To the College Community:

The College of Staten Island celebrated both academic and athletic accomplishments at its annual Student-Athlete Day last Thursday in the Sports and Recreation Center Gymnasium. Besides honoring the myriad achievements of CSI’s student-athletes, the event was also held as part of a long-standing initiative by the NCAA and the National Consortium of Academics and Sports to create a better society by focusing on educational attainment and using the power and appeal of sport to positively affect social change.

I would like to thank Ramona Brown, Vice President for Student Affairs; Vernon Mummert, Athletic Director; the Athletic Department staff; George Stern, Marianne Jeffreys, and the other members of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee; and everyone else who helped to support the event.

It has been an incredible year for the CSI Dolphins. The Men’s Basketball team won the CUNYAC Championship and then went on to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Division III National Championship tournament. Also, the Women’s Soccer team and Cheerleading team were both crowned CUNYAC Champions. In addition, the Men’s Swimming team had an impressive season finale, ranking tenth nationally in NCAA Division III.

I am pleased to underscore not only the student-athletes’ physical achievements, but also their prowess in the classroom, by honoring the recipients of the second annual Athletic Director Honor Roll Citations. I am proud to report that 89 student-athletes are being recognized for achieving a 3.0 grade point average or better during the fall 2011 semester. This represents a 14% increase from the number of students honored last year. Thirty-one
honorees actually achieved a GPA of 3.5 or higher, with six student athletes attaining a perfect 4.0.

This celebration is just one example of the College’s ongoing commitment to serve as the strongest advocate for student-athletes in support of their academic and athletic goals and achievements.

Sincerely,

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President