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## Audio Division Headlines FTC Fest 2016

By Nicole Gregory

The Audio Division was speculating about forming a band for years. When they were given the opportunity, after being asked to play FTC Fest 2015, they did not receive the student response they had expected. Whether it was the novelty of watching their professors play in a band, or the fact that they gave the best performance of the day, the Audio Division has become Five Towns' latest fascination. As the headliners for FTC Fest 2016, our audio professors braced the freezing cold to put on another outstanding performance for the student body.

### Their 11-song set included the following:

The Wolf – Mumford and Sons

Uprising – Muse

Cake By The Ocean – DNCE

Harder To Breathe – Maroon 5

Uma Thurman – Fall Out Boy

Alive – SIA

I'm Not Okay – My Chemical Romance

She's Kinda Hot – 5 Seconds of Summer

Tear In My Heart – Twenty One Pilots

Exes & Oh's – Elle King

Monkey Wrench – Foo Fighters

Despite Machado's crushed hand from a hockey accident, the Audio Division's set was flawless to every kid packed in front of the stage. Dalia's vocals were impressive, especially for SIA's epic "Alive".

Each professor is classically trained in music. Joe Kuhl, John Machado, and Grace Lee all have master's degrees in music technology. Katie Dalia has her bachelors in music. Kuhl and Machado's main instrument is guitar; Lee's is violin; and Dalia's, vocals. They have all had their own independent experience in the music scene.

"I played the circuit for years in the hardcore metal scene," says Machado, even though his biggest influence as a guitar player is David Gilmour of Pink Floyd.

Dalia's influences range from Judy Garland to SIA, and they change by the day.

When asked what his main influence is, Kuhl replied "5 SOS."



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## FTC Awards Recap

By David Taylor

Five Towns College has long been a college full of talented students and faculty, but for the first time in Five Towns history, these talented individuals were honored with physical awards to show how highly we think of them. The Five Towns College Awards Night was a huge success, packing the theater

full-to-bursting. Paul Grasso and his team put together a wonderful event, and hopefully, there will be an even grander award show next year. So for those who were too busy cramming for midterms, here's what you missed at the Five Towns College Awards!

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# What's Your Sign?

By Rafael Turcios

Having questions about confusing situations in life? Well, astrology may be able to help. The birth of astrology can be traced back to the Babylonian times, where they used it to bring a sense of order out of the apparent chaos. All throughout history many iconic figures have used astrology and zodiac signs to find answers to life's problems. Even American presidents, such as Ronald Reagan, have enlisted astrologers, like the famous Joan Quigley, for astrological advice on a regular basis.

Zodiac signs, to a certain degree, reflect a person's behaviors, attitudes, and actions, depending on where the Earth and stars were when one was born. Although there is no way to prove that zodiac signs have any influence on personality and fortune, some people really take their signs to heart and check their horoscopes daily by means of an app, a website, or a newspaper. Horoscopes usually give descriptions that are very vague and general, so there is room for interpretation. While they may not predict one's future, they are fun and interesting to read.



Illustration by David Taylor

## CAPRICORN (12/22-1/19)

Capricorns, the goats, are goal achievers. Reliable and sympathetic most of the time, they desire to be admired by their family and friends.

## AQUARIUS (1/20-2/18)

Although they may seem eccentric, Aquarians, the water-bearers, are said to be quick thinking, outgoing, and loyal.

## PISCES (2/19-3/20)

Pisces, the fish, are very talented yet resilient people who tend to live out their dreams.

## ARIES (3/21-4/20)

Those born under Aries are represented by the ram. They are adventurous, independent, and are always involved in some type of action.

## TAURUS (4/21-5/20)

Taurians are represented by the bull. They always seek stability and tend to be cool and discreet at the same time.

## GEMINI (5/21-6/21)

Geminis, the twins, are known to be great communicators and always seek out new experiences.

## CANCER (6/22-7/22)

Cancers, the crabs, are compassionate and sensitive, but also moody.

## LEO (7/23-8/22)

Leos, the lions, are leaders and tend to be positive thinkers that seek out the best opportunities for themselves.

