



INAUGURAL PORT RICHMOND PARTNERSHIP Community Engagement Summit

Building Bridges, Breaking Barriers: Community Engagement in Staten Island

AGENDA

BREAKFAST & POSTER SESSION - 8:00-9:00AM

MANZULLI BOARD ROOM LOBBY - FOUNDATION BUILDING

Performance: Red Storm Drum and Dance Troupe

POSTERS

Presenter: *Flynn Ferguson*

Organization: *Staten Island Arts*

Title: *Staten Island Arts*

Focus: *Arts & Culture*

Presenter: *Juan Carlos Payero*

Organization: *New World Preparatory
Charter School*

Title: *New World Preparatory Charter School*

Focus: *Economic Development &
Sustainability / Education & College Readiness*

Presenter: *Ellen Navarro*

Organization: *Wagner College*

Title: *Fostering Global Citizenship and
Leadership Through the Wagner Plan for the
Practical Liberal Arts*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness*

Presenter: *Desiree Arazi*

Organization: *Project Hospitality*

Title: *Los Promotores Literacy Program*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness
/Immigration & Advocacy*

Presenter: *Crystal Vera-Montalvo*

Organization: *30,000 Degrees - SIEP*

Title: *30,000 Degrees - Increasing College
Access & Success in 3 Neighborhoods*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness*

Presenter: *Kelsey Hopland*

Organization: *Wagner College - Student*

Title: *Racial Preference and Self-Identification
in Latino Children in Port Richmond*

Focus: *Immigration & Advocacy*

Presenter: *Dulce Chuva*

Organization: *El Centro del Inmigrante -
EyeOpeners Youth Against Violence*

Title: *EyeOpeners: Advocating for
Immigration Reform*

Focus: *Immigration & Advocacy*

Presenters: *Dr. Ginny Mantello and Celina
Ramsey*

Organization: *Staten Island Performing
Provider System*

Title: *SI PPS Healthy Neighborhoods*

Focus: *Health & Wellness*

Presenter: *Eileen Cameron*

Organization: *Camelot Counseling*

Title: *Drug & Alcohol Abuse from a Health &
Sociological Perspective*

Focus: *Health & Wellness*

Presenter: *Dr. Nancy Cherovsky*

Organization: *Wagner College*

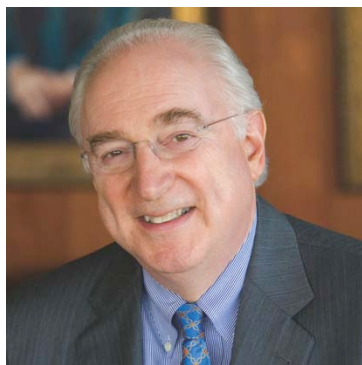
Title: *Eat Well, Be Well: Port Richmond High
School, growing a greener and healthier world
for adolescents*

Focus: *Health & Wellness*

OPENING PLENARY - 9:00-10:45 AM
MANZULLI BOARD ROOM

A panel discussion moderated by Wagner College's President, Dr. Richard Guarasci. Dr. Guarasci will ask questions on building collaborative partnerships and how they have positively impacted community work on Staten Island.

MODERATOR:



Dr. Richard Guarasci
President- Wagner College

Dr. Richard Guarasci is the 18th President of Wagner College, where he was previously the Provost and Senior Vice President, responsible for academic and student affairs, admissions and support service in addition to serving as the chief operating officer. He holds the rank of Professor of Political Science and he teaches in the areas of democracy, citizenship and American diversity. At Wagner, Dr. Guarasci founded the Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts, the four-year curriculum for all undergraduates that draws together a substantive liberal arts core into a series of learning communities and experiential learning tutorials. Dr. Guarasci was Dean of the College and Professor of Political Science at Hobart College from 1992 to 1997. Previously he served as Dean and founding Director of the First-Year Program at St. Lawrence University, a nationally celebrated model program of democratic living and learning required for all first-year students that joined first-year housing with a two-semester schedule. Dr. Guarasci is a co-author of "Democratic Education in the Age of Difference: Redefining Citizenship in Higher Education" (Jossey-Bass, 1997) and of numerous other publications, including three books, more than 20 articles and more than 50 conference presentations. He is now a national leader in higher education with many speaking engagements throughout the United States. He is an active educational consultant for more than 20 universities and colleges. Time Magazine selected him as a National Undergraduate Educator and he received awards from the Sears Foundation, the Glitz Family Prize and many other citations including a day of recognition by proclamation of the City Council in Geneva, New York. The Staten Island Civic Association cited him for public service on Staten Island. He is currently chairman of the board for Campus Compact and president of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities and a member of the board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. He is immediate past chairman of the New American Colleges & Universities and a former chairman of the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation. He is a Fellow of the Society for Values in Higher Education and a PEW Foundation Fellow with the Washington Center for Learning in building natural leadership in Learning Communities. He is a member of the faculty for the Asheville Institute and an Advising Board Member for the Models for Democracy Project of SVHE. Dr. Guarasci wrote "Developing the Democratic Arts" for About Campus (Feb. 2001) and "On Becoming the Good College: Lessons Learned" for Liberal Education (Aug. 2002). The Huffington Post published Dr. Guarasci's essay on "Civic Engagement: Matching Students' Wants With Communities' Needs" (May 19, 2015). Dr. Guarasci holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University. He earned his M.A. in Economics and his Ph.D. in Political Science from Indiana University.

