

# UAlbany

Intel marketing wizard Steven Fund, B.S.'84,  
says his University at Albany education  
formed the foundation for a fascinating career.





## The Big Picture

CBS News veteran Bob Schieffer moderates a panel discussion during “Telling the Truth in a Post-Truth World,” a series of events presented by the New York State Writers Institute last fall.

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Journalist Ashleigh Banfield, above, left, serves as moderator for a discussion of *The First Amendment & Free Speech Under Attack*. Panelists Douglas Brinkley, Kristina Findikyan, Anthony Paul Farley, and Floyd Abrams, above, right, offer their perspectives on the topic during the session, which was held in conjunction with "Telling the Truth."

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# From the Podium and Beyond

## SUNY Trustees Name Pridemore, Welsh Distinguished Professors



Mark Schmidt

The State University of New York Board of Trustees has designated School of Criminal Justice (SCJ) Dean William Alex Pridemore and School of Public Health (SPH) Empire Innovations Professor Joelle Welsh SUNY Distinguished Professors.

Pridemore, who earned his Ph.D. from UAlbany in 2000, has headed SCJ since 2015. He is internationally recognized for his research on the impact of social structure on homicide and suicide rates, the role of alcohol in violence and mortality, and the impact of the Soviet Union's collapse on violence and health in Russia.

Welsh, a professor in the Department of Environmental Health Sciences, is a pioneer in studying the role of Vitamin D in breast-cancer prevention and therapy. Based at the Cancer Research Center on the Health Sciences Campus, she joined the University at Albany faculty in 2008.

The Distinguished Professor ranking is conferred upon individuals who have achieved prominence and distinguished reputations within their chosen fields. Their work also elevates the standards of scholarship both within and beyond their disciplines.

## AIDS Researcher Holtgrave Assumes Dean's Post at SPH

Prominent AIDS researcher David R. Holtgrave joined the University at Albany March 1 as dean of the School of Public Health (SPH). He replaces former dean Philip C. Nasca, who retired in 2017.

Holtgrave has been awarded a tenured faculty position as professor of health policy and behavior at SPH. He was also named a SUNY Empire Innovation Professor.

Holtgrave came to UAlbany from Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he served as endowed professor and founding chair of the Department of Health, Behavior and Society. Previously, he led the HIV/AIDS research support division at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



Mark McCarty

## Five-Year NIH Grant Supports Halvorsen's Work

A \$1.9 million National Institutes of Health grant has been awarded to RNA Institute senior research scientist Ken Halvorsen. The Outstanding Investigator Award will support the work of the Halvorsen Lab in developing novel, user-centric technologies for the detection and single-molecule analysis of ribonucleic acid (RNA) – a vital class of molecules essential for all known forms of life.

## SCJ Observes Its 50<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

In 2018, the School of Criminal Justice marks its 50th anniversary with a series of special events both scholarly and social. The yearlong celebration will culminate with the anniversary gala in October. For updates about events related to this important milestone, please visit the Dean's News page at [www.albany.edu/scj/files/Sep\\_2017.pdf](http://www.albany.edu/scj/files/Sep_2017.pdf) and the school's website, [www.albany.edu/scj/](http://www.albany.edu/scj/).

## Frank Is Nobel Laureate



Mark Schmidt

Joachim Frank, a Distinguished Professor in the University at Albany School of Public Health's Department of Biomedical Sciences from 1985 until 2008, is one of three recipients of the 2017 Nobel Prize in Chemistry. The award honored Frank and his colleagues, Jacques Dubochet of Switzerland and Richard Henderson of the United Kingdom, for their work in developing cryo-electron microscopy, which both simplifies and improves the imaging of biomolecules. A professor at Columbia University since 2008, Frank maintains an affiliation with the RNA Institute at UAlbany.

## NYSWI Marks Two Special Anniversaries

In 2018, the New York State Writers Institute celebrates two landmark occasions: the 35th anniversary of its creation and the 90th birthday of its founder, Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist and longtime UAlbany faculty member William Kennedy.

Through early May, special events planned include:

**MARCH 27:** a joint appearance by best-selling mystery author **Archer Mayor** and UAlbany Professor of Chemistry **Rabi Musah**

**APRIL 17:** a talk, presentation, and question-and-answer session with acclaimed novelists **Sara Novic** and **Peter Golden**

**APRIL 19:** a program featuring award-winning novelist **Salman Rushdie** (*co-sponsored by the UAlbany Speaker Series*)

**APRIL 20:** a visit from screenwriter, television producer, comic-book author, and novelist **Marc Guggenheim, B.A.'92**

**APRIL 24: Women and Power in America**, a program moderated by broadcast journalist **Cokie Roberts** and featuring panelists **Danielle Belton**, editor-in-chief of the African-American news and culture site The Root; former presidential candidate **Jill Stein**; and Albany Mayor **Kathy Sheehan**



Marc Guggenheim



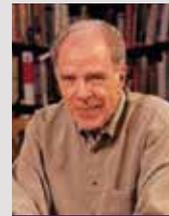
Cokie Roberts



Eugene Lee

**APRIL 30:** the 22nd annual Burian Lecture, which also includes a craft talk by **Eugene Lee**, legendary set designer for *Wicked* and "Saturday Night Live"

**MAY 1:** a craft talk, presentation, and Q&A with prize-winning poet and former San Diego gang member **David Tomas Martinez**



William Kennedy

**MAY 4:** "This Is Your Life, William Kennedy," a video tribute and evening reverie honoring the Writers Institute founder

To learn more about these and other events, link to [nyswritersinstitute.org](http://nyswritersinstitute.org).



Carlo de Jesus

President Rodríguez meets Sharinel Nunez, Nyasha Biggs, and Melick Lubin, the three UAlbany freshman recipients of the "Ellen" scholarship.

## Ellen Lends a Helping Hand

With help from talk-show host Ellen DeGeneres, three UAlbany students are fulfilling their college dreams on four-year scholarships.

As part of DeGeneres' "Summit" documentary series, and in conjunction with Walmart, all 42 members of the Class of 2017 at Summit Academy Charter School in Brooklyn, N.Y., received full scholarships to the SUNY schools of their choice. Walmart also provided each student an additional \$10,000 for college-related expenses.

Former Summit classmates Nyasha Biggs, Sharinel Nunez, and Melick Lubin are now freshmen at UAlbany. They and three other Summit graduates shared their impressions of their first months at school on "Ellen" last fall.

Link to episodes of "Summit" at <https://www.albany.edu/news/83788.php>.

# Where Are They Now?

By Carol Olechowski

## Back to Her Roots • Lisa Lillien, B.A.'87

Fans of “Hungry Girl” – diet-and-lifestyle expert Lisa Lillien – “have been asking for a magazine for years.” So “when the opportunity presented itself, I jumped all over it!” exclaims the self-described “guru of guilt-free eating.”

Published by Meredith, the Spring 2018 *Hungry Girl* rolled off the presses in mid-January. “For now, two test issues are planned. If the magazine is successful, it could become a quarterly,” notes Lillien, adding that the publication’s initial circulation is 225,000.

According to its editor-in-chief, each issue will feature approximately 100 pages packed with “a lot of recipes, lifestyle content, hacks – even info for pet owners, with recipes for dogs!”

Lillien is excited about helming *Hungry Girl*; “my roots are in magazines,” she observes. After earning a degree in communications and business administration from the University at Albany, Lillien returned home to Long Island to edit the “teen fanzine” *Tutti Frutti*. She later held executive positions at Nickelodeon, TV Land, and Warner Bros. before launching *Hungry Girl* in 2004.

The brand began as a free email, titled “Tips and Tricks ... for Hungry Chicks” and sent daily to fewer than 100 subscribers. In each message, Lillien, who’d gone “up and down about 15 pounds” in her teens and 20s, dispensed common-sense advice about diet and fitness; offered recipes for tasty, nutritionally balanced meals and snacks; and suggested substitutions for high-calorie, high-fat packaged foods.



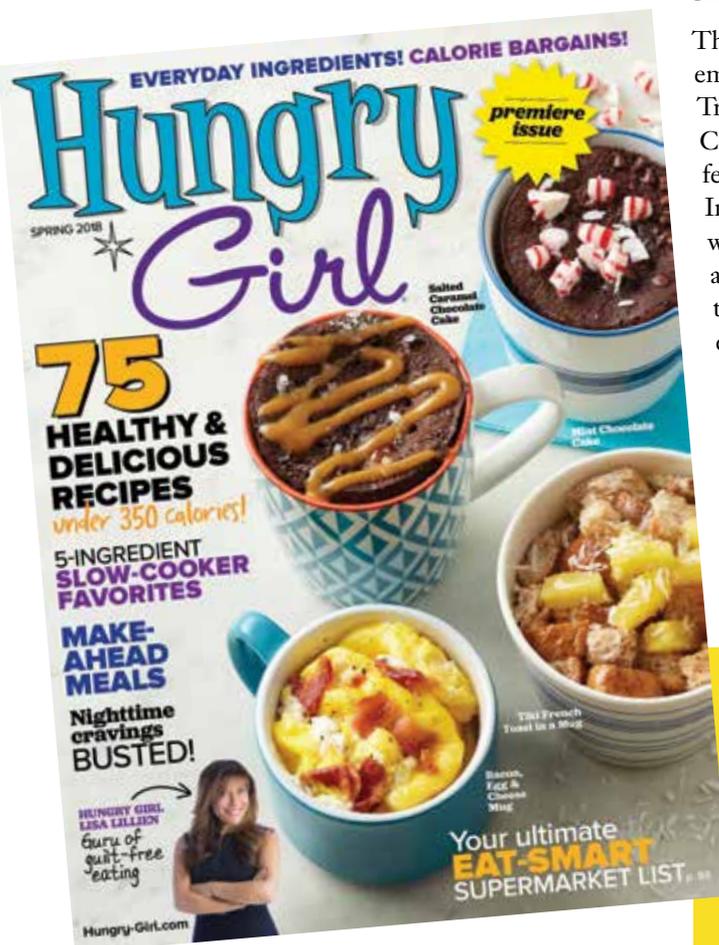
Lisa Lillien visited UAlbany in 2013.

Soon, the “foodologist” branched out into other media. She wrote a column for the *New York Daily News* and created weekly content for Weight Watchers.com, *Redbook*, and Yahoo! Lillien’s books became fixtures on the *New York Times* best-seller list. She reached television viewers through “Hungry Girl,” which aired on both Food Network and the Cooking Channel, and through guest shots on “The Dr. Oz Show.”

Based in Los Angeles, Lillien continues to travel for TV and personal appearances. Her 12th book, the Amazon No.-1 Best Seller *Hungry Girl Clean & Hungry OBSESSED! All-Natural Recipes for the Foods You Can't Live Without*, was published last September. And the email that launched the Hungry Girl brand 14 years ago still goes out each day – to more than 1 million readers.

*Hungry Girl* is sold at supermarkets, bookstores, newsstands – “and readers can order it online,” Lillien says. “It will also be available digitally.”

The second issue will publish in April.



## The Sky's the Limit • Dan Hart, B.S.'83

For Dan Hart, the sky's the limit.

As Virgin Orbit president and CEO, Hart oversees a team of more than 400 dedicated to “building a launch system to carry small satellites (300 to 500 kilograms) to orbit. Our first launch to orbit will be this year, so we are under full steam in our Long Beach [Calif.] headquarters and at our test range in the Mojave Air and Space Port.”

Hart notes: “The satellite industry is going through a transformation much like consumer electronics has over the years. Capabilities that once were only possible on satellites the sizes of SUVs can now be accomplished by satellites the sizes of washing machines, microwave ovens ... and even toasters.” These new resources, he adds, are “enabled by the density of electronics, advances in electric propulsion, laser

communications, and phased-array antennas, among other things.”

Over the past few years, “a large array of start-up companies has formed, aiming to provide communications, imaging, data storage, and a host of other capabilities using fleets of small satellites,” explains Hart. That’s where he and Virgin Orbit enter the picture.

“Unlike most launch systems, we are air-launched. Our 747, *Cosmic Girl*, carries our rocket out to sea, up to approximately 35,000 feet, and drops it. The rocket engine ignites, and the satellite goes to orbit.”

Hart says that 2018 promises to be “a very busy year for us.” His goal is to “lead this team to orbit and ramp up production of more than 24 rockets a year, then expand the company into other aspects of space transportation.

“Working with Richard Branson and the Virgin Team has been very exciting. They are fast moving – a true entrepreneurial group under a unified purpose to change business for good. It’s an inspiring place to be.”

Hart was recruited to Virgin Orbit in 2016. “I had been running Boeing’s Government Satellite Business and completing a number of satellite launches – GPS, NASA TDRS, X-37, etc. – when I received a call about a new space company that was looking for a CEO. One thing came to another, and here I am,” he recalls.



Currently, “Virgin Orbit is more focused on improving life on earth by enabling beneficial capabilities in space that serve earth and humanity,” adds Hart, who majored in physics at UAlbany and once aspired to a career as an astronaut. “That said, we’ll provide supplies to people in space or partner with Virgin Galactic and propel people into outer space.”

Given the opportunity, would Hart go into space?

“If there’s something I could contribute, something that needed doing, I’d be there in a heartbeat,” he responds.



Virgin Orbit  
President  
and CEO  
Dan Hart



Photo, left: Hart poses with Virgin Galactic CEO George Whitesides, left, and Virgin founder Richard Branson, center. Above: *Cosmic Girl* is Virgin Orbit's 747.

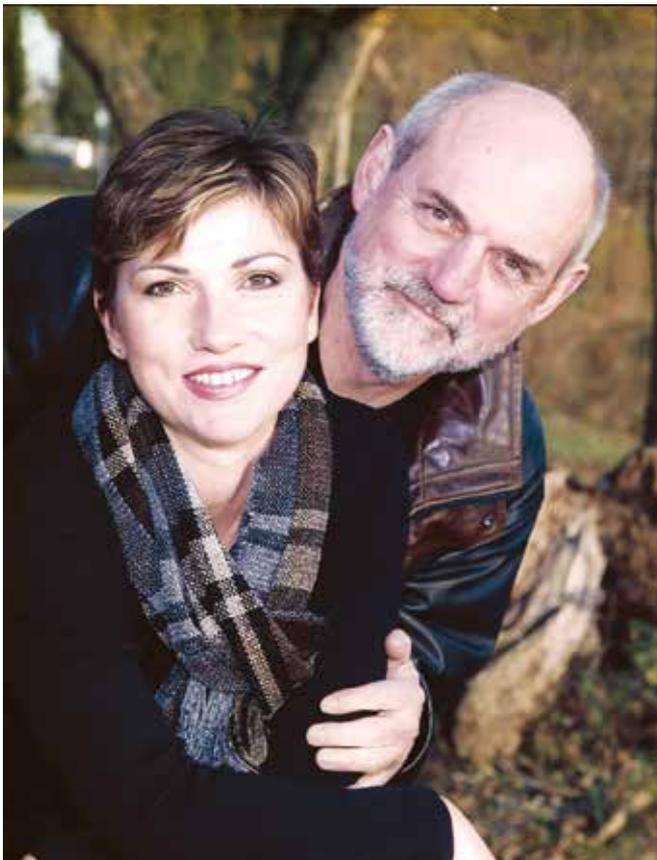
# Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

## A Life-Changing Gift

With a “perfect” high-school grade-point average of 1.0 and a few minor run-ins with the law as a teen, Alan Lizotte wasn’t certain what his future held. He served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Vietnam War, then took remedial courses at a Massachusetts community college. Things began looking up when a professor there arranged an interview for him at Brown University. Lizotte received “a free ride” to the Ivy League school, where he studied sociology, developed an interest in criminal justice, and graduated with honors. The experience “changed my life,” says Lizotte, who completed master’s and doctoral studies at the University of Illinois.

Now, Lizotte and his wife, Lisa Jackson, are making a planned gift that promises to change the lives of graduate students at the University at Albany’s School of Criminal Justice. It will also preserve and enhance the school’s reputation for excellence.



**“UAlbany’s is the first – and best – school of criminal justice in the world,” asserts the Distinguished Professor.**

Lizotte, who served as dean from 2010 to 2015, touts the school’s Albany Model, replicated by other academic institutions in the field; its interdisciplinary programs; and the 300-plus Ph.D.s educated there since its founding in 1968.

Since arriving at UAlbany in 1985, Lizotte has mentored “at least” 30 of those doctoral students. He’s also been involved with the ground-breaking Rochester [N.Y.] Youth Development Study (RYDS), a multi-generational study that explores the causes and consequences of delinquency and drug abuse in an urban sample of teens and young adults.

“The school has been good to me, and good *for* me,” notes Lizotte. So when he and Jackson, former news director at WRGB, the CBS affiliate in Albany, began discussing their wills, “we wondered what we could do for the University and the school, and how we could encourage others to make an impact.”

As dean, Lizotte had accompanied University at Albany development officer Michael Boots on visits to prospects. “I wasn’t embarrassed to ask for money,” he says, adding that he “took a couple of development courses” to enhance his fundraising skills.

In fact, Lizotte was so persuasive at presenting the school’s case that he and Jackson have earmarked their planned gift for graduate-student research. “I’m at the age now where I have to withdraw money from an IRA every year,” explains Lizotte, 70. The funding will go into a trust to be left to the University.

The couple’s pledge was timed to coincide with the midway point of the school’s capital campaign – “putting it over the top” – and with the start of SCJ’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Events planned for the celebration “will bring alumni back” while assisting Lizotte’s successor, alumnus and Dean William Alex Pridemore, Ph.D.’00, to raise money for the school.

Lisa Jackson and Alan Lizotte

## Adell Y. Smith | Helping Others to “Dream Bigger”

Adell Y. Smith often thinks about where life might have taken her had she “dreamed bigger” as a teenager. To help others “dream bigger,” she’s established an endowment at UAlbany’s School of Public Health (SPH).

