Hunter alumnus Joel Katz (BA ’66) — one of the most successful attorneys in the country today — has really had an entertaining career.

Katz’s roster of superstar celebrity clients includes Willie Nelson, Sheryl Crow, George Strait, B.B. King, Alan Jackson, Sammy Hagar, Brooks & Dunn, Kenny Chesney and Jimmy Buffett.

He also has represented the Grammys, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the Country Music Awards — as well as such giant corporations as Coca-Cola, MTV, Microsoft, and Nokia.

And Katz’s first famous client was none other than the Godfather of Soul himself, James Brown.

Katz, who now runs the world’s largest entertainment law practice for the firm of Greenberg Traurig in Atlanta, recently gave a generous gift back to his alma mater by funding a Hunter scholarship aimed at students who are unable to achieve their full academic potential because of financial pressures.
Three Hunter College alumni — actress Ruby Dee (left); Coach CEO Lew Frankfort; and Evelyn Lauder, senior corporate vice president and director of Estée Lauder — hosted a reception at Frankfort’s Sagaponack, L.I., home to celebrate President Jennifer J. Raab’s five years at Hunter.

Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times columnist Nicholas Kristof and student journalist Casey Parks (right) discuss their recent journey through central Africa as part of the “Times Talks” series. Parks, a graduate student in journalism at the University of Missouri, won an essay contest to work with Kristof. Carla Anne Robbins of the Times Editorial Board moderated the discussion.

Hunter College High School alumna Cynthia Nixon — starring in an off-Broadway production of The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie — is shown at the theater with Larry Leeds, a Hunter College Elementary School alumnus. A group of Hunter Campus Schools alumni attended a performance of the play.

Isabella Rossellini came to the Chanin Language Center in November to present The Flowers of St. Francis — a 1956 film directed by her late father, Roberto Rossellini. She talks here with Cecile Insdorf, a longtime Hunter professor in the Romance Languages Department and supporter of the Foreign Language Film Festival, who introduced the celebrated actress, model and writer to the audience.

The Hunter Hawks celebrate after going 19-0 and winning their seventh straight CUNYAC Women’s Tennis Championship this fall — the first undefeated season in the program’s history. To read more about one of the tennis team’s young stars, turn to page 6.
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Two Top Educators Named as Deans

Hunter has recruited two nationally recognized scholar-administrators to serve as deans of the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Social Work.

Dr. Shirley Clay Scott, the new dean of Arts and Sciences, was most recently dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Before that she was dean of the Graduate School at Western Michigan University.

Dr. Jacqueline B. Mondros, the new dean of the School of Social Work, comes from the University of Southern California, where she served for four years as professor and vice dean of USC’s School of Social Work.

Dr. Scott is a newcomer to the city, while this is actually a return to New York for Dr. Mondros (she was on the faculty of Columbia University for more than a decade).

But both new deans say they are looking forward eagerly to the challenges and opportunities of working at such an acclaimed urban college.

“This is a wonderful place to get an education just by walking down the street,” Scott said. “Hunter is a school founded to give an elite education to a non-elite population. That’s a great aim. The success rate of some of our students in many programs is astonishing.”

“I’m so excited to come to Hunter because it has such a legacy in the city of New York and also in social work education,” Mondros said. “It’s a school that has produced many people for the public services here in New York. Practically every social services commissioner of any city department at some point has been a Hunter grad. I want to build on that legacy.”

Scott, who describes herself as “addicted” to art, brought several of her favorite pieces to Hunter. Her office is decorated with metal sculptures - a table and two chairs that came from Southern Illinois - as well as a painting that she’s had since the 1970s.

“I think there is a really distinguished tradition of scholarship and artistic work here,” Scott said. “I want to further that. The students here present some special challenges because of their financial situations. There may be more we can do for them… more scholarships, more opportunities.”

She talked about the tremendous amount of support she gets from her large family - which includes eight children and 10 grandchildren. “My family is my center,” she said.

For Mondros - who spent 11 years on the faculty of the Columbia School of Social Work, five of them as assistant dean - the move back to New York was like coming home again. “There’s no city in the world so rich in intellectual life, in cultural life, and in community life,” she said.

