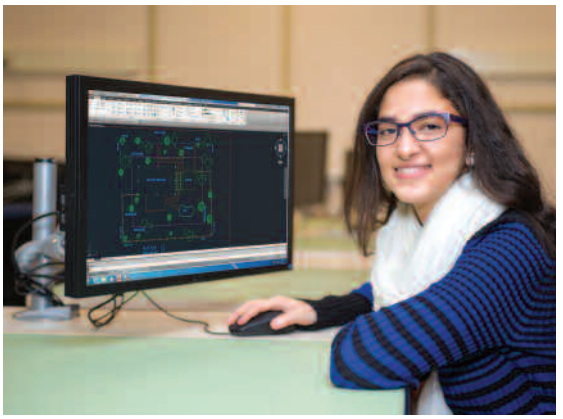
Dr. Dan Moloney, in the Department of Biochemistry at Stony Brook University.

The Ammerman Campus Alpha Zeta Nu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) attended the New York Regional Convention. This three-day event takes place each spring and all 59 Phi Theta Kappa chapters in New York send representatives. The program includes fellowship events, leadership learning opportunities, the election of regional officers, and awards. This year, Ammerman's Chapter received five regional awards. For the second year in a row, Alpha Zeta Nu earned the honored distinction of Five Star Chapter, which is the highest distinction a chapter can receive. Student Amie Bernstein received the New York Region Distinguished Chapter Officer Award and the New York Region Distinguished Regional Officer Award. Selection for these awards is based on the recipients' demonstration of leadership, promotion of Honors in Action and other engagement in the Society, as well as enthusiasm for the Society's hallmarks.



Vanguard Award winner Shailee Joshi of Coram.

The Alpha Zeta Nu Chapter also received The Horizon Award, which is given to select faculty advisors who have shown outstanding service to the region during the year. This year there were three Horizon Awards presented in the New York Region; two were awarded to the College's PTK advisors, Professor Bridget Young and Professor Heidi Kiley. The Distinguished Advisor Award is presented to advisors who make significant contributions to the growth of individual members, serve as chapter advocates on campus, and encourage the chapter to be involved on the local, regional and/or international level of the organization. Only advisors with four or more years of service are eligible for this award. This year, the New York Region Distinguished Advisor Award was presented to Suffolk Professor Bridget Young. Clearly, our PTK chapter was able to attain noteworthy recognition due to the hard work and diligence of its membership and its faculty team of advisors.



Leonardo Figueredo won Suffolk County Community College's culinary competition, *Battle for the Beach*, with a delectable baked airline chicken breast with natural au jus and butternut squash risotto seasoned with cream and fresh thyme. Nearly a dozen culinary program students participated in the competition, which took place at our Culinary Arts and Hospitality Center. Student contestants were presented with a mystery basket of ingredients – a whole chicken and butternut squash—that they had to turn into a mouth-watering dish. The competition is similar to the popular reality television show "Chopped" airing on the Food Network. The judges—myself, along with five of Suffolk's faculty chefs—evaluated each student's creation on creativity, presentation and taste. Huntington's Victoria Shannon placed second and Candice Weiss of Bayport placed third. Mr. Figueredo won a seven-night stay at the Sheraton Clearwater Beach Resort in Florida, and an opportunity to work under the supervision of the resort's executive chef. The prize included round-trip airfare and ground transportation.



Leonardo Figueredo won Suffolk County Community College's "Back to the Beach" culinary competition.

In March, six of our students were recognized as Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-New York Academic Team members for 2015, during an awards ceremony and luncheon in Albany. Award winners were: Ammerman – Steven Curcio and Nicholas Contess, Eastern – Brittney Improbe and Satoko Matthews, and Michael J. Grant – Emily Rooney and Tricia Wildman. Each was presented with a medallion and certificate.

A team of culinary students from our Eastern Campus represented the American Culinary Federation (ACF) as the Eastern Long Island Chapter, winning the ACF Northeast Region's Culinary Knowledge Bowl. Andrea Glick, chef instructor, coached the team, which then advanced to compete for the national title at the ACF