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Intrepid Entrepreneurs

Jonathan Rochelle, B.S.'85, co-founded two start-ups, sold one to Google, and ended up working for the Internet giant. Read about Rochelle and other alumni entrepreneurs in this issue of *UAlbany*.

Big Picture

Students got into the spirit of things at the Holi celebration, also known as the festival of colors, held for the first time ever at UAlbany last April. The Indian Student Organization hosted the event, which featured music, dance, fun, and – of course! – bright colors.



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From the Podium and Beyond

By Carol Olechowski

Bloniarz Appointed to Advisory Board



New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has appointed Peter A. Bloniarz executive director and senior policy analyst of the state's Cyber Security Advisory Board. Cuomo lauded the Collins Fellow as "an experienced professional" whose work "will be vital in helping to shield New Yorkers, businesses and state government from cyber threats, such as identity theft and consumer fraud." Bloniarz has held numerous teaching and administrative positions, including that of College of Computing & Information (CCI) dean, during his 37 years at UAlbany.

Faerman Named CCI Interim Dean

Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education Sue Faerman is serving as interim dean of the College of Computing & Information (CCI). Faerman, a Distinguished Teaching Professor and Collins Fellow, has been with the University since 1989.



Wirkkula Joins UAlbany as Chief of Staff

Leanne Wirkkula, Ph.D., joined the University at Albany as chief of staff Feb. 3. Most recently an organizational consultant at AKA Strategy in New York City, she previously spent two decades in various high-level administrative capacities with the University of Minnesota.



Wirkkula graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities with a doctorate in organizational leadership, policy, and development; a master's in educational policy and administration; and a bachelor's in journalism & mass communication.

Gattuso Tackles a New Position

University of Maryland Defensive Line Coach Greg Gattuso succeeded former UAlbany Head Coach Bob Ford, who led the Great Danes football program for more than four decades until retiring last fall. Lee McElroy, UAlbany's vice president and director of Athletics, praised Gattuso as "a proven winner who will sustain the legacy of Bob Ford. His values of integrity, academic excellence, community service and humility reflect the University's commitment to quality."



A player on Penn State's 1982 championship football team, Gattuso was selected for UAlbany's head-coaching position from a field of 80 candidates. He previously coached at Duquesne and the University of Pittsburgh.

Shimazu Manages Public-Private Partnerships

Michael Shimazu has been appointed associate vice president of Business Partnerships and Economic Development at the University at Albany. In the newly created post, Shimazu will manage and advance public-private partnerships, including the Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurship Complex (E-TEC), the signature initiative of UAlbany's NYSUNY 2020 plan, and the University's START-UP NY program.



Shimazu, whose previous experience includes positions with the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has worked in the technology-commercialization field for nearly three decades.

NSF Grant Helps Establish Graduate Program in STEM

Supported by a \$987,000 National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, the University at Albany is establishing a program that will encourage students from underrepresented populations to pursue graduate studies in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields, and prepare them for leadership at the national and international levels.

The Bridge to the Doctorate is part of the NSF's Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation program.

BioHarvest Ltd. Move Will Benefit Capital Region

Attracted by UAlbany's research strengths and the prospect of developing a strong public-private partnership with Cancer Research Center (CRC) scientists at the East Campus, BioHarvest Ltd. is setting down roots in the Capital Region – and bringing 60 new jobs to the area. In conjunction with the move of its research-and-development start-up operations from Tel Aviv to Albany, the Israeli firm will collaborate with CRC to produce innovative technologies for human health, including functional health-food products and intervention strategies based on the cultured cells of fruits and vegetables.

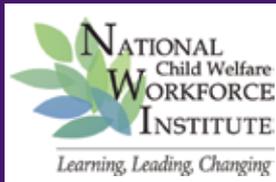
Founded in 2007 as Fruitura BioScience Ltd., the company has developed a patented, state-of-the-art platform to grow and bio-harvest fruit-cell cultures in 3D bioreactors. The unique technology enables the production of safe, clinically researched super foods rich in phytonutrients and produced on an industrial scale for the nutrition, wellness and supplements markets.

Children's Bureau Award Supports NCWWI Leadership

UAlbany's School of Social Welfare (SSW) and five university partners have received a \$21.2 million award from the Children's Bureau to lead the National Child Welfare Workforce Institute (NCWWI). Co-principal investigators Mary McCarthy and Katharine Briar-Lawson and their SSW colleagues will work with partners from the University of Maryland, University of Denver, Michigan State University, Portland State University, and University of Southern Maine to increase child-welfare-practice effectiveness through diverse partnerships focused on workforce-systems development, organizational interventions, and change leadership.



K. Briar-Lawson



M. McCarthy



Campus Projects Receive Grants

Two environmental grants will benefit projects at UAlbany.

A \$607,000 award from New York's Green Innovation Grant Program (GIGP) will support the installation of pervious pavement, rain gardens and a green roof on the Campus Center, which will undergo a \$60 million expansion to be completed in 2016.

In addition, UAlbany was one of a number of universities and colleges to receive funding for innovative environmental projects through the first New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling, Inc. (NYSAR³) College Council Grant Program. The University will use the grant to purchase bins for a campus-wide composting program to be initiated this spring.



Spring 2014 Events

The New York State Writers Institute has a full schedule of events for Spring 2014. Included are appearances by:

April 3
Julia Glass, novelist

April 11
Francesca Marciano,
novelist, short-story writer,
and screenwriter

April 16
Lydia Davis, short-story
author and translator

April 22
Akhil Sharma, Indian-
American fiction writer

April 25
Rob Fruchtmann,
producer and director

April 29
Robert H. Patton,
novelist and historian

May 2
Austin Bunn, screenwriter
and author

Link to
www.albany.edu/writers-inst/
for times and locations.

**For more information about these stories,
visit us online at www.albany.edu/news/.**

Out and About

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

Last fall, the University at Albany family gathered for a special weeklong celebration culminating in the Sept. 28 inauguration of Robert J. Jones, Ph.D., as the University's 19th president. Here, *UAlbany* magazine commemorates highlights of *Celebrate & Advance* with a keepsake review of the events.

SEPT. 21

At 7 p.m., Great Danes fans converged on the newly opened multisport stadium at Bob Ford Field for the **Hall of Fame game** pitting UAlbany against Central Connecticut State University. Although CCSU edged the Danes 20-17, the home team and its followers enjoyed a spectacular post-game fireworks display presented by SEFCU.



Paul Miller

SEPT. 22

Dutch Commons was the setting for the **Student Association Block Party**. Faculty and staff also attended the event, which featured booths and activities sponsored by various student organizations.

SEPT. 24

A two-day program introduced the University to **UACCESS** (UAlbany Collaboratively Creating Excellence, Scholarship and Success). Its aim, President Robert J.



Mark Schmidt

Jones noted, "is to make UAlbany the kind of University where all are respected, supported, and expected to be successful." UACCESS will enable faculty and staff to discover ways to enhance student success and academic excellence "through the lenses of different groups." Jones and President's Council on Diversity co-chairs Tamra Minor, Ph.D., and Edelgard Wulfert, Ph.D., served as presenters for *Our Call for Inclusive Excellence*, the first session. The day concluded with *Enacting Diverse Learning Environments: The Benefits and Challenges of Making Excellence Inclusive*. *Excellence We Can Measure* began the second day's program, which also included *Diversity as an Imperative for Excellence* and *How We Know We Are Making Progress*.

SEPT. 23 *Fresh Perspective: A Dialogue With the Tutu Sisters* reunited UAlbany's new president with two children of his longtime mentor, Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The event brought Nontombi Naomi Tutu,

a race and gender activist, and Thandeka Tutu-Gxashe, an expert on HIV treatment and AIDS research, to Page Hall. Their conversation focused on peace, social justice and the legacy of their father, whose struggle against apartheid in their native South Africa earned him the Nobel Prize for Peace. University President Robert J. Jones hosted the program; School of Social Welfare Dean Katharine Briar-Lawson facilitated a question-and-answer session. The College of Computing and Information (CCI); Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy; and the schools of Criminal Justice, Public Health, and Social Welfare sponsored the evening.



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SEPT. 25

An Evening With Carolee Carmello played to a full house at UAlbany's Performing Arts Center. Carmello, a three-time Tony nominee and star of *Scandalous: The Life and Trials of Aimee Semple McPherson*, *Mamma Mia!* and a host of other Broadway shows, graduated from the University in 1983 with a bachelor's in business and French. On Sept. 26, Carmello returned to the PAC to headline a master class for a select group of students.



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President Jones' commitment to public engagement provided the foundation for **Advancing and Celebrating the Albany Promise Cradle-to-Career Partnership**. The event also underscored the University's dedication to the Albany Promise alliance, which links community partners in an effort to improve academic outcomes of students in the capital's West Hill, Arbor Hill and South End neighborhoods.

SEPT. 26

The campus community came together for an afternoon recalling the Great Dane tradition. Held on the Academic Podium, **We Are UAlbany: A Celebration of Spirit, Pride and Community** included giveaways and a photo booth. Great Danes statues designed and decorated by individuals and by University organizations and departments were displayed near the Campus Center. UAlbany President Jones added his own artistry to a 19th statue, the "Community Dane," which students, faculty and staff joined him in decorating with thumbprints.

New York State Writers Institute Visiting Author Gilbert King presented an informal seminar and a reading in the PAC Recital Hall.

King, a Niskayuna native, won the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction for his work *Devil in the Grove: Thurgood Marshall, the Groveland Boys, and the Dawn of a New America*, which was published in 2012.

SEPT. 27

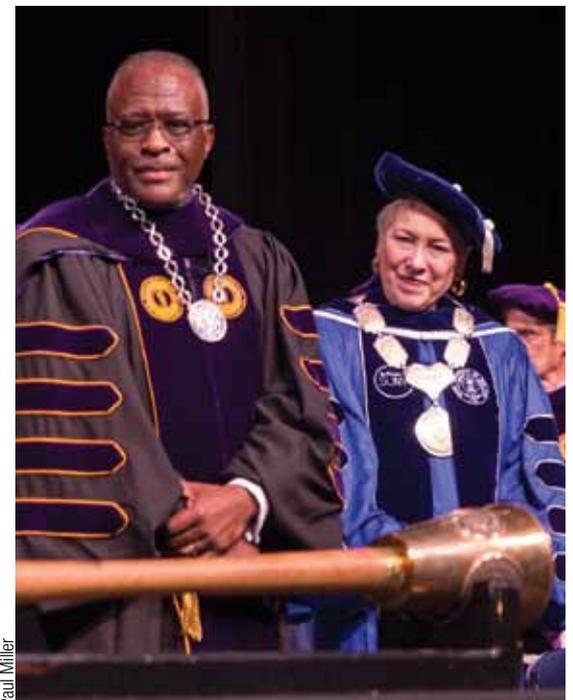
"Inside the Obama Campaign," the latest entry in the **World Within Reach Speakers Series**, concluded the week's offerings. David Axelrod, David Plouffe and Jon Favreau spoke at the event, which was held at SEFCU Arena and hosted by the Student Association, University Auxiliary Services and the Alumni Association.



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SEPT. 28

Robert J. Jones, Ph.D., took center stage in the PAC's Main Theatre at 10 a.m. for the **inauguration ceremony** installing him as the University at Albany's 19th president. Members of the public were invited to attend the ceremony, which was followed by a reception. His goal, the new president stated, "is for UAlbany to become *the* university of choice for high-school juniors and seniors. And not just those thinking about SUNY, but also major research universities across the country and around the world."



Paul Miller

To view a photo gallery of Celebrate & Advance events, visit www.albany.edu/inauguration/wrapup.php.

Sheila Nirenberg

Sheer Genius

By Paul Grondahl, M.A.'84

Neuroscientist Sheila Nirenberg received a 2013 MacArthur Foundation “genius grant” for deciphering the neural code of the retina and developing a retinal prosthetic device to bring vision to 2 million Americans with advanced-stage blindness. At the University at Albany, however, she initially prepared for a career as a novelist, winning a short-story contest and majoring in English.

Then, senior year, Nirenberg took a course in human genetics with Professor Leonard Lerman. “I was fascinated by the class,” she recalled. “Professor Lerman encouraged me to work in his lab so I could see what it was like to be a scientist. I worked insanely hard, but I loved it. I ended up solving a small problem about DNA mobility and won an award for excellence in research.”

She settled on a neuroscience career after taking a class on the human brain with Distinguished Teaching Professor of Biological Sciences Helmut Hirsch. Nirenberg switched her major to the most closely related topic she had earned enough credits in: psychology.

Before applying to graduate school, Nirenberg worked two years as a lab technician to build up her science background. A denial from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and assignment to a waiting list by Harvard University didn't discourage her. “I didn't have quite enough of the math

background they wanted, but luckily, Harvard gave me a chance and I persevered, although I was very quiet and shy in the beginning,” she said. Nirenberg completed her Ph.D. at Harvard in 1993 and was a professor at UCLA for several years. She has worked at Weill Cornell Medical School in New York City since 2005.

The MacArthur award's international acclaim and \$625,000 stipend will help Nirenberg leverage fundraising opportunities.



John Abbott

She must raise an additional \$4 million of the \$6.5 million required to begin the first human clinical trial, in about two years, of a high-resolution retinal prosthetic device that has been tested in mice. Her goal is to develop high-tech eyeglasses that incorporate a camera and gene therapy. The glasses will sidestep damaged retinal cells, curing macular degeneration and other forms of blindness.

For Nirenberg, who still logs 16-hour days in the lab, the “genius” label has delivered

unintended benefits. “I was kind of an absent-minded professor before, and now I am free to be eccentric and the true goofball I am,” she said. “I am constantly coming up with bursts of new ideas, and now I can say them out loud without apologizing. In the end, I'm just a nerdy scientist trying to treat blindness and develop robots.”

Hellen Nunez-Arenas, B.S.'13

By Carol Olechowski

A Fresh New Face

Meet Hellen Nunez-Arenas, the face of PricewaterhouseCoopers' intern recruitment for 2014.

The 20-year-old accounting major from Amityville, N.Y., was a member of the team that won Challenge 2013 – formerly known as xTreme Games – to participate in a nationwide promotional campaign for PwC's case competition. Members of the national recruiting team identified Nunez-Arenas as a candidate for the competition. She is featured throughout the United States on posters that "highlight my experience in the program and are meant to encourage students to participate" in 2014, Nunez-Arenas explained.

"I am thankful for this opportunity; I feel really honored be able to represent such an amazing firm," added the Cali, Colombia, native, who immigrated to the U.S. at age 9. "Being featured on this poster has been a very interesting and humbling experience. My professors, family and friends were very excited and proud of me. They have all asked me to sign copies for them; that was pretty cool."

In 2012, at PwC's Albany office, Nunez-Arenas completed a Summer of Discovery Internship that "allowed me to learn about the firm through its Internal Firm Services and develop my personal brand." Last summer, in New York City, "I did Start Masters, a pilot program for interns selected to come back to PwC a second time. This internship allowed me to decide I liked the tax practice. I plan to return to PwC to complete a final internship, Investment Management in Tax," Nunez-Arenas said last fall.

The December 2013 graduate's many UAlbany supporters included her advisor, Jason Cotugno, and Assistant Dean for Alumni Relations & Development and Career Services John Levato. "My most influential supporter and mentor has been my peer and friend, Smiley Rojas-Nunez," she added. "I met him when I was a freshman, and we have been friends ever since. He encouraged me to join student groups and become more involved. I joined ALPFA [Association of Latino Professionals for Finance and Accounting], the business-student group he founded, and served as vice president. Smiley has always believed in me; he encouraged me to work up to my potential and apply for internships and scholarships. In fact, he encouraged me to meet the recruiter for PwC, and the rest is history."



Courtesy PwC

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Cover: By any measure, Jonathan Rochelle, B.S.'85, is a success: Google purchased one of his start-ups, 2Web Technologies – and hired him, too. The Google logo pictured on the cover is the New York City office's "signature sign," Rochelle explains. "Each global Google office has its own 'flare,' if you will, and this just happens to be ours. It evokes the feel of a Broadway-show sign." Photo: Mike Tritchonis

Gifts at Work

By Carol Olechowski

UAlbany's First Couple Establishes Scholarship Endowment

Motivated by the conviction that “higher education has the power to transform lives,” UAlbany’s 19th president and his wife commemorated his installation last fall by remembering that students are their priority.

A \$100,000 commitment from the couple established *The Robert and Lynn Hassan Jones Presidential Inauguration Scholarship* during Celebrate & Advance UAlbany, a weeklong celebration culminating in the Sept. 28 inaugural. Through the endowment, the Joneses will expand access to the University’s exceptional opportunities by encouraging students to pursue their academic dreams.

The University at Albany Foundation is seeking private donations to bring the fund to a total of \$1 million.

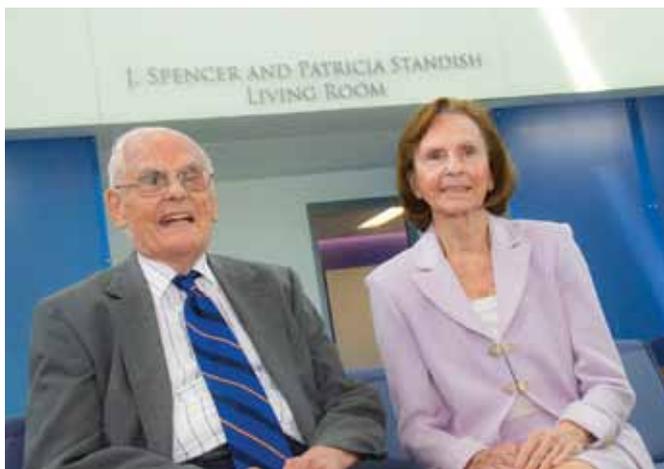


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For more information about *The Robert and Lynn Hassan Jones Presidential Inauguration Scholarship*, please contact Vice President for Development Fardin Sanai at 518-956-8060 or fsanai@albany.edu. To make a gift to the endowment, please visit www.albany.edu/onlinegift.

Standishes Fund \$1.5 Million Professorship

Longtime UAlbany supporters J. Spencer and Patricia Standish have established a professorship that will benefit the University’s entrepreneurial track.



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Funded with a \$1.5 million contribution, the *Standish Professorship* will leverage two new tenure-track faculty positions in social entrepreneurship and a third in life-sciences entrepreneurship. The three positions will be added to the faculty in conjunction with Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s NYSUNY 2020 challenge.

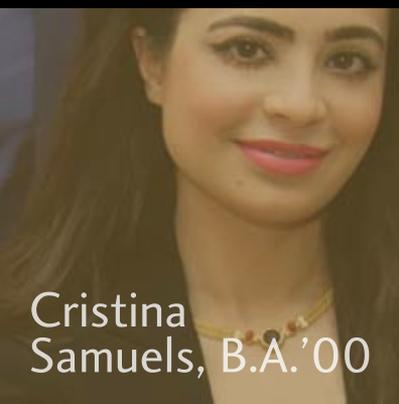
J. Spencer Standish, chairman emeritus of Albany International and president emeritus of The University at Albany Foundation, received The Foundation’s Community Laureate Award, UAlbany’s Distinguished Service Award and the Medallion of the University. Patricia Hunter Standish, a College of Saint Rose graduate, is a retired college lecturer who taught English at her *alma mater* and at Siena College. In the Science Library and the School of Business, rooms have been named in their honor.

