

CAN BUS UPDATE

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A Word from our Executive Director

by Patrick Hart, Executive Director

It's time to be thankful for all that we have been given. One of the most important of those is *choice*. One choice we should always make is to aim for the best. This is what I plan to do for NYADI.

NYADI will be the best auto and diesel school: the best educational value, the best curriculum, the best placement, with the best staff and instructors in the best environment.

We have already demonstrated those choices in our plant overhaul, our embrace of

technology and upgrading of equipment, in our ongoing faculty education, in the TASC training, and, finally, in our new partnerships.

The choice that remains is for our students to be the best that they can be.

Choose to study and work hard; choose to model an appropriate

appearance and demeanor, choose to keep on keeping on until you can be no better. Then – choose from a variety of great jobs with greater futures. And remember to be thankful for the opportunity to make the right choices.



Welcome to our new VA Liaison

Roy Damindra, Director of IT, has volunteered to be the VA Liaison for NYADI. In this capacity he will be working with the NYADI VA Council. The Council has met three times informally and now has been organized under a President, Joshua Earle, and a Vice-President, Jose Cueva.

In addition to representing the school at VA Student meetings, Mr. Per-



saud will be available to listen to individual VA student's issues and recommendations and work with them to seek solutions in accordance with school policies and government and accrediting agency rules.

Mr. Persaud is available Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 6:30pm and can be reached at

dpersaud@nyadi.edu or at (917)-325-

0065.

NEW STUDENT COUNCIL FORMED

The **best** school needs input from the whole school community to maintain its standards of excellence and continue on an upward path. The NYADI Student Council is being reactivated to provide a forum for our students to bring to the administration issues of general concern and proposed solutions. In addition, student councils also coordinate activities for students.

There were two meetings held by October 19th, chaired by Mr. Santora, Director of Student Assessment. (One immediate recommendation was for an in house VA Liaison. See the next article for the result.) A number of issues were raised but attendance was very limited. Much work needs to be done to cre-

ate any successful organization. Mr. Santora has drafted a standard set of by-laws to begin the process and nominees are needed for the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary.



The NYADI Student Council will be the voice of the students and an important link in the chain of communications. Mr. Santora wishes

to “encourage all students who are interested in helping guide our school towards excellence to join us. Being the best takes hard work and dedication but the results will be worth it!”

STUDENT EMAIL AND OTHER ASSISTANCE

As we get more and more into technology use, some students are finding it difficult to set up email and other accounts.

The Librarian is here each day during breaks and before evening classes begin. She will help you if you have a problem. Please ask her for help. If she doesn't have the answer, she will get it for you!



*The Best?
Not me.*

NYADI will be closed on Thursday and Friday,

November 24 & 25.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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