

CAMPUS *Highlights*



On behalf of the Class of 2006, class president Darwin Jones (left) presented a check at the undergraduate commencement on May 21 for \$12,518.76 to President Kermit L. Hall for the Inaugural Scholarship Fund. At right is Vice President for Student Success and Vice Provost James Anderson.

■ **Delegation Welcomed from China**
President Kermit L. Hall welcomed to the University at Albany campus a delegation of 29 leaders of colleges and universities from Jiangsu Province in China June 12-13. The visitors attended a series of workshops on Tuesday with administrators and faculty from UAlbany and other State University of New York institutions. Wen Xiaoming, president of Nanjing Arts Institute, was the delegation leader, and Chen Guojun, president of Nanjing Medical University, was delegation vice leader.

■ **New Endowed Scholarship**
Alumna Goldie Swartz and her husband Howard contributed \$300,000 to establish an endowed scholarship for undergraduate students with visual impairments or other disabilities. The scholarship will be known as the Goldie Brenner Swartz '51 and Howard Swartz Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Swartz received a bachelor's degree in English from the University.

■ **Inaugural Scholarship Fund Tops \$2 Million**
After exceeding its initial \$1 million goal two months early, the Inaugural Scholarship

Fund now stands at more than \$2,049,897, nearly doubling in fewer than five months. Over 1,400 individuals have supported the fund and the Class of 2006 presented a check at commencement for \$12,518.

■ **UAlbany Fund Gathers Momentum**
The UAlbany Fund, the University's annual giving program, is expected to raise nearly \$2.2 million by the conclusion of this fiscal year (June 30, 2006) in unrestricted contributions from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends. This level represents a 7 percent increase over last year's results. The faculty/staff campaign raised more than \$100,000 from 297 donors, a 60 percent increase over last year's figures.

■ **Grants to Prevent Alcohol Abuse**
Student Success has been awarded two grants by the U.S. Department of Education. The first grant is to discourage student athletes from high-risk drinking; the second is a Model Program Grant for the Committee on Community and University Relations. The first grant is *Project Winning Steps: Integrating and Implementing Screening*

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STUDENT *Accomplishments*

School of Public Health graduate **Vanessa Saldanha** has been named an ASPH/HRSA Public Health Fellow for 2006, one of only 11 graduating students nationwide. The fellows will work on projects in the Bureau of Health Professionals (BHP) at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Saldanha came to the University from Queens, N.Y., as an undergraduate in 2000. She completed her bachelor's degree in three and a half years with a major in sociology and minor in biology. Last month, Saldanha completed a master's degree in public health. At UAlbany, she was a peer mentor for the Project Excel program, a volunteer in the Albany community as a rape crisis counselor, and the vice president of Golden Key International Honor Society. She also worked and volunteered at Albany Medical Center. ❖

U ALBANY *Athletics*

■ **UAlbany Captures America East Track Crowns**

Joe Greene won two individual titles and was named the Most Outstanding Track Performer and Rookie of the Year as the UAlbany men won the America East Conference championship on May 7 at New Hampshire's Reggie F. Atkins Track Facility in Durham. The men earned their second consecutive title and third in the last four years with 199.5 points. The UAlbany women were also crowned champions as they took home their first-ever America East title, finishing with a best-ever 180 points. The Great Danes boasted nine individual titles, plus won two relays at the conference championship. ❖

■ **Great Dane Awards**

Vice President and Director of Athletics Lee McElroy presented Ashlee Reed and Stephan Hall with ECAC Merit Medals on May 1 at the sixth annual Great Dane Awards, held at the Recreation and Convocation Center. The event celebrates UAlbany athletics in the 2005-06 academic year. Presidential Scholar-Athlete Awards were given to Andy Allstadt and Jen Schumacher. ❖



President Kermit L. Hall and University at Albany faculty and staff embarked on a two-day bus tour of Long Island June 6-7 in order to promote the University, learn more about the area, and meet with prospective and entering students and their parents. Three current UAlbany students attended as well. An estimated 25 percent of UAlbany students hail from Long Island.

and Brief Intervention (SBI) Strategies with Student-Athletes, for \$300,000 over two years to prevent high-risk drinking and violent behavior among college students. The second is for \$174,932 over 15 months to the Committee on University and Community Relations, awarded in the Alcohol and other Drug Prevention Models on College Campuses Grant Competition.

■ **Alumni Association Names 2006 Award Winners**

Harvey Patashnick '67 and '69, former president and CEO, and co-founder of Rupprecht & Patashnick Co. Inc., a world leader in particle-measurement instrumentation and technology, was among those honored with University at Albany Alumni Association Excellence Awards June 2 at the Desmond. Earlier in the day, he gave the keynote address at a breakfast hosted by The University at Albany Foundation's Council for Economic Growth at the Fort Orange Club. Among the 16 people honored by UAlbany with Alumni Association Excellence Awards were: Carl Rosner, chairman and CEO of CardioMag Imaging Inc., and a member of The University at Albany Foundation board of directors since 2001; and Albany Mayor Gerald D.

Jennings '76. The awards were bestowed during Alumni Weekend, June 2-4.

■ **Special Olympics at UAlbany**

The Special Olympics New York 2006 Summer Games begin today at the University at Albany and continue through June 18. More than 2,000 athletes and coaches will take part in the Summer Games, which have returned to the University for the first time since 2000. Opening ceremonies are tonight at 8 p.m. Athletic competition is on Friday and Saturday in eight Olympic-style sports.



President Hall welcomes 33 Special Olympians to the Recreation and Convocation Center for an evening of drills, skills, and thrills at a basketball clinic with the Danes and men's head basketball coach Will Brown. (Photo, courtesy of Monique Jacobs for Special Olympics New York.)

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The first recipients of two endowed faculty positions were named at the spring faculty meeting. **Kenneth L.**

Demerjian, director of the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC) and a professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, was named to the Ray Falconer Endowed Chair in Atmospheric Sciences. This endowment was established through a bequest by Gertrude Thompson, a retired psychologist who passed away in 1997 at the age of 89. Thompson owned a camp in the Adirondacks and frequently attended lectures organized by UAlbany meteorologist Ray Falconer at ASRC's Whiteface Mountain



Field Station. **Eric Block**, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, will hold the Carla Rizzo Delray '42 Professorship, named in memory of Carla Delray, a graduate of the New York State College for Teachers and former researcher for General Electric's Research & Development Center.

Professor of English **Thomas Bass** has received Honorable Mention in the Ed Cunningham Award for the best magazine reporting from abroad in 2005. This award from the Overseas Press Club, granted yearly since 1940, recognizes "the finest in print and broadcast journalism by international correspondents." He was cited for his article "The Spy Who Loved Us," which was published in *The New Yorker*.

Eight faculty members have been nominated for The National Society of Collegiate Scholars' (NSCS) 2006 Faculty of the Year Award by members of the NSCS chapter on the UAlbany campus. They are: **James Acker, Frankie Y. Bailey, John Delano, Donald J. Hernandez, James Neely, Christopher Thorncroft, Thomas C. Walker, and Daniel L. Wulff**. The award is student nominated, giving students the power to recognize faculty members who have inspired them in some way.