If you've ever thought about being your own boss, you're not alone. These University at Albany alumni did just that, following their dreams to take on the joys – and cares – of business ownership. Combining ingenuity, drive and capital, they created products and services consumers couldn't do without. Although the risks of operating a business are great, the rewards are many for these intrepid entrepreneurs.

Intrepid ENTREPRENEURS



Mai-Lis Bahr,
B.A.'97



Cristina Samuels, B.A.'00



Raj Maheshwari,
B.S.'83



Lou DeSorbo,
B.S.'78, M.S.'80



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B.S.'97



Nancy Smith,
B.S.'91



Nancy Bader,
B.S.'77



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B.A.'96



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B.A.'02



Eric Smith,
B.A.'93



Sara Mannix,
B.A.'89



Jonathan Rochelle,
B.S.'85



Jonathan Rochelle, B.S. '85

GOOGLING SUCCESS

It's not easy to make the leap from a secure job at a big, established company to form a risky start-up. Nor is it easy for entrepreneurs to sell their successful businesses – with all the associated freedom and autonomy – and work for someone else.

Jonathan Rochelle has experienced both of these transitions, and his decisions have turned out very well.

After graduating from UAlbany in 1985, Rochelle was able to apply his computer-science degree to a position at financial giant J.P. Morgan. Rochelle would spend the next 15 years on Wall Street developing applications for the financial services sector – including solutions to help analysts visualize and access data from complex financial models.

Though he achieved success at J.P. Morgan, Rochelle had other ambitions.

“I always had ideas I wanted to develop...to create and launch products, something I really believed in,” explained Rochelle.

In 2001, he decided to leave the safety of his longtime job and co-found a start-up company. Or two companies, actually. One, consulting service ITK Solutions, provided technology services to banks and other big-name financial organizations. The second, a

software company called 2Web Technologies, featured a signature product that could provide cloud-based access to complex spreadsheets, an extremely unique idea at the time.

Serving as CEO for 2Web, Rochelle guided the company to profitability – and attracted the attention of a quickly growing Internet company: Google.



Based on what Rochelle termed a “serendipitous contact” with Google, he and 2Web’s co-founder began discussing their solution and how it could be utilized by the Internet giant, which was looking to expand beyond its search-engine roots. In 2005, a purchase offer was made: Google wanted to acquire 2Web...and hire Rochelle, the company’s co-founder, and several of their colleagues.

This offer was certainly appealing to Rochelle from a business standpoint, but it also meant that he would be working for someone else again – after going out on his own

just four years earlier. “It was a hard decision to sell, and a little scary to join such a large company,” said Rochelle. “But we had a good feeling about Google.”

Rochelle, once again, made the leap. He noted that he had been attracted to Google’s entrepreneurial environment, in which he could still be innovative and maintain some autonomy. He was also excited by the prospect of developing products on a greater scale.

“Supported by Google, our products could have a much bigger impact,” Rochelle added.

Incorporating 2Web technology, Rochelle and team would ultimately develop the solutions behind Google Docs, Sheets, and Slides, and Google Drive – now used by tens of millions of people worldwide. In his current role as a director of Product Management at Google, he is working to expand the company’s roster of cloud-based applications, with an emphasis on the education sector.

“You could say that I’m an evangelist for cloud computing,” he noted.

Years later, he still looks back fondly on his UAlbany education – citing the rigor of the university’s computer-science degree. “In terms of value, it was an awesome program,” he said. “I would never have been hired or successful at Google without it.”



*Jennifer Isaac, B.A.'02, and
Cristina Samuels, B.A.'00*

Zela International Co.

A COLORFUL CALLING

By Carol Olechowski

Growing up, sisters Cristina Samuels and Jennifer Isaac loved experimenting with makeup. Unlike most little girls, however, they had an “entrepreneurial spirit” that took them from selling cosmetics to their classmates and neighbors to building their own business empire.

“We were raised in an encouraging, supportive and strong business-minded family,” Samuels remembered. “Our parents instilled in us very early on the values of hard work and the notion that all things were possible.”

In fact, the family ran its own cosmetics business. Zela International, founded in the late 1960s, was originally located in New York City until Samuels and Isaac’s father, Ike, moved it to the Capital Region. Their dad, Samuels noted, “single-handedly revolutionized the color-cosmetics industry, pioneering advanced formulas and 101 never-before-seen nail polish colors, like canary yellow, emerald green, sky blue, purple and black, when only nine shades of red existed. These unconventional colors raised eyebrows at the time but caught on very quickly with the younger generation and with celebrities, including Cher and Liza Minnelli.”

By age 7, Samuels was selling Zela products to her neighbors. Jennifer, three years younger, “showcased the cosmetics. It was so gratifying each time we made a sale. We were just kids having fun,” commented Samuels, who went on to sell her father’s line to her junior-high classmates – and to their mothers.

“I knew that this was my calling,” Samuels continued, “but education was always priority one. I graduated with a B.A. in rhetoric and communication, and a double minor in journalism and English.” She considered a career in broadcast journalism but couldn’t resist

the pull of the business world.

Isaac, who majored in sociology and minored in business, was planning to pursue a law degree after earning her bachelor’s in 2002 “but realized it wasn’t my calling. The University at Albany offered a great liberal-arts education that allowed us to explore fields and subjects that piqued our interests. The heritage of business and beauty is in our blood, so it was natural that, as sisters and best friends, we carry on the family business,” Isaac observed.

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In 2000, the sisters created Gaga Pure Platinum®. The name – taken from Samuels’ childhood difficulty in pronouncing her elder brother Gregory’s name – “instantly stuck. We



Samuels and Isaac created MODE® while still at UAlbany. “At the time, the few products on the market that contained natural ingredients were all crunch, no glamour, and didn’t perform,” recalled Samuels. “When we were girls, our mother encouraged us to rub fruit peels on our skin, teaching us the nutrient-rich benefits of fruits and botanicals. We believe that makeup and skincare go hand in hand, and we created an entirely new category of beauty by pioneering high-performance,

designed an intensely vibrant electric-pink lip gloss and lipstick, infusing them with positive energy from crushed gemstones, including ruby, coral, jade, pearl, amethyst, amber and tourmaline, for our personal collection. When I tried the finished product, I said to Jennifer, ‘I’m gaga for this color!’” exclaimed Samuels.

For more information, visit www.modecosmetics.com and www.gagapureplatinum.com.

Lou DeSorbo, B.S.'78, M.S.'80

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Lou DeSorbo realized long ago that no one attains success completely on his own. The founder of the Latham, N.Y.-based The WERCS (Worldwide Environmental Regulatory Compliance Systems) attributes his professional achievements to a succession of “great people, each coming at just the right time and making a key contribution that became a milestone” on the road to success.

His parents and grandmother, a cleaning lady, exemplified the virtues of hard work. Consulting-business owner “Ed H.” hired DeSorbo, assigning him to work at General Electric in Schenectady with “a great guy, Paul F., who expected me to write a program in the morning and another in the afternoon.” “Mimi,” who wore curlers and worked in an office “the size of a janitor’s closet,” referred DeSorbo’s inquiry about a job opportunity to Chase Manhattan Bank. There, “Tom S.” proceeded to interview DeSorbo, “yelling at me while his face got more and more red” – and offered him a job that required him to start his own business, then serve as a contractor.

DeSorbo’s wife, Lori, encouraged him to accept that position. (The parents of three grown children work together: For 15 years, Lori has done billing at The WERCS. Sister-in-law Kim DeSorbo handles other accounting responsibilities. They stepped in when “we had maybe eight employees and 15 software clients,” said Lou. “Now, we have more than 6,000 customers. And Lori still does all of the billing.”)

“Terry S.,” whom DeSorbo met at a software conference, helped him land another consulting position, with GE Silicones. DeSorbo also began to build his company, “adding people over the next nine years.” His staff, including “Tina D.” and “Tom C.,” would take the firm in new directions, as would adviser “Bill B.” and the board members he and DeSorbo brought together.

IBM mainframes were still used in the 1980s, but with PCs becoming more commonplace, “I decided to look at selling software as a product, rather than computer programming as a service,” DeSorbo remembered. Of the 40-plus programs his staff had done for General Electric, “Tina” identified the MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) as potentially marketable. The program was producing output in 12 languages, “and we were working on adding Japanese.



“In 1992, I didn’t know that software could produce anything but English output. It hit me that this program could be sold around the world.” The following year, GE granted DeSorbo the right to commercialize it, and he began transforming the business from software consulting to software sales. “Tina” – who would leave shortly thereafter to raise a family – suggested the name “The WERCS” for the

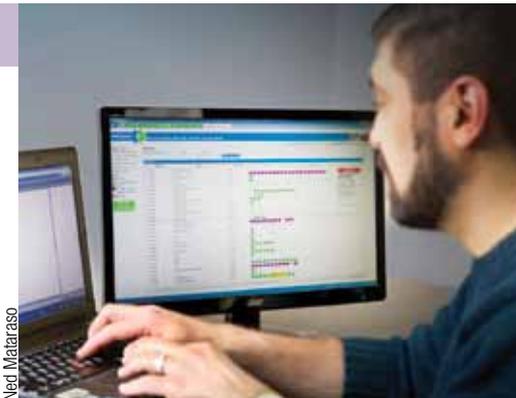
software package. “I loved it. I owe Tina a lot,” noted DeSorbo.

Desperate for sales by 1994, he found inspiration in Sprint, the telephone company that offered customers unlimited calling on “Free Fridays.” DeSorbo began faxing – every Friday to hundreds of chemical companies – a self-designed one-page sales sheet describing The WERCS. “For \$749, the potential customer could purchase the software. We sold our first 20 packages.”

He rejected a buyout offer in 1996. Instead, “Bill B.” helped him form an eight-member board representing a broad range of business expertise. Heart Information Systems was renamed The WERCS “to match the product name.” An entity’s name, DeSorbo believes, “has a big impact on what it will become over time.” Initially, The WERCS had no customers, “but we had the audacity to call it ‘worldwide.’ Today, we’re in more than 30 countries with thousands of customers.”

A call from Wal-Mart in 2005 brought more business to The WERCS. “Tom C.” and his team “designed a system that reviews consumer products containing chemicals so that retailers will more fully understand the regulatory requirements of those products, including how to transport and dispose of them, handle spills, and so on,” DeSorbo recalled. Wal-Mart, Lowe’s, The Home Depot, Target, Sears, CVS, Rite-Aid and many other major retailers now require their suppliers “to go through The WERCS to get their products on the shelves.”





Ned Matraso

The WERCS software

The company's 2013 acquisition by Chicago-based Underwriters Laboratories (UL) "heightened our visibility and supercharged our ability to draw upon resources," said DeSorbo. "I wanted the office and the people to stay here; that was all agreed upon. We received authorization to hire 35 more people. The company employs more than 100, primarily in Latham, but also has people in Mexico, India, Europe and elsewhere." For the time being, DeSorbo remains managing director with The WERCS, which will append "UL" to its name.

"I'm extremely excited about what we do. We want to become more and more a worldwide standard. We're changing the 'S' in The WERCS' acronym from 'System' to 'Standard.' That's our goal. UL's reputation is built on trust, credibility, and product certification and analysis," added DeSorbo, recipient of the 2013 Alumni Association Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award and a University at Albany Foundation director.

A Colonie native who had watched the uptown-campus construction from his childhood home, DeSorbo applied only to the University when it was time for college. The physics major often walked to school along Fuller Road, "or over the railroad tracks and through the woods." A small inheritance from his grandmother funded his undergraduate studies. To earn money for his master's in computer science, DeSorbo played guitar with the band Tight Squeeze

and worked for a year as a part-time computer programmer at the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC). His first job after graduation was a position with the New York State Office of Mental Hygiene; he remained there until accepting his colleague "Ed H.'s" employment offer.

When the DeSorbos vacation, avid birdwatcher Lou packs his binoculars. "It's a lot of fun for me," he observed during a January interview at his office, where photos and drawings of birds decorate the walls and a glass-topped table displays a hardcover copy of John James Audubon's *The Birds of America*. "As they say, birding is 'hunting without

killing and collecting without taking."

DeSorbo, who still plays guitar, has been known to strum a few tunes during the Thursday "pizza day" that's become a winter tradition at The WERCS. At his Niskayuna home, he gardens and plays badminton.

"You can't possibly think you started and operated a business all alone," commented DeSorbo. "I'm not good in any of the fundamental things it takes to operate a business. The talents of every individual are extraordinary gifts. If you get the right people involved, you'll be successful. I owe it all to a lot of great people."



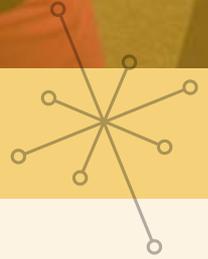
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Sara Mannix, B.A. '89

Search-Engine Pioneer



By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A. '93

For many entrepreneurs, opportunity arises out of a challenge: They discover an unmet need and figure out how to meet it. Such was the case for Sara Mannix.

In 1995, when Mannix was serving as marketing director for a mail-order company, she asked a Web developer how the company could improve its search-engine results to attract more customers. He simply replied, “No one knows how to do that.”

Mannix set out to prove him wrong.

By testing different theories and tactics, Mannix began building her authority as a leader in search-engine optimization (SEO). This led her to start Mannix Marketing in 1996 with a goal to get clients “found” on the Web. The company, which provides a range of digital-marketing services, now serves more than 1,500 clients worldwide and employs a team of more than 30 specialists.

While Mannix enjoys many aspects of her role as CEO, such as collaborating with small businesses to develop their marketing strategies, her favorite thing is driving results for her clients – demonstrating the return on investment.

“I love to hear about how successful their marketing campaign was and how it impacted their business,” said Mannix. “It’s very rewarding.”

At first glance, one could say that Mannix’s college degree – a double major in Spanish and Italian – seemingly had little to do with her technology-driven career. But she credits her UAlbany experience with providing the foundation for a successful career in business.

“For me, it wasn’t what I studied that mattered, in the long run,” she noted. “The knowledge and the skills that I learned at UAlbany have helped me along the way in growing and running a business.”



"True Competitor"

JOSH SHAW, B.S.'97

By Carol Olechowski

Given his track record in the business world, Josh Shaw has a good shot at making MISSION Athletecare (www.missionathletecare.com) "the dominant sports-innovation brand globally."

As a high-school student in Rye Brook, N.Y., he started a T-shirt company. At UAlbany, Shaw, a finance and marketing major, and classmate Keith Garber, B.A.'97, launched The Albany Trader, a venture that issued discount cards for products and services provided by Capital Region businesses. Within a few years of merging with Student Advantage, a company in Boston, the firm was nearing \$100 million in sales. The partners took Student Advantage public in June 1999 (NASDAQ: STAD). Shaw, a millionaire by age 24, later co-founded GoSMILE, an upscale line of oral-care and tooth-

whitening products sold internationally in high-end department stores and boutiques.

Shortly after selling GoSMILE in 2007, Shaw conceptualized MISSION Athletecare, a line of innovative products catering to baseball, basketball and tennis players; golfers; runners; swimmers; and other athletes and outdoor-sports enthusiasts. "We brought in some of the world's best athletes as equity owners and product developers," says Shaw. "Who better to help identify specific problems facing athletes and the solutions needed to win? We hit the market in mid-2009, and it's been great."

MISSION Athletecare products are engineered to "enhance performance during competition and promote recovery afterward." The portfolio of patented and patent-pending technologies includes EnduraCool Instant Cooling Towels; Court Grip Traction Enhancer; Power Grip Dry Hands Gel; and an assortment of sports-medicine products, such as muscle rub, anti-chafe cream and sunscreen.

Shaw perceives the New York City-based MISSION Athletecare as "an opportunity to create an entirely new category in the consumer market and a new generation of technologically advanced consumer goods. We solve problems unique to athletes and then commercialize the solutions." And with tennis icon Serena Williams, New York Knicks star Carmello Anthony, soccer great Mia Hamm and a host of other sports luminaries in his corner, Shaw is poised again for success. Sales, the self-described "true competitor" reports, "have doubled every year since we started. In the next several months, we're on track to triple our sales numbers."

Josh Shaw Advises Business Owners:

"Get comfortable with being uncomfortable."

"Never underestimate your ability to win."

"Never stop innovating!"

SPORTS ICONS SERENA WILLIAMS, TOP, LEFT, AND DWYANE WADE, TOP, RIGHT, SHOW "WHAT I USE TO WIN": MISSION ATHLETECARE PRODUCTS.

TOP, CENTER: JOSH SHAW POSES WITH SON JACK.

Nancy Bader Leventhal, B.S.'77

THE KEY TO SUCCESS



NANCY BADER VISITS THE
STAFF AT BADER MEDIA'S
MEXICO CITY BUREAU.



BaderTV

Hard work is the key to success. Ask Nancy Bader Leventhal.

"I always worked," said Bader, who transferred from SUNY Oneonta to the University at Albany to study accounting but later switched her major to marketing. "I'd come home early for Thanksgiving and work the entire week before the holiday. I worked during the summers and during school breaks. I did everything. I worked for whoever would hire me: brokerage houses, law firms, a pharmaceutical company."

Bader's favorite job, at Scholastic Publications' *Co-Ed Magazine*, put her to work on advertising campaigns. Invited to return, "I worked on contests and different campaigns." Other positions gave her experience in marketing, affording Bader an opportunity to use the knowledge she'd acquired in her new major. She still has fond memories of the University. "I always knew I wanted something to do with business, so I decided on Albany, which had a good business school. It was an easy choice; I already had lots of friends there."

Bader returned to her native New York City after graduation. She worked at a brokerage house and later at a communications company where she handled media buying. Meantime, "I

typed letters and sent out résumés to every Fortune 100 or 200 company I could find, looking for a marketing or advertising job."

Chemical Bank hired Bader to market some previously free, bundled services at a charge to customers. "It was an exciting time and a wonderful opportunity for me. I was involved with actual bank operations. I became an expert in some of the products they offered and traveled all over the country" – all while earning an M.B.A. at Baruch College at night.

In 1984, she married Michael Leventhal, then a sports producer for WABC-TV. Eager for a new career challenge, "my husband and I started a business in our studio apartment," Bader remembered. "I wrote the business plan, and he did the work. It was a seven-day-a-week job,

and we finally got a piece of business that gave us enough money to make some changes, so he left his job at ABC. I continued working so we could pay the bills. Within two years, I joined Michael. It's a very interesting business; it's taken the best of both of us."

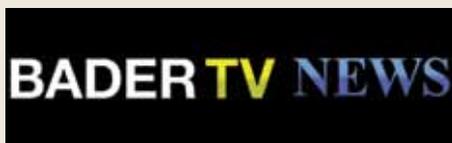
Bader Media Group "started as a television production company. I had some of that background through advertising and marketing, and I used my M.B.A. for all the financial stuff you need for business," Bader explained.

Now "a niche business," Bader Media "works for some of the largest companies in the world. We work for the leaders in every industry: technology, consumer products, automotive and financial services. You name the field, we have clients in it."

