

"Good job; well done!"



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Debra A. Singer proudly displays her degree as she graduates Magna Cum Laude from the College of Science and Health.

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Some blew bubbles. Some jumped with joy. Others cried in the arms of their families. Such are the extremes of Graduation Day.

Almost 850 students received their bachelor and master's degree at William Paterson University's commencement on May 15 at Wightman Field.

The ceremony was marked by word of a \$10.5 million gift to the university by alumni Christos and Tami Cotsakos, who met at WPU and llater married. Of that, \$10 million has been earmarked for the development of the College of Business by Christos Cotsakos , while \$500,000 will be endowed by Tami Cotsakos to create the Cotsakos Family Scholarship in Music.

"Why do I choose now to tell you about the gift?" asked President Arnold Speert as his addressed the crowd of more than 6,000. "First, because it was only announced publicly yesterday and I want to tell everyone about it, but most especially because as you sit here now understandably basking in the accomplishments and wondering about your future, I want you to realize that your potential is as great as Christos' was when he left here in 1973."

Cotsakos is the chairman of the board and chief executive officer of E*TRADE, the online personal financial services and digital financial media company.

Children's author Faith Ringgold was awarded an honorary doctor of fine arts degree and addressed the graduates in a brief speech. A professor at the University of California at San Diego, Ringgold is also an award-winning painter, mixed media sculptor and performance artists.

The 173rd commencement took place under sunny skies and brisk winds as Speert and members of the faculty gathered to honor the graduates and their families in what for some took years of labor.

"Don't view this commencement only as something that is happening for your as a collective, an event you take part in, a rite of passage for those who sit in baccalaureate and master's regalia," said Speert.

"Instead view this as a celebration of each and every one of your lives. It is the means by which we say directly to each of you: "Good job; well done!" and wish you the best for the future."



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Sign of the Times

One student expresses her relief on graduation day.

Possible tuition increase causes concern among students, faculty

By Andrea Lopez Staff Reporter

JiTae Ghim, a philosophy major at William Paterson University, might not be here next semester. It is very likely that he'll move to Massachusetts soon.

It is not that he doesn't like his school or the Garden State. The thing is that he can't afford another tuition and fees increase. In Massachusetts, public school prices are lower than at WPU and tuition doesn't go up much every year, he said.

"Please don't go to Massachusetts, I need you here," said Dr. Arnold Speert, WPU's president, to Ghim.

But having the president of his school asked him to stay isn't enough to prevent Ghim from leaving. Maybe a zero increase or a very low raise in tuition can make a difference.

Recently, about 25 students and professors participated in the annual public hearing about tuition increases that is held just before the end of each spring semester. In June, The Board of Trustees will vote on whether to increase tuition for the fall 2001 semester and by how much.

We want to listen to your thoughts, opinions and facts that you would like to share with us and bring to our attention," said Robert Taylor from the Board of Trustees.

Nichole Thompson, the student representative to the Board of Trustees, reported during the SGA's May 1 meeting that tuition could raise 7 or 8 percent next year. However, Marc Schaeffer, executive assistant to the president and the Board of Trustees, said that raised, but I don't see where the board hasn't made any decision yet about specific increases.

Schaeffer said that one of the main reasons for the continued increase in tuition has been the yearly increase in salaries, which are negotiated by the state with the unions and are, he added, deserved. Since 1989 the increases have added up to \$24 million of which the state has covered more than \$10 million. But

WPU has had to make up the up the difference.

Tuition increase can also be linked to new programs and services, said Schaeffer, such as more full-time faculty, new and renovated academic and residence facilities, safety improvements, technology enhancement, extracurricular programs, Study Abroad and student-faculty research, all of which are funded with tuition . and/or fee revenue.

"All the salaries of all people raise the tuition because of adjustments for cost of living," said Linda Dye, the executive vice president of the American Federation of Teachers, Local 1796, which represent the WPU faculty, librarians and other staff members. "That wouldn't be a prob-lem if the salaries, which are negotiated by the state, were paid in full by the state."

But because of the way the law is written, the money for the year isn't given all at once, but rather piece meal and then sometimes not at all, she said.

