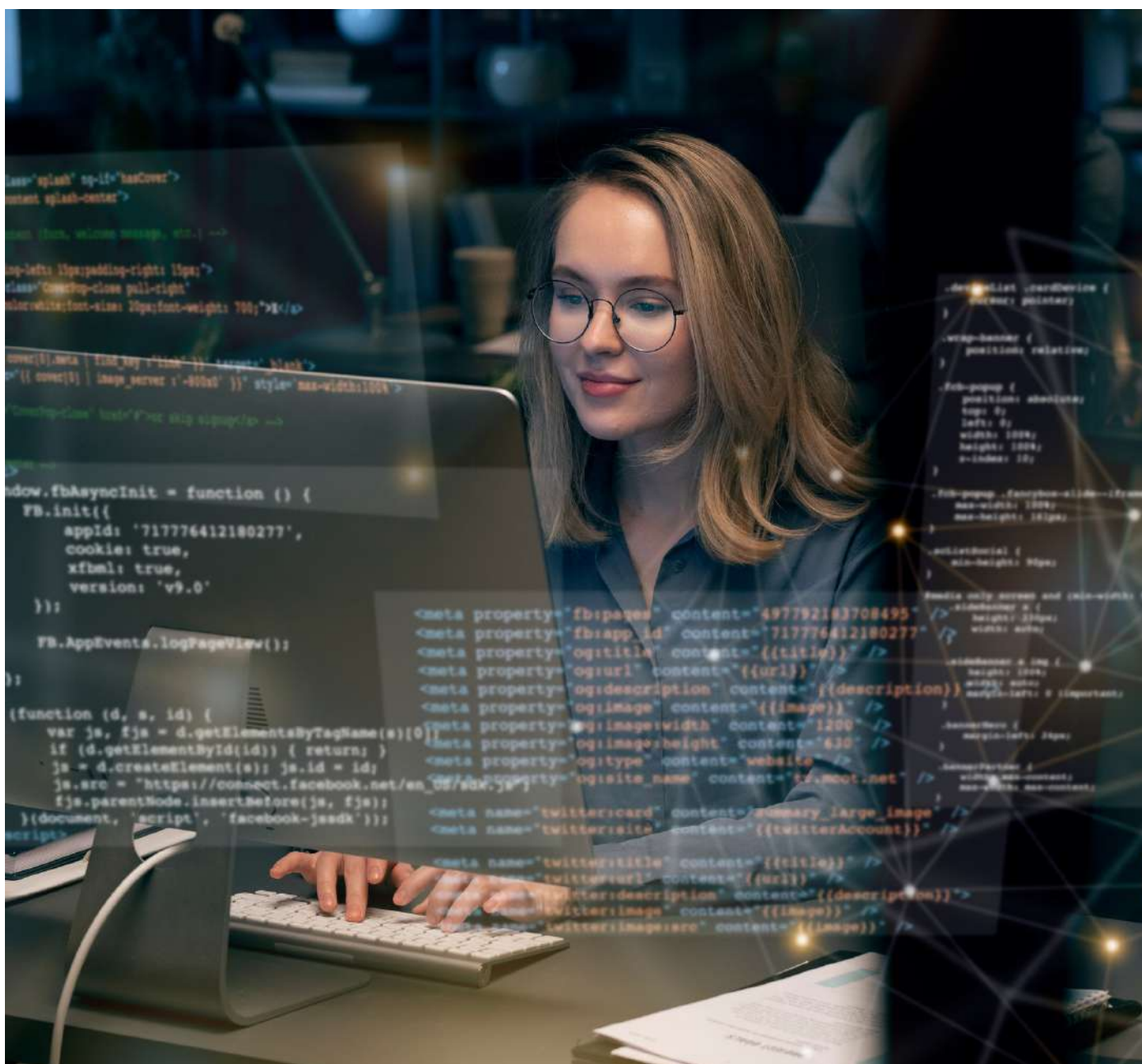**NEW YORK COLLEGE**
THE INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF GREECE

SCHOOL OF INFORMATICS

We have the Algorithm to Succeed...

STUDYING INFORMATICS IN GREECE!

— Intro

A WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE SCHOOL HEAD

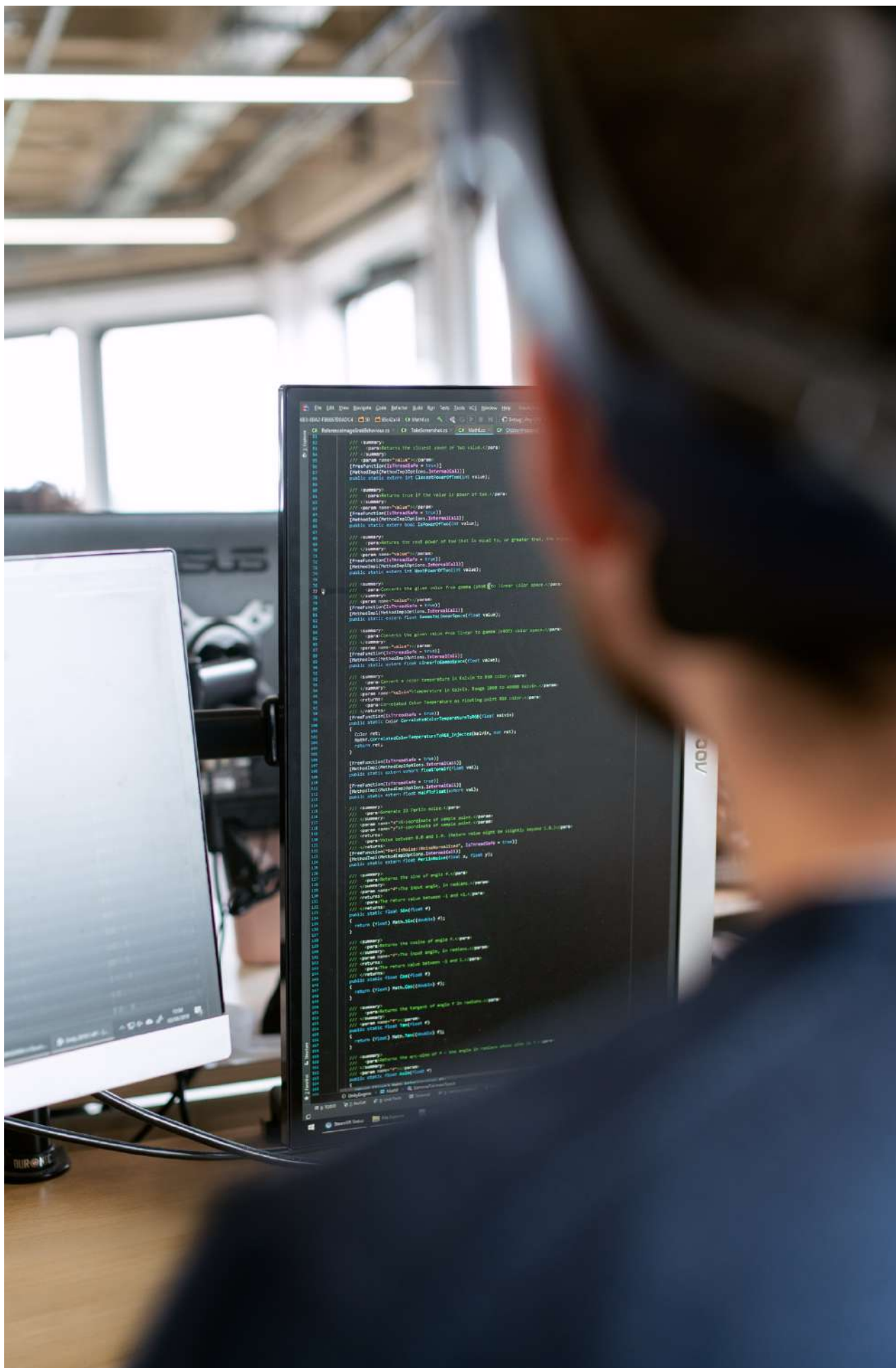**Welcome to the School of Informatics at New York College of Greece.**

