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Congratulations to the UAlbany women’s basketball team on winning its fifth straight America East Championship. The Danes earned their highest NCAA ranking to date (12) and went on to win their first-ever NCAA game, defeating fifth-ranked Florida 61-58. In the second round, fourth-ranked Syracuse posted a 76-59 victory over the UAlbany women.

Thanks to the women’s basketball team — and to all of our University at Albany athletes — for bringing another successful season to an exciting close. Year after year, you make us proud.

Go, Danes!

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Neurobiologist Laura Schweitzer, Ph.D., an experienced health-care executive and higher-education leader, was appointed vice president for Health Sciences and Biomedical Initiatives at the University at Albany last September.

Recognized for her roles in research, academic programs and workforce development, Schweitzer is committed to public engagement and the critical role of higher education in the community and as a driver of economic development. As president of Union Graduate College for six years, she oversaw Union’s merger with Clarkson University. She also served as vice president of Academic Affairs at SUNY Upstate Medical Center; as chief academic officer at Bassett Healthcare; and in a succession of administrative roles at the University of Louisville.

Schweitzer holds a Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in neuroscience at Duke University, where she was named to the research faculty. She also earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Miami.

In the Capital Region, Schweitzer chairs the board of the 300-plus member, eight-county Council for Economic Growth (CEG) and serves on the New York Governor’s Regional Economic Development Council. At the national level, she serves on the external advisory committee for a National Science Foundation ADVANCE Institutional Transformation Program at the University of Cincinnati and on the faculty for the Executive Leadership in Academic Technology and Engineering Program at Drexel University.

Schweitzer Is VP for Health Sciences and Biomedical Initiatives

Articulation Agreements Partner UAlbany, Albany Law School

The University at Albany and Albany Law School signed two articulation agreements last November to enhance academic opportunities at both institutions.

Under the terms of the agreements, each school will recognize and accept credits for a range of specific courses from the other, saving both money and time for students. One, between Albany Law and the University’s School of Criminal Justice, will enable students to pursue a law degree with a master of arts in criminal justice. The other, with the College of Arts and Sciences, will provide more collaborative academic offerings for students pursuing both a law degree and an M.A. in history.

Undergraduate Commencement Speaker Set

Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D., will deliver the commencement address at UAlbany’s undergraduate ceremony May 15. Jolly is president and chief executive officer of Minnesota Philanthropy Partners, a network of foundations, funds and organizations sharing knowledge and services to maximize the impact of charitable giving across the state.
The Paris Review Honors Davis

University at Albany Professor of English, Writer in Residence and Writers Institute Fellow Lydia Davis joined authors Joan Didion, Philip Roth, William Styron and other literary elites April 5 when she received the Hadada, The Paris Review's lifetime achievement award.

Davis is also a MacArthur Fellow and the recipient of the 2013 Man Booker International Prize.

Ananou Is Named VP for ITS

Simeon Ananou joined UAlbany Feb. 1 as vice president for Information and Technology Services and chief information officer. A longtime administrator and a student-focused leader with a deep appreciation for campus communities, systems, processes, and decisions driven by data analytics, Ananou previously served at Salisbury University in Maryland, where he was chief information officer and adjunct faculty in information and decision sciences.

Ananou earned a B.A. in international relations from The Ohio State University; an M.B.A. in computer information systems from Barker College, Michigan; and a D.Ed. in administration and leadership studies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Acclaimed actress Carolee Carmello, B.S.’83, is back on Broadway this spring in the musical Tuck Everlasting. As Mae Tuck, matriarch of a family of immortals, Carmello shares the stage with Andrew Keenan-Bolger, Michael Park, Terrence Mann, Fred Applegate, Sarah Charles Lewis, Robert Lenzi, Michael Wartella, Valerie Wright and Pippa Pearthree. The production, currently in previews, opens April 26 at the Broadhurst Theatre in New York City.

Based on the award-winning Natalie Babbitt novel, Tuck Everlasting explores the theme of death and immortality, while delivering a powerful message about the importance of making the most of one's life. Carmello has certainly done that: Her Broadway credits include 1776, Kiss Me Kate, Sister Act, Finding Neverland and Mamma Mia! Carmello’s performances in Scandalous the Musical: The Life and Trials of Aimee Semple McPherson, Lestat and Parade earned her three Tony Award nominations.

In September 2013, the Albany native returned to campus for An Evening With Carolee Carmello, which was presented in conjunction with the weeklong inaugural celebration for University President Robert J. Jones. Carmello, who studied business and French at UAlbany, performed before a packed house.

We wish Carmello and her castmates well as Tuck Everlasting begins its run. Break a leg!
Gifts at Work

UAlbany’s Stadium Scores a Name

Give us a “C,” an “A,” an “S,” an “E” and a “Y.” What does that spell? Casey – as in the University at Albany’s Tom & Mary Casey Stadium.

The stadium was named last fall with a $10 million donation from the Bernard & Millie Children’s Foundation, which was established by William Duker ’75 and his wife, Sharon, the Caseys’ daughter. In addition, the donation supports other University facilities, makes additional scholarships available for student-athletes, and addresses other athletics priorities.

University President Robert J. Jones noted that the gift “reflects the wonderful values Tom and Mary Casey instilled in their children about the importance of education and service to community. We are deeply grateful to the Bernard and Millie Children’s Foundation for this investment, which will have a positive impact on our athletics programs, our student-athletes, and the UAlbany experience for many years to come.”

“Our parents passed down enduring family values,” said siblings Thomas Casey ’78, Sharon (Casey) Duker, and Melissa (Casey) Faas ’01. “We are pleased to support UAlbany’s tradition of academic and athletic excellence, and proud to see our parents’ names attached to a great facility that is a valuable University and community resource.”

Completed in 2013, the 8,500-seat Casey Stadium is part of the University’s multisports complex. Its amenities include a scoreboard with a high-definition video display and point-source sound system.

The stadium is named for retired head coach Bob Ford, who helmed Great Danes football and remained with the program for 44 years, from its inception to its admission into the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). The field will now be known as Bob Ford Field at Casey Stadium.

Blackstone LaunchPad Débuts at UAlbany

The expansion of Blackstone Charitable Foundation’s LaunchPad program to the University at Albany and four other universities through a three-year, $4.5 million grant will nurture students seeking entrepreneurial success.

Blackstone LaunchPad in New York will connect UAlbany with other campuses, the business community and local entrepreneurs. Cornell University, New York University, Syracuse University, and the University at Buffalo are also partners in the initiative. With a physical presence on each campus and access to the Blackstone LaunchPad Global Network Technology Platform, the program has the potential to generate some 4,000 new ventures and 6,000 new jobs statewide over the next five years.

Announcing the venture in October, UAlbany President Robert J. Jones said, “We deeply appreciate this investment from the Blackstone Charitable Foundation, and look forward to our continued collaboration as we support students in bringing their ideas to market – and attracting venture capital to our campus and our region.”

Sen. Charles Schumer added: “Blackstone’s LaunchPad program, with this new grant, will provide the tools that young entrepreneurs at our premier universities need to succeed and create the next generation of New York businesses.”

New York is the eighth Blackstone LaunchPad region, joining Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Florida, Montana, California and Ireland.

Blackstone LaunchPad Executive Director Jan Woodcock, ’86, ’91; Professor Sanjay Goel; Provost James Stellar; Blackstone Senior Managing Director Michael Nash ’83; University President Robert J. Jones; Blackstone LaunchPad Global Director Alisha Sley; and student entrepreneur Esie Essien officiated at the Jan. 27 ribbon-cutting ceremony.
The Massrys Share Their Success

Entrepreneurship comes naturally to Morris and Esther Massry and their family. So does philanthropy.

In the 1950s, the Massrys started the Janie Shop – a children’s clothing store named for their eldest daughter – in Troy, N.Y. Morris soon began acquiring neighboring retail buildings, transitioning to the real-estate business, with a focus on apartment buildings, in the mid-1960s.

The Massrys’ son, Norman, became involved in the family business as a child, mowing lawns and assisting with other tasks. After studying accounting at Bentley University, he returned to the company as an accountant but realized “I wanted to manage real estate.” And so he did, working with his father to build Tri City Rentals/Massry Reality Partners into a successful firm that operates in New York, Tennessee, Florida and Texas.

According to Norman, the family orientation makes the business work. Julie, daughter of Norman and his wife, Micki, is manager of sales and marketing; son Murray serves as project manager.

In turn, the Massrys share their success, supporting education, medical care, arts and other Capital Region causes. “We grew up with philanthropy,” recounts Norman. “My dad started giving as campaign manager of the United Way. I remember Julie painting the big thermometer.”

The family’s relationship with UAlbany began in 1987, when Morris became a director of the University’s Foundation board. The Massrys’ $5.25 million gift to UAlbany is their largest contribution to any institution or organization. “This gift makes sense,” observes Norman, “considering the magnitude and excellence of the University at Albany, the number of students it touches, and its impact on the Capital Region.

“As we came to know President [Robert J.] Jones and his vision for the University, we became increasingly excited by what the money could accomplish. It is our most important gift, to date, for a fundamental reason: The University is critically important to the community.”

To underscore their commitment to UAlbany, the Massry family made a gift of $5.25 million in December 2014 to fund:

• an endowment to ensure that the new School of Business building remains a state-of-the-art resource for teaching, learning and research.
• speakers, conferences and visiting faculty to enhance the academic experience for School of Business students.
• the Massry Community Fellows Program, allowing students throughout the University to pursue internships with local non-profits – opportunities for which funding is not typically available – and to strengthen UAlbany’s commitment to community service and public engagement.

In September 2015, the School of Business building was named the Massry Center for Business to honor the family for its longstanding support of the University.

– Michele Flynn
For the Fall 1991 *Albany* magazine, I wrote “Bring Back the Memories,” which described the rich Alumni Memorabilia Collection the Alumni House had recently donated to the University Archives. Among the records Alumni House turned over were the post-1946 papers of MYSKANIA, successor to the first student government created by the New York State College for Teachers Faculty Council in April 1917. In the article, I asked whether anyone could fill in the gaps about MYSKANIA. The original MYSKANIA dissolved on March 25, 1946, in a quarrel with the student body and the Student Association over the undemocratic nature of election to the organization – members chose their successors – and, to a lesser degree, its secrecy.

My request for additions to the collection brought a number of new acquisitions that helped us to explore and understand student life at the school. An important addition to our files arrived from Bernie Kerbel ’33, a former MYSKANIA member, in January 1992. He detailed the meaning of MYSKANIA’s Latin name, which, according to its original constitution, was supposed to remain secret, known only to initiates. Worried that the meaning of the name would be lost forever, Kerbel recalled the following as the elements contained in the acronym:

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Kerbel also provided a rough English translation: “Minerva, guardian of justice and students in the school’s halls.” (Item 7 of the handwritten graphic on the next page offers alternative Latin wording and a different English translation.)

Kerbel’s letter repeated the story that the first MYSKANIA burned all its minutes and constitutions when it disbanded in 1946. He stated that he visited with a successor MYSKANIA in the early 1960s and explained to its members the acronym’s original meaning. They told him their predecessors said MYSKANIA was an acronym for the New York State College for Teachers, with an “M” substituted for “N” in “New,” and a “K” for the “C” in “College,” while the “ANIA” stood for “at New York in Albany.” The outgoing 1946 MYSKANIA didn’t share the Latin meaning of the name, the ceremonies or past minutes with the recreated, democratic MYSKANIA elected in May 1946.

In the early 1990s, I believed the assertion – since proven incorrect – that the original MYSKANIA had destroyed all its records. Thanks to a 2006 donation we were required to keep secret for 10 years, we have fuller minutes of the first MYSKANIA than for the organization’s successor. The original MYSKANIA minutes were turned over to former chairman Michael Lampert ’73. While Lampert was on what he called a “friend-raising” visit to the Rochester area for the University’s Development Office in 1972, preparing for the inaugural SUNYA Annual Fund campaign the following year, he was approached by a former MYSKANIA member who gave him most of the organization’s missing pre-1946 records for safekeeping. Lampert turned them over to me in 2006, 60 years after the original MYSKANIA disbanded. The December 1944-March 1946 minutes remain missing.

MYSKANIA’s records are important because of the pivotal role the organization played at the New York State College for Teachers. It was the first student government, initially known as the Student Council, but at its second meeting in April 1917, members chose the name MYSKANIA. Prior to 1946, the organization was responsible for representing the student body before the faculty. Its members created and/or governed and changed school traditions (Rivalry, Moving-up Day, etc.), most of them retained until the move to the uptown campus in the 1960s. In 1921, MYSKANIA created and wrote the initial constitution for the Student Association, relinquishing its own leadership of student government. It approved the constitutions of Greek social and service organizations and clubs, including the *State College News* board and the Finance Board, and approved officer candidates for student-funded organizations (primarily making sure that candidates for office had paid the student tax). Finally, MYSKANIA served as the student judiciary.

As long ago as 1927-28, there was conflict between the original MYSKANIA and the Student Association, and the association’s 1945 constitution detailed why. The Student Association claimed the right to represent students before the Faculty Council and instituted direct election of MYSKANIA members, though, as MYSKANIA itself suggested,
MYSKANIA's dissolution notice was published in the March 29, 1946, State College News. Partly from a list of 10 students chosen by outgoing members. Over the decades, successive Student Association constitutions, paired with the changing nature of the college as it evolved into a university, whittled away MYSKANIA functions and powers. A greatly expanded enrollment; relocation to the uptown campus; and abandonment of such NYSCT traditions as Rivalry, which ended in 1963, were also factors.

By 1965, MYSKANIA's judicial powers were gone; its last election was held in 1978. The Student Association refused to fund MYSKANIA's ceremonial functions, and the organization ceased to exist in 1979. University President Vincent O'Leary was inspired in 1982 to embody MYSKANIA's service aspects—for example, assisting at events and providing guides for high-school tours of the campus—in Purple and Gold. MYSKANIA members, both pre- and post-1946, always selflessly supported their alma mater. To mention just two: Eunice Baird Whittlesey '44, president of the Alumni Association during the construction of the Alumni House, also spearheaded the campaign to create the Veterans Wall of Honor, dedicated in 2001. After graduation, former MYSKANIA Chairman Michael Lampert '73 immediately joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors, serving even while he was in law school and studying for his bar exams. He subsequently became the association's treasurer, then president. Lampert's longtime support of Rockefeller College has included funding student scholarships.

