Dear Friend:

Last June, The University at Albany Foundation concluded its 2013-14 year. I am happy to report to you that, once again, the year was a highly successful one!

Here are just a few highlights of Foundation fundraising activity from July 1, 2013, to June 30, 2014:

• **Private support** increased from nearly $7 million in 2012-13 to more than $11.3 million.
• The **UAlbany Fund** realized nearly $4.8 million.
• **Endowment gifts** for the year exceeded $3.7 million, while the number of endowments reached 445.
• Donations of **capital gifts** rose to almost $500,000.
• **Bequest intentions** totaled $2.3 million.

As a result of your generosity:

• **Students received more than $1.1 million** in scholarships, awards and prizes.
• Support for faculty and campus initiatives increased approximately 25 percent, exceeding $3.1 million for the year.

The 2013-14 University at Albany Foundation Annual Report provides details about these fundraising endeavors and outcomes, as well as news about events during the last year. Notable among the latter, of course, were **Celebrate & Advance**, a September 2013 precursor to the **inauguration** of UAlbany’s 19th president, Robert J. Jones, and the inauguration itself.

Also included in the annual report are profiles of several student scholars who have benefited from your kindness. When you consider your next gift to the University, I hope you will remember these wonderful men and women – and the many other UAlbany scholarship recipients – who are successfully working toward their degrees with our help.

As the end of the year approaches, I find myself thinking back over the past 12 months to the many ways you have supported the University at Albany. I am grateful for your past involvement with The Foundation, and I look forward to working with you again in 2015 to enhance support for students and faculty, and enrich academic programs, research initiatives and outreach.

Sincerely,

George R. Hearst III
President
The University at Albany Foundation
Overview
As the University’s philanthropic entity, The University at Albany Foundation plans and executes various fundraising, asset management and stewardship functions integral to institutional growth and success. The board of directors, in accordance with Foundation bylaws, met October 12, 2013, and March 6 and June 12, 2014. During the year, committees of the board met, submitting individual reports for board review and action, as needed.

This report contains a summary of events, fundraising activity and other highlights of 2013-14.

Fundraising
Between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014, 22 new endowments were established, bringing the total number of University at Albany endowments to 445. Newly added endowments include The Robert and Lynn Hassan Jones Presidential Inauguration Scholarship, established by the UAlbany president and his wife during the week of inaugural festivities in September 2013.

Thanks to the generosity of UAlbany donors, The Foundation was able to present $1,151,230 in scholarships/awards last year, an increase of $65,684 from 2012-13. In addition, faculty/campus support rose to $3,144,206, up nearly $500,000 from the previous year. That funding supports faculty research and travel; the hiring of graduate assistants for research teams; the construction or renovation of teaching and research facilities; and the purchase of specialized equipment.

We are grateful to the many donors who made this extraordinary level of support for students and faculty possible.

Events
Celebrate & Advance – seven days of festivities culminating in the September 28 inauguration – honored Robert J. Jones, the University at Albany’s 19th president. Highlights of the weeklong celebration included “Fresh Perspective: A Dialogue With the Tutu Sisters,” which reunited Jones with Nontombi Naomi Tutu and Thandeka Tutu-Gxashe, daughters of his longtime mentor, Archbishop Desmond Tutu; An Evening With Carolee Carmello, which brought the 1983 UAlbany alumna and beloved Broadway star to campus September 25; and “Inside the Obama Campaign,” a September 27 World Within Reach Speakers Series event featuring David Axelrod, David Plouffe and Jon Favreau. The University community and the general public were on hand the following Saturday for the inauguration ceremony at the Performing Arts Center's Main Theatre.

Nominating Committee
Saul M. Curtis ’81, C.P.A., and Ernso Eromo, M.D., were elected to The University at Albany Foundation Board of Directors. Curtis, who earned a degree in accounting from UAlbany, is a partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. A longtime member of the School of Business Dean’s Advisory Board, he also serves on the Accounting Advisory Board. Eromo, director of The Spine Institute of Columbia Memorial Hospital (Hudson, N.Y.), is a graduate of Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, D.C.
The annual scholarship reception and luncheon celebrating student achievement and recognizing donors was held October 18 at the start of Homecoming-Family and Reunion Weekend. Lisa Lillien, B.A.’87, creator of the “Hungry Girl” brand and a New York Times best-selling author, was the featured speaker for the program and met some of her UAlbany fans during a book-signing on campus.