The significance of informatics as a scientific field is in its transdisciplinarity, through which it has become an inseparable part of everyday life. We cannot imagine businesses, healthcare or even day-to-day life without information and communication technologies. Due to the shortage of experts in the field of informatics and communication technologies, the demand of computing scientists is enormous.

New York College aims to guide students in acquiring the subject knowledge and intellectual and cognitive skills in order to succeed as professionals and to encourage independence of thought. To achieve this aim, we encourage students to be active in their acquisition of knowledge and work on projects that meet business needs. The course team brings together highly experienced Software Engineering practitioners, instructors and researchers with a diverse range of interests and expertise.

In seeking to fulfil the school's mission to empower and develop our students, we endeavour to provide students with a quality programme of study which is underpinned by employability, and has a regional, national and international focus.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this stage of your education and I trust that you will find your experience here at New York College both rewarding and enjoyable.

Dr. Anastasios Liapakis, Post-doc, Ph.D., MBA, MSc, BSc
Head of Informatics Department

School of Informatics

New York College's School of Informatics, in collaboration with recognized state universities in the United Kingdom and the United States, offers high quality studies with an emphasis on practical application.

The applications for the optimization of business processes and operations through Information Systems in all business sectors, without exception, are a main driver of competitive advantage. In response to this demand, New York College offers Bachelor's and Master's degrees in cutting-edge technology specializations in the areas of Computer Science, Computer Networks and Internet and Web Applications.

In the same direction, New York College has been certified by CISCO SYSTEMS as a Cisco Networking Academy and offers its students the opportunity to refine their skills in network management and security.

The Students Club of New York College has an active interest in creating and carrying out specialized projects, related to the field of Computer Science: Students are encouraged by the New York College Department of Student Affairs to participate in these workgroups, in order to gain experience and useful skills for their personal and professional development.

Graduates of Informatics can work in computer systems programming, software engineering, network support and management, database design and management, systems analysis and control, web design, etc.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK- Empire State University U.S.A.

35 YEARS OF STABLE UNIVERSITY COOPERATION!

New York College Educational Group has completed 35 years of stable cooperation with the STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, the largest university in the US, for the conduct of its university programs in Greece.

Our students in Athens and Thessaloniki acquire an authentic Bachelor's degree from the American STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - Empire State University, with the international recognition and the global prestige of the academic educational system!

Aerial view of the central administration building of the STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK in Albany, NY c.1980

The STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK is the largest university in the United States, with 64 campuses and 400,000 students. Empire State College is one of the 64 colleges and universities of the STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK with approximately 20,000 students each year.
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK- Empire State University (SUNY-ESU) offers fully accredited undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as professional degrees. Founded in 1971, it is internationally renowned for its flexible and innovative programs.

The Department of International Programs at STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK - ESU collaborates with educational institutions around the world to serve undergraduate students.
Students participate in classroom and online courses in Athens, Thessaloniki and Prague (Czech Republic).
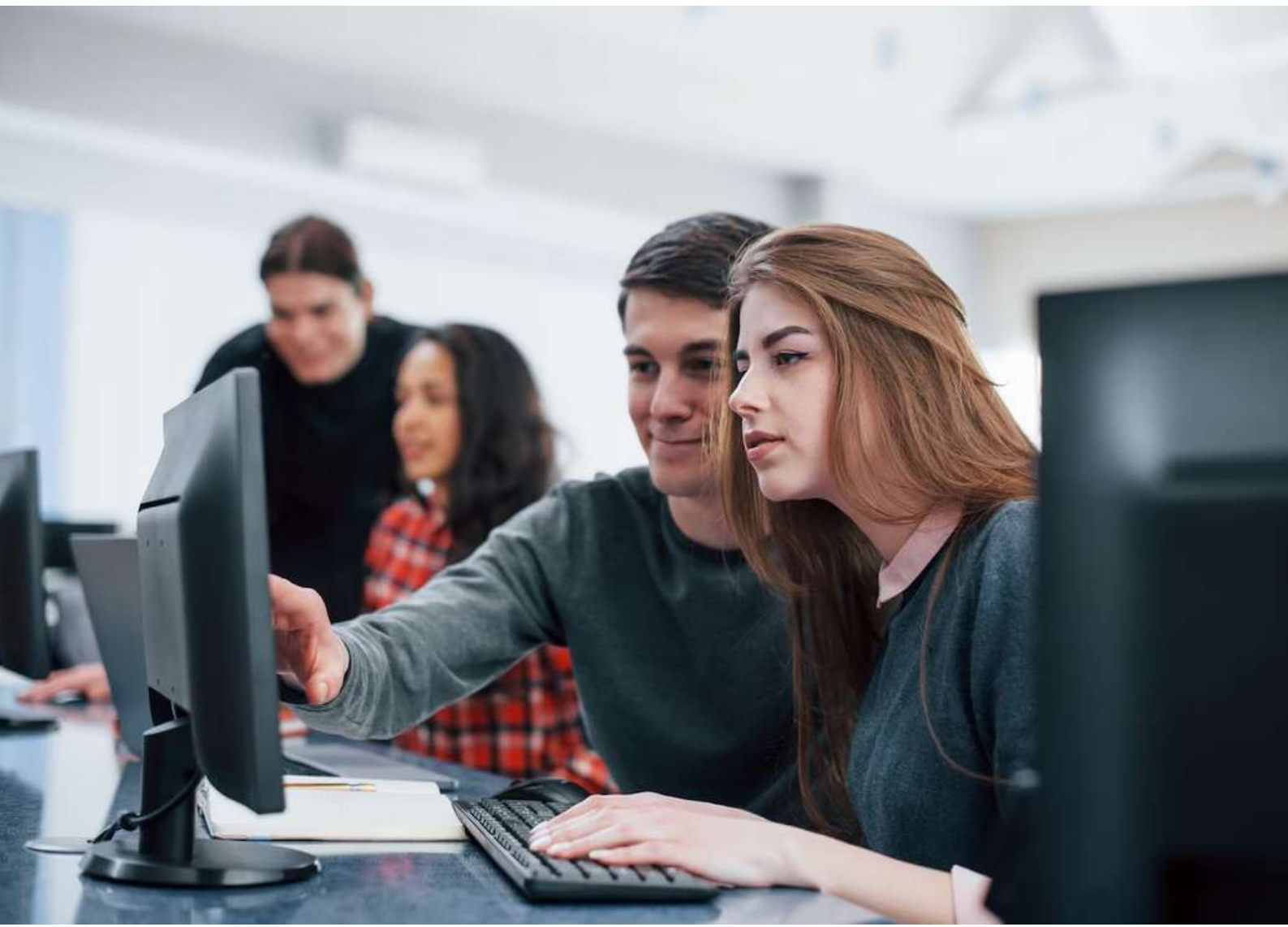
— Undergraduate

