proud parents of a son and four daughters. This is his first book.

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Harbor Country Day School Student Named Long Island Young Scholar of Mathematics

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St. James, NY - November 30, 2015 - Harbor Country Day School announced that Michael Doboli, a seventh grader at the St. James independent school, has been named a Long Island Young Scholar of Mathematics. A Smithtown resident, Michael is one of only 84 students island-wide to be granted this prestigious honor and ranks among the top one-tenth of one percent of all Long Island seventh graders.

To qualify as a Young Scholar of Mathematics, Michael participated in 60 hours of rigorous mathematical curriculum over the course of 20 weeks at the Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students at The College at Old Westbury. The Institute accepted Michael from among more than 600 nominees island-wide. The Institute's curriculum includes topics such as advanced algebra and geometry, discrete math, number theory and probability and statistics, as well as selected applications of mathematics taken from science and engineering.

"Everyone at Harbor Country Day is so incredibly proud of Michael," said John Cissel, Harbor Country Day Head of School. "Since he joined our school in fifth grade, Michael has been an exceptional student. His curiosity, natural desire to learn and love of math are the reasons for his success in this subject. He is a wonderful role model for his peers and the younger students here at Harbor. It has been a true pleasure watching him grow and develop his passion for numbers through the years. I've no doubt that he has a wonderful future ahead of him."

Since the Institute was founded in 1992, many of its graduates have gone on to compete in national and international math, science and engineering contests and to win prestigious awards such as the Intel and Siemens awards in math, science or technology.

About Harbor Country Day School

Founded in 1958 by conscientious parents, Harbor Country Day School is an independent, co-educational day school for children from preschool through 8th grade situated in St. James' Village of Head of the Harbor. The school employs a whole-child approach to education, wherein its rigorous curriculum is supported by a broad program in its academic, athletic, advisory, and visual and performing arts departments designed to develop all aspects of each child's talents and interests. Harbor Country Day School's summer camp program, Camp Harbor, is among the leading summer camp programs on Long Island. The school's mission to "cherish childhood, cultivate wonder, and inspire confident learners and leaders" underscores every child's experience at Harbor Country Day School and ensures that all of its graduates are prepared to lead fulfilling lives filled with wonder, confidence, and many successes.

Harbor Country Day School is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents and is accredited by and a member of the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS). It is a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization under section 501(c) (3) of the IRS Code governed by a self-perpetuating board of trustees. For more information, visit www.hcdsny.org.

About the Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students The Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students was founded in 1992 to enhance the problem solving skills of exceptionally talented students using advanced mathematics and creative thinking. Since its inception, more than 1,500 students in grades five through ten have benefited from the Institute. The Institute is tuition-free, providing equal access to all qualified students from Long Island and promoting underrepresented populations in the mathematics, science and engineering fields. The Institute is supported by the Nassau County Mathematics Teachers Association, the Suffolk County Mathematics Teachers Association, the Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League, the Nassau County Association of Mathematics Supervisors, MoMath (Museum of Mathematics), and the Mathematical Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools.



Michael Doboli of Harbor Country Day School in top echelon of all seventh graders across Long Island

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LIBRARY NEWS

Seaford library board to welcome new trustee

Margaret Grub will become the newest member of the Seaford Public Library's Board of Trustees. The board held a special meeting on Dec. 1 to fill the position being vacated at the end of the month by Stephen Gaughran.

Three candidates applied for the position. Upon completion of personal interviews with each candidate, the board conducted extensive deliberations and unanimously selected Grub, who will fill out the term which expires on June 30, 2016.

Grub previously ran for the library board in April, placing second out of three candidates.

"Ms. Grub will be a terrific addition to the board with her very extensive educational and community resume," said library board President Peter Ruffner. "I am very confident that she will do a wonderful job representing the Seaford taxpayer."



Margaret Grub

Grub, who has lived in Seaford for more than 40 years, received her bachelor's degree from SUNY Old Westbury and her master's from the New York Institute of Technology. Before retiring from the New York City Board of Education, Grub originally taught at the elementary level and later served as an assistant principal. She is also active with the Friends of the Seaford Public Library, the American Cancer Society and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Said trustee Patricia Coughlin, "Ms. Grub is very dedicated to the library as exemplified by her volunteer work on a number of community committees the board has established such as for the re-designed website and the bathroom reconstruction projects."

Grub will be formally sworn in at the Jan. 11 meeting of the Board of Trustees. The public is invited to attend.

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REAL ESTATE WEEKLY

WHO'S NEWS: Ashley Monroe joins Irongate Management, WY appoints Ariel Salama

BY REW NOVEMBER 12, 2015

Gettry Marcus CPA, P.C. announced the addition of three new professionals to the firm.

