



# News@UAlbany

August 2007

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aug. 18** – UAlbany Metro DC Chapter Night at the Nationals, Washington, D.C.

**Aug. 19** – Day at the Races, Capital Region Chapter

**Aug. 30** – U.S. Open Tennis Night, Metro NYC Chapter

**Sept. 8** – UAlbany Football vs. Fordham Pregame Tailgate at Fordham University, Metro NYC Chapter

**Oct. 4** – Fifth Annual Metro-NY Great Danes Scholarship Golf Outing, Bethpage State Park

**Oct. 12-14** – Homecoming/Family Weekend & Reunion 2007

**Oct. 17-29** – Explore China – Beijing; Xi'an; Shanghai, China

**Oct. 27** – “Wicked” and Reception with Author Gregory Maguire '76, Boston, Mass.

**Nov. 12** – Culinary Institute of America, Dinner, Tour and Program, Capital Region Chapter

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## ALUMNI ONLINE COMMUNITY

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## Call for Regional Volunteers



*Peter Brusoe '03 spreads the Great Dane spirit in D.C.*

Stay connected and give back to your alma mater by becoming a regional volunteer! You can serve as the central contact in your area for other alumni, parents, prospective students and new graduates of the University, while also assisting the Alumni Association in endeavors such as planning occasional informal district events and determining the best locations for regional functions. To get involved, e-mail [Carmelina Morrison](#) at the Alumni Association or call (518) 442-3084.

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## UAlbany Metro DC Chapter Night at the Nationals

Come mingle with UAlbany alumni and cheer on the NY Mets on Saturday, Aug. 18 at RFK Stadium. Be one of the first 20,000 fans and receive an Abe Lincoln bobble-head. If you would like to meet up with other alumni before the game, stop at [Trusty's](#). Cost is \$15 for UAlbany alumni; \$20 for non-alumni. Tickets are in Section 518. Don't be seen without your purple and gold! [Click here](#) to register.



## Capital District and New York City Alumni Invited to Saratoga Race Course

UAlbany alumni will gather Aug. 19 at the Saratoga Race Course to share in the excitement of this world-class racetrack. Participants also will enjoy a luncheon with fellow alumni in the Paddock Pavilion. To register, or to see who will be attending this event, [click here](#).



## Museum Offers Lectures by Artists

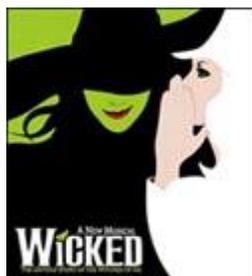
Sept. 5, Geoffrey Young and James Siena will discuss their collaboration on a new edition of *Pockets of Wheat*, first published in 1996 featuring poems by Young and drawings by Siena. Many of Siena's drawings are featured in the museum's current exhibition, "Big Fast Ink: James Siena Drawings, 1996-2007." Sept. 26, the museum will feature a lecture by Judith Linhares, whose luminous oil paintings and works on paper have inspired a generation of younger figurative painters. Her lecture will be held in conjunction with her exhibit.

## Metro NY Great Danes Scholarship Golf Classic Set

Don't miss the fifth annual Metro NY Great Danes Scholarship Golf Outing Oct. 4 on the Green Course of historic Bethpage State Park. Lunch and registration begin at noon, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m., followed by cocktails, dinner and awards. For more information, contact Don Ostrom at (518) 437-4416 in the Athletic Development Office.

## You're Invited - Homecoming/Family Weekend and Reunion '07

We have a fun and exciting weekend planned for you! Come visit your old haunts, reconnect with friends, renew your bonds with the UAlbany community, discover the campus and enjoy an array of events that will make this a weekend to remember. Also, the classes of '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97 and '02 will celebrate their reunions. Join us as we take pride in the Great Dane spirit! [Check the alumni Web site](#) later this month for details.



## See "Wicked" in Boston and Meet Author Gregory Maguire '76

See the Broadway production of "Wicked" at the Boston Opera House Oct. 26 and meet UAlbany alumnus Gregory Maguire '76, author of *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* at a dinner reception following the show. Transportation is available from the UAlbany campus. [Click here](#) to register.

## University News



### UAlbany Awarded Getty Foundation Grant to Preserve Uptown Campus

Using a \$180,000 grant awarded by the Getty Foundation's Campus Heritage Initiative, the University at Albany will develop a long-term plan to preserve and enhance its uptown campus, designed in 1961-62 by master architect Edward Durell Stone. [Full Story](#).

### Minor Named Assistant Vice President and Director of Diversity and Affirmative Action

Dr. Tamra Minor will assume the post of assistant vice president and director of Diversity and Affirmative Action this month in the University's Division of Student Success. Formerly of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she served as associate vice chancellor for Institutional Diversity, Minor specializes in issues associated with diversity, affirmative action and equity. [Full Story](#).

