

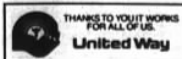
Empire Sets Info Sessions

Empire State College will hold public information sessions throughout June at the college's Niagara Frontier Center, 564 Franklin St., Buffalo. College representatives will be on hand to answer questions about Empire State's unique individualized study programs for adults which can lead to the associate or baccalaureate degree.

Undergraduate information sessions, open to the public without charge, will be held Saturday, June 6 at 10 a.m.; Monday, June 10 at 7 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 24 at 5:30 p.m.; and

Tuesday, June 30 at 5:30 p.m. Interested persons are asked to call 716-896-8020 to make an appointment. In addition, working adults interested in a master's degree, but unable to attend weekly classes, can obtain information on the policy studies master's programs in business, culture, and labor by calling 1-800-468-6372.

Empire State College is an arts and science college of the State University of New York and a national leader in adult higher education. Through a combination of individualized study, flexible programming and credit for prior college-level learning, it serves the educational needs of working and busy adult students with more than 40 locations across New York State.



St. Francis High School Presents Art Awards

The Department of Fine Arts at Saint Francis High School recently hosted its 20th annual Art Awards Banquet. David G. Nease, department chair, welcomed the students and their guests for the evening.

Rev. Mark David Skura, director of drama on the Athol Springs campus, was master of ceremonies for the awards ceremony during which major and minor letters as well as various plaques and medals were presented to students who have participated in artistic activities at the school.

Twenty-three students were inducted into the school's chapter of the Performing and Visual Arts Society, PAVAS, a national organization which

recognizes creativity among high school juniors and seniors. Honorary membership in PAVAS was conferred on Mona Arida and Jeffrey P. Porter for their contribution to the St. Francis arts program.

A portion of the evening paid tribute to Mark Masur who is leaving the school's instrumental program after 11 years as conductor of the St. Francis orchestra. Rev. Gregory Hartmayer, principal, made closing remarks.

Inductees into the Performing and Visual Arts Society were Theresa Barrett, Michael DeLalla, Christopher Duggan, Andrew Germono, Brandon Halper, Matthew Juda, Scott Klumartin, Norbert Kupinski, James

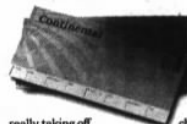
Latona, Michael Maciejewski, Peter Merrick, Shannon Muldowney, Sarah Panchot, Brian Pollan, Alina Prybylowska, John Roman, Sarah Rudnicki, Thomas Stadler, Sara Wagner, Jesse Wachter and Andrew Zabinski.

Senior Service Awards were presented to Timothy Aldasins, James Auricchio, Danielle Casella, Gregory Claus, Sarah Gannon, Michael Herman, Eric Kirker, Craig Kowalski, Michael Morcelle, Christopher Schreiner and Gregory Wagner.

The annual banquet honors those students who have been active in music activities, drama, journalism and technical staff.

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