The Life and Death of MYSKANIA, written by Alfred Basch '31 and published in 1984, offers more detail about the organization's history. While writing his excellent work, Basch—unaware the 1917-44 MYSKANIA records existed—relied on student-newspaper accounts. Now, the minutes and records from 1917-78 are available in the University Archives. A few gaps remain: There are no minutes of the original MYSKANIA from December 1944 until its dissolution in 1946, from 1952-53, and from 1964 through 1979. Please contact University Archivist Gregory Wiedeman if you have records to add to UAlbany's MYSKANIA holdings. He can be reached at gwiedeman@albany.edu or 518-437-3936.
Out and About
By Christine Binney ’05, ’07

The University at Albany Foundation’s 36th Annual Citizen Laureate Awards
Photo: Mark Schmidt
On Nov. 11, UAlbany’s SEFCU Arena was transformed into an elegant event space for the annual Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner. Albany Medical College Dean Vincent P. Verdile, M.D., was named Academic Laureate; the Community Laureate awards went to William J. Cromie, retired president and CEO of Capital District Physicians Health Plan, and I. David Swawite, president and COO of Omni Development Company.

William Cromie, Vincent Verdile and I. David Swawite pose after receiving their awards.

December Commencement
Photo: Mark Schmidt
Forty-seven hundred graduates and guests packed the SEFCU Arena last Dec. 6 for Winter Commencement. Larry Gold, founder and chairman of SomaLogic, received an honorary degree. During the ceremony, UAlbany President Robert J. Jones proudly recognized the many first-generation graduates in attendance; 40 percent of UAlbany’s current undergraduates will be the first in their families to earn four-year degrees.

Students prepare to participate in the December Commencement Ceremony.

Second Annual Massry Lecture
Photo: Mark Schmidt
UAlbany students and local business leaders welcomed Mary E. Galligan to campus March 3 for the second annual Massry Lecture. Galligan, a director in Deloitte & Touche’s Cyber Risk Services practice, is also an FBI-certified crisis negotiator and crisis manager who served in leadership positions at the FBI for 25 years. She spoke about cyber risk and the importance of collaboration.

Shown, left to right, are Norman Massry, Micki Massry, Mary Galligan, and University President Robert J. Jones. The Massry family established the lecture to enrich the academic experience for University at Albany students.

Faculty & Staff Donor Reception
Photo: Mark Schmidt
University President Robert J. Jones hosted a breakfast reception Feb. 11 to thank the many faculty and staff who donated to the UAlbany Fund this year. Their generosity echoes their commitment and dedication to UAlbany, and their support demonstrates that they are making a difference in students’ lives.

President Robert J. Jones presents Loyalty Society pins to David Mason, James Walser ’73 and Cecilia Lauenstein, pictured left to right, to honor each for making 25 consecutive annual gifts to the UAlbany Fund.
On Feb. 23, UAlbany President Robert J. Jones stood in a classroom in the former Albany High School building, setting forth a bold plan to transform the century-old former public school building into a home for the University's new College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS). Jones and a wide range of local elected officials, CEOs and neighborhood advocates had gathered in support of the University's $20 million budget request for the first phase of renovations to the building.

The planned restoration, which will cost a total of $60 million, is the centerpiece of the UAlbany vision for the largest and most strategic academic expansion in five decades. In addition to providing the first and only public option for engineering in the region, baked into the new college's design is a focus on public engagement: The facility will include a 1,000-seat auditorium and space for collaborations with local schools and community organizations; and a “maker space” where local entrepreneurs can meet with faculty, graduate students, and post-docs to develop ideas for new products and start-up ventures. Jones fondly calls it “a game-changer.

While the $20 million capital request did not make it into the enacted state budget, Jones is not deterred. “We built a very solid foundation of support for the project, and we’ll continue to seek funding from multiple public and private sources.” Construction on the 127,000-square foot building, which the University purchased for $2 million in 2013 from the Albany school district, will proceed in phases. Meanwhile, the University is moving forward on other fronts of the new college, including the establishment of a new computer engineering degree program, which is awaiting approval from the State Education Department. The college will consolidate and expand several degree programs already offered by the former College of Computing and Information (CCI). Additional programs expected to be added to the new college in coming years include electrical engineering, environmental engineering, and biomedical engineering.

“Without an engineering program, there has been a whole cohort of students we could not recruit. Creating this new college is part of moving the University to the next level of excellence,” Jones said. “We need to make sure our offerings
are more in line with the employment needs of the state, and that we have the high-demand degree programs today's students want. It will also fundamentally raise our academic profile. Locating the college in the center of Albany reflects our commitment to public engagement, and being an outward-facing institution that recruits more women, more low-income individuals and more people of color into STEM fields. We simply can’t afford to leave a large segment of our population behind.”

Jones is leading a UAlbany that is the most diverse in the school’s history, to an extent that was unimaginable in 1909, when the set of buildings on Western Avenue known as the downtown campus was completed, or in 1914, when the institution officially became the New York State College for Teachers. In 2016, nearly 43 percent of UAlbany undergraduates are students of color. Almost 40 percent are first-generation college students, and about 30 percent are eligible for need-based Pell Grants. UAlbany’s vibrant multiplicity is a marvelous asset that Jones wants both to celebrate and to serve.

“We’re the most diverse campus in the SUNY system, and that’s a tremendous resource that we will continue to build upon,” he said. “UAlbany reflects the changing demographics of America, and we want to become a model for a multicultural university that provides an excellent education.” Excellence is the key, Jones says, to reaching his ambitious goal of 20,000 students by 2020, a sizable increase from the current enrollment of 17,300. “It’s a stretch goal, but it’s reachable,” said Jones, noting that the number of applications and the Fall 2015 freshman class were the largest ever.

“We project the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences will have 1,600 students in four years. And we’re putting many pieces in place to expand enrollment. As we speak, Provost Jim Stellar is in China working with a Chinese university on a partnership that is expected to bring in 100 students each year for a decade.”

Since taking over the president’s job on Jan. 2, 2013, Jones has been moving strategically, putting together the pieces to raise the institution’s academic profile and build upon its nationally ranked programs in criminal justice, social welfare, and business. “We want to move as quickly as possible to the next level of excellence. It was very clear from the beginning that this University was poised to move up, but it was one of the best-kept secrets in higher education. Part of what we need to do is tell our story more effectively,” he said. He has made no secret of his goal to elevate UAlbany’s national rankings as a public research university.

In an interview in his third-floor University Hall office, a conversation about accomplishments and future projects was bookended by Jones’ lively anecdotes of dining with Stevie Wonder, Prince Albert II and Princess Stephanie, and Tony Bennett during the World Music Awards in Monaco (“I still get goosebumps thinking of it”); The Sounds of Blackness – the Minnesota-based R&B group he performed with for three decades; of working on inspirational projects with Bishop Desmond Tutu in South Africa (“the only person allowed to call me Bob”); and of growing up as a Dawson, Ga., sharecropper’s son near the farm where Otis Redding was born (“I only knew his uncles”). “I use my own personal story to underscore that no matter what your situation is growing up, it should not define what you can become,” Jones said. “I remind young people that with hard work, determination, and commitment they can create their own destiny.”

Jones has developed national stature as a thought leader on the issues of diversity and public engagement in higher education. In February at North Carolina State University, he presented a lecture titled “Institutional
Culture Change in Higher Education: Leadership and Inclusive Excellence.” That same month, in an extensive interview with The Chronicle of Higher Education, Jones addressed many of the same themes, focusing on making public-engagement a priority at public research universities. He stressed his commitment to working with the K-12 education system and serving as a co-convener of The Albany Promise, a cradle-to-career community partnership that is hosted at UAlbany. In addition, Jones serves on national boards, including Campus Compact, the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities and the Scholars at Risk Network. He is also a member of the Committee on Equal Opportunities in Science and Engineering, an advisory committee to the National Science Foundation.

Regionally, a major part of his public-engagement portfolio is his co-chairmanship of the Capital Region Economic Development Council along with James Barba, president and CEO of Albany Medical Center. During the past three years in that post, Jones has overseen the council’s vetting and awarding of tens of millions of dollars in economic development aid to businesses and municipalities across the Capital Region.

“Part of my job as president is being visible and engaged; serving as co-chair of our regional council serves that purpose. I also feel an obligation to boost the economic vitality of the Capital Region,” Jones said. “We are working on a regional strategy that doesn’t pit one city against the other. We’re developing an economic-development blueprint for this region for the next decade and beyond. I find the collaboration exciting.”

Partnerships, collaboration, and expansion are strong themes of transformation in Jones’ presidency. In September the University announced an affiliation agreement with Albany Law School, creating important new academic opportunities for students and novel interdisciplinary research and grant prospects for faculty, and advancing the Capital Region’s role as a leader in higher education and innovation. It expands a 20-year collaboration between UAlbany and the nation’s oldest independent law school – one that already includes a “3+3” program in which a student can receive an undergraduate degree and a law degree in six years (instead of seven), and multiple joint graduate programs.

“The affiliation will give UAlbany students across majors access to legal education,” Jones said. “And for Albany Law students, our academic portfolio
offers training in highly marketable subspecialties like criminal justice, cybersecurity, and public health. There are some powerful synergies that make both institutions stronger.”

Another initiative that Jones has overseen is the launch of the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity (CEHC). It is the first college of its kind in the nation, developed after Gov. Andrew Cuomo, in his 2015 State of the State Address, put out the call asking for the creation of such a school. Because of existing faculty expertise in homeland security and cybersecurity, and a strong foundation of related academic programs, UAlbany was chosen as the home of the new college. “CEHC is truly a groundbreaking development for UAlbany and for the state and nation,” Jones said. “These programs are preparing professionals to protect our state and nation against a new generation of challenges and threats.”

CEHC will eventually be located in the future Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex, to be situated on 12 acres that UAlbany will acquire on the southwest corner of the Harriman State Office Campus. “This facility will bring together our world-class resources in homeland security and emergency preparedness,” Jones said.

“And the proximity to state agencies like the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services will allow us to strengthen our collaboration in these critically important areas.” In addition to CEHC, the 236,000-square-foot building, known as E-TEC, will house the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences, the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, and the National Weather Service, among other UAlbany assets. It will also serve as the hub of the New York State Mesonet, a UAlbany-led network of weather monitors designed to better prepare the state for dangerous storms.

As the conversation turned to what will be required to finance the University’s ambitious expansion plans, Jones paused to gaze out his office window and to make a sweeping gesture toward another sign of UAlbany’s transformation: the Massry Center for Business, dedicated Sept. 17, 2015, to honor the philanthropic family’s $5.25 million gift, at the time the largest in the University’s history.

And just across the Podium rise the purple and gold bleachers of the Tom & Mary Casey Stadium. UAlbany announced last Oct. 8, less than a month after the Massry gift celebration, receipt of its largest gift ever: $10 million to support the football stadium and other facilities, expand scholarships for student-athletes and address additional priorities in athletics. The gift was made by the Bernard & Millie Children’s Foundation, which was established by the son of Bernard and Millie Duker, William Duker ’75 of Westerlo and New York City; his wife, Sharon (Casey) Duker; and their son, William “West” Duker. The stadium was named in honor of Sharon Duker’s parents.

The back-to-back ceremonies of the $15.25 million historic donor gifts, have provided a boost to fundraising efforts. “Those were catalytic, transformative gifts,” Jones said. “They came from remarkable, philanthropic families, and they will make others take notice and follow their lead. In all, we’ve raised slightly more than $40 million in the past three years since I’ve been president, and that represents a new level of success for UAlbany.

“I have gotten some questions about whether I’m trying to do too much too fast, but it’s not in my nature to coast,” said Jones. “I realize we have multiple balls in the air, and I tell people they better learn to juggle. A president can’t do anything alone – I have a tremendous team working alongside me. I want to send a very strong message that while there is a lot of work to be done, UAlbany is on a very strong path to emerge as a leading public research university.”
THE FAR REACH OF UALBANY ALUMS

These men and women in medicine, the arts, fashion, literature and business exemplify the University at Albany alumni campaign theme: “Reaching Higher, Achieving More.”
MICHAEL MACCARI, B.A.’85

A GOOD FIT

BY SARAH AMMERMAN, B.A.’01
erry Ellis International Creative Director Michael Maccari has made the most of his University at Albany education. Originally a math major with minors in business and fine art, “I wanted something more versatile, so I switched to English,” he remembers. “My art was always very realistic and precise, a lot of line drawings and graphic work; you could say it was mathematical. I had enough art credits to go in that direction, but I thought that a solid liberal-arts major, with more post-college schooling, could lead me in various directions.”

After graduating from UAlbany, Maccari worked as a manager and sales representative in a photo-retouching studio, gaining valuable experience that would direct him towards his future career. He continued his education at the Fashion Institute of Technology, where he took a production class that made him realize he could have a career designing menswear. Maccari recalls: “Menswear was relatable for me, and given my mathematical background and pragmatic nature, it was a good fit. I was wearing Perry Ellis at the time, and a family friend worked alongside Perry. I was intrigued by the nature of the work; fabric research; and naturally, the application of sketching to something three-dimensional.”

As Maccari continued to explore his interest in fashion design, he built a slightly unconventional portfolio. “I sketched on various project envelopes coming to and from clients, literally stopping in the street to draw when something inspired me. This became my portfolio for the menswear design school: varied bits of ripped paper organized neatly in a book. The department chairman loved it, and I knew immediately I was on my way,” Maccari says.

Looking back at his time at UAlbany, Maccari says he wouldn’t change any part of his education. “Every piece contributes to the big picture,” he explains. “The mathematical start relates to the precision of menswear very directly, in terms of fit and proportion of details. The English background helps with the research each season, dreaming and writing about the ‘story.’ The fine-art foundation may be obvious, but finding your means of expression can only come after exploring various mediums. I had amazing fine-art instructors who pushed me to explore more deeply the work I was naturally drawn to. It provided focus, as well as exposure to similar artists and mentors.”