And she’s excited about what she hopes to accomplish in her new post as head of the School of Social Work. “New York has some of the most pressing social problems. I hope that the school will develop innovative strategies to solve some of these major problems and graduate a new generation of resourceful people who can change the future.”

Mondros is widely known for her research work and activism with community groups and religious organizations. Her co-authored text, Organizing for Power and Empowerment, is used in many schools of social work.

Mondros says: “I need them around me,” she laughs. One of her goals at Hunter is to make it easier for students in the Arts and Sciences School to focus on their studies.

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Her arrival at Hunter is still more exciting for Mondros because her 22-year-old son, Jake, is here too. He started this past semester as a graduate student in the School of Education.

Scott, in addition to her many years as an administrator, is also an award-winning teacher and has written extensively on an impressive list of topics. She is currently preparing a collection of essays, Philosophy in the Academic Workplace: Essays of an Educator. She received her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from Kent State University.

At Hunter alumnus Erich Jarvis (’89) was named by Popular Science magazine recently as one of its “Brilliant 10” — a list of the brightest young minds in science. Jarvis, now an associate professor of neurobiology at Duke University, is just one of many Hunter science graduates who have gone on to receive prestigious honors and recognition. Hunter College has long been a haven for talented science students, particularly women and minorities. For example, two of the four American-born women Nobel laureates in medicine are graduates of Hunter. Hunter is also the only U.S. institution to send two minority women students to MIT for graduate work in physics. But — despite this remarkable record of achievement — our current science faculty, the oldest in the CUNY system, hinders our ability to remain competitive in the 21st century. That’s why I am so excited to share with you in this issue of At Hunter the details of an exciting proposal to build a brand-new, state-of-the-art science and health professions center adjacent to the East 68th Street campus. With this modern facility, we can give Hunter science, health, and nursing students the lab and classroom facilities they desperately need. Hopefully, one day soon these facilities will be helping Hunter turn out more great scientific minds like Erich Jarvis.

Jennifer J. Lead}
HERE'S HOW I SPENT

VERSELY ROSALES, a junior majoring in political science, was picked for the prestigious Estée Lauder Summer Intern Program.

Working for the company’s International Global Communication Team in New York, Rosales helped plan a series of major public relations meetings involving top Lauder executive team members in faraway locations like Hong Kong and Portugal.

“I assisted in everything from scheduling flights to arranging for hotel rooms and researching hotels and restaurants appropriate to each meeting,” Rosales recalls. “I also was asked—and offered—my input on various other aspects of strategic planning and presentations of the company. I have learned a great deal about public relations and business in general at Estée Lauder.”

Playing a key role in encouraging talented young people through the company’s summer intern program is Evelyn Lauder, a 1958 Hunter College graduate and benefactor of her alma mater. Lauder is senior corporate vice president and director of Estée Lauder, Inc.

Rosales says she and 30 other interns — from places like Harvard and the Wharton Business School — got invaluable career guidance on everything from successful business strategies to interviewing for jobs to learning how to behave professionally in a non-businesslike environment such as a cocktail party.

One memorable event was the time that Chairman of the Board Leonard Lauder, Evelyn’s husband, talked with the interns.

“He told us that everything was relevant to business,” Rosales recalls. “He even applied physics to business. He demonstrated how everything that we feel has nothing to do with business in fact has everything to do with business. It was very exciting… as if he was our professor and it was a class.”

Rosales, who plans to go to law school after graduation, said it was also important that she had the opportunity to establish a rapport with people in a major international company like Estée Lauder.

“I had a great experience and this was one of the most valuable summers I ever had,” she says.
David Lovercheck

Hunter soccer star David Lovercheck represented the College this past summer as a member of the CUNY Athletic Conference’s Goodwill Trip team that toured South Africa.

The squad competed against local South African teams, toured the country, and taught soccer to local children during what Lovercheck — a senior defender on the Hunter team — called an “amazing” 14-day experience.

“In each city, we held what were my favorite parts of the tour, soccer clinics for children,” Lovercheck says. “In Cape Town, the children were around 12 years old and under, while at the clinic in Johannesburg they were from 15-19. Each clinic was a great success with plenty of kids coming out to play. In Cape Town the kids made us sign autographs on the t-shirts and balls we handed out.”

