Bronx Borough President Rubén Díaz, Jr. and CUNY Chancellor Dr. Matthew Goldstein were among the distinguished guests to join the campus community for the dedication of Science Hall, Lehman’s new $70 million teaching and research facility. Equipped with high-tech classrooms and a rooftop greenhouse, the building is expected to earn a LEED® Gold rating for its sustainable features.

“Science Hall represents the best that public higher education can achieve for our society,” President Ricardo R. Fernández told a crowd of 200. “Inside its classrooms and laboratories, transformative experiences will occur—learning that will change the direction of individual lives and research that will lead to advances in fighting disease, malnutrition, and climate change.”

“Our modern society is built on science and technology,” said Borough President Díaz, “and this state-of-the-art facility will serve as a great example of how we can help our economy grow and prepare our students for careers of the future.”

Among the ceremonial ribbon-cutters were Iris Weinshall, CUNY Vice Chancellor for Facilities Planning, Construction and Management, and Paul T. Williams, Jr., President and CEO of DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of New York). The new building, designed by Perkins+Will, features environmentally sustainable technologies such as a rainwater/greywater system to clean and recirculate water for use in restroom flushing fixtures and rooftop solar panels to heat the building’s water. These are expected to reduce energy costs and make Science Hall CUNY’s “greenest” science building.

The facility was constructed with State funding through the CUNY Capital Program and built by DASNY. The New York City Council provided funding for the rooftop greenhouse. A sculpture by Ned Smyth titled “The Next Generation” hangs from the fourth floor of the grand staircase. Funded by CUNY’s “Percent for Art” program, it is visible to passers-by through the walls of glass that encase the stairs and flood the lobby with natural light.
WHAT ARE AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES AT LEHMAN?

That’s the question we asked Lehman’s Business Manager J. Edward “Ed” Robinson, who is also treasurer of the Auxiliary Enterprises (AE) Corporation at the College. He explained:

“If Lehman College were a business, its revenues would be generated from tuition, fees, and state allocation, which we also call tax-levy funding. But those revenue streams do not cover a great many additional, essential services that we need to provide to appropriately support our students and staff—for example: the book store, food services, and parking lots. Many of these are entrepreneurial activities that a college may choose to run on its own. At Lehman, we outsource some of them to vendors who pay a commission. Income from these commissions and from the rental of college facilities, among other service-oriented, income-generating activities, flows through the AE Corporation and is spent in a variety of ways to benefit the College community.

“Officially, AE is a nonprofit corporation with its own Board of Directors that includes student, faculty, and administration representatives. The AE budget for 2013 is $1.2 million. The Board of Directors meets quarterly to talk about financial opportunities and review requests for funding that are submitted to the AE Budget Committee. Associate Controller Luz Andujar oversees AE’s day-to-day bookkeeping. AE funding helps support the Library, the Art Gallery, the Theater Department, student housing, conferences, musical performances, and other special events on campus, to name just a few recipients.”

LEHMANS NEW CHILD CARE CENTER:
A WORK IN PROGRESS

Among its expenditures this year, Auxiliary Enterprises purchased ebooks for the Leonard Lief Library.

Our Focus is on Sustainability

We have a great opportunity this year to work together and to manage our energy costs in a way that will benefit the entire college community. For the first time, CUNY has said, in effect, “Here’s the funding for your energy bill. We expect you to manage it wisely—and if you can save some of that money, you can keep it.” So we have a strong incentive to be as energy efficient as we can be.

In the new building projects on campus, as well as our day-to-day plant management, we focus on sustainability. We’ve committed resources to construct, retrofit and maintain greener and more sustainable facilities. We’re part of the CUNY Sustainability Council and will host the CUNY Alternative Vehicle Sustainability Energy Conference and Exposition this fall.

Over the years, we have made many small changes that are adding up to significant savings such as hand dryers and light sensors—and we’re the only CUNY college that is composting food waste and turning it into mulch.

But the bottom line is that we can all be helpful. We can all be more conserving, and anyone sees an area or situation on campus where energy is being wasted, let us know.

In this issue of our newsletter, we’ll tell you more about the work we do and about the staff members in our service-oriented Division. We hope you enjoy reading it.

—Vincent W. Clark
Vice President for Administration and Finance

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Lehman employees are encouraged to engage in higher education at both undergraduate and graduate levels, and four members of the Administration and Finance Division staff were the recipients of Lehman College degrees in December 2011 and June 2012.

**Kiran Akhtar**, a part-time College Assistant in the Budget Office, earned a Bachelor of Science in Therapeutic Recreation and plans to work on a Master’s degree in this challenging field. At Lehman, Kiran processes forms that are necessary to keep accurate documentation and she does computer input to ensure the Lehman database is up to date.

“What I like most about working at Lehman is the team environment in my office,” she says. “It helps me to meet our deadlines, goals, responsibilities and expectations.”

**Valerie Petersen**, Assistant Benefits Coordinator in Human Resources, received a Master of Science in Business, with a concentration in Human Resources.

“I completely enjoyed the program,” Valerie says. “It covered so many helpful topics relevant to my current position—ethics, organizational behavior and labor relations, to name just a few.”

At Lehman, Valerie handles Civil Service/Classified Staff and Adjunct Lecturer benefits. She orient new employees, helps current employees, and assists with the recruitment and job posting for Classified Staff using CUNYFIRST.

“I’ve enjoyed my one-on-one interactions with the staff and faculty. I’ve made friends and feel like I’m part of the Lehman College family,” she says. “For me, life’s journey is all about learning and growing, and the sky is the limit.”

