

ACCOUNTING NETWORKING RECEPTION 10/17/18

The School of Business held the 22nd annual [Accounting Networking Reception](#) on October 17 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Student Union where 28 regional accounting firms and organizations attended—an all-time high!—bringing 20 alumni to represent their firms.

Dr. Raj Devasagayam, Dean of the School of Business, kicked off the event, followed by remarks from **Dr. Patrick O’Sullivan, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs**.

The Reception was a combination job fair and hot buffet dinner that provided students an opportunity to meet accounting firms and other organizations in an informal setting. The employers and School of Business faculty applauded the success of the event, which was organized for the sixth year by **Lorraine Todisco, Director for Career Services**, External Relations and Administration, and sponsored by the **Accounting Society**. Some employer comments:

“Thank you for hosting such a wonderful event. There was an outstanding group of companies that attended. I was very impressed with the quality of the students and their enthusiasm to get their careers in accounting started.”

“The leadership we saw in each and every student that came to our table proved that working hard both in the work world and academic world makes the strongest candidates! It felt great to have interviews on the spot with the students. Outstanding event. Cannot wait until the next one!”

“Great event! I liked how involved the professors were throughout the evening.”



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Executive-In-Residence

- **Professor Joseph Bennett** received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Baruch College, an MBA in Finance from St. John's University, and he obtained a Series 7 license. His 34-year career at New York Life includes building accounting processes and operational controls for all cash inflows and outflows for their Life and Annuity Business. He was also the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Operations Department. These functions included Accounting reconciliations for over 500 accounts and billions of dollars, agent compensation, tax oversight, reinsurance administration of over 250 billion in dollars, and fraud prevention. He was responsible for claims processing and service operations (which included the call centers in four different sites around the country). In his role as chief financial officer, he oversaw all operational budgets, forecasting and strategic planning, cost accounting, benchmarking and staff management. He had direct management authority for over 300 employees and financial oversight over the entire 2,500-person department.

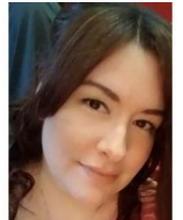


Celebration

- **Professor Kasia Platt** presented the research paper titled "**Industry Contagion in Bond Yield Spreads**" at the **New York State Economic Association (NYSEA)** Conference in Rochester, NY, on October 6, 2018. She also served as a judge at the NYSEA undergraduate research competition.
- **Professor Cary Lange** was the guest speaker for the first of a series of **Financial Workshops** held by the **Women in Science & Engineering Club** in collaboration with the **SOB** on October 17th, 2018. During this interactive seminar, he gave the attendees tips and guidance on how to go about managing their finances.

Farewell

- As of Friday, November 2, **Mrs. Anne Marie Jimenez** will be taking a new path in her career. She is an excellent colleague and a delightful friend. She richly deserves the promotion that she received. You may reach her by email at jimenez@oldwestbury.edu, by phone **(516) 876-3331**, or visiting the SOB office at **NAB 1104**. It may be the moment to express a farewell to a dedicated Secretary of the School of Business. We all wish Anne Marie all success, we are sad to lose a wonderful colleague from our office.



Announcements

- The **Fall Open House is scheduled for Saturday, November 10**. Prospective students and their families will be welcomed onto our beautiful campus and facilities, giving Old Westbury the opportunity to highlight all of the amazing opportunities it has to offer our students both inside the classroom, and beyond! The School of Business will be welcoming and informing the prospective students
- **SUNY Professional Development Week 2018** will be held **November 13 - 16**. Presented by the **SUNY Center for Professional Development (SUNY CPD)**, the week is an awareness campaign highlighting the important connections between lifelong learning, personal growth and transformative organizational success.
- Friday, November 30, 5 P.M. is the deadline for **Faculty Development Grants (FDG)** for Academic Year 2018-19. Funded by the Office of Academic Affairs, [FDG grants](#) provide awards of up to \$3,000 each for faculty research and scholarly endeavors, with awards of up to \$5,000 available for collaborations among Old Westbury faculty.

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