Dear Members of the College Community:

On behalf of the College’s Institutional Planning Committee (IPC), I am extremely pleased to share with you an important milestone in the College of Staten Island’s Strategic Planning process. At the College Council meeting which took place on September 23rd, the IPC presented the College of Staten Island’s new Mission, Vision, Values Statements and Strategic Directions which appear below. These statements and directions were developed through an unprecedented series of initiatives, which were implemented to ensure that all CSI campus stakeholders had a voice in determining every aspect of these planning elements.

The Strategic Planning process is very important in the life of an institution. Having finalized the development of the College’s new Mission, Vision, Values Statements and Strategic Directions, it is therefore essential to continue our momentum into the next phase of the process. Moving forward, the IPC has already begun forming Strategic Direction Committees, which will be charged with providing information the College will need in order to determine how to implement the goals and steps associated with the Strategic Directions. At the recommendation of the IPC, and consistent with the open process it has conducted to date, the entire campus community was asked to provide nominations of faculty, staff and students who wish to serve on the Committees.

On behalf of the IPC, I thank you for your support and assistance in reaching this significant milestone, and we look forward to working with all stakeholders as we progress with the Strategic Planning process.

Sincerely,

Tomás D. Morales, PhD
President
Mission

Grounded in the Liberal Arts tradition, the College of Staten Island is committed to the highest standards in teaching, research, and scholarship. Drawing on the rich heritage of the City University of New York that has provided access to excellence in higher education since 1847, the College of Staten Island offers that same opportunity in New York City’s Borough of Staten Island. The College is dedicated to helping its students fulfill their creative, aesthetic, and educational aspirations through competitive and rigorous undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs. We embrace the strength of our diversity, foster civic mindedness, and nurture responsible citizens for our city, country, and the world.

Vision

The College of Staten Island will enhance the quality of its student-centered programs, research, scholarship, and creative works. The College will provide models for initiatives on technology, community, and our environment, as well as effective integration of programs, projects, and methodologies. CSI will develop a richer array of rigorous undergraduate and graduate degree offerings to better meet students’ educational and professional aspirations. The College of Staten Island will expand its role in the Graduate Center and other cross-campus activities of the City University of New York. We will become an even more vibrant center of intellectual and cultural exchange. The College will be strengthened by increasing its ability to serve a diverse campus community. Through these accomplishments, the College of Staten Island will achieve greater regional, national and international recognition.
Values and Fundamental Principles

Our campus community values:

*Each Student*

We nurture each student’s intellectual growth, curiosity, and excitement in order to prepare students to function in a complex and dynamic world.

*Excellence in Research and Teaching*

We set and meet high expectations in our academic programs through innovative and effective teaching, scholarship, and research. We strive to promote engagement among students and faculty.

*Experiential Learning*

We believe it is essential to provide transformational curricular and co-curricular opportunities, such as service learning, study abroad, leadership development, undergraduate research and scholarship, and internships.

*Resourcefulness*

We take pride in our work ethic, our ability to solve problems, and our stewardship of resources.

*Community Engagement*

We actively work to instill the value of civic participation and are proud of our leadership role for Staten Island and beyond. We foster partnerships to address public issues and encourage involvement in community affairs.
Our fundamental principles:

Diversity

Drawing from the richness of our diverse community, we incorporate multiple approaches to developing and encouraging the inclusion of various world views, cultures, and experiences into the fabric of our institution.

Respect

In our relationships with each other, we insist on mutual respect and thoughtful dialogue. We provide forums for the exchange of ideas informed by the techniques of critical analysis and the traditions of scholarly discourse.

Integrity

We uphold the highest standards of honesty and fairness in our interactions with each other.
Institutional Strategic Directions

Strategic Direction 1
Develop a richer array of rigorous undergraduate and graduate degree programs that meet students’ educational and professional aspirations.

Strategic Direction 2
Enhance the quality and recognition of research, scholarship, and creative works for faculty and students.

Strategic Direction 3
Become a more vibrant center of intellectual and cultural exchange through community partnerships.

Strategic Direction 4
Strengthen and increase our ability to serve a diverse campus community.

Strategic Direction 5
Position the College to achieve greater regional, national and international recognition through advancement and fund raising activities.

Strategic Direction 6
Examine the College’s current and possible future uses of technology for a wide range of purposes.