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Camera teams and field producers fluent in 16 languages create and provide content for the firm's clients. Bader Media has offices in the United States, Asia and Europe. "As we speak, I have a team at the Detroit Auto Show. Tomorrow, I have a group going to the Sundance Film Festival. We're involved with a lot of Super Bowl sponsors," Bader said last January, when the company was preparing to cover the 2014 Winter Olympics. The World Cup this summer and the 2016 Summer Olympics are also on Bader Media's agenda.



One of the business's primary challenges is evolving technology. "Equipment especially has changed. When we started, everything was on tape. Now, everything is shot on memory cards and uploaded to the cloud," commented Bader.

"We've been very fortunate in our business. We were affected by the economic downturn and made some changes, but we weathered the storm and are stronger than ever."

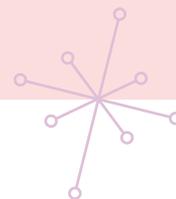
Bader's president observed that her senior vice president – Leventhal – is the ideal business partner. "He is very much an optimist. Nothing stops him. If he doesn't have the experience or the knowledge for a project, he'll figure it out, and it really has worked. We love it. After nearly 30 years, I still get to tell him what to do," she joked.

The couple has two teenage sons.

Nancy Smith, B.S.'91

Offering a Better Product

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90



Nancy Smith, founder and president of Analytic Partners, Inc. (www.analyticpartners.com), created her own marketing consulting company in 2000 to offer tools she found lacking in the industry.

"I found it very difficult to get what I needed from the different suppliers and research companies we contracted with," Smith said of her time as a market-research manager at Clairol. "Previously, I had worked for a research company, and I felt that I could offer a better product than I was getting from the vendors out there."

Smith's experience allowed her to see the business from the client's side and the research vendor's. She credits her professors at UAlbany for encouraging critical thinking.

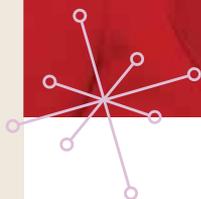
"In economics and sociology classes, professors challenged the class to evaluate the world as it is, and for alternatives to the status quo," said Smith. "A consistent lesson was that systems, and the world, can be evaluated and changed as long as you have the right perspective."

Economics classes helped her understand how business works, the how and why of consumer behavior, and the magic of supply and demand. One class, in particular, stressed the power and impact of business decisions, something that figures significantly in her company's work.

"I am grateful for my experience at UAlbany," said Smith. "I learned from a diverse set of professors and with a diverse, international student body. It was a formative time for me; it gave me the tools for personal and professional success."

Analytic Partners, Smith said, "delivers actionable business analytics. The goal is to empower decision-making by helping clients understand the collected information and make optimal choices that will increase revenue, market share and profits. Collaboration with our clients is important to acting on the insights, and to monitoring how those actions will impact the overall business plan."

Analytic Partners, based in New York City, also has offices in Cincinnati and Denver, and in Asia, Australia, Europe and South America.





MAI-LIS BAHR, B.S.'97

By Carol Olechowski

Momprenneurial *Magic*

Starting and running a small business, observes Mai-Lis Bahr, requires “perseverance, strength and grit. When the going gets tough, I tell myself to hold on tightly until we weather the storm. And when the sun shines, I sit back, take a deep breath and say, ‘I did this; we did this!’”

The sun shines often for Bahr and friend Meghan Hampton, who founded the Addie & Ella girls’-clothing line in 2010. Initially, they planned to create Lil’ Dribblers, “interchangeable bibs that looked like part of an outfit,” but the designs were difficult to manufacture. Instead, they “branched out and designed a whole line of clothing” Bahr describes as “timeless, fresh, comfortable and whimsical.”

All Addie & Ella creations “can be worn for play and are machine washable,” notes Bahr, adding that the line currently features “soft and durable Peruvian-cotton knits.” Most items are priced between \$15 and \$40.

Hampton and Bahr handle design, shipping, overseas manufacturing, social media, website management, sales – “you name it, we do it! We hire graphic artists, when needed.”

Since 90 percent of her work revolves around communication and organization, Bahr appreciates the opportunities UAlbany afforded her. A course on businesses, mergers and acquisitions “ignited entrepreneurial desire within me and taught me strategic thinking,” remembers the former communication major. From an internship with Assemblyman Robert D’Andrea, Bahr gained “real-world experience” and confidence.

After graduation, the Saratoga Springs native relocated to Charlotte, N.C., where she still resides with her husband, Chris, and their daughter, Addie, and son, Carson. She and Hampton, who met at Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, now work from Bahr’s home office. The arrangement ensures that Bahr is home when her children arrive from school. “Plus,” she jokes, “my dogs appreciate the company!”

Community service is important to Bahr and Hampton, who support the NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit) at Levine Children’s Hospital in Charlotte. “Meghan lost one of her identical twin daughters at birth. The NICU saved her daughter Scottie’s life,” recounts Bahr, who serves on the founding committee of In the Nic of Time, an organization started by Hampton’s family. “For the past three years, we have raised over \$180,000; the NICU is using the funds for strategic space-planning to enhance the entire unit. Funds are also donated to the Charlotte Fetal Care Center, which provides pre-natal care to high-risk pregnancies.”

Addie & Ella has donated more than 1,000 blankets to the NICU nursery. “We used our custom-designed prints to create soft, colorful blankets to warm the beds of little ones,” Bahr says.

Visit Addie & Ella at www.AddieandElla.com, on Facebook and at Twitter.



ERIC SMITH, B.A.'93

Making an Impact

By Carol Olechowski



Eric Smith, above, at center, enjoys the 2013 Cali Roots Festival in Monterey, Calif. At right, Kirsty Rock of the Easy Star All-Stars and Nate Edgar of John Brown's Body pose with Smith at a concert in New York City last October.

Easy Star Records CEO Eric Smith always wanted to “make an impact” in the world. And he has – though not in the way he had anticipated.

“A huge music fan, especially of reggae,” Smith thought he was headed for a career in politics and government. “My father was very active in the civil-rights movement, and both my parents were pretty political. Growing up with continuous dialogue about the civil-rights struggles here at home, as well as about many other social movements around the globe, I became passionate about making my own impact toward social progress,” the New York City native recalled.

Smith enrolled at what was then SUNY Albany to study political science, switching his major to sociology junior year. He also maintained his interest in reggae. “Albany’s Arbor Hill neighborhood had a strong Caribbean community, so most of the big Jamaican reggae artists would come through town, and there were always reggae parties on and off campus. A great record shop near Clinton Avenue was able to supply my fix for new vinyl. I would head down every other Friday with my earnings from my work-study job in the campus post office to get the latest releases.”

After graduation, Smith returned to his hometown, where he worked as a news assistant on *The New York Times*’ Metro desk. “I loved sociology and assumed I would go back to college for my master’s, but at the time I was ready for a break from school and enjoyed working in the ‘real world.’”

In 1996, Smith and some friends were venting their frustration “with much of what the reggae record labels were putting out.” They decided “to get off the sidelines and make some music ourselves,” and Easy Star Records was born. The label’s name, Smith explained, “is from the Jamaican *patois* salutation, ‘Easy, Star,’ as in “Take it easy, Star.”

The greatest challenge for Smith and label co-founders Lem Oppenheimer, Michael Goldwasser and Remy Gerstein “was that none of us knew anything about starting a business. We had to start from scratch, but we methodically learned everything we could. We focused on the challenges at hand, rather than becoming overwhelmed by the scope of starting a business.”

Initially, Smith felt that his studies “would be of little use for this new career path,” but he soon realized he was “applying sociology to the business.” He observed: “At the end of the day, the music business – any business – is about relationship building, both at the micro level, with the artists, press, retailers, distributors and promoters, and at the macro level, with fans. In all these interactions, we are experiencing and reacting to human social behavior, which is the root of what sociology is all about.”

That approach has worked well for the business. Early on, Smith noted, Easy Star artists included “veterans like Sugar Minott, Ranking Joe, Sister Carol, Junior Demus and Sluggo Ranks, along with up-and-coming artists like Rob Symeonn, Ruff Scott and Ossie Dellimore.” The 2003 recording of *Dub Side of the Moon*, a cover of Pink Floyd’s *Dark Side of the Moon*,

“expanded our reach and helped expose roots reggae to a wider audience.” Today, The Black Seeds, a platinum-selling reggae/soul/funk group from New Zealand; acclaimed Texas singer-songwriter Cas Haley; Ticklah, a founding member of the studio band, the Easy Star All-Stars; Gogol Bordello bassist Tommy T; and Hawaii’s The Green all record for the label. “Our newest signing, Passafire, from Savannah, Ga., debuted its latest album at No. 1 on the Billboard Reggae Chart last November,” added Smith, who lives in New York’s East Village with his wife and their daughter Simone, 10.

At Easy Star, Smith oversees “production, artist management, marketing, distribution, accounting” and other operations. “I love that there is creativity in every aspect of the work we do,” he said. “The name, the logo, the production, the art packaging and the marketing plan provide countless opportunities for creative input.

“While I may not have ended up in a field I originally thought I would ‘make a difference’ in, I am still fulfilling that mission. Music, and especially reggae, has played an integral part in fostering and ultimately advancing social change. It has been the soundtrack for liberation and self-empowerment around the globe. I’m deeply proud and honored to have played a part in getting some of that music out to a worldwide audience,” Smith reflected.

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Garrett Butch, B.A.'96

THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

By Carol Olechowski

In 2004, Garrett Butch and his wife, Christy, were concerned when their first child, Collin, then 15 months old, “was not progressing as his peers were.” Despite a pediatrician’s reassurances, the couple took him for testing, and, “after five months, we got the diagnosis we feared: autism,” Garrett recalled.

The diagnosis precipitated a struggle “to find the best way to work with Collin and ensure that he had a bright future. [But] the

first month of treatment alone cost \$4,000, and insurance covered \$0.” The nest egg the couple had put away was soon gone.

Adding to their distress was the realization that “many more families could not afford therapy and were getting no help for their children,” said Garrett. Simultaneously, “Collin was beginning school, and many of his teachers lacked the training to work with him properly.”

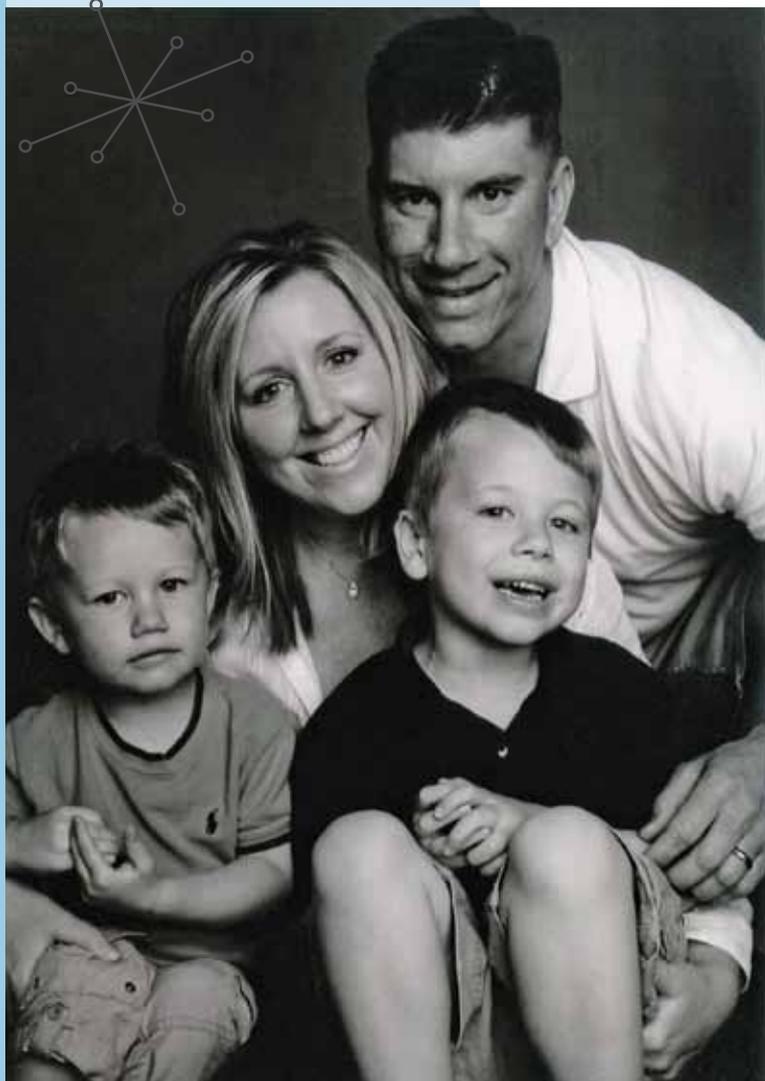
The Butches “had learned Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) – a science of human behavior using empirically validated principles to change socially significant behaviors – and were spending countless hours working with Collin. We knew that if we could make it work, then we needed to find a way to help others.”

That way was Maximum Potential Kids. In 2007, the Butches “teamed up with a number of Ph.D.-BCBAs (Board-Certified Behavior Analysts) to create a platform that parents, professionals and schools could use to learn best practices in ABA,” Garrett explained.

Maximum Potential’s video-based format offers “valuable information,

Below: Christy and Garrett Butch enjoy some family time with sons Ryan and Collin.

Below, at right: Collin takes his bike out for a spin.



The Spirit of Intellectual Curiosity

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

Raj Maheshwari, founder and director of the merchant-banking company Charlestown Capital Advisors, remembers coming to UAlbany more than three decades ago wearing a three-piece suit relatives bought him when he landed in New Jersey. This suit, he said, showed how little he knew of campus life, coming from India.



Professor Nell Sedransk, however, helped direct Maheshwari. During office hours, the two had long conversations about math and his future. Their discussions fed his curiosity and steered him toward courses that built his thinking. One, in logic, “spurred my interest in computer science and applied math,” Maheshwari said. The class, which taught how to use logical statements to construct arguments in math and computers, “was one of the best courses I have taken, and it has continued to help me.”

Sedransk “knew math that could amaze you. I owe her a significant amount of gratitude,” added Maheshwari, recalling that his mentor also helped him get into an upper-level statistics class taught by her husband, Joe Sedransk.

For Maheshwari, a tough course in designing compilers seemed to sum up his experience at UAlbany: *It's what you make of it*. The University, he said, “was the most fantastic thing that happened to me.” Instructors were incredibly cooperative, “especially for someone who wasn't familiar with the American college system. They made me feel so welcome.”

In 2012, grateful for the promotion of intellectual curiosity and for his education, Maheshwari endowed a UAlbany colloquium series honoring his parents, Man Mohan and Asha Devi Maheshwari. The series will draw scholars to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

as well as samples to reinforce the training. Skills are broken down into a series of manageable, easy-to-learn steps. Students are provided multiple opportunities to practice and perfect each step.” Positive reinforcement, goals targeted to the individual learner’s needs, and progress tracking are also key to the program’s success.

Using ABA, “we have helped Collin reduce some behaviors, begin talking, work on basic skills, and verbalize wants and needs,” noted Garrett, a former history teacher. “We progressed into a curriculum that included taking what he learned in the classroom to the outside world and teaching him social skills. Collin is still autistic, but I believe that without ABA and our talented team of therapists, he would not have the life he has.”

Now 11, Collin “loves music and spelling. He dreams of being in the National Spelling Bee and wants to compete on ‘So You Think You Can Dance.’” He enjoys spending time with his parents and brother Ryan, 8, an athlete and “huge Yankees and Giants fan.”

Maximum Potential has helped others, too. The Alpharetta, Ga.-based program is used by more than 250 U.S. school districts, including the Los Angeles Unified, “the largest in the nation, with more than 9,000 students with autism”; Dallas; Little Rock, Ark.; Brevard County, Fla.; Norman, Okla.; and Stillwater, N.Y. “We also have clients in England, China, France, Russia, Australia, South Africa and Peru,” Garrett added.

The education courses Garrett took at UAlbany “really helped when Christy and I were creating Maximum Potential. Without the knowledge of how a classroom operates, or of the goals and needs of a school, I would have struggled to develop a program schools would use.” Garrett, a history major who played Great Danes football until an injury ended his career, also thanked “those who shaped me at the University” for instilling in him the persistence “to get through tough times by seeing long-term possibilities.”

Link to Maximum Potential at www.maximumpotentialkids.com.

Ask Geoff

By Geoff Williams, University Archivist

A Celebration OF EOP GRADUATES

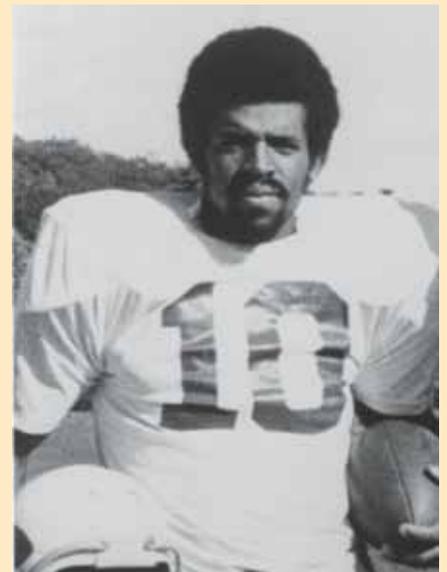
Since the University at Albany recently observed the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Equal Opportunities Program (EOP), I felt it would be appropriate to recognize some of its alumni for their many contributions in various fields. While the list of EOP graduates who have achieved great things is long, and space permits us to mention only a few, those mentioned here represent not only the thousands of other EOP alumni and their successes, but the program itself, which helped to transform promising students into accomplished individuals.

Among the first EOP graduates was **Lynn Gilmore Canton, B.A.'71, M.S.'73.**, who majored in Afro-American studies as an undergraduate and earned a master's in reading. She had a long career in New York State government, then served as director of FEMA's Region II (New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands). Canton, recently retired as Region II administrator, c o o r d i n a t e d



the federal response to hurricanes Irene and Sandy in 2011 and 2012, respectively. For more about Canton, visit <http://tinyurl.com/oapyvd4> and <http://tinyurl.com/ncg7xpp>.

K. George Keleshian, B.A.'73, immigrated to the United States from Lebanon at age 10. At the University at Albany, the talented athlete – he played soccer and basketball and ran track – became interested in the environment. Senior year, the interdisciplinary-studies major served as president of the Protect Your Environment Club. Keleshian, who went on to earn an M.S. in engineering at RPI, has worked in the environmental field and led a number of companies. He is founder and CEO of Zeroenergy Buildings, Inc., of Guilderland. Visit his LinkedIn page at <http://tinyurl.com/ppz5mtg>.



K. George Keleshian with his mother at graduation



As co-captain of the Great Danes football team, **Frederick K. Brewington Jr., J.D., B.A.'79**, was well known on campus. Brewington, a sociology major at UAlbany, went on to graduate from Northeastern University School of Law in 1982 and has built a successful career as a civil-rights attorney. He was president of the University at Albany Alumni Association from 1991-93 and served on the association's board from 1986-2006. The recipient of the 2000 Excellence in Alumni Service Award, Brewington is licensed to practice law in New York, New Jersey and before the U.S. Supreme Court. Read more about Brewington at <http://tinyurl.com/k6c8uq6>.