If students became a huge voting block, however, they might be able to convince the state to cover the difference at the 70 percent level it use to, instead of the current 40 percent, said Dye.

David Eugene, a junior, participated for the second time in the annual hearing and said that even though many problems were identified last vear he hasn't seen many changes.

For example, he said, while room and board fees have increased and renovations had been made and new buildings added, when he first moved in his room's furniture wasn't put together, there was no electricity and he didn't have cable.

"I've seen tuition being the money is going," said Eugene.

Speert said that the university has improved its shuttle service to make it more responsive and renovations have recently been made in buildings like the Towers and Pioneer Hall.

But not only students had something to say

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PT Photo/Andrew Lijoi

Friendand family shoot pictures of the graduates.

New SA administration elected

By Andrea bez Staff Reporter

Enhang campus safety, advocatimore flexible residence libolicies and improving cmunication with campus me, government members athe university community: some of the priorities of new Student Governmenssociation president.

Rashad vis, a former member of: SGA's Court of Judicial Rev, was elected president w 258 votes. More students tud out to vote in the SGA's A elections than in many ye, 400 students cast their bts. Students' participationse 59.5 percent from the lasGA special election in Febry when only 162 votes were listered.

We hadwonderful turnout (lanonth). I reached above my c," said Eric Paterson, e:ions chair.

In additito a new president, those0 votes helped elect an SGice president, executive v president and treasurer, and other leaders, the maty of whom received methan 100 votes each.

Davis saine of his other goals is to b school administrators acntable for their decisions. Feferred to a recent publicaring on tuition costs and s that even though an lease in fees is inevitable, would keep a close eye oow funds are being manal.

"We have student representatives in the Board of Trustees. We have a voice there," said Davis.

Another of his concerns is public safety, which he would like to see improved.

There is an under staffed

campus police," he said. In addition, he'd like to see changes in some of the Residence Life policies. He said that students who live on campus have many restraints on where and when they can move between dorms and he would like that changed.

Finally, Davis wants to improve SGA's public relations. He plans to hold monthly press conferences with the different campus media outlets so information becomes available to all students.

In this respect the new SGA's executive vice president, Darin Smith, agrees with Davis.

Communication is my No. 1 (priority). I want every student to have a connection with the SGA," said Smith, who noted that there are 10,000 students on campus and only 50 in the 'SGA.

Smith wants to improve communication and encourage students to learn who is in the SGA. Smith, a member of the SGA's executive board for the past four years, was senior class president.

Also elected were Olivia Amanfor, SGA's vice president; Tyeshia A. Henderson; SGA treasurer

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Flannel pajamas, sexy underwear and heartbreak makes "Bridget Jones's Diary" more than mush

By Patti Di Marzo Staff Writer

She drinks too much. She smokes too much. She has no love life.

She's Bridget Jones. "Bridget Jones's Diary" is a romantic comedy starring Renee Zellweger in the lead role of a single 32 year old who begins to envision living the rest of her life as a "spinster".

After going to her parent's annual holiday celebration, where her mother tries to set her up (yet again) with someone new, she makes some New Year's resolutions... to cut back on her drinking and smoking, lose weight, and find a nice boyfriend.

Jones buys a journal to document her progress (hence the film's title) and to write about the people in her life. Throughout the year (the time frame of the movie) she suffers many embarrassing moments, changes her career, suffers heartbreak, loses weights, gains weight, and she continues to drink and smoke as she had before. So much for New Year's resolutions.

Jones is a character many single women can identify with; she dates Mr. Wrong (Daniel Cleaver played by Hugh Grant), she contemplates what panties to wear on a date the sexy zebra's or the tummyflattening grandma's — and she wears flannel pajamas. She is probably the most realistic portrayal of women in mainstream film in a long time.

Jones's Diary has many chuckle-inducing parts with a flare for British humor. Overall it is a feel-good "chick-flick" without the of mush.



