



Administrative Report

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Foundation Board Names Three New Members

The Kean University Foundation Board of Directors recently elected three new members: William J. Cariste, Steve Fastook H'06 and Anthony Giordano '87. Together, they will bring a combined 70 years of professional experience to the Foundation.

As a principal of Newmark Knight Frank in Woodbridge, N.J., one of the largest independent real estate firms in the world, Cariste serves as team leader in many of the firm's largest transactions. Some of his most significant corporate representations include Cablevision, Chevron, Amerada Hess, Polo Ralph Lauren and Deloitte & Touche.

The Westfield, N.J., resident and graduate of Rutgers University currently serves as president of the Realty Services Industry Group, the legislative action representative for New Jersey's commercial real estate industry in Trenton, and has also been president of the International Commercial Realty Services, a 1,200-member worldwide affiliation of realty service firms. As a real estate expert, Cariste



William J. Cariste



Steve Fastook H'06



Anthony Giordano '87

knows that growth expansion and leadership are essential keys for success for any corporation or organization, and Kean is no exception in these areas. "I am thrilled with my appointment, mostly because I continue to be impressed by the management team and the growth that has been spearheaded by Dr. Farahi," Cariste said. "The rising level of

energy that is evident in this institution is very impressive."

Fastook is vice president for Technical and Commercial Operations for CNBC in Englewood Cliffs, N.J. He learned the essentials of television engineering and production as a student at Kean in the early 1980s, where he helped implement the University's

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Kean Names Garrett Head Football Coach



Dan Garrett

Widely acknowledged as one of the top young defensive minds in Division III football, Dan Garrett was named head coach of the Kean University football program following three years as the Cougars' defensive coordinator, including last season when he was elevated to associate head coach. A veteran of nine seasons on the sidelines in the rigorous New Jersey Athletic Conference, Garrett assumes the top spot at Kean after being named the 2005 American Football Coaches Association Division III Assistant Coach of the Year. He is the 12th head football coach at Kean since the program's inception in 1970.

"I'm excited and honored to hold this position," said Garrett. "We have a solid foundation for this program, and we won't miss a beat in our progress; we're ready to go. The student-athletes respect me, and they know I respect them and that I'll do whatever I can to give them the best chance to win on Saturday afternoons."

Garrett took the defensive coordinator's position at Kean prior to the 2003 season, a move that paid immediate dividends for the Cougar program. Since his arrival, Kean's defensive units have been ranked among the NJAC and national leaders. In Garrett's first season, the Cougars ranked first in the NJAC in pass defense and were second in the conference and 21st in the nation in total defense. In 2005, Kean ranked 33rd in the country in rushing defense, while also finishing second in the conference in turnover margin.

Director of Athletics Glenn Hedden is looking forward to Garrett's first season at the helm. "Dan has proven to be a vital asset to Kean football, and we are confident that the program

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Kean Promotes Early College Awareness

As summer-session classes got under way this summer, the sight of students strolling through campus is a familiar scene. But, this year, mingled among the young adults were learners of a different kind – a group of nearly 100 third-graders from Harrison Elementary School who were visiting the University for the first time. In conjunction with the Foundation for Excellent Schools (FES) initiative, Kean and the Roselle, N.J., school partnered for The Century Program (TCP), a nationwide project linking schools in low-income communities with local colleges to improve academic performance and attendance, develop personal and academic goals, and increase high-school graduation and college-going rates for targeted students. While at the University, the children attended fun and educational workshops and information sessions on topics such as astronomy, biology, dorm life, finance, the library, marketing, math, music, radio, television and athletics.

The daylong Early College Awareness Day held at Kean signified the culmination of a yearlong program promoting mentorship, goal setting, early college awareness and community service. For the academic year leading up to Early College Awareness Day, teachers at Harrison, with the support of FES and professional development school interns from Kean, identified, initiated and sustained practices that enable young scholars to achieve stronger performance. The undertaking included the implementation of college-related vocabulary, team-building and goal-setting activities which have served as a foundation for the students' trip to campus.