Raised on a dairy farm in New York’s Hudson Valley, Smith graduated from high school in 1963, then attended Mildred Elley Secretarial School in Albany. She subsequently held high-level executive-secretarial positions at Conrail, New York State United Teachers, First Albany Corporation, Infosearch, and State Bank of Albany, as well as at the University at Albany, where she worked for about a year as assistant to O. William Perlmutter, then dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. In 1988, she accepted a position with the Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS), where she is now an executive assistant.

“I’ve always wondered where I might have gone [professionally] if I had gotten additional education,” Smith says, adding that when she visits friends at hospitals now,

“I ask the nurses about their career aspirations.” Often, they respond by citing other financial obligations – child care, the need for a new car – that take precedence over setting aside money for their own schooling.



Nekia Dymish/HANYS

Last year, inspired by the appointment of M. Beatrice Grause, R.N., J.D., as the first female HANYS president in the association’s 90-year history, Smith pondered aloud, “What if there was an African-American version of Bea?” The notion, she recalls, “took on a life I never expected” as her colleagues cheered her idea of starting a scholarship endowment to support her first preference: African-American graduate students seeking to prepare for careers as leaders in healthcare policy, management, and administration. Grause herself told Smith, “I want in!” and HANYS made a matching donation.

Thus was born *The Adell Y. Smith HANYS Healthcare Leadership Scholarship* at SPH. Smith is eager to promote diversity within healthcare leadership, and she views the endowment as a great opportunity to impact the community positively. “I really feel blessed,” she says. “I think God had a plan for me. It all fell into place.”

## Out and About

By Christine A. Doyle, M.B.A. '04



Joe Putrock

UAlbany’s SEFCU Arena was transformed into an elegant farmhouse-inspired wonderland last Oct. 26 for the **38th Annual Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner**.

More than 400 guests gathered to celebrate student scholarship, as well as the evening’s honorees, all of whom shared very personal and meaningful stories about the paths that guided them to their current lives and careers.

*Pictured, left to right, are University at Albany Foundation President and master of ceremonies George R. Hearst III; The Hon. Gerald D. Jennings '76 (Community Laureate); Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle (Community Laureate); HVCC President Andrew J. Matonak, Ed.D. (Academic Laureate); and UAlbany President Havidán Rodríguez.*

*For more event photos and video, visit [www.albany.edu/giving/citizenlaureate](http://www.albany.edu/giving/citizenlaureate).*

Steven Fund, B.S.'84

# Marketing Wizard

Mention the name “Intel” and chances are what first comes to mind is “chipmaker.” But that’s changing fast, and the person facilitating the swift transformation of the company’s image is Steven Fund, who was named senior vice president and chief marketing officer at Intel in 2014.

*By Claudia Ricci, Ph.D.'96*



Eric Millette

**F**und has been something of a marketing wizard at the computer company, and today, the sky's the limit, literally, as Intel has become synonymous with spectacular displays of drone technology. Maybe you saw the splashy light show behind Lady Gaga's halftime performance at the 2016 Super Bowl. Three hundred of Intel's "Shooting Star" drones were choreographed to form a mammoth American flag floating in the air.

More recently, 300 of the company's drones helped celebrate the launch of "Wonder Woman" by creating her insignia – along with other images from the movie – in lights over the city of Los Angeles.

Drone spectacles – which promise to make fireworks obsolete – aren't the only tool in Fund's brand-boosting arsenal. Under his direction, Intel has developed ad campaigns that rely on celebrities and are aimed at making Intel synonymous with youth, music, sports, and entertainment. The company's impressive roster of celebrities includes Serena Williams, Jim Parsons, Michael Phelps, Tom Brady, and LeBron James.

Using a high-visibility spokesperson puts the company squarely in the public eye, and keeps it there, helping to build the brand. "Celebrities break through the clutter," Fund says. "When people see Jim Parsons, they immediately think of Parsons in connection to Intel."

The ultimate goal of all of this refreshing new marketing – accompanied, of course, by impressive technological advances by

Intel – is to flip the notion that Intel is just a chipmaker.

"We're trying to communicate that we're no longer just a PC-computing company," Fund explains. "We want people to connect Intel to any 'smart' or cloud-networked technology. Most people don't know this, but literally, the world runs on Intel."

A native of New York City, Fund majored in business at the University at Albany with a management information systems concentration. (MIS teaches students how to use information to improve a company's operations.) "I started out with a technical background. It gave me a good foundation for the role I have today at Intel," notes Fund.

He got his first job – as a technical-support specialist at ABC Television Network – through UAlbany's placement office. In that position, he helped the news division use PC-based systems to track expenses, equipment, and other operations.

After leaving ABC, Fund earned a master's in business at New York University, focusing on strategic and quantitative analysis. He was hired out of NYU by the highly regarded management-consulting firm McKinsey & Co., where he was exposed to marketing. "I really liked it. It combined strategy, creativity, and analytics."

Fund also was keenly talented. Before landing at Intel, he held a series of marketing and brand-management jobs at some of the world's most prestigious companies, including PepsiCo, Procter & Gamble, and Staples.

In the three years since Fund joined Intel, the company has shown dramatic improvement in several key areas, including:

- sales, which were \$55.9 billion in 2014. Today, full-year sales total close to \$62 billion.
- the total market value of the company, which was \$128 billion three years ago. That figure exceeds \$200 billion today.

Fund, who supervises 500 employees directly and another 200 worldwide, has won numerous awards and accolades for his work. Each year, *Ad Age*, a marketing and advertising journal, names an "A list" of top-notch performers in marketing. Intel made the list in 2016.

Other recognition includes the Global Marketer of the Year Award from *PRWeek*, an Adweek Brand Genius Award, and inclusion on *Forbes'* "50 Most Influential CMOs in the World" list.

What advice does Fund have for UAlbany students?

"I think technology is the most exciting field today," he observes. But the bottom line is to follow your instincts: "Explore a range of subjects and then concentrate on what you're most passionate about."

**Adds Fund: "I've built on my experience at SUNY. It helped me to get where I wanted to go. I equate my career to building a house. Albany was the foundation. The walls were Procter & Gamble, PepsiCo, and Staples. And now, Intel is the roof!"**



Intel Shooting Star™ drones, above, perform during the Warner Bros. Home Entertainment and Intel presentation "Wonder Woman in the Sky" at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles last Sept. 14.

Lebron James and Jim Parsons appear in a holiday promotion on Intel's home page.



Carlo de Jesus

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY PRESIDENT **HAVIDÁN RODRÍGUEZ**

# LEADING *by Example*

By Paul Grondahl, M.A.'84

**R**ecently, I sat down with Havidán Rodríguez, UAlbany's 20th president, for a wide-ranging interview. We talked about his impressions of the University after five months on the job, his goals for UAlbany's future, and the development of the University's Strategic Plan.

Rodríguez's desk is uncluttered, his space studiously tidy. He has a Nespresso machine behind his desk and drinks strong espresso in the morning. He has placed a few personal keepsakes – including art objects from his native Puerto Rico, framed family photographs, and awards for academic leadership – around his University Hall corner office.

His bookshelves contain dozens of books, in Spanish and in English, on the topics of disasters, Puerto Rico, and leadership. Rodríguez points to two scholarly volumes published in 2018: *Handbook of Disaster Research*, 2nd



PAUL GRONDAHL WITH PRESIDENT HAVIDÁN RODRÍGUEZ

*Edition*, which he co-edited, and *Population, Migration, and Socioeconomic Outcomes Among Island and Mainland Puerto Ricans*, which he co-authored.

Focused and serious, Rodríguez has the air of an academic; he listens carefully and speaks deliberately. He insists I call him by his first name, which is pronounced *ab-vee-DON*.

Here are my questions and the president's responses.

**PG:** Relocating from Texas to New York was a major move. Why did you want to become president of UAlbany?

**HR:** I was drawn to the academic and research excellence here, as well as [to] the commitment to diversity and inclusion. During the interview process, I learned more about goals that UAlbany wanted to pursue, and I saw that they fit well with my background, and with what I could contribute to the growth and development of the institution.

**PG:** Tell me about the Listening and Learning Tour that you have undertaken at the University.

**HR:** I have been through all the schools and colleges and have visited a variety of units, and this process will continue into the spring. I have also been actively engaged with our alumni, elected officials, and community members to get a clearer idea of who we are as an institution, what our values are, and how the community sees us and supports us. We are at a defining moment in the history of this institution, [and] we need to stand tall and proud as we work to define our mission and vision.

**PG:** How are you gathering input for the Strategic Plan?

**HR:** This work started in the 2016-17 academic year, and the committee had about 17 members. After I arrived, we expanded it to about 110 individuals across the University. [The committee currently is] made up of five working groups organized around our five core priorities.

**PG:** What are the five core priorities?

**HR:** 1) **Student Success:** We need to focus on recruiting students, but also retaining them and graduating them in a timely manner so they become engaged global citizens.

2) **Research Excellence:** We are a Research 1 institution, and we need to continue to develop new, bold, and innovative research initiatives that also serve the needs of our community.

3) **Diversity and Inclusion:** We want to continue to be a model for diversity and inclusion, and ensure we have a campus climate where our diverse community feels welcomed and is welcomed.

Rodríguez introduces himself to the University community, including, in the third photo below, members of the Class of 1952 gathered for the President's Breakfast. In the fourth picture, UAlbany's 20th president and wife Rosy Lopez greet recently appointed SUNY Chancellor Kristina M. Johnson.



Carlo de Jesus



Mark Schmidt



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Paul Miller

**4) Internationalization:** We want to build our education-abroad programs, our international partnerships, our faculty- and student-exchange programs, and our collaborative research and academic programs – to increase UAlbany's visibility and impact across the globe.

**5) Service and Engagement:** We want to be an institution deeply embedded in the community as an anchor institution. We are one of the largest employers in the region, and we want to continue to work closely with our community.

As we define our core priorities, our institutional identity and vision and mission, we are linking that to our marketing, capital-campaign and legislative priorities. As a result, we are beginning to speak a common language, which is critical to succeed as an institution.

**PG:** What is your theory on leadership, and how will you lead UAlbany to the next level?

**HR:** It comes down to working with excellent, committed individuals and teams. It is really about building partnerships. It is also about being trustworthy. I have always been a strong believer in leading by example.

**PG:** You lived in The Bronx for about 10 years when you were growing up. How does it feel to be back in New York State?

**HR:** My wife and I love New York. We have family members who still live in Brooklyn and other areas of New York. Being back in the state is very gratifying. I have met and talked with many students at UAlbany who come from The Bronx and Brooklyn, and they are incredibly proud to see that someone who spent some years in their boroughs could become president of this very prestigious institution.

**PG:** As a native of Puerto Rico and the first Hispanic president of a four-year SUNY campus, how does your background resonate with UAlbany students?

**HR:** I was raised by a single mother who made many sacrifices for me. Students see me and realize that if they work hard, are committed to their education, and continue to overcome challenges, they will be successful in their lives and careers.

**PG:** How is your wife, Rosy Lopez, adjusting to Albany?

**HR:** I have said from the beginning, you hired both Rosy and me. We have been married for 33 years; we have three grown children, and we are now empty-nesters. Rosy has been a strong supporter and a collaborator at all the campuses where I have served. She attends many events with me at UAlbany and is a big sports fan. In Texas, she volunteered with a food pantry and a community-garden program – she is in the process of identifying local organizations with whom she will work. So we are both adjusting very well, and we know that this is the right place for us.

*Paul Grondabl is the director of the New York State Writers Institute at the University at Albany.*

# the creative life



## A Conversation Series at UAlbany

Created and produced by the University Art Museum, NYS Writers Institute and UAlbany Performing Arts Center in collaboration with WAMC Public Radio, this new series features leading figures from a variety of artistic disciplines in conversation about their creative inspirations, their craft and their careers. "Roundtable" host **Joe Donahue** conducts live on stage interviews followed by a Q&A with the audience.



### Frédéric Brenner Garth Fagan

Wednesday, March 7 at 7pm

UAlbany Performing Arts Center  
Main UAlbany campus

World-renowned photographer  
Film director and author  
Project initiator of the exhibition  
*This Place*

Wednesday, March 28 at 7pm

UAlbany Performing Arts Center  
Main UAlbany campus

*Lion King* choreographer  
Tony Award winner  
Artistic Director of Garth Fagan  
Dance

### Patti LuPone

Thursday, April 26 at 7pm

Page Hall  
Downtown UAlbany campus

Actress, singer, Broadway star  
Grammy & Tony Award winner  
New York Times best-selling author  
**Please note:**

Ms. LuPone will perform at  
Proctors on April 27 - (518) 346-6204



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Cover: For Steven Fund, B.S.'84, building a career was like "building a house" – and the University at Albany "was the foundation."  
Photo: Eric Millette

# In Pursuit of Peace

BONNIE JENKINS, M.P.A.'88

By Tom Kertscher

In August 2017, President Donald Trump's national security adviser, H.R. McMaster, said, "it's impossible to overstate the danger" posed by North Korea. He was referring to both the Communist nation's leader, Kim Jong Un, as well as to its nuclear-weapon capabilities. The United Nations has adopted a series of resolutions sanctioning North Korea for its continuous firing of ballistic missiles; some cut more than 55 percent of refined petroleum products, including gasoline, going to the country.

But the military threat to the United States persists. What can be done?

We asked Bonnie Jenkins, M.P.A.'88, a nuclear-weapons policy expert who, until January 2017, was coordinator for threat-reduction programs at the U.S. Department of State under President Barack Obama. Since last May, Jenkins, a board member of the Arms Control Association, has been a joint visiting fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Perry World House and the Brookings Institution, a Washington, D.C., think tank. UAlbany's Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy presented her its 2013 Distinguished Alumna Award in Public Administration and Policy.

Jenkins acknowledged that while Obama was president, North Korea continued to pursue a nuclear weapon that can strike the United States. But she offered a rather pessimistic view of the situation as of mid-October 2017.



**You worked in President Barack Obama's administration, which employed a "strategic-patience" policy of gradually escalating sanctions with North Korea, but North Korea has continued to pursue nuclear weapons. How would you assess the success of that policy?**

There are not a lot of great options, other than continue to use sanctions against North Korea, until you find a better way to try to deal with the situation – unless countries decided to negotiate. Has it been successful? No, because I think North Korea, for several reasons, wanted to develop a nuclear weapon, and one that can reach the U.S. Obviously, they're feeling the sanctions, but not enough to stop their weapons development. They would rather have people suffer than give up their weapons. On the other hand, we've found some illegal transfers North Korea employed to get some money into their country, so the sanctions are having an effect – just not the effect that we want.



### **President Trump has suggested that a U.S. military response is on the table. How do you assess his policy toward North Korea?**

The military response is always an option; it just may not be articulated as on the table and, obviously, you use that articulation when you think it's going to be valuable ... to get you what you want. But what's the strategy? President Trump has obviously been a lot more willing to use more contentious language; it's definitely not a wait-and-be-patient situation. It's also Trump trying to be different from Obama and trying to give a sense that "I'm going to make the world different." The problem is, I don't know if it's making the world different; it's just creating a lot of confusion. Obviously, North Korea is not being persuaded by all the harsh rhetoric. It sets up a more glaring and difficult situation. When you raise the stakes like this and you still don't have a way to get the threat escalation to stop, it makes more folks upset, but you still don't have an answer.

### **What steps do you think should be taken to reduce the threat North Korea poses to the United States?**

The first thing is to reduce the tension, because you're not going to have anything happen if both sides are glaring at each other. You have a country that is obviously not going to be covered by the U.S. And Kim Jong Un can also see the problems that Trump is having being president. So, unless we do something different, like diplomacy, I don't see him necessarily saying, "I've got to run because the United States is after me."

Make it a situation where you can possibly have a way forward. But you have to have a strategy; I don't see a strategy. There's no effort I see to significantly work with the other partners to develop a strategy. We're very much out there by ourselves. We're not really working with China and Japan and South Korea and Russia to try to find a way forward. The way it is now, it's not really going anywhere; it's just kind of stuck. We're kind of putting ourselves in a corner.

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Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy presented Bonnie Jenkins its 2013 Distinguished Alumna Award in Public Administration and Policy. Pictured with Jenkins is R. Karl Rethemeyer, now interim dean of the college.



## Robert Loughan never slows down.

Through the Loughan Group Inc., his capital-investment firm, he helps identify and nurture businesses with growth potential. He founded INCROUD, a social-commerce platform he recently sold to Veriown (where he is an executive board member). He owns Thistle Hill Winery, an award-winning organic winery and vineyard in Mudgee, Australia. Collaborating with a friend who works at NASA, he co-founded Flawless Photonics – a startup focused on manufacturing in space. He recently sold his ownership position in Baldface Lodge, an iconic ski resort in British Columbia.

On top of all that, Loughan is helping to manage his sons' Hollywood careers – 15-year-old twins Max and Jack are executive producers for a science-based TV series with a major network. He also serves as an adviser for Max's energy startup, which is developing a patent-pending ionic-energy system.

So what drives this self-described serial entrepreneur and proud UAlbany alum? An unquenchable desire to break paradigms and create success.

"I love to have a hand at bringing new technologies and business models to the world – big ideas that are disruptive and far reaching," explained Loughan. "I have a healthy disregard for conventional wisdom."

Loughan is best known for co-founding Octane Software, the world's first cloud-

Robert Loughan, B.A.'87

# High-Octane Entrepreneur

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A.'93

based customer-relationship management (CRM) application, which sold – at the very peak of the dot-com boom in May 2000 – for more than \$3.2 billion. He would later create the first-ever mobile CRM solution, which also grew at industry-record speed.

From his humble beginnings in rural Granville, N.Y., to his enormous success as a globe-trotting business maverick, Loughan's career arc is a story of vision, risk-taking, tenacity, and hard work.

"It's about being at the right place at the right time, but it's also about being willing to capitalize on your opportunities," said Loughan. "If you are going to do something never done before, there is only shooting for the fence."