Academic Laureate Stephen M. Berk, Ph.D., and Community Laureate James J. Barba were honored at SEFCU Arena October 24 at the 34th annual Citizen Laureate Dinner. John Nigro co-chaired the event; Meg MacClarence, Edward Swyer, Kim Sanger-Jones, Robert Schwartz, Norman Massry and James Panton served on the Citizen Laureate Advisory Committee. The dinner raised a total of $150,000; net proceeds will support student scholarships at UAlbany.

More than 1,000 degrees were conferred December 8 at Winter Commencement. Class members ranging in age from 19 to 63 earned degrees in 50 majors, including sociology, communication, business administration, economics and biology.

Faculty and staff supporters of the University were honored at the 1844 Society donor reception February 26.

In New York City March 6, University at Albany Foundation President George R. Hearst III welcomed more than 200 alumni to the Hearst Tower gathering. Guests spent the evening reconnecting with longtime friends and making new ones.

Adam Denenberg ‘98 was the featured speaker at the third annual Bunshaft Lecture April 17. During his talk, “Find Your Success Story: What I Wish I Knew When I Graduated,” the Huffington Post vice president of Engineering spoke about his path to success.

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Manhattan was the setting April 29 for the sixth Women’s Networking Reception. Stacy Kanter ’79 hosted the event, which gave professionals an opportunity to network and socialize. Joan Solotar ’86, senior managing director at The Blackstone Group L.P., was the keynote speaker.
Spring Commencement 2014 was held the third weekend of May on the uptown campus. At the graduate ceremony on the 17th, nearly 1,000 received degrees and heard the keynote delivered by Thomas D’Ambra, Ph.D., who co-founded Albany Molecular Research, Inc., in 1991. The following day, featured speaker Hamdi Ulukaya, founder of the top-selling Chobani Greek yogurt brand, addressed remarks to the 2,000-plus undergraduates marking their special day.

For the June 7 Tribute to Coach Ford, more than 350 alumni, parents, coaching peers, colleagues and friends gathered to honor the recently retired UAlbany head football coach for more than four decades of contributions to the University and the Great Danes. A highlight of the event was an appearance by Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan, who surprised Ford with the unveiling of a sign that designates part of Western Avenue bordering the uptown campus as “Coach Bob Ford Way.”

Members of the 1844, Loyalty and Heritage Circle societies were the guests of honor June 12 at the Celebrating Our Donors reception. The program included brief remarks from University President Robert J. Jones about the newly renovated fountain. The president also honored Charles Gibbs ’73 and Rene Gibbs ’75 for their longtime support of UAlbany.

Guests at the June 16 Rooftop Gathering hosted by Kimberly A. Welsh ’89 at Janney Montgomery Scott LLC enjoyed sweeping views of Boston Harbor. UAlbany President Robert J. Jones was on hand to share his vision for the University and to invite those assembled to bring that vision to fruition.
Gift Highlights

The University at Albany attracted $11,321,737 million in private support during 2013-14 – up from the $6,968,150 raised the previous year. The more recent figure included $4,779,531 in UAlbany Fund support; endowment gifts totaling $3,783,285; $455,589 in capital gifts; and $2,303,332 in bequest intentions.

Gifts, pledges, bequests and bequest intentions earmarked for UAlbany during the year included the following:

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Gift Highlights
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We are most grateful to these supporters, and to all of our donors, for their generosity.
Financial Information

Endowment Funds

Total Assets

Private Support by Purpose
- 33% Academics
- 2% Athletics
- 10% Libraries
- 21% Student Financial Aid
- 4% Capital
- 22% Other
- 8% Unrestricted

Private Support by Source
- 37% Alumni
- 9% Faculty/Staff
- 1% Parents
- 28% Corporations
- 7% Foundations
- 18% Friends
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2014

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| LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS                   |              |
| Accounts payable & accrued expenses         | $1,243,901   |
| Current portion of long-term debt           | 299,420      |
| Liabilities under split interest agreements | 47,060       |
| Long-term debt                              | 960,718      |
| Asset retirement obligation                 | 953,933      |
| Net assets, unrestricted, designated        | 1,946,551    |
| Net assets, unrestricted, undesignated      | 63,758,636   |
| Net assets, temporarily restricted          | 14,450,243   |
| Net assets, permanently restricted          | 40,105,246   |
| **Total liabilities and net assets**        | **$123,765,708** |