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Greek pride and thanks to family shown on graduation day



The heer Times, Page 4 Putting the paper to bed, and othestories

By Meredith Cooper Editor, Pioneer Times

Over the past year I have covered everything from cyber stalkers to tai chi classes and assisted with articles on subjects such as human cloning and single parenting. But this column is by far the hardest story of all because it is my final work as editor of The Pioneer Times.

When Dr. Tina Lesher approached me last September and asked if I'd help out with the then new nameless newspaper on campus, I thought that I would be a reporter or a proofreader. I was taking journalism at the time, and **Commentary** it made

sense that a few of my assignments might make the paper. Instead, I soon found out that writing articles was only the first of my duties.

Now a year later I am graduating and do not know who will be taking my place, but I hope that he or she will have a chance to read this piece. As it has been with me, the editor of The Pioneer Times needs to keep watch for possible stories for the paper to cover. One day he or she could be running or helping to run a meeting and the next delivering the latest issue around campus. Thwill be times that his or herries or event calendars willedited or only a couple of his er pictures will make it into an ion. But just as often there we opportunities to work with a writers both preparing their interviews and improving their i copy. And I can assure all whoth hold this position that all of the worth it.

I leave this pr with no regrets. Every perswho has contributed even onece to The Pioneer Times has m it a success, and I am prou both my past and present wri staff, photographers, and layortists for their hard work and unitment to quality. The paper d not be what it is today witheach and every one of their efs, and I wish them all the brifutures that I know they carnieve.

It has also beny pleasure to help our faculdvisor, Professor Elizabeth E, create this paper. Involvedh every stage of production apublication, Professor Birge has ked sideby-side with both ther students and myself, sing us how to improve our skillshout belittling our abilities in brocess. The entire stat

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I am aware of my race whe...

By Felicia Pettiford Staff Writer

Nigger. One word, so small yet so powerful, was scrawled mercilessly on my locker at Suffern Junior High School. It was 1990, and I was 13 years old. The word stuck with me and struck a cord of pain so deep I didn't know it was there. The pain of racism cannot be



compared to anything

else, yet I was able to rise above the ignorance of the people who wrote the word on my locker that day and be confident in who I was. Racism can be crippling to a person's growth and development, but I refused to be stifled.

I am what you might call a "mutt", as my family and friends lovingly refer to my background. I am the mixture of two very distinct cultures, African American and Puerto Rican. I would not consider that combination necessarily bi-racial, but more multi-racial, since Puerto Ricans are comprised of three races and most African Americans are a mixtuf African, Caucasian andtive American. Multi-racial ple are often stigmatized in ouciety, and they are often sub to a lot of silly questions are treated differently than er people.

Often, well mea people who try to be polity correct, say things like, "V, what are you?", or "That's q a combination!", or my frite, "That's so exotic!". I h at times, because I find iteresting that people are socrested in my race, and are cus to know why I look the W do. But the truth of the mr is that sometimes those ases just conjure up feeling being an object, a thing.

I was always at of my dual cultures. I was als educated about both cultuequally, both consciously antbconsciously. My parents both college-educated and t constantly exposed me to own culture and others.. I'ure that I was the only

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Thoughts from a senior on the occasion of her graduation

Joannie Nunez Staff Writer

With only a week to graduation, I'm trying to make my last couple of days as enjoyable as I possibly can. Yet, I can't help but look back on my four years with an uneasiness that

Commentary stems from the

fear that I didn't do all I could to enhance my college experience. It's like the feeling you get when you're in a rush to go somewhere. You're ready to walk out the door, but can't because you feel like you're forgetting something.

Did I learn or do all that I could've? (I ought to say should've) I doubt it. Am I equipped enough to take on the so-called "real" world? I'll tell you one thing...I'm about to find out. While I acknowledge all my faults and take full responsibility for all the decisions I have made up until now, I can't help but wonder if there was anything else that the administration could've done to provide me with more options from which to make my choices.

This sudden enlightenment occurred one day while chatting with one of my girlfriends. As we reminisced on these past four years, I began to notice a pattern in our conversation, and by the fifth "I wish I would've known about that sooner," I realized we were both in agreement about something. We would've made a lot of different choices if only we were better informed.