Though he would become one of the nation's most successful and influential technology entrepreneurs, Loughan ironically never even intended to enter that industry. He had planned to attend law school in Michigan after earning his UAlbany degree in political science, but he lacked the funding to pay for tuition. Looking for a way to earn money quickly, Loughan deferred his law-school admission and applied for work at a growing Boston, Mass., software company – where he hustled his way into a job.

Clearly unqualified for the available positions ("I wasn't even sure how to turn on a computer!" joked Loughan), he did not get a job offer. Loughan, however, would not take "no" for an answer. That evening, he waited for the company's

president in the parking garage. When the executive finally arrived, Loughan confronted him and told him, "You just made the worst mistake of your life!"

Though he acknowledged that he "probably scared the man half to death," Loughan received a call from the firm the following day: They offered him the job.

That same moxie would later lead Loughan and several colleagues to develop the then-revolutionary concept for a cloud CRM platform. They had pitched the idea to their employer at the time, but received no interest. Certain that they were on the verge of a big idea, they decided to pursue the product on their own – working in their basements and garages to form what would ultimately become Octane Software. A few years later, Octane was sold in one of the largest non-public acquisitions in the history of the software industry.

Remember the software executive Loughan had confronted in the parking lot? He was one of Octane's first investors – providing \$7 million in seed money, and declaring it the best investment he ever made. "I guess he was right," noted Loughan.

Though he has achieved remarkable success, Loughan acknowledged that not all of his at-bats have been hits. He believes that every experience, even the failures, has been valuable for him. "I learn from the wins," said Loughan. "I learn even more from the losses."

Loughan attributes his success to his ability to identify opportunities and his willingness to take risks – something he acknowledges is "not for the faint of heart." He also credits his determination to always out-work the competition. He said that he learned this valuable lesson as a student at UAlbany.

"In college, I learned that you have to work for everything ... you get what you earn," said Loughan, who greatly appreciated the challenging and competitive environment at his *alma mater*. "Without UAlbany, I wouldn't be where I am today."

He believes that his UAlbany education helped instill a "hungrier" mindset, which gave him an edge over graduates from perhaps more prestigious institutions. "I have hired and fired many people from Ivy League schools," said Loughan. "I prefer employees who are ready to work hard."

These days, Loughan is particularly inspired by two young people close to home: Max and Jack. Following in their father's footsteps, both young men are already taking college classes from universities that include Stanford and MIT, while pursuing their own entrepreneurial goals.

"For them, it's about more than making money – they want to make the world a better place," said Loughan. "They want to make their own mark."

Just like their father, they never slow down.

## Yvonne Garcia, B.A.'95

# High-Profile Role Model

By Carol Olechowski

**A**s a teenager, Yvonne Garcia wanted to be trilingual. “That’s why I took languages at the University at Albany,” says the senior vice president and global head of Client Solutions, Investment Manager Services Group at State Street Corporation in Boston.



At Albany, where she majored in Spanish and minored in French, Garcia found “a very diverse group of students.” The Queens, N.Y., native adds, “That’s really what, in my mind, is required to be successful – to surround yourself with people from all different backgrounds, skill sets, and interests.” Her roommates on both the uptown campus and Alumni Quad included an education major, a theatre major, and other students whose academic pursuits differed from her own. “It was really nice to be surrounded by them.”

Garcia’s facility with languages, and her experience living with people of other backgrounds, expanded her post-graduate options. She earned an M.B.A. in finance and marketing at Boston University. Later, Garcia was Liberty Mutual’s Agency Corporation director of Marketing and Distribution Strategy, then vice president of Bank of America’s China Construction Bank Strategic Assistance. In the latter capacity, her work took her to China, Hong Kong, London, and Paris.

At State Street, Garcia still travels “a lot” since “my team is global.” She notes: “My group works with asset managers, asset owners, and insurance companies, helping them define their future state-operating model to enable them to innovate and

transform. We help them make the right investment decisions and manage data more effectively.”

A Six Sigma Black Belt – a certification awarded by ASQ to people committed to corporate, organizational, and community quality – Garcia is also a busy volunteer. She serves as national chairwoman of ALPFA (the Association of Latino Professionals for America), an organization she joined around 2001. “We work with Latino professionals and students, helping guide them through their academic and professional journey. We also partner with Fortune 1000 companies, helping them to acquire and retain diverse talent and to develop that talent professionally,” explains Garcia, adding that ALPFA has 83,000 members, 41 professional chapters, and 155 student chapters in the United States.

In her work with young people, Garcia emphasizes the importance of education and its “strong correlation to power and freedom.” She says: “I always encourage individuals to go to school. You can be very smart, but if you don’t have the diploma to show, it can be challenging and limiting.”

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**One thing Garcia tries to impress upon students and young professionals is that they must “really understand the value you bring to who you are. At a very young age, you should know your worth, but also have the courage to act on it.”**

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Garcia also volunteers with a number of other organizations, including Milagros para Niños (Miracles for Children), a group she co-founded at Boston Children’s Hospital in 2009 to raise funds to support the medical needs of underserved Latino children. ALPFA and The Children’s Trust, a non-profit formed to end child abuse in Massachusetts, have honored Garcia for her commitment to children, the Latino community, and women. In 2015, she received the Women of Influence Award from the *Boston Business Journal*.

Her high-profile work with ALPFA and State Street Corporation casts Garcia as a role model. At the University at Albany, she looked up to Johnny Webster, then a faculty member in the former Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies. “He was my Spanish professor, and he also mentored me. He guided me through the M.B.A. application process,” Garcia recalls.

Garcia is the mom of a 16-year-old daughter, Izzy, “who’s looking at colleges now,” and a 10-year-old son, Max. “He’s my baby,” she says.

# Grounds FOR SUCCESS

By Carol Olechowski



**Michael Brown, B.A.'04**

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Mark McCarty

## If there's anything Michael Brown savors as much as a cup of Death Wish Coffee, it must be the success his company has achieved in just six short years.

**B**rown started Death Wish in 2011 as a “side project” to his first venture, Saratoga Coffee Traders. The Waterford, N.Y., native was “living behind my mom’s garage” when he came up with the blend, which combined beans grown in India with some other varieties he had on hand.

Brown dubbed his new product “Death Wish Coffee” and chose packaging that featured a skull-and-crossbones image he thought would pique consumer interest. Each bag noted that the contents were USDA-certified 100-percent organic and Free Trade.

“I didn’t have a business plan at the time,” acknowledges Brown, who majored in economics and minored in business administration at UAlbany. “I sold one bag one month, then two the next month. Eventually, I had enough sales coming in to hire one of my baristas to work with me.” The two pulled together a mailing list

and put out the word about Death Wish on social media.

Brown caught a lucky break in 2013, when ABC’s “Good Morning America” called to request an interview. Impressed, the “GMA” team followed up the next day with another on-air visit to the shop, and “sales skyrocketed,” Brown remembers.

Business got another boost after a 30-second commercial for Death Wish aired during Super Bowl 2016. Intuit QuickBooks Small Business Big Game Competition sponsored the spot, “Storm’s a-Brewin.”

Approximately 90 percent of Death Wish sales are made online. A fulfillment center near Philadelphia ships the orders; Brown is looking to start a second in Reno, Nev., to reduce the costs of shipping to the western U.S. Death Wish Coffee is also distributed through Amazon.com



**Death Wish, the self-proclaimed “world’s strongest coffee,” packs 427 milligrams of caffeine into each 8-ounce cup.**

**Coffee lovers who appreciate a strong brew can order online at [www.deathwishcoffee.com](http://www.deathwishcoffee.com) and select from the following:**

### FLAVORS

Death Wish Coffee

Death Wish Cauldron  
Aged Pumpkin Coffee

Valhalla Java  
Odinforce Blend

### VARIETIES

ground  
whole bean  
Death Cups

platforms and, in Hawaii and on the West Coast, through Safeway grocery stores. In the Albany area, Price Chopper carries the brand, as do eight ShopRite stores in New York. “We’re still working to get into Target,” says Brown.

A 16,000-square-foot building in Round Lake, N.Y., houses grinding, packaging, and warehouse operations. Customer-service, marketing, and logistics teams are also headquartered there.

The lessons Brown learned at UAlbany prepared him well for the business world. Project Renaissance, then a living-learning experience for freshmen, was “fantastic,” and “I made some really amazing friends and learned how to handle myself,” recalls Brown, who later studied accounting at the University of Hawaii – Manoa and earned a master’s in that field from The College of Saint Rose.

Brown’s educational background enables him to correct mistakes quickly; “when things go a little haywire, I’m very analytical, which is good. But it’s also bad, because I have a hard time making decisions unless I have all the information and all the logic in place.”

Learning to delegate, he admits, “drives me crazy; it’s difficult. I used to be more hands-on. This business has become kind of like my baby.”

The company has found its niche. “We have one type of coffee at Death Wish; that helps us stay focused. We’re not trying to make something for everyone. We make our product for our specific customer.”

Brown describes the Death Wish customer as “the guy who’s a little rough around the edges, a hard worker, a family man. We target our marketing to that person and to others

who identify with him. They’re enthusiastic about Death Wish

Coffee. They tell their friends and family about it; then those people tell their friends and families. My mom, who’s in her 70s, drinks the coffee – and she tells me how great it is,” Brown adds with a smile.

He notes that the coffee’s strength reflects the “strong values” shared by both the people who work alongside him and those who purchase Death Wish. “Our goal is to make the coffee taste strong and pleasant, and to do what’s right for the world.”

Case in point: When new packaging inadvertently omitted the “100-percent organic” certification, customers contacted Brown to ask if the brand was no longer organic. “They’re very passionate people who are concerned about the environment,” says Brown.



Mark McCarty

Capital Region businesses using Death Wish Coffee in some of their products include:

The Old Albany Distilling Company: coffee-infused vodka

Rad Soap: body bar, body cream

“They’re great partners,” observes Death Wish founder and owner Brown, “and it’s fun to work with them.”



Sonya del Peral, B.A.'80

## Growing a Business – and New York Agriculture

By Carol Olechowski

**S**tudent. Linguist. Archeologist. Teacher. Lawyer. Mom. Throughout her life, Sonya del Peral has embraced many roles. In 2013, she took on two more: cider maker and promoter of New York State agriculture.

Several years ago, after developing a liking for hard cider, del

Peral's son, Alejandro, experimented with different blends and eventually perfected his own.

Catskill Thunder earned a gold medal at the 2013 Great Lakes International Cider & Perry Competition, and soon, Nine Pin Ciderworks was established in Albany. The company's name was inspired by Washington Irving's legend of Catskill Mountains cider aficionado – and marathon napper – Rip Van Winkle.

Del Peral was flattered when her son asked her to join Nine Pin as in-house legal counsel. "I feel so lucky that

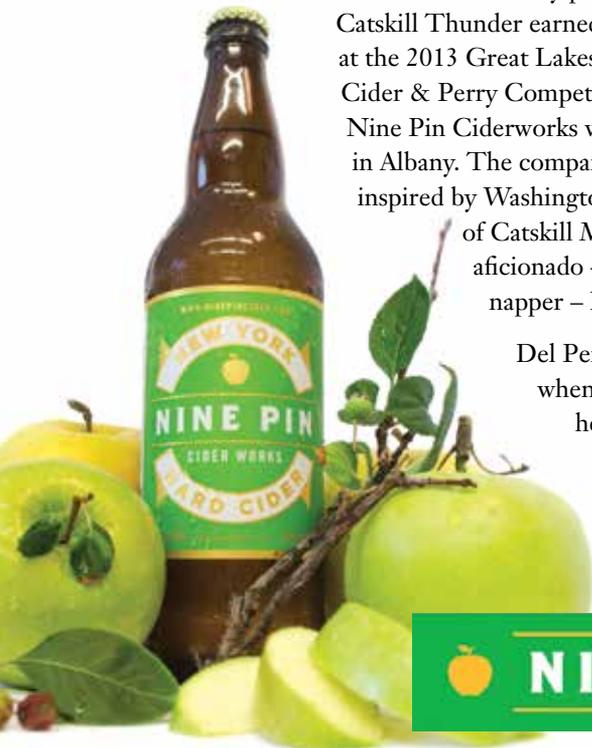
the creative and enthusiastic young people here wanted me involved," says the attorney, who practices intellectual-property, business-transaction, and real-estate law from her office at Bowers & del Peral, PLLC, in Chatham, N.Y. "The alcohol industry is very heavily regulated, so I was able to bring some know-how and skills because of my background."

Del Peral cites both "hard work and good luck" as factors in Nine Pin's success. "We were very lucky to receive New York State's first farm-cidery license. We were able to get a lot of publicity that we otherwise could not have." In addition, "a grant from Empire State Development in 2015 helped us expand our facilities."

Located at 929 Broadway in Albany, Nine Pin Ciderworks is a year-round operation that includes a tasting room, as well as a seasonally open outdoor café. "We do a lot of production in the fall, but there are things to do all year long," notes del Peral, the cidery's manager.

Nine Pin purchases apples from several Capital Region orchards: "Adding value to local agriculture is our mission," del Peral observes. "New York is No. 1 in the U.S. for apple varieties. We promote New York agriculture through the use of local apples."

Nine Pin's operations are based in its facility in Albany's Warehouse District. "We have a variety of bottled and canned ciders that are sold all over New York State and in Massachusetts and Connecticut. We're taking it one step at a time. Our license has a cap at





250,000 gallons, so we have lots of room to grow,” says del Peral, who plans to retire from her private law practice next September but will continue to use her legal expertise in alcohol-industry licensing for Nine Pin.

To prepare for Nine Pin’s launch, del Peral spent time on UAlbany’s uptown campus researching the cider industry, “so I appreciate the services that the University Libraries provide.” She also worked with the Small Business Development Center.

As an undergraduate anthropology major at Albany, del Peral visited Guatemala to participate in two archaeological digs organized by Professor Robert Carmack. She recalls: “We were uncovering a post-Classic Mayan city. It was amazing to visit the National Archives of Guatemala, to touch history by reading the primary source materials – the writings of the Spanish conquistadores and the priests – and to witness this meeting of the Old World and the New.”

Faculty member Colbert Nepaulsingh “was my favorite professor,” remembers del Peral, who minored in Spanish. “He taught an entire course, *Don Quixote de la Mancha*, on Cervantes’ book.”

Del Peral herself taught for several years after graduating *summa cum laude* from Albany. She returned to Guatemala to teach at the American School, then, having taken “enough courses” at the University to become fluent in French, she traveled to France, where she taught English. Back home, del Peral earned a master’s in teaching from SUNY Binghamton. She continued her career, teaching Spanish in the Bethlehem (N.Y.) Central School District prior to earning a law degree from Albany Law School.



**TULIP QUEEN**  
 2 oz. Nine Pin Cider  
 2 oz. Cornelius Apple Jack from Harvest Spirits  
 2 oz. ginger liqueur (Domaine de Canton)  
 2 oz. Pomegranate Juice  
 Mix well and serve chilled garnished with a slice of apple.

**NINE PIN VARIETIES**

<b>CORE CIDERS</b>	<b>CANNED</b>	
Signature	Signature	Vanilla Chai
Ginger	Ginger	Cidre Rose
Belgian	NY Dry Hopped	Peach Tea
Blueberry	Hunny Pear	The Lion’s Share

**LIMITED ReSERVES**

- Honey Honeycrisp
- Cider Monster
- Strawberry
- Lion’s Share Barrel Aged
- Crimson Gold
- Hunny Pear
- Fruit of the Forest
- Cranberry
- Blueberry Peach Cobbler

**PRODUCTION**

**ORCHARD**  
 All of the apples used in making Nine Pin Cider are grown in New York’s Capital Region and the Hudson Valley.

**PRESSING**  
 After the apples are collected and sorted, they’re pressed at the orchard.

**TESTING**  
 At the cidery, the freshly pressed juice is tested for sugar and acidity levels to help determine the desired flavor profile of the finished product.

**FERMENTATION**  
 The fresh-pressed juice is mixed with different strains of yeast. During the seven-to-10-day fermentation process, other ingredients – such as blueberries or raspberries – may be added to create a unique flavor.

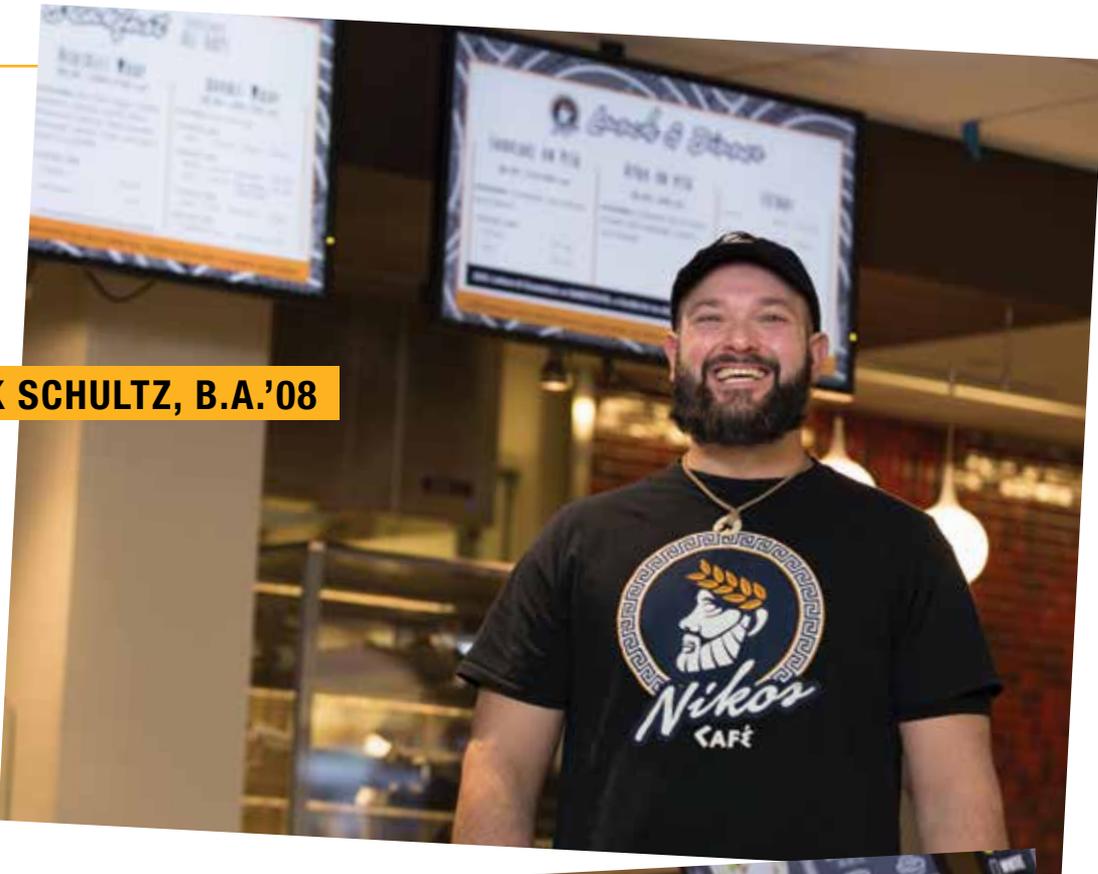
**AGING**  
 The cider is aged for three to six months in carboys, barrels, or stainless-steel tanks.

