



## CAYUGA Briefs

### Attention May Graduates Going to Syracuse University

The Cayuga County Community College Foundation has an \$8,000 scholarship for a CCC student who intends to continue his/her education at Syracuse University in the field of medicine, nursing or health related areas of study and who has demonstrated academic excellence in his/her field with strong academic potential. The applicant must show proof of acceptance at Syracuse University.

Applications for this award may be obtained in the offices of Financial Aid or The Cayuga County Community College Foundation, Auburn campus or online. The application must be filled out and returned with the appropriate supporting documents to The Cayuga Community College Foundation, Inc., 197 Franklin Street, Auburn, New York 13021 or in person. The deadline is April 15, 2010.

### Cayuga CC Nursing Class of 2009 Makes Top 5 Statewide on RN Exam

The Cayuga Community College nursing class of 2009 ranks number five statewide in the percentage of graduates who passed the licensing exam to become registered nurses. Of the 33 Cayuga graduates who took the nationwide NCLEX-RN test, 32, or 97%, passed.

Ranking ahead of all other nursing programs at Central New York hospitals and community colleges, the Cayuga graduates led all but four of New York State's 87 nursing programs, including 62 associate's degree and 25 bachelor's degree programs. The average passing rate across nursing programs statewide was 85%. Nationwide, the passing rate averaged 88%.

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# LONGTIME CCC RECORD BROKEN!

## Caitlyn Dillard Becomes CCC's New Scoring Leader in Basketball

by Fred Bieling and Jayde Norde, Staff Writers

Just minutes into the first quarter of the Cayuga Community College women's basketball team recent game against Tompkins-Cortland Community College, a milestone was reached.

The Spartans were down 10-2 against the Panthers when CCC sophomore Caitlyn Dillard hit a 3-point shot that ignited a 10 point offensive spree that set

"It was a nice moment," said Spartans coach Jim Alberici in a published report. "It energized us into the run and we went on to lead 27-25 at the half."

Dillard finished the game with 25 points, four rebounds and five assists to lead the team.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to coach Caitlyn the past two seasons," Coach Alberici

in school history."

Katie DeMay scored 11 and Ryan Ianello had 10 rebounds on top of eight points. Freshman Paige Wilsey had seven points, four rebounds and five steals.



CAITLYN DILLARD

"That was her best game of the season," Alberici said of Wilsey. "She played very well tonight."

With the score close at the end of the game, Ianello and Dillard went 6-for-6 at the free throw line in the final minute to seal the win. Ianello hit the first two, while Dillard capped off her milestone night with the final four.

"I'm very excited about this win," Alberici said. "It's our ninth in the last 11 games, so I'm pretty proud of how we've been playing."

Cayuga (5-2 conference, 13-8 overall) would like to continue their great play against one of the best teams in the country, when they host Onondaga Community College Saturday, February 6th. The Spartans lost by 35 on Jan. 9 but have lost just one contest since then giving up the win on a last second shot in double overtime.

*"I urge everyone to come to see her play before the season ends, you will not be disappointed. We may never again have as talented a player wearing the Spartan uniform, don't miss your chance to see the all-time leading scorer in school history."*

- Coach Alberici



Front row (L to R): Ryan Ianello, Caitlyn Dillard, Shakeema Green

Standing (L to R): Paul Pinckney, Jim Alberici, Jamie Nwajei, Chris Tenney, Caroline Francis, Holly Natale, Katie DeMay, Paige Wilsey, Jack Cunliffe

the momentum for their 59-52 victory. The shot also broke the all-time scoring record previously held by Shelley Day, who played at Cayuga from 1994-96. Coming into the game, Dillard was second on the all-time list, with 1,148 points. Day, who had been invited to witness her record being broken, presented Dillard with a plaque in a brief commemoration immediately after the point was scored.

told *The Collegian*. "She is a very hard worker, unselfish and one of the most competitive players that I have coached in my twelve seasons as the head Women's basketball coach at Cayuga. I urge everyone to come to see her play before the season ends, you will not be disappointed. We may never again have as talented a player wearing the Spartan uniform. don't miss your chance to see the all-time leading scorer



Senator Charles Schumer (NY-D)

# Senator Schumer's Political Health Failing

by Fred Bieling, Staff Writer

Senator Charles Schumer (NY-D) has seen his stock plummet in recent months according to the latest Marist poll. Despite proposals presented by Schumer targeted to help New Yorkers including seeking up to \$12,000 in rebates for weatherizing their homes, securing millions in federal grant money for high-speed rail projects and procuring relief aid for local dairy farmers, the senior Senator from New York's approval rating has

dropped below 50%, his lowest level in almost nine years.