**Andrea Pinnock**, Associate Director of the Office of Budget and Planning, received a Master of Science in Business with a concentration in Finance, and she’s closing in on a second Master’s degree in Economics. Andrea took a break from her Economics studies to enter the graduate program in Business. “I wanted to sharpen my skill set on how to be a more effective, efficient manager,” she says. “The program focused on ethics, decision making, staff management and team building in the business world.”

At Lehman, Andrea oversees the day to day activities of her office and plays a supporting role to the Director. She works with the college community to ensure that University Budget Office (UBO) policies, procedures and processes are satisfied. She’s instrumental in the allocation of the annual budget, completion of the annual Financial Plan, and managing and tracking of the annual budget. She’s available for New York State Notary service as well.

**Luis Soltero-Rodriguez**, Finance Budget Coordinator in the Office of Budget and Planning, earned a Master's of Science in Business with a concentration in Finance.

“The MSB program opened my eyes to so many different aspects and ideas in Finance,” Luis says. “We studied the functionality and effects of Economics on humans in a diverse range demographically. Courses helped me develop and sharpen skills that I apply on the job on a day-by-day basis—analytical, research, management and presentation.”

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Luis says his military experience also gave him a good foundation in team building. “We have a great Administration team that can come together at the end of the day to complete the mission we set out to accomplish,” he says.

At Lehman, Luis works on Full-Time Position Requests, budget and expenditure reports, and a variety of data-gathering and assessment responsibilities. He is currently researching a Ph.D. program in a relevant field that will complement his new degree and enable him to achieve his highest career goals.

**STAFF AWARD TO MASTER CARPENTER TOM WASKI AT CONVOCATION**

Tom Waski was appointed to the Lehman College Office of Buildings and Grounds as a carpenter from the top of the Civil Service list in 1991, and his fine craftsmanship can be seen throughout the campus—from the “Distinguished Professors” display in the Music Building lobby to the beautifully restored wooden doors on the historic Old Gym Building, where the United Nations held its first meetings in New York.

Tom’s creations over the years have stood the test of time. They are sturdy, practical and precisely made, with clean lines shaped by a true master. He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the Cleveland Institute of Art and a Master of Fine Arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art. Tom was honored at the 2012 Convocation with a Distinguished Staff Service award, presented by President Ricardo R. Fernández (see photo at right). The entire A&F Division wishes Tom well on his retirement effective January 1, 2013.
The Lehman College Athletic Department honored three talented, cooperative and versatile members of the Buildings and Grounds staff at the 2012 Athletic Awards Dinner. The recipients above (l-r) with their Service Awards are Mike Pippo, Carlos Victoria and Valerie McQueen.

SERVICE AWARDS TO B&G STAFFERS

LEHMAN EMPLOYEES ARE BIG WINNERS AT ANNUAL A&F BBQ
The weather was great for the 2012 Employees Barbecue, sponsored by Administration and Finance to mark the end of a busy school year. The annual event, with traditional, health-conscious and vegetarian foods, games, music and a raffle, is organized each year by Alice Jenkins, Assistant to the VP of A&F. Jenkins thanked raffle sponsors and BBQ supporters including the New York Yankees, the Mets, Giovanni’s restaurant, Loeser’s deli, KBBQ restaurant, Little Caesars, the APEX, Performing Arts Center, President’s Office, Student Health Center, and the entire B&G Department.

VP Vincent Clark presented the Innovation Award to Merrily Cohen of Campus Planning and Facilities (right). This year’s big raffle winners included (below): Margaret Klinesmith (first-place $385 cash prize), James Parker (NY Yankees tickets), Andrew Scolarino (Mets tickets), Yolanda Torres (a KindleFire), and Joseph Parone, Brenda Perez, and Madeline Soto (one-year APEX memberships).

TALENTED ART STUDENT IN PURCHASING
College Assistant Yolanda Lyn has worked in Purchasing for the past four years as she completes her B.A. degree in Studio Arts at Lehman. Her duties include creating spreadsheets for data processing and analysis for Minolta copies and tax reimbursement. Yolanda credits Sunny Virk, director of the Department, for being supportive, flexible and encouraging of her academic and artistic pursuits.

One of Yolanda’s sculptures was part of the Lehman Art Students Exhibition last spring. It’s a gender-neutral, painted and decorated plaster bust that spins on a pedestal. Her career goal after she graduates is to teach art at the middle school or high school level.

“Yolanda’s spirit of cooperation and helpfulness is evident in everything she does. She lent her creativity to the decorating team for the 2012 Employees Barbecue and did a smashing job,” says event organizer Alice Jenkins.

Yolanda and her sculpture at the 2012 Employees Barbecue.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE CALENDAR (to December 2012)

Fiscal Overview Presentations, Oct. 18-19
Fiscal Workshops, Oct. 23, 25 and 26
Contact: lourdes.perez@lehman.cuny.edu

Met Life counseling

TIAA-CREF counseling
Thurs., Oct. 25; Tues., Nov. 20; Thurs., Dec. 6, 9 to 5, Shuster 018. Contact Maxine Jones (800) 842-2733, Ext. 232461.

Halliday Financial individual advisory
By appointment: Laura Abadsantos, VP (800) 786-1598, labadsantos@hallidayfinancial.com

Open enrollment for health insurance plan
Thurs., Nov. 1–Fri., Nov. 30

Open enrollment/flexible spending & buy-out waiver
Currently through Fri., Nov. 23

Faculty and staff holiday party
Fri., Dec. 21, 2:30–5 pm, Faculty Dining Room.
Contact: Alice Jenkins, Ext. 8539.