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Bronx beat

Triumph Construction Corp. tapped for Park Slope Project

Triumph Construction Corp., of Hunts Point, one of the largest privately-held utility contractors in the New York metropolitan area, was awarded the winning contract by NYC Department of Design and Construction for a \$37 million-plus infrastructure replacement project on Flatbush Avenue in the vicinity of Sterling Place and 8th Avenue in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Park Slope.

As detailed in the contract, Triumph Construction will replace trunk and distribution water mains and combined sewer and appurtenances. The company will also be responsible for new curb extensions, street lighting, and traffic signal work in addition to the redevelopment of the 8th Avenue Triangle streetscape.

Founded in 1999 by Carlo Cuzzi, Triumph Construction employs approximately 300 people and takes pride in supporting local causes and organizations.

Since 2006, the cost of a college textbook has increased by 73 percent — or more than four times the rate of inflation according to a 2014 report from the non-profit Student PIRGs (Public Interest Research Groups). It's not uncommon for textbooks to cost between \$200 and \$400 each. For **Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC/CUNY)** students, where more than half the students come from households with less than \$20,000 in annual income, this is often an insurmountable barrier and many students simply forgo textbooks and fall behind in coursework. CUNY's Borough of Manhattan Community College is working to address the high cost of textbooks by expanding a program that is developing free open source classroom materials— known as Open Educational Resources. The efforts could collectively save students millions of dollars. Funded by a series of state, college and private foundation grants, the free textbook program at BMCC has

college website.

The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York (PSSNY) recently honored **Rushabh Shah, PharmD**, of the Bronx, the Pharmacists Mutual Companies' 2017 Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award at its recent annual convention.

The Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award was created in 1987 to encourage newer pharmacists to become involved in association activities and community service. This award recognizes one pharmacist in each state for individual excellence and outstanding contributions.

Shah started his career as a community staff pharmacist at Leroy Pharmacy and has initiated new clinical measures to ensure better care for patients. Shah worked tirelessly to expand the pharmacy's immunization program and has instituted follow-up with patients who are lacking immunizations to encourage them to get immunized.

He has played a significant role in ensuring patients adhere to their medication therapies and comply with their therapy regimens. He set up delivery services with nursing homes, physician's clinics and hospitals to assist in transitioning patients from one care setting to the next.

The Pharmacists Society of the State of New York (PSSNY) recently honored **Michael Agovino** of the Bronx, the Jack Nicolais Award at its recent annual convention.

PSSNY presents this honor to a pharmacist that presents a favorable impression of pharmacy or of a pharmacist to the public and has performed service to the profession of pharmacy or to a pharmacy organization that has aided in the preservation or advancement of community pharmacy.

Agovino has consistently demonstrated a persistent and infallible com-