For instance, it wasn't until my senior year that I found out that I could be a substitute teacher. All I needed were 60 credits, and by that point

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I had well over 100. And although for a while it seemed like I was the only one who didn't know, I met a few others who fell into this same category. It was then that I came to realize that there has got to be a better way for students to find out what they could do with their major other than through word of mouth.

At the risk of sounding too critical, I'd like to offer a simple suggestion. Instead of making us run around in circles taking courses, that quite frankly, are a waste of time and energy, specifically freshman seminar, it's probably wiser to revamp the course into something that would actually prove to be useful. A junior seminar could take the place of the freshmen course, and as an alternative to learning where the buildings are (something we could figure out by picking up a master schedule), students could be required to open a career connec- . tions account where they would have to do a resume.

At this point in their college careers, most students know what their majors are, so researching for a place they'd like to intern and sending out their resume would probably give them a good push in the right direction.

I am very aware of the pains the administration has taken to correct this wrong, hence the surge in capstone, practicum, and seminar courses, and although I acknowledge and applaud those efforts, every year there are still students struggling to get a resume done.

The office of Career Development offers various workshops designed to help students advance in the workforce. Unfortunately, many of us don't take advantage of these resources the way we should. We have no one to blame for this, but ourselves. But there is no denying that a course like this would be a tremendous benefit to the entire student body.

Joannie Nunez received her B.A. in Communication on May 15 and plans to travel to the Dominican Republic.



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Children's author Faith Ringgold

addresses the graduates as she receives an honorary doctor of fine arts degree.



PT Photo/Andrew Lijoi Love and laughter between best friends, Corinn Gayvito and Cindy Smerdon (L-R) on graduation day

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he Pioneer Times is grateful to President Arnold Speert as well as the rest of the campus community for their support. It is always difficult when an organization is just starting out, but thanks to our readers, it appears that The Pioneer Times will remain a part of William. Paterson. I only hope that we continue to live up to and exceed your expectations and that you will continue to send us feedback about what you want from us in the future.

Before I go, I would like to thank my family for all of their support both while I was editor of The Pioneer Times and throughout my entire academic career. While their names may have never appeared in the staff box or next to mine on a diploma, I could not have accomplished all that I have up to this point if they had not had faith in me and encouraged me to have faith in myself.

I wish the best of luck to everyone at William Paterson for the new fall semester, and thank you again for the opportunity to be the first editor of The Pioneer Times.

Meredith Cooper received her M.A. in English/Writing on May 15 and has accepted a position as a financial reporter with Peony Inc.

food, music, and literature. I can listen to salsa one minute and groove to gospel the next. Understanding both Spanish and English is an asset in this changing world, and the United States, where Hispanics are the second largest population next to Caucasians. It is something that Americans will have to start recognizing.

While some people like to naively think that the race "issue" in America is a thing that was obliterated during the Civil Rights movement, I know better. The Civil Rights movement just opened the floodgate to the racial problems in America.

I am aware of my race when I watch the news and see that a man was dragged to his death because he was black. I am aware of my race when television shows stereotype Latina women as being loud, loose and "hot"; and people perceive me that way.

I am aware of my race when I don't speak in slang and people are surprised. I am aware of my race when my friends and I are pulled over by the Wayne police for DWB (Driving While Black).

I am aware of my race, when I walk on campus and I hear people muttering racial epithets when I go by.

I am aware of my race when I wake up in the morning, look at my brown skin, brown eyes, and black hair and thank God that I was not created in any other way, shape, form, or fashion.

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child who spent her whole allowance on books, or liked to spend her Saturdays at the library reading about my cultures.

My late grandfather always made sure that I knew who I was, that I was proud to be Puerto Rican and that I never let anyone try to degrade me because I came from a strong people, a people who survived enormous odds. I was never confused about my identity, just enriched by its variety.

What I've found over the years, is that in society's eyes, it is still difficult for them to accept diversity within one person. Throughout my life, people have wanted me to choose a side, a race, and a culture. Some of my black people would say that I was "selling out" or denying my race if I chose to acknowledge my Puerto Rican side. Some of my Latino people would either treat me or talk to me in a different way because they thought I was just black, others would imply that I should not acknowledge my African roots.

