



## Queens Courier's "Kings Of Queens" Event Honors Advertising Director Dennis Weinstein

**D**ennis Weinstein, director of advertising at Touro College in New York City, was honored at the 2014 Kings of Queens dinner and awards ceremony sponsored by The Queens Courier at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Mead-

owns on Sept. 18.

Weinstein is among 29 businessmen who were honored for demonstrating effective leadership in a variety of public sectors including education, religion, healthcare, finance, and not-for-profit community service. Around 750 guests attended the event.

Weinstein was pleased to receive the award, saying it would raise awareness about

the educational opportunities that Touro College provides to students who live in and around Queens. "Being recognized as a king is quite noble," he said with a nod to the event's moniker. "I embrace the daily tasks I face at Touro with the best of my ability, enjoy working with my esteemed colleagues, and look forward to gathering the most effective solutions with my media contacts that will strengthen

Touro's name recognition," he said.

Dr. Nadja Graff, vice president of the Division of Graduate Studies, who attended the event with Weinstein, said, "It is a pleasure and a privilege working creatively with Dennis in presenting the best of Touro College to the public. I am thrilled that his dedication and service to the College have been recognized in such a distinguished forum."

Prior to entering academia, Weinstein held marketing positions in the print, fashion, and telecommunications industries. His career has taken him to the global arena, conducting business in China, Israel, and the Caribbean.

For more information about the Kings of Queens honorary awards, visit [queenscourier.com/2014/2014-kings-of-queens-event](http://queenscourier.com/2014/2014-kings-of-queens-event).

## New York Foundation For Eldercare Marks 25th Anniversary Of Geriatrician Training Program At Recognition Dinner



City Councilmember Rory Lancman (District 24), presented the award for Community Service to representatives of the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: (left to right) Linda Spiegel, Director of External Affairs; Yoel Lichstein, Executive Director; Michael Fassler, President & CEO, CenterLight Health System; and Councilmember Lancman



Pictured here are (left to right) Michael F. Tietz, President of the New York Foundation for Eldercare; Michael Fassler, President & CEO, CenterLight Health System; Councilmember Lancman; Yoel Lichstein, Executive Director, Margaret Tietz Nursing & Rehabilitation Center; and Tanya Figelman, Executive Director, New York Foundation for Eldercare

**A**t the New York Foundation for Eldercare (NYFE) Recognition Dinner, held to honor leaders in the field of training geriatric psychiatry fellows on Wednesday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. at The Yale Club in New York City, the focus was a training program that addresses the critical need to train geriatricians to care for the baby boomer generation.

The honorees were Gary J. Kennedy, M.D., Director, Division of Geriatric Psychiatry, Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Melinda S. Lantz, M.D., Chief of Geriatric Psychiatry, Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center; and Alessandra Scalmati, M.D., Ph.D., Psychiatrist, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Montefiore Medical Center, and the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a member of CenterLight Health System.

City Councilmember Rory Lancman (District 24) presented the Community Service award to Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Accepting the award were Michael Fassler, President & CEO, CenterLight Health System; Yoel Lichstein, Executive Director, and Linda Spiegel, Director of External Affairs, both of Margaret Tietz.

The event celebrated the 25th anniversary of Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine professionals in the Bronx, working collaboratively with the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, in Jamaica Hills, Queens, to run a distinctive geriatric psychiatry training program. Unique to the program is the opportunity for the facility to refer a patient for a ger-psych conference, under the distinguished leadership of Dr. Gary J. Kennedy and the direction of Dr. Rubina A. Malik. Patients of diverse cultures and religious beliefs are referred to ger-psych program fellows for purposes of behavioral management, psychosocial interventions, medication review, and recommendations for continued plans of care. Margaret Tietz has at its core a commitment to provide care for Holocaust survivors. Although the number of individuals in this particular population continues to decline, the ger-psych program provides a forum to educate professionals, who work with survivors and their next generation, in a sensitive, culturally competent manner. In addition to the ger-psych program fellows, participants include clinicians in training at nearby hospitals and universities, as well

as the Margaret Tietz medical team, social workers, psychology consultants, rehabilitation and recreational therapists. Key to the success is the integration of a comprehensive review of the patient's medical history and in-depth interviews with patients and their family members. The multi-disciplinary sessions have yielded remarkable insights into patient personalities, attitudes, and care that have had a resounding impact for individual patients. More than 60 fellows have rotated through the program over its 25-year history.

"The New York Foundation for Eldercare is thrilled to recognize the leadership of Dr. Gary J. Kennedy, and the contributions of two alumnae fellows, Dr. Melinda S. Lantz, and Dr. Alessandra Scalmati, to the field of clinical geriatric psychiatric education, as well as the Margaret Tietz Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for its ongoing relationship and management of the geriatric psychiatry training program," said Michael F. Tietz, President of the Foundation. "Inspired by this training, many fellows have deepened their passion for geriatric psychiatry and continued in this practice, becoming leaders in clinical settings, in academic medicine,

and in professional development," he added.

The evening was emceed by Rita Cosby, Emmy award-winning TV and radio host, best-selling author and CBS *Inside Edition* special correspondent. The event included a musical performance by members of *Arts in Action*, a student-led club at the Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and the Arts, whose mission is to bring the artistic talent of students to the greater community. The students perform in senior homes, hospitals, and in the residences of the homebound, and participate in sessions that bring visual art to similar locations.

The keynote address was given by Jonathan Bowles, Executive Director, Center for an Urban Future.

More than 120 guests attended the event. NYFE will direct the funds raised to programs that serve the elderly population and Holocaust survivors in the New York metropolitan area, especially those residing in nursing homes or other long-term care institutions. NYFE also directly funds a variety of other programs that provide targeted services, bringing caring and dignity to older New Yorkers since 1966.

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