

Dr. Estens was recently awarded two patents for the discovery of a novel *Bacillus licheniformis* strain that produces a lipopeptide antibiotic which is effective against fungal pathogens that affect corn, turfgrasses and vegetable crops.

In addition, Dr. Estens was a key speaker at the "NATO Advanced Workshop on Azospirillum and Related Bacteria" in Sarvar, Hungary, the "Mediterranean Colloquium on Protected Cultivation" in Agadir, Morocco, and more than 100 symposiums and international conferences. He has written three books and over 100 articles in scientific publications. Dr. Estens is also a consultant for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the National Academy of Sciences and other organizations.

Dr. Estens was born on October 4, 1940 and earned his bachelor of science in agronomy at the University of Tucuman, Argentina in 1965. He earned his Ph.D. in biology at the University of Illinois in 1974. Dr. Estens' post-doctoral fellowship was conducted at EMBRAPA, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with Dr. Johanna Dobereiner, sponsored by the Brazilian Research Council/USA National Academy of Sciences.

For over 30 years, Dr. Estens has taught at numerous universities including the Universidad Nacional de Tucuman (Argentina), the Universidad Agraria, La Molina (Lima, Peru), the Universidad Rural de Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), the University of Chihuahua (Mexico). Since 1977, Rutgers University has been fortunate to benefit from his vast experience.

In addition to his involvement in the scientific community, Dr. Estens has been very active in the Peruvian community. He served as past president of the Union Peruvian Lions Club and was recently honored by this fine organization. Dr. Estens has been a role model and great praise must be extended for all his worthy achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I would like for you to join me, our colleagues, Dr. Estens' family and friends, and the scientific community in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable lifelong contributions Dr. Carlos A. Neyra Estens has made to plant biology and to our society.

A TRIBUTE TO NICHOLAS  
VECCHIO: ORANGE-WEST ORANGE  
UNICO MAN OF THE YEAR

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention Nicholas Vecchio of West Orange, NJ who is being honored by the Orange-West Orange Chapter of UNICO as their Man of the Year.

A member in good standing of the Orange-West Orange Chapter for more than 23 years, Nick has faithfully served UNICO as treasurer, vice-president and president, 1979-80. He has also served as a delegate to UNICO's national convention for 9 years and was a member of the board of directors of district XI, New Jersey as many years.

His personal successes have been followed by tremendous generosity. Nick has donated Toys for UNICO; is a major contributor to the Orange-West Orange Sports Breakfast; is a frequent contributor to the Sisters of St. Lucy

Filippini Mother House, Villa Walsh, Morristown; and is a supporter of A.C.T. Now, Abolish Cancer Today, affiliate of Memorial-Sloan Kettering Service Center.

Through his outstanding and invaluable contributions, Nick has aided many people, using his personal funds to assist them in their time of need. He has been and still is instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for various organizations where he is a member, among them: the Pack 3 Boy Scouts of America, the West Orange American Cancer Society, and the West Orange Cerebral Palsy Campaign.

Nick is happily married for 45 years to Camille, and is the proud father of five children: Beth, Andrea, Lisa, Camille, and Anthony. He is also the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren. Nick is a graduate of Rutgers University and attended Rutgers Law School. Currently he serves as a member of Rutgers' Committee on Academic Excellence.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Nick's family and friends, and the members of the Orange-West Orange Chapter of UNICO in recognizing the exceptional dedication and service to the community of Nicholas Vecchio, Orange-West Orange UNICO's Man of the Year.

TRIBUTE TO ADOLPH J.  
GALLUCCIO

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Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of one of my closest friends, Adolph J. Galluccio of Wyckoff, NJ. Adolph is being honored tonight as Man of the Year by the House of Compassion. It is only fitting that the House of Compassion honor Adolph, for he epitomizes caring and generosity of spirit.

He was born and raised in Paterson and still considers it home. Adolph practices law in Paterson, is involved in charitable organizations in Paterson, and he has given his heart and soul to Paterson.

Adolph continually touches the lives of others. Whether he is performing stand-up comedy to benefit charity or giving turkeys he personally buys for the needy, Adolph unceasingly and enthusiastically keeps giving to his community.

Adolph has been a parishioner of Blessed Sacrament R.C. Church in Paterson for more than 40 years. He has been a member on the original board of directors for Eva's Kitchen and has served on the board of trustees for Paterson Catholic High School.

Professionally, Adolph Galluccio is well-respected as one of the best criminal attorneys in New Jersey. He graduated from Seton Hall Law School in 1964 and received the Bureau of National Affairs award. He is admitted to the New Jersey, U.S. District, and U.S. Supreme Court.

Adolph continues to emphasize the importance of education and serves as a resource for the next generation. He is a regular Career Day speaker and occasional guest lecturer at both Paterson Catholic High School and Ramapo High School.

Adolph and his wife Dorothy have four children, Michael, Terry Lynne, Karen, and Mark, and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, Adolph's family and friends in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to the community of Adolph J. Galluccio.

THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
PREPARATORY CENTER FOR THE  
ARTS AT MONTCLAIR STATE  
UNIVERSITY

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 30, 1997*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to your attention the momentous occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Preparatory Center for the Arts at Montclair State University. This occasion will be celebrated on Saturday, May 3, 1997 with a concert showcasing the winning compositions from the Music Division Composition contest in which some 250 scores from composers in seven countries were entered.

In 1976, Dr. Ruth Rendleman, professor of music at Montclair State University, was the driving force behind what was then called the Music Preparatory Division. The division was created by the Department of Music to seek out, encourage, and develop the talents of qualified music students of all ages from the State of New Jersey and adjacent areas.

The Preparatory Division officially opened its doors in September 1976, with an enrollment of 54 students. It offered courses in private instrumental instruction, class piano, music theory, and chamber ensembles. Today, the Music Preparatory Division has evolved into the Preparatory Center for the Arts. Three hundred and twenty students participate in similar music courses as those offered 20 years ago, and can also be involved in large ensembles such as orchestra and choir. They can also take classes in jazz, dalcroze and eurythmics, traditional and electronic music composition, and introductory music history.

In addition to its curriculum, the Preparatory Center for the Arts now offers classes in ballet and tap dancing. It further has inaugurated its Theatre Kids program of drama classes for children, ages 5 through 10.

The scholarship program, for which students and faculty perform a few benefit performances each year, allows Montclair State University to offer both talent- and need-based scholarships to many deserving students. This year, the center will be hosting their fifth summer music camp at the New Jersey School of Conservation at Stokes Forest. This camp is a 2-week extension of the 30-week academic year program in which students from various parts of the country can come to study music and the environment. The Preparatory Center clearly has come a long way since its inception.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the students and faculty of the Preparatory Center for the Arts, and all of Montclair State University in recognizing the outstanding and invaluable service to musical development Montclair State University has made on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Preparatory Center for the Arts at Montclair State University.