Robert LaSpina, CPA, a resident of Bellmore, New York, is a Manager in the Accounting and Audit Group, and is based out of the Firm's Woodbury, New York headquarters. He has almost 20 years of experience performing audits, reviews and compilations of private companies in various niche industries, including real estate, food, and apparel to name a few. He will be working with the firm's Real Estate Group. Prior to joining the firm, LaSpina was an Audit Manager at Buchbinder Tunick & Co. LaSpina is a graduate of St. Johns University, receiving a B.S. (cum laude).

Jeffrey Lefcort, CPA, a resident of New York City, is a Senior Accountant with over 5 years of experience and is based out of the Firm's New York City office. Prior to joining the firm, Lefcort was employed by Elliot Horowitz & Co. Lefcort is a graduate of Indiana University where he was twice acknowledged as a peer tutor of the month.

Jared Solensten, a resident of Smithtown, New York, is a staff accountant at their Firm's Woodbury, New York headquarters. Prior to joining the firm as a full-time employee, Solensten was an intern at Gettry Marcus while he completed his Master's Degree in Accounting from the State University of New York at Old Westbury, where he received a Certificate of Academic Achievement. Additionally, Solenstein, was awarded a B.M. (Bachelors of Music) degree from the University of Connecticut as a magna cum laude.

Kiwanis hosts Islam expert

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New Canaan Kiwanis recently hosted New Canaan resident Shekaiba Wakili-Bennett, a documentary photographer, who presented a version of the “Islam 101” talk she often gives to U.S. high school students to expand understanding of Islam.

The presentation spotlighted the history of Islam, its similarities to Judeo-Christian religions, and the importance of working together to promote peace.

Bennett received a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Arts from State University of New York, College at Old Westbury, and a Master of Arts in Education from Teachers College Columbia University. She holds a Permanent Teacher’s Certification in Art Education K-12th grades. Bennett has taught in high schools in New York City, Long Island, and has been a guest lecturer at numerous colleges and universities. She is an exhibited photographer, whose work has appeared in the American Museum of Natural History, Tribes Gallery, The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, Gruss Center for Visual Arts, Gallery Arts India and Graphic Eye Gallery.

Bennett’s work has also been featured in The New York Times, Newsday, NY ARTS, PBS, Town & Country Magazine, and several books.

She is the co-chair of the United Nations Committee of New Canaan, a non-profit humanitarian organization and a coordinator for the New Canaan International Ladies Group.

To learn more about the U.N. Committee of New Canaan, visit <http://www.uncommitteeofnc.org>.



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Doug Stewart, from left, Shekaiba Wakili-Bennett and Ann Wronski at a recent New Canaan Kiwanis luncheon at the Roger Sherman Inn.*

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SUNY Old Westbury women's basketball star wins gold at World Deaf Basketball Championships

Raven Pentz has represented the USA in 2014 and in 2015



National Association of Basketball Coaches, Women's Basketball Coaches Association and Allstate Announce Record 257 Nominees to Good Works Teams

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In its fourth year, the Allstate NABC and WBCA Good Works Teams® recognize players at all levels of college basketball who have made outstanding contributions in the areas of volunteerism and civic involvement. From establishing nonprofits that provide youth with the necessary tools to become leaders of tomorrow, to raising awareness around pertinent issues that could save lives, these student-athletes exhibit leadership skills both on and off the court.

"The 2016 Allstate NABC and WBCA Good Works Teams® nominees are truly inspirational and their stories of service are a great example of the impact young people can make by dedicating their time and energy to do good," said Thomas Clarkson, president of the west territory for Allstate Insurance Company and a member of the 2016 NABC and WBCA Good Works Teams® selection panels. "For the fourth year, Allstate is honored to join the NABC and WBCA to recognize these student-athletes for their leadership off the court to help make a difference."

The 154 NABC nominees and the 103 WBCA nominees were submitted by sports information directors and college basketball coaches across the country. From the nominations, special voting panels, headlined by former Duke University basketball athlete, two-time NCAA® champion and seven-time NBA All-Star Grant Hill, and former University of Tennessee basketball athlete, NCAA champion and WNBA legend Tamika Catchings, will select two 10-member teams comprised of five student-athletes from the NCAA Division I level and five student-athletes from Divisions II, III and the NAIA. The final roster of 20 award recipients will be unveiled in February.

"The Allstate WBCA Good Works Team® is a nationally recognized award that continues to honor an impressive group of student-athletes who strive to better our society through service efforts. The WBCA family of coaches celebrates all the women's and men's basketball student-athletes who demonstrate a respect for the power of sports coupled with the responsibility to give back to others," said WBCA Executive Director Danielle Donehew. "The WBCA is proud to partner with Allstate and commends the recognition of these remarkable student-athletes for their significant humanitarian contributions."

