

# Annual Report • 2006-2007

University at Albany Alumni Association



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## Dear Fellow Alumni,

Looking back on this past year's accomplishments, it's easy to see why alumni take such pride in being members of the UAlbany Alumni Association. The Association is an integral part of campus life and serves as a conduit for thousands of alumni to remain a vital part of the UAlbany community.

The Association has continued many of its successful programs this past year, including hosting more than twenty alumni events across the nation. In 2006, we built a cadre of alumni regional ambassadors who assist with

local events and act as a point of contact for local alumni. Hundreds of alumni continued to give their time and talent in support of the University's mission in a variety of ways – as admissions ambassadors, mentors, speakers and more.

Once again, Athletics was a rallying point for many alumni, as we cheered on our Great Danes men's basketball team to their second America East's championship and NCAA Basketball Tournament. Our Varsity Club now has over 200 members, and we began hosting alumni events for additional sports as well, such as lacrosse and volleyball. My congratulations to all of our student-athletes for another successful year.

One of our oldest alumni traditions – Alumni Weekend – got a new look this past year, and will see a few more changes in 2008. In order to enable alumni to experience a more vibrant campus when students and faculty are still on campus, reunions are shifting from the summer to Homecoming Weekend in the fall. The Association will be focusing its efforts on milestone reunions and supporting affinity group reunions. I encourage you to read more about this change on the next page of this report.

2007 also saw one of the most significant changes to the Alumni Association in our history. After years as a dues-based organization, the Association was able to eliminate dues and offer membership automatically to all alumni. The Association was able to make this change due, in large part, to the support we have received over the years from so many dedicated alumni members, and I wish to thank each and every one of you for your part in making this association the strong, vital organization it is today.

I would like to thank my fellow board and committee members, whose dedicated service has enabled us to continue to evaluate the needs of today's alumni and to identify the steps necessary to meet them. I also would like to thank the Alumni Association staff, who has turned the vision of this board into reality time and time again.

Alumni remain vital members of the university community, and I am honored to count myself among the many dedicated alumni who have helped to shape this great institution. I look forward to carrying on my work with this board and many of you as we continue our quest for excellence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Luks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jeffrey Luks '91, '01

# Highlights • 2006-2007

## Membership

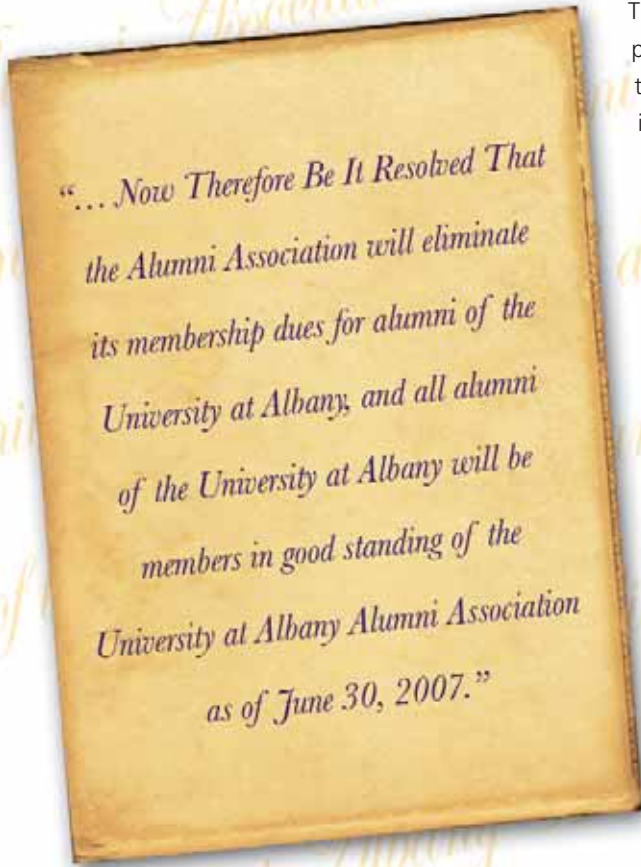
The Alumni Association decided to eliminate its paid membership dues program. Under the new system, all alumni will be considered members of the Association. The results will include: enhanced philanthropy by eliminating the duplicative and confusing nature of membership and annual fund solicitations; a commitment to all alumni by providing membership benefits that will enhance their connection to the University; and increased services and benefits by eliminating wasteful staff time previously spent on membership recruitment.

