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President's Welcome Back Message

"Auspicious Hope! in thy sweet garden grow Wreaths for each toil, a charm for every woe."

-Thomas Campbell

To the College Community:

As the first full week of classes conclude, I am pleased to welcome back all of our returning students, faculty, and staff. For those who are new to the College of Staten Island, I extend to you a warm welcome to the CSI family.

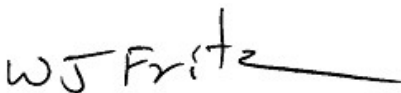
The new academic year has already proven to be one of realized *"Auspicious Hope!"* *Washington Monthly* just announced its 2016 "America's Best-Bang-for-the-Buck Colleges," and the College of Staten Island is ranked 18th out of 386 schools in the Northeast category, from a national sample of 1,406 institutions. The primary criteria for *Washington Monthly's* rankings are alumni salary potential, low student loan debt, and a deep commitment to enrolling and graduating first-generation students, which are all hallmarks of CSI. This remarkable achievement is even more impressive considering that CSI was ranked 326 in 2015.

This latest recognition follows a long list of local, regional, and national accolades bestowed upon the College in recent years. Because of you – the faculty, staff, and students – the reputation and prestige of the College have soared to heights never before seen.

While we face many challenges this academic year, including significant fiscal constraints, I am confident that we will continue to pursue and achieve academic excellence.

I wish you a happy and safe holiday weekend.

Sincerely,



William J. Fritz, PhD
President