BS Computer Science

The 4-year (124 US credits) Bachelor's program which is offered in collaboration with the State University of New York/Empire State University represents a great opportunity for students to receive high quality training by following the American standards in education.

During the first half of their studies, students will be able to attend several general education courses, as well as courses offering foundation knowledge, across a wide range of subjects.

During the second half of their studies, they will be attending courses that will enhance the already acquired knowledge and will enable them to specialize in their preferred concentration.

UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON
MANCHESTER, U.K.

The UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON has its roots in one of the first engineering training institutions in Britain in 1824. The University's long-standing, centuries-old and multi-dimensional links with Industry, enable it to offer a large number of professionally recognized programs accredited by the relevant professional bodies.

Top performance of the UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON in the British Universities ranking, according to the Guardian for 2023. In the 40 best universities in the UK!

According to the Guardian (Best UK Universities 2023 - rankings), the UNIVERSITY OF BOLTON was ranked 38th among all UK Universities in terms of student satisfaction with teaching standards (satisfied with teachers) and, in addition, in terms of overall ranking (Guardian score), it was upgraded by 4 places to 46th among all UK Universities for 2021-2022.

University of Bolton
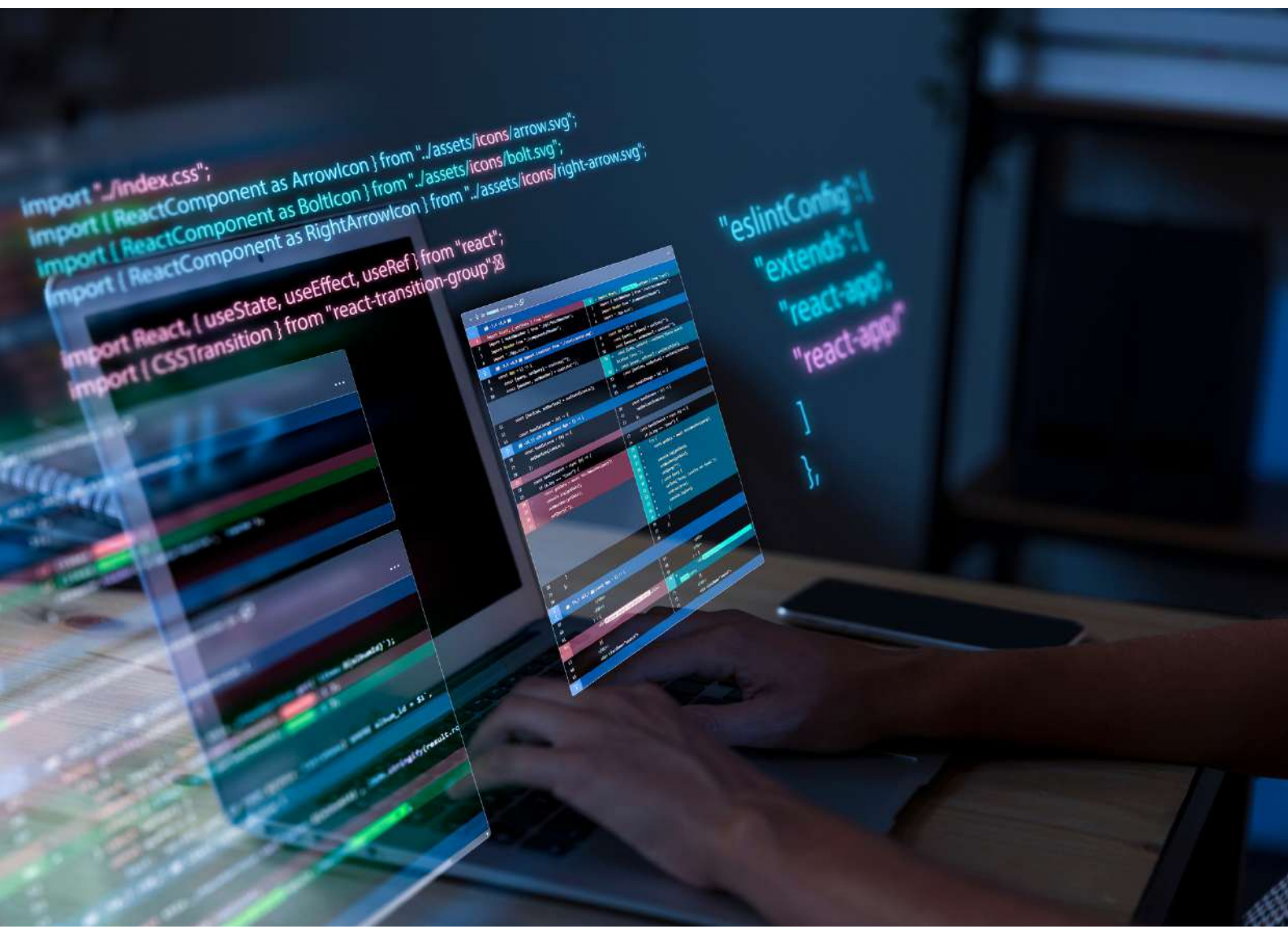GREATER MANCHESTER

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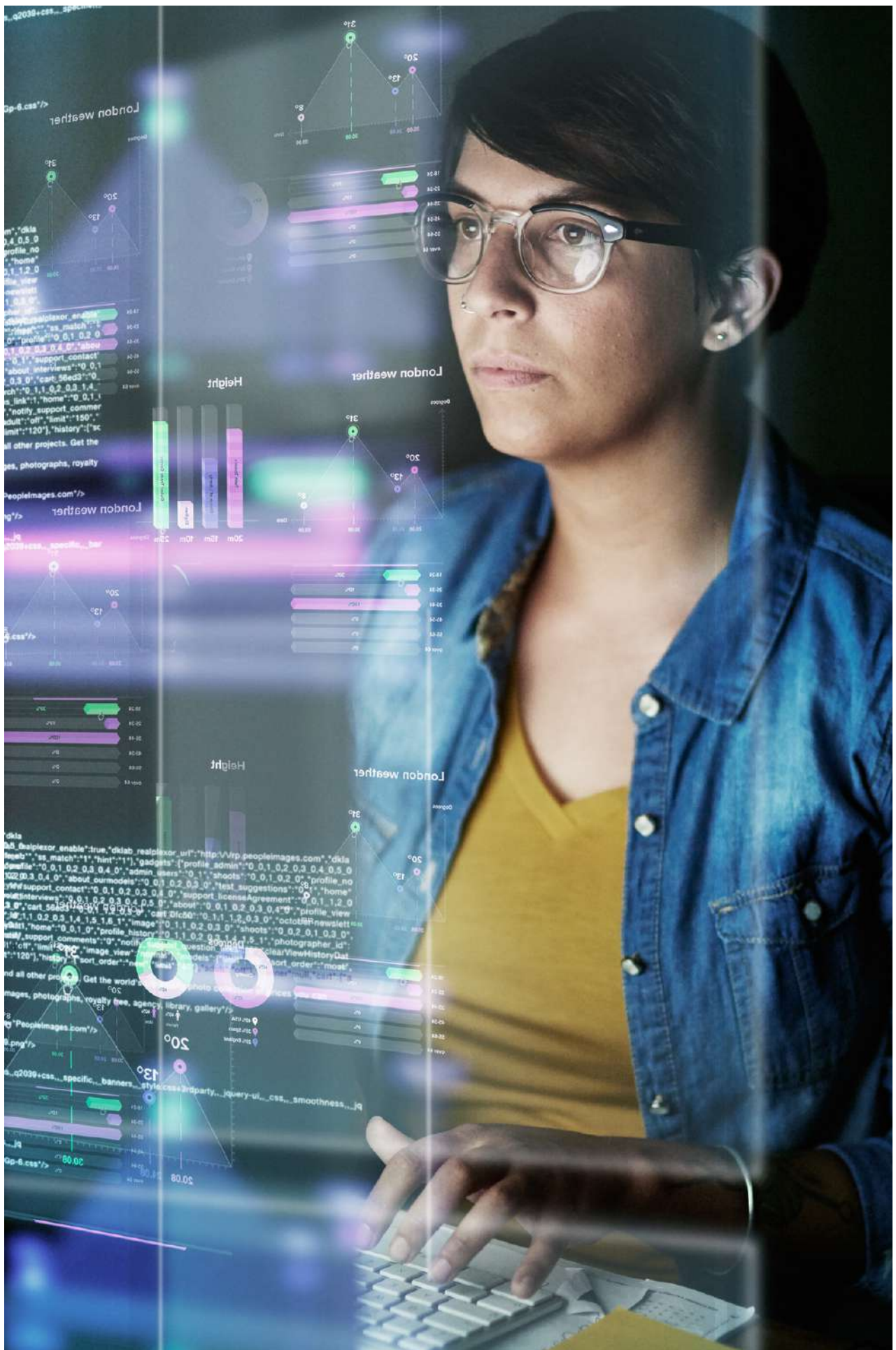
BSc (Hons) Computing

(Application Development, Cyber Security, Data Analyst)

The BSc (Hons) in Computing has been designed collaboratively working with industrial partners to ensure that students study a comprehensive program of relevant industrial topics. The most flexible of all the Computing degrees available to study at Bolton with the ability to specialise in specific career-oriented pathways in the second half of the programme.

Moreover, the success of our graduates is directly related to the practical aspectscovered in the course laboratory work.