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Molly Rose Avila

At Hunter, she was assigned to the Government Affairs Division, which oversees the activities of the Thirteen Community Advisory Board, a body mandated by law to ensure that the station’s programming reflects the interests and needs of people in the community.

“It was a wonderful experience,” Zinnel says. “Thirteen isn’t just about what they put on the air; there’s so much work done with the communities they serve behind the scenes too. It was an exciting and rewarding work environment. So many people there are passionate about what they do.”

For Zinnel — who plans to work one day in either public interest law or nonprofit organization management — the summer fellowship provided an invaluable summer of learning.

“Being able to be part of an operation such as Channel Thirteen and see the impact public TV can have on individuals was extremely beneficial training and inspired my own commitment to work with the community in the future — whether in public interest law or in the nonprofit realm,” she says.

Catherine Zinnel

For Avila, who spent her previous summer in Peru working with kids at an orphanage, it was an incredibly rewarding experience.

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Like fellow Hunter student Catherine Zinnel, she was picked for her job as part of the prestigious Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship Program and will spend two subsequent summers in other exciting places. She’s studying political philosophy along with Russian literature. After she graduates, she says she hopes to be a part of the academic world — but she also wants to be a human rights worker in some form.

“My goal is to go to a third world country and start an art exhibit, that sort of thing,” she says. “There’s a way to put your dreams into art. This past summer taught me that if you see something and want to change it, you can really do something about it.”
Tennis Star’s Long Road to Hunter

Four years ago, Hunter College tennis star Evgeniya Kim was forced to live behind bars with her family in a federal immigration shelter for months until they won the right to stay in America.

Today, the Hunter freshman is one of the top tennis players in the CUNY athletic conference and a student in the CUNY Honors College.

“Those past four years have been very exciting, very adventurous,” says Kim. “No matter how much you say it was unfortunate, all those things helped me to prove to myself that I can do anything. I have so much confidence in myself now after going from where I was four years ago to where I am now.”

“I forced myself to become an optimist. I’m a great optimist right now. I believe that everything is possible. Through God, I always thought everything was somehow going to work out.”

Evgeniya Kim, whose acerbic humor kept us all laughing even before heavy-duty exams; and Phyllis, often called the “cute little redhead.” whose amiable smile and outgoing personality; Esther, the tall one who could terrify but was not sure of her major. headed for math and language majors; and Phyllis, who considered teaching our determined goals to teach English. Esther and Ethel, also close friends, brought the five of us together both in New York and California, where I eventually returned to New York.

Jarmy in the bottom row, at left. Esther and her husband taught math and still live in New York City, truly enjoying being near the museums and Central Park. Bernice moved to Wisconsin for her master’s degree, but eventually returned to New York. Ethel made inroads into an acting subline. Phyllis worked part-time in education testing and later moved to Florida.

When I married my first husband, Bernice was my matron of honor. Of course, the other three pals were there as well. Later, I left New York and my family in the Bronx to move to California. But celebrations brought the five of us together both to New York and California, where I eventually began my twenty-year teaching career and now write a column for the local paper.

Special reunions with the girls were festive, memories that started with “Do you remember...?” often referring to adventures as Hunter College girls, our trips to the beach, Chinatown, and our quest for male companions.

It is a wonderful and special friendship that has lasted over so many years through good times and bad. Sadly, I lost two of my three sons, and my friends went. As the years passed, Phyllis died and Bernice suffered a stroke. I do most of the talking to Bernice now, with her laughing or singing a bit of an old song. She always ends by saying, “Char-otte, I love you.”

Reynolds ‘47 keeps us young at heart and strong in spirit.
T he job of applying to law school, someone once joked, is so complicated that you already need to be a lawyer to get through it.

It is also intensely competitive, according to Dr. Barbara A. Landress, the director of Hunter’s Pre-Law Program — who is trying to make it easier these days for students to navigate the potential pitfalls.

While Pre-Law has existed for several years at Hunter as part of a larger program, Landress is the first person to concentrate on it exclusively.

One of her major innovations this past year has been the creation of a Pre-Law Mentoring Program that puts aspiring lawyers under the wing of some of New York’s top attorneys.