For those working toward their professional goals, Maccari shares this advice: “Explore your options fully, and don’t stop digging until you find and refine your passions. There can be many, and that’s a very good thing, but focus is important to understanding what really drives you.

“My work is never 9-to-5. It’s a never-ending process, and one I enjoy immensely. Because of that, I often don’t consider it work.”

Before landing at Perry Ellis International in December 2013, Maccari worked for a variety of designers, including A/X Armani Exchange, Polo Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein, and J. Crew.
Earlier this year, UAlbany accepted into its Presidential Scholars program Sophia, the daughter of alum Suzanne Murphy. Understandably, Murphy is proud of her daughter.

She is also very grateful to the University for her own education, which helped her to launch a highly successful 30-year career in children's book publishing. Last May, Murphy was named president and publisher of HarperCollins Children's Books, overseeing the operations of the company's entire children's division.

At UAlbany, Murphy majored in English and double minored in political science and history. She took full advantage of Albany's offerings – both on and off campus.

Living on State Quad, she was the first freshman in her dorm to take a bus downtown “to find out what was going on.” Murphy recalls, “It was really beautiful being in the state capital with all of its history and politics.”

She also held down a job while in college, working at Albany Savings Bank in Colonie Center as a part-time teller.

Originally from Ossining, N.Y., Murphy was drawn to UAlbany because of its size and the breadth of its course offerings. In addition to completing her studies, she tutored teaching assistants in the Educational Opportunities Program, which caters to a wide diversity of students.

Her English classes – and what was then the brand-new Writers Institute – “infused me with a love of books,” Murphy says. “I gravitated to courses that really gave me a new perspective on the world.” She wrote for the ASP for two years and later co-chaired the campus Telethon, a 24-hour televised pledge campaign to raise money for children’s charities. Students would audition to perform music, comedy, juggling or other routines. Murphy and her co-chair organized the campaign and also hosted an hour of the pledge drive on local TV.

It was during the spring of her junior year that Murphy visited the Career Center and ended up with an internship in publicity and marketing at Dell. There were four interns at Dell that summer, but Murphy was the only student representing a state university.

After she graduated, Dell hired her for a full-time job as a publicity assistant. From there, Murphy worked in positions at Simon & Schuster and Random House before landing a job as vice president of Marketing and Publicity at Scholastic Trade publishing. While at Scholastic, she shepherded the publication of major best-selling books, including the Harry Potter series and The Hunger Games trilogy. From there, she joined Disney Publishing Worldwide as vice president, publisher, spending five years in that position. Murphy says she was “crazy lucky” to get the top job at HarperCollins last year. It thrills her to walk down the halls and see so many classic, beloved children’s books, including Goodnight Moon, Where the Wild Things Are, Charlotte’s Web and The Chronicles of Narnia.

Since her daughter’s acceptance by UAlbany, Murphy says, the University “has been very much” on her mind. Should Sophia select UAlbany, she would be the third generation in the family to do so, as Murphy’s mother-in-law attended what was then the state university’s teaching college in the 1950s.

Looking back, Murphy says she credits UAlbany “for so many things, but particularly my lifelong love of books and working to make the lives of children and families better through reading.”
It’s been 35 years since Chris Corrado made a bet with a University at Albany math professor. He still remembers what he said.

“I bet her that I’d never use linear algebra in my job,” recalls Corrado, now chief operating officer and chief information officer for the London Stock Exchange Group. He chuckles. “And then after I graduated, I went to work for IBM. The first computer language I had to learn was APL, which is based in linear algebra.”

Corrado lost that bet, but he went on to win a string of highly impressive jobs. His work history includes six years at Morgan Stanley in New York City as a systems programmer; two years in Japan as chief information officer for the Far East; a return to New York as head of Infrastructure; a transfer to London for two years as CIO for Europe and Asia; then three years with Deutsche Bank as chief technology officer. Corrado went back to New York City to join Merrill Lynch as chief technology officer for Capital Markets.

When 9/11 struck, Corrado was working at Merrill Lynch in the World Financial Center. He helped to rebuild the capital-markets business, installing thousands of desktops and hundreds of servers – and relocating thousands of personnel – in a matter of days.

When Hurricane Sandy hit New York in 2012, Corrado was working at UBS. Once again he came to the rescue, handling the crisis for the financial-services investment firm.

Looking back, Corrado says his undergraduate education at UAlbany was excellent preparation for his career. He recalls how John Levato, then assistant dean and advisor, made him see how he could apply his major – business administration, with minor concentrations in math and computer science – in the real world of business.

Then there was the statistics professor who encouraged Corrado to combine several of his educational interests into an emphasis on management information systems. At the time, MIS was exclusively a graduate program. But Corrado was in the first class of undergraduates who focused on MIS – an opportunity that laid the foundation for his very impressive career.

It wasn’t just academics at UAlbany that shaped his development, however. Each summer during his undergraduate years, Corrado stayed in Albany, working for the University’s Office of Residential Life as part of a team that repaired dorm rooms after students had vacated them. At one point, Corrado got his first chance to manage a group of workers: four young men on a University painting crew.

Today, he oversees 2,000 people for the London Stock Exchange’s technology and operational areas. Corrado runs the day-to-day operations of the exchange, information businesses, clearing and settlement businesses, and technology companies. In addition, he manages security, property and commercial services.

All in all, Corrado says UAlbany “was the best investment” he ever made.

When asked what he is most proud of in his illustrious career, Corrado doesn’t hesitate: “of helping people realize their full potential – i.e., getting others to do things they did not think they were capable of doing.”
Acclaimed journalist Tom Junod had not set foot on the University at Albany campus since his graduation 35 years earlier, but a remarkable transformation took place when he returned to his alma mater last September at the invitation of the New York State Writers Institute. He led a writing seminar; met with students; and read “The Falling Man,” his celebrated Esquire magazine article about the World Trade Center terrorist attacks, at the State Museum as part of a 9/11 commemorative program. Nothing prepared the prodigal writer for the depth of emotion that struck him.

“It felt like a return, a homecoming and all those really wonderful feelings. I’m not exaggerating when I say my visit there was a high point of my writing career,” said Junod (pronounced Juh-NO), who lives in Marietta, Ga. He is a two-time winner of the prestigious National Magazine Award, for which he has been nominated a record 11 times.

Junod returned again April 16 to accept the Excellence in Arts & Letters Award from the Alumni Association during a gala at the Albany Country Club. “It feels great to receive that honor,” he said. “It’s wonderful. I couldn’t be happier.”

Junod saw a lot of his younger self reflected in the students he met in writing classes. “They were smart and underdogs and fighters just looking for a chance,” he said. “I realized by talking with them that the underdog role was part of my lineage, too.”

Junod reconnected with a former professor, Judith Barlow, and met a literary idol, Writers Institute Founder and Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist William Kennedy. “Bill and I walked around Albany, which felt like I was touring heaven with St. Michael,” Junod said. “Bill had a story for every building and street corner. We also talked about the struggles of being a writer. It’s not an easy thing to write a great book, even for Bill Kennedy. It reminded me your heroes don’t get to be heroes because it came easy to them.”
Writing success did not come easily to Junod. The only journalism course he ever took was Fred LeBrun’s *Journalism 101*, his senior year. He earned his way into the big leagues of journalism through a combination of grit, drive, determination and a few lucky breaks. His luckiest break was falling in love with his future wife, Janet Junod ’79, whom he met at SUNY Oneonta. Smitten, he transferred along with her to UAlbany his junior year.

Junod grew up in Wantagh, Nassau County. His father, a traveling salesman, sold women’s purses. Junod did not have a clear career path and tried economics and psychology majors before he found his passion in English. He began reading Joan Didion, Truman Capote, Tom Wolfe, Gay Talese and leading practitioners of The New Journalism. His English professors, particularly Barlow and Eugene Mirabelli, encouraged Junod’s enthusiasm for writing and his unorthodox essays. He graduated *magna cum laude*, published a few pieces in literary journals and met with many rejections when he applied for editorial jobs in New York City. He ended up a traveling handbag salesman like his father and got held up at gunpoint in a Los Angeles hotel room. The experience rattled Junod so badly he quit the business. He found a job writing articles for what he called “a third-rate trade magazine.”

He refused to give up, kept writing stories and eventually broke into the big-time with articles in *Sports Illustrated*, *Life* and *GQ*. Junod became a protégé of *GQ* editor David Granger, who brought Junod along when he became editor-in-chief of *Esquire* magazine in 1997. Granger recently stepped down at *Esquire*, where Junod gained fame and considerable notoriety for deeply personal essays and celebrity profiles of Michael Stipe, Kevin Spacey, Nicole Kidman, Mister Rogers and many others. “David changed my life, and for 23 years he was my primary and ideal reader,” Junod said. “We went through a lot together. David never lost that faith in the underlying sound of my writing.”

Along the way, the underdog from Wantagh has never stopped fighting.
SUSAN GALANDIUK, M.D., B.S.’76

BIOLOGY/GERMAN MAJOR
STEERS MEDICAL SUCCESS

BY JIM SCIANCEPORE, M.A.’93
As fate would have it, Dr. Susan Galandiuk’s choice of double major at UAlbany would make a significant impact on her life’s direction.

Galandiuk knew she wanted to pursue a career in medicine. Because she “always loved science,” her decision to major in biology made perfect sense. Opting to take on a second major in German – while less conventional, perhaps – was just as formative.

The daughter of German-speaking Romanian and Ukrainian immigrants, Galandiuk was interested in immersing herself in her parents’ native language. While at UAlbany, she participated in a summer program in Germany, where she visited the prestigious Wuerzburg University Medical School. She was instantly attracted to the school, and her two passions suddenly converged.

Galandiuk decided to pursue her medical degree at Wuerzburg, where she gained a more global, collaborative perspective on medicine. She also learned that she had a great affinity for both surgery and research.

“When I observed my first operation, I knew this was for me!” she said.

She completed a surgical internship in Wuerzburg and continued her training at the Cleveland Clinic. Though her career as a surgeon was well underway, Galandiuk missed the ability to do research, so she sought a place where she could potentially do both. She was awarded a fellowship at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, where – following a surgical residency at the Mayo Clinic – she would put down roots as surgeon, scientist, and professor. By 1990, Galandiuk had found a home in Louisville.

She found something else, too: her husband, Hiram Polk, M.D. A noted surgeon, educator, and researcher, Polk served as chairman of surgery at the University of Louisville for more than three decades. The two were married in 1993.

It helps to have a spouse who also comes from the medical field, Galandiuk observed. “He understands the hours required and the demands of the job.”

Galandiuk specializes in colon and rectal surgery, an area of medicine that people generally associate with cancer. She explained that many of her patients are facing more common afflictions, such as colitis and Crohn’s disease – conditions that often require management more than surgical intervention.

“I have some patients for life,” she noted. “I sometimes help three generations of the same family who are impacted by genetic disease.”

While patient care is admittedly her “first love,” Galandiuk is also energized by her passion for learning. “With research, there’s always something new – something that could allow me to help many people,” she said. “If I can learn something that puts me out of business, that would be a great thing.”

Galandiuk believes that people in the medical profession need to collaborate to advance their knowledge. The author of numerous articles, she has served on dozens of editorial boards and medical societies, and she is an adviser to the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institute of Health. She recently took on another demanding title: editor-in-chief of Diseases of the Colon & Rectum, the world’s leading academic journal for her specialty. She said that it’s vital for practitioners to share information – not just with fellow professionals, but also with health-care consumers.

“There’s been an explosion of content in health care, but not all of it is accurate,” said Galandiuk. “We need to ensure that everyone has access to quality information.”

In addition to her many health-care interests, Galandiuk said she is fond of the arts – particularly opera. She credited UAlbany’s emphasis on providing a balanced undergraduate curriculum with helping to cultivate an appreciation for things outside the realm of science. It’s one of several ways that the University helped shape Galandiuk’s life and career.

“My experience at UAlbany absolutely helped me do what I do today,” she said.
EDWARD FANDREY, B.A.'97
THE POWER OF SELF-ASSESSMENT

BY STEPHEN SHOEMAKER, B.A.'02
With 17 years at tech giant Microsoft, Edward Fandrey, who has risen through the ranks to be the company’s chief of staff for Worldwide Sales and Marketing, admits the company’s corporate values are now part of his DNA.

“I didn’t really think I’d be at any one company this long,” he says. “But Microsoft keeps re-inventing itself” — a feat made possible by the organization’s willingness to look at itself critically. “You want to celebrate what you’re doing well, but you also want to focus on getting better and having a growth mindset.”

It’s a lesson Fandrey has applied to his own career. But before reporting directly to Microsoft’s chief operating officer, Kevin Turner — who runs the company’s massive $95 billion dollar Sales and Marketing Group — Fandrey got his first taste of self-assessment as a psychology major at UAlbany. In one course, he was asked to contemplate his life goals and was challenged to translate those goals into achievable milestones with measurable results.

The assignments spurred him to build qualities that would figure into his success. Says Fandrey: “I came from a small town; however, I had big dreams. But when I first mapped it out in that class, I realized I wasn’t doing anything in particular that was going to lead to accomplishing those goals.” The Long Island native recognized that if he didn’t take control of his life, he would return home after college and find a “pretty good job, but nothing great. It kind of scared me a bit, in a good way, and it motivated me to really get my act together to accomplish the dreams I had.”

Fandrey buckled down and during his senior year took advantage of the New York City-based recruiters — all of them — who came to the UAlbany campus looking for talent. He laughs as he remembers having as many as 14 interviews per day on campus with potential employers, ranging from insurance firms to manufacturers of road equipment. “My one navy-blue interview suit and the conservative red tie that my dad bought me when I was back for winter break really got a lot of practice.”

As a result, Fandrey got very good at interviewing and building his personal brand. He impressed an on-campus recruiter from Productivity Point International (now Productivity Point Global), a firm dedicated to providing computer instruction to business firms trying to keep pace with the somewhat new world of email and spreadsheets. But it wasn’t Fandrey’s familiarity with the technology and software of the time that impressed them. “They were really impressed by how I was able to present well, simplify and relate to business leaders and sometimes career-changers who were learning the PC for the first time,” he remembers.