## Alums Return to Present Cancer Research

Two alums recently presented their research to fellow scientists at the Cancer Research Center. Myriam Gorospe, Ph.D. '93, a senior investigator in the RNA Regulation Section of the National Institute on Aging and the National Institute of Health, presented "RNA-Binding Protein HuR: Posttranscriptional Paths to Malignancy." John Condeelis, Ph.D. '75, of the Albert Einstein College School of Medicine, was the featured speaker at a Bioconnex forum and presented "Novel Methods for Detecting Cell Interactions in the Tumor Microenvironment."

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## Schools and Colleges

### **UAlbany's Africana Studies Graduate Program Ranks Second in Nation**

UAlbany's Africana Studies graduate program maintained its ranking as second in the nation this year, for the third year in a row, coming in behind Temple University. Other schools in the top 10 include Yale University, Cornell University, Columbia University, Morgan State University, Ohio State University, the University of California-Los Angeles and Berkeley campuses and the University of Louisville. UAlbany is the only school in the SUNY system that offers a master's degree in Africana Studies. [Full Story](#).

### **Carpenter Named to State Energy Task Force**

David Carpenter, M.D., director of the Institute for Health and Environment at UAlbany's School of Public Health and professor of Environmental Sciences, has been named to New York's Renewable Energy Task Force. The task force's goal will be to identify ways to expand the state's use of renewable energy and alternative fuels. [Full Story](#).



### **Center for Technology in Government Holds First Annual Institute on International Digital Government Research**

UAlbany's Center for Technology in Government held the first annual Institute on International Digital Government Research in New York City July 8-14, funded by the National Science Foundation. Sixteen doctoral students from around the world attended the weeklong residential program focused on ways to advance, study and understand digital government research in an international context. [Full Story](#).



### **SSW Sponsors Summer Study Tour to Africa**

The U.S.-Africa Partnership for Building Stronger Communities Project sponsored its eighth Summer Tour to Africa. Thirteen students, a community-based practitioner and Professor Shirley J. Jones visited Liberia, Senegal and South Africa. The group met with President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, the first female president on the African continent. Other highlights included establishing a "pen pal" project with high school students and a school for the deaf, and distributing hand-quilted blankets and supplies to orphanages.

### **SSW Receives Two-Year Grant to Enhance M.S.W. Curriculum**

The School of Social Welfare, in conjunction with its Internships in Aging Project, received a two-year grant from the Council on Social Work Education to support integration of gerontology modules into the master's in Social Work curriculum. The new modules, which will integrate content on mental health, substance abuse and aging, will be disseminated to other schools of social work.

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## Athletics

### **New for 2007! UAlbany ONE PASS Is Your Ticket to Great Dane Athletics**

ONE PASS gives you access to more than 50 sporting events throughout the 2007-08 year, including general admission to men and women's soccer and lacrosse, along with women's volleyball and basketball. With purchase of the ONE PASS, you also receive an exclusive T-shirt, an invitation to the Great Dane Awards, access to postseason tickets, 10 percent off in the Athletics Merchandise Store, special ticket offers and more! To sign up now for only \$50, call (518) 442-4683 or visit <http://www.ualbanysports.com/>.



### Three UAlbany Students Named America East's Top Scholars

UAlbany's Kate Fontana has been named the America East Conference Scholar-Athlete for women's lacrosse, while Mike Ammann and Jessica Ortman earned the top award in men's lacrosse and women's indoor track, respectively. UAlbany placed a total of 159 student-athletes on the conference's winter-spring academic honor roll, as announced by the league office. [Full Story](#).

### Women's Lacrosse Program Honored for Academic Success

The Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association (IWLCA) has recognized the UAlbany program as a Division I Merit Squad. The Great Danes led all NCAA Division I institutions with a team grade point average of 3.45. Atlantic Coast Conference schools Virginia Tech (3.44) and Duke (3.43) were second and third, respectively, among the 41 lacrosse programs honored. [Full Story](#).

### Samson Brown Named UAlbany Football Assistant Head Coach

UAlbany head football coach Bob Ford announced in July the appointment of Samson Brown to the assistant coach position. Brown, a former Great Danes' free safety and four-time All-Northeast defensive back, will coach the outside linebackers and recruit in New Jersey, Connecticut and Long Island. [Full Story](#).

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## Of Note



### Test-Prep Courses Offered

The UAlbany Alumni Association offers GMAT, GRE and LSAT test-prep courses to help alumni and students prepare for graduate/law school admission tests. Best of all, these courses are being offered at half the price of other national courses. Classes are now forming for the fall – so register early for additional savings! Cost to alumni and current UAlbany students is \$495 if registered by Sept. 28. [Details](#).

### Help Students Find Internships

You can help UAlbany students gain important experience by sharing internship opportunities with Career Services. If your organization needs student interns, please send a posting to [career@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:career@uamail.albany.edu) or a fax to (518) 437-4906. Include internship title, description of duties, whether the internship is paid, academic qualifications (i.e., student year or preferred majors), contact/application information and deadlines for applying. Alumni employers should indicate their willingness to assist students in receiving academic credit for the internship if needed. If you have questions, call Joe Aini at (518) 437-4922.

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