Significantly, the turnout for the program’s first meeting exceeded expectations for both the number of students and volunteer mentors.

One of the real pleasures of her work, Landress told At Hunter, is the willingness of lawyers with Hunter degrees to act as advisers.

“It’s through law school, I’ve been included as a mentor...” she says. “Just the opposite, when I call people to ask for their help, the response is overwhelming.”

The Pre-Law Program is designed to get students involved early and guide them through the complicated process, which includes enrolling in several recommended courses; preparing for the LSAT exam (this usually means special tutoring); taking a summer job as a law firm intern or doing other law-related work; gathering applications and recommendation letters; getting the right kind of financing; and — last but hardly least — boring up on the right law schools to send applications.

The work is not limited to undergraduates. Dozens of Hunter alumni make the decision to go to law school after they’ve been out in the world for a year or more, and they are encouraged to make full use of the Pre-Law Program.

A key part of the program is the Pre-Law Advisory Board, which supplies volunteers to serve as the mentors to aspiring attorneys, sponsors summer internships at law firms and offers financial support for LSAT prep courses.

They also conduct Career Panels to counsel students. The panels are in collaboration with the Office of Career Development Services and its director, Susan McCarty.

There is no shortage of volunteer attorneys with Hunter degrees. Julie Ross (’82), a former partner of Morrison & Foerster and a former investment banker, is chair of the Advisory Committee. Michael Franklin (’57) and Christopher Seeger (’37) — both of whom founded their own firms — are members. Among the active alumni are Sabrina Silverberg (’86), executive vice president of MTV, and Natalie Gomez-Velez (’14), a professor at CUNY Law School.

As more and more products of Hunter show up in law schools across the nation, the school’s reputation among admissions officers will rise, Landress believes, increasing the chances of acceptance for future graduates. And as law firms and other employers around the country see the quality of Hunter alumni, she’s betting that job opportunities will blossom.

**Joel Katz ‘Stars’...**

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**“You don’t know me, but I’m a country music singer.”**

— Willie Nelson, introducing himself to Joel Katz

**“That is my fundamental philosophy in all scholarships,” said Katz, who has made similar gifts to the University of Tennessee Law School which he attended after he graduated from Hunter with a degree in economics.**

Katz is currently chairman of Greenberg Traurig’s Global Entertainment Practice, which has 70 people in eight different cities and is widely considered to be the leader in the field of entertainment law. He has been included in editions of Best Lawyers in America and Super Lawyers of America; has been listed for many consecutive years among Who’s Who in Entertainment in America; and has been active as a leader for numerous corporate boards and philanthropic and community organizations. He was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame in 2003.

Katz says his phenomenal success as a pioneer in the relatively new specialized area of entertainment law is due to lots of hard work — and a bit of good luck along the way.

His biggest break came in 1971 when he was a struggling young lawyer in Atlanta and a former pupil from a class he’d taught asked him to represent a friend of his in negotiating a new recording contract. The friend turned out to be James Brown, who was already one of the biggest stars in show business.

“James Brown had all these demands,” recalls Katz, who flew to New York with the entertainer to try to close the deal. “He wanted a private jet plane and $5 million in advances and all sorts of other incredible things.”

At first, he couldn’t understand why a star like James Brown would want a struggling young lawyer like him. But then he realized the answer: no prominent lawyer would probably have the nerve to ask for such outrageous things. Amazingly, the recording company — which was desperate to sign Brown — agreed to many of his demands. Katz wound up with a big retainer, more money than he had ever dreamed of making as a lawyer.

“I thought what a great thing this entertainment law field is,” Katz says now with a laugh.

A few weeks later, the publicity from his James Brown deal led to another phone call. “The guy at the other end of the line said: ‘You don’t know me, but I’m a country music singer.’”

“You don’t know me, but I’m a country music singer.”

— Joel Katz

Virtually all of Katz’s clients have remained with him through the years — and he’s very proud of that longevity. “You look after them, they look after you,” he says of the people he represents.

“That’s the way life should be.”

Katz’s day usually begins before 6 a.m. with an hour of exercise. (“I’ve lost 35 pounds!” he says proudly). Then there’s maybe 300 e-mails, eight or nine meetings and too many phone calls to count.