**PACKAGING**  
 Nine Pin employees fill bottles, kegs, and cans.

To learn more about  
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**NIK SCHULTZ, B.A.'08**

Paul Miller



**JAMAL RASOULLY, B.S.'11**

Paul Miller



# A Taste for Entrepreneurship

By Kelsey E. Butz

When Nik Schultz and Jamal Rasouly frequented the Campus Center as students, neither one thought he'd be returning to UAlbany just a few years later as an entrepreneur. As things turned out, however, both came back to operate food outlets there.

Schultz, who studied history and education, is the mastermind behind the popular Nikos Café. Located in the Campus Center's West Addition, Nikos serves breakfast all day; its lunch and dinner offerings include souvlaki, gyros, Greek fries, and salads. The menu features meat and vegetarian options.

In the East Addition, accounting graduate Rasouly operates The Halal Shack, which brings "the best of Mediterranean and Middle Eastern flavors" to campus. Inspired by New York City street foods and authentic Afghan cuisine, the menu allows customers to build their own meals by combining a rice, naan, lettuce, or "zoodle" base with meat fillings, vegetable or cheese toppings, and one of six sauces.

A former Great Danes athlete, Schultz admitted he "wasn't the best student at the beginning of my studies." However, he credits his roundabout journey – and legendary football head coach Bob Ford – for his success with school, sports, and later, Nikos.

"I was able to improve my grades and become a leader on the football field at UAlbany. It was during this time that I made connections and grew a network in and around the University that is directly attributable to my initial success in owning my own business," Schultz remembered.

Rasouly already knew a thing or two about running a successful food venue from growing up in a family of established restaurateurs. Despite that ingrained knowledge, he still credits his years at UAlbany for his success.

"My time as a student gave direction to my ambition," recalled Rasouly, who also minored in business administration. "From the basics of time management to capstone courses that

taught me how to make business plans, [the University] was vital to my growth and really prepared me to be a business owner."

Rasouly's goal for The Halal Shack was simple: "to unite cultures and people through food, one sauce'n meal at a time!" Based on the steady flurry of customers and the warm welcomes from the staff, it seems his vision has been realized. The Halal Shack also has a charitable component, donating a portion of its profits to local charities.

Both entrepreneurs are enthusiastic about the energy and buzz at the Campus Center. Working there, Schultz said, "allows me to be around young, energetic people full of life and ambition. Coach Ford always said working on a college campus is one of the most fulfilling things that anyone can do in their professional career."



Though Nikos and The Halal Shack keep the two alums busy, their work doesn't stop at the Campus Center. Schultz's NC Schultz LLC, which runs Anton's Greek Restaurant on New Scotland Avenue in Albany, caters events and operates Spartan Fit Meals. Rasouly owns Spin

Sauce, the first Mediterranean and Middle Eastern manufacturer of condiments in the U.S. Spin Sauce, which also donates 10 percent of its proceeds to orphanages and communities around the world, has been featured in *The New York Times* and *Food & Wine* as one of the best new condiments on the market.

Rasouly and Schultz have some advice for UAlbany students who might want to follow the same track they did to business success: Focus on learning from your mistakes, and pay attention to the little details along the way.

Visit Nikos Café online at <https://ualbanydining.com/dining-choices/retail/campuscenter/nikos-cafe.html>

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Allen Crane

# Victorious

By Nick Muscavage, B.A. '16

In Trinidad and Tobago, “soccer is everywhere, from the streets to the Queen’s Park Savannah,” said Adrian Foncette, a goalkeeper for the national team, the Soca Warriors. He grew up playing soccer in his hometown, La Horquetta, and in Cascade, where he spent time with his grandmother in a home on Foncette Road, named for their family. The game – and the position of goalkeeper, specifically – are in Foncette’s blood: His father was a goalkeeper, and his cousins all play that position on local teams.

Soccer linked Foncette closely with family and tradition, but the sport also afforded

him a University at Albany education. Though his enrollment was delayed a year when a car accident nearly cost him his left arm, he was able to play again after undergoing six surgeries. Scouted by Johan Aarnio, head coach of the men’s soccer program, and offered a full scholarship, Foncette enrolled in 2008 to study economics and business administration. He recalled his experience at UAlbany as “the best four years of my life.”

Added Foncette, who started as first-string goalkeeper during his sophomore year: “The UAlbany soccer program was a professional one and pointed me in the direction in which I wanted to go. The staff – Coach Aarnio, R.J. Bevers, Anthony Benyarko, Jason Ramundo, Trevor Gorman, just to name a few – all helped me along the way. I’m very grateful to them all.”

Two years after graduation, Foncette received a call from the Soca Warriors. He joined the team in 2014 and currently plays third-string goalkeeper. Last Oct. 10, on his 29th birthday, Foncette played one of his first World Cup qualifying games. Trinidad and Tobago defeated the U.S. 2-1.

The victory was an important one “for me and the team, but also the entire country,” Foncette noted, recalling that, in 1989, a U.S. win kept Trinidad and Tobago from competing in the World Cup. Foncette, his teammates, and their fellow citizens saw last fall’s victory as revenge for the 1989 loss.

Eventually, Foncette plans to try to secure a contract to play abroad, either in the U.S. or in Europe, but for now, he’s focusing on his home country. “My plans for the future are to stay healthy, keep fit, and keep playing regularly while putting Trinidad and Tobago back on the map by playing at a high level,” he said.



AP Photo/Rebecca Blackwell

Trinidad and Tobago goalkeeper Adrian Foncette, left, and teammate Daneil Cyrus, center, compete in a World Cup qualifying soccer match Oct. 10, 2017, in Couva, Trinidad. At right is Christian Pulisic of the U.S. team.



# the Carillon

Alumni News & Notes

## 1949

**Jean Pulver Hague** of Atlanta retired in December, after providing counseling services and student advising for many years. A fire near **Elsa Moberg Cox's** home in Oceanside, Calif., was contained just before her community suffered any damage in December. **Bob Kittredge** and Diana traveled to their daughter Susan's home outside San Diego for Thanksgiving. Their son David is battling cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Bob celebrated his 90th birthday in January. **Anne Sulich Raser's** granddaughter

passed the exams required to become a certified actuary. Anne has been participating in the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) study for more than 24 years. She completes an annual health questionnaire and shares medical records with the UCLA Medical Center; findings are published regularly. She enjoys participating in WHI's research.

**Bob Kloepfel** still visits **Russ Bailey** every Thursday. Bob reports that Russ isn't doing too well. **Gloria Maistelman Herkowitz** attended a family wedding in Woodbury, Long Island, last fall and spent time with her four grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

**Richard Foster** has had several serious falls but still plays bridge and the piano. **Ursula Neuhaus Schiff** and her 16-year-old dog, Abby, are doing well. Ursula's sons live in California and visited her this winter. Her younger son, retired from a career in computer science, is now pursuing an education degree and hopes to teach math full time. Her oldest grandchild has moved to Chicago, where he is studying the motion-picture industry. **Freddy Laemmerzahl Miller** traveled to Branson, Mo., and

watched five shows, and celebrated her grandson's graduation from the University of Arizona in December. She spent Christmas in Arizona and celebrated her brother's birthday and New Year's in Virginia. **Bonnie Lewis Adkins** and husband Lee sold their home in Middlebury, Conn., in early September, and with the help of many relatives, moved to a nearby continuing-care complex (contact your class councilor for mailing address). Bonnie states they are very happy in their "new digs" and are making many new friends. They will soon have a total of seven great-grandchildren.

**Joe Zanchelli** and Joyce are still very happy living in the Saratoga Springs area. They stay busy volunteering with six different organizations. (The UAlbany Alumni Association class councilors group is their favorite!) **Jerry Dunn** and wife Shirley Wiltse '51 are approaching "senior status," and decided to move to an independent-living apartment in East Greenbush, N.Y. (contact your class councilor for mailing address). They celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary and Jerry's 90th birthday last year. Of their four children, two are retired from positions with New York State, one is teaching in Vermont, and the other teaches in Virginia. Jerry and Shirley have nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. In 1970, Jerry organized a golf group of eight players that grew to 24 over the next 46 years. He has many fond memories of living in Sayles Hall Annex, where he met many great friends. Class Councilor **Joe Zanchelli** wishes you great health, and hopes to see you at our 70th reunion in 2019.

*Class notes councilor: Joe Zanchelli,  
jjzanch@yahoo.com*

## 1950

**Irwin Baumel** and **Elise DeSeve** are doing well. They live in a retirement community in Brea, Calif. Irwin is working on a large improvement project in his industrial park. **Ruth Marschner Boynton** and Dick celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in September. Their children are doing well. One son is a pharmacist with a wife and two children. The other son is a Lutheran minister married to another Lutheran minister; together, they have two children. Ruth and Dick's daughters are a professor in the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and a school counselor with one child. **Lila Lee Silva Harrington** caught the flu on the plane to Scottsdale, Ariz., in January, but it didn't ruin her two-week visit with Leslie. In July, Lila and Leslie "got their lobster fix" while visiting relatives in Vermont, New Hampshire, and

and Maine. Lila attended her family reunion at Chautauqua Lake near Buffalo. She visited Leslie in Arizona again in September. Lila's sons are doing well: Keith works at Fidelity Investments, Tim works at Corning Glass Works, and Todd is doing computer conversions at Horizon. Lila keeps in touch with **Maggie Hoskings Winne** and enjoys a monthly lunch with Joe Zanchelli '49 and Joyce '52. Lila celebrated her 90th birthday in February. **Marjory Lyons** is still writing memoirs, and does book reviews at the library and at her church. She continues to teach a Friday writing class that her students refer to as "Marjory's Friday Writers." Marjory co-wrote *Think You Can't Write? Think Again! A Foolproof Guide to Getting Your Book Written at Last!* with her student, author/lecturer Beverly Johns. **Rhoda Riber Mones** and Mel are planning to move to Virginia at the encouragement of their son, who currently lives there. They have enjoyed living comfortably in San Diego for 31 years. **Malcolm Slakter** and Nancy of Hawaii are dealing with age-related health issues. They keep in touch with their three children and five grandchildren through texting, email, phone calls, Facetime, and the occasional visit. Two of their children are retired; the youngest has two children in college, and a 16-year-old and a 13-year-old at home. **Harold "Sparky" Vaughn** spent five weeks in Firenze, Italy. Five of his eight children visited. Sparky's son Eric was unable to join his siblings due to work with Congress. Sparky continues to work on an anti-human-trafficking project; progress of the collaborative effort between the Rotary Club of Washington, D.C., and the Rotary Club of Bangkok has been affected by the death of the highly respected king, his successor son, and the role of the generals. **Audrey Hartman White** traveled to Orlando and met up with her brother from Olympia and her sister from New York City, as well as other family and friends. Two of Audrey's grandchildren live in Houston and, fortunately, escaped the flood. Sean is in the PA program at Baylor, performing rotations in Houston-area medical institutions. **Jeanne Bowen Walsh** passed away Aug. 8, 2017. **Basil Karpiak** died Sept. 29. Contact your class councilor for the mailing addresses of family members, should you wish to send your condolences.

*Class notes councilor: Harold "Sparky" Vaughn, vaughnha@aol.com*

## 1952

Members of the Class of 1952 gathered in September to celebrate our 65th-anniversary reunion. Many of us met up at the Albany Marriott Friday evening, September 15; several joined us for a college trivia quiz (won by **Mary Anne Lanni**) and the reunion luncheon the following day. A total of 16 class members attended the reunion (24 in all, including guests): **Joan Roeder Barron; John Bowker; Victoria Baldino Driver; Jeanne Seymour Earle; Helene Patien Gordon; Tom Holman; Jane Minckler Jennings; Anna Morrissey Karpiak; Joan Bennett Kelly; Mary Anne Fitzgerald Lanni; Marilyn Smith Mackey; David Manly; Evelyn Knapp Stewart; Virginia Maurer Tracey; Marilyn Johnson VanDyke; and Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli.** The highlight of the weekend was the luncheon. **Dave Manley** recited his *Prayer of Remembrance*, and attendees enjoyed a slideshow of memories from past reunions. **Mary Anne Lanni** recently had lunch with **Jean Greenshields Burns, Anne Sullivan Morgan, Ruth Dunn Reid** and **Kathy Ryan Ivimey**. Kathy recently returned to the Albany area. **Vickie Eade Eddy's** son, Brig. Gen. Christopher Eddy, is the author of *The Secrets of Leadership Found in Movie Quotes*, available on Amazon. In 2018, Vickie will become a great-grandmother for the first time. **Madeline Weitlauf Huchro** and her husband sold their Florida house in September 2016. While visiting their son in Charlotte, N.C., Madeline fell and had to go to rehab until June. They are now in Westport, N.Y., with their daughter, experiencing a northern New York State winter. Both of **Tom Holman's** residences were impacted by Hurricane Irma. His condo in Jupiter, Fla., had minor damage, but the small hotel in St. Maartens, where he spends the winter, was severely damaged and is still being repaired. Tom hoped to return to St. Maartens in the winter. **Jeanne Seymour Earle** is retiring from her job



## A Message from Lee Serravillo

Executive Director, UAlbany Alumni Association

## The Decision

When you chose to enroll as a student at the University at Albany, what – or who – influenced you? From location and nationally ranked schools and programs to its status as one of the top selective public colleges known for upward economic mobility, our University has a lot to offer those who are on the fence. Think back to your decision: Was it a scholarship offering, the groups or programs you could be a part of, or a UAlbany grad who helped influence you to commit to “purple and gold?”

This year, the Alumni Association is partnering with UAlbany Admissions to strengthen our alumni-volunteer network. We’re putting an emphasis on recruiting admissions ambassadors to represent UAlbany at accepted-student receptions and college fairs all over, because we know prospective students want to talk to someone who once stood in their shoes. From lifestyle to academics, our alumni admissions ambassadors share their positive UAlbany experiences in an effort to grow the Great Dane family.

In addition to taking part in meaningful volunteer opportunities, ambassadors strengthen their relationship with the University by giving back. To us, there’s no better story to be told than that of an alum who graduated and succeeded thanks to his/her experience at UAlbany, and there’s no easier way to give back than to help a future Great Dane feel confident in the decision he/she makes.

As we strive to boost enrollment in new colleges, programs and graduate studies, we invite you to join us in these efforts as an admissions ambassador. For more information on how you can make a difference for UAlbany and to obtain information that will help you in your ambassador role, visit [www.alumni.albany.edu/admissions](http://www.alumni.albany.edu/admissions).

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Members of the Class of 1952 celebrated their 65th-year reunion in September.

at the library. She hopes to reactivate her neighborhood association. **Nancy Frey Pettinelli** moved to Missouri to be close to one of her sons. She reports that things are “different” in Missouri, such as the disregard of driving laws and the cost of things being two or three times more than they were in the east. **Shirley Rosenbaum** plays violin in the Morgantown Community Orchestra. Her grandson performs in the Kentucky Youth Orchestra and recently won first place in a cello contest,

and her daughter teaches music to young children. Shirley’s son-in-law, a physics professor, plays the piano. **Kitty Kloser Irons** is having trouble with her eyes, which has limited one of her favorite hobbies, reading. She was hoping to receive a Kindle for Christmas. **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** and Joe ’49 are stubbornly remaining in their large house because they love hosting their growing family whenever possible. The Zanchellis welcomed their grandson Michael’s wife, Ashley, to the family at a beautiful wedding in

Washington, D.C., last May. The family now totals 19.

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

## 1953

The Class of 1953 Red Devils will celebrate our 65th-year reunion in October. 2018 during Homecoming Weekend! Please contact your class councilor if you’re interested in joining the reunion-planning committee.

**Irene Brezinsky McDonald** moved to a retirement community following Dan’s death. “It’s an adjustment for sure, but safe with many activities. The biggest adjustment, as many of you know, is the death of one’s spouse.”

