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# From the President's Desk



Stefan Krompier

I am proud to announce that once again we will partner with the NCCFT to raise funds to support “The N-E-S-T” via a comedy fundraiser at Governor’s Comedy Club in Levittown on April 21st. Tickets sell for \$20 each and 100 % of the monies collected will go to the N-E-S-T. The N-E-S-T (Nassau: Empowerment and Support for Tomorrow) is a free choice food pantry that is committed to fostering health and well-being by providing nourishment and other vital supports to all members of our campus community. Their goal is to alleviate the presence of

hunger and food insecurity in the lives of our students, employees, and their families. In their effort to fight against hunger, they gather and store basic necessities and distribute them with a compassionate hand. They respect the vulnerability and dignity of each person they serve.

Governor’s is both a comedy club and a restaurant. Food and drink\* are available before and during the show. Attendees must be 18 years old. Raffle baskets will be on display when doors open at 6:30PM. The show starts at 8PM. Attendees should arrive by 7:30PM. Tickets sell for \$20 each and 100 % of the monies collected will go to the N-E-S-T.

**To purchase tickets** (you/your guests who plan to attend) - email your Department Representative with the following information: Your Name, number of tickets you wish to purchase, and your email address.

**To make a donation** - email your Department Representative with the following information, your name, the amount of the donation, and your email address.

**\* There is a two-drink minimum per person (nonalcoholic for attendees between 18 and 21 years of age).**

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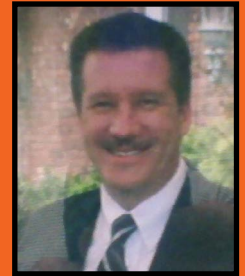
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# The Inside Scoop

March 11, 2022; the two-year anniversary of a day that left an indelible mark on most of us. For it was on that day, two years earlier, that the world would begin to retreat from a faceless enemy, COVID-19. Most of us have a vivid recollection of where we were on that day and the events and sequence of such that unfolded. I recall getting a text from my son who informed me that St. John's University contacted everyone on campus informing them that they needed to leave campus as quickly as possible. Shortly after that text, I received a text from NCC's president's office stating that I needed to immediately report to the 10th floor for an emergency meeting. I recall the text stating, that no matter what I was doing, I needed to report there immediately. Upon arriving there, I recall seeing administrators and elected faculty leaders seated around a very large conference table. We were there to strategize on how we, as an institution, would proceed. I recall there being a very nervous energy in the room. This nervous energy undoubtedly was borne from the realization we were facing something that none of us had ever faced before. The decision was that an announcement would follow shortly after the meeting that we would be closing the college for the day and for everyone to continue to check their email for updates. I returned to my department, the library, after the meeting and awaited the announcement to be delivered. March 11, 2020, was a Wednesday. I remember speaking to colleagues in my department and many of us were under the notion that we would be returning to the college on the following Monday. Little did anyone know that this would become a situation that has lasted for more than two years. To the credit of all college employees, we had to make major adjustments to continue to educate and provide support services to our students. Likewise, many other employees were called upon to remotely assist those who were directly serving our students. A complete transition to remote operations began with a couple of weeks.



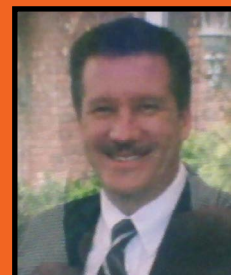
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Fast forward, to two years later, we have all heard about the long-haul effects of having

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## The Inside Scoop

**COVID-19.** These are the lingering physical effects that are associated with the disease long after one has recovered from it. However, there is another disturbing long-haul effect that is even more widespread... the philosophical effect. Unfortunately, this disease has divided us as a nation. Masks and vaccines have become a political football. It is my hope that we will return to the place we normally find ourselves as a nation when confronted with a crisis, a united nation. Let us all recall the days following 9/11; we stood united. We were Americans regardless of party, race, creed, ideology or nationality. We stood as one and drew comfort in knowing that we were all in it together. My hope is that we can somehow find our way back to the philosophy of unity and not of division.



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## Adjunct Spotlight

# Albert Grazia



By Ruth Silverman

In 2018, for the first time, Stefan Krompier brought to Nassau Community College the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching. In 2018-2019, there were eight awardees. In 2019-2020, there were six; and in 2020-2021, there were two. I have begun spotlighting the winners. In this issue, I bring you Albert Grazia, Ph.D. of the Allied Health and Services Department.

Dr. Grazia received his Ph.D. in Biomedical Health Sciences from Rutgers University. He has a Master of Science Degree in Clinical Nutrition from the University of Bridgeport. Dr. Grazia's passion for teaching began 20 years ago when he began teaching nutrition to nursing students, both undergraduate

and graduate, at New York College of Health Professions. After starting as an adjunct, he became a full-time professor and was later appointed the Dean of the School of Massage Therapy. Dr. Grazia has also taught adjunct courses at several area colleges and universities. He has taught nutrition and biology in the nursing programs at Adelphi University and Molloy College. After accepting a position to teach anatomy and physiology at Nassau Community College, he realized that this was the institution where he could especially make a difference and help students succeed. He plans to continue teaching evening classes at Nassau indefinitely.

Dr. Grazia is very student-oriented. He believes that understanding the material is preferable to memorization. He incorporates audio and video material into his courses including music with songs such as "Listen to Your Heart" and other song parodies related to anatomy to create a low-stress learning environment that is more conducive to learning. Teaching is all about the students and on the final day of the semester, students exit the classroom with the music of Journey's classic song "Don't Stop Believin" playing in the background. Nevertheless, his courses are not easy. He challenges his students and his exams have a high degree of difficulty. His students consistently receive high grades in his courses.

In addition to his teaching, Dr. Grazia was recruited by the Associate Provost at the University of Bridgeport to develop an online Doctor of Health Sciences Program at the University of Bridgeport.

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## Albert Grazia

He designed the entire program and got the program approved and licensed by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education. He is presently the Director of the Doctor of Health Sciences (DHSc) Program. Dr. Grazia's DHSc program provides the opportunity to earn a doctorate degree online and to also generate more professors with improved higher education pedagogy. There are three areas of concentration: Education, Clinician, and Nutrition. The program is now entering its sixth year and accepts students during the spring, summer, and fall terms. For further information about the DHSc. and to apply online, please visit the webpage:

<https://www.bridgeport.edu/academics/programs/health-sciences-dhsc/>

Dr. Grazia went into the sciences because he was interested in nutrition and natural healing. He practices natural healing, specializing in cancer and other serious illnesses. He has helped many people undergoing chemotherapy to minimize its effects with an integrative approach, through nutrition.

Each profile of a SUNY Chancellor's Award-ee for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching is a strong reminder of the high quality of the adjunct faculty here at Nassau and other institutions of higher education.