Asked if he had any advice to pass on to aspiring law students at Hunter, Katz said there were three things they needed to learn how to do if they wanted to be successful lawyers: 1) speak clearly and communicate well; 2) write clearly and concisely; and 3) develop a keen sense of people skills.

“You can’t just be a good talker,” Katz says. “You have to be a good listener too.”

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**Lawyers who would like to volunteer their assistance, or anyone interested in learning more about the Pre-law Program, can contact Dr. Barbara A. Landress at (212) 772-4689 or barbara.landress@hunter.cuny.edu**
Hunter College has unveiled an exciting new proposal to build a modern, state-of-the-art science and health professions building near the East 60th Street campus. The expanded facility — combining teaching and research resources currently housed in the North Building and on the Brookdale Campus — would go up at the site of the Julia Richman Education Complex on East 67th Street between First and Second Avenue.

Under this plan, Julia Richman would “swap schools” with Hunter and move all of its classrooms from its current aging structure to the Brookdale location on East Avenue and East 25th Street. In return, Hunter has agreed to provide Julia Richman a brand-new, up-to-date facility at no cost to taxpayers at the Brookdale site. This bold and imaginative concept has already won praise from many as an educational breakthrough that should soon be emulated by other schools.

“It’s not just a good idea,” said East Side Manhattan’s Our Town weekly newspaper. “It’s one worth repeating in other parts of the city. This looks like a win-win, and it’s a blueprint for the rest of the city.”

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Physics Professor Steve Greenbaum

Also thrilled are faculty members like Physics Professor Steve Greenbaum, who has long had to endure cramped and outdated laboratory space in Hunter’s North Building.

“For personally experienced two major floods in my lab that have wiped out a significant portion of my research equipment,” Greenbaum said. “It’s very hard to renovate a laboratory space in an old building. Despite overwhelming odds, we’re continuing to provide access to excellence. We make scientific research available to students whom you normally don’t see in science. Minority students in particular. But it’s really hard to maintain that high level of research without the infrastructure.”

Said Hunter College President Jennifer J. Raab: “This would give Hunter nursing, science, and health students the lab and classroom facilities they need to further their scientific endeavors. At the same time, those students in the current, 80-year-old Julia Richman building would relocate to a brand new state-of-the-art building. In a city where nothing is easy, this is a win-win that makes sense for everyone.”

Maintaining a competitive edge in science and research programs is crucial to Hunter, which has long been hailed as a national leader in preparing women and minorities for roles in the scientific and health professions.

Under the proposal the new science building would contain about 325,000 square feet of research and classroom space. The target date for opening it is September 2012.

One advantage of the new building would be that all the science facilities would be centralized in one building, thus allowing easier access and interaction with the Hunter student body. And CUNY recently announced that a Graduate Public Health School was being planned and would be based in the new Hunter building.

The new building would also put Hunter’s scientific work closer to other New York area health care providers, including the Upper East Side. Hunter officials point out that the College’s current science facilities were built in the 1930s. Facilities at competing schools like NYU and Columbia were built between 1993 and 2001.

The current Julia Richman complex was built in the 1920s. The structure houses four high schools, a small elementary school, and other educational programs. None of the students at Julia Richman would be moved until their new building on the Brookdale campus was completed and ready for them.

By moving 40 blocks south to the Brookdale site, these schools would gain a unique opportunity to provide even more for their students in a brand new, state-of-the-art building. As an additional bonus, the new building would be designed specifically to meet the Julia Richman schools’ needs.

For Hunter faculty members like Professor Greenbaum, the new science center can’t come soon enough.

“My colleagues and I think this new building is a great idea, and we’re all looking forward to it,” Greenbaum said.

HUNTER PLANS STATE-OF-THE ART SCIENCE CENTER

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“The science program gave me the opportunity to participate in conferences and to work in industrial labs while at Hunter. These opportunities not only provided a foundation for my graduate studies but also insight into what was possible in a science career.”

—— Dr. Arlie Petters ’86

“Hunter has an impressive legacy of first-rate students in the sciences. A state-of-the-art science facility would secure and advance this excellent track record, bring in significant external research funds, and attract the very best faculty.”