## VIRGO (8/23-9/22)

Virgos, the maidens, are said to be very confident, generous, and willing to support and care for the people around them. Their attention to detail is always top notch.

## LIBRA (9/23-10/22)

Libras, the scales, are very happy, positive people who seek peace in order to live an easy and uncomplicated life.

## SCORPIO (10/23-11/21)

Resilient and powerful, Scorpios, represented by the scorpion, are passionate about the power that they control in all aspects of their life.

## SAGITTARIUS (11/22-12/21)

Sagittarians, the archers, are always aiming high and seek adventure and independence.

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## New Equipment to Grace Audio and Video

By Rick Schuessler

One common concern of students new and old at this school is that of our equipment. I've heard through the grapevine of students comparing the curriculum and technology here at Five Towns to that of Suffolk County Community College. This not only inaccurate, but somewhat frustrating. Suffolk is a great school, but they have no access to the entertainment equipment that Five Towns does. However, the equipment here is used often, and is becoming old and worn. What will the school do to prevent the aforementioned comparison from becoming a reality? Apparently, much more than a cynic might think.

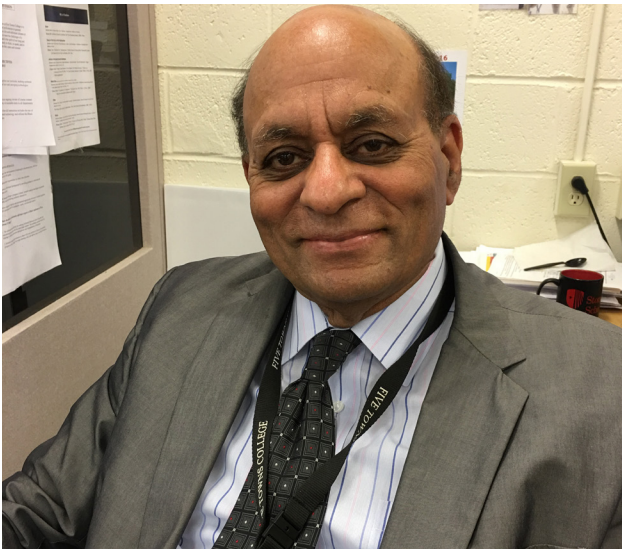
Co-chair of the Audio Division, Joe Kuhl, spoke to me about new equipment in passing. From acquiring new MIDI keyboards to upgrading Pro Tools, the Audio Division has very big plans, all to be accomplished by the fall semester. The division aims to upgrade all of its software in the coming months, and possibly replace the Korg M3's in the MIDI lab with new Korg Kronos keyboards. In other words, the Audio Division has a jam-packed wish list to fulfill. Kuhl is hoping it all comes to fruition sooner rather than later!

Last year, the Film/Video Division managed to collect a handful of new cameras, specifically, the A7S, which prompted the Division to collectively weep tears of joy. Though they only have a few as of now,

there are whispers of getting more, as well as new LED lighting. The school is always talking about getting even more equipment and, like the Audio Division, would love to hear what the students wish to see at the school. They even want to bring in Red cameras or additional Canon cameras. Right now, the big focus is LED lighting.

All in all, the school is striving to acquire more and more equipment, and though I cannot speak for Suffolk, I would say that Five Towns is doing its utmost to provide quality education and technology to its students. Keep an eye on Film/Video and Audio in the coming months. The cynics may just be surprised.

## Sociology and Social Sciences: A Profile on Dr. Navid Ghani



By Rick Schuessler

There are many interesting people in Five Towns College. Kathy Curtiss in Film/Video is an active director. Joseph Kuhl in Audio is not only

knowledgeable in his field, but he is also a licensed pilot and flies drones. Gerry Saulter in the Music Division is a great guitarist. One of the most knowledgeable professors I've encountered here is a very experienced gentleman in the Liberal Arts Division by the name of Dr. Navid Ghani. I recently was given an opportunity to sit down with him and discuss his background, as well as his recent trip to Las Vegas, one that did not leave him penniless as it would me.

