

Dr. Rosa M. Gambier was part of an international team that took part in a conference organized at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) headquarters.



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Paris, France. The conference brought together participants from many regions of the world with a particular interest in the plant kingdom and sought to develop forward-looking perspectives for the botanical profession in the 21st century.

Noted Sag Harbor author, Ammerman Campus English professor, and Suffolk County Community College alumnus (Class of '74), Tom Clavin's *The Heart of Everything That Is*, co-written with Bob Drury, appeared on The New York Times Best Sellers List. The book is a biography of Red Cloud, the influential Sioux leader, and examines Red Cloud's life, his military prowess, and the changing way of life for the Plains Indians during the 1850's and '60s. The book appeared in the number 10 position on The Times' paperback non-fiction list.

Associate Professor Anindita Ghosh (Physical Sciences) recently delivered a poster presentation at the fall meeting of Project Kaleidoscope, which highlighted multidisciplinary sustainability in STEM education. His presentation demonstrated a framework involving students, faculty, local industry, environmental agencies, and Brookhaven National Lab, integrating the investigation of biodiversity, water chemistry and habitats for aquatic life. Professor Ghosh also attended the Transforming STEM Higher Education Conference hosted by the Association of American Colleges & Universities.

Adjunct Assistant Professor Philip Harrington (Earth Science) recently published two articles in Astronomy magazine: "10 Top Winter Binocular Treats" in the January 2015 issue and "iOptron's CEM60 Mount Tested" in the February 2015 issue.

Assistant Professor of Nursing Elisa Mancuso, has been chosen by the New York Chapter of the American Nurses Association to attend the Academic Progression in Nursing Conference in August, where she will learn more about New York State nursing education models that expedite the educational path to a Bachelor of Science degree.

Recognition and Awards

Associate Dean Nina Leonhardt was a recipient of the 2015 Inspiring Women in STEM Award. This prestigious national award is presented by the publication *INSIGHT Into Diversity* in recognition of Nina's inspiring work as a woman in the STEM field. She will be recognized in the upcoming September issue of the magazine as one of 100 women being honored. This issue will publish on August 24th. In addition, at this year's New York State STEM Education Collaborative Summer Institute, Dean Leonhardt received the Margaret Ashida STEM Leadership Award in recognition of her efforts to promote the scope and integration of STEM education as a statewide and national model. Among the judging criteria considered, were the degree to which Dean Leonhardt's service and actions have made a lasting contribution to STEM career path options for individuals in our communities.

The Suffolk County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission recognized Dr. Maria DeLongoria, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, as one of the recipients of their 2015 awards presented at Hyatt Regency Wind Watch Hotel in Hauppauge.

During the Wyandanch High School graduation ceremony in May, the College was recognized with a special award. BOT Chair Theresa Sanders was joined by Daphne Gordon, Project Administrator of the College's Entrepreneurial Assistance Center, as the College was acknowledged for the innovative programming consistently implemented by the Center for the students attending the high school.