Dear Fellow Alumni,

I’ve always been a proud Great Dane. After witnessing the continued growth of the University at Albany Alumni Association while serving as president over the past two years, I am an even prouder alum. We’ve continued to provide programs that enhance the student experience and keep our alums engaged with all that is happening at their alma mater. In addition, our renewed focus on providing career services to our recent alums will ensure all UAlbany graduates can share in the promise of a successful and rewarding career. As you’ll see in the following pages, we’ve strengthened relationships with the University community through exciting collaborative efforts and partnerships. Your support — through volunteering, providing career advice to a student, generously donating to a scholarship, and/or attending an alumni event — advances our mission of becoming the most valuable network to 174,000+ alumni across the globe.

I would like to thank the current members of the Strategic Planning Committee for their continued efforts in guiding our Alumni Association toward what will be an exciting new era this fall. Rewarding volunteer opportunities to recruit UAlbany’s best and brightest students, enhanced career services for students and fellow alumni, and an emphasis on advancing the University through financial support to meet students’ needs, are all on the horizon. We’ve made great progress toward many of these efforts in the past year: We offered several alumni career panels for students; sharpened our focus on career development for young alums; and partnered with UAlbany’s Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) to strengthen alumni-student relationships through career mentoring. We also grew our UAlbany Career Advisory Network (UCAN) by nearly 200 alumni volunteers who help students pave their path to a successful career.

In true “Purple Fam” fashion, we supported UAlbany men’s and women’s athletic teams both at home and on the road and helped create yet another spirit-filled Homecoming weekend that brought thousands of alumni back to campus. Our winter project with alumni-owned company Twill brought several generations of Great Danes together to give back to the local community. Our social media network continues to grow steadily and enables us to reach alumni across the globe and to offer numerous opportunities to engage with the University.

As my term comes to a close, I feel confident that we will continue to strengthen our impact on the University under the leadership of incoming President Brian C. Fessler ’06, ’07 and a committed board of directors. It truly has been a privilege to serve as your President, and with Great Dane pride, I wish you all great success in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Garba, ’02, ’05
President
THE POWER OF A HASHTAG

#UAlbanyPurpleFam
Meets Its Inspiration

Humans of New York creator and photographer Brandon Stanton was the featured speaker of the University at Albany Speaker Series at Homecoming. Several of our own “humans” from the #UAlbanyPurpleFam social media campaign were integrated into the event’s staging and programming.

#UAlbanyViews

Vibrant and dramatic photos of familiar locations on campus showcase UAlbany’s architecture, provide a dose of nostalgia, and strongly contribute to the steady growth of the Alumni Association’s Instagram account.

#ThrowbackThursday and #FlashbackFriday

We went down into the tunnels and up to the top of State Quad to capture images for our two most popular Facebook posts of the year: 1,000+ likes, 200+ shares, 200+ comments, and 50,000+ reached.

#GiveWhereYouLive

The Alumni Association partnered with local alumni-owned company Twill to design an exclusive NCAA-licensed UAlbany beanie. We donated 50 fleece-lined beanies to Koinonia Primary Care, Inc., founded and operated by Dr. Bob Paeglow ’76 and located in Albany’s West End. Online product sales benefitted the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation (founded by Denis ‘84, ’86 and Lynda Murphy ’83,’85), and Jammin’ for JP.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

An Emphasis on Career and Professional Development

• **221 connections** were made through the UAlbany Career Advisory Network (UCAN).

• **23 alumni panelists** participated in 6 events for current students. 150+ attended panel events that focused on effective networking, leadership and a unique, live-chat Skype session with Hollywood writer/producer Marc Guggenheim ’92.

• The Alumni Association helped connect students with alumni mentors and advisors through several initiatives:
  
  **EOP: Transforming Lives By Paying It Forward**  
  An effort to bring NYC-area alumni and current EOP students together for career advising and mentorship.

  **IQ4/CWA Cybersecurity Program**  
  A “virtual internship” that matches alumni mentors from fields such as business, forensics and computer science, to students 1:1.

  **UCAN Intersession Campaign**  
  A partnership with Student Affairs to create and implement a print/digital marketing campaign geared toward parents and students Dec. 2016-Jan. 2017.

Regional Events from Coast to Coast

• We held 30 regional events with 1,683 attendees. This year’s regional gatherings spanned the country, from Ft. Lauderdale to Seattle and a number of cities in between.

“Thank you for another wonderful Day at the Races. My group of five had a great time all day.”  
Lisa Maio, Class of ’83
Affinity & Milestone Reunions

700+ alumni attended class and affinity group gatherings that included the classes of 1966, 1976, 1991, and 2006; Kappa Beta; EOP; Potter Club; men’s rugby and lacrosse teams; and the Interfaith Center.

School & College Partnerships

The Alumni Association partnered with Rockefeller College, the School of Social Welfare, the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences, the School of Criminal Justice, and the English and Theatre departments to hold events for 600+ alumni attendees.

Graduates of the Last Decade

767 young alumni attended six GOLD events in the Capital District and Metro N.Y. The GOLD committee welcomed 300+ young alums to the NYC GOLD Schmooze.

UAlbany Connects

1,000+ alumni attended Albany-area and Metro NY events including Day at the Races, Night at the Yankees and Night at the ValleyCats. Other events included networking happy hours, panel discussions and the annual gathering at Hearst Tower in NYC.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Several of our 3,300+ alumni volunteers offered a hand at the annual EOP Ice Cream Social.