Those skills also impressed Microsoft, one of PPI’s clients, and led to an invitation to join that company three years later as a systems engineer in Manhattan. “It was kind of an overlay role where they wanted someone who knew technology but also was able to listen to customers and understand what Microsoft solution we could sell.” From there, Fandrey moved purely into sales and managed Microsoft’s global account for the Bank of New York Mellon. Later, in sales management, he led a business responsible for more than $300 million dollars in sales of software and consulting services for Microsoft’s largest New York-based clients.

Fandrey’s ability to transform and build high-performing sales teams and his impressive year-over-year results caught the eye of Microsoft Chief Operating Officer Kevin Turner, who asked Fandrey to move to Microsoft’s corporate headquarters just outside Seattle and take on his current role as chief of staff in 2013. Fandrey helps Turner set strategy and motivate a worldwide sales and marketing force of nearly 29,000 as Microsoft continues to transform from selling traditional “on-premises” products, such as Windows and Office, in favor of cloud-based software solutions like Office 365 and Azure cloud platform.

“Part of my role is to devise and execute a strategy for educating and motivating our sellers in 191 countries to speak with customers about the benefits of transitioning to the cloud,” Fandrey explains. The most recent of those transformations have kept Microsoft a top tech firm all these years, and he’s confident the company’s best days are ahead of it.

Fandrey is just as optimistic about his own career, and the lessons gleaned by hustling from interview to interview on the UAlbany campus nearly 20 years ago still apply. “I learned never to underestimate the power of your personality, or to let anyone tell you that your career is predetermined and you can’t impact its speed and course. It’s meant so much to how I’ve achieved things at work and in life,” observes Fandrey.

Ed Fandrey, shown at Microsoft corporate headquarters, honed self-assessment skills as a UAlbany undergraduate.
Robert Reid, left, delivered the fifth annual Bunshaft Lecture at UAlbany last Nov. 5. Pictured with Reid are Caryn Bunshaft ’82 and Al Bunshaft ’80, who established the lecture, and Kim L. Boyer, professor and dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS).
“I enjoy helping clients succeed ... taking something from an idea on a napkin to an operating model is very rewarding,” said Robert Reid, founder and managing director of Vistrada, a management-consulting and venture firm.

The UAlbany alum has long excelled at helping people and organizations attain their full potential.

Back when he was earning his B.A. in computer science from UAlbany, Reid took on a rather ambitious job to earn some extra spending money. He developed a custom computer program for a title-processing company in downtown Albany. The program was an automated order-entry system which eliminated the company’s paper-based approach. Unsure what to charge for his work, he asked for $500.

Reid recently spoke to the owner of this business, who declared it “the best piece of software I ever bought!” Even though he may have significantly undervalued his work, Reid was still grateful for the opportunity.

“I used the knowledge I had learned in school to create a solution that tied a business need to the technology ... which reinforced a potential career path,” he explained. “It was a moment of clarity for me.”

Reid would spend the next 25-plus years helping others succeed. Thriving at the intersection of business and technology, he worked his way into management and consulting roles at companies such as Accenture (formerly Andersen Consulting), AT&T, Verizon, Goldman Sachs, American Express and McCann Erickson. He joined a venture firm in 2000 to help early-stage companies commercialize their offerings, which allowed him to work with over 20 venture-backed companies.

In 2007, Reid used the knowledge gained from his consulting and operational experiences to form his own company, Vistrada. The Manhattan-based consultancy has grown steadily and currently boasts 35 employees coupled with a strong partner network. Vistrada serves a wide range of businesses, from large corporations to early-stage companies and start-ups.

“I get to work on projects that are important to our clients and easy to feel passionate about,” said Reid. “It’s very gratifying.”

Beyond his business, the married father of two has also deployed his consulting skills for other organizations – including his alma mater.

He has spent the past several years as an adviser for UAlbany’s College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Recently, as featured speaker at the University’s Bunshaft Lecture, Reid shared his real-world perspective on business and entrepreneurship.

Reid is happy to share his time with his University community. “I feel an obligation to give back,” noted Reid. “UAlbany gave me the tools and knowledge to excel and helped point my compass in the right direction.”

He is also currently piloting a venture that will bring students, businesses and universities together through an online hub at talentjumpstart.com. The initiative, intended to help college students and graduates find internships and apply their education, will also make it easier for employers to recruit and cultivate talent.

In addition, Reid serves on the advisory board of the Universal Hip Hop Museum – sharing his business acumen to grow the organization’s influence and resources, and helping to support innovations such as virtual-reality exhibits. The museum’s mission is to teach, engage and inspire audiences around the world through the creativity and power of hip hop culture. “It’s inspiring to see the effort of the people involved who are already well established in the industry,” noted Reid.

Reid, who immigrated to the United States from Guyana at age 13, attributed his passion and entrepreneurial spirit to his maternal grandfather, a successful Guyanese businessman. “My values are shaped by his accountability, work ethic and all the traveling he allowed me to experience in my early years,” said Reid.

“UAlbany gave me the tools and knowledge to excel.”
Joan Sittner Sherwood recently celebrated her 89th birthday. She has been busy getting her 51-year-old Mid-century modern church on the Washington State Historical Building Registry and bringing the church history up to date since 1995. Gari Paticopoulos is expecting her first great-grandchild this spring. Gari’s grandson and his wife live in Shanghai, and she visits them once a year. Viola Abrams Petterson of Coburg Village, Rexford, N.Y., had her first great-grandchild, a girl, recently. Betty Brignull of Valatie, N.Y., keeps a low profile and has been slowing down, but enjoys keeping up with classmates through class notes. Adrienne Iorio Caruso of Saratoga Springs still drives and enjoys traveling to nearby states with her friends. Lucille St. Priest is recovering from a major illness; she and her husband remain in their home in Forestburgh, N.Y. Wanda Tomask Meth lives with family in Cohoes, N.Y. Eleanor Holbig Alland has lived at Ávila Retirement Community for 11 years now. She’s still active, drives her own car and does volunteer work.

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Bob Kloepfel, May 2015: Marie Fernandes Lowenstein, May 2015; and Ellen Fay Harmon, September 2015. Ellen attended our past three reunions and was a very active, creative member of our reunion committee. She will be sorely missed by the remaining members. Jake Schuhle and wife Betsy Franks Schuhle attended the wedding of their great-granddaughter, Jocelyn, in southern Maryland last spring. Jocelyn and her husband are seniors at Cedarville College in Ohio. It looks like Jocelyn is following in the footsteps of Betsy, who also got married before graduating! Jake and Betsy celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary in September. Betsy pointed out that Harry O'Meara and wife Carol Scott Meara, who retired to Jensen Beach, Fla., also married in September, just before their senior year began. On July 4, Bonnie Totten Atkins and husband Lee enjoyed a family reunion of 22 members. Lee’s family surprised him with a celebration at the family cottage on Lake Champlain on Labor Day weekend. Their grandson, Joe, was home for Christmas following a two-month tour of Europe with the Orkesta Mendoza. Ursula Neuhaus Schiff lives in a retirement community in Sarasota, Fla., and is in generally good health. Her two sons are based in California and visit her a couple of times a year. One, David, has retired from the wireless-communication field and is now trying his hand at substitute teaching. Richard Foster, also living in Sarasota, is a member of a choral group. He played a piano duet with the choral director in a recent production of The Fantasies. Jerry Reisner and wife Estelle live in Meadville, Pa., and say, “It is a gift to still be around.” Estelle still works two or three times a week. This past year they decided that having 10 family members and two dogs around was too much for them, so they downsized to two children and 1 dog. Jean Pulver Hague is still counseling families about educational options. She has seven grandchildren and as of last June, one great-granddaughter. Two grandchildren will be graduating from college in May—one from Claremont McKenna in California and one from the University of Connecticut. Jean’s brother, George Pulver, whom many of her classmates knew, passed away in August. He was a judge in Catskill, N.Y.; his ceremonies were wonderful. Jean and her family are so very proud of the legacy he left in the community. “Freddy” Laemmerzahl Miller recently visited her son in San Francisco, where she enjoyed lunch with Bob and Diana Kittredge’s son, David. Freddy still lives in Stillwater, Okla. Bob Kittredge and wife Diana had a very busy 2015. Their two granddaughters were married in California; Bob and Diana’s grown children threw them a surprise 60th wedding anniversary party in July; and, in August, they celebrated Diana’s 90th birthday at the Hunan Chinese Restaurant in Fresno, Calif., with 70 friends and family members. Bob continued cheerleading as a member of the Senior Dog Squad at the Fresno State football games this past fall. His and Diana’s first great-granddaughter, Eva Grace, was born in November. Gloria Maistelman Herkowitz’s grandson married in December; he is doing a medical residency in Philadelphia and his wife is a dental student at the University of Pennsylvania. Sadly, Gloria reported her husband passed away in September. Ann Sulich Raser recently visited her hometown, Endicott, N.Y., after a hiatus of 20 years. She resides in Los Angeles and is very pleased that her three grandchildren have relocated there from Atlanta. Bob Kloepfel
celebrated his 90th birthday; his buddy Jack Kirby, who lives in Florida, is doing fine. Joe Zanchelli and wife Joyce are looking forward to their youngest grandson’s college graduation in May. The Class of 1949 reunion committee and spouses met for lunch in Albany for a “keep-in-touch” get-together in the fall. Those in attendance were Bonnie Adkins and husband Lee; Joe and Joyce Zanchelli; Dick Zeller; and Loida VeraCruz, assistant director of Alumni Programs. Ellen Fay Harmon was sorely missed. Only 32 contacts are on Joe’s Class of ’49 email list. If you would like to be on the list, contact your class counselor.

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50 Earlene (Ken) Thomson Sorensen passed away in April. Irwin Baumel, age 91, and Elise DeSeve, age 86, are in good health. They spent two days in Budapest, Hungary, and enjoyed a UNIWORLD riverboat cruise to Amsterdam. They plan to go on another European tour. Susan, daughter of Audrey Koch Feathers and husband “DICK,” is director of the Eric R. Neisser Public Interest Program at Rutgers Newark Law School. Audrey and Dick taught at Rutgers University College for over three decades. Susan created the first public/pro bono interest program at Brooklyn Law College. She previously taught at Yale and Stanford law schools, and was assistant dean at the University of Pennsylvania Law School for nine years. Ken George created his 26th annual program of secular and traditional Christmas music and story, which was performed at a New Scotland, N.Y.-area Methodist church. Lilla Lee Harrington recently flew to Arizona to visit her daughter, Leslie. Highlights included a day in Sedona with lunch at the Enchantment Inn, and a baseball game at the Cubs Club. Lilla has enjoyed day trips to Vermont, Canada, and Maine with her friend Madge, and recently drove to Oneonta, N.Y., to visit Maggie Hosking Winne and a granddaughter. Lilla stayed busy with the sale of her Copeland Pond Cottage, the “end of an era” and family get-togethers at the cottage. She totaled her car in an accident last October, but no one was injured. She chose not to replace her car, as there are multiple ways of getting around the Prestwick Chase community in Saratoga Springs. She stays active with newspaper writing, Bingo, aerobics three times a week, poetry club, and Book Chat, to name a few. She also joined a Bible-study group at the Grace Fellowship Church. In September, Marjorie Lyons flew from her home in Florida to Indianapolis to visit her daughter, Gail Harpold, and son-in-law, Marty. She traveled with them to Kankakee, Ill., for Marjorie’s great-granddaughter’s third birthday celebration, and to visit her other great-granddaughter, year-old Quinn. Marjorie continues to teach memoir-writing at a weekly session in Pompano. In October, the reunion committee and spouses met for lunch in Albany for a “keep-in-touch” get-together in the fall. Those in attendance included Malcolm Slakter and his wife, Nancy, are still enjoying life one day at a time. Since Malcolm’s traveling days are over, they keep in touch with children and grandchildren with FaceTime and texting. They visited with their younger son and two grandchildren last June. Malcolm is continually amazed that he is still alive and delighted that many classmates are, too. He and Nancy wish everyone good health, happiness, and an “aloha” from Hawaii. Harold “SpARKy” Vaught’s 13th great-grandchild, Maxwell, was born in December. Sparky’s grandson was recently married at his daughter’s home in Shelburne, VT. Sparky continues to develop an anti-human trafficking project in Thailand and Laos, which requires raising about $400,000 to finance it. He recently spent two months in Florence, Italy, with a group of D.C.-area Rotarians for a Capital Cities Exchange with Rotary Appia Antica. He attends monthly chamber music concerts at the Cosmos Club.

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Introducing #UAlbanyPurpleFam

Inspiring, influential and relatable human-interest stories have taken social media by storm. With the international success of projects like “Humans of New York” by author and photographer Brandon Stanton and numerous other social media accounts inspired by HONY, it’s impossible not to feel compelled to share the stories of UAlbany’s own.

The Alumni Association recently launched an ongoing collection of stories, conversations featuring UAlbany graduates. Regional events, local alumni gatherings and our network of volunteers provide us with numerous opportunities to meet those who share their personal thoughts, experiences and ideas, and bring the project to life. Quotes are derived from interesting answers to basic questions and casual conversation, and new content is posted on Alumni Association social media accounts once or twice a week. These “mini profiles” are a mix of short quotes and casual conversations accompanied by head- or full-body photos of the alum.

The title of the project, “UAlbany Purple Fam,” is inspired by the “Purple Fam” phrase that originated from UAlbany student-athletes several years ago. It has become a commonly used reference to members of the entire UAlbany community on social media. We hope you’ll enjoy this ongoing project, and we welcome suggestions for alumni we might feature.

- Follow the #UAlbanyPurpleFam hashtag on social media to interact with posts and help share the UAlbany story.
- View the project archive online: www.alumni.albany.edu/purplefam
- Want to be a part of #UAlbanyPurpleFam? Contact the Alumni Association via email at alumniassociation@albany.edu.

“I wasn’t prepared for how important my role in empowering women would be.”