Coursework throughout the course utilises realistic scenarios intended to prepare students for their career after university. This applies both to the technical areas studied, but also the output required from the student, such as technical proposals or reports to management.

Graduate

MSc in Data Analytics and Technologies

With the MSc Data Analytics & Technologies, you will acquire skills in the basic principles of Data Analysis and practices, using the most advanced tools and techniques in the industry. Key topics covered include analysing and interpreting large volumes of data, predicting, and discovering patterns and trends arising from the processing and management of business data, machine learning, analyzing various types of data (text, images, social media, etc.), natural language processing, and more.

The program is offered in collaboration with one of the top universities in the UK, with tutors and researchers who are experts in the field of Data Analytics. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to collaborate with other students and professionals from different fields, networking and creating international collaborations that can help you further in your career.
After completing the program, you will have the opportunity to work in a wide range of industries, including healthcare, finance, technology, digital marketing, and business administration. Data analytics is one of the fastest-growing professional fields today, and career opportunities are limitless.
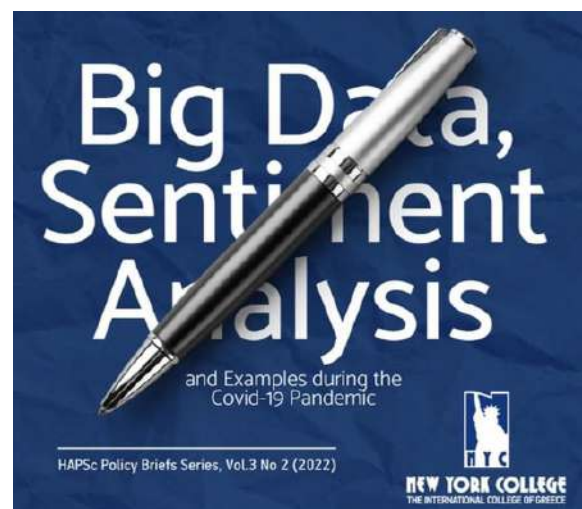
Success Research Story -1-

Dr. Anastasios Liapakis, Head of the Informatics Department, Mrs. Nena Gkorou, Instructor of Mathematics & Head of Academic Advisors and Mrs. Kyvele Diareme, Instructor of Informatics presented their research work entitled: "Natural Language Processing Tools for performing effective text mining in Greek Food & Beverage Sector" in the 10th International Conference on ICT in Agriculture, Food & Environment which took place in Crowne Plaza Hotel, 22-25 of September 2022.

Success Research Story -2-

The research paper of Dr. Anastasios Liapakis, Head of the Informatics Department and Mrs. Konstantina Diareme, Instructor of Informatics entitled "Big Data, Sentiment Analysis, and Examples during the Covid-19 Pandemic" was published in HAPSc Policy Briefs Series, Vol.3 No 2 (2022).