—— Dr. Erich Jarvis ’88

PROLIFIC ALUMNI FROM HUNTER’S SCIENCE PROGRAM

E rich Jarvis (’88) was named this year as one of Popular Science’s Brilliant 10, a list of “some of the brightest, most promising names in science.” Dr. Jarvis is an associate professor of neuroscience at Duke University Medical Center, where he heads a team of researchers using songbirds to study vocal communication. After earning his Hunter BA in biology and mathematics, he went on to receive a PhD from Rockefeller University. In 1996, he joined the Duke faculty. This is not the first time Jarvis has been singled out for national attention. In 2002, the National Science Foundation awarded him its highest honor for a young researcher: the Alan T. Waterman Award. And in 2006, he received the National Institutes of Health Director’s Pioneer Award, which provides unrestricted grant support of $500,000 per year for five years.

A rlie Petters (’86) is a professor of physics and mathematics at Duke University. As a graduate student, Petters completed a tour de force in mathematical physics, and he has been called a founder of mathematical astronomy. Dr. Petters emigrated to the U.S. from Barbados in 1979 and earned his Hunter BAMA in mathematics, with an additional major in physics. In 1988, Petters was awarded mathematic’s most prestigious Sloan Research Fellowship as well as a five-year National Science Foundation Career Grant. In 2003, he became a full professor at Duke, where he is the first African-American tenured faculty in science/technomathematics. He also is the first recipient of the Blackwell-Tapia Prize from the Mathematical Sciences Research Institute for excellence in mathematics and for serving as a role model to minorities underrepresented in math and science.

G illiam A.M. Reynolds (’89) is an award-winning research physician. After earning her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in physics cum laude at Hunter, she went on to earn a PhD in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — one of only nine black women to receive a doctoral in physics in the history of that prestigious institution.

Reynolds currently serves as a senior research physician at E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., an industry giant based in Wilmington, Delaware. Reynolds, who was born in Kingston, Jamaica, has also conducted research at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, California and at AT&T Bell Laboratories in Murray Hill, New Jersey, and served as a faculty member at the Baptist Bible College East in Hyland Lake, Massachusetts.
HUNTER-BELLEVUE SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing is a leader in preparing graduates for nursing careers in New York City.

“We are committed to preparing nurses who will practice in urban settings with disadvantaged populations in order to address health care disparities,” said program director Diane Remond, RN, EdD. “Our graduates are the most sought after for employment.”

The undergraduate school is a two-year program that offers a bachelor’s of science in nursing. Hunter students start in their junior year after studying liberal arts and sciences at the uptown campus. The program includes 160 of those students, as well as another 100 with associate’s degrees in nursing working toward their bachelor’s degree.

The graduate program, which currently has 176 students, offers five advanced practice specialties. There is also a separate program for master’s prepared nurses who want to go into nursing education.

“There is a big nursing shortage, but there is also an even more serious nursing faculty shortage,” said Remond.

Hunter has also recently been a key player in a new doctoral program in nursing at the CUNY Graduate Center. The Hunter-Bellevue School faculty comprises 27 members, all leaders in their field.

Remond is thrilled about the proposal for a new science building.

“This would be an extraordinary opportunity,” she said. “The opportunity to move closer to the Hunter College community and to be able to design a state-of-the-art learning environment for our nursing students is a dream that doesn’t happen to a school very often.”

MEDICAL LAB SCIENCES

The Hunter College Medical Laboratory Sciences Program was founded in 1976 — and its crucial mission has remained very much the same: to educate entry-level students to become professionals in the diagnostic and research laboratories of New York.

“As clinical technologists, MLS graduates carry out the tests that almost every diagnosis depends on in medicine,” says Regina Linder, the program director.

Some 60 percent of the students enter clinical laboratories. The rest accept positions in biomedical research labs. “Principal investigators need skilled practitioners to carry out the experiments in their grants,” Linder says.

The major medical centers of Manhattan — the Cornell complex of New York Hospital and Sloan-Kettering in midtown, the NYC-Bellevue complex downtown and Columbia Presbyterian uptown — hire many of the Hunter students for jobs in their laboratories following graduation. Another big employer is Quest, a private diagnostic laboratory serving the outpatient population. There are 90-90 undergraduate students in the program. They start as juniors and are required to take science courses and meet rigorous academic criteria before being accepted. Two graduate programs are in the planning stages. There are six full-time faculty — four teaching and two college laboratory technicians. All have extensive backgrounds in both hands-on medical lab sciences research and teaching.