According to Marist, Schumer's poll numbers started to slide in October, around the same time the health care debate shifted to include an Individual Mandate and talk of a Public Option started to fade. "I cannot even count how many letters I wrote to Sen. Schumer about health care. All I got back was a form letter every single time," said Ms. Billie

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# FORECAST: BRIEZY



**BY BRIEZY O'CONNELL**

And we're back! Oh joy! I shouldn't pretend to be unhappy about it. I'm excited about coming back to school, just anxious about being busy. My first week of classes was pretty amazing. I got to see a lot of people I've been missing and lost contact with over intercession. I also got to make some new friends and give out random hugs to new students (a favorite pastime of mine). And I realized that I am in serious need of a routine change. Over break I really didn't have much of a routine at all; I'd get out of bed pretty late in the day, watch movies, go to the gym and hang out with friends, or spend all day reading, not caring what time I was getting to bed. Now that things have gotten a lot busier I need to make sure I'm planning things out accordingly, making enough time for myself while getting my schoolwork done all while still having time for extra activities.

You'd think I would be pretty good at this whole college thing by now, seeing as how it's my 6th semester. That's right folks; I've been a student at Cayuga since 2007. I'm feeling kind of strange about leaving, it just doesn't seem right to me, I mean, who would feel alright leaving something that's been home for 3 years? Perhaps I'm just fretting about growing up, graduation, and having to get a job and leading a (gasp) 'normal life'. Whatever the case, I'm sure I'll find some way to adjust and stay the same individual crazy girl that I am. Although the thought of settling in to a good job and just living sounds surprisingly amazing to me, even though I dream of being a rock star (yeah, I know. I'm kind of silly, it's just who I am).

So, as I sit here and ponder when I'll be able to correct my math homework (which I never seem to have all right on the first try) or finish reading the book I'm working on, I can't help but wonder where my planner is. I buy one every fall in the hopes that I will stay organized, keep track of assignments and hand things in on time. It never seems to work. Sometime close to mid-semester, I seem to start leaving it behind when I go to my classes and having a planner becomes utterly pointless, because for it to work you actually have to write assignments down. Every spring semester I think about this, how much of an unorganized mess I am, it shows in my bedroom as well. I'll clean it and go through everything, organize to no end and a few weeks later everything will be a mess. I am the biggest pack-rat you know, guaranteed. This is especially noticeable on my bookshelf, desk and dresser. My failure at staying organized also shows in the notes I take in my classes. For the first few classes my notes will be clean organized and orderly. Once you hit week two of the semester you see words crossed off and little doodles in the margins. This-at one time-annoyed me to no end, until I realized that it's just part of who I am, I'm not the most focused, organized girl but I am happy and semi-successful.

I recently got a letter in the mail that made my mom quite proud. Turns out I made the dean's list. Not too shabby for a girl who didn't go to high school. My only hope is that I can keep my grades up this semester so I can make it two semesters in a row. But to do that I have to do some homework, so I've got to go hit the books! Until next time, B.

