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> APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Diane Bova Call, a distinguished administrator and faculty member, has been appointed **Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at Queensborough Community College**, a college of The City University of New York (CUNY). "Dr. Call brings to this position vast administrative experience - including over 30 years of service to Queensborough and to CUNY - and has a deep understanding of the benefits of public higher education and how this serves our city, plus a strong commitment to diversity," said Eduardo J. Martí, Ph.D., President of Queensborough Community College. Call, a native of Long Island, resides in Old Brookville, New York, with her husband.



UnitedHealthcare, a **UnitedHealth Group** company, has named **Dr. Sandra Bruce Nichols** Chief Medical Officer, West Region. Bruce Nichols will focus on helping ensure access to and use of appropriate medical services for UnitedHealthcare plan participants, promoting quality clinical care and positive patient outcomes, and effectively managing health care costs.

> HONORS AND AWARDS

State Senator Frank Padavan honored Flushing based business, **Crystal Window and Door Systems** for its 20 years of operation during their **Chinese New Year** celebration at the **East Manor in Elmhurst**. Crystal Windows and Doors Systems is an award-winning manufacturer of quality, energy-efficient vinyl and aluminum windows and high end fenestration systems for residential, commercial and institutional buildings. The company has grown from a start-up and now employees 800 employees.



Photo Courtesy of Senator Frank Padavan

Crystal Window and Door Systems executive vice president **Steven Chen**, **Senator Frank Padavan**, **Crystal Window and Door Systems** president **Thomas Chen** and **Assemblymember Grace Meng** mark the company's **20th Anniversary** with a **Senate Proclamation on Saturday January 30**.

Former Assistant Chief of the New York Police Department **Trudy LaForgia's** daughter **Nancy Barry** was promoted to **Deputy Inspector** (NYPD) on Wednesday January 27 and is the **Commanding Officer** of the 7th Precinct in lower Manhattan.



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The **Central Astoria Local Development Coalition (CALDC)** honored former **City Council Speaker Peter F. Vallone Sr.** during its 30th anniversary celebration recently. CALDC held the dinner in memory of their former president, **Julian Wager**, at the **Astoria World Manor**. Other honorees included, **Joseph Di Pietro**, **Ann Bruno** and **George Stamatiades**.



A grant ceremony was held by the **Queens Council on the Arts** on January 21 at the **Jamaica Center for the Performing Arts**. Three **QCA** grant recipients from **Astoria** at the ceremony were from left to right - **Joe DiPietro** (organizer of "Italian Nights" at Athens Square Park), **Carol Sudhalter** (director of the **Astoria Bigband**) and **Natalia "Saw Lady" Paruz** (director of the **Musical Saw Festival**).

>VOLUNTEER EVENTS

Hundreds of fans turned out for the **New York Mets** community blood drive held January 27 at **Citi Field** in conjunction with **New York Blood Center (NYBC)**. Overall, the blood drive resulted in a record 420 donations, which can be used to help almost three times that many patients who require lifesaving blood components. This amount of blood collected shatters the record set in July 2009 at Citi Field for the largest sports-related blood drive in the New York area in more than a decade. The next New York Mets blood drive is scheduled for July. To donate blood, please call (Toll Free) 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org

The **Lowell School's** middle school students sponsored a caroling and gift distribution to our nation's veterans residing at the **St. Albans Primary & Extended Care Center** in December. Students personally prepared 40 gift bags that included "Love from Lowell" sweatshirts, socks, gloves, scarves, an address book, and tasty homemade cookies. The St. Albans hospital staff appreciated the students' efforts in letting veterans know that they are not forgotten.



Photo Courtesy of The Lowell School

Assistant teacher Winnie Brown with eighth grade students Elbert Yan and Matthew Abrams as their assembled the veterans' gift bags.

> ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Florida Institute of Technology

The following local students have been named to the **Dean's List** for the fall semester at **Florida Institute of Technology**:

Brendan Barriere of Flushing, an Aviation Management, Flight major; **Benjamin Richards** of Flushing, an Aeronautical Science, Flight major and Chia Ming Wong of Forest Hills, an Aerospace Engineering major.

Marist College

The following local students were named to the **Marist College Dean's List** for the spring 2009 semester.

Megan E. Dolan of Belle Harbor; **Teresa Ferraro** of Floral Park; **Christina Korzeniowski** of Floral Park and **Kelly O'Rourke** of Floral Park.

Colby-Sawyer College

Colby-Sawyer College has named **Andrea Cecilia Celleri** from Hollis Hills to the **Dean's List** for academic achievement during the 2009 fall semester.

Marymount University

Elizabeth Ortiz of Bellerose has been named to the **Marymount University Dean's List** for the fall 2009 semester.

University of New Haven

Morgan Clark of Long Island City graduated from the **University of New Haven** on January 16 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice.

SUNY Cortland

The following local students were named to the **Dean's List** at **SUNY Cortland** for the fall 2009 semester.

Gregory Abdallah of Jackson Heights; **Gina Barcia** and **Charlene Fosteris** of Howard Beach; **Lisa Cuiman**, **Danielle DeNunzio**, **Keith Dunbar**, **Caitlin Klaum** and **Lindsay Nielsen** of Floral Park; **Brooke DiMarco** of Glendale; **Daniel Graham**, **Kevin Hiebler** and **Jennifer LaMaida** of New Hyde Park; **Jonaed Iqbal** of Jamaica; **Alexander Kalinkos** and **Ashley Meyer** of Flushing; **Jeanie Lam** and **Morgan Sapolsky** of Bayside; **Carmela Laya** of College Point; **Amanda Rivera** of Ridgewood; **Patricia Sorensen** of Rockaway Park; **Andrea Villa** of Woodside; **Stephanie Vitale** of Ozone Park and **Samantha Ward** and **Michael Wolfen** of Little Neck.