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May and June have been busy months for Berkeley College alumni! On Friday, April 30, more than 1,400 students received their Associate and Baccalaureate degrees at the IZOD Center in East Rutherford, NJ during the 2010 Commencement Ceremony. These graduates are joining a family of alumni numbering more than 30,000, from all parts of the country and throughout the world. [Read more about Commencement 2010.](#)



You can join me in sending congratulations and best wishes to new graduates on the newly-launched Berkeley College Alumni Facebook page. With over 100 members already, this is a great opportunity to check out the most recent news and updates from the Berkeley College community, and to network and chat with fellow alumni. [Become a fan of the Alumni Facebook page!](#)

Finally, we celebrated the [Outstanding Alumni of the Year Reception for Berkeley College](#) on Friday, June 4 in New York City. The reception honored Eileen McNerney and Rosemarie Brenner, the 2010 Outstanding Alumni Awardees, who were recognized during Commencement for their achievements. [See the honoree profiles](#) and [view a photo slideshow](#) from the event below.

Sincerely,
Michael K. Smullen
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News

Welcome and Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

Family and friends filled the IZOD Center in East Rutherford, NJ, on Friday, April 30, to support graduates at the Commencement Ceremony of the Berkeley College Class of 2010. Approximately 1,400 students from Berkeley College campuses in New Jersey and New York, and Berkeley College Online, received Baccalaureate and Associate degrees.

"These are, as we all know, uncertain economic times," Berkeley College President Dario A. Cortes, PhD, told the graduates. "The world you are entering is at a crucial juncture, but we know that you are well equipped and we have great confidence in your ability to be successful citizens of the 21st century."

The members of the graduating class are beginning their careers at 630 companies including Bank of America, Calvin Klein, JP Morgan, and Price Waterhouse Cooper, among others.

New Jersey Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver delivered the Commencement Address and was given an honorary Doctor of Law Degree.

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Tools and Tips for Paying Off Your Student Loans

Tom Kokis
Director, Student Financial Literacy Group

In these uncertain economic times, many individuals find themselves having problems making payments on their student loans. Falling behind on these obligations can have very serious consequences for a borrower's credit rating and ability to secure other forms of credit.

Fortunately, federal student loan programs come with helpful tools that can assist borrowers with payment options. Students can turn to a deferment or forbearance to assist them in managing student loan obligations.



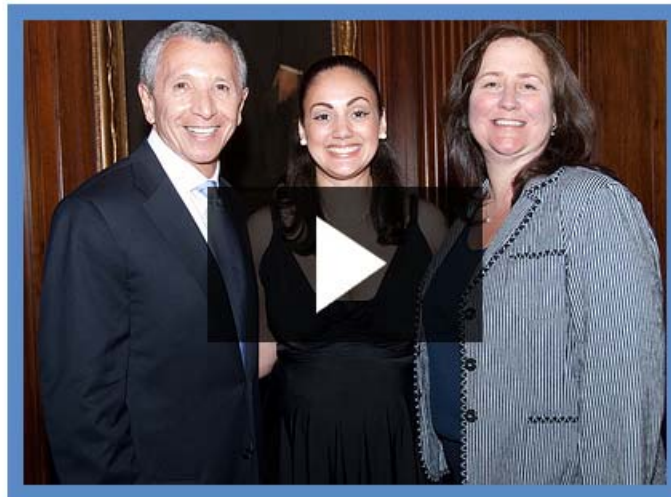
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Events



With more than 80 alumni and friends in attendance, the **2010 Outstanding Alumni of the Year Reception for Berkeley College** was a great success! Held at a private club in New York City, dozens of community, business and education leaders were in attendance to hear President Cortes speak about his vision for the future of Berkeley College.



[Click to play slideshow.](#)

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COME BOWL WITH BERKELEY ALUMNI!

You are invited to join the **Northern NJ Regional Alumni Group** on Saturday, July 31 for a night of food, games and fun with friends and fellow alumni!

Where: Brunswick Lanes, Belleville, NJ

When: Saturday, July 31, 2010

How: \$20, pay at the door

RSVP today!



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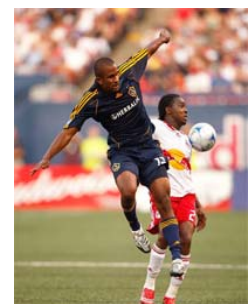
ALUMNI SOCCER OUTING - SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to an alumni soccer outing at New York Red Bulls Stadium! Bring your family, friends and fellow alumni to see the New York Red Bulls play the Los Angeles Galaxy!

Where: New York Red Bulls Stadium

When: Saturday, August 14, 2010

Invitations to follow!





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Spotlights

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Eileen McNerney '80 and Rosemarie Brenner '04 Honored as 2010 Outstanding Alumni of the Year



Photo Caption: John Rapanos, DPS, CFP, Dean, School of Business, and Eileen McNerney, who was honored as the 2010 New Jersey Alumna of the Year at the Berkeley College Commencement Ceremony, held April 30 at the IZOD Center in East Rutherford, NJ.