Statement of Activities
As of June 30, 2014

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| EXPENSES AND EQUITY TRANSFERS                      |              |
| Program services                                    | 4,295,436    |                        |                        | 4,295,436   |
| Real estate                                         | 9,055,030    |                        |                        | 9,055,030   |
| Fund raising activities                             | 575,305      |                        |                        | 575,305     |
| General and administrative                          | 594,641      |                        |                        | 594,641     |
| Equipment transfers                                 | 361,040      |                        |                        | 361,040     |
| Provision for uncollectible accounts and pledges    | 314          | 89,750                 | 12,000                 | 102,064     |
| **Total expenses and equity transfers**             | **14,881,766**| **89,750**             | **12,000**             | **14,983,516** |

| Change in net assets                                | 951,534      | 2,205,213              | 5,489,783              | 8,646,530   |
| Net assets, beginning of year                       | 64,753,653   | 12,245,030             | 34,615,463             | 111,614,146 |
| **Net assets, end of year**                         | **$65,705,187**| **$14,450,243**        | **$40,105,246**        | **$120,260,676** |
Heartfelt Thanks

JON GILROY

UAlbany junior and Michael T. Carmen ’84 Mentoring Scholarship recipient Jon Gilroy chose a social-welfare major because “I wanted to go into counseling for substance abuse and depression.” But his “big dream” now is “to become a motivational speaker.”

The Pleasant Valley, N.Y., native is already on track to attain that goal. “I go to high schools and speak to elementary-school students, too,” noted Gilroy. “At one school, I spoke because a student there has cerebral palsy; I have it, too. I spoke at Vanderbilt University this summer. I haven’t done much on campus, but I’m looking to do more this year. I’m a peer educator for Residential Life, so I’m working with Ekow [King] and Mayra [Raxon] to develop some programs.”

Recently, he related, “I talked here with a family whose child, a first-semester freshman, was struggling with the transition. But they seemed comfortable afterward, and I felt good because I was helping someone else.”

Gilroy, who uses a wheelchair, selected the University partly because “it was the place I felt I could go and live a relatively independent life. Our Disability Resource Center is very good.” The School of Social Welfare’s reputation also influenced his college choice. “Our social-welfare program is one of the best in the state. It’s very competitive, so if you can get into it, it’s a good thing,” Gilroy explained.

“The professors here are great; they’ve all been very accessible to me in finding extra help,” he continued. “There are so many academic support services here. My work in peer advisement exposes me to a lot of the different outlets here, too.”

Michael Carmen, B.S.’84 – founder of the mentoring scholarship Gilroy has received for three years – has also been a source of support for the student. “This scholarship is the reason I’m able to be here, bottom line. And Mr. Carmen – Michael – is amazing. He’s always accessible to me. I can call him and say: ‘Hi. Can you help me? I need to know how I’m going to tackle this.’”

After earning a bachelor’s in 2016, Gilroy plans to complete master’s studies “in a year, work three years in a clinical setting, become clinically certified and start my own practice.”

JINELLE THOMPSON

Jinelle Thompson of Brooklyn, N.Y., remembers her reaction at being told she’d received the Mark R. Hunt ’82 Scholarship: “I was definitely surprised, and so excited! This takes the financial burden off me and helps me a lot. I really appreciate it.”

Thompson, who double majors in sociology and political science, will now have more time to focus on her graduate-study and career options. “I’m thinking about law school, or maybe getting a master’s in political science here. I may go into non-profit management or public policy, or become a lawyer,” said the sophomore.

“I’ve had a really great experience at UAlbany,” added Thompson. “There’s so much to do, and there are so many opportunities. The faculty and staff I’ve met have been great; they just want to see me succeed, and they’re always here to help. I’ve been meeting amazing people. I’m happy to be here.”
**ASIA FRANCOIS**

Freshman Asia Francois arrived at UAlbany just last August, “but it feels like a long time – in a good way,” she said. “I’m not homesick. I actually like the freedom and the feeling of being independent.”

The Queens, N.Y., native applied to the University because “I heard that UAlbany had a really good biology program. Then I visited the school – I visited everywhere I applied – and I don’t know why, but I just felt at home here. It wasn’t too far, but it’s far enough away from home. Albany still has a city atmosphere, but it’s not as fast paced as New York City,” observed Francois.

“I major in biology,” she added; “I’m thinking about anesthesiology or OB/GYN. I’ll find my way once I head to medical school. I think I’d go back to the New York City area. I haven’t thought of medical schools yet, but I’ve thought about internships before I go too far into my field. I was always interested in biology; the human body was fascinating to me. The biology program is a little more competitive than I expected, but I’m up for the challenge.”

The Scott M. McGovern ’87 Memorial Scholarship Francois received this semester “means a lot” to her. She acknowledged, “School is not cheap, and the scholarship is appreciated tremendously.”