– Alexandra, Class of ’02
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

The University at Albany Alumni Association will bestow Excellence Awards on the following alumni and friends for their outstanding achievements and service. The awards were presented at the 2016 Excellence Awards Gala April 16.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
Honors an alumnus or alumna for an extraordinary achievement; or honors an individual who, over the course of a decade or more, has exemplified outstanding success in a chosen profession or outstanding service to society

Theresa A. Pardo ’82, ’90, ’98, Director, Center for Technology in Government, University at Albany

CITIZEN OF THE UNIVERSITY
Recognizes a non-graduate’s outstanding contributions of service, leadership or a special gift to the University

Lance F. Bosart, Distinguished Professor, Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences, University at Albany

EXCELLENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Recognizes the accomplishments of an individual who has demonstrated the spirit, leadership and drive of an entrepreneur

John S. Stevens ’95, Founder and CEO, Infinigy

INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT
Recognizes international graduates who are highly distinguished in their professions and who have helped their nations and/or the world through outstanding contributions to government, science, art, education, business or human welfare

Ancell Scheker-Mendoza ’11, Director of Evaluation of the Quality of Education, Ministry of Education of Dominican Republic

OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD
Recognizes early outstanding achievements in a chosen profession or field and/or service to the community by an alumnus aged 35 years or younger

Molly Guptill Manning ’01, ’02, Attorney, U.S. Court of Appeals Second Circuit; Author

EXCELLENCE IN ALUMNI SERVICE
Recognizes sustained leadership and service to the Alumni Association and the University by alumni

Timothy P. Murphy ’77, Retired Executive Vice President and COO, SUNY Research Foundation

EXCELLENCE IN ARTS & LETTERS
Celebrates alumni for outstanding achievements in music, literature and language, visual arts or performing arts

Tom Junod ’80, Writer

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS
Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in for-profit business

Michael Nash ’83, Senior Managing Director, Blackstone

EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE
Pays tribute to alumni for time volunteered to benefit a community or its non-profit institutions

Valerie Jensen ’96, Founder, Prospector Theater

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION
Honors alumni for extraordinary distinction in the field of education, including pre-K through post-secondary classroom teaching, school services and administration/supervision

Robert M. Mauro ’09, Director, Irish Institute and Global Leadership Institute, Boston College

Teresa Thayer Snyder ’00, Superintendent, Green Island Union Free School District

EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SERVICE
Recognizes alumni for outstanding contributions to local, state or national communities, generally, but not exclusively, through opportunities in appointed or elected office or public-service non-profit organizations

Fredrick W. Erlich ’69, ’72, ’94, Founder and CEO, Living Resources

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in science and/or technology

Melinda S. Peng ’78, ’80, ’82, Head, Atmospheric Dynamics and Prediction Branch, Marine Meteorology Division, U.S. Naval Research Laboratory

MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR 2017: If you are interested in nominating someone for a 2017 Excellence Award, contact the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080 or alumni@albany.edu. The deadline is Oct. 14, 2016. Visit www.alumni.albany.edu/awards for more details.
Alumni News & Notes

52 Alta Stevenson visited New York City to see her son Mark receive the Maria Moors Cabot Award from the Columbia University School of Journalism for his reporting on violence in Mexico. He is an Associated Press reporter and UAlbany alum, and has lived in Mexico City for the past 20 years. Alta’s other son lives in Denmark, and her two daughters live in the U.S. Some of Alta’s grandchildren are having great experiences in Spain and Portugal as part of their college studies. Vickie Eade Eddy attended her grandson’s outdoor wedding in Seattle and recently celebrated the 85th birthday of her sister, Mary Bett ‘51. Tom Holman reports that his sister lives in Big Stone Gap, Va., the same town as author Adriana Trigiana. When the movie adaptation of Trigiana’s “Big Stone Gap” was produced, Tom’s sister’s house was used in the film. Tom says, “It’s a strange feeling to see a movie set with Ashley Judd in my bedroom.” Tom was in Big Stone Gap for the movie release. Kitty Kloser Holms and Marty have had a quiet year but kept up with their usual activities, including bridge, church, book discussions and trips to New York City. Their oldest granddaughter, Megan, who is in the Peace Corps in Senegal, visited for three weeks this past winter. Evie Erde Eisenhard and husband Robert are enjoying retirement in a John Ericson Community, Ashburn, Va. They head a welcome committee, and she manages one of six community book clubs. Mary Anne Lanni and husband Bob don’t get out much anymore, but Bob continues to send letters to the Albany Times Union concerning education reform. He recommends the book A Path Appears – Transforming Lives, Creating Opportunities by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn for those planning to leave money to a charity. Mary Anne reads for two book clubs and lunches with former colleagues from the state education department. Their four grandchildren are busy and productive: Leo is in Nigeria; Paloma is working in New York City, and Dave and Chris continue to work for the New York State Department of Taxation and coach basketball at their former high school. Thea VanDer Ven (Dorothy Simmons) reports that her grandson lan joined the Navy last year. She recently accompanied her son Guido, his wife Nancy, and sister Grace to lan’s graduation from boot camp and later flew to San Francisco to send lan off as he left for a three-year stint in Japan. She plans to travel to Japan to watch lan run a marathon and hopes to see a tea ceremony in Kyoto. Thea’s other son, Simon, is an artist. Bert Jablon and wife Myra attended a family wedding in Winter Park, Fla., last fall. They enjoyed a visit from their son Brien and his daughter Yarden, who reside in Israel. Al Stevenson states, “Well, the old horse is still pulling the plow.” He is teaching again for what he plans will be his last semester. He looks forward to spending time with friends in Orlando, and hopes to move there after retirement. Virginia Maurer Tracey sold her house and moved two miles south, closer to the landfill and the shooting range. She’s still singing, swimming and walking regularly, and hasn’t lost her sense of humor. Madeline Weitloft Huchro is still commuting between Westport, N.Y., and Florida. She had two falls that required hospitalization, but is feeling much better following physical therapy. Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli continues with her many activities, though she was slowed down a bit this winter following knee-replacement surgery. Her husband, Joe, says, “Joyce will soon be a bionic woman, as she will have had two knee replacements, a hip replacement and a new aortic valve!”

Class notes councilor: Joyce Zanchelli, jzanch@yahoo.com

53 Your class councilor is sorry to report that her husband and soul mate, Robert Hughes, passed away in August 2015. His favorite charities were Vincent House in Wayland, the Open Door Mission, and Sojourner House. Your councilor must also announce the passing of two more members of the class. Jeanne E. Simon Morrison Beebe died in October 2015. She was known as “Cookie Grandma” to her grandchildren. Jeanne had a number of degrees from higher-education venues, including the New York State College for Teachers at Albany; l’Université de Paris, Sorbonne, Paris, France; l’Université Poitiers, Tours, France; Teachers College, Oneonta; and Central Connecticut State University. Jeanne is survived by her husband, two children and two grandchildren. Francis Joseph Schatzle was a retired United States Navy officer with the rank of captain. He passed away in June 2015 in Annapolis, Md. Frank, a runner who competed against historic Roger Bannister, ran races and marathons for decades. He enjoyed a distinguished 29-year naval career and retired in 1993. He was considered one of the top hurricane experts in the country. Frank is survived by three children and 10 grandchildren.

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OCTOBER 7–9, 2016

Please join the classes of 2006, 1991, 1976, 1966 and 1961 and celebrate your milestone reunion this fall!

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The events are planned; all you need to do is come!

2 WE’LL ADD YOUR NAME TO THE INVITE
Your name will be included on the official reunion invitation.

3 SPREAD THE WORD
Contact classmates to help boost reunion interest and attendance.

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Visit alumni.albany.edu/host_committee.
gardener. She has enjoyed working with the Sussex County (Delaware) Master Gardeners for more than 12 years. Peter, retired from teaching and school administration, is now a very active volunteer archaeologist.

Owen Smith reported that his daughter, Claire, a UAlbany alum, works for the Commission of the European Union in Brussels, Belgium. Sadly, his son, Owen, died in 1976. Owen’s son, Owen Daiki Yamauchi, works as a software engineer for Facebook. Owen said that the NYSCT professor who made a lasting impression on him was Harry Price. Owen has been married twice. His first wife, UAlbany alum Derilda, died of cancer in 2003; “we loved for 60 years,” he said. His second marriage was to Maryalice, to whom he has been “hitched” for eight years. Owen taught for 30 years, was a NYSTA field rep for four years, and an antique dealer for 32 years. He volunteers as a church sexton. He’s traveled to Belgium, England, Japan, France, Italy, Luxemburg, Holland, Germany, and Canada.

Owen mentioned the passing of his college roommate, Dick Jacobson. He and his wife keep in touch with Dick’s wife, Margaret Eckert ’54.

Margaret Hebert Wernette was selected to teach overseas in the Department of Defense schools after teaching three years in Saranac, N.Y. She spent one year in the following: Goose Bay, Labrador; Itasuki, Japan; Ankara, Turkey; and Bitburg, Germany. Margaret spent 33 years in London, where she met a Texan named Jack Wernette. They have been married 51 years. Margaret retired after teaching high-school math for 40 years and relocated to her husband’s ranch in Castroville, Texas, last year. She recently visited with Barbara Grim Dann in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Dolores and John spent July 4 in Philadelphia, where their youngest grandson is a University of Pennsylvania doctoral student. John is still doing consulting work, and Dolores is playing and making cards. Herbert “Herb” D. Thier is still active and having fun. Lucille Guthrie lives in Brant Lake, N.Y., from May until the beginning of October, and spends winter in Venice, Fla. Mary Preston Cooper wonders if classmates remember making apologies at the weekly student government assemblies for having broken any rules. She and her husband Ted have been married for 60 years and have nine children, eight of whom are college graduates. They have 13 grandchildren. Two of their sons live in Hawaii; the other children are scattered from Denver to Raleigh, N.C. Mary and Ted have traveled to Australia, Peru, Greece, Egypt, Costa Rica, and more. After she retired, Mary worked as assistant director for a Huntington Learning Center in Pittsford, N.Y. In 1993, she and Ted retired to Florida, where she volunteers for Meals on Wheels. Sal Schaertl and husband George spent Thanksgiving with their three daughters and 10 grandchildren, all of whom are college grads with jobs.

Marion Horn Doody is widowed, but her big accomplishments are her seven children – six sons and one daughter. She has traveled to Russia, Germany, Belgium, England, Wales, and Ireland. Bill Whitwer and his wife have been married 44 years. They have two daughters, a professional photographer and a nurse anesthetist.

Milne 200 provided a nostalgic setting for the Class of 1955 60th-year reunion last September.
Bill spent 58 years in the ministry and started four Presbyterian churches. He recently retired at age 85. Bill’s hobbies are turkey hunting and piloting. He keeps in touch with classmate Vince Aceto. Bill’s website, www.BillWhitwer.com, is read worldwide. He’d love classmates to visit the site. Louise Petfield Burns reported that after 4.5 years in a nursing home, her husband, Roy, passed away. They were married more than 20 years. Louise has been going to several Bible studies and continues to sing in church choir. She also plays piano for an adult Sunday school class and a senior-adult choir. Her three daughters have visited Colorado over the past year and a half. Louise is in good health following several surgeries a few years ago. She traveled to Jordan and Israel for the third time last spring. Louise has fond memories of her college years, mostly of Big Fours and Miss Futterer’s drama classes. The Class of 1953 Facebook Group can be found at www.facebook.com/groups/688873657809259. It is a great place to post old photos and to chat with classmates.

Class notes councilor:
Rose Mary (Rosie) Keller Hughes, rhughes5@rochester.rr.com

54 John (Jack) Cooper and wife Terry recently attended the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore. They visited their son and his wife in Albuquerque, where they attended the balloon festival; they also explored Santa Fe and Taos. Jack volunteered as a Meals on Wheels driver in Portland. Jack and Terry say, “Life is good and has been good to us – for which we are very thankful.” Marie Elder Sejersen and husband John both spent six months of 2015 fighting cancer. They remain positive and feel good. They purchased a new car and, after they were cleared by doctors, they made a three-week, 3,700-mile road trip to visit their daughter in Indiana. They recently traveled to New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss. They welcomed another grandchild in December.

Jim Thompson and Bill Floyd continue to meet with Albany-area friends monthly. Thirteen local class members gathered at Jim’s home for a Halloween-themed brunch last fall. Jim attended his 65th-year high-school reunion in Liberty, N.Y. He attended the retirement ceremony for Navy Captain Scott Thompson ’91 at the Hall of Heroes in the Pentagon and officiated his granddaughter Carissa’s wedding on the Vermont shore of Lake Champlain last summer. Bradford Miller and wife Ingeborg celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family at the Otesaga Hotel in Cooperstown, N.Y. Patricia Byrne Manning journeyed through Lecce, Martina Franca, Matera and Potenza and “stayed in everything from a cave to a convent” on a recent trip to Italy. John Zongrone and Rose Mary Bradi Zongrone visited their first great-grandchild, Brody, in Tucson last fall. Three grandchildren will graduate – from the Fashion Institute of Technology, Boston College and Syracuse University – this May. John is working at his insurance agency in Schenectady, and Rose Mary is enjoying retirement.

Joan Mackey Stronach remains active with volunteering, bridge, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Howard Benenbock is doing well. Mary Ann Frascatore Corsi and Carmen are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this year. They are fortunate enough to see most of their family frequently, since all live in Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. They traveled to the Amalfi Coast with family members in the summer. Mary and Carmen attended YMCA activities; they stay in their studio apartment in NYC some weekends and recently spent time in Naples, Fla. They invite classmates to visit if they’re in the Montclair, N.J., area. Naoshi Koriyama celebrated his 89th birthday. His translation of 90 tales from Konjaku Monogatari Shu (a 12th-century collection of Japanese tales), titled Japanese Tales from Times Past, was translated with

“A passion for helping others” has led junior Cassandra Edwards to prepare for a career as “a clinical psychologist within the criminal-justice system.” To that end, the Martin & Jean Goldsmith Scholarship recipient is majoring in psychology and minoring in criminal justice. One of her most memorable classes at UAlbany, Professor Victor Asal’s course on political violence, “opened my eyes to political issues in other countries,” observes Edwards, who plans to complete master’s and doctoral studies.

Edwards, a dancer in the campus group Under Construction, also competes on UAlbany’s women’s basketball team and is looking forward to a great year for the team – and another appearance in the NCAA tournament. The recipient of the America East Elite 18 Award in women’s basketball for the highest G.P.A. for a student-athlete in the title game says her favorite place on campus is the fountain: “It is absolutely beautiful, and a great place to escape the stress of school.”

