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Calendar

Master's Degree Program

Seton Hall University is offering PA employees a master's degree in Human Resources Training & Development at half the normal tuition.

The 24-month, 36-credit program is offered exclusively in learning teams. It is a "blended" program, largely online, with only one required on-campus weekend residency, beginning January 22-23.

For more information, contact Dr. **Dom Varricchio** at varricdo@shu.edu, or visit <http://www.shu.edu/academics/education/ma-human-resources-online/index.cfm>.

South/Central NJ Retirees Luncheon

The next luncheon of the South/Central Jersey Retirees will be held at noon on Thursday, January 20, at the Captain's Inn, 304 East Lacey Road, Forked River. Spouses and active employees are always welcome.

RSVP to **Rita DuBrow**, ritasue25@comcast.net, 609 241-0806; **Stan Raith**, lyst99@aol.com, 732 364-9078; or **Liz DeLaura**, lizd1071@aol.com, 201 666-2228.

Three Kings Celebration

The officers and members of the Port Authority Hispanic Society invite PA employees and friends to their annual Three Kings Cultural Celebration. It takes place Friday, January 21, 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the Manhattan Penthouse, 80 Fifth Avenue at 14th Street. The cost is \$65. See Employee Bulletins for details.

Degree Programs

Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology is offering B.S. and M.S. degree programs in airport management to Port Authority employees.

Classes will be held at LaGuardia Airport's Central Terminal Building. The programs will prepare students for careers at airports and related businesses and agencies from entry level to senior management.

Register now for the Spring 2011 semester; classes begin January 18. Contact Vaughn College at 718 429-6600, ext. 117, or admitme@vaughn.edu.

Happy Birthday, XBL

It doesn't look a day over two, but the Lincoln Tunnel's Exclusive Bus Lane marked its 40th birthday last month.

The 2.5-mile contra-flow bus lane along New Jersey Route 495 connects the New Jersey Turnpike to the Lincoln Tunnel. It operates weekday mornings from 6 to generally 10 o'clock, during which



John Denise



Jay Shuffield (foreground) and Myron Johnson at the PABT on Friday, December 17, the day before the XBL's 40th birthday. They and Gerard Quelch (not pictured) handed out 5,000 XBL pamphlets and 2,000 new-year calendar cards in about 75 minutes.

it serves more passengers than PATH, Penn Station commuter rail, or ferries. Those passengers save an average of 15-20 minutes over those traveling the route in automobiles.

"The lane allows us to serve many more people in many fewer vehicles," PABT/Lincoln Tunnel General Manager **Steve Napolitano** said, "and it provides a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions."

In its first full year of operation, 1971, the XBL accommodated about

206,000 buses and 8.7 million passengers. In 2009, it served nearly 450,000 buses – about 1,791 a day – and almost 16.5 million passengers.

The Port Authority is responsible for the full length of the XBL, including its opening and closing, removal of disabled vehicles, and emergency response. In its history, the XBL has expedited the travel of well over half a billion customers.

Santa Visits LGA

Joining students from P.S. 69, who had just performed one of several top-notch holiday music programs for passengers traveling through LaGuardia Airport's Terminal B, are Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, and two of their elves. Their alter egos are, respectively, LaGuardia Airport Operations Supervisor Jack Ort, Carol Downing of Gateway Group One, Landside Operations Manager April Gasparri (left elf), and Anna Jimenez of Cristi Cleaning.



Joanne Feltnan

Achievements

Bachelor's Degree

JFK Airport Operations Agent **Angela Ranneklev** received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Aviation Studies, from York College, City University of New York.



Martin Ranneklev

CIB President

Engineering Chief of Materials **Cas Bognacki** was elected last month as President of the Concrete Industry Board of New York City, the city chapter of the American Concrete Institute, where Mr. Bognacki is also a fellow.



John Whinston

The CIB comprises all segments of the industry and works to promote quality concrete construction and use of the most current technologies.

Life Members

Retired Chief Traffic Engineer **Mel Wasserman** (left) and retired Manager of Aviation Business Development **Carl Selinger** were awarded Life Membership in the Institute of Transportation Engineers at a meeting of ITE's Metropolitan Section in November.

ITE is an international educational and scientific association of transportation professionals who are responsible for meeting mobility and safety needs.



Jennifer Bates

Detective of the Year



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Detective Mays accepts the Harry C. Myers Award from CIB Commanding Officer Inspector Brian Sullivan on December 9 at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach.

Port Authority Police Detective **Lawrence Mays** received the **Harry C. Myers Award** at the detectives' annual Christmas Party last month in Queens.

The award is presented annually to the "Outstanding Detective" in PAPD's Criminal Investigations Bureau. Detective Mays is assigned to Newark Liberty International Airport.

Fund Established



A scholarship fund has been set up for the children of PATH Way & Structures Division Superintendent **F. Brian Steets**, who passed away on December 17, leaving behind his wife and three sons, aged 16, 14, and 11.

Donations can be sent to the Steets Children Education Fund, P.O. Box 90, Roseland, NJ 07068.

Staff Update

Jim Reinish named Manager, Central Automotive Division, Operations Services; formerly Manager of Business and Fleet Operations.



The PA & You

Flu Shots Available

The Port Authority is providing employees with seasonal flu vaccinations at its four clinics. There is no need for an appointment; just walk in during the hours below.

- PATC – 241 Erie Street, Room 224, Monday to Friday, 8 to 9 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m.
- JSTC – 1 PATH Plaza, Concourse level, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.
- PAS – 233 Park Ave. South, 8th floor, Monday to Friday, 10 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.
- JFK – Bldg. 22A, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.

See Anyone You Know?

Seventeen Port Authority retirees braved the snow on December 29 to attend the Last Wednesday of the Month Club Luncheon at the In Napoli Restaurant in Fort Lee. They are (standing, from left) Mary Reilly, B Williams Henry, Larry Caffin, Tony Coppolecchia, Mike Morrow, Jack Fox, Mel Wasserman, Tom Leathem, Dom Pistone, Stan Feldman, George Figuredo, (and seated) Bob Parisi, John Shanahan, Pat Kelemen, Liz DeLaura, Peter Tomolonis, and Moe Cappitella. The next luncheon is set for noon on January 26, same place. All PA people are welcome.