Members of the Allstate NABC Good Works Team® will be invited by Allstate, an official corporate partner of the NCAA, to the 2016 NABC Convention and 2016 NCAA Men's Final Four® in Houston, where they will participate in a community service project benefiting the city. Members of the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team® will be recognized during the 2016 WBCA Convention and at the 2016 NCAA Women's Final Four® in Indianapolis, and will also participate in a local volunteer project. Allstate is an official corporate partner of the NABC, WBCA and NCAA.

"Once again as we have a record number of nominees for the Allstate Good Works Teams, it's very evident that our men's and women's student-athletes in college basketball are unselfish and unwavering in their commitment to service," said Jim Haney, executive director of the NABC. "From global initiatives in third-world countries to feeding the hungry and sheltering the homeless around their own communities, these young men and women are very deserving of the recognition that Allstate provides with this exemplary program."

In addition to Clarkson, Hill and Catchings, the 2016 Allstate NABC and WBCA Good Works Team® selection panel members include: former college basketball student-athletes Clark Kellogg (Ohio State University / CBS Sports), and Alana Beard (Duke University); media members Seth Davis (Sports Illustrated/CBS), Dana O'Neil (ESPN), Carolyn Peck (ESPN) and LaChina Robinson (ESPN/FOX); former head coaches Bobby Cremins (Georgia Institute of Tech/College of Charleston), Seth Greenberg (Virginia Tech University), Marsha Sharp (Texas Tech University) and Nell Fortner (Auburn University); and current college basketball coach Coquese Washington (Penn State University).

Since 2008, Allstate has partnered with the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) as a sponsor of the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team®, which shines a spotlight on the positive, off-the-field impact college football student-athletes have on their communities.

More information about the Allstate NABC Good Works Team® and the Allstate WBCA Good Works Team® is available at www.nabc.org and www.wbca.org.

The following student-athletes have been nominated for consideration to be named to the 2016 Allstate NABC Good Works Team®:

NCAA Divisions II, III and the NAIA

SUNY Old Westbury – Raven Pentz

Alexander Hamilton High Grad Robinson Earns Spot on Skyline Honor Roll

By Sandra Diamond Fox 12/26/2015 SPORTS

ELMSFORD, N.Y. -- SUNY Old Westbury women's basketball guard Jasmine Robinson, a graduate of Alexander Hamilton High School in Elmsford, was named to the Skyline Conference Weekly Honor Roll after leading the Panthers to a 3-0 week.

The junior earned a spot on the Skyline Conference Weekly Honor Roll for games played Dec. 7-13, announced by league officials recently.

The weekly honor was Robinson's third of her career.

Robinson, a native of Greenburgh, averaged 20.7 points, 5.0 steals, 3.0 assists and 3.0 rebounds game in three games played last week. She led Old Westbury to a 71-66 road win at Mount St. Mary (Dec. 8) with game highs of 24 points (9-of-18 FG, 5-of-6 FT) and eight steals.

Robinson followed with 17 points, (7-of-12 FG, 3-of-4 3FG), three steals, three rebounds and one block in the 80-47 win at Yeshiva (Dec. 10).

She closed out the week with game highs of 21 points (9-of-21 FG) and four steals in addition to contributing five rebounds and four steals to the 66-63 victory over Mount St. Vincent (Dec. 12).

On the season, Robinson is averaging a team-leading 16.0 points and 4.3 steals while contributing 2.6 assists and 2.4 rebounds in 24.4 minutes per game. She is also shooting 39.5 percent (35-of-114) from the field and 23.3 percent (7-of-30) from 3-point territory.

Robinson ranks among the conference leaders in scoring (fourth), steals (first), assists (sixth), field goal percentage (10th) and three-point field goal percentage (10th).



SUNY Old Westbury's Jasmine Robinson, a graduate of Alexander Hamilton High School, has been leading the college women's basketball team this season. Photo Credit: Provided

Old Westbury's Lackerson earns Skyline honor

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SUNY Old Westbury men's basketball senior guard Keith Lackerson was named to Skyline Conference Co-Player of the Week on for his on-court performance for games played November 23-29.

The Brooklyn native netted a 21-point performance in a 76-64 Skyline Conference opening win against St. Joseph's (L.I.) on November 24. Lackerson was 6-of-12 from the field, including 4-of-4 from three-point range and 5-of-7 from the foul line. He also produced 10 rebounds, three assists, one block and one steal. In the win, he posted his first career double-double in addition to recording career-highs in points and rebounds.

Lackerson entered the week averaging 10.0 points, 5.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists per game. He has hit 83.3 percent (5-of-6) of his shot attempts from three-point range on the year.

Courtesy of Old Westbury Sports Information



Keith Lackerson