Tomás Morales, M.S. '78, Ph.D. '98, earned graduate degrees in educational administration and policy studies at the University at Albany. A Puerto Rico native raised in the South Bronx, he was appointed the first Latino president of the College of Staten Island, CUNY, in 2007. Morales has served as president of California State University, San Bernardino, since 2012. Honored by UAlbany in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month in 2010, Morales currently chairs the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Board of Directors. He was featured in the Fall 2013 *UAlbany* magazine article "The Value of Higher Education" (<http://tinyurl.com/k8664r5>). Learn more about Morales' life and work at <http://tinyurl.com/na4bu3r>.



As a sophomore transfer student from SUNY Potsdam in 1982, **Frank Whaley, B.A. '85**, discovered a great theatre program at UAlbany.



He took courses from professors Jim Leonard and William Kennedy. After completing his studies, Whaley was working as a waiter in New York City when he answered a casting call for the motion picture based on Kennedy's novel *Ironweed*. He was cast to portray main character Francis Phelan as a young man. (Jack Nicholson played Phelan as an older man.) In the years since, Whaley has accumulated a long list of film and television credits. He particularly enjoys writing and directing; in fact, for his first such effort, "Joe the King," in 1999, he received the Sundance Film Festival's Waldo Salt Screenwriting Award. Whaley and his work were highlighted in "Ironweed' and Irony," part of the "That's Entertainment!" feature in the Winter 2008 *UAlbany* (<http://tinyurl.com/p8swzwt>).

UAlbany recognized **Clyde Frazier Jr., B.A. '88**, as a Distinguished Alumnus in Community Service in 1994. The recipient of the African-American, Latino, Asian & Native American (ALANA) Award was extremely active in Harlem, creating the nonprofit Friends of Fredrick E. Samuel Foundation, which provided counseling to youth, and founding the Slam Jam Women's Basketball Tournament. Today, his father oversees both organizations. Frazier, who graduated from the University with a degree in African studies, enjoyed his work as a revenue-crimes specialist in the New York State Office of Tax Enforcement. At age 41, Frazier died in the collapse of the second tower during the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

An All-State softball star at UAlbany, **Zoraida Diaz, B.S. '91, M.S. '94**, recorded more triples than any other player ever in Division III women's softball, finishing her sophomore season as the team's leading batter. As a junior psychology major, she was named to the All-Championship Team when the Lady Danes won the New York State Women's Collegiate Association Championship. She later earned a master's in rehabilitation counseling. Currently, Diaz is a captain in the Oakland, Calif., fire department, assigned to Station 13.



Capt. Zoraida Diaz of the Oakland, Calif., fire department

José Luis Calderón, M.D., B.S. '77, earned a bachelor's in biology, *cum laude*, and, in 1982, became one of the first UAlbany alumni to graduate from Harvard Medical School. A champion of healthcare literacy, he was honored in 2010 by the University in conjunction with National Hispanic Heritage Month. Calderón, who became director of the Charles R. Drew University Center for Cross-cultural Epidemiological Studies in Southern California, was principal investigator for two U.S. Department of Health and Human Services initiatives: the South L.A. Breast Health Promotion and Diabetes Literacy and Self-Efficiency Training projects. In 2004, he was elected president of the Association for the Behavioral Sciences and Medical Education. Read more about Calderón at <http://www.albany.edu/news/9827.php>.



José Luis Calderón

the Carillon

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38 **Helen Olski Scanlon** has recently relocated to the Albany area and is looking forward to communicating with other classmates. Her email address is tscanlon@nycap.rr.com and her mailing address is 47 Pine Hill Park, Valatie, NY 12184.

Class notes counselor: Vince Gillen, vpgillen@yahoo.com

48 **A note from your class counselor:** Sadly we report the death July 2, 2013, of our dedicated class member **Samuel Dickieson** of Seneca Falls, N.Y. He and his wife, Dorothy Sturzenberger '47, contributed much to their community and received many honors because of this. In June, four members of the class met to decide whether to hold a 65th reunion this year; and from that meeting, we planned a get-together for Oct. 19 during Homecoming Weekend. Attending the Half-Century Club breakfast were **Gari Patycopoulos, Eleanor Alland, Wanda Methe, Eileen Patterson, and Marian and Dick Kirchhoff**. We were the oldest class represented and were recognized by University at Albany President Robert J. Jones. Following the breakfast, a luncheon was held at Avila, a retirement community where Eleanor lives. Those attending included all at the breakfast, as well as, **Jane O'Brien, and Betty Brignull**. Many classmates emailed and telephoned their regrets at being unable to travel to Albany for the reunion. Classmates unable to travel to Albany to attend the reunion included: **Ruth Seelbach Elmore** and **Justin Maloney McConaughy** from Orange City, Fla.; **Vera Chudiak Smith** from Mattituck, Long Island; **Doris Wester Miga** of New Hartford, N.Y.; **Lucille St. Priest Horton** from Forestburgh, N.Y.; **Ruth Hurr** from Castleton-on-Hudson, N.Y.; **Annalee Levine Ginsberg** from Norristown, Pa.; **Clara Sylvestri Beninati** from Ballston Lake; **Wilma Diehl** from Massapequa, N.Y.; **Ruth Doran** from Baldwinsville, N.Y.; **Helen Kisiel Schick** from Bay Shore, N.Y.; **Adrienne Iorio Caruso** from Saratoga Springs; **Selene Wolf Sheriff** from Williamsburg, Va.; **Isabel Cooper Baker** from Queensbury, N.Y.; **George Poulos** from Rye Brook, N.Y.; **Rita Shapiro Schwartz** from Hillsboro Beach, Fla.; **Julia Genovesi Fassett** from Cherry Valley, N.Y.; and **Mary Jane Giovannone Caruso** from Winter Park, Fla. Class of '48 – still great!

Class Notes Counselor: Eleanor Holbig Alland, Ealland214b@nycap.rr.com

49 **A note from your class counselor:** The big story for our class during 2014 is

our 65th reunion, which will take place from Sept. 19-21. Details are scheduled to be mailed to each class member sometime this spring. This will be an emotional get-together because it may be the last time we will have the opportunity to see each other. If at all possible, try to attend, even if you come just for the Saturday luncheon. **Betsy Franks Schuhle** will be there to lead us in the lusty singing of our *alma mater*. If you cannot travel on your own, draft a relative to accompany you. You can then show them what great classmates you have! Congratulations to Betsy and Jake Schuhle on their 65th wedding anniversary, celebrated with their family in September. In October, their two sons' families treated them to dinner to celebrate Jake's 89th birthday.

Helen Cook Rumsey is living in a senior facility in Bloomington, Minn. Her husband, after a lifetime career with 3M, died in 2000. Helen states that her very supportive family is doing well; all the grandkids are getting college degrees, and her three children – an engineer, an architect and an entrepreneur – are great. **Anne Sulich Raser** announced the birth of her first great-grandchild, Maxx Speed Raser, born on Oct. 22, 2013. Anne was recovering from surgery on her vocal chords after one side became paralyzed. **"Freddy" Laemmerzahl Miller** reports that, after nine hip dislocations and two revision surgeries, she underwent another surgery in October. Freddy says she's very adept at hopping around on one leg with a walker. We hope that Freddy hops to our 65th! **Bob Kittredge** and Diana were happy to have their granddaughter fly into the Bay Area from Hong Kong in October. In November, Bob and Diana celebrated their daughter Susan's 50th birthday by treating all their families to a San Diego dinner. From there, they boarded a cruise ship in San Diego Harbor for a two-week cruise with stops in Mexico, Central America and the Panama Canal Zone. **Bob Kaiser** and MaryAnn reported that the wedding of their granddaughter was very emotional. It was the first time in 11 years that their entire family of 20 was able to get together. The Kaisers, who have been splitting time between Scottsdale, Ariz., and Monticello, N.Y., had their house in Monticello, where they lived for 59 years, up for sale. Bob spent his entire education career in Monticello; he started as a math teacher and went on to become superintendent. The community honored Rob by officially naming the Robert J. Kaiser Middle School for him.

Ellen Fay Harmon and Tom were treated in November to a surprise retirement party hosted by WMHT, the Capitol District public radio station. They were honored for their more than 20 years of weekly reading to print-disabled persons. Ellen and Tom have been reading

Reminisce Magazine together. Tom has recorded books, and Ellen also read *Guideposts* magazine and *The Daily Gazette*. **Richard Foster** writes from Sarasota, Fla., that he has the title “minister of music” in the old-folks’ home where he lives and plays for vesper services. Richard says that he is blessed with three great-grandchildren he sees quite often. **Jerry Dunn**, who began NYSCT with our class, was elected president, then drafted. He returned as a member of the Class of ’51, was elected president of that class, and married **Shirley Wiltse**, the Class of 1950’s *State College News* editor-in-chief. They have four children and nine grandchildren. Jerry, who is involved with various activities and travel, worked with two golf organizations. Active in church activities, he has written a history of his local 140-year-old church. Jerry was also president of the UAlbany Alumni Association from 1981-83. Shirley became interested in historic preservation and helped form a couple of preservation organizations.

Respected as an authority on the Mohicans, she has written three books and several learned articles about them. **Elsa Moberg Cox** had a tour of four islands on her 15-day cruise to Hawaii. It didn’t take Elsa long to become busy again, as she is on the executive board of deacons and a circle leader for Presbyterian women. **Jean Spenser Bourgeois**, who lives in Albany, reports that her grandson received his Ph.D. from UAlbany and is teaching at St. Mary’s College in Indiana. She is also proud of her 2-year-old great-granddaughter. It was a great Thanksgiving for **Bobbi Houk VanTilburg** and husband Gerald. They celebrated the holiday in State College, Pa., with their son’s family and were able to Skype with their grandson, who studies veterinary medicine at Dick Vet College in Edinburgh, Scotland. For Christmas, they went to Cresaptown, Md., where they saw their two great-grandchildren. Bobbi spent a few days in the hospital recovering from congestive heart failure, but after taking medication,

she was feeling better in early December. **Ursula Neuhaus Schiff** was planning to go on another Caribbean cruise at Christmas time. **Bonnie Lewis Totten Adkins** and Lee are still active. She will be a great-grandparent for the first time, and Lee for the third time, in the spring. In September, Bonnie’s grandson was married in Middlebury, Vt., and Bonnie and Lee hosted a friend from Haxby, England, for two and a half weeks. Even though Lee is a retired minister, he had three memorial services in November. Bonnie closes her message by encouraging all to sign up and come to our 65th reunion so we can beat the record for attendees and have a special time together. Bonnie, **Ellen Fay Harmon** and **Dick Zeller** have joined me again to coordinate our 65th. We are hoping that we have a good turnout and that you won’t disappoint us. We love what we’re doing. As I was writing up this class news, notification came from the Alumni Office that Joyce and I will be honored with the Excellence in Alumni

Service Award, to be presented at the 2014 Excellence Awards Gala on May 3. We feel so honored and privileged to be receiving this prestigious award, and we would like to thank all those who wrote letters of support to make it possible.

Class notes counselor: Joe Zanchelli, jzanch@yahoo.com

50 **A note from your class counselor: Harold “Sparky” Vaughn**

had an extended fall visit at his Firenze, Italia residence. He and friends of Maria Pia visited her burial site, enjoyed dinner and celebrated Maria. Sparky has a huge project to work on for a relative of Maria’s family, who is the custodian of a massive library collected since the 1500s. His mission is to find an American university that will accept and maintain these first editions and rare books at San Marcello Pistoiese, a 100room palazzo, its current location. Harold is negotiating with Syracuse University’s director of Special Collections



GREAT DANE PRIDE

A Message from Lee Serravillo ~ Executive Director, UAlbany Alumni Association

So what is all this # about?

Well, depending on your class year, it may mean the number sign; the pound sign; or, currently, a hashtag. This tag is used to group social-media messages having a similar theme. Here at UAlbany, we have begun to use **#GreatDanePride**, and there is a great deal of which we should be proud.

On the Rise

Some are proud that the value of a UAlbany degree is always increasing as our students become increasingly competitive: The average G.P.A. of accepted freshmen is greater than 91, and the average SAT score exceeds 1100. More than 1,000 world-class faculty teach in 118 undergraduate majors and minors programs, as well as in 138 master’s, doctoral and graduate-certificate programs. And UAlbany’s 161,000-plus alumni live in every state and in more than 115 countries around the globe.

Excellence

Others take pride in the University’s status as a top college recognized for academic excellence and affordability (*Kiplinger’s Personal Finance*); its ranking among the top 100 of “America’s Best Public Colleges” (*Forbes*); and for its top-10 graduate programs in criminal justice, information technology, and public administration (*U.S. News & World Report*).

Impact

Other alumni point to the University at Albany’s impact on the economy and job growth. Over the next five years, UAlbany will add more than 700 permanent positions; hire nearly 200 new faculty; create approximately 1,600 construction jobs; and recruit 1,350 additional students. As the single largest enterprise in the Capital Region, the University boasts 23,000 students, faculty and staff. UAlbany students, who contribute \$120 million to the Capital Region economy every year, also take advantage of more than 500 study-abroad opportunities in more than 50 countries.

So, what does Great Dane Pride mean to you? We’d love to hear from you, see your comments and photos, and continue the conversation online. Send us an email (ualbanyalumni@albany.edu), tweet with the hashtag **#greatdanepride**, or comment on [facebook.com/UAlbanyAlumni](https://www.facebook.com/UAlbanyAlumni).



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regarding this complicated matter. *Class notes councilor: Audrey Koch Feathers, audreyfeathers@gmail.com.*

52 Vicki Eddy relayed to me the sad news that **Evelyn Kampke Johnson** passed away on Aug. 24, 2013. We extend our sympathies to her widower, Reuben Johnson, whose address is 268 Cheesetana Way, London, TN 37774. It's always good to hear that **John Bowker** is continuing his medical practice at the University of Miami and that life is still full for him. He had talks and meetings in 2013 in San Francisco; Chicago; Albany (our reunion); Gothenburg, Sweden; and London, always accompanied by his wife, Alice. A very thoughtful piece came from **Tom Holman**, who has been privileged to worship in the Episcopal Church in three very different venues: Long Island; Naples, Fla.; and, most

interesting, at Saint Maarten in the Caribbean. He "has been accepted with open arms in all three places." **Madeline Weitlof Huchro** reports that, because of eye and health problems, she and her husband limit their travel to flying back and forth between Plattsburgh, N.Y., and Orlando-Sanford, Fla. She keeps in close contact with **Phyllis Hauser** and says she's doing fine since Bob passed. Madeline retired in 1985 and has been enjoying the best of both worlds since, spending six months in the Adirondacks and six months in Florida. She and Wally planned to return to Ticonderoga to spend Christmas with their daughter and their son, who will join them from Charlotte, N.C. **Kitty Kloser Irons'** quilt group has just finished its second Quilt of Valor and has chosen a pattern for the next quilt. In August, her four brothers and sisters met with her

at a little lake in the Adirondacks. They will see each other next July in Texas and have plans for a cruise to Bermuda in June. **Bert Jablon** reports that he and his wife had a fabulous trip around Colorado, with special emphasis on how railroads contributed to the economic and political growth of the state. Bert began another fall term with his employer, Empire State College, mentoring over a dozen of its healthcare students. **Jane Minckler Jennings** has returned from a trip to New Orleans with her son. There was a notice in the State Library News that Jane was an elected member of the Governing Board of the Friends of the State Library. **Anna Morrissey Karpiak** reported on her trip to Las Vegas, where Hilton upgraded her to a one-bedroom apartment – always a pleasant surprise on a trip. She saw some friends who used to live on Long Island and didn't even lose

money at the tables! Anna planned to go to Connecticut for Thanksgiving and then to Pennsylvania for a couple of days. **Mary Anne** and **Bob Lanni** celebrated their 60th anniversary. Their six children planned and treated them to a vacation in Dorset, Vt., with accommodations in the bridal suite of the Barrington Inn and tickets to the Dorset Theater. A trip to Cooperstown, including a stay at the Otesaga Hotel, was also on their bucket list, and the kids made sure it happened. At Thanksgiving, they celebrated the remission of grandson Chris' leukemia. **Kathryn Peet** writes from Victoria, British Columbia, that her friend **Joan Kaufman (Poultridge)** was up from Seattle for a weekend but didn't have any luck in identifying Class of '52 members in the picture of our 60th reunion. **Eleanor Rosenblum Roth's** reputation as an author continues to grow, as she has two more books



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

The University at Albany Alumni Association will bestow Excellence Awards on the following alumni and friends for their outstanding achievements and service. The awards will be presented at the 2014 Excellence Awards Gala May 3.



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

Gerd J. Schwartz, M.A.'87, Ph.D.'89, Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs, International Monetary Fund



CITIZEN OF THE UNIVERSITY

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

Roberto J. Vives, University at Albany Track & Field/Cross Country Program

EXCELLENCE IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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

William P. Kelly, M.P.H.'95, President and Founding Principal, Treo Solutions



OUTSTANDING YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

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

Bethany Lesser, B.A.'04, M.P.A.'05, Communications Director for U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand



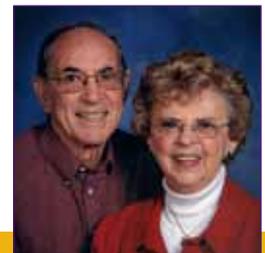
EXCELLENCE IN ALUMNI SERVICE

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

Lewis S. Wiener, B.A.'84, J.D.'87, Partner, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP



Joyce Zanchelli, B.A.'52 & Joseph Zanchelli, B.A.'49, M.A.'50, Class Councilors, University at Albany



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looking for agents. Her children and grandchildren are all very successful. **Jean Faville Smith** and husband Smitty went to Hilo, Hawaii, for their daughter's wedding. Then in August, they flew to Rome for a 22-day cruise to Istanbul with many stops in between. They celebrated their 61st anniversary in June. Many people have inquired about **Al Stephenson** and his recovery from heart surgery. On December 6, he said that he is still recovering from complications of heart surgery but is home and does see slow progress. Al is on sabbatical for last year's fall semester and has requested another sabbatical for this spring. He has been recently diagnosed with PTSD due to the stress he has undergone with his multiple surgeries and complications. Al wants to thank those of you who sent good wishes to him. They were much appreciated. He has shut down the Class of '52 website, but we are

most grateful for his generosity in keeping it running all these years. Al says he will have pictures from the site on file in the event anyone would like a particular picture from a past reunion. **Helen Pilcher Terrill** is happy to report that her second great-grandchild was born April 27, 2013, providing 2-year-old Anna Joy a sister. Helen reports that she continues with her quilting and, with daughter Ann and granddaughter Amy, is working hard on grandchild Sarah's quilt. Sarah graduated in June 2013 from Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio. Helen has a very large family and will be giving us more family news for our next issue. **Marilyn Johnson VanDyke** has some good news: Her home of many years has been sold, and she is settled into a new home at 41 Walker Lane, Queensbury, NY 12804. The year 2013 has been busy for Marilyn, who assisted with the anniversary of the founding of the Town of

Queensbury. In addition, on Oct. 20, she was honored by the Capital Region Archives for her ongoing dedication to and promotion of New York's rich history. Marilyn stated, "This was a very nice gift from my peers in the field." In the fall semester, she taught a course on the history of Warren and Washington counties to honor Warren County's bicentennial. **Joyce Leavitt Zanchelli** joined the scores of replacement patients when she underwent partial knee replacement. Recovery was moving along smoothly when an over-extension on the exercise bike meant a torn muscle and a huge setback. Joyce was fortunate that no permanent damage was done. As I was writing up this class news, notification came from the Alumni Office that Joe and I will be honored for the Excellence in Alumni Service Award, to be presented at the 2014 Excellent Award Gala on May 3. We feel so honored and privileged to be

receiving this prestigious award, and we would like to thank all those who wrote letters of support to make this award possible.