PANELISTS:



Edward Burke
Deputy Borough President

Edward Burke is the Staten Island Deputy Borough President, appointed by Borough President (BP) James S. Oddo. Mr. Burke has served in government on Staten Island for 30 years. As Deputy Borough President, Mr. Burke works closely with BP Oddo and his staff on public policy, community issues and special projects for the office, including parks and recreation, cultural attractions, youth and quality of life issues. Mr. Burke also specializes in promoting Staten Island's special places, advancing the Island's motto as a "The Borough of Parks." He also coordinated BP Oddo's

recent Young Writers Roundtable, encouraging students to hone their writing skills. He has served on numerous boards including: United Activities Unlimited and the Staten Island Zoological Society. In 2009, Mr. Burke served on the New York City Board of Education as the Staten Island representative when the Board was briefly reconstituted. Mr. Burke has been Staten Island Deputy Borough President since November of 2006, appointed by then-BP James P. Molinaro. He has served on the staff in the Borough President's office since 1990, coming on board in the administration of BP Guy V. Molinari. Mr. Burke earned his undergraduate degree in English from Wagner College in 1980 and his Masters Degree in Public Administration from Baruch College in 1997.



Dr. Ginny Mantello
Director, Office of the Staten Island Borough President

Dr. Ginny Mantello is a Neuroradiologist who received her sub-specialty training at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine, where she continues to practice. In March 2014, Dr. Mantello was appointed by the Borough President to be the Director of Health and Wellness for Staten Island. In this position Dr. Ginny aspires to bring to the community all that she has been implementing at the hospitals with the hope of creating a borough wide culture of health. Through her office, she has promoted numerous initiatives for Islanders, including various

initiatives around childhood obesity and Behavioral Health. She is currently actively educating Colleges and High Schools on establishing Youth Based Wellness Committees and is also involved in various Island wide population health improvement projects. Dr. Mantello has received multiple awards for Community Service and Chairs multiple Health Committees. She sits on steering committees of multiple Coalitions including the Tackling Youth Substance Abuse Coalition formed to address the Opioid and Heroin epidemic on Staten Island.



Gonzalo Mercado,
Executive Director, Staten Island Community Job Center

Gonzalo Mercado is the Executive Director of the Staten Island Community Job Center and the New York Coordinator of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON) Gonzalo has over ten years of experience working with low wage immigrant workers through grassroots organizing and leadership development. He has been at the forefront of local, national and international initiatives aimed at improving the lives and working conditions of immigrant families. Gonzalo serves on the board of the New York Immigration Coalition, the North Star Fund, the

Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union and is a trustee of the Ghanaian Association of Staten Island. He earned a BS degree in Business Management from Touro College and is a graduate of Columbia University's Non-profit Management Institute, CORO NY Leadership Center and the Aspen Institute for Emerging Non Profit Leaders.



DB Lampman
Co-founder Staten Island MakerSpace

DB Lampman is the co-founder and Associate Director of Staten Island MakerSpace. She oversees all administrative and programming at the MakerSpace, including education programs for children and adults, STEAM programs for schools, libraries, and other CBOs, marketing, development and fundraising. In the two years since starting Staten Island MakerSpace, DB has developed and overseen over 600 education workshops and provided education programs to approximately 4,000 children. DB holds a BFA from Maryland Institute, College of Art and an

MFA from the School of Visual Arts. DB is a working artist who specializes in mixed media sculpture and performance art. Her work has been exhibited internationally at places such as the Brooklyn Museum and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Rome. Recent projects include “The Dance,” a large-scale public art sculpture exhibited at Tappen Park and Conference House Park in Staten Island as part of NYC Parks Department Art in the Parks program.