## Regional Volunteers

Based on a need to create a group of alumni throughout the country and the world that may be called on to assist with events in their area, the Association established a Regional Volunteers program intended to offer an alternative means of involvement for our volunteers in cities throughout the world without established chapters.

## Reunion Changes

In order to enable alumni to experience a more vibrant setting when students and faculty are still on campus, the board of directors with support from the Council of Classes approved shifting reunions from the summer to Homecoming Weekend in the fall. In the future, the Association will be focusing its efforts on milestone reunions and supporting affinity group reunions.



◀ *Classmates reunite during Alumni Weekend. The Association has decided to place an even greater emphasis on reunions in the future.*

▼ *These grads are now automatically members of the Alumni Association.*



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## Student Engagement

The Purple & Gold Student Ambassadors program was established this year, which will promote pride in and preserve the traditions of UAlbany through service and leadership. These students will serve as ambassadors for UAlbany at high-profile events and represent the university to key constituencies — alumni, the campus and the community. In realizing this mission, the Purple & Gold Student Ambassadors will build relationships between students and alumni and create a bridge between our past and our future. For the first time graduating seniors received from the Alumni Association the gift book *Life After School Explained*.



## Chapter and Constituent Groups

The Alumni Association was pleased to accept a new constituent group this year. After assisting with a successful EOP alumni reunion during the summer of 2006 in Atlanta, several EOP alumni worked collaboratively with Association staff to ensure that the alumni stay connected with the University by forming the group.

### Other chapter and constituent group activities included:

- Livermore Valley Alumni Wine Tour, Northern California
- Alumni Trip to the Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park, N.Y.
- The Rockefeller College Awards Ceremony
- College of Computing and Information Alumni Reception
- Government Relations/Introduction Dean Straussman Reception
- Day At The Races, Saratoga, N.Y.
- Alumni Nights at Yankee Stadium, NY Knicks, US Open Tennis
- UAlbany Night at the Tri-City ValleyCats



◀ EOP alumni enjoy their reunion in Atlanta.



◀ Current UAlbany students learn about the Alumni Association as they take in some sunshine on the Alumni House deck.

## Programs and Events

Under the direction of the board and its committees, the Association implemented numerous programs to engage alumni, students and the University community. Although too numerous to mention here, some highlights from 2006-2007 include the Association's Excellence Awards Gala, a Student Association reunion during Homecoming and an alumni book discussion held in conjunction with the University's annual reading project.

## Athletics

Our Varsity Club grew to more than 200 members; we began hosting bus trips and alumni events for sports in addition to basketball and football including lacrosse and volleyball. Head Football Coach Bob Ford was recognized by the Association and the University with the Citizen of the University Award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the University through his leadership and service.



### Other Alumni Association sponsored events:

- America East Tournament Pregame Reception, Boston
- America East Championship (Vermont) Bus Trips, Viewing Parties
- Women's Volleyball NCAA Pregame reception
- NCAA Tournament Party (Columbus), Bus Trip, Viewing Parties
- Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Feast
- Football and Basketball Pregame Parties
- Bracketbusters Viewing Parties
- Siena Pregame Party
- Free Faculty/Staff Reception and Game Ticket

► *Coach Bob Ford provides an update on the UAlbany football team's prospects for 2006-07 at a Varsity Club tailgate prior to a New York Giants practice.*

► *Richard Golubow '85 and Joseph Zumbo, director of Student Legal Services, chat at the Student Association Reunion open house in October.*



## Regional Events

Alumni across the country had opportunities to network and hear from their alma mater at nine regional events hosted by the Alumni Association. In addition to an annual trip to Washington, D.C., the Association hosted receptions in Los Angeles, Phoenix, Atlanta, San Francisco, Seattle and Richmond. The Association also engaged alumni overseas, with alumni gatherings in China and Korea.