**JANICE JOHNSON**

“Being a student athlete can be challenging at times, but I really work hard to excel at both,” observed Janice Johnson, a communication major who competes in track and field at UAlbany. The recipient of the Lisa K. Fund ’05 Scholarship, Johnson is grateful to the alumna whose support “has really helped me to perform to the best of my ability. I am also working on improving my sports events to get to the next level of competition in the throws. I will use these accomplishments to help me with my goals; after graduation, I would like to find my dream job in public relations or management.”

Johnson’s family has likewise played a key role in advancing her ambitions: “They really encourage me to excel in whatever I set out to do, no matter how difficult,” noted the Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society member.

Lucisano, an EMT with Five Quad Volunteer Ambulance Service, is also founder and president of the campus Food Recovery Network. After graduation, she plans “to take a year off and gain as much experience as I can in the healthcare field,” then apply to schools with physician’s assistant programs. “This has been my dream since freshman year, and I have been working hard to attain it ever since.”

The Chi Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship is keeping her focused on her goals, added Lucisano. “It means a great deal to me that I was selected for a scholarship; it has been extremely helpful to me.”

**SARA LUCISANO**

“My cousins went here and loved it,” said Sara Lucisano, “and both are very successful.” As she plans for a career as a physician’s assistant, the Chi Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship recipient looks forward to succeeding in her life and career, as well.

When she visited the University for the first time, Lucisano recalled, “I loved the campus, and I loved the opportunities that would come from attending UAlbany. Completing my senior year and graduating will be the greatest accomplishments of my life, so far.”
Heartfelt Thanks

**BRITTANY MACLAY**

“I chose UAlbany because the new business school was being built. I was excited about the opportunity to take classes in a high-tech building,” related accounting major Brittany Maclay.

She has fulfilled that goal, but Maclay has also been impressed by the people she’s met at the University. Joseph W. Sheehan, a lecturer in the accounting department, “has made an impact on my life. He has always been there as a mentor and made us feel like family.” Maclay also regards the founder of the *Ellen Fine Levine ’78 Scholarship* as a mentor and a role model. In fact, Maclay feels that giving back to UAlbany through a scholarship someday, as Fine Levine has, “will be a great honor.”

A member of the e-board of the accounting honorary Beta Alpha Psi, Maclay also works for Residential Life as a housing manager on Empire Commons. She plans to intern at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Manhattan next summer, then pursue master’s studies in accounting.

**MACKENZIE RINEFIERD**

Mackenzie Rinefierd had “two major reasons” for making the University at Albany her choice for college. First, “the business program is phenomenal and has an excellent placement rate.” The second reason “is more sentimental,” she acknowledged. “Both my parents attended UAlbany, so while touring the University I was surrounded by love and appreciation for the institution.”

At UAlbany, Rinefierd has found much to enjoy, including the *Writing About Love and Loss* class she took with Professor Jeff Berman. The course “pushed me to dive deep into my personal story, as well as into the stories of my peers. It enforced gratitude for what I have and for the experiences I have faced,” noted Rinefierd, who is involved with the Student Association, the Red Cross Club and the Presidential Honor Society. This academic year, “I am looking forward to applying for internships and taking on new responsibilities in the comptroller’s office in the Student Association.”

*The Alumni Association School Spirit Scholarship* has “allowed some of my financial stress to disappear,” Rinefierd added. “My focus now is on my studies instead of how I am going to come up with next semester’s tuition. Every bit of support helps, and I feel the scholarship has made me a more humble and appreciative person.”

Rinefierd plans to earn a master’s in accounting at UAlbany. Her long-term aspirations include working for one of the Big Four accounting firms, “then moving to the private sector or creating my own firm.”

**FRANCES UWECHUE**

Frances Uwechue often takes a moment at the end of the day to savor the University’s “ambience” in the Dutch Quad courtyard. “It’s the most quiet and beautiful place,” she noted.

The Springfield Gardens, N.Y., resident has also found another source of inspiration: the *Roselle DeCarlo, M.D., Memorial Scholarship* that’s supporting her studies. That support, Uwechue commented, “has brought me much closer to my dream of becoming a physician, and I thank you from the depth of my heart.”
**Heartfelt Thanks**

**ELIZABETH SKOVRON**

“The moment I walked onto the University at Albany campus, I knew this was the place for me,” said Elizabeth Skovron, a senior sociology major from Tarrytown, N.Y. “This is the best school, and I am so happy to be part of the community here.”