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Bruce Allen and published by Tuttle Publishing in August. Dick Bailey has taken weekly t’ai chi classes at the local senior center for 11 years. Bonnie Brousseau and husband Armand traveled to Vermont to visit Armand’s daughter this year. Bonnie also attended her granddaughter’s wedding in October. Bonnie and Armand have one great-grandchild and another on the way. Bonnie is still quilting, and Armand stays busy playing golf.

Frank Giannone and Laura Giannone celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with 80 relatives and friends last August. They spent time enjoying the sun and sand in Maui with their daughter, Lisa. Laura is still recovering from hip replacement.

Richard “Dick” Hannis was recognized for his community service through SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) and for his work as CEO of Upstate NY Rural Initiative. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of commercial science by Paul Smith College; Dick helped establish the college’s business department, and develop and sustain the business curriculum. He and his wife, Jeannette Katz ’55, will take their fourth European river cruise this summer.

Class Notes Councilors: Bernice Gunsberg Shoobe, bunnysh200@aol.com, and Joan Paul, fpaul1@nycap.rr.com

The Class of 1955 celebrated its 60th reunion last fall. Events included a tour of both the uptown and downtown campuses, and a luncheon at the former Milne School. Jean Morris traveled from Hudson, N.Y., for the reunion. She is recovering from cardiac surgery and an auto accident. She was able to return to her job in retail this past fall. Ann Tobey traveled from Aurora, N.Y. She volunteers at a museum, and enjoys traveling and activities with family and friends.

Bob Ashfield and friend Judy traveled from Houston; this was Bob’s first reunion, though he’s been a longtime supporter of the Class of 1955 and the University. Bob took early retirement from a 33-year marketing and sales research career with Shell Oil/Shell Chemical. He has started a business-consultant firm, as well as a publishing company. He’s active with the Junior Chamber of Commerce and volunteers for various organizations. Bob’s wife of 57 years, Jane, died in 2014. Don Lein and wife Marian traveled from North Carolina. He led the class in singing the alma mater at the luncheon and shared memories of our Big-4 production. Don took up competitive long-distance running in his 60s and has gained national recognition. He travels the country for competitions and to attend National Runners Organization events. Don recently walked his daughter “down the aisle” for her wedding, which took place during the Hospital Hill Half-Marathon in Kansas City, Mo.

Melvin Gollub and Ada Elian Gollub enjoy their three children and their grandchildren, who are within driving distance of their home in Maryland. Ada enjoys bridge, and the couple enjoys theater and ocean cruises. Nancy Evans Bush and her partner, Nancy Fleming, traveled from North Carolina. Nancy is still an enthusiastic student of near-death studies and looks forward to publishing her second book on the subject this year. She also maintains a website that hosts visitors from more than 130 countries.

Bob Inglis and Dean Gilchrist Inglis ’56 have traveled to over 45 countries and volunteer at Tanglewood Music Center and with Meals on Wheels. Bob taught math and was a guidance counselor for 30 years. Their sons are engineers; their daughter is a UAlbany alum.

Allen Landreth and Nadine Watson Landreth included the reunion as...
part of their vacation, traveling from Florida. Nadine is a retired school-library media specialist. She and Allen keep busy with their families and often socialize with Dorothy Croce Ferguson and Ed Ferguson, also Florida residents. Art Lennig, Fred Silva, and Bob Coan, all from the Albany, N.Y. area, also attended the reunion. Your class councilor received updates from several classmates who were unable to attend. Shirley Tucker Burch taught middle-school social studies in Oriskany, N.Y. She serves on the district board of education and the Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties BOCES. She’s known as the village historian and fills in her time with gardening. Her husband, Ken, died in 2013. Luella Ptacek Smith tutors two Chinese boys in English to help them assimilate as new citizens. Grandchildren keep Wilma Baker Thornton busy. She also enjoys going on cruises, playing tennis, and bowling. Laura Bruno Laurence and her husband moved to Florida in 2014. They have six children and three grandchildren. Laura was a career teacher of high-school business subjects. Lorna Galbraith resides at a care facility in Lacy, Wash. Her son Richard lives in nearby Gig Harbor, and her daughter Suzanne lives in Olympia. Her son Sam died of a heart attack in 2013. Lorna is enduring some medical issues, but is still in good spirits. She would love to hear from classmates. Your class councilor can provide her contact information. Despite health issues, Dorothy Croce Ferguson and Ed have traveled to Alaska; Cape Cod; the United Kingdom; and Savannah, Ga. They visit son Edward, an attorney in New York City. Don Capuano is retired from practicing law in Washington, D.C., and enjoys traveling and spending time with his grandchildren. Dave McKay and Bev Gustafson McKay of Hamilton, N.Y., recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They are in good health and volunteer at the local food cupboard and thrift shop. Dave serves on three boards, including the Madison County Public Defender’s board. They have a son who’s a retired teacher and six grandchildren, three of whom are teachers. Mary Dvorak Scott of Granville, N.Y., has lived in the North Country for many years. She stopped teaching after two years to raise her children. She became a businesswoman and spent several years operating a book-gift store. Mary enjoys daily two-mile walks around her scenic Adirondack village. After teaching, serving in the Army and working with MIT’s Lincoln Lab, Keith Russell spent 31 years as a computing/software technician with Raytheon Corporation. He resides in Winchester, Mass., and enjoys his children and grandchildren. Angie Kavanaugh Telfer of Rye, N.Y., sends good wishes to the class. Chronic physical illnesses keep her close to home. Madeline Chini Derwin’s husband, Charles “Chuck” Derwin, died in March 2015. Chuck taught chemistry and physics in the Johnstown and Fonda-Fultonville high schools for 31 years, and was a coach. He served on the board of education, taught at Fulton-Montgomery Community College, was a hospital volunteer, and enjoyed traveling. The Derwins have five children, 11 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. The Class of 1955 Fund has been prospering and has distributed $8,000 to 10 students in UAlbany’s graduate program in education. Carah Deal, the 2015 award recipient, earned a bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from SUNY Geneseo and is enrolled in UAlbany’s master’s program in literacy.

Grace Mueller passed away. She was a world traveler and left behind many wonderful friends.

The Class of 1960 and guests from surrounding classes reunited on the downtown campus at the old haunts and enjoyed a luncheon at Milne during Homecoming Weekend. Those in attendance included: Jack Anderson; Hank Binzer and Patricia Binzer ’74; Hank Boehning ’59; Jeanette Leggieri Boehning ’62; Doris Hische Brossy, husband Charlie and daughter Krisi; Liz Aceto Bunch and husband Don; Young Hee Cho and John Sullivan ’61; Frances Wallace Cole; Douglas Penfield; and Annette Elbaum; Dave Feldman; Charles Fowler; Joanne Basista Gascoyne and Richard Gascoyne; Art Hackett; Joan Ferrari Herman ’61 and Carl Herman ’62; Paul Hooker; John Johnston; Sheila Doyle Jurinski and Neil Jurinski; Inese Klavins-Klavitis; Sunny Sundstrand Mullen ’61; Sue Updike-Porter; Phil Shepherd and Fran Cicero Shepherd ’62; Lil Skadberg Upcraft ’62 and Lee Upcraft. Doug Penfield retired after 44 years as an educational statistics professor at Rutgers University. He and wife Annette built a new home in an adult community in New Jersey. They spend summers at their home on New York’s Lake Champlain and winters cruising the Caribbean. Doug is looking forward to seeing classmates at the 60th-year reunion in 2020! Chuck Fowler is living in Exeter, N.H. He remains active with his consulting firm of 16 associates who assist local school boards with superintendent searches, strategic planning, and board training. He is president of the National Horace Mann League. He and wife Yolanda have three grown children and four grown grandchildren. Paul Hooker was
recently the guest of honor at Shaker High School’s Class of 1965 50th-year reunion. He was presented with a $1,000 check toward the Choral Fund at Proctors in Schenectady, N.Y. A longtime supporter of choral music and a volunteer at Proctors, Paul was honored by the creation of a fund in his name to provide free student access to choral-music performances. Sue Updike-Porter’s step-grandsons are in college, one studying engineering at Rice, the other playing soccer and studying at the College at Wooster in Ohio. Sue still lives in Menands, N.Y., and spends time volunteering at a homeless shelter homework-help program, reading, listening to PBS, and participating in a local quilt guild and three book groups. Mary Ellen Johnson of Guilderland and Mary Matey Garrett of Schenectady still get together and visit Nancy Marie Ryan, who now resides at Atria Guilderland. Janice Graham Kaliski moved from New Hampshire to the Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, Va.; her daughter and grandson live nearby. Inese Klavins-Klavitis looks forward to seeing the Class of 1960 again in 2020. Jack Anderson retired from teaching in 2008 and is living in Carmel, N.Y. He has three children and five grandchildren, and enjoys playing duplicate bridge with Poughkeepsie friends on a regular basis. He and several Kappa Beta frat brothers meet on occasion. Jack says, “My years at Albany were the best, bar none!” Liz Aceto Bunch and husband Don still live in North Carolina, but they are looking for a retirement community near their children in Alabama. They sold their boat, “Misty,” after sailing to many exotic locales. Art Hackett is living in a Gainesville, Va., active-senior community, where he enjoys the fitness center, attending Lifetime Learning Institute classes and church activities, family visits, golf, and radio contesting. Fran Wallace Cole lives in Oklahoma with her son and family and spends summers in her cottage on the St. Lawrence River. Hank Binzer is teaching at Union College Academy for Lifelong Learning and is presenting a course on Paris and World War I. Bobbi Hungerford Leahy ’57 and Dom DeCecco ’57, our Myskania freshman class guardians, sent regrets that they were unable to attend our reunion due to conflicting travel plans. Bernice Epstein Cohen of Hartsdale, N.Y., recently visited Brazil and took a river tour of Russia. She spends time with her son and family in New Jersey, and enjoys her granddaughters. Bernice is an accomplished ballroom dancer and belongs to various dance groups. Teresa Kerwin Lehr recently presented her paper, Rochester’s Great Tonsil Massacre, at UAlbany’s Researching New York conference. 

A note from your class councilor: The Class of 1961 will celebrate its 55th reunion this fall! Class members can send ideas to the class councilor and are invited to volunteer for the reunion committee. The class contact list also needs updating with your current email addresses. Bob Congemi finished writing his 12th book, The Spirit Travels Wonderful Distances. He is enjoying his 53rd year of continuous full-time teaching. John Sullivan published his third book, Raised by a Village: Growing Up in Greenport. Elaine Romatowski Frankonis continues to write poetry, do public readings, and facilitate a writer’s group. Her poems have been published in the latest issues of Naugatuck River Review and Common Ground Literary Review. A ballroom dancer, Elaine is learning the Argentine tango. Harold Jewell recently met Pete Spina for dinner in Rochester, N.Y. Pete continues to mentor new college presidents. He is president emeritus of Monroe Community College in Rochester and SUNY Polytechnic in Utica, N.Y. Bob Prong and wife Johanna Scholl Prong ’62 retired in 1995 from Midlakes
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Three generations of the Bronner family attended the President’s Legacy Reception at Homecoming 2015.

Faculty, alumni and students of the Department of Atmospheric and Environmental Sciences gathered at the UAlbany alumni reception during the Annual Meteorological Conference in New Orleans, Feb. 12.

Sandra Borrelle, Christine Rodgers-Tavcar, Dana Coleman-LaPorta, Denise Austin and Donna Palermo-Vanacoro, all from the Class of ’83, recently reunited on an Alaskan cruise.

Alumni kicked off Homecoming Weekend with an evening out at the Welcome Wine-Tasting Reception.

Thousands of alumni, friends and fans gathered for the Great Dane Game Day pregame party on Homecoming Weekend.
lunch at the WT, a cocktail reception and dinner, and a farewell breakfast. At the President’s Breakfast, the Class of 1965 was inducted into the Half-Century Club. A great time was had by all attendees, especially when reminiscing about our college years. The Class of ’65 is looking forward to even more participants at its 55th reunion in 2020! For those who did not attend the reunion dinner, a limited number of class directories are still available. If you are interested in ordering a copy for $5 plus $2 shipping, please contact the Alumni Association at alumniaassociation@albany.edu. Kate Harvey Jacobs and husband John moved to Alexandria, Va., after seven years living in Tennessee. They are very excited to be nearer their kids and grandkids.

Jeanne Bollt Tobin received her M.B.A. from the University of Maryland and is a C.P.A. She retired as an executive vice president of KeyCorp. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio, with her husband, Dr. Jordan Tobin. Jeanne is the president of a Reform Jewish congregation in Cleveland and serves in several leadership positions throughout the community. Together, Jordan and Jeanne have five children and 10 grandchildren.

Dr. Peter Schroech is conducting a three-week travel/study program in Konstanz, Germany. Participants enjoy the Lake Constance area and have the opportunity to improve their German-language skills in a German-speaking environment. Information can be found at www.germanschools.org/Programs/Adults.htm.

Richard D. Smith went to Europe after graduation and taught English in France. He returned to Castleton, N.Y., to teach, married Jean Thayer ’66, and supervised at Milne for a couple of years. Richard retired in 2001 from the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, where he served as analyst and program director of the highway-safety program. He now lives in Greeley, Colo., closer to his grandchildren.

John Hunter’s blog, Cruisin’ the Internet, is featured in four Gatehouse Media newspapers in New York: The Hornell, Wellsville, and Corning daily papers and the Chronicle-Express, a weekly paper in Penn Yan. He has authored the blog for more than a year.

Class notes councilor: Judy Madnick, jmadnick@gmail.com.

Robert Iseman, founding partner of Iseman, Cunningham, Riester & Hyde LLP, has been named a 2015 Super Lawyer. He was recognized for his health-care, business-litigation and corporate practice.

Lynne (Lesse) Lenhardt is president of the New York State School Boards Association.

Charlotte Biblow was recently recognized as a 2015 Leading Lawyer in Environmental Law. She is an attorney at Farrell Fritz, P.C.

Joseph Caplan of Caplan Media Group, Inc., published Best of Van Wyck Gazette Community Magazine, featuring cover art by 3-D pop-art master Charles Fazzino. Joseph started the media company following a career with IBM and completion of an M.A. in community psychology from Marist College.