**Doug Nielsen** and Gail moved to a two-bedroom apartment at The Hearth at Liverpool, a senior-housing facility in Liverpool, N.Y., to live closer to their granddaughter and her family. They

recently welcomed great-grandson Samuel Clancy. Another Nielsen granddaughter has been in China for the past year teaching English and taking courses in Chinese at Beijing University. She is the fourth generation of teachers in Doug’s family. **Peggy Smith Stafford** is living with her daughter Kathryn and son-in-law in Penn Yan, N.Y. She is being cared for by her daughter, and enjoys seeing the lovely birds in their backyard. The family has started the process of building a home in North Carolina. **Herb Their’s** daughter Holli was elected to the Tiburon, Calif., town council in November. His oldest granddaughter will graduate from Texas A&M in May, and his younger grandson will celebrate his bar mitzvah in August. Herb is working on two STEM-based modules that focus on energy in students’ lives and are for use in middle-school classrooms. *Understanding and Using Energy and Technology and Energy and Efficiency in Lighting and Life* will be published by Lab-Aid this year. Herb would be pleased to send further information about those topics to anyone interested. Contact your class councilor for Herb’s mailing and email address. **Joan DeVinny Bitely’s** two great-grandchildren recently moved to Japan with their mother and their father, who’s in the Navy. Joan went on a Baltic cruise last summer and visited St. Petersburg, where she “saw those beautiful decorated eggs!” She is still involved with several groups, including Friends of the Library and Elderstudy of UMW, and manages to fit some tennis in, as well. Joan sends “best wishes for good health to all my ol’ classmates.” Your councilor’s freshman-year roommate,

## VETERAN PLAQUES *Rededication*

Join us as we honor our alumni veterans at the rededication ceremony of the Civil War, World War I, and World War II memorial plaques recently installed in the garden area adjacent to Draper Hall.

**Wednesday, May 23, 2018  
10 a.m.**

An informal reception will follow. For more information, contact the UAlbany Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080 or email [alumniassociation@albany.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@albany.edu).



In Florida, Linda Hopkins McGrath ’53 stands in front of an uprooted tree left behind by Hurricane Irma.

# EXCELLENCE AWARDS

# Gala

APRIL 28, 2018



The University at Albany Alumni Association will bestow Excellence Awards on the following alumni and friends for their outstanding achievements and service. The awards will be presented at the 2018 Excellence Awards Gala April 28.

## 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

**Nancy Smyth, B.A. '81, M.S.W. '86, Ph.D. '91, Dean, School of Social Work, State University of New York at Buffalo**



## EXCELLENCE IN ALUMNI SERVICE

Recognizes sustained leadership and service to the Alumni Association and the University by alumni

**Richard R. Bleser, B.S. '04, Vice President, St. Germain Investment Management**

**Carole S. Harnoff, B.A. '74, Former Licensing Director, Time Inc.**



## CITIZEN OF THE UNIVERSITY

Recognizes a non-graduate's outstanding contributions of service, leadership or a special gift to the University

**Michael C. Hoffman, Owner, Turf Hotels**



## EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in for-profit business

**William J. Newman, B.S. '81, Wealth Management Advisor, Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company**

## 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

**Teak Ho Kim, M.B.A. '86, CEO, Sheldon International**



## 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

**James Acker, M.A. '81, Ph.D. '87, Distinguished Teaching Professor, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany**

**Christopher E. Fernando, B.A. '92, M.S. '97, Ph.D. '05, Supervisor in Higher Education, New York State Education Department**



## OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

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

**Jessica Nicklin, B.A. '04, Ph.D. '09, Associate Professor, Psychology/ Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Hartford**



## EXCELLENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

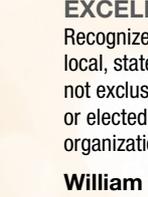
Recognizes the accomplishments of an individual who has demonstrated the spirit, leadership and drive of an entrepreneur

**Rob Bernshteyn, B.S. '95, CEO, Coupa Software**

## BERTHA E. BRIMMER MEDAL

Celebrates alumni for excellence in teaching K-12 and for dedication to their profession

**Kimberly Anderson, M.S. '84, M.S. '00, Ph.D. '09, Assistant Professor, Department of Literacy Studies, English Education & History Education, College of Education, East Carolina University**



## 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

**William Mack, B.A. '00, Shareholder at Greenberg Traurig, LLP**



# Alumni News & Notes

**Linda Hopkins McGrath**, spent two weeks in California with her son Tom for Thanksgiving. Family members from Rochester and Brooklyn joined them. Linda, along with several other classmates, was in Florida during Hurricane Irma. "Hurricane Irma came through Naples with a vengeance, with winds up to 164 mph. It was quite an experience." She noted the strengthening winds and first signs of damage, the eerie stillness in the eye of the storm, and the devastation to come. Linda's home had minor damage; large trees were uprooted at the golf course nearby. She says people are still struggling to recover and rebuild following the storm.

**Caroline Gazulis Johnson** has a son and twin daughters. She lives in the Tampa area, across the street from a male friend she met last year. Caroline says, "I have traveled the world and my bucket is empty, so I play bridge, poker, and blackjack." She would love to reconnect with classmates who happen to be in the Tampa area. **Millie Foote Frandino Sheerin** and Jim of Cape Cod would love to attend a 65th-year reunion while they're still able to see and drive. Seven of their family members live in the Albany area, so it's easy for them to visit. Millie is a docent for her town's historical-society site. She reports that one grandson will graduate from Clemson, another from Ramapo. Two other grandsons are sophomores at UConn. A fourth great-grandchild is due in June. There are 34 members in Millie's immediate family, and they are all doing well. Millie recovered from a fall down the cellar stairs and is back to walking 2.5 miles each day. She and Jim go to trivia nights and are happy to report that their "brains are still working somewhat" following

recent first-, second-, and third-place finishes. Millie keeps in touch with **Ruth Dunn Benishin Reed**, and hopes that Ruth and her daughter will be able to visit when Millie and Jim travel to Florida in April. **Joan Allen Balfe** and husband Art introduced Millie and Jim to the area. **Rev. Dr. Donald M. Stine** passed away Sept. 5, 2017; his obituary can be found on the Class of '53 Facebook page. **Rosie Keller Hughes** of Fairport, N.Y., joined the historical society and enjoys its programs. Last year, she visited friends snowbirding in Florida, and spent time with nieces and nephews in Vermont. She may not be going on as many Road Scholar trips. "It's not easy to travel alone after so many years as a member of a twosome," she says. Rosie is looking forward to attending her granddaughter's wedding in Brooklyn in 2018. Classmates are encouraged to send news and updates about yourselves, or fellow Red Devils, to your class councilor. Visit the Class of '53 Facebook page to stay in contact and receive the latest reunion news at [www.facebook.com/groups/688873657809259](http://www.facebook.com/groups/688873657809259). Come on, Red Devils! Let's make this a reunion that will be remembered!

*Class notes councilor:*  
*Rose Mary Keller Hughes,*  
*rhughes5@rochester.rr.com*

## 1955

Your class councilor is pleased to pass along news from classmates. **Art Lennig** is doing well, taking care of day-to-day matters while wrestling with the ogre of creativity. In August, **Nancy Bush** and **Nancy Fleming** traveled to South Carolina to view the solar eclipse from the path of



The University was well represented at the American Cancer Society's 2017 Coaches vs. Cancer Basket Ball.

totality. Nan was named head of her church's education and spirituality component, making her the leader of 11 committees as part of a major church reorganization. **Bob Ashfield** recently gave up his home in Houston for a support facility in College Station. In July, **Charline Clymer Stettler** and Professor F.W.O. Stettler left wintry New Zealand to visit family in the Adirondacks and celebrate the birth of Charline's third great-grandchild. In September, **Dee Montalbano** moved from her longtime home in Boulder to a new townhouse community in Eugene, Ore., to be near her daughter. "I am loving my new digs," she says. Dee is still passionate about mature women's issues and regularly conducts writing workshops solely for women. She intends to return to her own writing soon.

*Class notes councilor: John Orser,*  
*xiety3jo@hotmail.com*

## 1957

Class members who were able to gather in Albany for our 60th-year reunion had a wonderful time catching

up with each other and reminiscing. We missed our dear classmate **Ben Lindeman**, who was closely involved with planning our activities and passed away shortly before the reunion. Attendees enjoyed the welcome reception at the University Art Museum; the cocktail hour at the reunion hotel; and a luncheon at Treviso, an Italian-American restaurant. **Joyce Schueler Thomas** lives in downtown San Mateo, Calif., on the San Francisco Peninsula near Stanford University and Silicon Valley. "One son lives in the East Bay; my daughter lives and works in Washington, D.C.; and my youngest, the father of two lovely grandchildren ages 4 and 1 1/2, lives in Santa Cruz." Joyce previously lived in Berkeley, Marin, and Vancouver before returning to the Bay Area 40 years ago. She returned to work as a substitute teacher in 1984, then worked at a news office at Stanford before she began freelancing as a copy editor. She has several clients from Stanford and UC-Berkeley, and has edited books on Asian economies and national oil companies, and one historical novel. Joyce has gone on

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Potter Club Gathering  
(100th Death Anniversary  
of E.E. Potter)

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UAlbany Day at the Races

SEPT

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NYC GOLD  
Schmooze

OCT

5-7

EOP 50th  
Anniversary Reunion

19-21

Homecoming

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several Princess cruises. She enjoys reading and manages to fit in some dancing and swimming. She has been back to New York State only twice – to Albany in 1997, and to New York City in 2003. **June Frankland Baker** sent good wishes from Richland, Wash. **Jane Slezak** is running the family business in Amsterdam, N.Y., and serves as a volunteer instructor for the Literacy Zone. She retired after teaching chemistry for 25 years at Fulton-Montgomery Community College. **John Rookwood** lives in Charlestown, R.I. **Bob Reuss** and Pat moved to Venice, Fla. **Helen Konefal Bartlett** of Walden, N.Y., retired from teaching. She has done volunteer income taxes for the elderly for 14 years. Helen visits her son in Alaska frequently. **Betty Sigety Leidigh** lives in Lake Mary, Fla., and is a bookkeeper for her son's business. **Marcia Levine Weinberg** lives in the Albany area and enjoys visiting her grandchildren in Chicago and the Boston area. **Sandra Lagai King** and her husband have traveled extensively. She spends time in Florida while maintaining her home in Wanaksink Lake, N.Y. After retirement and many years of volunteer activities, **Joan VanDusen Johnson** continues to play bridge the way she learned in college. **Barbara Eilers Traxel** stays busy with senior-citizen activities, gardening, reading, and attending concerts. **John Benton** of Minnesota says, "Life is good." **Mary Furner** of Santa Barbara, Calif., retired from UCSB's history department. **Howard Bagley** remembers when it snowed 6 inches the night of the Bunny Hop in April 1957, and the gang at O'Heaney's. **Carol Kinghorn** has had a busy professional life and enjoys painting portraits of colleagues and family. **Nancy Schneider Sochia** lives in Canton, N.Y. Your class counselor, **Sheila Lister Bamberger**, would like to thank all who attended the reunion.

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Sheila Lister Bamberger,  
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## 1960

**John Johnston** is doing well. He is best known for his home-built classroom-demonstration apparatus, which he began exhibiting to teachers across the country in 1973. John remains active as a demonstrator in the Northeast. His work can be found on the Union College website.

## 1961

"Thank you" to all who responded with your updated contact information! We're working with the Alumni Association to find missing contact info for classmates. If you are in touch with any fellow Red Devils, please send their information, including name, email address, phone number, and/or mailing address, to your class counselor at [melandsis@yahoo.com](mailto:melandsis@yahoo.com). **Dave Pause** has been married for 53 years and has two children and five grandchildren, three of them in college. A fourth will start next year. Doug is on the road to recovery after suffering major complications following a heart operation. He retired from the Schenectady school district in 1994. He enjoyed his last endeavor, driving vehicles up and down the East Coast for Enterprise. **Nancy Wirtz** recently moved from one side of Paradise, Calif., to the other and is now within walking distance of her daughter's home. She is enjoying



Alumni, family, and friends in the D.C. Metro area enjoyed purple-and-gold cake pops at Baked by Yael before taking a stroll through the Smithsonian's National Zoolights in December.

retirement. Nancy volunteers at the local Salvation Army office and enjoys being in the American Association of University Women, especially the book group. She has seven grandchildren who live in Maui and San Jose. **June Perry Davin** of Jupiter, Fla., remembers bailing out of upstate New York in 1981 with little money and no job, but she has never looked back.

June taught English at three schools in Palm Beach County and retired in 2006. She has been working part time at the Jupiter Lighthouse. June recently traveled to Italy and Croatia. She visits NYC a few times each year. For four years, she has led a book club centering on Florida history. She says hello to her Chi Sigma Theta sorority sisters. **Don Cohen** stayed in Del Ray






# SAVE THE DATE

## OCT. 19-21, 2018

Welcome Reception • President's Breakfast  
Legacy Reception • Great Dane Game Day  
UAlbany Football • Reunions

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Beach, Fla., throughout the holidays and winter months. He now has a pacemaker, but says it's working fine and his heartbeats "are exactly regular – one per second." **Margie Kropac**

**Paul** of Los Angeles visited **Barbara Smith Passino** in Savannah, Ga., and enjoyed a side trip to Charleston. They enjoyed great weather and collected some unique jewelry in their

travels. **Gail Kasparian D'Onofrio** has vacationed with Gamma Kappa sisters **Marcia Marion Bailey, Judy Kiehle, Rosie Kverek, and Joanne Simons LaFay** at Lake George; Sedona, Ariz.; and Long Island. They've been friends for 60 years! Gail's husband, Tony, passed away in 2011. They traveled to Egypt, Turkey, South America, Europe, China and throughout the USA; Gail continues to travel with her sister. Last year, they cruised to New Zealand and Australia. After playing the organ at St. Sarkis Armenian Apostolic Church for 53 years and retiring, Gail was honored with an award from the archbishop.

**Fran Pavliga Zwickbauer** and **Franz** of Naples, Fla., stay busy in retirement with 11 grandchildren. They enjoy visiting their grandchildren, who attend the University of Virginia, Richmond, Keuka, William and Mary, and soon, Elon. Fran and Franz play golf, travel, and enjoy time with friends. They recently visited Japan, Korea, and China, and were surprised by the beauty there, as well as by the cordiality of the people. Fran spends the summer at Friends Lake in the Adirondacks and holidays with family.

**Mel Horowitz** is doing well despite his continued struggle with a rare lymphoma. It hasn't stopped him from volunteering for several organizations, including Rotary and the U.S.-China Peoples Friendship Association, and enjoying vacations in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Las Vegas, and Florida with his wife, Sissy. His is proud of all four of his granddaughters; the oldest attends Savannah College of Art and Design.

**Ruby "Candy" Campbell Cook** of Sarasota, Fla., hopes everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah, and wishes all a healthy 2018. We regret to share sad news about our classmates: **Gale Neller Harris** passed away in May, and **Constance Dorland Herodes** passed away in October. Connie's husband, Dick '59, shared her obituary: "She was grateful during her final days to be able to say an individual goodbye to all her grandchildren, sons, daughters-in-law and husband and to be able to share personal recollections of a life well lived." Author **Diane Woodward Sawyer** won first-place gold

medals for "Best Mystery" and "Best Suspense/Thriller" at the 2017 Florida Authors and Publishers Association President's Book Awards for her latest novel, *The Tell-Tale Treasure*. The cold-case missing-person story is set in St. Petersburg. Diane was invited to be a guest panelist at the Venice Book Fair and Writers Festival in March. Her next book, *Trouble in Tikal*, is set in Guatemala and will be released by Southern Yellow Pine Publishing in April.

*Class notes counselor: Mel Horowitz, melandsis@yahoo.com*

## 1963

After graduating with a master's degree, **Gerald Griffin** taught high school in Fabius, N.Y. He later taught classes at CIA's Kent School and CIA University, and retired in 1999.

## 1964

Fiftieth-reunion committee members **Columba DeFrancesco Heinzelman** and **Bob Fairbanks** are doing well. Your co-councilors connected via telephone over the holidays, and look forward planning our 55th-year reunion, which will be held in 2019. As always, we welcome your news and updates.

*Class notes councilors: Alan Minarcik, amcmouse@hotmail.com, Bill Robelee, wmmrobelee31@gmail.com*

## 1965

**Jim Hattois** and Sue checked an item off their bucket list when they visited Cuba last spring. **Judy Koblintz Madnick** and Stu enjoyed a cruise to the Panama Canal in late November. They were happy to return to Albany to attend UAlbany men's and women's basketball games. The Madnicks are longtime UAlbany basketball fans and season-ticket holders. Once retired from ordained ministry, **Carole "Kate" Harvey Jacobs** moved to Tennessee, where she continued preaching, teaching, leading a book group, chairing community committees on long-range planning and communications and marketing for seven years. Kate now lives in the D.C.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

– Mahatma Gandhi



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## 1967

### Dear 1967 Classmates:

The Class of 1967 “Green Gremlins” celebrated their 50th-anniversary reunion during Homecoming, Oct. 20-22, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of our graduation from UAlbany. Some 40 Green Gremlins and their guests returned to UAlbany for the once-in-a-lifetime 50th-year reunion weekend. UAlbany truly rolled out the green carpet to warmly welcome us back home to campus. The entire University campus was in full throttle with a kaleidoscope of activities for Homecoming Weekend. So we had a marvelous opportunity to enjoy a great taste of University life today. Our 50th-year reunion weekend would not have happened without the talented and ever-faithful planning committee. I wish to recognize and formally express profound appreciation to the 50th-Year Reunion Planning Committee – **Stephanie DeSimone Bollam, Ann Holcomb Fairbank and Carol Marohn Zahurak** – for their extraordinarily central role in skillfully and splendidly organizing an action-packed three days of 50th-year reunion activities filled with lively discussion, great laughter, and wonderful memories. Additionally, I am tremendously grateful to the numerous classmates who graciously joined in many aspects of the reunion planning, from simply a telephone call with an idea, to providing up-to-date information on classmates, and, most of all, to contacting and urging classmates to come back to the University for our 50th.