► *Alumni Jill Frommer '73, Maure Steinman Gardner '78 and Mitchell Radist '78 enjoy themselves at the L.A. Gathering of Alumni and Friends.*



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## Financial Statements Alumni Association of The University at Albany, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position August 31, 2006 (With comparative totals for 2005)

The Alumni Association is committed to fostering a mutually beneficial relationship between the University and its alumni, to perpetuating a sense of pride in and commitment to the outstanding qualities of the University and the education it provides, and to promoting in partnership a positive image of the University and its alumni through communication, service and leadership. Toward that

end, the Association has continued to take a conservative approach to securing its future while increasing programs and underwriting a variety of University projects including Citizen Laureate, the annual Golf Classic, athletic events, and arts and culture activities.

<b>ASSETS</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$495,190	\$382,266
Accounts receivable	3,547	6,795
Investments	1,337,441	1,347,343
Inventory	1,347	39,774
Prepaid expenses	3,647	9,649
Prepaid income taxes	-	1,584
Property and equipment, net	<u>34,570</u>	<u>39,062</u>
Total assets	\$1,875,742	\$1,826,443
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts and accrued expenses payable	12,732	15,273
Income taxes payable	859	-
Deferred membership dues income	303,458	308,769
Deferred income-other	4,827	5,290
Due to class groups and others	<u>188,632</u>	<u>193,279</u>
Total Liabilities	510,508	522,611
Net Assets		
Unrestricted:		
Designated by governing board for arts and culture	162,183	158,095
Designated by governing board for chapter activities	29,576	26,350
Designated by governing board for scholarship	-	25,000
Undesignated	<u>618,881</u>	<u>1,001,482</u>
Total unrestricted net assets	1,245,640	1,210,927
Temporarily restricted	90,593	63,904
Permanently restricted	<u>29,001</u>	<u>29,001</u>
Total net assets	<u>1,365,234</u>	<u>1,303,832</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$1,875,742	\$1,826,443

◀ A full copy of the Alumni Association's Independent Auditor's Report with accompanying notes is available by contacting the Alumni Association.



◀ The Association's Art and Culture Committee sends out a call after each annual meeting inviting proposals for awards from the "Grandma Moses Funds." The committee entertains proposals for projects related to the visual arts – sculpture, painting, graphics, photographs – that will enhance the campus environment and the esthetics of the University community. This year three projects that received funding were the Squonk Opera in Albany (left), the Ellen Sinopoli Dance Company in "Spill Out" and Brian Tolle's '88 public lecture in conjunction with on-campus public art sculpture projects.

## 2007-2008 ■ New Board Members

**Kevin Andrew Chambers** graduated from the University at Albany in 1997 with degrees in accounting and English. Following his graduation he worked for Ernst & Young as a senior business advisory associate, auditing publicly traded corporations in the financial services and entertainment sectors, and later relocated to Los Angeles where he worked for Toyota Motor Sales (USA), Inc. as a business process consultant. Kevin earned his juris doctor in 2004 from Yale Law School and then worked in the Washington, D.C., office of Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale and Dorr LLP as an associate in the firm's Securities and Litigation practices. Currently, Kevin is completing a one-year appointment as a judicial clerk to the Honorable Harry T. Edwards, senior circuit judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Kevin is a licensed CPA. He is an elected representative of the Yale Law School executive committee and a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Maryland State Bar Association and the District of Columbia Bar.

**Christopher Hahn** joined United Way of Long Island as president and chief operating officer in March 2007. Previously, he served as the chief deputy county executive for Nassau County, where he directed and managed the daily administration, communications and operations of Nassau County government, which consists of a \$2.6 billion budget, 8,700 employees and 47 departments. In this capacity, Christopher held the top appointed post in the Suozzi administration that was successful in creating the Nassau County Empire Zone, protecting open space under the Environmental Bond Act, engaging in various downtown revitalization efforts, stimulating tourism in Nassau County and protecting Nassau residents with various public safety initiatives. Christopher is a 1994 graduate of the University at Albany and a 1999 graduate of St. John's University School of Law. He lives on Long Island with his wife, Kara, and daughters Karina and Hope.

**Diane Hodurski-Foley** has more than 15 years experience in program management and coordinating, developing, and delivering training and staff development programs in public and non-profit organizations. She received a master of public administration from the Nelson A. Rockefeller Graduate

School of Public Affairs and Policy of the University at Albany in 1995, as well as a bachelor of arts in theatre and English in 1993. Her MPA coursework focused on public management and human resources management. Diane has been actively involved with the Alumni Association since 1993, serving as class councilor (and terms as vice chair and chair of the Council), on the board and executive committee in an ex-officio capacity, as well as on various committees. Diane lives in Albany with her husband, Jeffrey Foley (also a UAlbany alum), their two dogs and their cat.