Dr. Ghani was born in Pakistan and then moved to England. He has been on enough trips to different lands to put an anthropologist to shame. He speaks six different languages!

"My specialization is ethnic/race relations, or sociology," says Ghani. He's worked with the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences and had the chance to read from some of his papers at their annual conferences. It is a great honor, and that is what he was doing in Las Vegas. Ghani was presenting a paper he wrote on first generation immigration, exploring how these immigrants are faring in

our country. His study is being published in journal titled, A Qualitative Study of Human Behavior.

Ghani spends a good portion of his time conducting research, which is why it is good that he considers it more of a hobby than a job. It is better to do something you enjoy for a living after all! Even now, after he returned to Long Island from delivering his presentation, Dr. Ghani is still conducting research today! His experience stems from three master's degrees and one PhD, as well as his interest in other people and other cultures. "I like to travel a lot and learn about people. There is something to learn about everybody," he says, and he is absolutely right. Ghani even worked with the UN. The United Nations. Yes, that UN. He worked as a representative for them with refugees and finished his contract in 1994. He is known and respected by all of the Five Towns community, and he always willing to speak to his students. He is an expert in his field and very welcoming. He is hoping he stays with us for some time to come!

## A Brief Profile of Professor Kathy Curtiss

By Rick Schuessler

Any film/video student most likely knows who Kathy Curtiss is. Come to think of it, I'm not sure there are many people that attend this college who do not know who she is. But just who is she beyond a professor? A Writer? Producer? Actor? Butcher? Baker? Candlestick Maker? Kathy Curtiss is a great professor. She's been in the film-making business for 26 years now, and she is still standing and still loves it. Who doesn't want to have a job that they enjoy doing?

Of the many different jobs that are involved in creating a successful film, Professor Curtiss told me, without any hesitation whatsoever, that she likes directing the most. That she knows who she is proves quite commendable- many people spend their entire lives wondering about their goals. "Find out who you are, what you would change, and learn the ways you are affected by it so you can create powerful imagery and change lives," she says

Curtiss is a veritable goldmine of information, advice, and assistance, and she uses her considerable

talents to promote the success of her up-and-coming students. I asked her what she would recommend to students new and old in order to help them along, and she did not disappoint. "Find your voice," she says. "Find what you have to say for the world. What's important to you? How do you identify yourself in film?" Indeed, there is a great difference between films that are shot for the sake of money, and films that are shot by someone who has something that he or she believes in. Some of the best pieces come from those with a passion for their work, not just their wallet. Though the money does help.

Finally, I asked her if there was anything in the business she might change, and she thought for a moment before answering. "Accepting alternative types of people," she says. Many in the industry tend to have expectations of who will be what- who will be a director? Who will be a writer? Who will be an editor? It's not a matter of you finding yourself so much as some people automatically assuming you may be something you're not. You can have the feel of a director and prefer being a cinematographer, for instance, but both in the industry and out things

are set in stone; two and two will always equal five. Fortunately, Curtiss is not one of those people.

Film students and theater students alike can learn a lot from people like Professor Curtiss. She has experience in both fields and, though she tends to keep quite busy, she remains very cheerful and approachable throughout her day.



# Five Towns College Awards: Trophy Winners



**PROFESSOR OF THE YEAR:**  
PROFESSOR KATHY CURTISS



**ARTIST OF THE YEAR:**  
DINO CICCARELLI



**ACTOR OF THE YEAR:**  
NOAH LEAGUE



**FILM DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR:**  
REID RANALLI



**MUSIC PRODUCER OF THE YEAR:**  
AARON HERNANDEZ



**SONG OF THE YEAR:**  
NO TISSUE BY J-PAYSO



**PRODUCTION COMPANY OF THE YEAR (MUSIC):**  
FOURSIX



**ALBUM/EP/MIXTAPE OF THE YEAR:**  
TRAIN BEYOND TRIUMPH  
BY TOM ADAMS

**PRODUCTION COMPANY OF THE YEAR (FILM):**  
SPOONBREAD FARM PRODUCTIONS

**SHORT FILM OF THE YEAR:**  
PUSHING DAISY BY SPOONBREAD  
FARM PICTURES

**THEATRE SHOW OF THE YEAR:**  
BOEING-BOEING

**EVENT OF THE YEAR:**  
OCTOBER FEST (5 SOUNDS RECORDS)

**CLUB OF THE YEAR:**  
5 SOUNDS RECORDS

# Five Towns College Awards: Certificate Winners

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (COMPOSITION/PERFORMANCE):**  
DR. MOON