“We would certainly welcome a state-of-the-art building for our laboratories,” Linder says. “We look forward to the kind of facility that reflects our mission.”

NUTRITION & FOOD SCIENCE

The Nutrition & Food Science major is a highly selective program that trains students to become nutritionists/dietitians for work in the food industry, community nutrition, and clinical dietetics.

Students who complete the NFS major are eligible to apply for a dietician internship, successful completion of which qualifies them to sit for the national registered dietitian (RD) examination.

The admission standards to become a nutrition major are high. In order to be eligible, students must have completed 60 credits including courses in general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and introductory foods and nutrition.

Of those students who meet those rigorous standards, only the 35 with the highest GPAs are accepted.

Hunter also offers a 45-credit master of public health degree with a specialization in public health nutrition.

A new doctoral degree program is expected to be available at the CUNY Graduate Center within the next year or two.

“Nutrition research and education is continuously evolving,” says Program Coordinator Dr. Arlene Spark who taught at New York Medical College and conducted research in preventive cardiology before joining the Hunter faculty in 1998.

The faculty of Nutrition and Food Science are excited about integrating nutrition and wellness programs in the new building.

They are working on a number of plans, including nutrition seminars with senior citizens and other health programs that would be beneficial to the community.

“The Nutrition and Food Science program looks forward to taking up residence in our new Health and Science Center where we expect to introduce these innovations,” Spark said.
Alumni News

Were You Married at Roosevelt House?

If so, tell us your story!

With this historic building on East 65th Street now being restored and scheduled to reopen next year as Hunter’s new public policy center, we’d like to relive some of the happy memories of marriage ceremonies that were carried out in Roosevelt House over the years.

Please send any wedding reminiscences and pictures to:

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Scholarship and Welfare Fund

By Helene Goldfarb
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In helping so many students attend college with less anxiety over the cost, we are proud to continue the remarkable work started more than 50 years ago when a handful of Hunter alumnae got together and gave about $100 each to ten students.

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In Memoriam

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In Memoriam Anna Rockowitz ’39

Anna C. Rockowitz, a graduate of Hunter College High School and Hunter College (’39), died on September 25 at the age of 87. One of Hunter’s most loyal and admiré alumnae, she and her late husband Murray made possible the College’s Dr. Murray and Anna C. Rockowitz Writing Center. When she was 70, she was named in honor of Murray. Murray died two years later.

1920s

Elsie G. Becht (BA ’27), Professor Emerita at Hunter College, died on October 26th at the Alumni Association’s annual luncheon. The Alumni Association noted, “An exceptional life and birthday.”

1930s

Rhina Equissat (BA ’53) delivered the 2006 Stephen Grauer Memorial Lecture at Syracuse University on October 26. In September she received the May Sutton Award, a distinction bestowed by the board of directors of the New England Poetry Club. Also in September, Garrison Keillor dedicated two segments of his show “The Writer’s Almanac” to poems by Equissat.

Martin Garbus (BA ’55) appears in the documentary This Film Is Not Real.

1940s

Ruby Dee (BA ’44) appeared in the 54th Chicago International Film Festival at a Black Perspectives 1940s Anniversary Tribute and Party, hosted by Spike Lee, on October 13.

1950s

Lowell H. Lustig (BA ’73) has been appointed executive director of the Institute for the Study of University System University at College of New York (USC).

1960s

Suzanne Lasky Gerard (BA ’63) has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Black Women’s Health Project. She is the co-founder of the Institute for the Study of Women’s Health.

1970s

Frank Conforti (MA ’73) has been awarded the “Disability Pride Award” by the Disability Pride Project.

1980s

April Vollmer’s (BA ’75, MFA ’82) workshop lectures are currently being taught at the University College Art Gallery of Fairleigh Dickinson University, where Vollmer is also conducting workshops on woodblock technique.

