



Greetings Students!

This past year was another successful year for CSTEP! There were many outstanding accomplishments for CSTEP scholars. Students participated in faculty-mentored research projects in chemistry, computer science, criminal justice, psychology, social work and speech-language pathology, and they showcased their work at the Undergraduate Research Day at Iona College. Some students had the opportunity to present their research at professional conferences, such as the American Chemical Society (ACS) Undergraduate Research Symposium, The New York State Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NYSSLHA) Convention and the Annual CSTEP Statewide Conference. Some of our stellar CSTEP students served as instructors for the STEP Program Summer Academy. CSTEP students were invited to University Heights High School in the Bronx for their College Preparedness Event, where students advised high school juniors and seniors on transitioning from high school to college. Our C/STEP Female Leadership Conference was a great success. Among the many professionals who led workshops on "Finding Power in your Passion", upperclassmen conducted workshops as well. Students' workshops were as follows: "Tips to Strive for Success", "The Early Bird Catches the Worm: How to Attain your Goals Proactively and Effectively" and "Grabbing Leadership by the Horns: How to Find, Gain, and Keep Leadership Opportunities While Attending College." There were many more organized events during this past year. I am very pleased with students' persistence, motivation and dedication.

So far, we have three very exciting events for Fall 2013. The first is the Tour for Diversity in Medicine Conference on September 24th. The tour brings medical students, physicians and dentists to campus to speak with our students about the medical school application process, the MCAT exam, test taking skills and interviewing skills, to name a few. Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Diversity Open House is scheduled for Sunday, October 27th for students interested in MD, PhD and MD/PhD programs. Yale University's School of Management, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Law School and Medical School will host Iona CSTEP students for an information session on November 11th. As you can see, we are very busy this Fall semester, and I look forward to seeing all of you at these events.

I want to thank all of you for your participation and making this program so special. I also want to thank our CSTEP Assistant, Shanice Brown, for putting this collage together. I encourage students to take advantage of all that CSTEP has to offer. CSTEP is here to provide you with academic guidance, professional development and networking opportunities to succeed in your chosen field!

I hope you enjoy the pictures!

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