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (MUSIC BUSINESS):**  
PROFESSOR CARPENTIERI

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (BUSINESS):**  
PROFESSOR GLAZER

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (AUDIO):**  
PROFESSOR DAHLIA

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (FILM):**  
PROFESSOR CURTIS

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (LIBERAL ARTS):**  
PROFESSOR SHEA

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (THEATRE ARTS):**  
PROFESSOR JOHNSON

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (HISTORY):**  
PROFESSOR SAULTER

**MOST RECOGNIZED PROFESSOR (SONGWRITING):**  
PROFESSOR BRIODY

**MOST RECOGNIZED ARTIST (HIP-HOP/RAP):**  
J-PAYSO

**MOST RECOGNIZED ARTIST (R&B):**  
OLIVER

**MOST RECOGNIZED ARTIST (ROCK):**  
PROS & ICONS

**MOST RECOGNIZED ARTIST (POP):**  
VERONICA FREY

**MOST RECOGNIZED ARTIST (JAZZ):**  
XAVIER CALLICOTT

**MOST RECOGNIZED ARTIST (ACOUSTIC):**  
DEANNA PROBST

**MOST RECOGNIZED ARTIST (COMEDIC/COVER):**  
THE PRETTY GANG FAMILY BAND

**BREAKOUT PERFORMER OF THE YEAR:**  
DINO CICCARELLI

**DJ OF THE YEAR:**  
TOM ADAMS

**DANCER OF THE YEAR:**  
CHANTEL NICOLE MARTIN

**BEST CINEMATOGRAPHER:**  
JON MORET

**BEST PHOTOGRAPHER:**  
BRITTANY MINETTI

**SNAPCHAT OF THE YEAR:**  
MICHAEL MONTESANO

**MUSIC VIDEO OF THE YEAR:**  
HELLO (COVER) BY PROS & ICONS

**RESIDENT ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR:**  
BRITTANY MINETTI

**STAFF MEMBER AWARD:**  
KIRK MCDAVID (PUBLIC SAFETY)

# Five Towns College Awards: Best Dressed



Ashley Ferraro

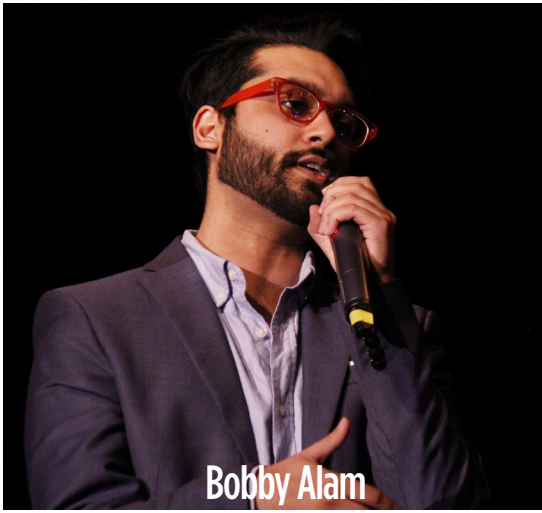
Aaron Hernandez & Nick Curcio

Nick Yurisak

Juliana Love & Corri Molnar

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# Five Towns College Awards: Speakers



Bobby Alam



Jarryd Razak



Paul Grasso



Jehwan Lee



Xavier Callicott



Jake Houstel & Mike Montessano



Nick Badame



Jessica Chertock



Perry Ladouceur, Reid Ranalli & Jack Braun