Out and About
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Rockefeller College Distinguished Alumni Awards

Photo: Mark Schmidt
Jeffrey Straussman, dean of the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, was the proud host of the Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony Nov. 19. Pictured, left to right, are award recipients Kevin Bronner ’70, ’84, ’92; Joseph Garba ’02, ’05; Jennifer Manner ’86; Craig Johnson ’87, ’93; and Richard Ianello.

Women of Excellence Networking Reception

Photo: Marty Heitner
Behind each successful woman is the pursuit of excellence! Last Sept. 22, more than 100 successful UAlbany alumnae gathered with host Stacy J. Kanter ’79, partner at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, to exchange ideas and network. The featured speaker was Elda Di Re ’83, an Ernst & Young partner whose expertise in financial and estate planning has been featured in national media outlets. Pictured here is School of Business Dean Donald S. Siegel with, left to right, honorary committee members Debbie Cooper ’77; Louise Chazen ’77; Ellen Fine Levine ’78; Richelle N. Konian ’95; Gail M. Berley ’73; Kanter; Beth Kaplan ’96; Stacy Kass ’85; Joan D. Rosenthal ’76; Caryn Tuckman ’75; and Stacy A. Frank ’74.

Homecoming Weekend

Photos: Rob Totaro
Homecoming Weekend, held Oct. 9-11, was packed with events and activities for guests of all ages. Above, left, longtime friends pose for the camera at a reunion event; at right, current students and their families enjoy the football game tailgate party.
Winter Commencement

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It was standing-room only at Winter Commencement on Dec. 6 in the SEFCU Arena. The graduating class reflected the rich diversity and many strengths of UAlbany.

- Fifty-one percent of the 536 students earning undergraduate degrees were women; the class also included 10 military veterans.

- The undergraduates
  - came from nine states and 26 countries.
  - ranged in age from 18 to 58, with an average age of 23.
  - earned degrees in 46 different majors.

- The 364 graduate students, of whom 61 percent were women,
  - came from nine states and 31 countries.
  - ranged in age from 22 to 64, with an average age of 30.

Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner 30th Anniversary

*Photos: Mark Schmidt*

The University at Albany Foundation’s 30th Anniversary Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner, held Oct. 22 in Saratoga Springs, was a great success! To celebrate this special occasion, all past laureates were honored, and the Anniversary Laureate Award was bestowed upon former New York Gov. Hugh L. Carey. Accepting the award on his behalf were his children, Nancy Carey Cassidy and Kevin Carey. The proceeds from the event will be used to support The University at Albany Foundation’s Campaign for Students, which supports programs for students and ensures their access to the finest higher education experience possible. Special thanks to Morris Massry, event chair, and the numerous event sponsors. For more event photos and information, go to http://www.albany.edu/uafoundation/107.htm.