Success Research Story -3-

Dr. Anastasios Liapakis, Head of the Informatics Department, Dr. Panagiota Nikoletou, Head of the English Language & English Language teaching Department, Mrs. Nena Gkorou, Instructor of Mathematics & Head of Academic Advisors and Mrs. Kyvele Diareme, Instructor of Informatics presented their research work entitled: "A Sentiment Analysis Hybrid framework for recognizing Sarcasm and Negations in User Generated Content: The case of Greek Language" in the 3rd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence Machine Learning, Data Science and Robotics" which took place during June 26-27, 2023 at Rome, Italy.

Success Research Story -4-

Dr. Anastasios Liapakis, Head of the Informatics Department, Dr. Vasileios Skianis, Dean of Academic Affairs, Quality and Research, Dr. Panagiota Nikoletou, Head of the English Language & English Language teaching Department and Mrs. Kelley Galloway, Head of the Business Department will present their research work entitled: "The Positive and Negative Perspectives of AI Related to Students' Assessments" in TIRI Conference which will take place in the University of Bolton during September 5-6, 2023 at Bolton, UK.

Extra-Curricular activities

NYC Coding Society

A popular and active Club at New York College – open for computing NYC students - that aims to involve students in a number of coding activities, like "Pet" projects and exercises in fields like: Automation, Robotics, Internet of Things (IoT), 3D modelling and games, Mobile applications, etc. Students take part in competitions (GoogleHashcode), Hackathons, Startup events, Meetups, etc. Moreover, they are taught how to upload their portfolios on GitHub and collaborate with other students. Finally, "Coding Summer" takes place every year, for keeping students active with programming and real-world skills.

CODING SUMMER 2023
JUNE - JULY - SEPTEMBER
WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

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On Tuesday, 16th of May 2023, the NYC School of Informatics participated in an important seminar in Cyber Crime Division of Hellenic Police. The seminar's topics included safe browsing rules, Internet risks and threats, modern forms of cyber crime etc.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions the police officers and truly understand real incidents that the department had faced.

On Tuesday, 23rd of May 2023, the International Company ExxonMobil which manages an industry-leading portfolio of resources, and is one of the largest integrated fuels, lubricants and chemical companies in the world visited the NYC Computing Department at Pithagoras Hall. Students had the opportunity to prepare their CVs and arrange interviews with the company.

NYC ATHENS CAMPUS

The only multi-building campus in the heart of Athens!

New York College students benefit from a unique privilege: They study at the NYC Athens Campus, the only multi-building educational complex in the heart of Athens, whose history spans three centuries (19th-21st). Historically, the site where NYC Athens Campus is now located, was inaugurated as an educational facility in 1879, and is an iconic landmark of the Old City of Athens, literally in the shadow of the Acropolis.

RIGHT:
Panoramic floor plan of the 4 buildings (halls) of the NYC Athens Campus in the shadow of the Acropolis. Syngros Hall (building 1), Mumper Hall (building 2), Kapodistrias Hall (building 3), Paparrigopoulou Hall (building 4).
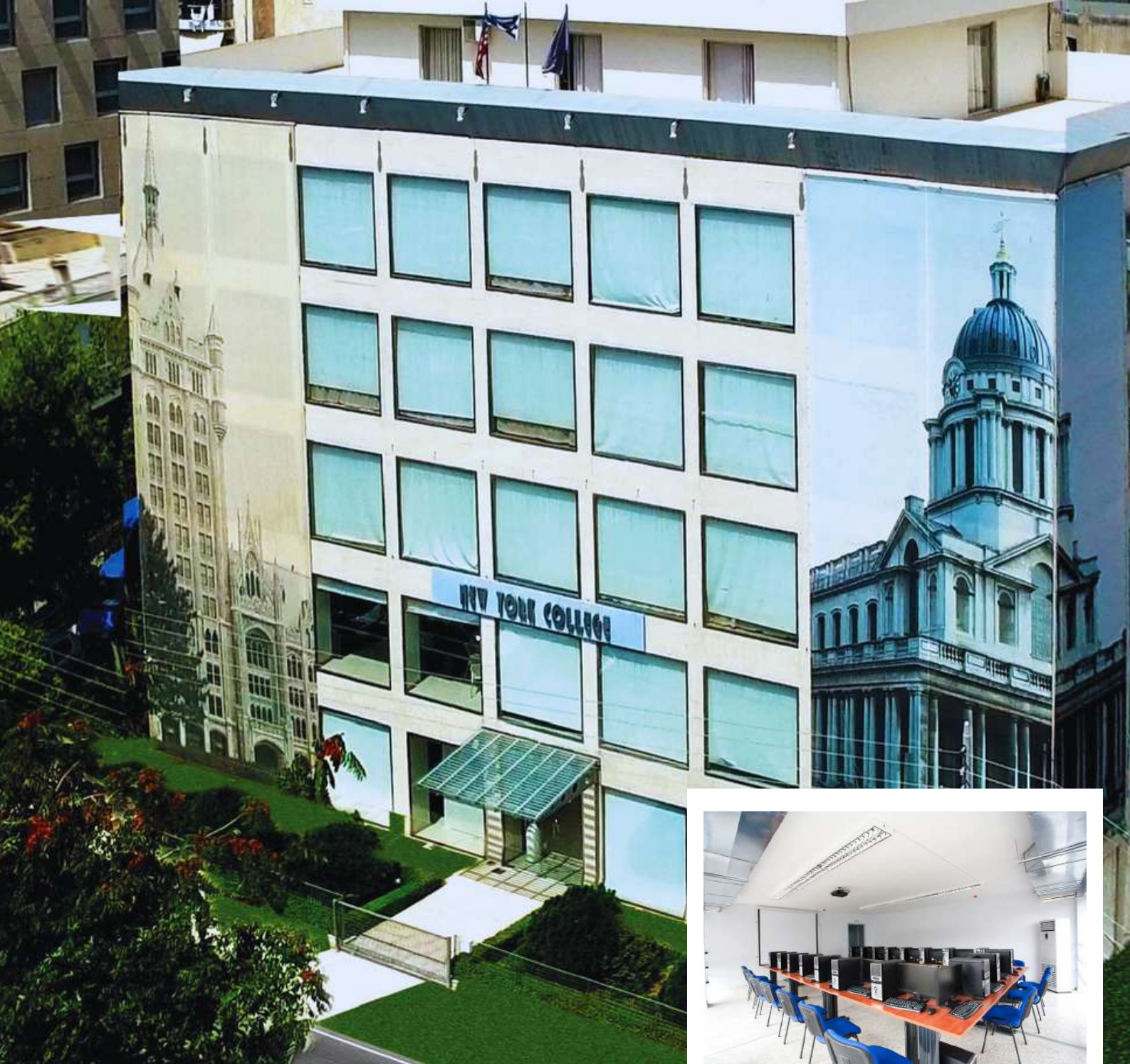
State University of New York (ESC)

BACHELOR's
MASTER's
MBAs - Ph. D

NEW YORK COLLEGE
EURO-AMERICAN EDUCATION

NYC PYTHAGORAS HALL

The technological arm of NYC Athens Campus at a short distance from Kallithea train & metro station.

