On March 5, 2003, Dr. Harvey W. Schiller, ’60, returned to his alma mater to give a second Greater Issues address and to participate in the dedication ceremony for the Schiller Science Initiative—a $500,000 gift used to revamp chemistry department facilities, including the renovation of four freshman-level chemistry labs and the purchase of seven major research-grade instruments. The initiative also provided money to upgrade equipment and to establish a biochemistry laboratory.

The results of the initiative have been far-reaching. The college now attracts higher caliber students and offers research opportunities that include joint projects with the college and other agencies. And because of the Schiller Science Initiative, cadets like Sermpun Lhamihak of Thailand are able to conduct potentially groundbreaking research that may one day aid in the treatment of cancer.