Highlights of the occasion were:

#### Friday, Oct. 20, 2017

- Welcome Reception at the University Art Museum, followed by a Class of 1967 Meet and Greet

#### Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017

- President’s Breakfast and Class of 1967 Induction into the Half-Century Club, during which we had the unique opportunity to hear and meet the new University President. Dr. Havidán Rodríguez gave an open and warm speech. He paid a lovely, warm tribute to our beloved 1967 Class, with special praise to our dear classmate **Ruth Silverman Bald** for her dedication and loyalty in traveling from Paris, France to join in our 50th.
- Sorority and Fraternity Coffee Hour
- Great Dane Pre-Game Event with special reserved tables for our ‘67 classmates to enjoy a lunch buffet with other Great Danes fans
- Football Game: UAlbany Great Danes vs. Maine Black Bears.
- Class of 1967 Cocktail Reception on Downtown Campus in the elegant “Hawley Library” with its 23 Van Ingen murals and famed glass-stained windows. We were treated to brief but succinctly retrospective remarks by Catherine Dwyer, Director of Dewey Library, about “Hawley Library” and the part it now plays in University life.
- Class of 1967 Reunion Dinner, held in the splendid setting of what was once the Milne School Library on the Downtown Campus. We thoroughly enjoyed a sumptuous dinner surrounded by the breathtaking Lithgow murals and Thorvaldsen friezes.

#### Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017

- Class of 1967 “Until We Meet Again” Breakfast

For those of us who were blessed to attend the 50th-Year Reunion Dinner, we were happily entertained by a specially composed and choreographed musical reflection by Stephanie DeSimone Bollam, titled “Western Avenue.” Her original musical composition was sung to the Beatles’ tune “Penny Lane.” Stephanie’s brilliant musical reflection was, quite simply, an extraordinarily wonderful and lively look back on memorable traditions and places from our shared, stirring undergraduate days. Stephanie and her cast of ‘67 performers surely WOWED us with their great musicianship and their great Class of ‘67 spirit. Stephanie is surely an expert on all things terpsichorean.

I wish to offer a tremendous thank you to our ‘67 classmates for joining our 50th-Year Reunion as we reconnected and thoroughly enjoyed the company of old friends and acquaintances, met some classmates we did not know before, and re-discovered the matchless experience of our beloved *Alma Mater*. This letter is to share some of the highlights of our richly memorable and greatly fun-filled three days of our 50th-Year Reunion with the hope that you will stay connected and plan now to attend our 55th-Year Reunion. I welcome your comments and thoughts for our next ‘67 Class Reunion in 2022. Let us continue “living the spirit of the ‘60s in our seventies” as we gloriously did this past Oct ... I am waiting to hear from you!

*Gratefully and many blessings always,  
Canon Kay Carol Hotaling, FHC  
Class Counselor  
Aspenpaepke@msn.com*

area, where a number of her children and grandchildren live. She says every day is an amazing opportunity to connect with family and attend events on contemporary world occurrences. Kate would like to visit with classmates who visit or live in the D.C. area, and she is happy to provide information on transitioning to the area. She invites classmates to connect with her on Facebook.

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

## 1966

**C.W. Sullivan III**, retired from East Carolina University since 2011, fills some of his time as a guest lecturer on various Scandinavian topics aboard Viking Ocean cruise ships sailing the Baltic Sea or the North Atlantic Ocean.



**C.W. Sullivan III '66 poses at the stern rail of The Viking Star near Stockholm, Sweden.**

## 1968

Fifty years ago, we left the University at Albany (known then as “SUNYA”) to follow our dreams. Many of us thought we knew what our futures would be; some of us were still deciding. Today, we have experienced many ups and downs and have seen our dreams come true, or seen them replaced by other, sometimes unlikely, results. Regardless, I know every one of you looks back to our college years as a wonderful time in our lives. I still remember my first year living at Alden Hall and taking classes in different buildings down on Western Avenue and Washington Avenue. Moving into a space the size of a hotel room with two other girls was a very scary moment for me. The Class of ‘68 was the first to live and take courses on the “old” campus, and attended class on the “new” uptown campus. Dutch and Colonial Quads were our homes. I still remember many of the places we frequented, including “the WT”, Yezsis, Casolaros, and Cosimos. We



**A true Homecoming: The Class of 1967 “Guardians of the Minerva” gathered for a reunion photo at the Dewey Library on the downtown campus.**

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Sharon Kantor '73 showed her UAlbany pride on the highest point in Spain this past fall — Mount Teide, on Tenerife in the Canary Islands.

had all-girl and all-boy dormitories and curfews. We all became closer friends because of those rules! Now our lives are different, but we have the chance to reconnect at our *alma mater* Oct. 19-21, 2018, to celebrate our 50th-year reunion! Your class councilors and UAlbany Alumni Association staff will plan events for the weekend. We would love for you to get involved! Volunteer by reaching out to your friends and fellow classmates from '68 by phone, email, or in person to help spread the word. Share current photos, as well as any taken during your college years. Maybe we can feel the same as we felt back when we

started at UAlbany in 1964! Update your contact information so you can receive reunion information.

*Class notes councilors: Linda Stehr Bopp '68, lindasvacations@gmail.com*

## 1970

**Robert Iseman**, attorney at Rivkin Radler LLP in Uniondale, N.Y., was listed as a 2018 Best Lawyer in the areas of commercial litigation, antitrust litigation, regulatory enforcement litigation and healthcare law.



Robert Iseman '70

## 1971

**Donna Simonetti** recently began serving a four-year term on the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB), and is currently on the finance committee board of non-profit writing center The Telling Room. She formerly served as executive director at JP Morgan.

## 1973

**Charlotte Biblow**, an environmental attorney at Farrell Fritz, was named a 2017 New York Metro Super Lawyer. **Donald Sapienza** passed away in August following a battle with cancer.

## UAlbany's Benevolent Association Lives Up to Its Name

Founded in the 1920s, the University at Albany Benevolent Association initially supported dormitory construction at the New York State College for Teachers. Its first projects, Pierce Hall and Sayles Hall, opened on what is now the downtown campus in 1935 and 1941, respectively. "Alumni themselves raised the funds for the dormitories," noted Benevolent Association board member Canon Kay Hotaling, B.S.'67, M.S.'70. "As students, many had lived in private homes, or commuted. When they graduated, they gave back to the college."

The association sold the dorms to New York State in the 1960s and refocused its mission from providing housing for University at Albany students to supporting them through scholarships. Explained Benevolent Association President Kristina Moran Muller, B.S.'92, M.A.'99: "Several of the scholarships are designated to certain academic programs based on provisions of a will, but a majority of the recipients are selected by the University's Office of Financial Aid. Individual departments select recipients; the Benevolent Association does not get involved in the selection process."

The association provides \$100,000 annually to support students. Each award varies from \$250 to \$500, "but the decision [regarding the amount] lies with the department," said Muller.

The Benevolent Association, added Muller, is "a quiet organization that really just serves one purpose: to oversee the funds and ensure they are managed properly.

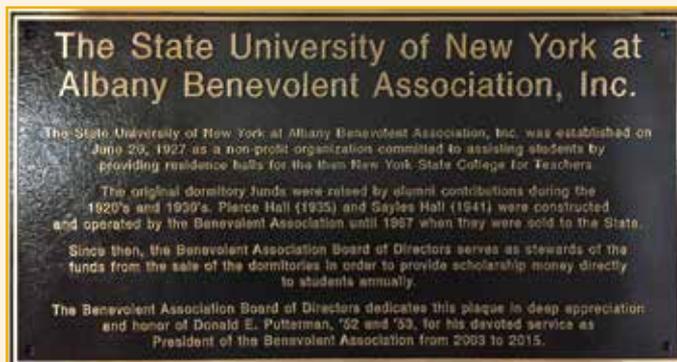
We are very proud of our long history with the University."

Like Muller, Hotaling, now in her 70s, honors the association's past while looking to its future: She hopes that younger alumni will step forward to serve on the nine-member board.

The Benevolent Association meets a few times a year, and while she has found that that amount of time represents

"a minimal effort," Hotaling said that prospective board members should be dedicated to the Benevolent Association's mission.

Any candidate wishing to serve on the Benevolent Association Board of Directors must be approved by board members and by the Alumni Association board. Please email [alumniassociation@albany.edu](mailto:alumniassociation@albany.edu) for more information about the Benevolent Association.



In May 2017, the Benevolent Association dedicated a plaque on the downtown campus. The plaque memorializes Donald Putterman, B.A.'52, M.A.'53, who served as president of the association from 2003 until 2015, and provides a brief history of the organization.

He was diagnosed in April 2016 and underwent 16 months of chemotherapy and two clinical trials at Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo. After graduating from UAlbany, Donald earned a master's in public administration from Penn State. His close-knit group of friends from UAlbany included Jim Keenan '72 and Christine Godden Keenan '72; Larry Pohl, David Hoover '72 and Barbara Hoover '71; and GDΧ fraternity brothers.

**Stephen H. Goldstein** recently wrote an article about the UAlbany Semester in Washington for the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy. The article focuses on the Fall 2017 interns. After 11 years as a copy editor and content manager for Transport Topics, the publishing division of American Trucking Associations in Arlington, Va., Stephen returned to Golden Quill Editorial Services, a freelance-writing and -editing business first registered in 1993 in Pennsylvania.

## 1974

Recently retired, **Tom Moyer** and his wife relocated from Alaska to Ashland, Ore., to be closer to family. Tom is remodeling their new home and is considering a part-time adjunct-professor position at Southern Oregon University when he finishes his renovation project.

## 1975

**Carolyn Shearer**, an attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King, was highlighted in The Best Lawyers in America 2018.

## 1976

**Steven Surowitz** was elected Northeast Regional vice president and board member of the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI. **Mark Weyman** joined Norris McLaughlin & Marcus litigation practice group in New York City. He is a frequent speaker on commercial-litigation and legal-ethics topics.

## 1977

**Samuel Moskowitz** of Boston-based Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, P.C., was re-elected vice president of the Greater Boston Legal Services (GBLS) Board of Directors.



Samuel Moskowitz '77

## 1978

Class Councillor **Nancy Benz** would like to thank all classmates who submitted class notes. Many seem interested in having a 40th-year reunion during UAlbany



UAlbany administrative staff traveled to Asia and hosted alumni receptions in Seoul and Taipei.



# Meet Katarina.

Katarina Manzi knows what she wants to do with her life. "I'm going to medical school to be a neurosurgeon," she declares without hesitation. Being able to attend UAlbany with the encouragement of *The Chi Sigma Theta Scholarship* has put her on the path to achieving that dream.

Katarina has taken full advantage of what the University has to offer. In addition to her intense focus on her academic studies, Katarina has found opportunities to serve her community, through the Presidential Honors Society, which has a strong service focus on campus, and The POET community service program that helps freshman students acclimate to the University.

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## EOP 50th Reunion

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Celebrating 50 Years  
of Student Success

SAVE THE DATE  
**Oct. 5-7, 2018**  
(Columbus Day Weekend)

Proud to be EOP

Join us to commemorate the 50th-anniversary of the UAlbany Educational Opportunity Program. Connect with EOP alumni, staff, and current students throughout the weekend celebration.



Homecoming Weekend Oct. 19-21. If you'd like to contribute ideas or help plan reunion events, please contact Nancy. It was decided by many classmates that remaining class funds go to the UAlbany Fund. **Larry Bartimer** has been a partner with Portfolio Strategy Group, a registered investment advisor firm, since 2006. His 24-year-old fraternal twin sons work at JPM and Slalom Consulting, and fraternal twin daughters attend college at Brown University and Colgate. Larry is involved with business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi and organizes alumni gatherings in Manhattan twice a year. **Nancy Benz** has worked in non-profit management for more than 25 years and has experience in fundraising, board and volunteer development, public relations, and marketing. She started her own fundraising business focusing on small to mid-sized non-profit organizations that have limited development staff. Nancy has three sons and is involved in her community. **Barbara Bakal Borys** and Michael Borys celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary. Their son Gregory, 27, lives and works in NYC as an investment banker. Their daughter Alexandra, 32, is an art therapist currently living in Colorado with her husband and two children, ages 1 and 3. After 21 years of active duty, **Joseph Bulger III** retired from the U.S. Navy as a commander, then transitioned to the defense industry. Ten years later, he started a company that evaluates satellite communications terminals and data-link testing. Joseph's son began working for the company after completing a tour in the U.S. Air Force as a ground RADAR

systems technician. Joseph's daughter is a senior at San Francisco State University. **Susan Marek Kasso** manages residential properties in NYC. **Peter Matineau** of Albany walks the University's Purple Path regularly. He worked for the New York State Senate Finance Committee from 1978-90. **Robin Nissan** of Washington, D.C., works for the Department of Defense, managing environmental chemistry projects. Her 3-year-old granddaughter and 6-month-old grandson live in Norfolk, Va. Robin's eldest son is on the U.S. Navy ship Comfort in Puerto Rico. Her middle son works in student affairs at the University of California in Santa Cruz. Her daughter is working for a 3D printer start-up company in Cambridge, Mass. **Marcus Peterzell** is hoping to reconnect with old friends at the reunion. **Jeffrey Segal** completed his 12th year as chair of the political-science department at Stony Brook University. He is a visiting professor of American Politics at Harvard for the 2017-2018 academic year. **Adrienne Ross Scanlan** left upstate New York for the Pacific Northwest many years ago. Her recent book *Turning Homeward – Restoring Hope and Nature in the Urban Wild* is a Washington State Book Award 2017 finalist. Contact her via email at [adrienne@adrienne-ross-scanlan.com](mailto:adrienne@adrienne-ross-scanlan.com). **Bob Stern** has worked for the New York State Assembly as a policy analyst for more than 30 years. He has four grandchildren. Last year, he and several classmates gathered for a mini-reunion in NYC. **Jane Straitiff Webster** and husband Thomas '78 reside in the D.C. area. Jane is vice president of Medicare Advantage



On Feb. 3, alumni and friends of Scott M. McGovern '87 visited campus to enjoy the Big Purple Growl and Ferocious Feast and meet two of this year's *McGovern Memorial Scholarship* recipients, Jessica Ogunjemilusi '19 and Anushka Luthra '21. The *Scott McGovern '87 Memorial Scholarship* provides financial support for students from Staten Island and was established by friends and family to recognize Scott's tragic loss on 9/11. At the Feast, Doug Ketterer '87, Jim Neiland '87 and Michael Hofstetter '87 presented President Rodríguez with a \$50,000 gift, making the *McGovern Scholarship* the UAlbany Foundation's first million-dollar endowed scholarship.

Plan at Erickson Living. She and Tom are enjoying new grandkids. They traveled to Ireland this past summer and toured the beautiful countryside. **Lucien Lombardo** addressed the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva, Switzerland, in May.

*Class notes counselor: Nancy Benz, SUNYAcouncilor78@yahoo.com*

## 1979

**Paul Feldman**, attorney at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine in Boston, was recognized as a 2018 Best Lawyer in the areas of real-estate law and litigation. **Terry McGovern** was appointed chair of Heilbrunn Department of Population and Family Health, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. **Daniel Clark** and wife Dolores Murray Clark '77 celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary in September.

Medical Society; Union County, Morris County, and Sussex County medical societies; New Jersey State Chapter of the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery; New Jersey Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery; New Jersey Society of Thoracic Surgeons; and Infectious Diseases Society of New Jersey.

## 1985

**Patricia Salkin** celebrated tenure



Patricia Salkin '85

as the first female dean of Touro Law Center. She and husband Howard started the Dean Steven Huberman Leadership Award for Student Scholarships fund. Patty received the Touro National Outstanding Social Work Leadership Award in recognition of her years as a foremost legal scholar and social-change advocate.

**Martin Sanchez** is the director of human resources and general services at Interco America.

**Benjamin Spater** was named a



Benjamin Spater '85

Northern California Super Lawyer and was recognized in *Best Lawyers in America*. He is director at Trucker Huss, APC.

## 1986

**Howard Miller** was included in the Best Lawyers in America 2018 and 2017 New York Metro Super Lawyers lists. He is an attorney at the Garden City office of Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC. **Sal Perednia** joined Wells Fargo as an operational risk manager for the Enterprise IT organization. **Deirdre Sanders**, principal at Hamilton Brook Smith Reynolds PC, is now



Deirdre Sanders '86



Michael Rosenblut '90, Stephen Schumann '05, and Justin Walter '09 work together to bring innovation in health-care delivery and coverage to the New York Metro area, and have been influential in the continued evolution and success of non-profit health-care center Parker Jewish Institute and managed care plan AgeWell New York.

## 1980

**Paul DeCotis** was named one of New York's 100 most outstanding corporate citizens by media company City & State NY.

## 1982

**Fred Bubbers** is pursuing a master's degree in fiction at Vermont College of Fine Arts. He teaches *English Language Arts and American History* at Maryland International School, Elkridge, Md.

## 1984

**Richard Joslin** was recognized as a 2018 Best Lawyer. He is an attorney at Collins Einhorn Farrell P.C., Southfield, Mo.

**David Adelson**, attorney at Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, P.A.'s healthcare practice group, became counsel to the American Academy of Pediatrics Chapter No. 1



David Adelson '84

N.Y.; the medical societies of the counties of Oneida, Herkimer, Madison, Chenango, Oswego, Cayuga, and St. Lawrence; and the Onondaga County Medical Society. In addition, he became counselor to the following in New Jersey: Monmouth-Ocean





### OCT. 19, 20, 21

Spread the word, save the date and celebrate milestone reunions for the

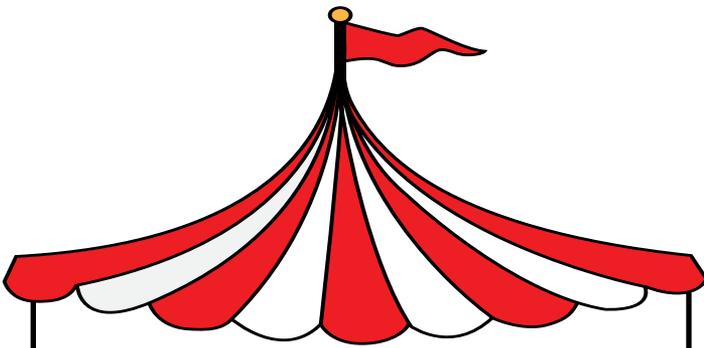
## Classes of 1968, 1963, 1958, 1953 and 1948.

