

Out and About

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Right: Nearly 2,800 bachelors, master's and doctoral students joined the University at Albany alumni family upon receiving degrees at Spring Commencement Weekend, May 17-18.

Below: More than 120 donors and volunteers gathered June 18 on the 87-acre East Campus to learn more about the latest advances in cancer and heart disease research, public health initiatives, and the University's thriving bioscience and high-tech community across the Hudson River. In this photo, Assistant Professor of Biomedical Research Douglas Conklin talks with a group of visitors.



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School of Business Metro NY Alumni Reception

Paul A. Leonard, Ph.D., '75, '76, former dean of the School of Business, poses with graduates from the classes of 2000-2008 at the May 1 reception at Sardi's Restaurant in Manhattan. These young alumni won the Decades Challenge, in which the decade with the most event attendees received UAAlbany gear – as well as this magazine display!

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U.S. Rep. Michael R. McNulty spoke about his nearly four decades of public service during the 24th annual Burton Lecture. Provost Susan D. Phillips presented the Burton Medallion to the retiring congressman during the April 28 event, which was attended by more than 200 guests and also honored Distinguished Public Service Award recipients Edwin D. Reilly, Jamie Fellner, Dennis P. Whalen, Ward B. Stone and Harry Rosenfeld.

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UAlbany graduates and students really do get around! Nam-Joon Kim '95 (second from left) recently gathered a group of UAlbany friends for an informal get-together – in Tokyo. With him are (left to right) his friend Aaron, Debbie Conway, Steven Nantista, Jenny Staunton '07, Nickeshia Watson '07, Brendan Hamill, Charles Frederick '07, and Andrew Edsall '02. Debbie, Steven and Brendan will graduate in 2009.



A tradition started by the late President Kermit Hall, the Valedictorian Celebration held on May 8 recognized the best and brightest of UAlbany's graduating class, along with the professors who inspired them to excellence. College deans, favorite professors, students and their families enjoyed conversation over afternoon tea. Six of this year's valedictorians had cumulative 4.0 averages; five others had 3.99.