

Alumni weekend at Wagner College

Event is launched by 12th annual Joe Jilts Classic on Thursday at Silver Lake Golf Course

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Wagner College is playing host to its alumni during Reunion Weekend, which kicks off Thursday at noon with the 12th Annual Joe Jilts Golf Classic at Silver Lake Golf Course. The Wagner College football program will act as hosts.

Friday's schedule includes a range of activities, beginning with the Heritage Society Luncheon at noon and concluding with an outing at 6 p.m. to the Broadway hit "Nice Work If You Can Get It," playing at the Imperial Theatre in Manhattan, as well as an Alumni Jazz Night featuring John Trentacosta and friends at 8 o'clock.

The Alumni Awards Association Achievement and Service Awards ceremony will take place at noon Saturday in the Spiro Sports Center in honor of the 2013 Alumni Association award winners, who include Staten Islanders John Iasparro, Henry (Hank) Murphy, Mary Caracappa and Anthony Hurtado.

Also being recognized are Fred Lange, Harold Archinal, Keith Giglio, Lisa Krawciw and Ruth Qualben.

Iasparro is one of two winners of the Kevin Sheehy Alumni Leadership Medal, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated leadership and service to the Alumni Association. Iasparro is a veteran teacher — 24 of his 31 years teaching have been at Dreyfus Intermediate School in Stapleton.

He has been very active in the Wagner community as well, having helped create the Wagner Athletics Hardwood Club and having fundraised for several initiatives



John Trentacosta and Friends will perform at Alumni Jazz Night on Saturday.

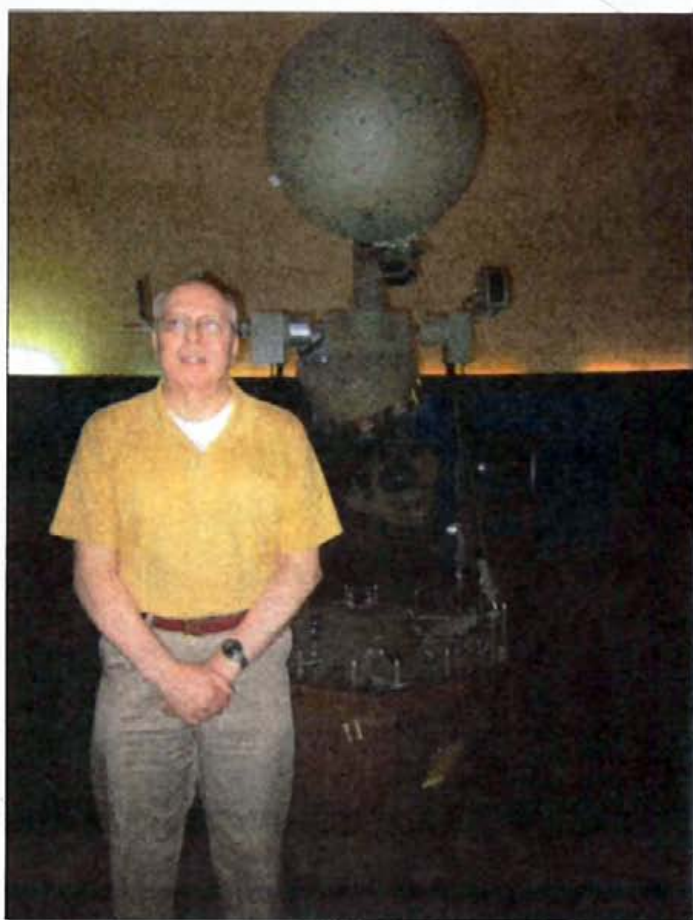
at Wagner College, including the endowed scholarships, the Wagner Hall of Fame and the Wagner War Memorial. He is also a recipient of the Thomas O'Connor Memorial Award for service to the Staten Island community.

LEADERSHIP MEDAL

Murphy is receiving the Kevin Sheehy Alumni Leadership Medal as well. Murphy is an active member of the New Educators of Wagner Advisory Board, a post-graduate teacher-development program. He served as principal of PS 11 in Dongal Hills for 15 years. The Hank Murphy Award is named in his honor and annually recognizes outstanding educators in the community. In addition, Murphy has donated an extensive sports art and memorabilia collection to the college.

Mary Caracappa and Anthony Hurtado, wife and husband, will receive the 2013 Certificate of Appreciation for their commitment to the Wagner College community.

Ms. Caracappa is managing director in Morgan Stanley's Firm Strategy and Execution division and has held positions as controller at General Occidental Holdings Management Company and auditor at Pricewaterhouse-



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On Friday afternoon, Dennis Anderson, Wagner's planetarium director, will treat alumni to an overview of the new SciDome-HD projection system. There will be a full planetarium show on Saturday afternoon.

Coopers. She has served on a panel for Women in Leadership for Wagner College students as well.

Hurtado was a microbiologist at Beth Israel Medical Center and Lincoln Medical Center before going on to found his own healthcare IT company. Wagner College President Richard Guarasci and Alumni Association President Charles (Tad) Bender will present the awards.

Following the ceremony will be a number of afternoon and evening activities including a 3:30 p.m. tour of the Spiro Hall Planetarium and 6:30 p.m. cocktail party with dinner and dance featuring live entertainment as well as an afterparty at 11 p.m. at Black Dog Grill in

West Brighton.

FAREWELL BREAKFAST

A farewell breakfast is planned for Sunday at 8:30 a.m. followed by an 11:30 a.m. brunch for those in the Bregenz program. A 100th-anniversary tour of Grand Central Terminal is also planned for 8:30 a.m. The tour is limited to 25 guests.

Registration as well as the complete schedule for Reunion Weekend is available at wagner.edu/alumni/reunion and includes all aforementioned events.

Tickets to attend the Alumni Awards Association Achievement and Service ceremony separately may be purchased at \$40 per person by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 718-390-3224.