The state-of-the-art five-storey building of New York College in Kallithea is named "NYC Pythagoras Hall" and is the laboratory and technological arm of the NYC Athens Campus: the NYC Pythagoras Hall is home to the Biomedical Laboratory of the School of Health Sciences of the educational group, as well as to the School of Maritime Studies and the School of Engineering & Informatics of the College.
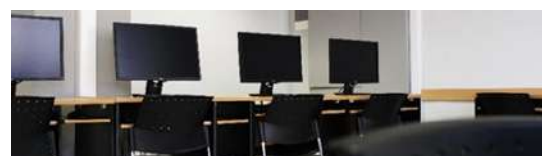
NYC THESSALONIKI CAMPUS

In the heart of Thessaloniki, in the historical area of Kamara!

NYC Thessaloniki Campus is the academic arm of New York College in Northern Greece and the wider region of the Balkans.

The Campus, located in the city centre, has conference rooms, a computer lab, a library, a writing centre and special classrooms with advanced audiovisual equipment and study areas.

NYC Thessaloniki Campus combines a student, technological and entrepreneurial character and is known for the vibrancy and diversity of its students.

Faculty

Dr. Anastasios Liapakis (Post-Doc, Ph.D., MBA, M.Sc., B.Sc.)

Dr. Anastasios Liapakis is the head of the Informatics Department at New York College. He is a Post-Doc Researcher in the era of Big Data Analytics in the Informatics Laboratory of the Agricultural University of Athens and an Adjunct Lecturer in the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Dept. of Digital Industry Technologies (Since 2020). In the past, he worked as a visiting lecturer in the department of Electric and Electronic Engineering/ University of West Attica. He received his master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) with a specialization in Digital Marketing and his Ph.D. in Informatics, in the field of Data Analytics in Social Media Networks from the Informatics Laboratory of the Agricultural University of Athens. His Ph.D. Research was co-financed by the State Scholarships Foundation (IKY). His main research interest evolves around Data Structures, Big Data Analytics, Knowledge Engineering, Management Information Systems, Machine Learning techniques, Natural Language Processing, and Sentiment Analysis applied in problems concerning Management, Economics, and Marketing. His notable research work, published in national and international peer-reviewed Journals and Conferences, has got a significant number of citations. One of his research papers published in International Journal of Computational Linguistics (IJLC) was awarded the Best Paper Award of 2020. He has participated in four EU-leading research projects in the area of Informatics. He has been teaching Informatics, Programming, Object-Oriented Programming, Databases, Data Analytics, ICT courses, and Management Information Systems for the past 6 years in public and private universities in Greece.

Dr. Andrew Salisbury (FHEA BEng HONS PhD IEEE)

Dr. Salisbury after achieving a first-class Honors degree at Lancaster University in England and completing his PGCE, was offered an unconditional PhD which he undertook in the year 2000. His PhD was based on a revolutionary electronic computerized system in conjunction with Siemens Ltd. During his PhD, he traveled all over the world presenting his work in such places like Singapore, America and Malaysia. Andrew has also won numerous awards for presenting his work; the top two being recognized as a younger Engineer award at the House of Commons in London and top presenter in IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) in the UK. After successfully completing the project with Siemens, Andrew followed his dreams to live in a Mediterranean climate and soon after found himself in Greece. Recently, Andrew has just taken his fellowship (FHEA) in teaching and learning at Sheffield University completing a 2- year postgraduate qualification. At New York College, he has been teaching MIS and computer applications for numerous years.

Dr. Sotiris Ntouskas

Dr. Sotiris Ntouskas is a Mechanical Engineer (Dipl. – National Technical University of Athens, 2009). His postgraduate studies focused on "Automation Systems" (NTUA – 2010). In 2021, he presented his PhD (School of Chemical Engineering – NTUA) focused on Model Predictive Control, with applications on optimization of drug administration strategies. In the past, he worked in tech companies in the private sector, as well as in research/academic institutes. He has been working at NCSR Demokritos, as a postdoctoral researcher, for the last 4 years. His academic interests include Programming, Robotics, Embedded Systems, Automatic Control, Optimization, Artificial Intelligence etc.

Dr. Aikaterini Aretaki

Dr. Aikaterini Aretaki graduated from the School of Applied Mathematical and Physical Sciences of the National Technical University of Athens. She earned her MSc in "Applied Mathematical Sciences" from the Department of Mathematics of the same School of NTUA and also her PhD in Mathematics from NTUA in 2011. Her research interests focus on the fields of Linear and Numerical Linear Algebraand Matrix Analysis including the study of bounds for the spectral radius of nonnegative matrices, the condition number of system matrices emerging from the numerical solution of PDE's and also modeling and numerical solution of stochastic optimal control problems with Monte Carlo simulation methods. She has served as a postdoctoral researcher in the H.F.R.I. funded research project and "THALIS" project and she has been awarded a scholarship from Papakyriakopoulos Foundation to conduct postdoctoral research at NTUA. In addition, she has been a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Computer Science and Biomedical Informatics at the University of Thessaly, while lecturing undergraduate and postgraduate courses of Mathematics at the same Department. She has authored eleven (11) refereed articles in international journals and nine (9) papers in conference proceedings, while she has participated with presentations in ten (10) international and nine (9) national conferences. She is a reviewer in 5 international journals of her scientific field and a member of the International Society of Linear Algebra (ILAS) and the Hellenic Mathematical Society.

Dr. Panagiota Nikoletou

Dr. Panagiota Nikoletou holds a PhD in Applied Linguistics, University of Birmingham, UK; MA in Education (TEFL) Teaching English as a Foreign Language, University of Birmingham, UK; a BA (Hons) in English Language Teaching, University of Greenwich, UK and a BA in European Civilization from Hellenic Open University, Greece. Giota's expertise lies with international students from different ethnic backgrounds, and with communicative strategies in foreign language teaching as a result of her research focus. She is a Lecturer in Applied Linguistics of the BA (Hons) English Language and English Language Teaching of University of Greenwich UK offered at NYC. She has been also teaching Academic English Language classes and Professional and Academic Skills for the University of Bolton UK and the Empire State University of New York at NYC, whilst she continues her research on individual differences and the psychology of the language learner in second language acquisition. She has presented in various conferences in both Greece and abroad and she is a certified Senior Oral Examiner for the University of Michigan English Language Examinations.

George Prokopakis

Mr. Prokopakis graduated from the Greek Military Academy. He served as an Artillery officer and then was transferred to the Information Technology Department. He studied Computer Science at the US Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA. He worked on Command-and-Control Systems (C4I) and Healthcare Information Systems (HIS), and taught programming courses at the Greek Army Computer Programmers School until 2010 and at New York College since 2001.
Interests: Programming Languages, Algorithms, Web Technologies, and Databases.