Dr. Rhoda Frumkin Ed. D.
Associate Professor, Department of Education - Wagner College

Dr Rhoda Frumkin received her Ed.D. from Rutgers University in New Jersey. She is an Associate Professor of Education at Wagner focusing on Literacy, Service Learning, and Teacher Training. Dr Frumkin's scholarly interests include cross-discipline literacy learning and the use of collaborative techniques and tools to facilitate interactive collegial dialogue about classroom practices, and the impact of community and family involvement on student learning in inclusive educational settings.



Dr. Katia Gonzalez, Ed. D.
Associate Professor, Department of Education - Wagner College

Dr Katia Gonzalez received her Ed. D. from Columbia University, Teachers College in New York. She is an Associate Professor of Education at Wagner College. Dr Gonzalez's expertise is in curriculum development and early childhood, intercultural communication, and culturally responsive practices. Her research interests include the role of discussion and group dynamics in teacher education and service learning, intercultural communication and culturally responsive practices, strategies and techniques to enhance and measure critical thinking, and the impact of community and family in inclusive education.

BREAK - 10:45-11:00 AM

90-MINUTE CONCURRENT SESSIONS - 11:00-12:30 PM

MANZULLI BOARDROOM

Presenter: *Crystal Vera-Montalvo*

Organization: *30,000 Degrees- Staten Island Educational Partnership*

Title: *30,000 Degrees: A Neighborhood Model for College Access & Success*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness*

Description: The three major universities in Staten Island -The College of Staten Island/CUNY, St. John's University, and Wagner College- created a pre-k through college initiative to raise the number of residents attaining a college degree from the borough. The Staten Island Educational Partnership (SIEP), also referred to as 30,000 Degrees: College Readiness for a Stronger Staten Island, was launched in 2015 to unify existing college-readiness and persistence programs in three neighborhoods toward a common goal: an additional 30,000 baccalaureate degree graduates or higher by 2025 in Staten Island, NY.

HORRMANN LIBRARY - LOWER LEVEL

Presenter: *Everett*

Organization: *Artist/Designer*

Title: *My Staten Island Quilt Project*

Focus: *Arts & Culture*

Description: Interactive workshop.

What place in Staten Island has a special meaning to you? You are invited to mark these special places by stitching simple representational symbols into fabric maps of Staten Island. The audience will be invited to work directly with the production of a "The My SI Quilt" An interactive conversation about an audience member and their relationship with a chosen area of Staten Island. The contributor will also be encouraged to share a story/write a comment about their Staten Island experience in a logbook.

UNION 201

Presenter: *Le'alani S. Boykin*

Organization: *Partnerships for Parks*

Title: *Gathering Community Input for Parks: Visioning Processes Made Easy*

Focus: *Environmental Sustainability*

Description: Throughout New York City, community-led visioning is becoming an increasingly effective parks advocacy approach. Using the People Make Parks strategy, local volunteers have raised more than \$315,000,000 since 2006 for their parks by learning key collaborative advocacy skills, working with NYC parks and utilizing dynamic visioning tools. Join us to learn where community-led park visioning is taking place in Staten Island and how you can lead these empowering processes for your neighborhood.

45-Minute Concurrent Sessions - 11:00 - 11:45 AM

HORRMANN LIBRARY - ROOM 1

Presenter: *Kathleen Bielsa and Joanna Crispe*

Organization: *Northfield Community LDC*

Title: *Economic Development in Port Richmond*

Focus: *Economic Development & Sustainability*

Description: Ms. Bielsa and Ms. Crispe will present on economic development studies for Port Richmond, such as the Port Richmond Avenue Market Study conducted by JGSC for Northfield Community LDC and unwritten by NYC Dept. of small business Services; as well as on the Brownfield Opportunity Area Study. Municipal Art Society will present on the Livable Neighborhoods and NY Main Street Programs.

HORRMANN LIBRARY - ROOM 2

Presenter: *Eileen Cameron*

Organization: *Camelot Counseling*

Title: *Drug & Alcohol Abuse from a Health & Sociological Perspective*

Focus: *Health & Wellness*

Description: Ms. Cameron will talk about her role as a vocational rehabilitation counselor within Camelot Counseling. On the background of Camelot Counseling and aim to encourage people to refer members of their communities as well as members of their families who struggle with addiction to our treatment facilities where they will receive both clinical services such as counseling for their addiction and addiction-related traumas.