Supported by a grant from FES, TCP



Dr. Scott McHugh, professor in the Department of Media & Film (back left), and Harrison Elementary School chaperone Margarett Philippeaux, assembled third grade students from Harrison Elementary School in Roselle, N.J., for an information session about radio and television during the class' first visit to Kean University on Early College Awareness Day.

was made possible by the FES-TCP team, comprised of its regional director, Ken Hood; Harrison Elementary School's Barbara Tedesco, principal; Carolyn Curti, third-grade teacher; and Tiffany Sofranko, second-grade teacher; and Kean's Carolee Stewart, assistant professor in the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science and coordinator of Early College Awareness Day; and Dr. Scott McHugh, professor in the Department of Media & Film, who organized the radio and television sessions. In addition, more than 15 faculty and 30 students from Kean volunteered their time and efforts to make the program an enriching experience for the young learners. "This project is an exciting opportunity for the third-graders from Harrison Elementary to learn about college life in a fun,

yet educational, environment," said McHugh. "It also provides Kean students with the chance to teach their major interests to kids as they begin to explore their long-term career choices."

FES, like Kean, encourages increased aspirations and achievement and works with partnering schools to create opportunities for students to take "one more step" in his or her educational journey. According to its Web site, FES, since its inception in 1991, has helped more than 140,000 students in 270 schools throughout 25 states earn better grades, score higher on standardized tests, graduate high school, pursue post-secondary opportunities and make meaningful contributions to their schools and communities.

Dr. Walsh Participates in ETS Mathematics Benchmark Workshop



Pictured (l-r) are National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) Director of Special Projects Emerson Elliott; Kean assistant professor Dr. Thomas P. Walsh; and the Secondary Mathematics Panel Leader for Educational Testing Service (ETS) Barton Perlman. Walsh was invited by ETS, the originator of the Praxis series tests, to help establish a national benchmark for the exam at its National Benchmark Workshop in June. Walsh, along with other mathematics educators from around the country, considered several factors in their deliberations on the benchmark for the Praxis II mathematics exam, which is used to determine secondary mathematics teachers' content knowledge. The workshop is one of many that are being held to establish this most critical standard. NCATE was also involved as a consultant to the process.



Kean Sponsors ASTA's Second Annual Chamber Music Institute

Kean University is sponsoring the New Jersey Chapter of the American String Teachers Association's (ASTA/NJ) second annual Chamber Music Institute (CMI), which will be held starting on July 30. Directed by Kean University's concert artist in guitar and ASTA/NJ member Christopher Kenniff, CMI will include two consecutive, residential, one-week classical music camps focusing on chamber music performance for young people, as well as several enriching musical concerts.

Students in the camp are assigned to work with a trio, quartet or quintet, and each group meets twice daily for coaching sessions with CMI artist faculty, many of whom are Kean faculty members. The camp sessions culminate in a public concert featuring student ensembles. In addition, internationally renowned visiting artists, the Daedalus String Quartet and The Borromeo String Quartet, will present master classes and question-and-answer sessions for students as well as concerts for the general public. Concerts given by Kean University faculty, special presentations and recitals by visiting artists and a variety of fun activities will round out the CMI events.

All of the CMI concerts are open to the public. To order tickets to the Daedalus Quartet and The Borromeo String Quartet concerts, please contact the Wilkins Theatre Box Office at 908-737-SHOW (7469). For more information about ASTANJ or CMI, please visit www.astanj.com.

Daedalus String Quartet

Thursday, August 3

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Master Class, University Center Little Theatre: \$5 for auditors; free for ASTA/NJ members and Kean University faculty, students and staff

7:30 p.m. – Concert, Wilkins Theatre: \$15 for the general public; \$10 for ASTA/NJ members and Kean University faculty, students and staff

The Borromeo String Quartet

Thursday, August 10

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – Master Class, University Center Little Theatre: \$5 fee for auditors; free for ASTA/NJ members and Kean faculty, students and staff

7:30 p.m. – Concert, Wilkins Theatre: \$15 for the general public; \$10 for ASTA/NJ members and Kean faculty, students and staff

Kean University Concert Artist Concerts

Sunday, July 30 and August 6, 7 p.m.

Kean Hall Conference Center

Admission is free

Student Concerts

Saturdays, August 5 and 12, 11:30 a.m.

Kean Hall Conference Center

Admission is free

Dark Part of the Forest

Remaining Showtimes:

Wednesday, July 26, at 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 27, at 8 p.m.