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

53 A note from your class counselor: **Doug Niesen** was the only member of our class to attend Homecoming to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our graduation from NYSCT. Doug and his wife attended the scholarship reception, the luncheon and the Half Century Club breakfast. They spoke to University at Albany President Robert Jones. At the breakfast, they sat with **Joan Barron, Class of '52**, and some of her friends. **Herbert (Herb) Their's** current title is academic administrator emeritus, University of California, Berkeley. Herb has been a consultant to and invited speaker for groups as diverse

EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in for-profit business

Maryanne R. Lavan, B.S.'81, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Lockheed Martin Corporation



EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Pays tribute to alumni for time volunteered to benefit a community or its nonprofit institutions

Florence E. Jackson-Frazier, M.S.W.'72, Civil Rights and Social Work Pioneer



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

Ellen McCarville Sullivan, M.S.'79, Assistant in Education Services, New York State United Teachers



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 nonprofit organizations

Catherine Cerulli, M.A.'98, Ph.D.'04, Director, Susan B. Anthony Center for Women's Leadership, University of Rochester



Lois J. Uttley, B.A.'74, M.P.P.'02, Co-founder, Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need



BERTHA E. BRIMMER MEDAL

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

Peegen H. Jensen, M.S.'89, CGS/Teacher Leadership '12, Primary Teacher and Elementary Literacy Facilitator, Saddlewood Elementary School



EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Pays tribute to alumni for distinction in science and/or technology

Andrew Deitsch, B.S.'89, M.B.A.'99, Technology Leader, Computational Science & Architectures, GE Global Research



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

Yong-Ho Baek, Ph.D.'85, Professor, Ewha Graduate School of Policy Sciences, South Korea



Dr. Jotham Musinguzi, M.P.H.'91, Public Health Physician and Regional Director, Partners in Population and Development, Africa Regional Office



MAKE YOUR NOMINATION FOR 2015:

If you are interested in nominating someone for a 2015 Excellence Award, contact the Alumni Association at (518) 442-3080 or alumni@albany.edu. The deadline is Oct. 20, 2014. Visit www.albany.edu/alumni/excellenceawards.php for more details.

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Left to right, Class of 1949 reunion committee members Bonnie Totten Adkins, Joe Zanchelli and Ellen Fay Harmon meet at Alumni House in December to plan their 65th reunion.

as UNESCO, the European Union, the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), The Conference Board, school districts and other governmental agencies in the United States and more than 10 other countries. **Joe Lombardi's** year started off with a monthlong trip to Australia and

New Zealand in February. In June 2013, Joe signed up for a course in tropical ecology at Ulster County Community College. It was taught on an Amazonian riverboat with most of the time spent on the Rio Negro. In January 2012, Joe led a delegation of college professors from the mid-

Hudson region to the Sultanate of Oman. **Jordine Skoff Von Wantoch** is so excited to find that the Class of 1953 is still alive. Jordine retired from the U.S. Navy as a captain after 30 years of service. Her husband, Harvey, died in 2007. A proud mother, she spoke of her daughter, Lian, who is a diplomat at the American Embassy in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Jordine is on the Board of Directors of the San Diego's Old Globe Theatre, which won a Tony for Best Regional Theatre. She keeps in touch with **MaryJane Dewey Wilson**, **Martha Nevelezer Zonneville** and **Irene Brezynski McDonald**. Jordine ended her message with a lovely invitation: "If anyone from '53 is in San Diego, I'd love to have a drink with them and reminisce." **Marie E. Hoffman** spices her emails with a lovely sense of humor: "I am healthy and have no family obligations at the present time. I have a blood clot in my right eye that is improving, but I do not drive after dark because of it. That means Cinderella has to be home before dark." **Joe Pasquarella** wrote from his summer home on the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains in Castle Rock, Colo., in response to the call for news from the class. As some of you may

recall, Joe married Mary during our sophomore year. They have six children, 18 grandchildren and just had their 31st great grandchild! Joe is happy to note that he is physically fit and able to manage a 5,600-mile solo drive around the country every summer. **Irene (Brezinsky) McDonald** taught freshman English after her retirement. **Gary LaGrange** has been helping a friend in the cinematography business, flying back and forth from Fort Lauderdale to LAX for a couple years because the work is in California. He was happy to report that he found a good deal on a home in OceanSide and decided to buy it. Gary says, "The invitation is still open to all my friends and classmates to call and drop in when in southwest California." **Betty Coykendall-Hart** may have had the greatest longevity as a classroom teacher. She retired in June, but the retirement lasted 10 days and she is now working in the school's math lab. **Bill Adams'** wife, Jane, passed away Sept. 20 after being diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome in the winter of 2002-03. That's the reason they were unable to host a party for our 50th and 55th (those of you who attended earlier reunions must remember the wonderful gatherings that Bill and Jane hosted). Bill added that he and Jane "had a great life together with four kids who grew up with their heads screwed on straight (credit to Jane), plenty of good times and nice trips. The best of which was a 32-day trip around the world. Jane loved a good time, loved to entertain and had a good time planning our reunion parties." Bill still enjoys woodworking and a little golf. He makes toys for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots but production is slowing down. **Joyce Turner Ogden** sent along news of her grandsons. On June 22, her oldest grandson was married in Pinetop, Ariz., where he teaches third and fourth grades. The second grandson is working in the oil patch of western Canada. The youngest is a sophomore at McGill University in Montreal. **Howie Fenenbock** was drafted in 1954 and served for two years, assigned to the Army Security Agency. He spent one year in Korea. Howie taught for five years and then spent the rest of his career in the computer industry, mostly designing and installing applications for a variety of users. About a year ago he started a company to sell Sudoku Assistant,

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2014

<p>APRIL</p> <hr/> <p>MAY</p> <hr/> <p>JUNE</p> <hr/> <p>JULY</p> <hr/> <p>AUGUST</p> <hr/> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <hr/> <p>OCTOBER</p>	<p>April 24 A Conversation With President Robert J. Jones/ Networking Reception, Albany</p> <p>25-27 Rugby Alumni 40th Anniversary</p> <p>26 Spring Stomp</p> <p>May 3 Excellence Awards Gala, Volunteer Luncheon</p> <p>17 Graduate Commencement</p> <p>18 Undergraduate Commencement</p> <p>22 Alumni Happy Hour in New York City</p> <p>June 6-8 Chi Sigma Theta Reunion</p> <p>7 A Tribute to Coach Ford</p> <p>July 2 Great Danes Golf Classic, Albany Country Club</p> <p>12 Football Alumni Golf Outing</p> <p>17 Tri-City Valleycats Night</p> <p>August 1 UAlbany Day at the Races, Saratoga</p> <p>3 Football Season Opener</p> <p>Sept. 5 GOLD Schmooze in New York City</p> <p>19-21 Class of 1949 Reunion</p> <p>Oct. 10-12 Homecoming and Family Weekend</p>
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but the corporation has since closed. Howie is married to his third wife, has four children and seven grandchildren. **Anna Christodulu Brooks** commented on reading about our class members and was impressed that so many have made outstanding accomplishments throughout the years. Anna says that she is so happy we had such a great college to start us off. **Jean Ogden Hardick** taught languages for three years after graduation, married and moved to Montana. The couple returned to the Glens Falls area to raise two girls, and Jean resumed teaching. In retirement, she and her husband have traveled from Africa to Hong Kong and places in between. **Carmen Corsi** and **Mary Ann** (Frascatore, Class of '54) moved to Montclair, N.J., five years ago after living for more than 50 years in Commack, Long Island. They wanted to be near two of their daughters who live in the area. A third daughter lives in Ridgefield, Conn. Carmen and Mary Ann see their seven grandchildren on a regular basis and are an integral part of their everyday lives. Carmen reported that he devotes countless hours to helping them with their math homework. Carmen and Mary Ann spend considerable time at their small apartment on the Upper East Side in New York City in an attempt to take full advantage of what the city has to offer; Broadway shows, Yankees games and shopping are a few of their favorite things. For the month of February, they rent an apartment in Sarasota, Fla. They usually get together with **Bob Giammatteo** and his wife Kathy during that time. Carmen and Mary Ann exercise on a regular basis at the YMCA, a block away from their apartment. They have visited **Danny Kelly**; about a year ago, they saw **Hank Koszewski** when he was visiting from his beloved Hawaii. **Martha A. Nevezer Zonneville** and her husband have lived in Henrietta, N.Y. for the past 45 years. They enjoy playing duplicate bridge two or three times a week – the game is fun, and they enjoy making new friends. Martha volunteers at Rush-Henrietta Continuing Education every Thursday. The Zonnevilles love traveling to Athens, Ga., for two big reasons: It is much warmer there, and they can be with their grandchildren. **Wilma Nuber Cutler** lives in Roanoke, Va. Fortunately, her son lives in Roanoke, as well, and he is a great help to Wilma, as health problems limit her activities. Wilma's daughter and her family live on the West Coast, in the Los Angeles area. Wilma is a very proud grandmother of three – two girls who have finished college, one with her master's, and a boy who is in his second year of college. Her husband passed away some years ago. They were avid hikers and visited the Blue Ridge Parkway, two beautiful national parks, and many lovely state parks and areas that afforded them many hiking opportunities. These visits led to Wilma's enjoyment of wildflowers and made her son an avid birder. They also led to a very rewarding experience in collecting and identifying specimens to be included in the recently published Flora of Virginia. **Daniel J. Kelly** worked at IBM for 35 years; retiring at the young age of 61, he joined the volunteer community in his hometown, Rye, N.Y. Returning to his formal educational background and passion for research and writing, he turned to the Rye Historical Society. As a fourth generation Rye resident, Dan sought out his family roots by organizing the papers of the Parsons family, a notable family for whom his great-grandfather and grandfather worked after arriving in Rye from Ireland in 1855. His research into additional history projects, and his service as a trustee and president [of which organization?] (1966-88), all led to his permanent appointment as City of Rye historian in 1988. Dan still holds that position he still holds, and he has been a member of the city's Landmark Advisory Committee for 15 years. He



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also worked at listing an 18th-century schoolhouse/Quaker meetinghouse on the National Register of Historic Places. Dan stays active playing tennis, swimming and working out on a regular basis. He remains connected to special friends and classmates, visiting with **Mary Ann and Carmen Corsi**, and exchanging calls and visiting once or twice a year with Lou Vion Dan met Kay Sinclair last year at a mutual friend's party and is in phone

contact with **Pat Wilkerson Smith. Bob Hughes** and **Rosie Keller Hughes** were in Washington, D.C., the week of Veterans Day. They visited the many memorials paying homage to those who had sacrificed years of their youth for the sake of their country. Rosie was also able to do a rubbing of her nephew's name at the National Law Enforcement memorial. She has started volunteering at the local library. Last note from your councilor

... I have created a Facebook page for our class. You can do a search for SUNY Albany Class of 1953. Join us, leave messages or photos, or lurk until you feel comfortable. I have so enjoyed receiving the email messages from my former classmates. If you have an email address but have not received my messages, please send me an email so I can add your name to the mailing list. I will soon send out snail mail to those who are not on the Internet. Forgive me for not making contact, but the time and personal events were not in my favor. Until the next magazine, stay well, be happy, and enjoy life.

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

and returned to Staten Island in January. **Alice Whittemore Damp** and her husband volunteer with North Country Ministry in Warrensburg, N.Y., and Alice is serving on the Richards Library Board of Trustees. Their daughter Kathleen has written a series of children's books, *The S.A.V.E. Squad*, while their daughter Sue works for a community-action program and enjoys reaching out to others. Their youngest daughter, Linda, has been working for Clarke's Corvair Parts in Massachusetts for 30 years. **Marlene Martoni Dolan** and husband Joe Dolan '52 moved to an apartment in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Their children Michael and Mary Kaye live in Poughkeepsie, as well, while their youngest daughter, Jo Anne, lives in Albany. They will not be able to make it to the 60th class reunion. **Carol** and **Jack Hansel** live in Williamsville, N.Y., and keep busy with their grandchildren, gym classes, book club and auditing classes. **John** and **RoseMary Zongrone** made four trips to Arizona last year because of family health problems. They have 16 grandchildren, including grandchildren at Syracuse University, Fashion Institute of Technology and Boston College. John enjoys season tickets to UAlbany basketball games and is still working in his office but taking more time off, leaving his children to run the business. They Zongrones had the entire family with them at Christmas and are looking forward to the 60th class reunion. **Frank** and **Laura Giannone** traveled to Maui after Christmas for three months of rest and relaxation. They hope to attend the 60th class reunion. **Richard Bailey** said: "Sixtieth class reunion? You must be kidding; I'm only 65."

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54 **A note from your class councilors:** **Gertrude Smith Daly** reports that she is still here "kicking" it in her 80s. **Ken Schoonmaker** took trips to Dutch Country, Longwood Gardens and Stroudsburg, Pa. for a family reunion. In September, he met his first grandchild in Henderson, Nev., and took a 10-day tour of Guatemala. **James Thompson** celebrated his 81st birthday at Little Wolfe Pond campsite in Tupper Lake. His son, UAlbany alumnus and U.S. Navy Captain Scott Thompson, was in China last fall with his spouse, Karen, to receive their second son, James' 10th grandchild. James also made trips to see his sons, David and Scott, in New Jersey and Springfield, Va., and his daughter, Barbara, in Vermont. **Lynn Lewis** continues to consult two or three days a month for NASA on things he did on lunar science stations more than 40 years ago. **Howard** and **Joan Ahders** moved to a Preswick Glen senior community in New Hartford, N.Y. They are settling in and cleaning their house, either moving things into their new living area or donating to the Salvation Army. **John Allasio** is eagerly awaiting the 60th class reunion in October. **June** and **Bob Barno's** family continues to grow as their children marry. They are grandparents to a baby girl. June and Bob enjoy walking and make use of the SUNY Binghamton campus, which is close by. **Joan Hartman** took a trip to Washington to visit her brother and sister-in-law after Thanksgiving. They went to Hawaii for two weeks of island hopping. Joan spent Christmas and New Year's in Olympia, Wash.,

60 **A note from your class councilor:** I am sorry to report the passing of **Monica Traskus Modder** on Oct. 8, 2013. Chi Sigma Theta sorority will be celebrating its 100th anniversary the weekend of June 6-8, 2014. The highlight of the weekend will be a reunion luncheon at Jack's in keeping with the sorority's tradition of having had so many of its social events there. (Jack's celebrated its 100th in 2013!) There will also be several other events Friday through

Sunday at former “old haunts.” Please contact any sisters, friends from our class, or any others interested, and plan to attend! For further information, contact **Nancy Lou Ryan Gnan** at jnangnan@cfl.rr.com. **Charles** and **Doris Hische Bros** will be relocating from Maine to the “Little Red Schoolhouse” District of Wynantskill, N.Y., this year. Good luck with the move! **Margaret Morgan Perfetti** was appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to the SUNY Cortland College Council in March 2013. She retired as principal from Homer High School in 1996. Before becoming principal, Margaret was an English teacher, then vice principal of the high school.

61 **A note from your class counselor:** Thanks all of those who responded for this edition of class notes. Hope all of you are well, and I urge all of those who read this to send me (melandis@yahoo.com) your updated email addresses so that you will be sure to receive all the class news and information. Please also send in any email addresses you have for other classmates; we need to contact all of you for our potential 55th reunion! As for me, I've recently been re-elected Eastern Region President of the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association; I am also president of my Rotary Club. My wife and I have been enjoying vacationing at our timeshares; in 2013, we spent a month in Florida; a month in Las Vegas; and two weeks each in the Berkshires, along the coast of Maine and in the mountains of New Hampshire. Our granddaughters are growing up too quickly; the oldest is 15 and has already chosen the college she wants to attend! **Janet (Minerva) Woodward Beardsley** loves spending the winter in Venice, Fla. Next year, Janet will turn 75 and her daughter will be 50. When her grandson comes up to robot camp at Union College, they will celebrate with hot mineral baths, massages and lunch at the Gideon

Putnam. **Pete Spina** was inducted into the inaugural cohort of the SUNY Chancellor's Society on Oct. 28. The society (according to Chancellor Zimpher) was formed “to recognize and celebrate ... generous investment in SUNY campuses” and to showcase philanthropic support which has “enabled SUNY to transform New York State through the power of higher education.” The award was bestowed at a reception at Battery Park in New York City. **Joan Valesente** and her husband Bob are still working on their remodeling projects for their new home. They exchanged their golf-course view for a sunset-over-the-marsh view. They stay busy with volunteer work and golf. Bob still dabbles with some part-time football coaching; last year, it took them to Brazil for a couple of weeks. **Bob Congemi** is in his 52nd year of full-time teaching at SUNY/Empire State College, where he is the most-senior professor. Last year, he was distinguished SUNY scholar, which ESC calls Scholar across the College, and among other things, the honor gave Bob the opportunity to read his fiction in various cities around the state. He is writing his 11th book, *Millennium Noir*, and proofreading his ninth book for publication. One of his children is one of those infamous New York City bankers, while another is with New York State United Teachers. Bob's grandchildren are mostly in college; one is studying pre-law and Italian; another graduated summa cum laude from the University of Connecticut; and a third is graduating from Siena College. Another is studying to be a sports journalist at the University of Kansas. One of my grandsons is studying international affairs at St. Andrews in Scotland; another is at Guilderland High School.

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62 **A note from your class counselor: Helen Arcuri-Stoloff,** also a longtime '62 counselor, became



The Class of 1963 reunion set a homecoming attendance record in October 2013.

Lauri Martin, B.S. '95 Doing Due Diligence

By Jim Sciancalepore, M.A. '93



To illustrate the necessity for expert hedge-fund advisory services, Lauri Martin mentions the infamous tale of Nick Leeson, a derivatives broker whose fraudulent, unauthorized trading in the mid-1990s led to a \$1.5 billion loss for, and the eventual collapse of, Barings Bank.

That case would spur the development of operational risk practice in global capital markets – to help investors evaluate the businesses that support their hedge-fund investments. It would also create a career path and business opportunity for Martin.

Martin had parlayed her UAlbany degree directly into her first job at Ernst & Young, an active recruiter of students from the University's highly regarded accounting program. She would go on to other positions at JP Morgan and Swiss bank Union Bancaire Privée, gaining experience in the relatively niche area of operational due diligence for hedge funds and private equity funds.



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In 2009, Martin decided to strike out on her own, forming PRISM LLC, a global hedge-fund advisory business. She now helps banks, consultants and other institutional investors evaluate and understand risks, and make informed decisions – to avoid any ‘Nick Leeson disasters.’

Martin's job literally takes her around the world – something she greatly enjoys. “One of my passions is travel,” she noted. “A career in international finance brings so many qualitative benefits to my life.”

Martin also loves the “investigative-work” aspect of her job – doing the research that will help protect her clients. A few years after starting PRISM, she is very happy with her decision.

“I love being an entrepreneur,” she said. “It is a whole new phase in my career.”