Dr. Georgios Papamichail (CCDP, CCNP, CCNA Sec, CCAI, Microsoft Specialist)

Dr. Georgios Papamichail holds a Ph.D. in Group Decision Making from the Athens University of Economics and Business and a Dipping in Computer Engineering and Informatics from the University of Patras, Greece. He works as Head at the Department of Coordination of the Institute of Training, Greek National Center of Public Administration, and is interested in Network Management and Security, Group Decision making and negotiations, Clustering applications, Management Information Systems and Business Strategy and Innovation in Public Administration. During the last 20 years, he has worked as an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Information Systems at the Department of Management Science and Technology at the Athens University of Economics and Business (AUEB), as a senior researcher at the Eltrun (the eBusiness Center) at the AUEB, as Scientific Personnel at the Greek Open University, and as a consultant to the Greek Government and to a number of Greek firms. He is the main Cisco Instructor at the Greek National Center of Public Administration and has received teaching awards from Cisco (7 times Instructor Excellence Award 2012-2019), New York College (2010) and the Athens University of Economics and Business (2005). He has published more than 40 papers in well-known journals and conferences such as the European Journal of Operational Research, Journal of Decision Systems and the Computer Journal. (Link to full profile: linkedin.com/in/papamichailgeorge).

Kyvele Constantina Diareme (Ph.D. Candidate)

Ms. Diareme is finishing her Ph.D. in Computer Science and specifically in Web Geographic Information Systems at the Informatics Laboratory of the Agricultural University of Athens (AUA), Greece. Her research, results of which have been presented in international conferences and published in peer-reviewed scientific books, focuses on the proposal of new evolutionary algorithms for the personalisation of thematic tours as well as on the management of Spatial Big Data. She holds a Degree in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development and two Master's of Science (M.Sc.) degrees, one in Agricultural Economics and Development and one in Geoinformatics. Among others, she has participated in the proposal/submission and implementation of co-financed programs (H2020, ENPI CBC MED, ENI CBC MED, NSRF) aiming at innovation within the sector of ICT (Information Technology and Communications) and has worked as an advisor for the Greek government. Kyvele has extensive experience in e-learning practices. She has participated in programs dedicated to educating tutors use platforms for both sychronous and asynchronous e-learning as well as in the Greek Open Courses program (NSRF 2007-2013) dedicated to the adaptation of courses taught in Greek Universities and Technological Institutes to the digital environment. She has been teaching Computer Science, GIS and IS related courses since 2015. She coordinates the operation of the Master Programs in the Informatics Department.

Dimitrios Rammos

Mr. Dimitrios Rammos is a Tutor at New York College specialized in the field of Computing. He received his Master's degree in Advanced Information Systems of the department of Informatics of the University of Piraeus with a specialization in Systems and Networks. His professional scope includes some big and multinational working environments such as the National Bank of Greece, Velti SA, Belvedere hotel and Public Power Corporation where his main duties concerned the field of System Administration in both Windows and Linux operating system environments and database design. His academic degree includes educational competence, and his first experience was inside the Technological Educational Institute of Athens where he was an assistant lecturer. His main research interest evolves around Linux and Windows Systems administration and expands on how to make those systems more secure. He has been teaching Linux essentials, Server application, configuration and management, Enterprise Infrastructure Systems, Database Design, and Information Systems for Management.

Penny Vlagos

Penny has been teaching at NYC since 1999, specializing in Human Resource Management and Organizational Behaviour. Through her professional experience as an HR Manager, she is able to pass on to students actual examples from working in both the US and Greece. With a Bachelor degree in International Business and an MBA from Loyola University, she has a wealth of knowledge related to business subjects. Penny also frequently invites professionals from HRM and NYC Alumni to speak in her classes. Students greatly enjoy her lively teaching style, her enthusiasm for course material and approachable manner.

Nena Gorou

Mrs. Gorou has been a member of New York College since 2012 and has taught across the mathematics' area curriculum. From 1997 to 2011 she has served as Instructor of Higher-Level Mathematics at the Hellenic Air Force Academy and at the Technical School of the Hellenic Air Force. From 2012, she has also served New York College from various positions: Recruiter (Office of Admissions), Students' Academic Advisor and from 2017 she is the Head of Academic Advisors. Mrs. Gorou has presented papers in various conferences, workshops, and congresses, and has published her work in numerous proceedings, as well as in scientific magazines in Greece. She is an active member of the "Hellenic Mathematical Society" and has been awarded twice the "Excellence in Teaching Award" at New York College. She has taught College Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Calculus, Trigonometry, Finite Mathematics, History of Mathematics and currently she teaches Applied Mathematics and Probability Theory.

Panagiotis Fiabolis

Mr. Fiabolis has an extensive experience in R&D, with more than 28 years as a Software Engineer, 15 of which in the Greek Army, from where he retired as Colonel, Director of C3I (Command, Control, Computer and Intelligence) Systems, and 13 years in PEOPLECERT as a R&D Director and recently IT Director, responsible for the Software Development and the IT infrastructure and innovative services. He holds a Masters' degree in Software Engineering from the US Naval Postgraduate School, he has graduated from the Greek Army War College, and he has been certified as Cyber Resilience Practitioner, PRINCE2 Practitioner, IT Governance COBIT5 and DevOps Leadership. Additionally, he has been lecturing Software Engineering and IT/Business related courses in undergraduate and postgraduate levels for more than 20 years. He has been lecturing in several Universities at both undergraduate and postgraduate level for 20 years.

Christos Anagnostopoulos

Mr. Anagnostopoulos graduated from the Hellenic Army Academy. He served in several Communication/Computer Positions. He also graduated from the MSc Digital Security Systems of the Piraeus University. He has various certifications in Computer Security and Network Technologies like the CCNA, CCNA Security, ISACA Cobit5f, ISO 270001/2013 Auditor/Lead Auditor.

— Faculty

Anastasios Gkiouzepas

Mr. Gkiouzepas studied Electrical & Computer Engineering (MSEng), in National Technical University of Athens. He is also a graduate of the Hellenic Military Academy and holds an MBA from the Athens University of Economics and Business. He has served in various Army Technical Units and in the last years he has served in the CyberDefence Directorate of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff, in the disciplines of Incident Response, Digital Forensics, Malware Analysis and Threat Intelligence. Additionally, he has been a member of the team for advancing the Detection and Monitoring capabilities, where he has also been the Team Leader. He has years of experience in teaching Information Security. He has been teaching Security modules at New York College since 2021. Interests: Incident Response, Threat Intelligence, Malware Analysis, Threat Detection & Monitoring

Nikolaos Koltsis

Mr. Koltsis graduated from the Hellenic Air Force Academy as Air Battle Manager in 2006. He has a master's degree in Computer Science from the Open Hellenic University (2019). He has served in various Air Defense posts including the Hellenic Airborne Early Warning & Control System and currently he is assigned to the Air Defense Branch of the Hellenic National Defense General Staff. His domain of expertise is the Administration and Programming of C2 Systems and Tactical Data Links in Network Centric Operations. He is instructor in the Air Defense Training Center since 2010 and a lecturer in the Hellenic Airforce Academy, since 2020. He teaches Air Defense modules and Programming. He is also Tutor in New York College since 2022 and he teaches Programming and other relevant modules. His academic interests include System Engineering, Software Engineering (C, Java & Python), algorithms and Unix Operational Systems (Solaris & Linux).