Craig Borner served as assistant director of Continuing Education at Hudson Valley Community College from 1975-82. He was associate dean of continuing studies at The College of Saint Rose from 1982-84, then relocated to Orange County, Calif., to open Riviera Coast Properties, a real-estate company. Craig has served on the Board of Directors of the Orange County Association of REALTORS® and was appointed president for 2016. He graduated from Pepperdine University School of Law in 2014.

Bruce Plaxen, senior partner of Plaxen & Adler, P.A., serves on the American Association for Justice Executive Committee. This is Bruce’s fifth election to the committee.

Andrea Thau, O.D., owner of Dr. Thau and Associates, is president-elect of the American Optometric Association. Andrea previously served as AOA secretary and vice president. She was also the first female president of the New York State Optometric Association, the New York Academy of Optometry, and the Optometric Society of the City of New York.

Craig Borner

Kevin Fee joined the litigation team in Duane Morris’ New York office. Carl Cohen was appointed chief experience officer at Denihan Hospitality Group in New York City. Cory Cuneo was named director of Protective Services for the USS Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City. Brian Cuddy was appointed chairman of Roper/St. Francis Healthcare system. He is a neurosurgeon in Charleston, S.C.

TheBillFold.com published Paul Turner’s essay “My Two Months of Seasonal Work at an Amazon Fulfillment Center.”

Andrew Goldbaum was promoted to chief operating officer at international engineering firm Thornton Tomasetti. He previously served as chief financial officer of the firm.

Patricia (Rhatigan) Groeber was appointed second-in-command of the New York State Police. She is the first woman ever to serve as the first deputy superintendent of the state police.

Patricia E. Salkin, dean of the Touro Law Center, was appointed the Touro Graduate and Professional Division interim provost. Kathy (Proszenyak) Ryan joined MDA Information Systems in Gaithersburg, Md., as marketing manager. Carol Perrin was appointed director of Residential Life at UA.

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86 Howard Miller of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC was recognized as a 2015 New York Metro Super Lawyer in the field of Employment and Labor.

87 Global law firm Dentons recently named James N. Mastracchio partner in its global tax practice. He will also serve as chair of Dentons’ U.S. Tax Controversy and Criminal Tax practices.

89 Donna Bevacqua-Young was elected Magistrate Court judge for Santa Fe County in New Mexico. She will serve a four-year term. Todd Kornfeld joined Pepper Hamilton LLP as of counsel in the financial services practice group. He previously served as associate general counsel at Guggenheim Global Trading. Todd graduated magna cum laude from Boston University School of Law in 1996 and earned an L.L.M. in corporate law from New York University School of Law in 1998.

Carol Lawson Miller was named “School Counselor of the Year” by the New York State School Counselor Association, and was selected the 2016 New York State representative and semi-finalist for the American School Counselor Association’s School Counselor of the Year Award. She was honored at the White House this past January. She published her first book, StarBound, last summer.

90 Aimee (Minbiole) Caruso was named 2014 Writer of the Year for a daily newspaper by the New Hampshire Press Association. She is a reporter for Valley News in West Lebanon, N.H.

91 Victor Tulchinsky completed an advanced structural acupuncture course for physicians at Harvard Medical School. Board certified in family medicine in private practice in Albany, he works with UAlbany pre-med students who observe family medicine and Japanese/classical acupuncture. EOP alum Latonia Williams-Spencer received the 2015-16 President’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service and the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence. She has worked at the University in three professional roles over 20 years. She serves as director of Student Financial Services and is a fiscal officer for the Division of Enrollment Management.

92 Gary M. Segrue of Lakewood, N.Y., has been appointed director of St. Bonaventure University’s Office of Safety and Security. He was recently named the 2015 Non-Commissioned Officer Supervisor of the Year at the New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association Awards Dinner. Greg Hitchcock is a journalist and filmmaker. He freelances for the Houston Chronicle, The San Diego Union-Tribune, the Los Angeles Times, and the Times Union.

93 New York Life Senior Vice President Carla Rutigliano was recognized in the 14th annual “Women Worth Watching” issue of Profiles in Diversity Journal. She resides in Dix Hills, N.Y. Wendy (Fortin) Roy was promoted to executive director at Ernst & Young. She is a member of EY’s tax practice.

94 Jonathan Kuttin has become the No. 1 adviser at Ameriprise Financial Services. He runs a financial-planning firm in Melville, N.Y.

David Fischer of Sandler Training was recently featured in The New Yorker for his expertise in cold calling. Garry Murray is the community-relations specialist for the Northeast Kidney Foundation in Albany, N.Y. He is currently partnering with NFL alum Rashad Barksdale ’06 on the foundation’s Walk/5K/10K to be held this June. Garry has been with the organization since 2012.

95 Dee Magnoni was named 2014 Writer of the Year for a daily newspaper by the New Hampshire Press Association. She is a reporter for Valley News in West Lebanon, N.H.

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Alumni and friends in the Tampa area cheered as the UAlbany men’s basketball team took on the University of South Florida in November.
executive vice president and chief operating officer of Garden City Group, LLC., Lake Success, N.Y. He has more than 20 years’ experience in executive operations and legal practice.

Richelle Konian, founder and CEO of Manhattan-based executive search firm Careers on the Move, was named “CEO of the Month” by Acquisition International magazine. She celebrated 15 years of business in 2015. Richelle is a member of the UAlbany Alumni Association Board of Directors and the School of Business Dean’s Advisory Board.

Tara (Squazzo) Garthew was named assistant vice president of GEICO’s claims regional center in Katy, Texas. She previously served as branch manager for the operations center since its 2014 opening.

Adam Denenberg was named iHeartRadio’s chief technology officer. He formerly served as vice president of Engineering at The Huffington Post.

Ashwani Prabhakar joined Hodgson Russ as senior counsel in Buffalo, N.Y. He previously served as principal law clerk in the chambers of Surrogate’s Court Judge Margarita López Torres in Brooklyn, N.Y. Darice Polo is one of 40 Cuyahoga County, Ohio, artists working toward a $15,000 fellowship through the Creative Workforce Fellowship.

Former UAlbany basketball team member Todd Cetnar was inducted into the Greater Amsterdam School District Hall of Fame in Amsterdam, N.Y. He is also a member of the UAlbany Hall of Fame and the Capital District Basketball Hall of Fame.

Thomas W. Simcoe has been recognized in the 2015 Upstate New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list in the field of Estate and Probate. He is an attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC. Marc A. Antonucci was named partner at Iseman, Cunningham, Riester & Hyde LLP. He practices in the areas of litigation and healthcare. Marc is a graduate of Leadership Tech Valley and the FBI Citizen’s Academy, and serves on the board of the Center for Disability Services Foundation, Inc.

J. Eric Smith is president and CEO of the TREE Fund, Naperville, Ill. He previously served as executive director of the Salisbury House Foundation, Des Moines, Iowa. John McCann was named audit and tax manager at Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte CPAs, P.C., in Albany, N.Y. Previously, he served as audit and tax supervisor for the firm.

Samson Brown is assistant defensive backs coach for the Denver Broncos. He has held positions with the Buffalo Bills, the New York Jets and the Green Bay Packers. Samson was a standout under retired UAlbany head coach Bob Ford.

Curtis A. Johnson joined Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC in Rochester, N.Y. His concentration is in complex corporate litigation.

Mabel Nuñez launched Girl$ on The Money, a stock-market education platform that educates women in the areas of stock-market investment and creation of long-term wealth. She is the author of Stock Market Investing Mini Lessons for Beginners. Mabel holds an M.B.A. from Baruch College, New York City. NFL alum Rashad Barksdale will be the honorary host of the Northeast Kidney Foundation Walk/5K/10K in Albany, N.Y. in June.

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08 Amanda Gonin launched WeatherBrush, an iPhone app that provides hairstyling tips based on weather conditions.

09 Diane Phillips earned a master’s degree in social work from Winthrop University.

10 CaTyra Polland relocated to Savannah, Ga., where she works at the Economic Opportunity Authority. She founded writing and editing company Career Prep. CaTyra, a development officer for the Shelter from the Rain Board of Directors, received the Point of Light Award in October.

11 Alyssa Buonagura recently joined the Law Office of Christy Foreman, LLC, in Pittsburgh as an associate attorney. She previously served as law clerk to The Hon. Carol Hanna, judge of the Court of Common Pleas, Indiana County, Pa. Alyssa is a 2014 University of Pittsburgh School of Law graduate.

Cathlene Schwartzbeck was named the campus president at the Branford Hall Career Institute in Windsor, Conn.

12 Zafir Uddin joined New York City-based Stribling & Associates as a residential real-estate agent. Jennifer Kemp was awarded a painting fellowship by the New York Foundation for the Arts. Only 2 percent of applicants receive this award. Michael Blaustein was named a “City & State 40 Under 40 Rising Star” in New York City. He serves as senior associate at public-affairs firm Kivvit.

Jermaine Wright competed on Season 2 of Food Network’s “All-Star Academy.”

14 Lee Stanton was named campaign manager of Victoria B. Campbell’s Orange County Family Court campaign in Port Jarvis, N.Y., leading...
the team to victory in the November election. He recently served as the sponsorship coordinator for the first annual Hudson Valley Fiesta Latina.

Josy Delaney received the Walking College Fellowship from America Walks and attended the second national Walking Summit in Washington, D.C., last fall. Sapphire Williams is AmeriCorps Family Services Coordinator at Flower City Habitat for Humanity in Rochester, N.Y. Christopher White joined Chiampou Travis Besaw & Kershner LLP, Amherst, N.Y., as a staff accountant.

Kimberly O’Brien ’06 and Christopher Ramnauth ’07, ’10, Sept. 12, 2015
Sean P. Barry ’09 and Elizabeth Marren, July 23, 2015
Ian Smith ’13 and Allison Smith ’13, Oct. 17, 2015
John Ravas ’10 and Joslyn Williams ’10, Sept. 20, 2014
Matthew Stec ’10 and Alessandra Rudovic ’10, Oct. 23, 2015
Stephanie Amann ’06 and Lyle Winokur ’06 welcomed son Micah Harry, Feb. 17, 2015
Nicholas Fahrenkopf ’08, ’13, and Katie (Reed) Fahrenkopf ’09, ’11, welcomed daughter Adelaide Grace, July 27, 2015
Kathleen Baker ’05 and Joshua Baker ’03 welcomed sons Jacob Tristan and Koda Jameson, June 16, 2015
Josh Sisskind ’07, ’08, and Kimi (Wolk) Sisskind ’07, ’09, welcomed daughter Ava Jillian, March 23, 2015
Nicole Jensen ’11 and Christopher Maccygin welcomed son Domenic Christopher, June 3, 2015
Deceased Alumni

1930s
Tarsilla Schuster Cromie ’34, April 28, 2013
Agnes Beck Vedder ’34, Aug. 15, 2009
Dorothea Gahagan Yates ’35, Jan. 26, 2015
Sebastian Albrecht ’36, Sept. 7, 2015
Isabel Davidge Glomb ’37, June 10, 2015
Martha E. Barlow Trumbull ’37, Nov. 24, 2013
Elizabeth M. Driscoll Darcy ’38, Aug. 25, 2015
Margaret Noyes Gregory ’38, Oct. 2, 2014
Ellie Mahsig Tunkel ’39, July 16, 2015
Margaret Noyes Gregory ’38, Oct. 2, 2014
Margaret Noyes Gregory ’38, Dec. 13, 2014
Ellen Fay Harmon ’49, Sept. 3, 2015
Pauline Pasternack Rabinowitz ’44,

1940s
Dorothy Daniels Adle ’40, July 17, 2014
Doris Parizot Batterbys ’40, Jan. 10, 2015
Norman Baldwin ’41, Jan. 21, 2015
Vincent P. Gillen ’41, Dec. 30, 2015
Tillie Rae Stern Lyons ’41, July 20, 2014
David Slavin ’43, May 8, 2015
Pauline Pasternack Rabinowitz ’44,

1950s
Warren W. Reich ’50, Dec. 29, 2015
Earline Thompson Sorensen ’50, April 17, 2015
Anne Brasch ’51, Dec. 31, 2014
Helen Genci Everett ’51, Sept. 24, 2015
Robert T. Kreiling ’51, Aug. 12, 2015
W. Warren Gibson ’52, Aug. 3, 2015
Alma Jackson Mastandrea ’52, Sept. 27, 2015
Kathryn R. Dando Murphy ’52, Oct. 19, 2015
Roslyn Jacobs Seidler ’52, Sept. 9, 2015
Thomas J. Singleton ’52, Nov. 2, 2015
John T. Therrien ’52, Oct. 1, 2015
Wilma Nuber Cutler ’53, Sept. 17, 2015
Robert J. Hughes ’53, Jan. 16, 2016
Elizabeth J. Platt Ostrander ’53, Nov. 23, 2014
Catherine A. Castaldo Sorrentino ’53, Dec. 25, 2015
Richard Terzian ’53, Jan. 18, 2015
Paul Bourgeois ’54, Jan. 3, 2016
Shirley Edsall, Ph.D. ’54, Aug. 26, 2015
Richard H. Hasman ’54, April 10, 2015
Floyd H. Davis, Jr. ’55, Jan. 26, 2013
Shirlee A. Moore Szedlock ’55, Nov. 13, 2015
Dorothy J. Studley Humphrey ’56, July 24, 2015
Carol Greenhill Hudson ’57, Sept. 13, 2015
Alan C. Lewis ’57, Aug. 17, 2015
Grace A. Mueller ’57, July 7, 2015
Barbara K. Schaefer ’57, June 5, 2015
Rosemary Santonico Henry ’58, Sept. 22, 2015
F. Clark McCafferty ’58, Sept. 19, 2015
Franklin D. Roth ’58, Oct. 29, 2014
Sandra Bove Badalucco ’59, Dec. 17, 2015
Bernard R. Coleman ’59, Aug. 11, 2015
Robert M. Devlin ’59, Nov. 4, 2015