Ms. McNerney has served as an Attorney and in Human Resource positions with Bank of America Merrill Lynch. Her work included managing a staff that provided Employee Relations support for 45,000 employees. In this role she was responsible for policy development and implementation, issue resolution, and Employee Relations training. Today she serves as a Case Manager.

[Read more about Eileen McNerney '80.](#)



Photo Caption: John Rapanos, DPS, CFP, Dean, School of Business, and Rosemarie Brenner, who was honored as the 2010 New York Alumna of the Year at the Berkeley College Commencement Ceremony, held April 30 at the IZOD Center in East Rutherford, NJ.

Ms. Brenner serves as Chief Operating Officer at Bedford Insurance Brokerage, Inc., a personal insurance brokerage firm providing affluent clients with personal risk management.

During her six-year tenure, she has developed and implemented strategic business plans leading to substantial revenue and profit growth.

[Read more about Rosemarie Brenner '04.](#)

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Ricardo Ortegon
Dean, School of Graduate Studies

What was your experience before Berkeley?

Before joining Berkeley College, I held positions in admission recruitment, MBA programs, graduate admissions, academic advising, adult learning, and enrollment management. I truly enjoy working in higher education, and the most rewarding part of it is seeing students graduate and begin to make a difference in society.

What has your experience at Berkeley College been like?

I am the founding dean of the School of Continuing Education (SCE), and it has been a wonderful experience. It is exciting and at the same time challenging to be part of the development of a school for continuing studies. I believe that everyone should be involved in life-long learning, and our goal is to develop programs that will provide students with the knowledge and skills needed to compete in today's highly competitive environment. There are so many opportunities for growth and so much potential. I am very excited to be a part of it.

What kind of programs might alumni be interested in?

There are many programs that would be of interest to our alumni. For example, the [Paralegal Studies](#) and the [Financial Planners certificate programs](#) are designed for students who already have a degree and may be thinking about a career



change. We know that there is a demand for people with skills in both of these areas and according the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, this demand will continue into the foreseeable future. It is important for our alumni to continue their education so that they stay on top of their game. The mission of the School of Continuing Education is to provide these types of opportunities. There are more exciting programs being developed so I encourage all of our alumni to keep a close eye on our School of Continuing Education.

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CLASS NOTES SPOTLIGHT

Cecilia (Ceballos) Parish '89

Cecilia writes, "After graduating from Berkeley, I decided to continue my studies in 2007 and launched a bookkeeping and virtual assistant business in 2008 (www.professional-business-services.com). I provide small businesses with bookkeeping and virtual administrative support.

In 2008, I also received a QuickBooks Pro Specialist certification and was designated as a Certified, Professional Bookkeeper."

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Career Opportunities

Alumni Affairs and Career Services have partnered to provide [CareerZone](#), an online site which provides hundreds of new employer and position postings that you can search through and read about. These are CareerZone updates that are ending this week. To find out more about a position, click on the job title below.

NOTE: You will be required to enter your CareerZone ID and password to access this information. If you do not have an ID, or if you need help accessing your account, click [here](#) to see more instructions.

Job Title	Location	Employer	Ends on:
Assistant Manager	Wayne, New Jersey	Jos. A. Bank	7/5/2010
Benefits Analyst	New York, New York	Carat	7/5/2010
Accounting Intern Summer Quarter 2010	New York , New York	Barash Friedman Friedberg & Adasko	7/6/2010
Administrative Intern	New York, New York	inMotion	7/6/2010
Assistant Manager	White Plains, New York	Brighton Collectibles	7/6/2010
Associate Manager	White Plains, New York	Tumi - Westchester Mall	7/7/2010
Administration Intern for Low Vision Department	New York, New York	Lighthouse International	7/7/2010
Account Executive	New York, New York	Iris New York	7/8/2010
Account Manager	New York, New York	Adrea Rubin Marketing, Inc.	7/8/2010
Business to Business Outside Sales	New York, New York	Fastenal Co.	7/8/2010
Catering Coordinator	New York, New York	Warwick Hotels of New York	7/8/2010
Accounting Assistant	Midtown NYC, New York	Oved Apparel	7/9/2010
Accounting Intern	Caldwell, New Jersey	Total Home	7/9/2010
Accounting Internship	Newark, New Jersey	The Center for Collaborative Change, Inc (Newark Change)	7/9/2010
Agent-At Your Service	New York, New York	New York Marriott East Side	7/9/2010
Assist to the President	Newark, New Jersey	Kaya South Inc.	7/9/2010
Assistant	Pelham, New York	State Farm Insurance Companies	7/9/2010
Business Operations Intern	East Rutherford, New Jersey	NICE Systems	7/9/2010
Business/Accounting Intern	Carlstadt, New Jersey	Total Entertainment	7/9/2010
Buyer's Clerical Assistant	New York, New York	Rainbow Apparel, Inc	7/9/2010

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