

The College was visible in our local community through its participation in the 49th Annual Puerto Rican Hispanic Day Parade.



Dr. Christopher Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs



Dr. Suzanne Johnson, Vice President for Academic Affairs

wish to improve their skills in problem solving and team building. The afternoon session was targeted toward those seeking employment and included basic information such as resume preparation and interviewing tips. The event was offered free of charge.

In June, I attended the 49th annual Puerto Rican Hispanic Day Parade. Also in attendance were Trustees Irizarry and Escorbores. As part of the College's strategic priority to have a presence in our communities, I was able to address VIP members of the audience who were present to celebrate the heritage and culture of the area.

For the second consecutive year, the College hosted the Yonex U.S. Open Badminton tournament inside the Field House on the Michael J. Grant Campus. Staff reported an increase in the number of people attending the earlier rounds and indicated that this trend continued throughout the tournament. Local and international media provided extensive coverage of the tournament and the players. I was interviewed several times during the tournament and used those opportunities to emphasize how happy we were to host the event. This tournament enables us to showcase Long Island and the College's facilities, while simultaneously boosting the local economy.

New Leadership Roles and Human Resources

Earlier this year, I was pleased to announce the promotion of Dr. Christopher J. Adams to the position of Vice President for Student Affairs. Following a period of review, Dr. Adams determined it was necessary to implement a number of administrative changes within the division: Ms. Anna Flack was named College Associate Dean for Master Schedule/Registrar; Ms. Cheryl Eldredge was appointed to the position of College Assistant Director for Master Schedule/Registrar; Kevin Foley's title was changed to Director of Athletics and the term "Interim" was removed; Ms. Rose Bancroft was named to serve as College Director of Financial Aid; Ms. Sylvia Camacho was appointed to serve as College Director of Career Services; Dr. Thomas Tyson was appointed College Associate Dean for Mental Health Services; and Dr. Patty Munsch was named College Assistant Dean for Student Engagement Assessment.

I also took some time to evaluate the College's Organizational Chart, and quickly decided that it was a priority to pursue filling the Cabinet-level position of Vice President for Academic Affairs and to successfully complete a search for an Executive Dean on our Ammerman Campus. I am pleased to share that Dr. Suzanne M. Johnson accepted an appointment to the College as Vice President for Academic Affairs coming to us from Oregon, where she had served as the Interim President at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus in Portland. Her experience includes leadership in curriculum development and improvement, assessment and accreditation, as well as mentoring and evaluation of staff. She is well-versed with the priorities of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, having served as Co-chair of Dowling College's Decennial Accreditation Review.

I am also happy to announce that P. Wesley Lundburg was appointed as Executive Dean of the Ammerman Campus. Mr. Lundburg most recently served as Dean of the New Bedford Campus of Bristol Community College in Fall River, Massachusetts. A veteran of the United States Coast Guard, he began his career in higher education as an adjunct professor, teaching developmental and English courses at the University of Alaska. He went on to gain progressive academic and administrative experience, serving in the roles of Dean of Academic Affairs, Dean of Instruction, and Interim President and CEO at various institutions in Minnesota and Alaska.

Throughout 2015, we were able to consistently attract strong pools of exceptionally