The recipient of the Robert and Lynn Hassan Jones Presidential Inauguration Scholarship is grateful to the University president and his wife for helping to make her education possible. “My experience at UAlbany has been amazing. Thank you for helping with my tuition,” Skovron said.

Professor of Philosophy Jon Mandle has been “extremely helpful” to her, as well; “he makes sure I understand the material being taught. I am truly grateful to have Professor Mandle as part of my UAlbany career.”

At the University, Skovron has also found support and encouragement for an initiative she hopes will benefit her peers. Last summer, she worked with Town of Greenburgh, N.Y., Supervisor Paul Feiner to “carve out my own internship and create my initiative, EMIT (Empowering Millennials in Transition).” Skovron looks forward to bringing EMIT to UAlbany as a means of “helping students and graduates build their own bridges between college and the ‘real world’ as they seek to apply their freshly acquired knowledge, passion and ambition for success.”

Her own options for graduate school and career remain open. “My dream job is one that excites me every day, one where I can contribute my ambition, positive energy and passion,” Skovron explained.

Skovron, who graduates next May, is an associate justice for the Student Association. She also belongs to Tau Sigma Honor Society and is a member of the UAlbany Stock Exchange Club.

**JOSHUA CLARK**

“When I was younger,” Joshua Clark recalled, “I would drive past UAlbany and think, I hope I can go to a college that nice someday. When it was time for me to start thinking about colleges, I remembered UAlbany. While researching schools, I found the University had a great business school, which worked out for me because that was what I wanted to study.”

Now a business-administration major at UAlbany, Clark is “taking classes that pertain to my major and acquiring learning skills that will be valuable to me later in life.”

The University is all that he had hoped, Clark observed. In Freshman Seminar, he met Associate Professor of Management Janet Marler, who “connected very well with the students.” Freshman Seminar, the Eagle Scout added, “provided me a chance to get to know my professor and my peers, and to learn about the resources UAlbany has to offer.”

Clark said he and his family were “greatly surprised” to learn he’d received the Barnes & Noble Achievers Scholarship. In return for the award, “I promise to do my best in all of my academic endeavors, and when I earn my college degree, I hope to be able to show the same generosity by establishing a scholarship fund.”

Clark, who plans to attend graduate school, doesn’t yet know what kind of job he’d like, but “I hope I can work in an exciting, challenging environment.”
Heartfelt Thanks

SHAINE HOLLOWAY

“I’ve always enjoyed reading,” commented Shaine Holloway. So naturally, the 18-year-old freshman spends a lot of time at the University Libraries. In fact, the library “was the first building I visited when I came here,” he remembered. “It’s great to have access to that number of books.”

Holloway, who was born in Ohio and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., had planned to major in Spanish. “But I was overly qualified for beginning Spanish class, and there were no openings in the advanced classes. So I’m focusing on history; I’m taking American Political and Social History. It’s pretty interesting, but it’s hard – I’m not going to lie! I had a quiz, and mid-terms are coming up,” the Indian Quad resident noted in mid-October.

Holloway’s aspirations still lie in the Spanish-language field, however. “With my degree, I plan to teach beginning Spanish in high school. I remember my first year of Spanish in high school, and it was a true eye-opener. I believe that it helps students overcome obstacles when they are placed in situations where they must learn,” observed Holloway, who remains “very close” to his high-school Spanish teacher.

Wherever his studies and career aspirations take him, Holloway is grateful to the University at Albany president and his wife for making it possible for him to attend school with support from the Robert and Lynn Hassan Jones Presidential Inauguration Scholarship they established in 2013. He appreciates both the recognition of his scholarly achievement and the opportunity he’s received. And so does his mom: “She reminds me every day that I’m lucky,” said Holloway, the youngest of five children and the first in his family to attend college.

CIERRA LEO

Joan L. Cunniff ’53 and Alan R. Stephenson ’52 Scholar Cierra Leo was attracted to UAlbany because of “its wonderful pre-med program.” She hopes to attend Albany Medical College and work toward a specialty in anesthesiology, “my dream job.”

This academic year, Leo said, her goal is to attain “a 3.6 GPA or higher.” She has particularly enjoyed her studies with Assistant Professor of Chemistry Jason Shepard: “I’ve never been pushed so hard, but it’s helping me learn,” said Leo, who is active with UAlbany’s Pre-Med Club and the campus sustainability organization.

Leo works part time and is grateful for the Joan L. Cunniff ’53 and Alan R. Stephenson ’52 Scholarship. The award helps her to cover the costs of books, as well as “travel costs for school and chemistry supplies.”