## Brandi's Beefs



BRANDI ST. JOHN

Hello Cayuga! Welcome back to those returning students and just a plain welcome to the newbies here at CCC. I'm Brandi St. John, the Editor-In-Chief of the Collegian. I'd just like to encourage all of you to stay involved on campus, join clubs, meet new people and expand your horizons. A great way to keep on top of your studies and not get overwhelmed is to check out the Academic Support Center, you can get tutoring at the Math or Writing table, print out or type your papers, do research or just about anything else up there! It's important not to fall behind in your studies and to stay on top of assignments before you get bogged down. If you're at all interested in Journalism, please feel free to stop by the collegian office sometimes and talk to me, we always need more writers and the college newspaper is a great way to come out of your shell, meet new people and learn a new skill set. If you're not scared of stirring up some controversy, how about an opinion article about a current issue that has been eating way at your thoughts? I know a good rant every once in awhile makes me feel better. And as always, I would like to extend an invitation to any students on the Fulton campus to become a correspondent for the Collegian. We would love to have reports from what goes on over there, but it's hard to get Auburn campus students out there to get involved, so don't be shy! Feel free to email me any story ideas or concerns at brandixst.john@gmail.com or cayugacollegian@gmail.com. We're also on facebook, so become a fan! All in all, get out there and get involved, that's what college is about right? You'd be surprised how rewarding a new experience can be, just don't shy away from the unknown!

## Meet The Cayuga Collegian Staff



### Meet Staff Writer Megan McLaughlin

Hello, I am Megan McLaughlin. I am eighteen and just starting my second semester at Cayuga in Auburn. I am a 2009 Auburn High graduate and have lived in Auburn all my life. I am a Telecommunications major and I love doing creative things. I am here to get my hands dirty and discover what I really want to do in the future. I joined the Collegian partly for writing again and get involved with CCC. With writing, like the typical teenager, I like movies, music and my friends. As well as watching sports, cheerleading, drawing, and painting.

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# Students Reflect On a Once In a Lifetime Trip to London

by Megan McLaughlin, Staff Writer

Some Cayuga Community College students decided to go cold turkey on Facebook and took advantage of an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to study in London, England over CCC's winter break in January.

"It was probably one of the best experiences I've ever had in my life," said Steve Agati, who enrolled as part of the Criminal Justice program. "I, along with many others,

have actually discussed going again next year. I have never had so much fun, and the price can't be beat.

Students paid approximately \$3,000 for this two week trip which earned them three course credits, and new skills while possibly giving them an advantage for employment opportunities in the future. The trip also gave them a chance to meet new friends from around the world and

an opportunity to expand their outlook on the world.

Students could take advantage of a number of study programs including Art, Business, Criminal Justice, Health Care, History, Literature, Media, Sociology, Western Civilization, World Religions and Theatre.

According to Sophomore



PHOTO BY STEVE AGATI

CCC students while in London re-created the famous photo from the Beatles album--*Abbey Road*.



PHOTO BY STEVE AGATI

CCC students thought the cars in London were so small they tried to pick one up.



PHOTO BY STEVE AGATI

Steve Agati from Auburn, around 100 students signed up for the program and said the trip was from January 4-18, 2010. The first leg of the trip was a bus ride to John F Kennedy International Airport near New York City and then a plane ride to Heathrow International Airport in London.

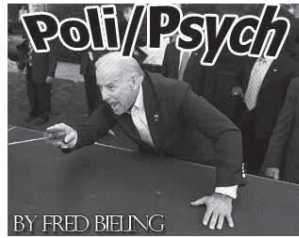
We left from Auburn around nine and took a bus to JFK, where we got a 7:15 flight to London," said Dan Rivera, a sophomore from Auburn, who went to study in the World Religions program. "As soon as we got there, at around 8 in the morning, their time, we started touring. The teachers kept us up the whole day so jet lag wasn't too bad, but most of us were up for about thirty-six hours.

Students were split into their areas of study for most of the time. Many students, however, had time to enjoy the sites of London and some even traveled outside of the city to see other attractions.

Some [students] went to Paris for a few days and saw places like The Louvre, Notre Dame, and went up into the Eiffel Tower, said Rivera. We also visited many different palaces including Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, and many museums like the British Library, the Natural History Museum, and many of the castles were museums within themselves.

"I visited the New Scotland Yard Anti-terrorism Division and saw many man-made bombs," said Agati. "Then (we visited) the South Kensington Fire Department, (where) we had the opportunity to use the hoses and put (on) their fire suits. (We) even (visited) the United States Embassy, which is almost impossible to get inside as we did."