Konstantinos Delistavrou

Konstantinos Delistavrou is an Informatics Engineer of Technological Education, with a BSc from the Alexander TEI of Thessaloniki (1999) and an MSc on Applied Informatics with major on Computer Systems, from the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki (2008). Since January of 2021 he is PhD student at the University of Macedonia in Thessaloniki, School of Information Sciences. His field of study is Passive Optical Networks: Availability, Survivability, Energy efficiency. He has teaching experience of more than 20 years in Greek Secondary, Primary Education, Vocational Institutes, and Colleges. He is an accredited Adults Trainer on Information and Communication Technologies' subjects by the Greek National Organization for the Certification of Qualifications & Vocational Guidance (EOPPEP), with notable experience on vulnerable social groups. He had also served at the "Tele-education" and the "Disabled Students Support and e-Accessibility" offices, of the Alexander TEI of Thessaloniki. Moreover, he has work experience as a Telecommunications Engineer for Vodafone Greece, as well as MIS, IT operations, and sales for leading firms of the Greek market. He has published peer-reviewed papers in national and international scientific conferences. He has authored a peer-reviewed school textbook distributed by the Greek Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs to Greek vocational schools nationwide. He also authored book chapters in peer-reviewed publications. He has peer-reviewed a book for vocational schools, as well as articles of scientific conferences. He has performed various presentations related to Computer Science, ICT, and European projects. Konstantinos has contributed as a researcher, special associate, and contributor in various research and development programs. He has attended various professional development programs. The more distinguished is in 2016 the five weeks long program for administrators of education titled "Exploring Access and Equity in U.S. Education and Society" at the California State University in Chico, CA, USA with a full scholarship from the Fulbright Foundation Greece.

Nektarios Kotridis

Nektarios Kotridis is an Electrical & Computer Engineer who studied in Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and holds a Master Degree (MSc) in Advanced Computing from King's College London. He is a Microsoft Certified Professional since 2012 and has been an instructor in specialized Microsoft's seminars. He is an IT instructor since 2003. He has worked in IT departments for various companies (also as an IT Manager). He is a certified Data Protection Officer (DPO) from TÜV Austria and is working on GDPR and ISO27001 compliance projects for various Companies and Organizations.

—— SUCCESS STORIES

Vassilios Gousetis
BSc (Hons) Computing (Data Analyst), University of Bolton

Vassilios Gousetis during the second year of his studies at New York College, managed to achieve a position as Application Support Engineer at Lexlabs. Just before the third year of his studies, he joined Intrasoft (Netcompany) as a Database Administrator. Vassilios is a student at New York College, Department of Informatics, University of Bolton, U.K.

"I am in the third year of Bachelor of the Science (BSc Hons) degree program at the British State University of Bolton, specializing in Data Analysis. New York College offered me all the technical and practical knowledge in order to find a job directly in my field. In the second year of my studies, I managed to join the Lexlabs law library team, as an Application Support Engineer, something I definitely did not imagine, before I decided to study at NEW YORK COLLEGE! Now, after 6 months, I have just accomplished my first goal, to become a database administrator in one of the most impressive companies in Greece, Intrasoft. I suggest to the rest of my classmates to study constantly and set dreams and goals every day".

Alexandros Kapasakalis
BSc (Hons) Computing (Cyber Security), University of Bolton

Alexandros Kapasakalis during his first year of studies at New York College, managed to achieve a position as First Level System Administrator at MassiveGrid. Alexandros is a student at New York College, Department of Informatics, University of Bolton, U.K.

" I am in the second year of Bachelor of Computing (BSc Hons) degree program at the British State University of Bolton, specializing in Cybersecurity. Today, just before the second year of my studies, I managed to join the MassiveGrid Support team, as a 1st Level System Administrator. As a system administrator, I am given the opportunity to put in practical use the skills acquired through classes by my highly experienced Professors. Through their guidance, I am receiving knowledge on technologies that will shape the future and are a critical part of business stability. For the next years, my professors will continue to share their experience with me and help me make my expectation, a reality".

George Kourakos
BSc Computer Science, State University of New York, Empire State University

I studied Computer Science at New York College and I also hold a Certification in Microsoft Office Specialist, in Web Design by Keycert and Cambridge Proficiency in Computers and English. Right now I have my very own business which is called GameSpace.gr. The courses of my program helped me understand and prepare myself in order to overcome the most difficult situations, regarding the latest technological methods of programming and technology. Also, the structure of the program allows students to make connections among the different courses and thus consolidate knowledge and skills as they progress to graduation. The College was a milestone for me as it helped me to become a well-organized and open-minded person. The opportunity to work with my mentor in Computer Science, Dr. Ioannis Pandithas, was an additional privilege for improving the level of my knowledge in programming. My advice to new students is to take advantage of any kind of situation that comes before you. If there is a club you are interested in, simply join it. If there is a talk on campus that interests you, go for it. Make your own schedule to manage your time. Be patient and never surrender until the semester is over. Nowadays, I consider really important for everybody to understand the value of studies. Becoming an expert or even be able to achieve the appropriate knowledge on your subject, can help you broaden your horizons.

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The classes that I took during my studies covered some important aspects of the Information Technology world. This helped me get a good introduction on the different fields of IT and have the basic knowledge for each of them. An important aspect that the major prepared me for, was project management, how to deal with deadlines/issues and other technical knowledge, such as programming languages which have helped me a lot in my career so far. What I liked more about the program was the fact that we had the chance to work on our own different projects, based on the knowledge that we got during our studies. While working on the projects and during our studies, we had all the support of the lecturers. My college experience has helped me a lot in improving time management and tasks prioritization skills, which are quite crucial for the rest of my career and the day to day jobs. My advice to new students is that you should try to make the maximum out of college life and th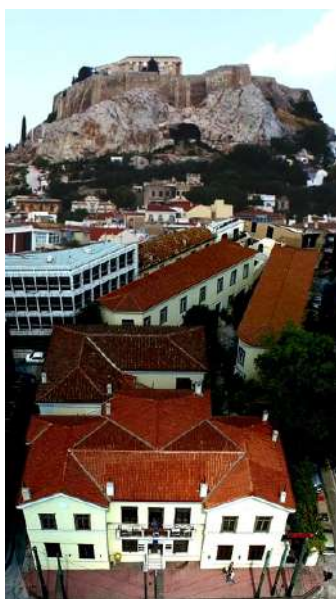e environment that New York College offers to its students.