**Timothy P. Murphy** was appointed executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Research Foundation in June 1999. Tim is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Research Foundation and for overseeing the implementation of many new initiatives, including the installation of Oracle Corporation's suite of grants management software applications; the expansion of the Foundation's activities in the areas of federal and state relations, technology transfer and philanthropic giving; and ensuring that campus-based researchers are providing their human research subjects with the highest level of protections. Tim has been a member of the American Society of Public Administration for more than 20 years and has presented at numerous professional conferences and workshops. He holds a master's degree in public administration from the University at Albany and a bachelor's degree from the State University College at Oswego.

**David P. Schaffer** graduated from the University at Albany in 1983 with a bachelor of science degree in political science. He obtained his J.D. from Pace University Law School in 1987, and has been practicing as a civil litigator specializing in defending corporations sued in product liability and toxic tort exposure cases for almost 20 years. He currently is senior counsel with Malaby, Carlisle & Bradley, a mid-sized law firm located in New York City. David has been a member of the Alumni Council of Classes since 1993 and was recently elected chair of the Council. He and his wife, Lisa Gurley, a Ph.D. candidate at the New School for Social Research, live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan (along with their two cats). They are both avid Mets fans and attend as many baseball games as their hectic schedules permit.



Kevin Andrew Chambers



Christopher Hahn



Diane Hodurski-Foley



Timothy P. Murphy



David P. Schaffer

# Programs and Services

## Online Community and Online Directory

Enjoy a package of internet services designed exclusively for UAlbany alumni, including an alumni directory, e-mail forwarding and career center.

## Career Planning Assistance

Meet with a career counselor, network online or take advantage of online job posting services and career search tools.

## Constituent Groups

Keep in touch with alumni who share a common bond with you. Constituent groups are based on a professional or academic affiliation, a sport, a club or other University program.

## UAlbany Magazine and News@UAlbany

UAlbany magazine provides in-depth information on the University as well as class notes and other alumni news. *News@UAlbany*, our monthly alumni electronic newsletter, keeps you up-to-date on breaking news at your alma mater.

## Alumni Awards Program

The Excellence Awards recognize those who personify the University's commitment to excellence and service, bringing distinction to themselves and to our alma mater.

## Legacy Connection Program

This program recognizes families for their multi-generational support and provides opportunities for students and alumni to stay connected to UAlbany through special programs and events.

## Athletic Discounts

Members receive discounted rates on facilities and tickets and exclusive access to pre-game parties. Show your membership card at the door to buy one ticket and get one ticket free.

## Alumni Association Web Store

Shop for merchandise designed exclusively for UAlbany alumni.

## Special Events

Reunions, Homecoming, the Big Purple Growl and Great Dane Spring Stomp are just a few of the major events held at UAlbany each year.

## Alumni Association Chapter and Regional Events

The UAAA sponsors many special events throughout the country each year. Check our Web calendar at [www.albany.edu/todayualbany](http://www.albany.edu/todayualbany) for details.

## Alumni House Facilities

Alumni House meeting facilities are available for business meetings by members of the UAAA at a discount.

## UAlbany Theater Department Discounts

Save up to 25 percent off season tickets and individual Theater Department performances held at the Performing Arts Center.

## Auto, Home and Boat Insurance

Purchase insurance at significant savings from the highly reputable customer service team at Liberty Mutual.

## Test Preparation Courses

The Association sponsors courses on the UAlbany campus at discounted rates for the LSAT, GRE and GMAT tests.

## Credit Card Service

The UAlbany Alumni Association WorldPoints VISA Credit Card lets you earn points and get the rewards you want — cash, travel, merchandise, and gift certificates — now with easy online redemption, too! No annual fee.

## Car Rental Discounts

National car rental services offer discounts to UAAA members of 5-30 percent off daily, weekend, weekly and monthly leisure rates.

## Hotel Discounts and Savings

Savings and discounts are available to UAAA members at more than a dozen national and international chains.



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