Finally I realized that I wasn't the one confused, it was everyone else who didn't know what to make of me.

Being multi-racial definitely has its advantages in the richness of culture and the blending of the two that has taken place in my life over the years. My cultural background has affected my taste in

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PT itos/ Andrew Lijoi It was a beautiful day for the hundreds criends and family who gathered to celebrate Graduon 2001.



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Kathy Griffiths and Grzegorz Zagaja carry the banners for the College of Science and Health, and the College of Business.







PT Photo/Robin Kavanagh-Charman A long journey finally comes to an end.

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Happy on graduation day: L-R, Danny Freese, Vennansha Williams, Shanja Sandiford, Lindlee Lubin



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Rachel DeJesus and Adriana Blauvelt convey warm wishes to Viviana Torres, on behalf of the Facilities Management Office.



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Pssst! Have we got a deal for you! Trouble follows scholarship scams

By Nadine Spence Staff Writer ·

The one experience that will have a lasting impact on Patti DiMarzo's life happened while she was a senior in high school.

In 1998 DiMarzo, 23, a senior at William Paterson University, found herself the victim of a scholarship scam. She wasn't the only one.

Every year hundreds of thousands of students and their parents get caught in scholarship scams, according to www.Finaid.com, a website that provides financial aid information. Individuals lose more than \$100 million annually to scam artists who operate under names that incorporate words like "federal", "national", "foundation", and "administration". The choice in names serves one purpose, which is to seemingly legitimize what they do by sounding governmental or official.

As with DiMarzo; most of these companies contact people by mail and offer "guaranteed" results, such as the \$1,000 scholarship she was lured with, "It sounded good to me," she said.

The letter said that she had to send \$350 before she could get any money.

"I thought for \$350 I'd at least make \$ 650 in free money to put toward my college tuition," DiMarzo said.

Common tactics catch students

This is one of the common tactics used that the Federal Trade Commission advises consumers to look out for. If someone offers you free money contingent on your initial investment, watch out. Other tactics include. telling the recipient they've been selected from a roster of thousands of students to receive a monetary award. These companies often ask you to complete an enclosed application and send a check and then they'll tell you if you have won.

Still others ask for account and credit card information. They justify this by saying that they need the information to determine how much money you need.

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about the costs at WPU. Janet Pollak, a professor in the Sociology Department since 1977, was also critical of how money is allocated.

"I'm here because things are not better. Things are worse," said Pollak to the school's representatives.

She said that in recent years there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of students taught by adjunct faculty.

Pollak said that in fall of 2000, 54 percent of the 25 anthropology sections were taught by adjuncts. Next semester, 60.72 percent of the 28 sections, 100 to 400 level, will be taught by adjuncts.

In addition, she said that the school has been inconsistent with its "students first" concept largely publicized in its

advertisement campaign. She said more than once she's seen situations where three or four students have had to place their chairs outside there classroom because it is not large for all of them to fit in.

"How far can you go? What's the limit?" asked Daniel Meaders, who has taught in the History Department for the last 10 years.

Meaders recently prepared a flier he circulated around campus that said "No more tuition increase,"

"No one in the board of trustees want to raise tuition. We are interested in keeping it flat if we can," said Henry Pruitt, a WPU trustee.

However, according to the school's fact book, said Meaders, tuition at WPU went from \$1,690 in 1996 to \$2,575 in 2000, a 35 percent in four years.



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All Done, Bye Bye! Karen Nobile, Barbara Capello, and Azita Payman celebrate their achievements.

DiMarzo said that she called the phone number in the letter to speak to a human to make sure it was legitimate."

She doesn't quite remember whether she then gave them her credit card number or mailed them a check. As time passed, and there was nothing in the mail, she grew more anxious,

"I tried calling the phone

- "We know there is going to be an increase, but have it to be reasonable and balanced," he said.

Rashad Davis, the president-elect of the Student Government Association, said he was concerned about how a tuition increase would affect financial aid recipients and working class students, and wanted to know how the money would be used and distributed through the university community.