Meet up, reconnect and reminisce with your college friends while enjoying the weekend's activities including Welcome Reception, Sorority & Fraternity Coffee Hour, President's Breakfast, Great Dane Game Day tailgate and UAlbany football, campus tours, and more.

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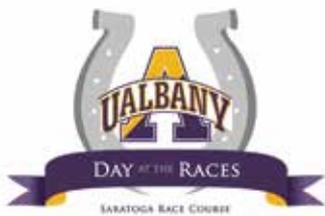


## SARATOGA RACE TRACK PARTY TENT

**Thursday, Aug. 2**  
**Noon-4 p.m.**

The summer tradition continues!  
Join UAlbany alumni, family, and friends  
for an afternoon of thoroughbred racing,  
food, fun games and great prizes.

**Registration opens in June.**  
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Mark  
Reinfeld '89



William  
Malpica '90



Jordan  
Trager '91



Cressida  
Dixon '92



John  
Bagyi '93

the president-elect of the Boston  
Patent Law Association.

### 1987

**Bill McCue** was named vice  
president of digital public-relations  
agency Indicate Media and will work  
from the agency's NYC headquarters.

### 1989

Multi-award-winning chef and author  
**Mark Reinfeld** was inducted into  
the Vegetarian Hall of Fame. **Kevin  
Jones** is director of Civil Service  
Enforcement & Research at the  
Public Employees Federation (PEF).  
He is on leave from his position at the  
New York State Department of Labor  
Counsel's Office and expects to retire  
from state service in 2019.

### 1990

OnlineCounselingPrograms.com  
selected **Carol Miller's** blog, The  
Middle School Counselor, as a Top  
Counseling Blog for 2017 based on  
its diversity, creativity and credibility

among readers. Carol has served  
as a school counselor for 20 years.  
**William "Will" Malpica** joined  
Martin LLP's corporate practice group  
in Stamford, Conn.

### 1991

In 2011, **Jordan Trager** joined  
Wisselman & Associates in  
Manhasset, N.Y. He has more than  
20 years of experience in matrimonial  
and family law.

### 1992

**Cressida Dixon** was highlighted  
in The Best Lawyers in America  
2018. She is the deputy managing  
member of Bond, Schoeneck &  
King's Rochester location. **Linda  
Smith Widomski** is the executive  
director of the New York Council of  
Administrators of Special Education.

### 1993

For the ninth consecutive year, Bond,  
Schoeneck & King attorney **John  
Bagyi** was included in the Upstate



Alyssa Lotmore '07, '08, '16 (cross country/track & field); Geir  
Gudmundsen '05 (football); and Jamar Wilson '06 (basketball),  
2017 UAlbany Athletics Hall of Fame inductees, stop for a selfie  
on Bob Ford Field during the Homecoming football game.

## WEDDINGS



James Modzelewski '95



Dan Burnside '01



Marisa Sotomayor '03



Curtis Johnson '04



Charles Dunham '04



Gino Santorio '05



Michael Cesternino '06

New York Super Lawyers list. John has been listed in The Best Lawyers in America for labor and employment law since 2007, when he was the youngest attorney in New York State to be recognized. **Joseph Grogan** is director of health programs at the White House Office of Management and Budget. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his wife and four children.

### 1995

**James Modzelewski**, partner at Rawle & Henderson LLP in Long Island, was named a 2017 New York Super Lawyer. He defends healthcare professionals in malpractice and general liability matters.

### 1996

**Jason Samuels** of Farrell Fritz in Uniondale, N.Y., was named a 2017 New York Metro Super Lawyer.

### 1998

**Cristine Clayton** is the executive director of the Community Foundation of Endless Mountains in Montrose, Pa.

### 2001

**Dan Burnside** was appointed publisher of *Hudson Valley Magazine*.

### 2003

**Marisa Sotomayor** was elected to the partnership at international law firm Paul Hastings LLP. She is a resident in the firm's New York office and chairs the Paul Hastings Women's Initiative. Marisa is a member of the UAlbany Alumni Association Board of Directors. **Benjamin Young** was appointed Chief of Staff to New York State Sen. David Carlucci. Benjamin is an adjunct professor at Monroe College in Bronx, N.Y. **Cherie Plante's** corporation, River Career Counseling, Inc., celebrated five years in business in September. Cherie provides career and vocational-rehabilitation services, as well as expert testimony on vocational-employment issues, including insurances and family/matrimony. She lives in Troy.

### 2004

**Curtis Johnson** was named a 2017

Upstate New York Super Lawyer Rising Star. He is an attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King, Rochester, N.Y. **Vik Purewal** was recently named partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, New York, N.Y. **Charles Dunham** was promoted to member of healthcare law firm Epstein Becker & Green.

### 2005

**Gino Santorio**, F.A.C.H.E., M.P.A., was promoted to chief operating officer of Broward Health in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale area. He has served Florida in healthcare management positions since 2008. Prior to joining Broward Health, he served as senior vice president and CEO of Jackson North Medical Center. **Stacy Bandhold** passed the State of California bar exam. UAlbany football alum **Geir Gudmundsen**, head strength and conditioning coach at TEST Football Academy in New Jersey, was featured in the March 2017 issue of *Sports Illustrated* for his work with professional and college football players preparing for the NFL Combine. Geir was inducted into the UAlbany Athletics Hall of Fame in October.

### 2006

**Michael Cesternino** is partner at Teal, Becker & Chiamonte in Albany. He has been with the firm since 2006.

### 2007

Teal Becker & Chiamonte senior accountant **Nathan Pannucci** was promoted to supervisor. Nathan joined the firm in 2010.



Nathan Pannucci '07

### 2008

The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants reappointed



The Great Danes were represented well at the 2017 Turkey Trot in Troy, N.Y.



**Johanna Schweitzer '06** and **Nathan Pannucci '07**, Dec. 31, 2016



**Christopher Pounds '17** and **Olivia Ciesielski '13**, '15, Oct. 3, 2015



**Nicole Kenigsztain '06** and **Lance Moskal '06**, June 3, 2017

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Robert Stoddard '08



Ryan Mahoney '08



Anthony Zarrelli '10



Lauren Valentine '10



Leah Gillham '11



Ben Henderson '12



Jamie Dughi Hogenkamp '12



Connor M. Greenseich '13



Bailey Hixson '17

**Robert Stoddard** to serve as member-at-large of its advisory council for 2017-18. Robert is managing director, federal tax, at KPMG in Stamford, Conn. **Steven Yearwood** of Los Angeles completed the World Marathon Majors in 2016. He has taken classes in the conservatory program at The Second City Hollywood, and helped bring diversity to the famous Groundlings Theater on Melrose Avenue. **Steven currently works in real estate. Ryan Mahoney** was appointed executive director of Ireland's Great Hunger Museum at Quinnipiac University. He previously served as executive director of the Irish-American Heritage Museum in Albany.

## 2010

**Anthony "AJ" Zarrelli** was promoted

to supervisor at Teal, Becker and Chiamonte. **Lauren Valentine** was promoted to executive associate at Sandler Training in Albany, N.Y.

## 2011

**Leah Gillham** was promoted to supervisor at Teal Becker and Chiamonte. She joined the Albany-based firm in 2015. **Nicole Jensen** is an information representative at the New York State Teachers Retirement System. She celebrated her wedding in September.

## 2012

**Ben Henderson** was promoted to supervisor at Teal, Becker and Chiamonte. He joined the Albany-based firm in 2015. **Jamie Dughi Hogenkamp** recently joined Barclay

Damon, LLP, in Albany as an associate in the Health Care & Human Services and Health Care Controversies Practice Areas.

## 2013

**Connor M. Greenseich** was promoted to audit senior at public accounting and consulting firm Dannie & McKee, LLP. He joined the firm's audit department in 2014. Connor is a C.P.A. in the State of New York and a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. **Ruhi Ahmed** was appointed grant administrator for the Executive Division at the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York in August. In addition, she was promoted to QM3 and received the Sailor of the Quarter award from the U.S. Navy. Ruhi joined the Navy in July 2016.

## 2014

**Lissette Paulino** is a health promoter for the New York State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

## 2015

**Erin Kennedy** was promoted to senior research supervisor at the Democratic National Committee.

## 2017

**Bailey Hixson** was promoted to full-time marketing assistant at Environment One Corporation, Niskayuna, N.Y. She plans to pursue a M.B.A. In Fall 2018.

For a complete list of class councilors: [www.alumni.albany.edu/avc](http://www.alumni.albany.edu/avc) or call the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080.

## BIRTHS



**Wayne Kelly '01 and Jessica (Insel) Kelly '03** welcomed son Mickey Bryan, June 21, 2017.



**Jamie (Roberts) Gallo '07, '08 and Nicholas Gallo '07, '09** welcomed son Nicholas James, July 18, 2017.



**John Smith '03 and wife Erica** welcomed son Nigel Aran, July 5, 2017.



**Jason Riegert '08 and Jessica (Bellucci) Riegert '11** welcomed daughter Georgia, Aug. 17, 2017.



**Geir Gudmundsen '05 and Jessica Satterlee '04** welcomed son Magnus Lee, July 13, 2017.



**Angela (Margillo) Fletcher '11 and Eric Fletcher '10, '14** welcomed son Ethan James, Feb. 15, 2017.



Olivia Ciesielski Pounds '13,'15 and Christopher Pounds '17 joined more than 100 alumni and friends at the Alumni Night at SEFCU Arena pregame gathering in December.



Chendell Aufiero '12, Sara Richburg '98, Michael Longo '15, Joanna Jones '99 and Joanna's children Jayden and Serenity volunteered for the Sept. 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance (9/11 Day) in New York City.



Grads of the Last Decade (GOLD) committee members attended the annual NYC GOLD Schmooze. The next Schmooze is Sept. 7.

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# UAlbany Homecoming 2017

Fresh off their induction into the UAlbany Athletics Hall of Fame, the 2005-06 men's basketball team members tailgated with family and friends at Great Dane Game Day.



The Class of 1967 kicked off its 50th-year reunion weekend at the University Art Museum.



President Rodriguez connected with several students and recent grads at the President's Breakfast.



Kappa Beta brothers presented the Alumni Association a plaque in recognition of support for the fraternity.

Alpha Pi Alpha brothers gathered under the reunion tent for pregame food and socializing.



Young alumni took advantage of perfect tailgating weather at Great Dane Game Day.



Chi Sigma Theta sisters gathered at the Sorority & Fraternity Coffee Hour.



Alumni Association board members Meghan Popcun '13,'14, Richelle Konian '95, Jillian Pasco '10,'12 and Jill Rigney Delaney '96 connect with fellow alumni, students and parents at the Welcome Reception at University Art Museum.

# Authors & Editors

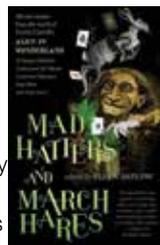
**Diane Woodward Sawyer, B.A.'61**, is the author of *The Tell-Tale Treasure*. The book was named a gold-medal first-prize winner for best mystery, and best suspense/thriller by the Florida Authors and Publishers Association. Following a successful career in education, Sawyer turned to writing and has since had 30 short stories and six novels published.

A lifelong writer and poet, **Jerri Ketcham McDermott, M.A.'66**, published her first major collection, *Something, Somewhere: Fifty Selected Poems*. Her work is available through Amazon/Kindle.

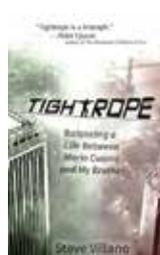


**James Pula, B.A.'68**, is the author of *Under the Crescent Moon with the XI Corps in the Civil War*. The book is a comprehensive personalized portrait of the men who fought in the "unlucky" Eleventh Corps.

**Ellen Datlow, B.A.'71**, is the editor of *Mad Hatters and March Hares: All New Stories from the World of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland*. The anthology features 18 stories and poems by 17 writers and is published by Tor Books.



**Steve Villano, B.A.'71**, shares the conflict between his family's ties to organized crime and his love for his brother, his own integrity, and his commitment to Mario Cuomo and public service in *Tightrope: Balancing a Life Between Mario Cuomo & My Brother*.



**Susan Naramore Maher, B.A.'77**, co-edited *Thinking Continental: Writing the Planet One Place at a Time*, a collection of essays and poems published by University of Nebraska Press.

**Deanna Sirlin, B.F.A.'78**, is the author of *She's Got What it Takes: American Women Artists in Dialogue*, a collection of essays on the lives and work of nine historically important living American women artists. The book was published by Charta Art Books, Milan, Italy.

**Susan Sussman Harmon, B.S.'85**, published her first book, *Hungry For Health, Starved For Time: The Busy Person's Guide to Harmonious Health*. Formerly a C.P.A., Harmon is a health and wellness coach.

**Heather Cumiskey, B.A.'90**, is the author of *I Like You Like This*. The young-adult novel was released in November.



**Alice Malavasic, M.A.'95, Ph.D.'14**, is the author of *The F Street Mess: How Southern Senators Rewrote the Kansas-Nebraska Act*, published by UNC Press.

**Susan Goodier, M.A.'99, Ph.D.'07, M.A.'08**, and Karen Pastorello co-authored *Women Will Vote: Winning Suffrage in New York State*. The book celebrates the 2017 centenary of women's right to full suffrage in New York State.



**Megeen Mulholland, Ph.D.'01**, authored her first poetry book, *Orbit*, published by Finishing Line Press.



**L. Syd M Johnson, M.A.'02, Ph.D.'09**, co-edited *The Routledge Handbook of Neuroethics* with Karen S. Rommelfanger of Emory University. Johnson is associate professor of philosophy and bioethics in the departments of Humanities and Kinesiology and Integrative Physiology at Michigan Technological University.

**William Kayatin, Ph.D.'04**, co-authored the article "Rural Education Partnerships: If Educators Perpetuate Excellence in Teaching, Leadership and Learning (PETLL), Do Students Learn Faster?" It focuses on a staff-and-school improvement program that provides personalized professional-development activities for both teachers and administrators. The article was published in the National FORUM of Educational Administration and Supervision Journal.

**Carol Durant, M.A.'05**, is the author of *Whole Phat and Gluten Free Poetry*.



**Caytlyn Grimins, B.A.'12**, authored her first paranormal-fiction novel, *Dark Flowers*. The book was recognized by Literary Classics Review.

Alumni Association Executive Director Lee Serravillo, author Steve Villano '71, wife Carol Jacobson Villano '71, and friends Risa Gregory '71 and Linden Gregory visited the Alumni House during Steve's East Coast book tour in August.



# Alumni News & Notes

## Deceased Alumni

### 1930s

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**Dorothy Flanagan Raftis '31**, Nov. 24, 2017  
**Robert F. Decker '38**, Sept. 11, 2017

### 1940s

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**Anne Lomnitzer Merin '40**, Aug. 16, 2017  
**Beatrice Dower Bernhard '41**, July 23, 2017  
**Mary Jane Lang Chilton '41**, Oct. 11, 2017  
**Dennis Dole '41**, Aug. 15, 2017  
**Doris Mauersberger McKee '41**, Oct. 27, 2017  
**Josephine Autilio Sano '41**, July 17, 2017  
**Sara Weitzer Shaw '42**, Dec. 28, 2017  
**Harley Dingman '43**, Dec. 31, 2016  
**Helen Brucker Martin '44**, June 2, 2017  
**Catherine Smith Mead '44**, Oct. 7, 2013  
**Sophie Weissblum Swire '44**, Sept. 14, 2017  
**Dolores Ropke Cummings '45**, Aug. 21, 2017  
**Letty Palmateer Kesting '45**, June 26, 2015  
**Betty Mann Margison '45**, July 13, 2017  
**Marian D. Davis Porter '45**, July 22, 2017  
**Waldemar L. Block '46**, Oct. 31, 2017  
**Helen H. Hoskins Griffin '47**, March 8, 2017  
**Mary Tessier Joyce '47**, Oct. 18, 2017  
**Margaret Palmatier Markley '47**, Oct. 27, 2017  
**Jeanne T. Cavanagh Mealey '47**, Jan. 21, 2015  
**Marian Vitullo Russell '47**, Dec. 15, 2017  
**Betty Hilt White '47**, Aug. 9, 2017  
**Gertrude P. Coslick Brown '48**, Oct. 16, 2016  
**Mary Frisk Everts '48**, Dec. 17, 2017  
**Jane Griffis Heppard '48**, Dec. 11, 2016  
**Katherine Tronsor Keefer '48**, Sept. 18, 2016  
**Jane O'Brien O'Brien '48**, Jan. 2, 2018  
**Robertson W. Baker Sr. '49**, July 16, 2017  
**Nancy Mowbray Frederick '49**, Aug. 7, 2016

### 1950s

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**Marjorie E. Child Haines '50**, Oct. 1, 2017  
**Christiaan T. Lievestro, Ph.D. '50**, June 19, 2017  
**Peter P. Talarico '50**, Oct. 14, 2015  
**Irving S. Steenrod '51**, Aug. 10, 2017  
**Eugene R. Andersen '52**, Feb. 15, 2012  
**Sonia Stepanian Hachigian '52**, Dec. 3, 2017  
**Arthur F. Hutson '52**, June 29, 2017  
**Patricia A. Devitt Kavanaugh '52**, June 23, 2017  
**Sara Danzis Lukasiewicz '52**, May 27, 2015  
**Helen Rosen Scherzer '52**, May 30, 2017  
**Patrick A. Carlo '53**, May 18, 2016  
**John T. Dillon '53**, Oct. 29, 2017  
**Donald M. Stine, Ph.D. '53**, Sept. 5, 2017  
**Carroll W. Judd '53**, July 19, 2017  
**Lloyd M. Loop, Jr. '53**, Dec. 5, 2017

