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A Word from our Executive Director

by Patrick Hart, Executive Director

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Congratulations are in order for our NYADI family who worked so hard during the past two years to get ready for the opening of **NYADI: the College of Automotive and Diesel Technology**. This has been my dream and my plan for over ten years and it is here now.

This means that our students, past, present, and future will have great new benefits.

Some of these are an additional source of funding for those who qualify; a chance to attain a college Associate's degree; a revised class schedule; a

new curriculum; and more to come. The staff and faculty have spent many hours being trained on the new procedures and reporting requirements and are enthusiastic about the opportunities that they can offer to our students.

Like everything that is new, there may be unanticipated issues in a few instances. I assure you that they will be handled with the professionalism and teamwork that is a hallmark of our college.

We are here for you.



How the College Program Will Affect Me and Our Students

I will be busier than ever preparing class schedules and other paperwork as well as producing additional statistics and reports. I love being part of something that challenges me every day in different ways. I also enjoy interacting with our wide variety of students and assisting them with their needs.

As a college, our students will benefit by having the opportunity to be more independent and more responsible for their education.

I will be very busy helping them in this exciting transition.

Evelyn Riccobono, Registrar

I have been working diligently to prepare updated and new content for our website and catalog during this transition period.

I am looking forward to offering new benefits to our students.

Kim Sukhraj, Bursar

I have been busy learning about the changes in grading, syllabi, scheduling that will be in effect September 6. As for students, they will need to be ready to assume more responsibility for their learning. I'm sure that we all will step up!

Peter Licostie, Automotive Supervisor

I am now certified in *Wunderlich* and *Accuplacer* proctoring and will be adding that to my responsibilities. The ATB program will continue and grow in importance. As more independent assignments are given out, more students will be taking advantage of the Learning Lab.

Students will become more motivated to work towards their High School Equivalency as this will enable them to continue on to the AOS Degree. Those students who were formerly left out of college placement will have a second chance. I look forward to their success.

Joseph Santora, Director of Academic Assessment

Financial Aid Facts

by Georgia Mattinson,
Director of Financial Aid

We are pleased to announce that there is a new funding source that will be available to qualified students. This is the New York State Tuition Assistance Plan (TAP).

Continuing students need to make an appointment with Financial Aid to see if they meet the eligibility requirements.

Admissions and Events

by Martin Rivera, Director of Admissions

The Admissions team is enthusiastic about the opportunities that they can offer to applicants. This is a great new beginning for our school and we are proud to be a part of it.

The team has been working hard throughout the past months to get all the details down and be ready to present the new programs.

It is also important to remember that for our continuing students there will be no losses only expanded opportunities.

As a college, not only will this change confer status but there will also be opportunities to transfer credit among partner colleges.

Our students deserve the best and we have worked hard to provide it for them.

Send your friends and relatives to us; they will thank you.



NYADI-CADT where are you?

In honor of our new acronym: **New York Automotive and Diesel Institute** - the **College of Automotive and Diesel Technology**, I thought we should find some NYADI cats.

A NYADI cat is a cat that lives with a



NYADI employee, student, or graduate. Do you have a picture of your NYADI cat?

Email a jpeg to phollander@nyadi.edu and I may publish it in a newsletter.

ACCSC Visit

- Success requires commitment from everyone - school and students.

On August 23, Michale S. McComis, Ed. D., the Executive Director of ACCSC (*Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges*) led a presentation to our staff and Directors on the *Best Practices for High Achieving Institutions*. Many of the points he made were familiar from trainings led by Mr. Hart, but we all profited by his real life examples taken from schools across the US and in Singapore.

The ACCSC accredits over 700 career schools nationally and internationally, and Dr. McComis brought to the discussion examples from many of the schools he had personally visited. He asked many questions to solicit conversation and promote the sharing of ideas. Some of the highlights of the presentation were:

- The importance of having a clearly defined mission, culture, and values that were aligned to all goals and actions.
- The mission, culture, and values are all based upon student success.
- Student success drives institutional success.
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At this point, staff members spoke up about the strengths and challenges that exist at NYADI. The strengths predominated over the challenges by far. The challenges that were mentioned were ongoing and being met on a regular basis.

We were reminded that assessment should be ongoing, and that excellence meant to far exceed the benchmarks set by government and accrediting bodies. In short, we must remain on the road of continuous improvement for our students and their college.

Working as a team, we can determine the best courses of action to maintain our position among the world's high achieving institutions.



Latest from the Library

by Pat Hollander, MLS

Books: still a necessity. Even more as we transition to a college with an emphasis on independent learning.

When we think about books, we often picture them as those on the right. But those paper items with stiff covers are not what books are. A book is a long written document (generally more than 49 pages) on a single subject, or a collection of documents on the same subject, published at



the same time.

So, whether on paper, on a disc, or an electronic storage device, a book is a book. And a library is a place where books are collected, arranged, and accessed in all formats.

As you start working on your assignments come to the library and ask me for any help you need in accessing information or structuring your reports. I am here to help.

Diesel Department News

by Hilary King, Diesel Supervisor

How will the transition to a college affect us? For the better, I think.

Time in class will change, grading will increase, students may need help with their out-of-class assignments and we will be available for one-to-one as needed. The curriculum will, as always, continuously be adapted to advancing technologies. These are challenges that will be easy to meet.

I think that the offer of a college degree will be very enticing for students fresh out of high school and the hands-

on approach we offer will be very exciting to them. Our older students, who are often working in the field, will provide a great balance for them; enthusiasm and experience on each team.

Our students will be challenged to become independent learners.

“This will be excellent for our students, in addition to technical skills our students will gain the stature of a college degree which will help them look towards management.” (Farook Khan, Instructor)

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Career Services Update

by Susan Greenberg, Director of Placement

How will the degree program help students in their careers?

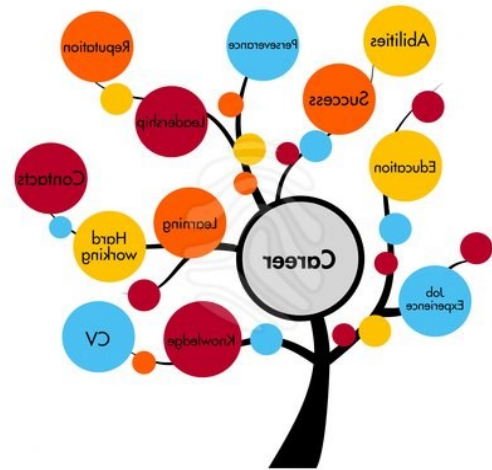
I have surveyed and spoken to many employers over the past few months. Based on their vast experience, they believe the AOS degree program would expose students to additional skills and concepts needed in today's working environment.

Here are some additional findings:

- Employers look for employees who have this background as it leads to greater productivity and improved teamwork.
- Many major companies are requiring applicants to have degrees to apply for any management position and there is also a great

advantage in having students properly skilled in English and Math studies.

- In addition, civil service exams for New York City and State jobs increasingly are requiring a degree as a prerequisite for ad-



Don't forget that all classes resume on September 6 and a new schedule is in effect.

Don't be the last leaf left - get that assignment done NOW.



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