Friday, July 28, at 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 29, at 8 p.m.

Sunday, July 30, at 2 p.m.

Special Two-for-One Pricing

Kean University faculty, staff and students may purchase two tickets for the price of one \$15 ticket for the Premiere Stages' world premiere of *Dark Part of the Forest*. To receive the special two-for-one offer, Kean University employees and students must purchase tickets in person and show a valid Kean University ID. Please call the Wilkins Theatre Box Office for further information at 908-737-SHOW (7469).

Board of Trustees Meeting

The Kean University Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting in person and via conference call on Wednesday, July 26, at 10 a.m. in the Estabrook Conference Room, Kean Hall. The tentative agenda will include consideration of a resolution related to the award of a contract for construction services at East Campus. No other items will be presented or discussed.

Anyone wishing to speak at the public forum should register with the Board of Trustees Office by 5 p.m. Monday, July 24, via e-mail at btooffice@kean.edu or by calling the Board Office at 7-7002. Speakers are encouraged to provide their comments in writing.

A copy of the tentative meeting agenda will be available online at www.kean.edu at the Board of Trustees page by Friday, July 21.

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first television studio. His 20-year career with NBC began in 1986 as a design engineer and includes manager of news and technical operations at WNBC, director of NBC Entertainment's Brooklyn studios, vice president for NBC's Entertainment and News studios and vice president for advanced technology, in which he led the design and construction of CNBC's global headquarters.

A nine-time Emmy Award winner, Fastook is a member of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and a member of the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers. His latest achievement occurred during the 2006 Kean University Undergraduate Commencement ceremony, when he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. "It is important to remember your roots, and I am pleased and excited to come home to Kean," Fastook said. "The University has grown so much, yet, it still has the warm and inclusive feeling I experienced as a student. Kean gave me a start to which I attribute much of my success."

Giordano earned his bachelor's degree in management science with a concentration in finance from Kean in 1987 and his M.B.A. from Monmouth University in 1992. He is currently executive vice president and chief financial officer of Central Jersey Bank, N.A., which is headquartered in Long Branch, N.J., with branches throughout Monmouth and Ocean counties.

A resident of Long Branch and an avid community activist, Giordano has been a member of the Long Branch City Council since 1994 and also serves as the city's Republican Municipal chairman. A past president of the Long Branch Rotary Club, he was listed by *NJBIZ* magazine as one of the state's top 40 business professionals under age 40 in 2004. Giordano was also presented with the 2003 Community Service Award by the Monmouth-Ocean Development Council. His election to the Board brings his Kean experience full circle. "It's an honor and a privilege to be a member of the Foundation Board of Directors for my *alma mater*," Giordano said. "I owe a great deal of my personal and professional success to my years spent at Kean, and serving in this capacity is an excellent way to give something back, especially during this exciting period of growth and development."

Garrett to Lead Football Program

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will continue to grow," said Hedden, who led the Cougars to their first NJAC title in 1987. "He has an outstanding background in football, both as a player and as an assistant coach, and has the requisite foundation to be an excellent head football coach."

Immediately following a standout playing career at Montclair State University, during which he was a First Team All-NJAC selection at linebacker and defensive end in 1995 and 1996, Garrett was invited to join the staff of longtime MSU head coach Rick Giancola. In both of his first two seasons on the staff, the Red Hawks added two victories to their previous total, winning eight games and winning the Southeast championship of the ECAC playoffs in 1998.

The following year, Garrett received an even greater opportunity when Giancola offered Garrett the chance to assume control of the defensive unit, an almost unheard-of responsibility for someone of his age and relative experience. He eagerly accepted and became the youngest defensive coordinator in the NJAC at the age of 25.

Opposing offenses were quickly overwhelmed by the ferocity of his defense, which finished in the top five nationally in yards allowed in Garrett's first year and helped the Red Hawks to their first NJAC title in a decade, followed by an encore in 2000. In his first four years on the job, Garrett's unit finished the season ranked No. 1 in the NJAC in total defense. During his nine-year coaching career, Garrett has mentored three NJAC Defensive Players of the Year, including Kean linebacker and 2004 honoree Steve Skakum.