**Joan MacKey Stronach '54**, Aug. 15, 2017  
**Alice Mashoian Walrath '54**, Nov. 18, 2017  
**Shirley Tucker Burtch '55**, Aug. 14, 2017  
**Walter E. Lawder '55**, April 7, 2016  
**Marilyn J. Wittschen Olson, Ph.D. '55**, Oct. 24, 2017  
**Herbert B. Safran '55**, Aug. 31, 2017  
**Alan R. Stephenson, Ph.D. '55**, Aug. 10, 2017  
**Nancy J. Hazzard Whitehouse '55**, Sept. 3, 2017  
**Dolores Del Price Ziac '56**, Aug. 6, 2014  
**Gertrude Stronski Marois '56**, Nov. 19, 2017  
**Theresa Barber Page '56**, Oct. 21, 2017  
**Charles D. Abba '57**, May 12, 2017  
**Richard L. De Groat '57**, June 14, 2016  
**Frank A. Dinoto '57**, Aug. 5, 2009  
**Marilyn Goodman Etkin '57**, April 29, 2009  
**Benjamin H. Lindeman '57**, July 19, 2017  
**Trudy Stemmer Oloughlin '57**, Nov. 1, 2017  
**George E. Brooks '58**, Jan. 11, 2014  
**Dominick P. Elia '58**, Aug. 15, 2017  
**Robert A. Whalen '58**, Oct. 10, 2017  
**Patricia A. Colosimo Bindrim '59**, May 29, 2017  
**Frank J. Lombardi '59**, Jan. 12, 2018

### 1960s

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**Donald E. Mortin '60**, April 5, 2017  
**Stephen L. Simpson '60**, Dec. 19, 2011  
**Peter A. Cardamone '61**, Jan. 7, 2018  
**Charles Deutermann '61**, Oct. 5, 2017  
**Constance Doriand Herodes '61**, Oct. 27, 2017  
**Ross C. Mills '61**, July 19, 2017  
**Arthur W. Jenkins, Jr. '62**, July 4, 2017  
**James J. Kiepper '62**, June 12, 2017  
**Yvonne M. Krause Welch '62**, Jan. 19, 2013  
**William A. Quattrociochi '63**, Nov. 14, 2017  
**Sandra Burris Williamson '63**, July 28, 2016  
**Gary D. Smith '64**, July 9, 2017  
**Stephen R. Paskin '65**, Oct. 9, 2017  
**Linda Tyrrell Riblet '65**, June 23, 2017  
**Christine Auzin Bain '66**, Sept. 4, 2017  
**Barbara Catlin '66**, Nov. 29, 2015  
**Margaret Burch Kuehn '66**, Oct. 7, 2017  
**Arden E. Leach '66**, Sept. 16, 2017  
**William J. Mayer '66**, April 27, 2017  
**Joan A. Paroli '66**, Dec. 5, 2016  
**Patricia B. Begner '67**, May 28, 2017  
**Shirley Cohen '67**, June 9, 2017  
**Marie A. Bush Dellaquila '67**, Aug. 18, 2017  
**Susan Goldin '67**, June 20, 2017  
**Lorinda Angers Spraragen '67**, June 21, 2017  
**Kenneth T. Telesca '67**, Aug. 11, 2017  
**Karolee V. Wilson '67**, March 4, 2012  
**Evan P. Ballard '68**, Nov. 7, 2017  
**Wayne E. Bennett '68**, Aug. 15, 2017  
**Leonard Cohen '68**, July 26, 2017  
**Marie Gutta Franke '68**, Dec. 1, 2017  
**Clarence J. Langley '68**, Sept. 26, 2017  
**Bert N. Lomax '68**, Aug. 28, 2017  
**Alan Weinstein '68**, July 25, 2017  
**George R. Backhaus '69**, Dec. 4, 2017  
**Alfred J. Ciani '69**, Jan. 14, 2018  
**Lisa Lyon Evans '69**, June 20, 2017  
**Frances Burns McCormick Harrison '69**, Sept. 6, 2017  
**Mary A. Markle McNamara '69**, Dec. 16, 2017  
**James J. McVey '69**, June 30, 2017  
**Patrick L. Moore, Ph.D. '69**, Aug. 6, 2017  
**Roseline Poderycki Young '69**, Nov. 28, 2017  
**Zelda S. Spinak Zeh '69**, Jan. 8, 2018

### 1970s

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**Mary F. Franklin '70**, May 7, 2017  
**Raymond F. Hamm, Jr. '70**, Sept. 23, 2017  
**Robert M. Hayden, Sr. '70**, Nov. 5, 2017  
**Lorenz Loerzel '70**, Oct. 5, 2017  
**Mary C. O'Neill '70**, May 6, 2017  
**Gregory J. Stroyen '70**, Sept. 21, 2017  
**Lee R. Wolfe '70**, Oct. 2, 2017  
**Linda A. Danyla Wood '70**, June 18, 2017  
**Harry Karpik '71**, March 29, 2014  
**Alfred L. Nielsen '71**, Jan. 10, 2017  
**Leoneida Oliver '71**, Jan. 11, 2018  
**Donna L. Sopalsky '71**, Nov. 6, 2017  
**Margaret Ward-Condit Button '72**, Sept. 15, 2017  
**Stephen F. Delorenzo '72**, Aug. 30, 2017  
**Sharon Austin Douglas '72**, July 25, 2016  
**Michael E. Hallock '72**, Nov. 20, 2016  
**Donald D. Kingston '72**, Nov. 30, 2017  
**Florence W. McFarland '72**, Aug. 4, 2017  
**Bernard E. Patynski '72**, Sept. 10, 2017  
**Dorothy Schuler '72**, Sept. 25, 2017  
**Alice Buff Tepper '72**, Jan. 19, 2018  
**Libby K. White '72**, Jan. 26, 2017  
**Vincent Ashbahian '73**, Oct. 26, 2012  
**Roderick D. Fortran '73**, Nov. 6, 2017  
**Mitchell J. Goldfarb '73**, Nov. 5, 2017  
**Merry A. Harris '73**, Jan. 19, 2018  
**Reuben Merchant '73**, July 18, 2013  
**Herbert W. Sanderson, Ph.D. '73**, Aug. 3, 2017  
**Donald L. Sapienza '73**, Aug. 19, 2017  
**Alison A. Klafter Strohmaier '73**, Sept. 4, 2017  
**Aileen J. Casper '74**, July 27, 2017  
**Richard A. Crist '74**, July 22, 2017  
**Marcia J. Gardner '74**, Dec. 13, 2014  
**Susan L. Veil Grabenstatter '74**, Nov. 22, 2017  
**Robert D. Hall, Ph.D. '74**, July 10, 2017  
**Bette L. Hoenig '74**, July 8, 2017  
**Josephine L. Piracci '74**, Jan. 1, 2018  
**Carol A. Sagnelli Battaglia '75**, Aug. 7, 2017  
**Dominick A. Desimone '75**, Jan. 12, 2018

Robert F. Hermann '75, Aug. 12, 2017  
 Lawrence Laferriere '75, Dec. 13, 2017  
 Frank P. Morgiewicz '75, Jan. 8, 2018  
 Marcia A. Ronsani '75, Oct. 12, 2017  
 Trudy N. Small '75, June 14, 2013  
 Thomas J. Vanderhoof '75, June 23, 2017  
 Ellen M. Doherty Barnett '76, May 1, 2017  
 Amy P. Dykeman '76, Dec. 23, 2017  
 Leslie P. Green '76, June 21, 2017  
 Mark I. Hatlee '76, Sept. 12, 2017  
 Mary Downes Horan '76, Jan. 4, 2018  
 Jeffrey P. Aronowitz '77, June 13, 2015  
 Leonard Kaiden '77, May 24, 2017  
 Elaine P. Osterman '77, Oct. 20, 2017  
 Peter C. Wilkins '77, Sept. 29, 2017  
 Peter J. Dickinson '78, Sept. 27, 2017  
 Michael B. Donnelly '78, Oct. 4, 2017  
 Averell Greif '78, Oct. 29, 2017  
 Barbara J. Morrison Kidd '78, Oct. 14, 2017  
 James A. Morrison '78, Jan. 8, 2018  
 James L. Saunders '78, Jan. 7, 2016  
 Ronald J. Zimmer '78, Sept. 27, 2017  
 Maria V. Brasacchio Carra '79, Jan. 7, 2018  
 Mary English Howley '79, July 17, 2017  
 Christopher A. Leet '79, Jan. 2, 2018  
 Leo M. Shaw '79, Nov. 25, 2016

## 1980s

R. W. Johnson, Ed.D. '80, Oct. 29, 2017  
 Ellen P. Millner '80, Oct. 16, 2017  
 Thomas J. Bernard, Ph.D. '81, July 28, 2009  
 Gene S. Facey '81, June 20, 2017  
 Joseph S. Gathers '81, March 17, 2017  
 Edward G. Murphy '81, Oct. 15, 2017  
 Jeremiah Schneiderman '81, Jan. 6, 2014  
 Lyn C. Stuhmer '81, April 3, 2016  
 Susan E. Zeidler '81, Sept. 26, 2017  
 Kenneth M. Goodrich '82, Oct. 27, 2016  
 Stephen M. Grimm '82, July 6, 2011  
 William J. Kane '82, Oct. 20, 2017  
 Richard J. Spence '82, Sept. 21, 2017

Janet L. Aschkenasy '83, July 26, 2016  
 David M. Boyd '83, Oct. 11, 2017  
 Brian P. Dalessandro '83, Dec. 7, 2017  
 Douglas W. Robinson '83, May 19, 2016  
 Satya N. Sahu, Ph.D. '83, June 1, 2017  
 Timothy S. Bonk '84, Sept. 27, 2017  
 George W. Bragle '84, June 20, 2017  
 Ann J. Holstein '84, Jan. 2, 2018  
 Peter J. Rourke '84, Jan. 11, 2018  
 Gerald B. Chellis '85, March 15, 2011  
 Jeanne M. Collins Helbock '85, Aug. 12, 2017  
 Christopher Lierheimer '85, July 18, 2010  
 Helen K. Smirensky '85, Dec. 10, 2017  
 John R. Dawson '87, July 8, 2017  
 John R. Peterson '87, Aug. 1, 2017  
 Virginia Szymanski Rosenbloom '87, Dec. 7, 2017  
 Gary V. Cerreta '88, Sept. 5, 2017  
 Alice V. Cummings '88, Jan. 16, 2018  
 Stephen H. Ruderman '88, June 14, 2017

## 1990s

Carol L. Bossone '90, July 22, 2017  
 Maryann Chazan '90, Nov. 4, 2017  
 Mary-Lee Quinn '90, Oct. 20, 2016  
 Karen A. Glenn '91, Aug. 8, 2017  
 Alice L. Heuser '91, Sept. 2, 2017  
 George J. Dembosky '92, Oct. 7, 2016  
 Richard J. Gladwin '92, Dec. 19, 2017  
 Gerald W. Parsons '93, Jan. 11, 2018  
 Norman A. White, Ph.D. '93, Dec. 6, 2017  
 Mikhail V. Gubarev, Ph.D. '95, Feb. 16, 2017  
 Margaret E. Girtler-Siver '96, Sept. 6, 2017  
 John E. Hershey '96, Nov. 2, 2017  
 Dale E. Kreamer '96, Sept. 29, 2017  
 Gregory B. McClure '97, Nov. 27, 2017  
 Michele S. Weiser '97, July 3, 2017  
 Peter M. Coglianese '98, April 6, 2010  
 Rebecca R. Fiske, Ph.D. '99, Jan. 3, 2018

## 2000s

Valerie R. Hughes '00, Nov. 11, 2017  
 Ralph G. Mulligan '00, Nov. 13, 2015  
 Monica M. Peterson '00, June 8, 2017  
 Robert P. Schertl '01, Sept. 18, 2017  
 Jeanne M. Bogino '03, June 26, 2017  
 Tracey L. Halloran '03, Oct. 7, 2015  
 Kristin L. Mulvey St. Onge '03, June 24, 2017  
 Jennifer E. Kline '04, Dec. 16, 2013  
 Shakir L. Cannon '07, Dec. 5, 2017

## 2010s

Brian J. McCallum '10, July 30, 2014  
 James J. Hanson '11, Dec. 30, 2017  
 Kristin N. Hotvet '11, Sept. 8, 2017  
 Aiden W. Campion-Pratt '16, July 28, 2017

## Deceased Faculty/ Staff

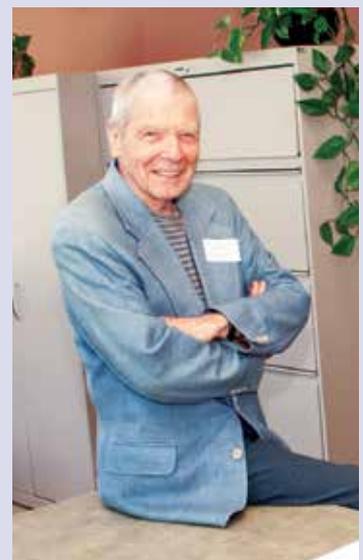
Patricia Colongione, Oct. 9, 2017, Human Resources  
 Tara P. Das, Ph.D., July 18, 2017, Professor, Physics  
 Albert J. Millis, April 20, 2016, Professor, Biology  
 Antonio Paniccia, July 3, 2017, Janitor, Custodial Services  
 Harold L. Pazer, July 16, 2017, Associate Professor, Management Science and Infor.  
 William L. Reese, Ph.D., Sept. 22, 2017, Lecturer, Philosophy  
 Patricia A. Smith, Nov. 3, 2017, Cleaner, Custodial Services  
 Robert Thorstensen, April 30, 2008, Associate Professor, English  
 Lucille Whalen, April 6, 2017, Professor, CCI Dean's Office  
 Robert P. Lanni, Nov. 24, 2016, Associate Professor, Physics

**WILLIAM L. REESE II, PH.D.**, professor emeritus of philosophy and founder of a University at Albany center named for him, passed away Sept. 22, 2017.

A graduate of Drury College and the University of Chicago, Reese taught religion and philosophy at several institutions prior to joining the UAlbany faculty. He was the author of 12 books, including the *Dictionary of Philosophy* and *Religion and Philosophers Speak of God*. Reese traveled extensively and earned many awards, including a Ford Foundation grant and a Fulbright. After retiring at age 82, he taught for OASIS, the continuing-education enrichment program for adults.

For nearly 40 years, Reese advocated the establishment of a campus location where retired faculty could continue their intellectual pursuits while promoting the University's mission of education, research, and public. Established in 2006 in University Administration Building (UAB) 134, the center became known as the William L. Reese II, Ph.D., Emeritus Center in 2015. Its programs are open to current and retired faculty and staff, as well as to the public.

Reese's survivors include two daughters, a son-in-law, and two grandchildren.



# Last Look

By Carol Olechowski

**Erika Irish Brown, B.S.'91**, global head of Diversity & Inclusion for Bloomberg L.P., returned to UAlbany as keynote speaker at the winter International Celebration, held Dec. 7 to recognize graduating international students, students who have studied abroad, exchange students, and visiting scholars.

Brown, who collaborates with Bloomberg's senior management to develop and drive the company's global strategy and its approach to diversity and inclusion, addressed the topic of successful global citizenship. "While the talent pool, business, and markets have never been more global," she observed, "there are still far too many places where women and other diverse groups are not included or able to contribute, or able to be authentic in the workplace. There are places where the political environment supports regression and exclusion, rather than progression and inclusion. We only need to open the newspapers and watch the news to know that the global landscape has changed dramatically. But there is a silver lining: The current environment has raised the awareness for many who only now recognize there is still so much to be done in order to advance global diversity and inclusion and equality in the workplace and the world."

In addition, Brown reflected on her time at the University at Albany. "There are many things – mobile phone, personal computer – I wish I had as a college student. ... While there were a lot of things I did not have, I did receive a stellar education – an education that enabled me to compete with my contemporaries as a financial analyst at an elite Wall Street firm upon graduation.

"At that time, before the dot-com boom, securing a role as an analyst was the brass ring, and while I had a major exposure gap to the ways of Wall Street, there was not an education gap. I was well prepared, thanks to this great institution, and I hope each of you will take that to heart, and that as graduates of the State University of New York at Albany, you, too, will be well prepared to compete with the best and brightest around the world."

Brown's career highlights also include positions at Lehman Brothers, the U.S. Treasury, Morgan Stanley, and Bank of America, as well as service with President Barack Obama's Treasury transition team. *Worth* magazine included her on its 2017 list of the top 100 most powerful men and women in global finance, noting, "Thanks to her hard-core financial background, Brown's recommendations carry a lot of clout."

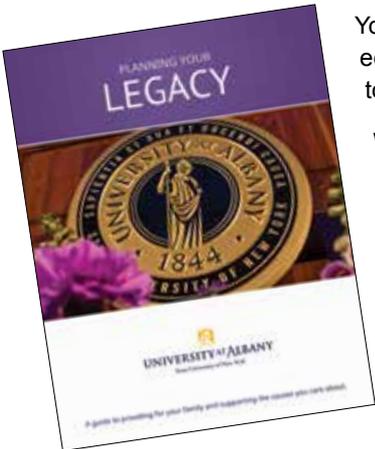


Clockwise, from left: Erika Irish Brown is pictured at the International Celebration with UAlbany President Havidán Rodríguez; delivering the keynote at the event; addressing the University at Albany School of Business Investment Group (UASBIG) as student Nikolas Strom listens; and speaking with Rodríguez, Winsome Foderingham, B.A. '89, M.P.A. '92, of University Advancement, and Harvey Charles, Ph.D., dean for International Education and vice provost for Global Strategy.



Julian Johnson, Class of 2036  
Son of Matthew Johnson, B.S.'11  
Criminal Justice

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