'We need to be guaranteed as students that there will be effective improvements on campus. We need answers really fast. Students are going to continue being unpleasant if we continue to not see physical changes on campus," said Davis.

Linda Dye, a professor in the Exercise and Movement Sciences Department, said that

number again but it was no longer in service," she said. She decided to take mat-

ters into her own hands. She realized that the company was located in Plantation, Florida, so she called her dad who lived nearby in Sunrise, and asked him

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she is worried by the fact that many "students have to stay in school without the proper materials" since they are very expensive.She said many students couldn't afford to buy every textbook required by their professors.

Deniqua McKinnon is a resident of Hillside Hall who has to work two jobs to pay her tuition, while taking 19 credits this semester. She also has concerns about a tuition increase and wonders, for example, why she is allowed access to food service only until 8 p.m.

"I want to see my money put to better use," said McKinnon.

Andrea Lopez received her B.A. in Communication on May 15 and is now a reporter with Suburban Trends.

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to o and see if he could get some information.

"My dad went there to chek it out and he said that the offie was empty," she said.

Like many companies this onchad rented an office space anothen moved on without a trae.

New law helps victims

In an effort to protect scan victims and penalize fraudulet companies, former Preident Bill Clinton signed into lawnew legislation that increases thesenalties for people and companies who perpetrate scholarsip scams. The law eliminats the bankruptcy loophole tha these companies and individals used to hold on to the moey they swindled.

Anyone who is convicted of sholarship fraud may serve jail ime and fines of up to \$500, 000 In previous years the Fedral Trade Commission could only shut down the company and seek restitution for the victims. Rob Baumel, financial aid

director at WPU, said that over the years he has met many students and their parents who were victims of scholarship scams.

He said that people often think that there is a mystery behind financial aid requirements that make them want to trust experts who can promise results.

"We in the financial aid office provide expertise for free," he said.

He said that companies and individuals say that they can find loopholes that will guarantee more money, but they sometimes do this using illegal tactics.

"If a family is caught, it is not only the advisor but the family who gets criminally prosecuted," he said.

Baumel said that students and parents should always screen individuals before they trust them.

"Don't pick them out of the daily news," he said. "Check the fees and schedules, \$100\$125 is about right."

Side effects of fraud

According to a website called "www.crimes-of-persuasion.com", victims of fraud sometimes suffer from emotional distress. They experience selfdoubt, shock and disbelief. They feel condemned because of their vulnerability and stupidity. Like DiMarzo they feel reluctant to trust offers they get in the mail.

"If a good offer did come up maybe I'd miss out on it because I'd think they were just pulling my legs," she said. DiMarzo said that she felt

DiMarzo said that she felt hurt by the incident especially because she was trying to accomplish her goal by being the first person in her family to go to college.

" I was financially responsible for myself and then to have been taken advantage of because of my vulnerable situation," she said. "I was mad."

Nadine Spence received her B.A. in Communication on May 15.

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and Kisha Manning, who is the student representative to the Board of Trustees.

Senior class: Angela Sarrica, president (former SGA's executive vice president); Imelda Figaro, vice president, Cathia Dorleant, secretary and Janice Davidson, treasurer.

Junior class: Jańiki Watley, president; Angela Rodriguez, vice president and Florisa Hamilton, treasurer.

Sophomore class: Passion Sewell, president and Jason Richardson, vice president.



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LEFT-Maeghan Heine shares her graduation day with niece, Morgan.



BELOW- Ellen Lodato and her family show their pride for her achievement.

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PT Photos/ Andrew Lijoi ABOVE- Michelle and Marco Alves celebrate outside the Ben Shahn Gallery.



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A Proud Day

Fawn Dunlop poses with her parents and friends for a picture to commemorate this her graduation.

The Banner Carriers

Every gaduation, the student vho achieved the highest GPA is selected to represent his or her colege by carrying its barner during the ceremory. This semester's bonored students are: (L-R) JefferyConrad for the College of Arts and

the College of Arts and Communicaton, Kelly Henning for he College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Kahy Griffiths for the College of Science and Health, Stacy Milan or the College of Ecucation, and Grzegorz Zajaja for the College of Bisiness.



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