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a grandma for the first time right after Homecoming Weekend. Sympathy goes out to Helen on the loss of her husband, a professor at RPI, last year. **Dan** and **Millie Shultz**, **Helen Arcuri-Stoloff**, **Gene Altman**, and **Sheril McCormack** attended the Class of 1963's 50th reunion. **Bob MacEnroe** and **Harold "Butch" Jewel** spent Homecoming Weekend holding court at the Washington Tavern.

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63 *A note from your class councilor:* The 50th-year reunion of the Class of 1963 was a huge success. It was the largest in the history of the University of Albany. A total of 140 alumni and their guests attended some or all of the events, culminating in the banquet at the Marriott Hotel on Wolf Road. Space precludes my listing everyone, but their names can be accessed at the UAlbany Alumni Association website. All 10 of the committee coordinators, as well as all of the class officers; **Richard Kelly**, **Peter Fisher**, **Connie Culver Brown** and **Sue Platt Passant** attended. All of the officers were also MYSKANIA members and were joined by **Dr. Gary Penfield**, **Mary Lou Eisenman Coleman** and **Geri Schleiffer Gutweniger**. Student Association President **Steve Condojani** and his lovely wife Sandy

were in attendance and accompanied by the brothers of Kappa Beta: **Frank Banta**, **Don Fear**, **Art Brunelle**, **Joseph LaMonica** and **Tom Rourke**. **Gary Penfield** helped recruit Potter Club (EEP) brothers: **Steve Borgos**; **Ed Broomfield** and his effervescent bride of 52 years, **Sharon Parr**; **Dr. Michael Camarata**; **William Carmello**; **Robert Cross**; **Stewart Crowell**; **Bob Fairbanks '64**; **Jack Maranville** and his irrepressible honor-student wife, **Arlene Paciunas**; **Dan Schultz '62** and the bubbly Beta Zeta wife, **Millie Fletcher**; **Ron Obach**; and **Richard Stewart**. Alpha Pi Alpha was represented by **Drs. Roy Knapp** and **David Nichols**, as well as **Francis McCarthy**. Making their presence known were the sisters of Chi Sigma Theta: **Joan Arcuri Santilli**, **Pat Gregory Rosinski**, **Mary Alice Lynaugh Belleville**, **Mary O'Keefe Shellard**, **Frieda Rapp Steinjann**, and **Helen Arcuri Stoloff '62**. I know I missed some. Sigma Lambda Sigma made a surprising show, but mostly at the Washington Tavern: **Richard Bailey**, author **Bob Calimeri**, icons **James Haenlin** and **Fay Richardson**, **William McCarthy**, **Harold Jewell '62** and **Martin Miller '64**. **Dr. Peter Spina '61** fell ill and was missed. The sisters of Beta Zeta were glamorous, as always, and were recruited by **Mary Ann Charitan O'Dell**. **Pat Jedrzejewski Jankowski** came from South Carolina and was joined

Alumni connect and share advice with current students at Network NYC, held Jan. 8 at FIT in Manhattan.



Alumni tee up at the 20th Great Dane Golf Classic. The event raises funds to benefit student-athletes.

by **Gail Wackerow Kirby** from Texas, **Cindy Levine Lefkowitz** from Maryland, **Lorraine Crispell Lewis**, **Deanna Abramson Rubinger** and **Lynn Rourke** from Florida. Special thanks to **Sheril McCormack '62**, who gave invaluable advice to the committee, and to extraordinary Alumni Association liaison Loida Vera Cruz, without whom this reunion would never have happened. I'm running out of space, but special thanks to the sisters of Psi Gamma: **Pat Woinoski Olechna**, **Mary Alice Dobeck** and **Mary Jane Yanko Crotty**, who were all invaluable on the planning committee – and convinced **Mary-Ruth Butler Martel** to fly in from British Columbia. The sisters of Gamma Kappa Phi were a big presence, thanks to the efforts of **Sue Platt Passant**. The style icons from Kappa Delta – **Anita Pepe Disanza**, **Marie Zongrone Robinson**, **Doris Muhlich Davis**, **Dawn Alexander McHale**, **Augusta Spellman Leibowitz**, **Jill Weitz** and **Deena Daniels Yachymiak '64** – were present. Sigma Phi Sigma committee member **Carolyn Merritt Wolf** was that sorority's only representative, and Phi Delta was represented well by **Connie Culver Brown**. Other notables attending included **Kathleen Glass Holmes** (valedictorian); **A. Louerre Reis** (president, Signum Laudis); **Sally Van Riper Eller**; **Ro Petrick Walikis**; **Harry Thornhill**; **Harold Hanson**; and accompanist **Walt Peters**, who came from Philadelphia to play the keyboard at the banquet. Thanks to the generosity of our alums, our class fund swelled to more than \$10,000. The class voted, and \$4,000 was donated to the University Art Museum in honor of our art professor, **Dr. Edward Cowley**. Another \$4,000 went

to the University Libraries, and \$2,000 was retained by the class treasury for any upcoming reunions. They don't run cheap.

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64 *A note from your class councilor:* On your personal calendar, circle these dates: Oct. 10-12, 2014. That will be the weekend of our 50th class reunion and the University's Homecoming Weekend. You are all invited, but we have blank spots in our list of addresses. If you have not been contacted, please let the Alumni Association know if you are planning to attend or would like to help make arrangements for the celebrations. You may contact Loida Vera Cruz at the Alumni House: lveracruz@albany.edu, 1-800-836-alum (toll-free), or me by email: amcmouse@hotmail.com, 905-563-3001 (home phone). Lots of us are looking forward to the celebrations. If you have not heard about it, you are cordially invited.

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65 There's a new Facebook group for members of the Class of 1965. Search for UAlbany Class of 1965 and join us! If you are already a member of the group, be sure to invite your friends from the Class of '65. **Jim Hottis** and his wife Sue have moved their winter residence from Blythe, Calif., to the Palm Springs area. They already had some very good friends in Palm Springs since Jim has been active in the Civil Air Patrol squadron for over a decade. Their summer home is in Vancouver, Wash., where

they are close to kids and grandkids who live in Portland and Tacoma. Jim is still flying a small aircraft. He says that whatever he has, he owes to the people of New York State, who were willing to invest in the future by providing the educations that opened a world of opportunities for him and his classmates.

Class counselor: Judy (Koblitz) Madnick, jmadnick@gmail.com

66 Robert Fullem retired from his position as deputy general counsel of the School Administrators Association of New York State after seven years of service. He remains president and chief nurturer of Downtube Bicycle Works, an Albany bicycle store he founded in 1972. The sideline law career started after a three-year retail sabbatical and his 1998 Cornell Law School graduation. He and his life partner, Marilyn Kaplan, have three daughters. The oldest, a Macalester College graduate, now serves in the Peace Corps in Panama. The two younger ones are students at Pomona and Haverford College.

Class counselor: Gary Spielmann, spielmann92@fairpoint.net

67 Lou Gallo was appointed New York State Chairman of the Commission for Social Justice (CSJ), the anti-defamation branch of the Order Sons of Italy in America, by State President Joe Rondinelli. The missions of CSJ are twofold: to fight bias and bigotry against Italians and Italian-Americans and to promote positive images of said people through education and public relations.

68 Ray Starman's book *TV Noir: The 20th Century* was just added to Wikipedia's bibliography for the subject heading "film noir." In addition, his published articles on Hollywood producer Irving Thalberg, film director James Cruz, and director Arthur Ripley have been added to Wikipedia's bibliographic references for books and articles.

69 Randy Kundmueller has been living and working in San Jose, Calif. since 2001. He would like to connect with other alumni in the Bay Area. More information is available on his website: RandolphKundmueller.com

71 The Virginia Tech Board of Visitors conferred the title "professor emerita" on **Pamela Weaver**, professor of hospitality and tourism management in the Pamplin College of Business at Virginia Tech. The title of

"emeritus" may be conferred on retired professors and associate professors, administrative officers, librarians, and exceptional staff members who are specially recommended to the board of visitors by Virginia Tech President Charles W. Steger. **Francis Battisti** is SUNY Broome Community College's acting executive vice president. He was promoted to the rank of State University of New York Distinguished Service Professor, one of the highest honors that can be conferred upon faculty members of SUNY colleges. Francis was inducted into the ranks of the SUNY Distinguished Academy, an honor granted to exceptional individuals who go "above and beyond" their job requirements and who apply their intellect and scholarly research to suggest solutions to public problems.

72 Michael Bachrach has been selected for inclusion in "New York Super Lawyers® 2013," published by Thomson Reuters. Michael is currently a bankruptcy and creditor and debtor rights lawyer for Thompson & Knight LLP.

Class counselor: Rick Corcione, rickcorcione@yahoo.com.

73 Charlotte Biblow will serve a two-year term as president of the Board of Directors of Sustainable Long Island. Charlotte, a Bayside, N.Y., resident, leads the Farrell Fritz P.C. environmental-practice group. She is a contributor to the firm's Long Island Land Use & Zoning blog and writes a column on state environmental regulation for the *New York Law Journal*. In addition, Charlotte serves on the boards of the Queensborough Community College Fund, Inc., and the Women's Fund of Long Island. Charlotte was also one of the 16 attorneys selected for the 2013 "New York Metro Super Lawyers" list.



Charlotte Biblow

74 James Sparkes was elected president of the Holy Cross Alumni Association for the 2013-14 academic year. James, a principal of The Loftus-Sparkes Law Group in Skaneateles, has served on the HCAA Board of Directors since 2001. He was the president of the Holy Cross Club of Central New York from 2001 to 2012. Appointed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to the Upstate Medical University Council, James also serves on the Committee on Character and Fitness for admission to the New York Bar. **Timothy Flanagan** has



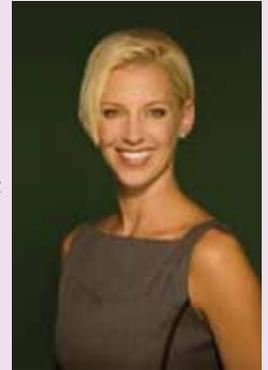
James Sparkes

Michelle D'Allaird Brenner, B.A.'93

The Learning Equation

By Amy Halloran, B.A.'90

Every day, Aesthetic Science Institute owner Michelle D'Allaird-Brenner uses what she learned at UAlbany.



"Something about the environment said, 'We're here to support you, but you have to do it on your own,'" said the Ballston Spa native, who chose the University because of its strong psychology program. She never had to hunt for help; "no matter what questions or concerns I had, professors were always available."

Accountability was the name of the game, D'Allaird-Brenner added. Faculty offered expectations and information, relying on students to take the initiative to complete their part of the learning equation.

This method has extended to her career. D'Allaird-Brenner encourages her teaching staff to provide the UAlbany model of learning: If you want to succeed, here's what you have to do. The Aesthetic Science Institute (www.aestheticsscienceinstitute.edu), located in Latham, N.Y., graduates 100 to 120 people a year.

D'Allaird-Brenner's career aims shifted from psychology after an internship showed the reality of mental-health work. Having studied cosmetology in high school, she stopped pursuing her master's and started a skin-care practice with a friend who did hair. "I loved working with people, loved setting goals," she said.

After working for herself for two years, D'Allaird-Brenner began hiring and training staff for a franchise of skin-care centers, discovering a love of education in the process. She opened her own school in 2003 with the goal of providing the motivation, support and expectations she found at UAlbany.

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been named president of Illinois State University. He was formerly the provost at SUNY Brockport and president of Framingham State University. **Jeff Passe** was appointed dean of the School of Education at the College of New Jersey. **Bruce and Judi ('76) Michaels** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in November 2013. Bruce worked at the Sport & Medical Academy of Hartford Public Schools for 32 years as a teacher and a soccer and hockey coach. He now works at Middlesbrough School. Judi works for Travelers Inc.

75 Richard Greenberg has been named Information Systems Security Association Fellow for ISSA's Winter 2013 Fellow Program. Richard, an information security officer for Los Angeles County Public Health, is also president of the Los Angeles Open Web Application Security Project and a board member of ISSA Los Angeles. He has been published in the ISSA journal and has spoken on information security individually and on a number of panels. **Jan Levine** received the Thomas F. Blackwell Memorial Award for outstanding achievement in legal writing on Jan. 3, 2014. The award is



Jan Levine

presented annually by the Association of Legal Writing Directors and the Legal Writing Institute.

77 Alan Dietzek was elected to Distinguished Fellow status of the Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS). The chief of vascular and endovascular surgery at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Conn., he is the first to occupy the Linda and Stephen R. Cohen Chair in Vascular Surgery. Alan is the director of both the Center for Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine and the Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory. He has also been a clinical associate professor of surgery at the University of Vermont, College of Medicine in Burlington, Vt., for three years. **Patricia Dykeman** is an associate professor, Nursing Assistant Program, at Sandhills Community College in Pinehurst, N.C.

78 Edward LoBello has again been named to the New York "Super Lawyers" list as one of the top attorneys in New York for 2013. No more than 5 percent of the lawyers in the state are recognized by Super Lawyers for this recognition. Edward practices in the



Edward LoBello



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Bankruptcy & Business Reorganization, Corporate Finance, and Litigation & Dispute Resolution groups of the law firm of Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein P.C. in both their Garden City and New York City offices.

79 Patrick Love, Ph.D., has been named vice president for Student Affairs at New York Institute of Technology. Patrick is responsible for the strategic vision and operation of NYIT's student development and services. He will work with university administration and faculty members to integrate



Patrick Love

academic and co-curricular learning, incorporate a global perspective into the student affairs division, and set goals for student development and campus life throughout NYIT's global community.

Marilyn Chandler is the Executive Director of the Greensboro Jewish Federation in Greensboro, N.C. She was celebrated in October for her impact on the community, both under the radar and in big, bold ways. Under her leadership, the agency has flourished, creating Jewish Family Services, interfaith partnerships and a foundation to assure the future of Jewish giving.



Marilyn Chandler

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From their seats in the newly opened stadium, alumni cheer on the Great Danes.



Football alumni take in a game from the Alumni Association box at UAlbany's new stadium.

80 Ted Rosen, Esq., administrative chair of Fox Rothschild's New York Corporate and Public Companies Practice, has been named to The Laboratory Institute of Merchandising College's Fashion Industry Advisory Board in New York, N.Y. **Al Bunshaft** is president and CEO of Dassault Systèmes Americas, where he leads key strategic initiatives and corporate programs, including the company's expansion into the U.S. government federal sector. Previously at Dassault Systèmes, Al served as a key architect and managing director. He also led the selection, design, construction and opening of the company's new Americas headquarters in Waltham, Mass.

81 Matthew Ernandes was recently honored with a 2013 Distinguished Service Award by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials (NJASBO) for his longterm, continuous exemplary service as North Hanover School District business administrator/board secretary. Matthew had the honor of presenting a \$1,000 scholarship from NJASBO to two graduating sixth-grade students from North Hanover Township School District. Since 1996, Matthew has served as business administrator and board secretary for the school district. He has worked with the U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Education and local agencies on security and privatization of military-housing issues relating to student mobility and funding.



Matthew Ernandes

82 Frank Sutliff, principal of West Canada Valley Junior-Senior High School in Newport, N.Y. was inducted as the 41st president of the School Administrators Association of New York State at its 2013 annual conference in Rochester on Oct. 21.



Frank Sutliff

83 Carolee Carmello returned to UAlbany in September for "An Evening with Carolee Carmello," where she performed musical hits from her career on Broadway. The next day, she helped teach a master's class to selected music students. **Tracy Metzger** received the James D. Napoli award in 2013. The award is given to an individual, organization or business that has exemplified the spirit of partnership with the Business Improvement District in shaping direction of downtown Albany. Tracy is president and owner of TL Metzger & Associates. **Lisa (Sokolowski) Pomeroy** has been named equestrian fashion and lifestyle columnist, under her byline L.A. Pomeroy, for *Equine Journal*, the largest circulated all-breed, all-discipline horse publication on the East Coast. **Pamela Agan-Smith, PsyD,** was named the 2013 Frank Plumeau School Psychologist of the Year by the New York Association of School Psychologists (NYASP). The award is given each year at the NYASP annual conference to a school psychologist who exemplifies valuable school-psychology practice according to criteria in 11 domains delineated by the National Association of School Psychologists.

Class councillor: Dave Schaffer, dpschaffer@mblaw.net

84 James Hayes ran in the 2013 New York City Marathon for Team Diabetes. It was his 10th time participating in the marathon. **Jim Carr** received the Perkins Founder's Award from the Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD). The award honors a person who has provided outstanding service to RSD as a benefactor, volunteer, board member or community leader. Jim is a key member of Hinman Straub Advisors' education, health and government relations departments. He represents the legislative and policy interests of the 4201 Schools Association, which represents 11 special-education schools, including RSD, throughout the state. Members of the 4201 Schools Association serve blind, deaf and severely disabled children. **Daniel Troge** has joined Ulster Insurance Services Inc., a subsidiary of Ulster Savings Bank, as an account executive. He will maintain offices at both of Ulster Savings Bank's Poughkeepsie branches. Daniel, who received his Certified Professional Insurance Agent (CPIA) designation from the Professional Insurance Agents Association of New York State, has 27 years of experience in the field.



Jim Carr

85 Michael Yudin is the assistant secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education. In July 2013, President Obama announced his intent to nominate Michael to a key administration post. Notice: A 1985 education alumni ring was found in New Braunfels, Texas, at a golf course that no longer exists. For

more information on the description of the ring, contact carl.contreras@smcisd.net. **Gary Farkas** is now a systems analyst at Price Chopper Supermarkets.

Class councillor: Patty Salkin, psalk@albany.edu

86 Howard Miller received designations as "The Best Lawyers in America 2014" and "New York Super Lawyers 2013." He is currently a partner at Bond, Schoeneck & King in Garden City, N.Y. **Larry Solomon** has been appointed North America operating officer with Accenture. Larry is responsible for driving Accenture's North America operational agenda, as well as for increasing the company's operational efficiency. He currently lives in Cherry Hill, N.J., with his wife and their two daughters, who attend college in Washington, D.C.



Larry Solomon

Timothy Howard is running for re-election as Erie County sheriff. His 40 years in law enforcement include 24 with the New York State Police. He was elected sheriff of Erie County in 2005 and re-elected in 2009. **James Wright,** partner with Pulsar Advertising, has helped lead his team to become the agency of record, along with Arcade Creative Group, for MTA. The largest transportation system in North America, MTA encompasses New York's transportation system, including the iconic New York subway.



Timothy Howard

87 Jack Glaser was recently named associate dean of the Goldman School of Public Policy. Jack has also

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been elected to the governing Council of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues and to the Board of Directors of the Consortium for Policing Equity.

88 **Iain Machell** was a 2013 recipient of a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is currently a professor of art and chair of the Department of Art, Design, Music, Theatre & Communication at SUNY Ulster, also known as Ulster County Community College, in Stone Ridge, N.Y.



Last September, more than 300 recent grads attended the fourth annual GOLD Schmooze at HB Burger in New York City.



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89 In September, **Josh Rosenthal** released a three-CD box set of live music recorded at Caffe Lena in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on his record label, Tompkins Square. The set, spanning 1967-2013, features 47 live performances from Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie, Dave Van Ronk, Rick Danko and other greats. Josh received a Grammy nomination last year for his production work on *He Is My Story: The Sanctified Soul of Arizona Dranes*.