“I had a wonderful time at my 50th-year reunion. The weekend went very smoothly with activities on and off campus. I’m looking forward to my 55th!”

Donna Buffalo O’Higgins, Class of ’66

Purple & Gold Student Ambassadors attended the VIP Reception for Humans of New York creator Brandon Stanton at Homecoming.

Alumni boarded the fan bus to the America East Championship and NCAA Tournament games in March.
The UAlbany Community contributed 15,798 lbs. of non-perishable food items at the 4th annual Drive Out Hunger campaign.

Past and present Alumni Association presidents Timothy Murphy ’77, Canon Kay Carol Hotaling ’67, ’70, and Joe Garba ’02, ’05 attended the Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Feast.

Alumni Association scholarship recipients attended a reception in their honor at the Alumni House.

“This was our first Big Purple Growl & Ferocious Feast. What a terrific experience! So well organized, and so much fun!”

Rachel Cameron, Class of ’69
“I can’t thank you enough for all that you do to support the Semester in Washington reception. It’s an event I look forward to every year, and I’m always seeing old and new faces.” Cat Provost, Class of ’05

Alumni in the D.C. metro area attended several events.

Thousands of alumni and friends gathered to tailgate and celebrate at Homecoming 2016.
### Assets

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### Liabilities and Net Assets

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#### NET ASSETS

**Unrestricted:**

- Designated by governing board for arts and culture | $169,927 | $163,135 |
- Designated by governing board for chapter activities | 22,269 | 24,333 |
- Designated by governing board for endowments | $870,378 | $1,070,378 |
- Undesignated | $762,623 | $489,010 |

**Total unrestricted net assets** | $1,825,197 | $1,746,856 |

**Temporarily restricted** | $93,407 | $84,122 |

**Permanently restricted** | 29,001 | 29,001 |

**Total net assets** | $1,947,605 | $1,859,979 |

**Total liabilities and net assets** | $2,405,408 | $2,289,538 |
WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Monica Britton ’91
Monica Britton was born and raised in New York, living most of her life in Westbury, Long Island. She earned a bachelor’s degree in English from the University at Albany in 1991. Monica served as student assistant and resident assistant on Indian Quad. After graduating, she began a 15-year career in the music industry where she polished her management, team building and out-of-the-box marketing skills at EMI Music, and Universal Motown Records Group. Monica felt a strong calling to give more service to her community. She left the entertainment industry in 2006 and took a position as the director of communications and special projects at a major non-profit institution in Brooklyn. In addition, Monica volunteers as an American Sign Language interpreter, affordable food program coordinator and youth ministry advisor at her house of worship. She is in the process of starting an organization that will focus on helping minority girls navigate their paths toward higher education.

Sara Richburg ’98
Sara Richburg was born and raised in South Bronx. With the exception of the four years spent attending UAlbany, she has lived in New York City her whole life. Sara credits the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) for affording her the opportunity to attend UAlbany as a first generation college student. She earned a bachelor’s degree in Africana studies with a minor in business administration in 1998, then earned a Master’s of Public Administration from CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice Inspector’s General program in 2011. She was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public affairs and administration. Sara currently serves as assistant vice president, business manager at Deutsche Bank on the information and resilience risk management team. Prior to joining Deutsche, she spent 11 years on Wall Street, supporting the Alternative Capital Markets group at Goldman Sachs. Sara enjoys running marathons, traveling, film production, leading volunteer initiatives for Women on Wall Street and spending time with her nephews. She volunteers for the UAlbany Career Advisory Network (UCAN) and recently was appointed to the UAlbany Student Affairs Advisory Board.

Meghan Nyman ’13, ’14
Originally from Oswego, N.Y., Meghan Nyman moved to Albany to attend college in 2009 and has since made the city her home. She graduated from the University at Albany with a bachelor’s degree in public policy in 2013, and a Master of Public Administration degree the following year. As a UAlbany student, Meghan worked as an orientation leader; studied abroad in Santiago, Chile; and served as a Purple and Gold Student Ambassador. After graduation, she worked as a project coordinator for SUNY System Administration in Strategic Planning and Teacher Preparation. Since 2015, Meghan has served as assistant director for operations of Orientation and Transition Programs at UAlbany and is a member of the Alumni Association’s Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) Committee. Meghan lives in downtown Albany with her fiancé and fellow UAlbany alum, Joseph Popcun ’14.

Stefanos Marcopoulos ’07, ’08
Stefanos Marcopoulos of New Rochelle, N.Y., is a successful entrepreneur and business professional, with over 15 years of experience leading change and innovation in the technology and financial services space. He currently serves as director of global marketing operations at American Express Company and is responsible for driving flawless execution across the enterprise’s multi-billion dollar marketing execution plan. Previously, Stefanos was an advisory consultant in the financial services asset management practice of Ernst & Young, LLP where he also served as chief of staff to the global vice chair of strategic growth markets. Before pursuing his career in financial services, Stefanos founded two companies in the technology sector related to payment systems and home automation services. He is a two-time University at Albany graduate and holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in accounting and accounting information systems, respectively. Stefanos serves on the UAlbany Student Affairs Advisory Board.

Left to right:
Monica Britton ’91
Stefanos Marcopoulos ’07, ’08
Meghan Nyman ’13, ’14
Sara Richburg ’98
Members of the Edward E. Potter Club held their 85th-Year Anniversary celebration at the Alumni House.
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