UNION 203

Presenters: *Favio Ramirez, Santiago Torres, Hector Velez and Bryon Bautista*

Organization: *El Centro del Inmigrante*

Title: *Integrating Undocumented Immigrants Into the Workforce: The Role of Day Laborers and Job Center*

Focus: *Immigration / Economic Development*

Description: The workshop will chronicle the history of immigrants in the U.S. workforce, the historical place of day laborers and their contribution to the U.S. economy and industry. The role of day laborer centers as a vehicle to obtain employment economic integration, work skill building and education on worker rights and safety

45-Minute Concurrent Sessions - 11:45 - 12:30 PM

HORRMANN LIBRARY - ROOM 1

Presenter: *Stella Fiore*

Organization: *Stella Fiore Communications*

Title: *Telling Your Organization's Story: Obstacles and Opportunities*

Focus: *Economic Development & Sustainability*

Description: Learn communications strategies to catch and keep donors, volunteers, and supporters' attention from an expert in the non-profit sector. Stella Fiore will share concrete examples of how she earned placements in both English and Spanish media, identified and leveraged brand ambassadors, implemented messaging guidelines internally, and ultimately raised the profile of the organization.

45-Minute Concurrent Sessions - 11:45 - 12:30 PM

CACE CONFERENCE ROOM – UNION BUILDING

Presenter: *Nora Lowy*

Organization: *Wagner College*

Title: *The PA Program Civic Engagement Gallery*

Focus: *Health & Wellness*

Description: Take a tour through the PA Program's development of civic engagement projects. Civic engagement activities for PA students range from our neighboring community of Port Richmond to our Latin American neighbors in Belize and Guatemala. Walk through our gallery of nine (9) posters starting at our grass roots attempts at forming partnerships and building bridges to our published achievements in medical outreach and the breaking of barriers to social inequities. All of these projects ultimately served to raise our student's social awareness and foster alumni commitment to civic engagement.

UNION 203

Presenter: *Kevin Farrell*

Organization: *Wagner College*

Title: *Bonner Leaders Program at Wagner College*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness*

Location: *Union 203*

Description: This workshop seeks to engage community partners in a conversation about how to best utilize interns within a non-profit setting. This workshop is being led by the Center for Leadership and Community Engagement's Junior Bonner Cohort, all of whom have spent a cumulative of 11,000 hours in non-profit our community based settings. As a result, community partners should have a comprehensive understanding of what students are seeking to obtain from their placements, and how they can best integrate their work to match student interests.

LUNCH - 12:30-1:45PM

Performance by guitarist Sergio Napoletano

FACULTY DINING ROOM – UNION BUILDING

60-MINUTE CONCURRENT SESSIONS - 1:45-2:45PM

HORMANN LIBRARY - ROOM 1

Presenter: *Lily McNair and Patricia Tooker*

Organization: *Wagner College*

Title: *The Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts: Civic Engagement at its Best*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness*

Description: This workshop will focus on the Wagner Plan for the Practical Liberal Arts, the signature curriculum at Wagner College. Within the Wagner Plan, students complete a set of general education requirements and an in-depth major of their choosing. In all phases of this Plan, students are exposed to integrative and experiential learning. Discussion will focus on the ways in which the Wagner Plan supports students' civic engagement, especially within the Port Richmond Partnership. In addition, attention will be focused on the recently approved General Education model, The Wagner Plan for 21st Century Learning, which incorporates key features of the Wagner Plan with knowledge areas and skills that are necessary for academic and career success. A key theme of the presentation and workshop discussion will be the important role of civic engagement in advancing student learning, student leadership, and student success.

60-MINUTE CONCURRENT SESSIONS - 1:45-2:45PM

HORRMANN LIBRARY - ROOM 2

Presenter: *Melissa Garcia*

Organization: *City Parks Foundation*

Title: *Building a Park Community for Faber Park*

Focus: *Environmental Sustainability/ Economic Development*

Description: Fostering a culture for local park stewardship in under-resourced communities is no easy task when the identified neighborhoods are plagued by a lack of resources and a history of disinvestment. Hope, access, and opportunity are often the major hurdles to be overcome in the first years of the program. We hope to share our successes, identify new opportunities, and continue our efforts to build more partnerships and efforts, which will root in the community and build a Faber Park community of volunteers and park leaders.

UNION 203

Presenter: *Brandon Hart*

Organization: *Staten Island Partnership*

Title: *30,000 Degrees*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness*

Description: 30,000 Degrees has been working with Port Richmond K-12 schools to form camaraderie between institutions. 30,000 Degrees has been conducting learning walks at each of the institutions in the Wagner College pipeline. Learning walks allows 30,000 Degrees to identify assets and challenges towards college readiness within our respective institutions. We will talk in depth about what each school would like to see from the schools involved in the pipeline.