90 **Stephen Sauers** has been named the top men's basketball assistant coach at the University of California-Riverside. **Erick R. Asmussen** has been appointed vice president and chief financial officer of GrafTech International Ltd. Since joining GrafTech in 1999 as tax director, Erick has also served as the firm's worldwide controller, treasurer and director of Finance, and vice president of Strategy, Planning and Corporate Development.



Stephen Sauers

91 **Kelly Bates** has been appointed founding executive director of the Elma Lewis Center for Civic Engagement, Learning, and Research at Emerson College. **Joseph Bavaro**, an attorney and partner at Salenger, Sack, Kimmel & Bavaro, has been named president of the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers. He previously served as vice president for the 2nd department, which includes Suffolk, Nassau, Queens, Kings, Richmond, Westchester, Putnam and Orange Counties. In addition to working with the New York State Academy of Trial Lawyers, Joseph serves the judiciary system as a member of the Independent Judicial Election Qualification Commission, a statewide network of independent screening panels. Joseph is also past chairman of the Nassau Suffolk Trial Lawyers Association.



Joseph Bavaro

Jotham Musinguzi won the 2013 UN Population award for his efforts in the promotion of reproductive health and family planning. He is the regional director of Partners in Population and Development Africa Regional Office, which is part of a global South-South alliance of 25 developing countries.



Jotham Musinguzi

92 **Paul Sheehan** has been appointed director of the South American Silver Corp. His past positions have included CEO and a founder of Thaddeus Capital Limited in Hong Kong; vice president and co-head of Asian bank research at Lehman Brothers Asia; and has associations with ING Bank NV, located

in Hong Kong. **Derek A. Cohen**, the deputy chief of the fraud section for the Criminal Division has joined Goodwin Procter LLP as a partner in the firm's securities litigation and white collar defense group. **Charlotte Ghiorse** won the 2013 Spirit Aware for her short documentary "American Garbage 2010," which was screened at the 2013 Williamsburg International Film Festival. She has a collection of nine large scale WTC paintings at the New York State museum's permanent collection, and she also in the Dekooning permanent collection.



Charlotte Ghiorse

93 **Brendan Walsh** was named Enfield Teacher of the Year and will represent Enfield in the Connecticut Teacher of the Year competition. Since 2007, he has been a business-education teacher at Fermi High School. Prior to becoming an educator, he was a financial analyst.



Brendan Walsh

94 **Madhay Marathe** has been named Fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery for his contributions to high-performance computing algorithms and software environments for simulating and analyzing socio-technical systems. Madhay, a professor of computer science with the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech, is deputy director of Virginia Bioinformatics Institute's Network Dynamics and Simulations Science Laboratory.



Madhay Marathe

95 **Ronn Torossian** was named the PR Executive of the Year by the 2013 American Business Awards. The firm he founded, 5WP, was also named PR Agency of the Year. The American Business Awards, likened to the Oscars of the business community, is the nation's premier business awards program. Ronn is regularly featured in the national media for his expertise on marketing and PR issues. **Brian Klansky** is now senior vice president of Sales for the U.S. Energy Group. His addition is the latest growth move



Brian Klansky

for U.S. Energy Group, a market leader in the area of building energy management services.

96 Kathy Johnson is walking 25 miles from Rotterdam Junction to Colonie Town Park, completing a 222-mile journey to raise awareness about learning disabilities and brain development. She is educating people about changing our brains through primitive reflex work, providing children struggling with school the tools that will help them to learn. Along this walk, Kathy has been talking about brain development and primitive reflex work, as well as about the wonderful history of the Erie Canal. Jason Samuels was selected for the 2013 "New York Metro Rising Stars" list. He is a construction-litigation lawyer for Farrell Fritz, P.C.

97 Mark Bosco is the new principal at Myers Park High School in Charlotte, N.C. Mark has held positions as assistant principal at Northwest School of the Arts, principal at Quail Hollow Middle School, and principal of Independence High School. In 2011, he became the second in command, or executive director, of the Northeast Zone learning community at Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. He and his wife are expecting their third child. Gov. Andrew Cuomo selected **Megan Daly** to serve as the newest member of the Albany Convention Center Authority. Megan currently serves as director of economic development and procurement at the Albany Port District Commission.



Mark Bosco

99 James Golden was promoted to the rank of professor and named chair of the social science division at Hilbert College in Hamburg, N.Y.

00 Lawanda Horton Sauter, chosen one of the NAACP Top 100 Most Influential Black Women in Philadelphia, also received the *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Minority Business Leader Award 2013. Recipients were selected based on their strong leadership roles outside of their jobs and for service in industry associations or community organizations. **John Hitchcock** was selected to lead the Center for Evaluation & Education Policy at

Indiana University. As director, John supervises an annual array of 60-80 evaluation projects, representing more than \$12 million in external contracts at IU, as well as the center's education-policy research activities.

01 Scott Jarzombek is the new director of North Castle Public Library. Awarded the 2009 Pied Piper Award by the New York Library Association Youth Services Sections, he was also recognized by the Association for Library Service to Children for designing and implementing a "great technology program for children." Scott's article "Youth in Libraries: Policies and Procedures in Action" was published in 2012 in the *Journal of Library Leadership and Management*. **Rob White** joined the team at EP&M International, an award-winning exhibit-design and project-management firm, as business development manager. Rob was the director of marketing at Protective Industrial Products in Albany;



there, he was responsible for five business divisions and for overseeing the activities of more than 100 trade shows per year. In his new role, Rob will be responsible for building EP&M's local and international market reputation as an industry leader in exhibit design and execution; he will also expand the firm's sales of interactive multimedia displays and corporate environment-design and installation services. **Jeremy Noble** is the recipient of the Michael H. Urbach CPA Community Builders Award. The award recognizes achievements



of a certified public accountant who serves on the board(s) of directors of charitable organizations. Jeremy, currently the chief financial officer at Tully Rinckey PLLC law firm in Albany, has been a board member for Family & Child Service of Schenectady, Inc.

02 Benjamin Kallos was elected to the City Council of New York City to represent District 5. He is an American activist, lawyer and entrepreneur. **Kimberly Lyons** is an assistant vice president and analyst with Moody's Investor Service, based out of New York City. She serves as a lead analyst



GOLD alumni enjoy a sold-out pregame party before a New York Mets game in August.

for several states, including, Georgia, Idaho, Minnesota and North Carolina. Kimberly is also co-president of Northeast Women in Public Finance, which provides mentoring, career development, educational and networking opportunities for women in the industry. **Kimberly Marshall** is a special-education teacher in Stratford, N.Y. She served as a special-education teacher at East Hills Elementary School, Kidz Therapy Services, and as special-education teacher and education coordinator at Developmental Disabilities Institute -Young Autism Program.

general representation on regulatory affairs and business transactions to a wide range of health care providers and their trade associations. **Daniel Finger** teamed up with director Christina Roussos and presented their play *Stranded on Motor Parkway*, a new family drama set against the backdrop of the 1986 World Series victory. The play premiered at the New York Fringe Festival this past August. *Stranded on Motor Parkway* follows the story of two children who have recently lost their mother to AIDS and now must live with their estranged father. **Daniel Stinfil** and **Raphael Hickling ('03)** have started StudyBoost, a free learning-management system that allows teachers to create and administer quizzes, tests and study guides for real-time feedback via SMS and instant messenger platforms. It also allows teachers to develop and deploy video, podcast and visual study aids via SMS and instant messenger. They have also recently uploaded every Regents exam going back three years and are allowing students to study the exams for free using the platform. In addition, the system allows teachers to

03 Ed Scott has been promoted to senior associate athletic director for Student Services in the Binghamton University athletics department.

04 Charles Dunham joined Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, Law Firms an associate, business and health care law attorney. His national health law practice focuses on providing counsel and



Charles Dunham



Over 500 alumni and friends gathered for the 17th annual Big Purple Growl and Feroocious Feast in February.

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track all their students' results through a backend system Daniel and Raphael have created.

05 Bethany Lesser is now the communications director for U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand. **Priya Mehra** is working for the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General, focusing both on the Millennium Development Goals and public-private partnerships. In her capacity, she has accompanied the Secretary-General on trips to Africa; Asia; and the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

06 California Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. has appointed **Michael McQuinn** assistant general counsel of the Department of Business Oversight, California's securities and financial-services regulator. **Erin Dorrien** is now chief of Government Affairs and Special Projects at Maryland Health Care Commission. **Bill Kardas**, meteorologist in WKTU in Utica, visited Oppenheim-Ephratah-St. Johnsville Middle School in St. Johnsville, N.Y., in November. He discussed different kinds of weather, weather-forecasting equipment and the skills needed to succeed in the workforce. Bill has

been with WKTU for the past seven years and can be seen on weather forecasts from 5 to 7 a.m. weekdays. **Jennifer Monteverd Rhodes** is director in AIG's HR Operations & Systems group in New York City.

07 Jason Zogg was recently featured on *BBC News Magazine* for his work with Challenge Detroit, a program that has given incentives to 30 innovative thinkers from around the United States to live and work in the city and help bring about its transformation. **Kelly Plunkett (Nowakowski)** has been hired as the marketing manager at Mechanical Dynamics and Analysis in Latham. She manages all the marketing communications of the company, from email marketing and marketing collateral to trade shows and website. **Carlton Maynard** is now a technical writer at Google. **David A. Rozen, Esq.**, is legislative counsel to New York State Senate Democratic Conference Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. Rozen currently



Carlton Maynard



David A. Rozen, Esq.

serves in a variety of leadership positions, including Director & Recent Graduate Committee Chair, Albany Law School National Alumni Association Board of Directors; Board Member & Public Official Liaison Committee Chair, City of Albany – Citizens' Police Review Board; Committee Member & Secretary, Albany Democratic Committee – 6th Ward; LGBTQA Youth Group Facilitator – Pride Center of the Capital Region; SUNY Albany Alumni Council Officer; Treasurer, New York East Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar; among others. In 2012, David was recognized with an Albany Knickerbocker Ledgers "30 Under 30" Award. and in 2013 he was presented the "Outstanding Young Alumni Award" by Albany Law School's National Alumni Association.

08 Jonathon Brown has been promoted to associate personnel administrator at the New York State Office of Mental Health. **Brent Wilson** was hired by SUNY Sullivan as the new men's basketball coach this past June. Previously, Brent was an assistant



Brent Wilson

coach at Division I North Dakota; he also played at UAlbany from 2004-2008. Katie Kulpa Gorman is now the director of Federal Relations for the University at Buffalo.

09 Christopher Kornak is a technology-development specialist at the Technology Transfer and Intellectual Property Office for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, based in Bethesda, Md.

10 Rubeen Ingber is now a freelance front-end Web developer and content manager. He has designed and coded a responsive email newsletter template and soon-to-launch mobile app for Ensambl, a fashion startup. Rubeen, who has also developed 10 marketing email templates for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, is the part-time Web content manager for Temple Emanu-El of Closter, N.J. **Christopher Jennings** has recently earned an M.A. in teaching, with a major in secondary education, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Christopher received the degree cum laude (with honors) at ceremonies in May on the UNCC campus. While at UNCC, Christopher completed his student teaching at Mount Pleasant High School in Mount Pleasant, N.C., and coached its boys' tennis team to a regional playoff berth. **Robert Franchini** is the analyst for the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in the New York State Assembly. **Daniel Morales-Armstrong** is the assistant director at ENLACE (Engaging Latino Communities for Education) in the Bronx Institute at Lehman College.

11 Elizabeth Deal of Marvin and Company, P.C., based in Albany, N.Y. has been promoted to beginning in-charge in the audit department. Ira Goldstein completed his Ph.D. in informatics in May 2011. He joined the Siena College computer science department this past September as a visiting assistant professor.



Elizabeth Deal



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Weddings

12 **James Smith** assists in the preparation of employment and family-based petitions for temporary and permanent visas and for naturalization at Harter Secrest & Emery LLP as a paralegal. James also conducts research for the preparation of documents and petitions at various U.S. consulates,



James Smith



Sarah Cordts

and drafts documents required for filing with the U.S. departments of Homeland Security, Labor, and State. Mike Nolan is now working as the marketing & communications coordinator at SourceSuite. **Sarah Cordts** was hired as interim director of the Hudson Falls Free

Library in Hudson Falls, N.Y. **John Carroll** has been named assistant men's lacrosse coach at The College of the Holy Cross in Massachusetts.



John Carroll

13 **Mic Dibellis, Kateryne**

Lora and **Dana Owens** are part of the Machine: A Creative Co-Op. The three starting partners promote the space, at 255C Lark Street in Albany, as a production facility where Capital Region artists can craft their work in a collaborative environment. The co-op's grand opening was held last July. **Sabrina Cox**, who has been accepted into the graduate program at the University of California in Los Angeles, will pursue a career as a guidance counselor. Artwork by **Sarah Haze** was displayed at the Linner Gallery in Hudson, N.Y., this past June. Her love for art, biology and



Sarah Haze

photography was evident, with her work detailing microscopic digital photography Sarah had taken as part of an "Art Biologic" showing that wrapped up in 2013. She also worked at Omi International Arts Center in Ghent, N.Y., where she

has participated in the summer residency program with artists for the past five years. Sarah's own website details some of her rich artwork in microscopic composites, photography, drawing and sculpture. More information: www.sarahhaze.com.



2005 – **Josh Hewitt** and Kimberly Streger



2005 – **Steven Hecht** and Lauren Goldapper, June 2, 2013



2005 – **Zachary Leslie Evans** and Sarah Christine Kaplan, Oct. 19, 2013.



2006 – Christine Marrero and **Ibrahim Khan**, Dec. 29, 2012



2008 – **Nina Esaki** and Sander Rabin, June 30, 2013



2010 – **Alexis Wichowski** and Jonathan Tepperman, June 15, 2013

2007 – **Shana Juli Marowitz** and James Steven Hechler, Oct. 5, 2013

2010 – **Colby Creedon** proposed to girlfriend Jennifer Ingram during a flash mob at Crossgates mall in November. With help from a local choreographer, dancers, fellow M.B.A. students, and two months of planning, he organized a flash mob in front of Macy's before getting down on one knee and completely surprising his bride-to-be.



Benjamin Friedfel



Addison Rose Mc Carey



Tessa Cherry-Woode

1998 – **Adam J. Mc Carey** and wife Ashley welcomed daughter Addison Rose on May 5, 2013

2002, 2003 – **David Friedfel** and **Lauren Simon-Friedfel** welcomed son Benjamin on Oct. 17, 2012

2004, 2005 – **Joshua Baker '04** and **Kathleen Baker (Legawiec)** welcomed son Gabriel on Oct. 1, 2013

2005, 2007 – **Alyssa Lotmore '07** and **Bryant Cherry-Woode '05**, cross-country and track athletes, welcomed daughter Tessa on Aug. 30, 2012



Births

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Deaths

1920s

Ethel C. Cashman '29, Feb. 12, 2013

1930s

Ruth Kronman Goldberg '32, June 2, 2013
Marion Mieczek Bulger '34, Feb. 28, 2012
Ellen Downing Meyers '35, July 30, 2011
Florence Colby '36, Nov. 18, 2013
Margaret Hof Martinko '36, March 10, 2010
Charles Greenberg '37, June 26, 2011
Alida Rosenberg Host '37, Dec. 22, 2009
Lucille Zak Grattan '38, April 5, 2013
August J. Casper '39, Dec. 30, 2012
Robert Doolan '39, March 14, 2006

1940s

Marion Walker Harding '40, August 10, 2011
Stanley G. Kullman '40, Oct. 18, 2013
Vivian Livingston Berning '41, Dec. 15, 2007
Mary L. Adams '42, Aug. 18, 2013
Alberta Lee Feynman '42, March 14, 2012
Sadye Zilin Mackay '42, May 18, 2013
Paul E. Merritt, Ph.D. '42, Sept. 26, 2010
Howard Reig '42, Nov. 10, 2008
Jane Williams Thomas '42, Oct. 13, 2011
Elisabeth Marston Coman '43, July 11, 2010
Andrew Takas '43, Dec. 1, 2013
Adelia Bucci '44, Oct. 11, 2012
Muriel Hughes Crane '44, Dec. 22, 2010
Lois Hampel Kramer '44, March 12, 2009
Eleanor Lawton Belmont '45, Dec. 3, 2012
Eileen Heinig Ward '45, Jan. 11, 2013
Elizabeth Carmany Williams '45, May 18, 2009
Winifred Lulkoski '46, Oct. 26, 2013
Dolores Teamerson Rayburn '46, July 23, 2013
Boudina Armstrong Winks '47, July 3, 2013
Samuel C. Dickieson '48, July 2, 2013
Dante T. Thomas, Ph.D. '48, Oct. 31, 2013
Arthur H. Pedley '49, Oct. 1, 2013
Mary Elaine Danielson Raschke '49, Dec. 22, 2008
Hortense Zeilengold Schmierer '49, June 14, 2013

1950s

Charles R. Edgington '50, Jan. 16, 2013
Edward D. Cummings '52, Aug. 28, 2013
Anna Apostolides Giatzis '52, Sept. 17, 2013
Evelyn Kamke Johnson '52, Aug. 24, 2013
Evelyn Rudesheim McCann '52, March 18, 2013
Robert F. Berkhofer '53, June 25, 2012
William E. Hawkins '53, March 19, 2013
Ilene Murcott Roemer '53, Sept. 11, 2013
Leo Bennett '54, Sept. 14, 2013
Elizabeth Hunter Jones '54, Oct. 22, 2013
Anna Gilleran With '54, Aug. 18, 2013
Catherine L. Bintz '56, May 13, 2013
Richard D. Kelly '56, Jan. 17, 2013
William C. Rock, Ph.D. '56, Oct. 19, 2012
Virginia Watts Ziebarth '56, Sept. 24, 2013

Margaret Stebbins Blake '57, March 13, 2013
Jean E. Rettie '57, July 2, 2013
Robert J. Kopecek '58, April 25, 2013
Kenneth Burmeister '59, May 24, 2013
Edward Curran '59, Jan. 3, 2008
Louis J. Delsignore '59, Nov. 8, 2013
Christine Dinorcia Kleinke '59, April 4, 2013
Carol Owens Marsh '59, Dec. 21, 2009
David E. Oakleaf '59, Nov. 2, 2011
Janet Burdick Page '59, April 29, 2013