1960s
Robert W. Austin ’60, Nov. 19, 2014
Susan L. Hanssen Crawford ’60, Jan. 8, 2016
Donald A. Milne II ’60, Aug. 29, 2015
John R. Lucas ’61, Aug. 29, 2015
Robert C. Niles ’61, Nov. 1, 2015
Richard J. Nunez ’61, Aug. 19, 2011
Myrna Lipschitz Sanders ’61, Dec. 9, 2015
James Sokaris ’61, Oct. 25, 2015
Douglas Darling ’63, Aug. 19, 2015
Richard Moore ’63, June 15, 2007
Dorothy Levine Rosenblum ’63, Aug. 8, 2015
Herman W. Wyld ’63, July 7, 2015
Robert H. Gibson ’64, July 3, 2015
Harriet Lorenzen Harter ’64, Dec. 25, 2012
Dorothy T. Tesch Miller ’64, Nov. 11, 2015
Marianne E. Lupica ’65, July 18, 2011
Marvin A. Pase ’65, July 9, 2015
Owen F. Davis ’66, Oct. 26, 2012
Hugh C. Gorden Jr. ’66, May 7, 2009
Marlyn D. Hayner ’66, Oct. 23, 2010
Faith Foster Miller ’66, Oct. 1, 2015
Herbert G. Weidemann ’66, July 14, 2015
Dretchen A. Bryant Wood ’66, Jan. 22, 2011
Joan Gay Brader ’67, Oct. 9, 2015
Lauren K. Kotrozer Goudek ’67, Sept. 18, 2014
Diane M. Floody Leyhane ’67, July 13, 2015
John E. Neander ’67, Jan. 22, 2014
Donna L. Nichols ’67, Sept. 16, 2014

1970s
Justin C. Beck ’70, July 18, 2015
Barbara J. Blanchard ’70, Aug. 27, 2015
Laraine A. Sagendorf Dell ’70, July 11, 2015
Georgia Howie Hartner ’70, Aug. 30, 2011
Kathryn E. Jackson ’70, Nov. 20, 2015
Kathryn F. Gates ’70, Aug. 30, 2015
Ernest D. Pirman ’70, Sept. 9, 2015
Walter E. Powers, III ’70, Jan. 5, 2016
Justin J. Bennett ’71, June 17, 2015
Edward Cerkowski ’71, July 9, 2015
Ron Chandran-Dudley ’71, Dec. 30, 2015
William Flanagan ’71, July 28, 2013
Elizabeth A. Barcomb Flynn ’71, July 3, 2015
Kathleen G. Frokedal ’71, Oct. 6, 2015
Marilyn A. Hickey, R.S.M. ’71, Dec. 22, 2015
Lorana R. Livingston ’71, Jan. 26, 2015
Paul H. Lohaus ’71, Nov. 11, 2015
Norman R. McConney, Jr. ’71, Jan. 1, 2016
Louis J. Pitnell ’71, Jan. 16, 2016
Patricia B. Webster ’71, February 11, 2015
Judith Einenkel Weir ’71, Oct. 9, 2014
Alphonse J. Angelino ’72, Dec. 19, 2015
Grace A. Lupo Cerniglia ’72, Nov. 5, 2014
Thomas J. Cunningham ’72, Sept. 25, 2013
John B. Delaney ’72, July 16, 2012
Constance Gooley ’72, Oct. 9, 2015
Lisa M. McNamara Holt ’72, Oct. 2, 2015
Robert W. Kuffel ’72, Dec. 2, 2012
Frank K. Lorentz ’72, Sept. 10, 2015
John L. Quimby, Jr. ’72, July 4, 2015
David O. Walker ’72, July 21, 2015
Alice R. Richardson Wilson ’72, Aug. 10, 2015
Diane E. Bailey ’73, June 2, 2015
Robert S. Christopher ’73, Aug. 14, 2015
Daniel L. Hudson ’73, May 21, 2014
Marjorie Sullivan O’Brien ’73, Dec. 12, 2015
Barry S. Sadoff ’73, Oct. 5, 2015
Michael L. Siembieda ’73, July 4, 2015
Jeffrey S. Stark ’73, Oct. 19, 2013
Robert J. Wahrman ’73, Dec. 25, 2015
William Coyner ’74, April 16, 2014
Dorothy S. Donlon ’74, Nov. 8, 2015
Eric J. Deitel ’75, March 23, 2013
Grant Livermore ’75, Aug. 18, 2015
Laurence J. McQuillan '75, Sept. 19, 2015
Paul Scanlon '75, Dec. 11, 2015
Dorothy G. Schmitt Toleman '75, July 21, 2015
Robert Wincowski '75, June 19, 2009
Susan M. Reiner Drislane '76, Oct. 22, 2015
Richard E. Hartzell, Ph.D. '76, Jan. 5, 2012
Denise Rehm-Mott '76, February 1, 2015
David B. Wackoff '76, Aug. 8, 2015
Kevin R. Bentley '77, July 8, 2015
Michael S. Curwin '77, Oct. 31, 2015
James Lane '77, Nov. 30, 2015
Elaine T. Scolino '77, July 21, 2015
Ralph L. Lewis '78, Dec. 22, 2015
Carol A. Quick '78, February 17, 2014
David M. Sternlicht '78, February 7, 2014
Todd S. Beyer '79, Nov. 13, 2015
Christina M. Butler '79, Aug. 12, 2015
Larry N. Epstein '79, July 7, 2012
Garyowen Morrisroe '79, Dec. 22, 2010

1980s
Diane Radich Byrne '80, July 17, 2009
Ellen K. Lang '80, Nov. 18, 2014
Mary P. Opar '80, Nov. 29, 2014
Dominick J. Alonzo '81, July 26, 2015
William M. Cameron '81, July 26, 2015
Barbara H. Englishe '82, Sept. 23, 2015
Laura K. Hess Horvath '82, Sept. 29, 2015
David E. Longley '82, Jan. 2, 2015
Daniel R. Perkins '82, July 3, 2015
Rebecca J. Rini '82, February 8, 2015
Marilyn M. Valla '82, Dec. 1, 2015
Peggy Ann Dorrin '83, Oct. 25, 2015
John P. Broida, Ph.D. '84, Sept. 6, 2015
Doreen L. Brown Cechnicki '84, Oct. 20, 2015
Leonard J. Laroux '84, Sept. 29, 2015
James A. Robertson '84, April 17, 2014
Dorothy B. Bellick '85, Oct. 29, 2015

1990s
Cindy A. Coonrad Bowby '91, Oct. 2, 2015
Melvin A. Abreu '92, Aug. 13, 2015
Andrew M. Kopach '93, Sept. 8, 2015
Emma J. Wallace '93, July 25, 2015
Shannon M. Warne Fureno '95, March 20, 2015
Ann M. Packer Johnson, Ph.D. '95, Oct. 7, 2015
Agnes C. Stillman '95, May 13, 2008
Frank C. Papa, Ph.D. '96, Oct. 22, 2015
Kerri N. Goodman Saunders '96, Aug. 25, 2015
Paul T. Lynch '97, April 18, 2012
Craig A. Wetherell '97, March 2, 2011
Marc R. Vassallo '99, Nov. 10, 2013

2000s
Robert W. Green '03, Oct. 12, 2015
Benedict E. Jacobs '03, Nov. 25, 2015
George H. Silva, Ph.D. '04, Nov. 15, 2015
Liam T. Walsh '04, Nov. 22, 2015
Terence M. O'Brien '06, February 19, 2013
Christopher P. Perri '06, Sept. 30, 2010
Megan E. Garbach '08, February 17, 2014
Marta H. Grzegorek '09, Sept. 29, 2014
Eric J. Williams '09, July 16, 2015

2010s
Diana M. Cary '14, Aug. 8, 2014
Lauren N. Perraglia '14, Sept. 11, 2015
Colin D. Jones '15, Aug. 5, 2015
Nathaniel D. Linger '15, Sept. 7, 2015

Deceased Faculty/Staff

Melvin Harvey, Security Services Assistant, University Police Department, 1996-2015, June 23, 2015
Sophia Lubensky, Ph.D., Professor, Languages, Literatures and Cultures, 1977-2007, Sept. 15, 2015

Monica L. Rodriguez, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Psychology, 1991-2015, Sept. 7, 2015
Richard W. Wilkie, Associate Professor, Communications Department, 1961-1989, Nov. 16, 2015
Diane Woodward Sawyer, B.A.’61 is the author of five mysteries: *The Montauk Mystery; The Montauk Steps; The Tomoka Mystery; The Cinderella Murders; and The Treasures of Montauk Cove*, all published by Avalon Books. Sawyer is working on a new mystery series set in St. Petersburg, Florida, where she lives with her husband, Robert Sawyer ’54.

John F. Sullivan, B.A. ’61, is the author of *Raised by a Village: Growing Up in Greenport*, an up-close and personal picture of who Sullivan was and how he became the man he is today.


Paula Camardella Twomey, B.A.’70, is the author of *Improvisaciones*, a teaching textbook presenting 101 skits in Spanish, and *Parlons*, a collection of 25 guided dialogues in French. Twomey teaches Spanish at Ithaca College.

Steve Lobel, B.A.’70, recently published *Failing My way to Success: Life Lessons of an Entrepreneur*, which tells how the author turned defeat to his advantage and ultimate triumph. Lobel is a regular guest lecturer at UAlbany.


Michael Esposito, M.L.S.’72, is the author of *Troy’s Little Italy* and *Troy’s Little Italy Revisited*.

Stewart J. Bellus, B.A.’75, published his first novel, *Tip of the Tongue*. Bellus has been an IP lawyer for over three decades and writes fiction in his spare time.

Luis Moreno, M.S.’76, M.A.’82, is the author of *An Invitation to Real Analysis*, a textbook published by the Mathematical Association of America.

Sharon Elswit, M.L.S.’77, is the author of *The Latin America Story Finder*, the third book in a series of subject and source guides to folklore from different cultures.

Donna Decker, B.A.’78, published her first novel, *Dancing in Red Shoes Will Kill You*, about the 1989 Montreal Massacre of 14 female engineering students. Decker lives in Ashburnham, Mass. and teaches at Franklin Pierce University. She is co-founder of the university’s Women in Leadership program.


Teresa (Hildebrant) Walter, B.S.’82, is the author of *Coming of Age in WWII*, a documentation of her father’s war experiences. It includes a love letter exchange with Walter’s mother.
Robert Nearing, B.A. ’82, has written three books under the pen name Calvin J. Boal: Last Run of the Whisperer; St. George’s Cross and The Siege of For Pitt; and Valiant Warrior: Knight of the Third Crusade. Nearing retired in 2010 after serving 27 years in law enforcement.


Jeffrey Laing, Ph.D.’82, published The Haymakers, Unions and Trojans of Troy, New York: Big-Time Baseball in the Collar City, 1860-1883 and Bud Fowler: Baseball’s First Black Professional.

Mary Kuykendall, M.A.’83, published Rebuilding the GE House Jack Blew Down, a book on corporate greed. Kuykendall is a past recipient of the George Garrett Fiction Award for River Roots, a collection of short stories about growing up in West Virginia.


Pat Shevlin, B.S.’83, recently co-wrote Strength in Numbers. The book is about tax policy and entitlement reform, balancing the federal budget and eliminating the national debt.

Abby (Danziger) Donnelly, B.A.’84, is the author of 128 Tips to Make You a More Effective Leader. She is the founder of The Leadership & Legacy Group, High Point, N.C.

Cecilia Rodríguez Milanés, Ph.D.’89, published Oye What I’m Gonna Tell You. The collection of short stories follows the lives of Cubans and Cuban Americans and highlights those who settled outside of Miami and South Florida. Milanés is a University of Central Florida faculty member.

Ben Tanzer, B.A.’90, recently published New York Stories: Three Volumes in One Collection.

David Shelters, B.A.’91, published Bootstrapping Strategies for Tech Startups, an ideal read for students in graduate and undergraduate entrepreneurship programs.


Marian Kelner, M.S.’91, is the author of As a Sailboat Seeks the Wind and May We Be Like the Penguin. The prose and poetry are perfect for introducing students to unusual perspectives and a variety of writing styles.

John DeLuca, D.A.’96, recently published his first novel, Crossing to Liberty. The book reached No. 1 in the Caribbean and Latin American Historical Fiction, and African-American Historical Fiction categories on Amazon.

Christine (Clark) Woodcock, Ph.D.’03, published The Evolution of Us: Portraits of Mothers and Their Changing Roles.

Samuel Friedman, B.A.’13, is the author of Millennial Apprentices: The Next Revolution in Freemasonry. Friedman is employed by the New York State Legislature and resides in Rochester.
Five years ago I made the decision to come across the other side of the world and try my luck at college basketball in America. I guess the normal trend is to come and play at a high level, get an education and then be on your way. But I never saw it like that. A program and a community took me in as one of their own and showed me an experience that I still cannot fathom. And for that, I say thank you to … … all the fans of the program who have ridden every high and every low with me and our teams for the past five years.

… the University for showing me how to not only get a great education and be surrounded by some incredible people, but for showing me that school goes much further than simply sitting in a classroom.

,,, all my coaches. You helped a small-town kid from Australia achieve more success than I could have ever dreamed of: three championships in succession, along with many other incredible memories. You helped me grow and shine, and for that I thank you.

,,, Coach Brown, for not only helping me to reach my full potential as a basketball player, but for also being something much more to me as a person. For the way you watched over me and guided me in all my ways of life, I can never thank you enough. Whenever I struggled or fell, you helped me stand again. We have been through a lot together, but the one thing that I will forever remember is how you have helped me become the man I am today.

… all my teammates. You are my brothers. Through all the highs and lows, you showed me the true value of a team, but even more, you showed me the true value of family. I love you all.

I feel deeply privileged to have been a part of such a great school, program and community. I leave this place a better basketballer, a better student, but perhaps most important, a better person. And ultimately, that's all I could have ever asked for.

I don't know what God has in store for me, but what I know for sure is that I will forever be a Great Dane and I will forever have a special home right here!

From the bottom of my heart,

Thank you, UAlbany.

Peter Hooley earned a degree in journalism and psychology last year and will complete his master’s studies in communication in May. His plans include returning home to Australia; he hopes to play professional basketball there or in Europe.

To read Hooley’s entire post, please visit http://fromausto518.blogspot.com/2016/03/thank-you-albany.html?m=1.
A new season is a new beginning and a good opportunity to set goals for the coming year and beyond. Now is an excellent time to consider charitable gift and estate-planning strategies.

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