UNION 205

Presenter: *Margarita Sanchez and Gonzalo Mercado*

Organization: *Wagner College / Staten Island Community Job Center*

Title: *Thinking Translocal*

Focus: *Immigration*

Description: An overview of all programs offered by Staten Island Community Job Center, including the workers center, DACA/DAPA, with a special emphasis on the Translocal Program Port Richmond-San Jerónimo Xayacatlán and how these programs are more successful through partnerships and collaborations.

BREAK - 2:45-3:00PM

60-MINUTE CONCURRENT SESSIONS - 3:00 - 4:00PM

HORRMANN LIBRARY - ROOM 1

Presenter: *Nancy Cherofsky*

Organization: *Wagner College*

Title: *Collaborating with Partners in Need: An innovative approach to health and wellness*

Focus: *Health & Wellness*

Description: The workshop will teach other professionals how to begin to help communities when called upon to help. Researching the community, getting to know, the community to understand their needs and the key stakeholders, and communicating each other's needs are important factors for success.

HORRMANN LIBRARY - ROOM 2

Presenter: *Leo Schuchert*

Organization: *Wagner College / Port Richmond High School Community School*

Title: *The Port Richmond Partnership Leadership Academy*

Focus: *Education & College Readiness*

Description: Academy staff members and students will present about the Leadership Academy, with a specific focus on student summer internship work. Students will share the ways in which their internship work gave them the experience to effectively build bridges and break barriers within the community; followed by a short activity, where attendees can get involved and share their personal community building experiences. Attendees will gain an understanding of the Academy's fundamental structure, the students' work, and a deeper insight on how partnerships are key components of the program.

HORRMANN LIBRARY - LOWER LEVEL

Presenter: *David Nudelman*

Organization: *Stereotype Co.*

Title: *Using people (In A Good Way)*

Focus: *Arts & Culture/Education*

Description: A discuss on the importance of seeing the talents in others and finding opportunities for them to showcase their passion. The workshop focused on teamwork making the dream work, utilizing the talents of others to accomplish projects, communicating properly and getting a lot done for a little money.

UNION 201

Presenter: *Keith Jacobson*

Organization: *Wellful Environment*

Title: *W.E.A.L.P - Wellful Environment All Local Planters*

Focus: *Environmental Sustainability*

Description: WEAIIP is a project that is aiming to teach people from all faces of the Earth how to come together locally on the Island and make it a better place, environmentally. It will build unity by its use of growing plants together and understanding the nature of how we all live and must interact as one.

60-MINUTE CONCURRENT SESSIONS - 3:00 - 4:00PM

UNION 203

Presenter: *Lori Weintrob*

Organization: *Wagner College*

Title: *Whose Dreams? Advancing the Immigration Debate through Autobiography and Civic Engagement*

Focus: *Immigration & Advocacy/ Education & College Readiness*

Description: The workshop will examine different ways to teach about immigration to NYC and Staten Island, using local resources such as visits to mosques and other cultural sites, autobiography, film, interactive performances, advocacy campaigns and readings across the political spectrum. We will look at the impact of these techniques on students and how it empowers them to challenge

UNION 205

Presenter: *Erica Santiago*

Organization: *Person Centered Care Services (PCCS)*

Title: *Disabilities Cultural Competency*

Focus: *Health & Wellness*

Description: Person Centered Care Services of Staten Island is striving to develop relationships with agencies, businesses, hospitals, and all community members to provide training/education of disabilities culture, communication tips, and general etiquette better relationships are possible. Discussions on diversity should always include the perspective of people with disabilities and how they should be included and sought after to a part of community building.

CLOSING REMARKS - 4:00 - 4:15 PM

MANZULLI BOARD ROOM - FOUNDATION BUILDING

WINE & CHEESE NETWORKING SESSION - 4:30 - 6:30PM

Performance by Vocal Synergy

MANZULLI BOARD ROOM LOBBY - FOUNDATION BUILDING

This summit is hosted by the Wagner College Center for Leadership and Community Engagement, in collaboration with the community organizations of the Port Richmond Partnership.

ANCHOR PARTNERS

El Centro del Inmigrante - Faber Park – NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

Make The Road New York - New World Preparatory Charter School

Northfield Local Community Development Corporation

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Port Richmond High School Community School– NYC Dept. of Education - Project Hospitality -

Staten Island Arts - Staten Island Partnership for Community Wellness

Thank you!