Agati says he found out about the trip in the fall semester from a flyer the college sent out. I signed up (using) the flyer (the college) sent home. If someone wanted information (about the trip) they could talk to Linda D'Amato or any of the professors who go, or maybe your adviser.



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## CCC FULTON STUDENTS

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## Event at Cayuga CC Library to Focus on African-American Poet

In honor of Black History Month, on Thursday, February 11, the Cayuga Community College Library will present a poetry reading and talk by Cayuga English professor Howard Nelson at 7:30 p.m. The one-hour presentation, "When Gwendolyn Brooks Came to Auburn," will explore the life and works of Gwendolyn Brooks, the first African-American winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. The free public event is part of a series developed locally for the 2010 National African American Read-In. An initiative of the National Council of Teachers of English, the Read-In challenges communities to discover the richness and diversity of African-American literature during Black History Month. Offered at libraries in Cayuga County during February, the local Read-In was planned by representatives of the Community-Wide Dialogue to End Racism, Seymour Public Library, the Auburn Enlarged City School District and Cayuga Community College. Details about the Auburn campus event are available from Rosemarie Romano, public services librarian at Cayuga, at 315-255-1743, extension 2299.



## BRANDI'S DID YOU KNOW?

- ? Frankincense, one of the precious items the wise men gave the baby Jesus, was actually an ancient form of chewing gum.
- ? While in the lower 48 states federal highways are labeled with an "I" (as in I-95, I-84), in Hawaii they are labeled with an "H".
- ? Academy Award-winning actor Kevin Spacey has an older brother, Randy, who makes a living as a Rod Stewart impersonator.
- ? Birds cock their heads at the ground not to listen for prey (such as insects or worms) but to better see them.
- ? Whales have hip bones.
- ? The border of your lips is called the vermilion-skin border.
- ? Built in 1889, the Eiffel Tower was lambasted by Parisians for its industrial ugliness. The only thing that saved it from being demolished in 1909 was its potential use as a radio tower during World War I. Luckily, by the end of the War, it had won over enough hearts to stay.
- ? When table tennis was originally created in 1889, it was called gossima.
- ? The spitting spider doesn't wait for insects to get caught in its web; it spits out sticky strings that capture the prey where it stands.
- ? In New Jersey and Oregon, pumping your own gas is illegal. These states banned self-service out of fear that untrained consumers might light themselves on fire. The laws are surprisingly popular with citizens, and any mention of their repeal has been met with fervent opposition.

## CCC Alumni Association Offers Six Scholarships

Five scholarships to Cayuga Community College, and one to a transfer institution, are offered for the 2010-11 academic year by the college's Alumni Association. Applications must be received by March 31, 2010, for scholarships awarded to:

- \* Two incoming freshmen – graduating high school seniors who are the children or grandchildren of a Cayuga (or Auburn Community College) graduate
- \* One returning full-time sophomore
- \* One nontraditional student – a male or female student age 24 or older, enrolled for at least 6 credit hours per semester
- \* One New Start student – a student who has completed at least 24 college credit hours and is returning to college for retraining following job loss due to economic conditions
- \* One graduating transfer student – a Cayuga student who will graduate in May 2010 and transfer to a four-year school.

Application forms, including eligibility and submission requirements, are posted at [www.cayuga-cc.edu/financialaid/scholarships](http://www.cayuga-cc.edu/financialaid/scholarships) and are available from the Cayuga's Financial Aid Office or by contacting the Alumni Office at 315-255-1743, extension 2224.



## Used Prom Dresses Wanted

The Tutor Club is sponsoring "The Prom Dress Project: Gorgeous Gown Second Time Around" in March. The goal is to collect and resell to area high school students prom dresses (in good clean condition) for a very reasonable price. There will be two drop off sites – front entrance (Pat's desk) and just outside the ASC on the Auburn campus. Thank you for your support. (All proceeds will go to Haiti relief and area food pantries.) Go to [thepromdressproject@yahoo.com](mailto:thepromdressproject@yahoo.com) or contact Teresa Hoercher at 255-1743 ext. 2289 with questions.