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Suzanne Lasky Gerard (BA ’63) will host Kaleidoscope, a show on Dabei, which is being released on DVD in November by Docurama (www.docurama.com). The film was released on DVD in November by Docurama (www.docurama.com).

Karen Ostrom (BA ’95) is the winner of the 2006 Dance and Duchess of York Prize in Photography. The prize is given to the highest professional artist in photography in the competition for a Canada Council grant. Her work has been exhibited throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Jeanette Hayardelle (BS/MS ’99) is starring in The Color Purple on Broadway.

2000s

Robina Niaz (MSW ’01), professor emeritus of chemistry at Boston University, has been appointed vice president of business development at Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. She holds a PhD in immunology from the University University of California Medical Center, Salk Institute of Biomedical Sciences.

2010s

Morton Hoffman (BA ’55) was named dean of the School of Graduate Studies at SUNY’s Fashion Institute of Technology. He joined the faculty of the Fashion Institute of Technology in 1987 and was named its dean in 2003.

Ruby Dee (BA ’44) is starring in The Writers Almanac to poems by Erin Walsh.

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Helen Galland, Ada Peluso Honored for Library Gifts

Two Hunter College alumnas were honored in a ceremony at the Jacqueline Germain Weiler Library on October 4 for generous gifts they gave to renovate the library.

A donation by Helen Galland (45) was used to update and redesign the browsers’ lounge to make it a more inviting place for students to read, study, and learn. A longtime Hunter benefactor, Galland is a member of the Hunter College Hall of Fame and the Hunter College Foundation Board of Trustees.

Another contribution, from Dr. Ada Peluso (500), provided for a new and vastly improved circulation desk area. Peluso, a member of the Hunter College faculty for some 40 years, is the chairman of the Mathematics and Statistics Department. She gave the gift along with her brother Romano in memory of their parents.

Hunter College President Jennifer J. Raab described Galland and Peluso as “two extraordinary Hunter women” and vowed that they would be just the first of many positive changes to the East 68th Street library, which opened nearly a quarter-century ago.

“Today we celebrate a new circulation desk designed by the staff, a pleasant place for students to study and have wireless access,” Raab said at the dedication ceremony.

In addition to aiding the library, Galland’s gift funds a number of student scholarships and an innovative new program for summer interns. Known as the Galland Internships, the program offers student scholarships and an innovative new program for summer interns. As part of a regular series in At Hunter spotlighting members of the Hunter College faculty, Siegel answers 10 questions we put to her:

1. If you weren’t teaching at Hunter, what do you think you might be doing for a living?
I fantasize about being a sheep farmer, but I think I would be a very bad one.

2. Tell us about a memorable moment in the classroom.
Probably the time I taught the final lecture in the giant art history survey. When I showed Jeff Koons’ “Puppy,” an adorable 40-foot-high Westminster terrier made out of flowers, the 400-something kids just out of New York City high schools all sighed at once: “Awww.”

3. What do you like to do when you’re not teaching?
Write, walk around the city, and now, change diapers. My son, Felix, was born on April 21st.

4. Accomplishment you’re most proud of?
The art exhibition and catalogue I just finished: “High Times, Felix.”

5. What book have you just finished reading?
Mike Davis’ “Planet of Slums,” a fantastic book, and a real wake-up to what life is like for most of the people in the world.

6. Favorite recent movie?
I haven’t seen a movie in about six months, but Sylvestra was the last great one.

7. Guilty pleasure TV show?
I don’t have a TV. If I had a TV, I would be watching “Law and Order” 24 hours a day, something that’s entirely possible, given the 300 channels that seem to show nothing else.

8. What’s in your i-Pod or CD player?

9. All-time favorite meal?
Hard to say — I love to eat. Probably a tie between the fried clam roll at the Clam Castle in Connecticut; breakfast tacos at La Gardenia in San Antonio; pulled pork at the Kozy Korner in Memphis; and steak tartare with fries at Weppler in Paris. For dessert, it’s my husband’s rhubarb pie.

10. Tell us something about yourself that your students might be shocked to find out.
They are pretty shockproof. But maybe, because they don’t realize how great they are, they might not guess that even though I have taught at elite schools like Brandeis and Yale, I much prefer the students at Hunter, both as people and as thinkers.