1960s

Monica Traskus Modder '60, Oct. 8, 2013
George S. Stagnitta '60, March 12, 2013
Robert E. Dunne '62, Nov. 19, 2013
Marguerite Clowry Leder '62, Nov. 11, 2013
Kenneth J. Bellantoni '63, Aug. 8, 2013
Laurence J. Coleman '63, Sept. 5, 2013
John L. Harwick '63, June 30, 2010
George W. Hurlburt '63, July 20, 2010
Janetta Johnson '63, May 31, 2009
Eileen M. Kelly '63, Dec. 15, 2013
Michael J. Kelly '63, Dec. 13, 2010
Margaret Gottschalk Mauch '63, Nov. 3, 2013
Beverly Perry '63, Oct. 4, 2011
Charles Sloger '63, Jan. 3, 2012
Judith A. Strong '63, April 15, 2011
Diva Daims, Ph.D. '64, Aug. 18, 2013
Theodore R. Dusanenko '64, Oct. 12, 2013
Patricia Pezzulo Munroe '64, May 27, 2013
Anna Nordhauser '64, Oct. 4, 2011
Adela Nowak '64, Aug. 10, 2013
Mildred E. Pratt '64, Sept. 24, 2013
Frederick Sutherland '64, April 1, 2013
Roy F. McEnerney '65, Dec. 16, 2013
Alexandra Belniak '66, Feb. 9, 2013
Anne N. Connelly '66, Oct. 25, 2013
John J. Ziamandanis '66, Dec. 3, 2013
Richard N. Axenson '67, Oct. 10, 2012
Austin M. Clarke '67, July 19, 2013
Harolyn Bergendahl Longshore '67, March 16, 2013
Barbara Gaworecki Mosney '67, Aug. 29, 2013
William F. Rosenthal '67, Dec. 7, 2013
Albert H. Allen '68, Oct. 13, 2013
Nancy Clifton Cripe '68, July 19, 2013
John E. Curtin '68, July 16, 2013
Donald E. DeCicca '68, Oct. 16, 2013
Laura Wolaniuk Flynn '68, April 4, 2013
Frank R. Kiwus '68, Feb. 2, 2013
Elta L. MacElroy '68, Oct. 27, 2013
Martha Gildersleeve Nock '68, July 16, 2013
Brenda Sweet Smith '68, April 19, 2013
Thomas E. Waring '68, June 1, 2013
Helen Bickel Wolfe '68, March 5, 2013
Sheila Becker Beam '69, July 2, 2013
Roy S. Davies '69, July 15, 2013
Allen L. Woerner '69, Oct. 10, 2013

1970s

Ross G. MacKinnon '70, Oct. 10, 2013

Richard A. Mates '70, Nov. 19, 2013
Alan L. Alcon '71, Dec. 22, 2012
Janet T. Baxter '71, March 20, 2012
Anthony J. Chirico '71, Jan. 11, 2013
David G. Erdmann '71, Oct. 7, 2013
David A. Golden '71, Oct. 30, 2013
John W. Hirsch '71, Dec. 3, 2013
Selma W. Kraft '71, Dec. 7, 2013
Frances W. Martin '71, March 30, 2013
Lorraine Mahota Boyle '72, July 8, 2013
John C. Burrington '72, Nov. 9, 2012
Anne Connolly '72, Dec. 6, 2013
Kay T. Kraft '72, June 13, 2013
Leslie C. Noble '72, Nov. 24, 2013
Fredric Shenn '72, Aug. 17, 2013
John C. Todd, III '72, Sept. 20, 2013
James S. Vacca, Ph.D. '72, Dec. 7, 2013
Joel S. Zimmer '72, Oct. 18, 2012
Elvira V. Bianchi '73, March 17, 2013
Frank B. Brandon, Jr. '73, Aug. 20, 2010
Richard E. Keyel '74, July 23, 2011
Charles C. Mackey, Jr. '74, Dec. 7, 2013
Francis R. Paquin '74, Dec. 7, 2010
Michael J. Reynolds '74, Aug. 12, 2013
Johnny I. Stinson '74, Sept. 27, 2013
Cynthia V. Ellis '75, Sept. 23, 2013
R. Michaela French, Ph.D. '75, Jan. 4, 2013
Susan Goldman Gersten-Becker '75, Dec. 18, 2013
Gerald N. Hallberg '75, Sept. 26, 2011
Geraldine Alesio Mooney '75, July 20, 2013
Gregory M. Scott '75, June 7, 2012
Paul W. Burckhard '76, March 3, 2013
Adelaide M. Keetz '76, Sept. 1, 2013
Diane Reamsnyder '76, June 3, 2012
David J. Remling '76, Oct. 11, 2013
Helen I. Burgess '77, Nov. 18, 2013
Duane P. Davis '77, Nov. 4, 2013
Peter Greenland '77, Jan. 1, 2012
Paul J. Guarnieri '77, Oct. 15, 2013
James R. Hoyer '77, Nov. 28, 2012
William J. Moore '77, Dec. 6, 2013
Kevin M. Murphy '77, May 31, 2009
Eloisa Le Conte Walker '77, Nov. 23, 2013
Susan Marotta Warner '77, Jan. 13, 2012
Gloria Pruden Wiggins '78, July 15, 2007
Karen Judge Cummings '79, Sept. 29, 2013
Helen M. Kowalski '79, May 4, 2013

1980s

Phillip J. Coleman '80, April 3, 2013
Raymond F. Pluta '80, Nov. 23, 2013
John C. Anderson '81, June 17, 2013
Michael W. Beson, Sr. '81, Oct. 6, 2013
Catherine Hayes Manupella '82, Feb. 10, 2013
Veronica M. Sharp '82, Nov. 4, 2008
Eugene E. Mullaney '83, Oct. 13, 2013
Michael W. Robinson '83, Nov. 25, 2010
Matthew G. Rome '83, Sept. 4, 2013

Edward C. Frey-Delaney '84, Oct. 16, 2013
Clayton J. Powers, Ph.D. '84, Nov. 22, 2013
Eileen J. O'Brien '86, Sept. 9, 2012
Elizabeth Dannenberg Dietz '87,
Nov. 27, 2013
Joan Lloyd '88, May 31, 2013
Daniel M. Tourtellot '89, Dec. 16, 2013

1990s

Linda M. Donovan '90, Sept. 16, 2009
Jennifer L. Merrill '90, Dec. 14, 2013
Harold I. Sanderson '90, Oct. 13, 2013
Rohan E. Remikie '91, Dec. 27, 2009
Sherry E. Gelbwasser '92, April 26, 2013
Timothy J. Drumm '93, Aug. 11, 2013
James A. Harding '93, Sept. 16, 2013
Patrick J. Curley '94, Jan. 11, 2013
Timothy K. McFarland '94, March 20, 2013
David M. Bolton '95, Nov. 10, 2013
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Erin Watson-Holland '13,
Sept. 20, 2013

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Donald H. Blocher, Professor, Counseling Psychology, 1977-1991, Nov. 9, 2013
Kathleen M. Botelho, Office of Human Resources, 2005-2007, June 26, 2013
Dennis Byng, Lecturer, Art, 1968-1995, Aug. 21, 2008
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David M. Griggs-Janower, Professor, Music, 1981, Aug. 25, 2013
Deborah J. Bulmer Hart, Calculations Clerk, Accounting, 2007, July 16, 2013
John Levato, Assistant Dean, School of Business, Feb. 13, 2014
Dominick Madia, Cleaner, 1999-2013, July 19, 2013
Cornelius V. Robbins, Ph.D., Professor, Educational Administration & Policy,
1992-2008, Dec. 1, 2013
Robert Salisbury, Professional Development Program, June 1, 2013

JOHN LEVATO, longtime assistant dean for Alumni Relations & Development and Career Services at the University at Albany School of Business, passed away Feb. 13. He was 70.

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Levato was a graduate of Monroe Community College; SUNY Cortland; and UAlbany, where he earned a master's degree. He joined the University staff in the late 1970s, serving as a mentor to School of Business students, and a friend and advisor to numerous alumni. Levato, who was recognized with University Excellence in Service awards in 1979 and 2004, also received an Excellence in Academic Advisement Award in 1982.

Survivors include a brother and several nieces.

The University will host an event in late April to celebrate Levato's legacy. Details will be forthcoming shortly.

A scholarship has been established in Levato's name. Contributions are being accepted at SEFCU locations. You may also give online at www.albany.edu/giving; please denote "Levato Scholarship" in the "Comments" section.

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Grayce Burian, B.A.'63, M.A.'64, published her memoir *From Jerry to Jarka: A Breezy Memoir of a Long, Peripatetic Marriage*. The book provides a textual and visual landscape of a period of great change in Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic and is a memorable record of the lives of two remarkable people closely tied to Czech artistic, political, and cultural developments over decades.

Thomas Callahan Jr., B.A.'67, is the author of *I'm Sending You a Shamrock to Remind You of Home*. The book follows the journey of Roscommon families and the Irish Diaspora, 1875-1950. Callahan is a professor, teaching Irish and British history at Rider University in Lawrenceville, N.J.

Peter G. Pollak, M.A.'70, P.H.D.'77, has released his fourth novel, *In the Game*. The book, a murder mystery set in Albany, features a retired Albany Police Department detective. The events take place in a fictional John Boyd Thatcher Park, at the Omni Hotel and other Albany landmarks. *In the Game* is a prequel to Pollak's second novel, *Making the Grade*.

Sally Valentine, B.S.'71, has recently published her fifth book, *There Are No Buffalo in Buffalo*. The collection of 78 poems for middle-school students, with each poem set in a different place in New York, takes an alphabetical trip through the state. Geography, history and whimsy meet in colorful collage to create a one-of-a-kind journey. *There Are No Buffalo in Buffalo* is available in bookstores through North Country Books and also from online vendors. More information: www.RochesterAuthor.com

David Fiske, M.L.S.'78, is the lead author on the biography *Solomon Northup: The Complete Story of the Author of "Twelve Years a Slave."*

Johannes Froebel-Parker, B.A.'79, M.A.'82, M.S.'85, is the author of the *Abnetafel Series*. The latest book in the series, *The Life of Frederick Froebel: Founder of Kindergarten* by Denton Jacques Snider (1900), was recently released. The author combines history with culture, while using familial experiences to make the books accessible to readers of all ages.

Mark P. Salsbury, M.P.A.'81, released *Human Capital Management: Leveraging Your Workforce for a Competitive Advantage*, a roadmap for current or prospective leaders and managers who seek to utilize their people as tangible assets in achieving organizational goals. The book is sold primarily through Amazon sales channels. Prior to launching Salsbury Human Capital Management, LLC, in 2012, Salsbury served as the senior vice president of Human Capital for Dover Corporation Product Identification Group.

Jeffrey Laing, Ph.D.'82, is the author of *Bud Fowler*. The biography, which focuses on the social and cultural aspects of Bud Fowler's accomplishments as the first African American to play organized baseball, has won a Robert Peterson Recognition Award from the SABR's Negro Leagues Committee for "research increasing public awareness" of early African-American baseball.

David Schachne, B.S.'82, published *The Trek*, a comedy-adventure story of his climb, in Fall 2004, to the summit of Kala Patthar, near Everest Base Camp near Mount Everest, beyond 18,000 feet.

Michele Jacobson, B.A.'83, is the author of *Just Because You're American Doesn't Mean You Have to Eat Like One*.

Dr. Connie Numbers, M.S.W.'87, recently published her first book, *The Dear One Letters*, now in its second printing. Numbers also continues her private practice in both New York and North Carolina.

David Berger, B.A.'89, released his first Greek mythology/fantasy novel, *Task Force: Gaea-Finding Balance*, in February 2012. Berger is currently under contract to develop a film treatment, as well. His sequel, *Task Force: Gaea-Memory's Curse*, will be out this fall. Picking up where *Finding Balance* leaves off, the novel will focus on the task force's efforts to locate and defeat an ancient goddess seeking to destroy the Olympian gods. Both books are available online at Amazon and Barnes & Noble. More information: <http://www.davidbergerbooks.com>.

Marc Lichtenfeld, B.A. '89, published *Get Rich with Dividends: A Proven System for Earning Double-Digit Returns*. The book is a guide on how to obtain double-digit returns in dividend investing.

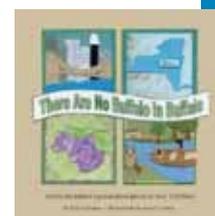
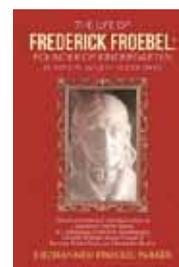
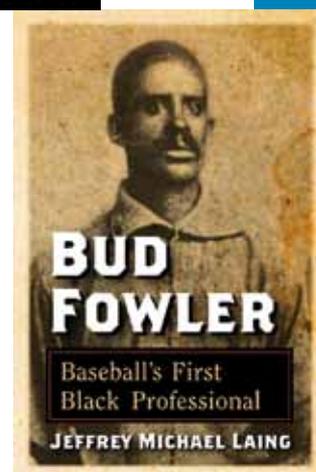
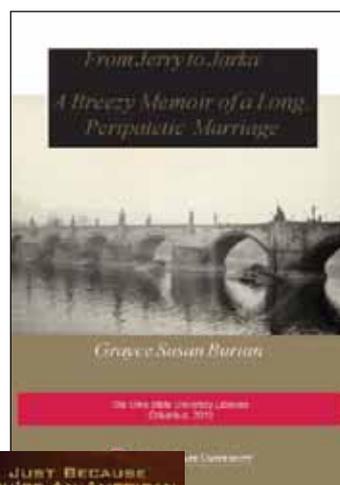
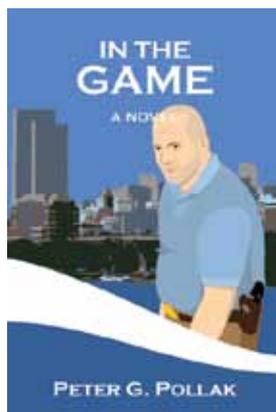
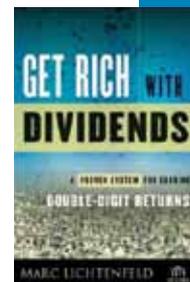
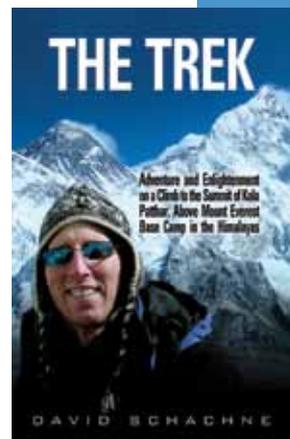
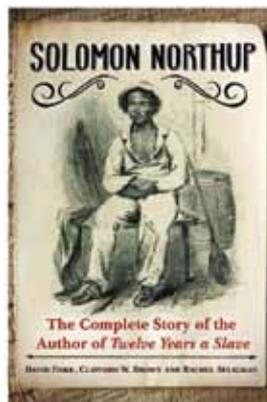
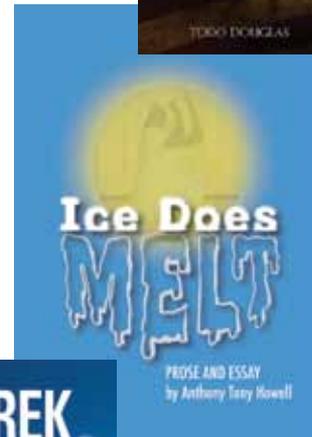
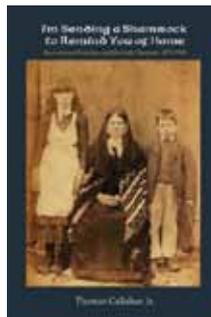
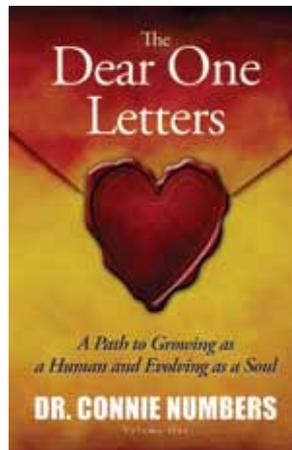
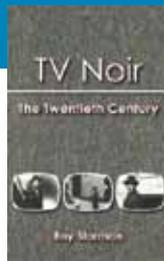
Mohammad Kazim Ali, B.A. '93, M.A. '95, published *Sky Ward*. Ali, recently featured on the cover of the *American Poetry Review*, is an associate professor at Oberlin. He is also the author of another novel, *Bright Felon*.

Robert Klein, B.S. '97, is the co-author of *What You Don't Know About Retirement Will Hurt You!* The book, written by seven leading retirement experts, tells readers how rules of retirement have changed and explains what they should do to secure their future.

Anthony Tony Howell, B.A. '02, released the prose and essay "Ice Does Melt." In the writings, Howell discovers his true self through researching his family genealogy and unearthing layers of secrecy and shame that continue to plague the HIV/AIDS community.

Todd Douglas Keister, M.A. '05, published *A Republic, if you can keep it: A chronicle of the American Counterrevolution* (Patrick Henry University Press). The book is a history of how the constitutional government of the United States was undermined and ultimately destroyed.

H.L. Dancler, B.A. '09, has written the novel *A Father's Journey*, the first in a two-book series about unparalleled love, personal conflict, forgiveness and self-discovery. From May 14 to Dec. 31, 2013, Dancler donated 100 percent of the proceeds from the sales of his novel to The One Fund Boston, which assists victims and families affected by the Boston Marathon tragedy.



Last Look

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

Homecoming–Family and Reunion Weekend

Photos: Rob Totaro, Mark Schmidt

Homecoming Weekend 2013, Oct. 18-20, was especially vibrant, with stunning fall weather, dozens of action-packed events, and hundreds of alumni and families descending on campus. These photos represent just a handful of the festivities, including the Half-Century Breakfast, the Great Dane pregame and football game, the scholarship reception, and the Great Dane Great Bash.



Lisa Lillien '87, left, poses with Rehnuma Rahman, recipient of the Edward Gallatin B. Hudson Scholarship, at the Oct. 18 reception celebrating student achievement.



Mysliborski Women's Golf Scholarship recipient Lisa Agoglia, right, chats with Judith Mysliborski, M.D., '69, who established the award.



Citizen Laureate

Photo: Gary Gold '70

SEFCU Arena was the setting Oct. 24 for the 34th Annual Citizen Laureate Awards Dinner. The event grossed more than \$150,000 for The University at Albany Foundation and student scholarships. Pictured, left to right, are UAlbany Foundation Board President George R. Hearst III; Community Laureate James J. Barba; Academic Laureate Stephen M. Berk, Ph.D.; and University President Robert J. Jones. For additional photos and video, visit www.albany.edu/uafoundation/citizenlaureateawards.shtml.



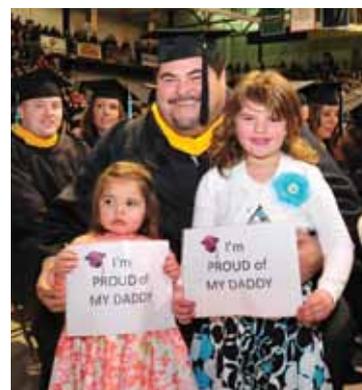
Winter Commencement

Photos: Mark Schmidt

At the 2013 Winter Commencement Dec. 8 in SEFCU Arena, UAlbany awarded more than 1,000 degrees – and graduates joined a global network of more than 160,000 alumni.

A few quick facts:

- 571 class members earned undergraduate degrees; 431 earned graduate degrees.
- Graduates hailed from more than 315 cities and towns across New York State, as well as from California, Georgia, Maine, South Carolina and other states.
- China, India, Korea and Bangladesh were among the countries represented.
- Class members ranged in age from 19 to 63.
- There were 18 military veterans in the class.
- UAlbany's newest alumni studied a wide range of subjects, earning degrees in 50 different majors ranging from psychology, sociology, accounting, and communication to business administration, history, economics, and biology.
- Information science, literacy, mental-health counseling, criminal justice, business and public health were among the disciplines studied by those who earned graduate degrees.





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